

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
April 15, 1993

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order at 8:07 P.M. on April 15, 1993.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Clark, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Mayor Cavanagh.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Terra.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.

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

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 1, 1993 had been made available for review by the Governing Body, Councilman Wolfe moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Raffle applications made by the following:

1. Monmouth Park Charity Fund, to be held on July 3, August 14 and September 4, 1993, all three raffles will be 50/50 cash raffles.

Monmouth Park Charity Fund, two raffles which will be held on August 7, 1993 and prizes will be various merchandise.

The Clerk advised that the required fees had been paid and the paperwork found to be correct, after which Councilman Miller moved to approve the five raffle applications. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN CLARK: Councilman Clark asked the Clerk to read resolution R-93-30 accepting the 1992 municipal audit, after which Councilman Clark moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: ABSENT.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone reminded all Borough residents that the annual Health Screening will be held on Saturday, April 24 at the Oceanport First Aid Squad Building and pre-registration is required and will be held here in the Borough Hall on Wednesday, April 21, 1993 between the hours of 3:30-5:00 P.M. and 7:00-8:00 P.M. She advised that in addition to the regular blood test, hemmocult and urinalysis, this

year she advised that we are adding a prostate cancer test for men forty years of age and over. Councilwoman Filippone stated that the regular blood test will be \$25 and it will be an additional \$35 for the prostate testing, which is an additional blood test.

Councilwoman Filippone wanted to also remind the residents that although we have not been talking about rabies as much over the last several months, it is still a problem in our area and with the warm weather approaching, she wanted to urge parents to inform their children to stay away from animals they are not familiar with. She also advised that the Police told her this evening that a Borough resident's dog was bitten by a raccoon and since we have already had rabid raccoons in the Borough, if it is found, it will be assumed to have rabies and will be destroyed.

Councilwoman Filippone stated she wanted to compliment our Borough Engineer, Thomas Rospos and continued that a Borough Resident had contacted her and asked specifically that we commend him on his professionalism and the very fine manner in which he recently handled a situation at her home.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported under Recreation, they had their monthly meeting last night and began planning for the Spring activities as far as the repairs to the various facilities in the parks and we will be resurfacing the two basketball courts at Trinity Park; resurfacing one of the basketball courts at Community Center and, taking care of the vandalism that was done to the newly resurfaced basketball court at Charles Park.

Councilman Miller stated they will also be attending to the tennis court lights at Blackberry Bay Park, which were badly damaged and hopeful most of that work will be completed by the first week in May.

Councilman Miller informed the public that the Spring Egg Hunt would be held on Saturday, April 17, 1993 at 11:00 A.M. at Blackberry Bay Park with the rain date for Sunday, April 18 at 1:00 P.M.

Councilman Miller reported under the Shade Tree Committee, last Saturday morning, he, Bill Sullivan, Gregg Moore who is an upcoming Eagle Scout, Councilmen Wolfe and Taylor and our Public Works Superintendent, Rocky Giurlando, reviewed the area next to the fire house where we are proposing to set up a small tree nursery. He stated this will be done at a minimal cost and will stock that area with 50-75 small trees every year and rotating them and in a short time, we will be able to plant trees throughout the Borough at a minimal cost to the Borough.

Councilman Miller advised under the Water Watch Committee, the March 20 water sampling results of the six sites tested over the winter, showed an overall average water quality of around 70, which is just about five points below good and the fecal coliform numbers ranged from 8-30. He commented that this shows us that progressively throughout the winter, the water quality has become better, therefore, we will have a good base number to compare with the water quality as the summer comes along and will be able to make good comparisons.

Councilman Miller stated the next sampling will be this Saturday morning at 7:30 A.M. and the analysis will be done at the Shore Regional High School.

Councilman Miller stated at the last meeting of the Water Watch Committee Mr. Gruskos gave us the final preliminary report for our ambient non point source pollution study of the six sites that we have been testing throughout the winter and he will forward copies to all interested groups once it has been finalized by the Committee.

Councilman Miller stated he was very happy to report that we are very close to having our own research boat equipped with equipment to allow us to do all of our testing on the river. He continued that we have an offer from one of the members of our community, who he will mention at a later date, for a minimal cost to acquire a 20' ski barge, which is a good boat for the kind of work we want to do and by June, if all goes well, we will have a water quality research boat in operation on the Shrewsbury and he also stated that once we are in operation, we will be able to offer assistance to the other communities for a slight fee if they are having any problems.

Councilman Miller wanted to commend Carrie Albrizio, who is a member of the Water Watch Committee, who writes for the Shore Regional High School paper and one of the projects of our Committee is to educate the public and she wrote a great article in the April edition of the Beacon entitled "In the City or In the Woods-Give a Hoot, Don't Pollute and he felt it was an outstanding article on non point source pollution.

Councilman Miller announced that on Saturday, April 24 at 8:00 A.M. we will be meeting at Borough Hall to kick off our Spring Clean Up of Parks Project and this is in cooperation with Recreation, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that if for some reason, people don't want to clean up the parks, they can join the Shore Regional Environmental Club on April 24 in doing beach clean up, so people can have a choice.

Councilman Miller also stated that if this boat he spoke of earlier comes to fruition, it appears to be the right type of boat to transport firemen with a pump in areas off the river where the roadways are flooded and he felt it could easily hold 5-6 men with the pump.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor advised the next Drug Alliance meeting will be held on April 28, at 7:00 P.M. and will be held at Shore Regional High School cafeteria. He stated that at this particular meeting, Ed Kelly and Linda Magnotta from Shore Regional will be conducting a student/parent dialogue evening and we are also involving the 8th Graders from Maple Place School to get them involved in the Drug Alliance.

Councilman Taylor announced that Saturday, April 17 is Rodeo Day which is bicycle safety day in Oceanport and it will begin at 10:00 A.M. at the Wolfhill School and the Drug Alliance will be showing a 10 minute video entitled "The Cat Who Drank Too Much" and giving out Drug Alliance tee shirts.

Councilman Taylor reported under the Board of Education, he wished to congratulate Mary Murphy of Wolfhill School and Susan Hershfield of Maple Place School who were named Teachers of the Year in the Oceanport School System and with that, they will each receive \$500 to be used for individual projects in their classrooms.

Councilman Taylor reported that under Community Development he met with Tom Rospos, Borough Engineer, Patti Varca, Borough Clerk and Al DeSantis, the Community Development Coordinator for the County in reference to our Springfield, Summerfield, Fairfield Avenues and Woodbine Way construction project and we have received an okay on the project and hopefully it will be completed by September 1, 1993.

Councilman Taylor reminded everyone that the next Hazardous Waste Day sponsored by the County of Monmouth will be held on May 1, 1993 in Hazlet at the County Garage on Union Avenue behind the Burger King on Route 36.

Councilman Taylor announced that effective May 3, 1993, grass clippings will be banned from the landfill. He advised that residents either cut it and leave it or begin a compost pile in your backyard. He also advised that residents could take their grass clippings to the landfill at a cost of \$3.00 per car load. Councilman Taylor advised that this has been in the works for some time and in Oceanport we have been promoting the cut it and leave it program last year under Councilman Clark's direction.

Councilman Taylor read an article from the newspaper which stated that removing grass clippings from the waste stream will save 12,000 tons of space in the landfill each year, which will extend the life of the landfill but moving Monmouth County closer to the State's 60% recycling goal by the end of 1995.

Councilman Taylor advised that we will be posting the ban on grass clippings on the Bulletin Board out front as well as in our Bulletin which is mailed out and he also asked Rick Sweger if the firemen could place a notice on their community events sign, to which Mr. Sweger asked for something in writing and he would forward it on Chuck Wolf who is in charge of the sign.

Councilman Clark pointed out to the public that if they do not own a recycling lawnmower, you may be able to purchase an adapter kit which allows the grass to be cut twice and leaves it in small pieces, so that it may be left on the lawn.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe extended his sympathy on the unfortunate passing of Natalie McCoy who has been a resident of the Borough for many years as well as a member of the Oceanport Garden Club.

Councilman Wolfe asked all residents to please abide by the solid waste and recycling ordinances of the Borough and at this time we are in the middle of our Spring leaf pick up and we ask that residents separate the leaves from all other materials especially branches. He asked that leaves be raked to the curb until the end of April and branches should be tied and bundled, not longer than 6' in length and not longer than 2'-3' in diameter and placed at the curb with the normal garbage to be picked up by the garbage contractor.

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Councilman Wolfe called for the second reading and public hearing of a bond ordinance and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed bond ordinance by title only as follows: BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$134,500. AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$127,775. BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY.

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any comments on this subject only.

As no one from the public wished to be heard, Councilman Wolfe moved to close the public hearing. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

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

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Clark, Filippone, Miller, Taylor and Wolfe.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Councilman Terra.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Wolfe then called for the introduction of an ordinance regarding the Community Development Program and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MONMOUTH COUNTY FOR COOPERATIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE INTERLOCAL SERVICES ACT.

Councilman Wolfe then moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Miller.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Clark, Filippone, Miller, Taylor and Wolfe.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Councilman Terra.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Wolfe moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the meeting scheduled to be held on May 20, 1993 beginning at 8:00 P.M. and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Clark, Filippone, Miller, Taylor and Wolfe.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Councilman Terra.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Wolfe moved to authorize the Borough Engineer to advertise and receive bids for the street improvements for Springfield, Summerfield and Fairfield-Avenues and Woodbine Way which will be done under the Monmouth County Community Development Program. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh advised that the regular Two Rivers Council of Mayors meeting will be held on April 24 and this meeting will be held at Brookdale Community College and stated the meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

Mayor Cavanagh also advised that there will be another Save the Fort meeting on Monday, April 19, 1993 at 8:00 A.M. in the Eatontown Borough Hall which is a standard meeting date on the on going process of attempting to combat the announced moves that were reported a short time ago concerning the Fort.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might have.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Rick Sweger, 1244 Turf Drive stated he has observed many pot holes around the Borough and commented that there were quite a few at Wolfhill Avenue and Main Street and asked when they would be addressed?

Councilman Wolfe advised that the Public Works Department would be going out next week to start filling up the pot holes and he would advise them of this location and will be an on going work detail.

Mr. Sweger commented regarding the statements made earlier concerning the rabies problem and although he realizes that we must be careful about animals biting humans but he did not feel we can assume that every animal we see is rabid and he felt that it was wrong.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the only animal that is assumed to have rabies are the raccoons, because we have found several rabid raccoons in the Borough and it must be a raccoon that is acting suspiciously and that is a NJ State Department edict and not something we came on with on a local level.

Mr. Sweger asked if that applies to a raccoon who comes out during daylight hours and is seen going from one place to another and he did not think under these circumstances it was right to just kill any animal.

Mayor Cavanagh stated we are certainly not suggesting that people kill any animals and Councilwoman Filippone again explained that it must be acting suspiciously before any action would be taken and we are not talking about seeing a raccoon during day time hours who is just going from one place to another.

Paul Roller, 69 Monmouth Road stated he has a Borough easement that runs in back of his property and every several years it seems that there is a leakage in the pipes and he gets sink holes on his property and it was repaired last October/November and over the winter it happened again and the Borough hired Mr. Lagrotteria to make the repairs. He stated he can see it beginning to happen again and wondered if perhaps it is just a matter that not enough dirt was put back since it has not been that long ago since the repairs were made and usually it takes several years before you can see it beginning again.

Mayor Cavanagh asked the Clerk to contact the Borough Engineer and have him go out and take a look at it and make a determination on what has to be done to resolve this matter.

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

Councilman Clark moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated April 15, 1993. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS \$2,025.00. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$9,357.54. TOTAL 1992 OPERATING FUND \$11,382.54. TOTAL 1993 VOUCHERS \$55,931.47. TOTAL 1993 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$70,617.78. TOTAL 1993 OPERATING FUND \$126,549.25. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$455.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$7,556.49. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$34.00. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$300,000.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MIDDLE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AGENCY \$164.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MARRIAGE LICENSES \$225.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-TAX OVERPAYMENT \$1,320.69. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER) APRIL 15, 1993

At 8:42 P.M. Councilman Miller moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on May 6, 1993 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Clark and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Varca

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BOROUGH CLERK

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