REGULAR MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
April 7, 1994

REGULAR MEETING: The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on April 7, 1994 at 8:10 P.M.

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

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 March 17, 1994 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 Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of MARCH, 1994 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Raffle license application made by the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County, to be held on June 5, 1994, 50/50 cash raffle.

The Clerk advised that the paperwork was found to be in order and the required fees had been paid, after which Councilman Clark moved to approve this application. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

ORD. # 645

COUNCILMAN CLARK: Councilman Clark called for the second reading of an amendment to the fee ordinance and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "THE FEES ORDINANCE" OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT PASSED AND APPROVED ON APRIL 16, 1981.**

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions on this subject only. As no one wished to be heard, Councilman Clark moved to close the public hearing. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council.

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

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Clark, McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor & Wolfe.
NAYS: **NONE.**
ABSENT: **NONE.**
ABSTAIN: **NONE.**

ORD. #646 Councilman Clark called for the second reading of an amendment to a bond ordinance and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE "BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING $335,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $318,250 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" PASSED AND APPROVED ON OCTOBER 19, 1989.**

Mayor Cavanagh explained that what we are doing is merely changing the wording under the description of the improvement to include the repairs necessary for the pumper.

Mayor Cavanagh 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, Councilman Clark moved to close the public hearing on this matter. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council.

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

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Clark, McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor & Wolfe.
NAYS: **NONE.**
ABSENT: **NONE.**
ABSTAIN: **NONE.**

ORD. #647 Councilman Clark called for the second reading of an ordinance to exceed the 1994 index rate and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE 1994 INDEX RATE IN THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH.**

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might have on this subject only. As no one from the public wished to be heard, Councilman Clark moved to close the public hearing on this matter. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council.

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

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Clark, McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor & Wolfe.
NAYS: **NONE.**
ABSENT: **NONE.**
ABSTAIN: **NONE.**

Councilman Clark called for the introduction of an ordinance requiring disclosure of information for new applicants to both the Fire Department and First Aid Squad and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION REGARDING APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR FIRST AID SQUAD WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**

Councilman Clark moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Clark, McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor & Wolfe.
NAYS: **NONE.**
ABSENT: **NONE.**
ABSTAIN: **NONE.**

Councilman Clark moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on April 21, 1994 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Clark, McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor & Wolfe.
NAYS: **NONE.**
ABSENT: **NONE.**
ABSTAIN: **NONE.**

Councilman Clark called for the introduction of a capital ordinance for the repair of the tennis court lights at Blackberry Bay Park and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING REPAIR OF TENNIS COURT LIGHTS AT BLACKBERRY BAY PARK FOR THE SUM OF $8,200.00 AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF $8,200.00 FROM RESERVES IN THE CAPITAL FUND.**

Councilman Clark moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilman Clark then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on April 21, 1994 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: **NONE.**
ABSTAIN: Councilman McGee.

R-94-27 Councilman Clark asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-94-27** amending the 1994 temporary budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

R-94-28 Councilman Clark asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-94-28** canceling old, outstanding trust reserves, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee reported under the Police Committee that Sgt. Thomas Hendley had recently completed his certification as a Side Handle Baton Certified Instructor as well as completing an 8 hour course in Communicating with Older Persons.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone reminded the residents that the Borough will once again be conducting the 11th annual Health Screening on Saturday, April 16 with the pre-registration being held on Wednesday, April 13, 1994, 3:30-5:30 P.M. and 7:00-8:00 P.M. and the cost for the regular Smack 23 Blood testing will be $25 and there will be an additional charge of $20 for men who want to have the blood prostate test done and she urged everyone to take advantage of this worthwhile program.

Councilwoman Filippone advised that she has been in contact with Mrs. Daina and the Rabbi is doing better and was pleased to hear from her.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller commented that he was very proud to announce that the Oceanport Water Watch Committee has received a grant in the amount of $3,684 from the NY/NJ Harbor Estuary Program, which is a program involved with non point source pollution and the administration of this program is conducted by the Hudson River Foundation and the funding will be used to purchase both computer hardware and software as well as purchasing a modem.

Councilman Miller conveyed his sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Soffel on the recent loss of their son, Rich and commented that he will be missed and also commended the Police Officers, who helped run the luncheonette during the family's grieving and he commented that this shows how members of a community get together to help out each other.

Councilman Miller also stated that he was recently told by a citizen of the Borough what a great job he thought the Road Department employees were doing in picking up the storm debris and the leaves and he asked Councilman Wolfe to let the employees know.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor also extended his condolences to the Soffel family and commented that when he first moved to the Borough, he would stop in the luncheonette and was always met with a smile and good word and everyone would miss Rich.

Councilman Taylor advised that on April 14, 1994 the Drug Alliance will be sponsoring Student/Parent Dialogue Night at Shore Regional High School and the 8th Graders from Maple Place will be participating in this program.

Councilman Taylor reported that April 16, 1994 will be Rodeo Day, which is Bicycle Safety Day and the Drug Alliance will be joining with the Police Officers and will be giving out information as well as painter's hats for the children.

Councilman Taylor reported under Recycling, the Borough has recycled 798 telephone books, which is about 50% of the Borough residents participating and he thanked them for their support and looked to raise this number in 1994.

Councilman Taylor reminded Borough residents that the first of three household hazardous waste days will be held this Saturday, April 9, 1994 at the Reclamation Center in Tinton Falls and he will be placing a notice on the front door of Borough Hall.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe reminded all Borough residents that the annual Spring leaf pick up is currently underway and requested all residents rake their leaves to the curb as soon as possible, making sure there are not branches mixed in, or else the leaves will be left at the curb. He continued that the official end of the leaf pick up will be Thursday, April 28, 1994.

Councilman Wolfe stated following the conclusion of the leaf pick up, we are planning our annual Boroughwide street sweeping scheduled to begin the week of May 9 and stated that with the quantity of the sand we have on our streets, the sweeping will take approximately 1 and 1/2 weeks and he will place a notice on the Community Events Sign and requested residents keep their cars off the streets during the day time hours, in order to allow the street sweeper to get close to the curbs, side to side.

Councilman Wolfe advised that recently he attended a meeting as a member of the NJ American Water Company Round Table which encompasses various residents, business people, elected officials, etc. in order to allow everyone to give input to the Water Company and he found it to be very informative and looked forward to the next meeting.

Councilman Wolfe reported he met with the NMCRSA and they have set up a program to allow member municipalities to allow their employees to become certified under the OSHA Confined Space Law and they will allow the Borough to use any of their facilities and/or equipment in regard to this matter, which will mean a savings to the Borough of approximately $4,000-$5,000. He also stated that while at the Authority, everyone was given a tour of the facility as well as the various types of equipment available.

Councilman Wolfe also advised that he recently had an opportunity to speak with Senator Palaia and addressed some concerns of the Council with regard to the proposed cutbacks which

might mean the loss of our Clean Communities Grant, etc. and explained to the Senator how important these funds were to the Borough and he assured him that he would do whatever he could to keep this funding available.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh read a proclamation proclaiming April as Alcohol Awareness month in the Borough of Oceanport.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that the newspapers have had several articles regarding the privatization of public assets and he has received some inquires with regard to Monmouth Park. He continued that as a result of the questions raised, he has written to the new Chairman of the Sports & Exposition Authority, Michael Francis and has received a reply on his behalf from Bob Mulcahy, who assured him that their open relationship will continue and that both he and Mr. Francis will meet with him following the opening of the racing season at Monmouth Park and he will continue to monitor this situation as it continues.

Mayor Cavanagh also advised that today has been officially designated as the Holocaust Memorial Day and wanted to make everyone aware of this date.

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

As no one 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 7, 1994. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilman Wolfe who abstained from voting on the vouchers due Morton Salt. TOTAL 1993 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING $1,041.28. TOTAL 1994 VOUCHERS $116,861.64. TOTAL 1994 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING $58,887.02. TOTAL 1994 OPERATING FUND $175,748.66. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT $400.00. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE I ACCOUNT $350.00. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT $350.00. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT $117.60. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT $2,226.39. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT $330,000.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION $359,752.60. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MIDDLE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AGENCY $158.00 (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER).

At 8:38 P.M. Councilman Miller moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on April 21, 1994 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Clark and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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BOROUGH CLERK