

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
April 16, 1998

REGULAR MEETING: The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on April 16, 1998 at 8:02 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Gemma.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman McGann.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca.

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Borough Chaplain Berry.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Gemma led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 2, 1998 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, Councilwoman Silkworth moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS: No Reports.

COMMITTEES:

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COUNCILMAN APRUZZI: Councilman Apruzzi called for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance creating the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, NEW JERSEY; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS THEREOF AND DESIGNATING ITS PURPOSE, POWERS AND DUTIES.**

Mayor Gemma opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions on this subject only.

As no one wished to be heard on this matter, Councilman Apruzzi moved to close the public hearing. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Apruzzi then moved to adopt this ordinance on second and final reading and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Councilman McGann.
ABSTAIN: None.

Councilman Apruzzi reported on the playground equipment scheduled to be installed at the Community Center and advised that the Recreation Committee was receiving many offers from residents wanting to volunteer their time.

Councilman Apruzzi also reported that the Recreation Committee held a very successful Spring Egg Hunt at Blackberry Bay Park with approximately 160 children participating and also advised that the Bike Safety Rodeo was held the same day at the Wolfhill School and was also well attended.

Councilman Apruzzi commented that letters have been sent out to the Scout and Brownie Leaders because we are having a problem with the Community Center not being left in an orderly fashion and the tables and floor have not been cleaned up after use. He stated that the Recreation Committee had recently purchased four new tables and the Committee would like to know that the new equipment is being taken care of so that everyone may benefit.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone stated that Suzanne Burns was ill and she hoped that she would be feeling better in the near future.

Councilwoman Filippone advised that the Memorial Day Parade is scheduled to be held on Monday, May 25, 1998 and anyone interested in marching in the Parade should be at Blackberry Bay Park at 10:00 A.M. and the Grand Marshals have been chosen and they are brothers and have been very active with the Memorial Day Parade ceremonies for at least the last 15 years she has been involved with this project.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller advised that the last two weekends have been very busy and successful for the Shade Tree Committee, whose members have been volunteering their time on Saturdays to give away trees from our tree nursery, and we received approximately \$300 in donations, which have allowed the Committee to purchase seedlings to replant in the nursery for the up coming years. He pointed out that we are one of the few towns that he knows of that has this type of project ongoing in the town. He also advised that in the next few weeks, the Public Works Department will be transplanting both black and white pine trees over in Blackberry Bay Park.

Councilman Miller reported that on Wednesday he attended another Water Shed seminar, which was updated by Tom Kellers, who is the Coordinator of this project and basically what he has done is gotten aerial plots of the areas of the Shrewsbury River which show land use and land cover from parking lots to upland forests in specific areas, which will be a helpful tool to Planning Boards regarding future development and he looked forward to staying involved with this group, even after he is no longer a member of the Council.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe offered his congratulations to Tom and Darlene Crochet on the recent birth of their daughter and commented that Tom was off a few days helping out

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and is now back at work getting the spring time work roster completed in the parks and around the Borough.

Councilman Wolfe also wished all the best to Suzanne Burns during this illness and commented that he had met Suzanne when he first moved to the Borough and commented that she is one of those people who is always doing for others and never looking for anything in return.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth announced that the contract for the repairs to the front steps of the Court Room would be awarded to the low bidder which is Richard Arlt from town and she has asked the Clerk to send letters to the other bidders thanking them for their interest.

Councilwoman Silkworth also echoed the comments made by Councilman Wolfe congratulating the Crochet's on the birth of their daughter and wishing all the best to Suzanne Burns.

MAYOR GEMMA: Mayor Gemma also congratulated Tom Crochet and his wife on their new family and extended his best wishes to Suzanne Burns during this difficult time.

Mayor Gemma thanked the volunteers on the Shade Tree Committee for their hard work and efforts with the tree nursery.

Mayor Gemma announced that he will be attending the Two Rivers Council of Mayors meeting on Saturday and Patti Varca and Kim Jungfer have prepared a list of items that the Borough would like to auction off perhaps with other towns and he will discuss this matter at the meeting and thanked them for their assistance.

Mayor Gemma also announced that he met with Mr. Hulsart, the Borough Auditor, this morning to go over the results of the audit and there are only two recommendations, both minor, and one being that we must make a better effort to spend our grant monies in a timely manner.

Mayor Gemma thanked the members of the Borough Council for adopting the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee and also thanked the Press for being present this evening. He commented that we are looking for 4 citizens, from all walks of life in the Borough, to review the capital needs of the various departments in the Borough. He continued that at the end of the year, prior to the Governing Body sitting down to discuss the budget for the upcoming year, the Committee would make their recommendations to the Council as to what capital needs should be addressed.

Mayor Gemma then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions anyone might have, but seeing none, closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated April 16, 1998. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$450.00. TOTAL 1998 VOUCHERS \$57,974.17. TOTAL 1998 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$56,989.05. TOTAL 1998 OPERATING FUND \$114,9633.22. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$340.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$797.50. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$75.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \$413,956.13. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:20 P.M. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on May 7, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK