

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
April 15, 2004

REGULAR MEETING:

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on April 15, 2004 at 8:00 P.M. with Mayor Gatta stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with law.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilpersons Kahle, Mahon, Holden, Chaump, Johnson, Briscione and Mayor Gatta.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and A/Borough Attorney, Martin A. McGann.

INVOCATION:

Borough Chaplain Berry gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Gatta led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the special meeting held on March 29th and the regular meeting held on April 1st, 2004 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, Councilwoman Chaump moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for MARCH, 2004 and a copy will be posted on the bulletin board.
2. The Clerk read resolution **R-04-35** approving the games of change applications for the Lions Club Fair, after which Councilwoman Johnson moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle reported that the Bulletin is out and the next Bulletin deadline is May 7th.

Councilwoman Kahle stated that the Hook & Ladder held their annual ham dinner fundraiser on Palm Sunday and it was very successful.

COUNCILMAN MAHON: Councilman Mahon asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-04-36** authorizing the sale of bond anticipation notes after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Chaump and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Mahon then asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-04-37** authorizing the issuance of a duplicate tax sale certificate for Block 122, Lot 6 after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Mahon asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-04-38** hiring Special Counsel for the review of the Borough Attorney's proposal for professional services, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Briscione and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Mahon reported under Finance & Administration that the 2003 audit has been received from our Borough Auditor, Mr. Robert Hulsart.

Councilman Mahon reported under Public Works, Tom Crochet, Superintendent gave a detailed presentation of the condition of our roads in the Borough and the Council had a lively discussion with the Borough Engineer and we are examining the road issues and will be looking at them a little further. He continued that there is a general consensus among the Council to try and achieve the goal of doing the job right the first time and we are going to see just what that will cost and will be something that we will evaluate as more information is received. He stated we are looking to do everything possible to improve the roads as we undertake each and have given the Engineer a list of roads to give us estimates on and we will then determine which roads to include in our 2004 road program.

Councilman Mahon advised that the Public Works Department is ready to begin spring clean up in the parks and they are still doing pot hole patrol and he asked anyone who knows of any pot holes to advise the Department of their location and they will get right out there.

Councilman Mahon reported that several weeks ago the Cable & Technology Committee met and we broke the Committee into three work groups and one group is in charge of the web site development and that will be headed by Dep. Borough Clerk, Kim Jungfer with some volunteers working with her; the second group is headed by Joe Foster and he will be working on the details for the upcoming cable franchise agreement renewal and some further enhancements we would like to see included that other communities have been able to achieve and one of them in particular is to have the ability of having data entry terminal which is similar to what we see when weather notices come across the bottom of the television where that area of the screen goes red and there is information traveling across the screen and we would like to have access from our terminals and actually insert that information onto the screen to go out to the addresses with converters in our municipality and we are looking into that for the next renewal for a function for our Emergency Management Office and the last part of the Committee breakdown is communications and technology and we are looking at a proposal as an alternative to our present phone system and the planned upgrade to see if these enhancements might be something the Borough might want to consider and this capital item is funded under the 2004 capital program.

Councilman Mahon then advised that we have been notified by the Monmouth County Mosquito Commission of several locations where they are going to undertake work that we have previously requested and notified the Borough that the work will begin in the next several weeks and one of the locations is Pleasant Place and Gold Street which is off Pemberton Ave. and another is behind the pump station near Pan Gardens and these areas have been identified by complaints received from residents and he just asked that any residents who have complaints to bring them to his attention or Councilwoman Kahle since they are the Liaisons to the Environmental Commission and the Mosquito Commission will come in and perform this work for us as part of our County tax base. He also commented that with all the rain we have had, he asked residents to be vigilant with standing water and advise us if they notice standing waters that are not flowing as far as drainage is concerned so we can check out these problem areas.

Mayor Gatta asked if he was including Driveway in this project to which he advised it was being included.

COUNCILMAN HOLDEN: Councilman Holden asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-04-39** appointing Class I Special Police Officers, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Mahon and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Holden reported he has received a copy of the Police Report for March and advised that the Dispatchers had received 960 calls of which 555 calls were responded to by our Officers, 50 motor vehicle accidents, the fire department responded to 4 calls and first aid to 45 calls. He continued that during March Officer Michael Kelly completed a course in Radar Instruction and also Methods of Instruction and Patrolman Raymond Ciani completed training in Bushmaster Armorer's Course and received a 3-year certification.

Councilman Holden stated that we have received notification from Chief Bebout that he is in receipt of a letter from Col. Joseph Fuentes of the State Police essentially memorializing what has happened at the racetrack with regard to the uniformed presence of the State Police and they have removed their presence during the racing season but for the Haskell and racing integrity issues and that is leaving the policing of Monmouth Park to the local Police Department. He continued that he has discussed with both with the Chief and with the Governing Body in work shop and he thought we should undertake an effort to speak with the State Police and see if we can't reverse this situation and get their presence back again, especially in light of the home land security issues that are occurring and he will, with the Council's permission, undertake this effort over the next several weeks.

Councilman Holden reported that under the Shade Tree Committee, Mike Tober and Bill Bahr's have indicated that they are going to undertake the planting of trees on Wardell Circle but the locations need to be re-marked due to the harsh winter and they are beginning that process. He stated that he has also been advised that Bill Bahr has donated some trees to the Old Wharf Park and Mr. Tober has donated his labor and those trees will be planted as well and he was very appreciative of both of their efforts.

Councilman Holden stated that as far as the Capital Improvement Committee is concerned, he has been in contact with Cristi Penta and she has set the fourth Thursday of each month for the meetings for 2004 and the first meeting will be April 29 in Borough Hall.

Councilman Holden also reported that Chief Bebout advised him that the grants under the COPS MORE Program for 2004 are closed and that is not going to be an avenue we are going to be able to pursue.

COUNCILWOMAN CHAUMP: Councilwoman Chaump advised that she attended the Recreation Committee meeting last night and reported on the Blackberry Bay Park design and the construction schedule and there were some suggestions about the bid opening and questions about the well and she has a call into the Engineer to speak to him.

Councilwoman Chaump reported that the Summer Action Camp is going to hold on-site registration on April 21 at the Community Center and so far they have 19 registrations and 2 for the new Youth Program and this evening they are holding interviews for Camp Director and had received many applications for that position.

Councilwoman Chaump explained that they will also be working on a budget form to be filled out by the sports associations so when they go before the Recreation Committee, the Committee will have some idea of where everybody is and therefore everyone will be on the same page.

Councilwoman Chaump reported under the Board of Education she wanted to remind the Mayor and Council that the Student Government Day program assembly has been scheduled to be held on April 29th at 8:30 a.m. at the Maple Place School.

COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Councilwoman Johnson asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-04-40** authorizing an agreement between the Borough and the County Board of Health for the use of the First Aid Squad Building for mass vaccinations in declared state of emergencies, after which she moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilwoman Johnson reported that the Health Screening was very successful with 119 participants and she thanked Monmouth Medical Center and their technicians for an excellent job as well as the volunteers from the First Aid Squad for their assistance during this program. She commented that there was a slight problem with the cholesterol testing, but the lab is re-doing them at Monmouth Medical at their expense and they will be mailed to each of the participants.

Councilwoman Johnson stated that the geese in the Borough are still a great concern and we are trying to find some kind of solution to this problem and will continue looking into this matter.

Councilwoman Johnson advised that the Health Inspector for the Monmouth County Board of Health inspected the private wells in the Borough and there have been some concerns about some private wells that were found to be un-clean and the homeowners will be brought up to date on these issues and the required clean up will be necessary.

Councilwoman Johnson reported that the First Aid Squad will be printing up orange medical cards, which should be placed on your refrigerator, which cards lists all the medications, allergies, etc. of each person in the household, so if there is an emergency first aid call, this information is available to the volunteers. She stated the cards will be available in the Borough Hall as well as in the Library.

Councilwoman Johnson advised that she is in receipt of a memo from Karen DeMarco, West Nile Virus Coordinator who is advising that anyone who finds a dead crow should contact the County Board of Health immediately since they are now beginning to test them and you need to give them the location and approximately size of the bird.

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione called for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance regarding the acquisition of Block 88, Lot 26.04 for public purposes and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT TO PURCHASE, FOR NOMINAL CONSIDERATION, THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 88, LOT 26.04 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT.**

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

As no one from the public wished to be heard on this subject, Councilman Briscione moved to close the public portion. It was seconded by Councilwoman Chaump and unanimously approved by Council.

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

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Kahle, Mahon, Holden, Chaump, Johnson and Briscione.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

Councilman Briscione reported that under the Planning Board, the NJ Sports & Exposition Authority will begin their application on the proposed Village Center, which is a mixed use development preliminarily comprising of 25,700 sq. ft.; retail space and 12,100 sq. ft. of office space and 48 apartments located on the east side of East Main St., on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 and anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Councilman Briscione stated that at the hearing before the Planning Board last night of the three lot major subdivision, involving Block 116, Lots 10 and 21, between Center St. and Pemberton Ave. and the ConRail right-of-way was carried to May 14th pending discussions between the Counsel for the applicant and the Borough Attorney regarding the possibility of obtaining the ConRail right-of-way, which could possibly provide road frontage to the proposed new lots.

Councilman Briscione stated in regard to the racetrack, he spoke with Jim DeBausch, Public Information Officer for the Sports & Exposition Authority and while no formal announcement has been made, the Atlantic City Casino Committee has reportedly agreed to the purse supplementation package to assist the NJ racetracks in their efforts to remain competitive with neighboring States. He continued that in exchange for this package, the tracks will not seek VLT's or slot legislation until 2009 and he added that the number of racing days in the State will be reduced from 141 to 120 and the races at Monmouth Park will begin May 29th and end on September 5th.

Councilman Briscione also commented that he and the Mayor met with Dennis Drazin, Legal Counsel for the NJ Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association on April 2nd and discussed a wide range of topics about the future of Monmouth Park and most significantly, Mr. Drazin stated that the majority of horsemen would prefer the entire thoroughbred meet to be run at Monmouth Park and additionally, he felt that there is still a good possibility that the Breeder's Cup Committee would choose Monmouth Park as a site for the 2007 Breeder's Cup and a study done after the 2002 Breeder's Cup held at Arlington Park estimated that it had an economic impact of \$57 million and total new tax revenues for the State and local governments exceeded \$4 million and the event was responsible for the creation of 580 new jobs. He continued that Mr. Drazin was also optimistic that the casino purse supplementation package will be implemented shortly.

MAYOR GATTA: Mayor Gatta stated that the Borough received a letter from the Department of Community Affairs regarding the grant application for the Statewide local library aid program and we had applied for this grant last spring and they indicated they received over 250 applications seeking more than \$15 million, which was well above the funds available and unfortunately we were not able to procure any money under this grant.

Mayor Gatta advised that she sent letters to all the businesses in town referencing the bridge and the scheduled opening for bridge and she also attached the copy of the letter from the County Engineer in this regard. She also advised that she received an e-mail this evening from Chief Bebout advising her that starting tomorrow the construction company working on the bridge will be starting at 7:30 a.m. which is a bit earlier in an attempt to get the bridge completed earlier than anticipated.

Mayor Gatta wanted to make reference to one of the articles in the Oceanport Bulletin that was written by our police officers Mike Kelly and Mike Chenoweth in relation to addressing speeding in Oceanport, DWI's, provisional licenses and wearing seatbelts and she encouraged everyone to read this article which is quite informative.

Mayor Gatta announced that April 18th – 24th is National Volunteer Week and she acknowledged and thanked all of our volunteers for all they do to make Oceanport the great place it is to live and they certainly do make a difference in our town.

Mayor Gatta reported that on April 5th we held our first Public Safety Committee meeting and representatives from Police, Fire, First Aid, OEM, Public Works and our Deputy Borough Clerk, Kim Jungfer participated in the meeting and it was very productive meeting and we set the dates for our future meetings and we also talked about bringing to the next meeting the five year capital plans for each of the various departments and set the needs for strategic financial plan for setting priorities for the Borough's emergency services and we are doing an inventory and they will be bringing their assets to the next meeting.

Mayor Gatta then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might wish to make.

Stu Briskey, 46 Werah Place thought it was great we are finally looking at pot holes and one that he wanted to make note of was at Asbury and Myrtle Aves. He also felt we have been lacking in keeping up with the utility trenches and there are five on the newly paved Werah Place which is now two to three years old and does not feel any of them meet our new requirements as well as for the past 2-1/2 years he has been reporting a utility trench westbound on Port-au-Peck Avenue, 75 feet after the railroad tracks and he hits it every morning. He continued that what bothers him about this is that it doesn't cost us any money to have them fixed since it is the responsibility of the utility company and he felt that someone in this Borough needs to put together a list and get the utility companies out here to make the necessary repairs. He stated he is aware that there are several agencies in town who report these potholes and utility trenches and nothing seems to get done.

Mr. Briskey commented that as far as standing water is concerning, Manitto Place was never paved correctly and there are four properties right now that are swamps and the shame of it is that there is a storm drain 35 feet from the puddle and he does not understand why we pay this Engineer not to drain water and he then asked where we stand with public bidding for an Engineer.

Mayor Gatta stated that we have just received from our Borough Attorney a request for proposals and we will be discussing it at the next workshop meeting and will then be advertising for proposals.

Mr. Briskey stated he was pleased to hear that and commented that there is a gentleman who lives at the end of Itaska who has a sump pump in the road pumping water into the storm drain and these puddles are within 50 feet of the storm drains.

Councilman Mahon stated that with regard to the comments made about the utility openings, he advised that it is a work in progress and some of the openings pre-date the new ordinance requirements regarding a larger paving restoration, so they will not get the same treatment as the newer openings and secondly, he continued that the utility companies are being notified and the water company openings that are out there have been notified by letter and the gas company openings, the Superintendent of Public Works, Tom Crochet, is contacting them and has met with a representative of one of their contractors to identify some of the areas and there has been some work there. He stated in regard to the utility trench on Port-au-Peck Ave. that site has been visited about two weeks ago with the Borough Engineer and if you look closely, it has been marked out and that has to be done before they can mill out and re-pave and there was some question as to whether it was an electrical riser or something associated with NJ Transit and it wound up being something to do with the phone company, but that is a work in progress and once the weather permits, things will begin to move quicker.

Councilman Mahon explained that Manitto is one of the items that we discussed at our work shop and we have an estimate that we received early in the year from our Engineer to go back and do the missing piece of the Manitto project which is to do a formed curb from one end to the other and we are

discussing that item to include in the 2004 road program and that will be put together over the next three meetings.

Mr. Briskey stated that with the malpractice suits against Doctors in this State he asked if there is an Errors and Omissions policy with our current Engineer, since if there is, he would make him pay for the repairs, to which Councilman Mahon stated he did not know the answer to that question and he hoped to go forward and the Council has discussed including the full spectrum of solutions when we price out a particular job and the Council will decide, with the advice of the Engineer, what elements need to be done and what is affordable in terms of value and that is what we will be seeking in the desire to do it right the first time and that may mean, that we do more, but on less roads as we discussed at the last workshop meeting.

Mayor Gatta asked Councilman Mahon to have available at the next workshop meeting a list of all the utility trenches so we can review the list in its entirety, to which Councilman Mahon stated he would have it ready by the next meeting.

Peter Deller, 1262 Turf Drive presented some applications to Councilwoman Chaump for baseball and also one for soccer and also felt that perhaps it could be used as a bit of a guideline for the Recreation Committee to finally start collecting some fees.

Mr. Deller stated that he and the Mayor have had several conversations about the fireworks for Summer's End and he has received some correspondence from several fireworks companies and in his discussions he did stress the horse problem and Fire Productions from Maryland and they have letters in reference to horses at farm fairs, etc. and when she gets the letter out she may want to use that letter as an insert and also, he gave her a packet with two estimates on the fireworks and he asked that she do him a personal favor and make copies for Councilwomen Chaump and Kahle.

Mr. Deller wanted to be very clear on the discussion they had last night about the soccer fields on Port-au-Peck Ave. that we are going to purchase and other activities have been talked about using some of this land including the roller hockey, soccer, softball, etc. and then the football practice site was added, but he reminded everyone last night at the Recreation Committee meeting that there has to be room for a fair and a circus and he tried to make everyone understand that if anything ever happens to the racetrack, which he didn't think would happen, we are going to need a place for these events for these Borough functions. He continued that it was his understanding that plans were being drawn by Jeff and he hoped that these things would be included, to which Mayor Gatta assured Mr. Deller that there would be plenty of discussion about this area.

Mr. Deller stated he has some paperwork from the Baseball Association indicating that they now have a surplus of \$2,158 and the Borough gives them \$2,000 so his point is that at this point in time if this Association no longer needs these funds, then they should go somewhere else to where we need more funding and he understands that the Basketball Association already donates money back through the school system for hoops and some other equipment and they are taking care of themselves. He stated he is finally beginning to see some paperwork coming through as of last night and there does appear to be a lot of extra money from these associations that can be used for other purposes.

Mr. Deller is confused about the well and asked if we have a contract on the well at Blackberry Bay Park or is it just talk, since no one seemed to know last night at the Recreation meeting if we had a contract or not and he is not in favor of a well since he feels it is a waste of money.

Mayor Gatta stated that a contract was awarded for the well last year and the test borings have been made and we had compared the amount of water that will be needed for the fields and the cost

from the water company as compared to the well and the well was much cheaper then hooking up to the city water.

Hugh Sharkey, 39 Algonquin Ave. asked if we review the insurance certificates from the Borough professionals and if so, who does to which the Borough Attorney, Mr. McGann, stated this is part of the contract. Mr. Sharkey then asked who is responsible for reviewing it to which Mr. McGann explained the contract states that they must maintain professional insurance, but he has not reviewed the policy. Mr. Sharkey stated then there may be a chance that they may not have this coverage even though they are required to do so, to which Mr. McGann corrected Mr. Sharkey stating that there is no chance that they might not have it and they do have insurance and he has spoken with Mr. Rospos about that issue.

Mr. Sharkey then asked if there is something wrong with any of the engineering that he did, would we have recourse to go after his professional liability policy, to which Mr. McGann stated that calls for a legal opinion and if the Mayor and Council want that opinion, he will certainly give one.

Mr. Sharkey stated that earlier Councilman Briscione reported he had met with Dennis Drazin and talking to the Sports Authority and the purse of approximately \$90,000,000 and stated that a percentage of that is going to horse owners, if you own horses you will receive a percentage of that purse and if you are in the horsemen's association, they also get a cut of the \$90,000,000 and asked if Oceanport is getting anything and if anything was negotiated for the Borough to get a percentage.

Councilman Briscione stated he didn't understand the question and commented that we don't know where the \$90,000,000 is yet and it is a purse supplementation so the supplementation is for standardbreds, thoroughbreds, there was a portion initially that was for capital improvements, but most of it is for purses to keep the tracks competitive with other States.

Mr. Sharkey stated his point was that it is going to keep the track competitive and more increase volume and hopefully that is the goal of it and more people come to the track and expose the town to more activity and the State Police are pulling out covering the track and this will put more burden on our Police Department and First Aid here and should we be entitled to the host fee that Councilman Briscione is talking about.

Councilman Briscione stated he felt that is a temporary solution to a problem that the tracks have and the race track is a tax payer and they pay their taxes and should get services equal to what other people would get and he continued that if we needed to get more money from them, he guessed that we should value them higher, but he did not know that in today's economic times that we could do that. He stated they are paying taxes for services and we are giving them services and because the State would be getting more money, why would Monmouth Park pay us more money unless we demonstrate that we are not getting enough taxes from them.

Mr. Sharkey stated that then the Police and First Aid are going to anticipate this extra increase in people showing up at the track and more burden on our people and we get no additional compensation and felt that we need to get creative and possibly ask the question if they willing to give us more money.

Councilwoman Briscione pointed out that attendance has declined substantially at the track over the last twenty years and they have services that we are taking over, but felt that the amount of people and the live attendance is down significantly and as they add off track betting and the phone accounts, would not anticipate that we are going to see increases in attendance, but more significant decreases in attendance. He continued that if the issue of the host fee was solely related to slot legislation and we would anticipate that then there would be increased attendance, not for the horses, but for the slots, then

we would ask for host fee, but as far as getting one from a temporary purse supplementation paid for by the casinos, he did not see how we could effectuate that.

Mr. Sharkey asked if this would not make the track more profitable with the purse supplementation, to which Mr. McGann explained that the \$90,000,000 encompasses money for capital improvements, you need to realize that once the track makes capital improvements, the Tax Assessor has the ability to assess the improvement and that would indirectly generate more revenue. Councilman Briscione stated that the way in which we would try and re-capture that is if there is going to be a revaluation, there would be a year and a half to two years into this purse supplementation and if their income rises sufficiently then we would be able to assess that commensurate with the increase, but on the other hand if it is not increasing, but decreasing, then we would also have to be able to prove its current assessment of approximately \$80 million when this revaluation takes place.

Mr. Sharkey commented that it is then a 50/50 chance that it could go up because of the additional purse money or if the racing industry is still declining it would go down and that would not even compensate which means we should be looking at other alternatives, to which Councilman Briscione stated that with all the things happening like the purse supplementation and the off-track betting and the parlors, he thought they would be doing better so he would think that the revaluation would be coming along at the right time.

Mayor Gatta asked Mr. Sharkey to trust the Council since if there is any way the Borough can get some supplemental money, we certainly will be on top of it because we are in constant contact with them.

Councilman Mahon asked Councilman Briscione in the report that the Sports Authority prepared, did they have a value that they released, to which Councilman Briscione stated we never got that far and were about to get there if the enabling legislation had passed and they were about to release financial information at the next meeting, but they did say that the reports were not ready for 2003 but their net income is supposed to be between \$3.5 - \$4 million. Councilman Mahon asked what the key was to that legislation in getting it back on track to which Councilman Briscione stated he felt that Senator Cody was the force behind whether it gets on track or not and there is no complimentary legislation in the Senate right now, so he felt it wasn't going anywhere at the present time.

Pete Dellera commented that he can attest to what has been said about the attendance, since if you go there on a Wednesday, there aren't even 3,000 people there and if you go back twenty years ago, there were 20,000 people every day and it would take you two hours to get out of the Borough. Mr. Dellera stated that they allow us to use their property for the Fair and the Circus to which Mayor Gatta also pointed out that everyone has to realize that the monies that are generated come more from simulcasting than from live racing.

Councilman Briscione also advised that they just closed the firehouse on the backside so we have an additional burden.

Mr. Dellera thanked the Mayor for the copy of the Blackberry Bay Park construction schedule and stated that at the Recreation Committee meeting there was a lot of discussion about how tight this schedule is and he doesn't know how it is going to work, but he asked how are we going to know about these meetings and who is invited.

Mayor Gatta stated that any meeting that this Borough Council has anyone is invited to attend be it workshop or regular meetings.

Mr. McGann pointed out that there is going to be a pre-construction meeting that will not be open to the public.

Mr. Dellera felt that we needed to have more discussion on what exactly was going to be done and what is included in this program because he felt there has been nothing and that there should be some input and he doesn't want to hold up the project for the kids, but felt there should be something we can do to get more for our money and he has concerns about the elevations and the amount of top soil and he would like to know the grade heights because drainage is the problem.

Mr. McGann pointed out to Mr. Dellera that the topo maps were done on the right side and can be viewed whenever he has the time.

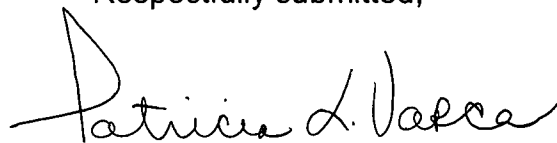
Councilman Mahon stated that Councilman Briscione had just mentioned that the track had closed the fire house and asked if they are still maintaining the brush brigade that they had and will that remain, to which Mayor Gatta stated we can find out about that so that if the Fire Department needs to be prepared for that area, they should be informed of the situation.

As no one else wished to be heard from the public, Mayor Gatta closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Mahon moved to approve the vouchers on the Bill List dated April 15, 2004. It was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Holden who abstained from voting on the vouchers due Ford Motor Credit and Big A Trucking. TOTAL CAPITAL TRUST \$10,861.17. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY \$106.80. TOTAL ESCROW TRUST \$200.00. LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST \$1,000.00. 2003 VOUCHERS PAID \$63,065.91. 2003 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$2,339.00. TOTAL 2003 VOUCHERS \$65,404.91. 2004 VOUCHERS PAID \$5,019,261.40. 2004 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$354,674.44. TOTAL 2004 VOUCHERS \$5,373,935.84. (SEE BILL LIST)

At 9:20 p.m. Councilman Mahon moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on May 6, 2004 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Chaump and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



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BOROUGH CLERK