

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
April 4, 2002

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on April 4, 2002 at 8:00 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Mahon, Apruzzi, Gatta, and Silkworth.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilmen Wolfe and McGann and Mayor Gemma.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** Borough Chaplain Berry gave the invocation.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council President Apruzzi led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on March 21, 2002 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, Councilwoman Gatta moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. 1. Raffle license applications made by the following:

- A} Oceanport Volunteer First aid & Rescue Squad, 50/50 on premise cash raffle to be held on May 4, 2002.
- B} Lions Club of Oceanport, 50/50 on premise cash raffles to be held May 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, 2002.
- C} Lupus Foundation of America, 50/50 off premise cash raffle to be held July 21, 2002.
- D} The New Hope Foundation, Inc. 7-day trip to Hawaii for two being held on August 17, 2002.

The Clerk reported that all fees had been paid where applicable and the paperwork was found to be in order for all of the above licenses, after which Councilwoman Silkworth moved to approve the raffle applications. It was seconded by Councilman Mahon and approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MAHON: Councilman Mahon reported that the Library Association was accepting applications for \$500 scholarships from high school seniors who live in the Borough and applications were available in the Library.

Councilman Mahon also advised that the Library Association would be conducting an open house meeting on April 30th at 8:00 p.m. looking for interested parties to become new members of the Association.

Councilman Mahon commented that he would be attending a meeting next week in Eatontown with regard to shared services within the County.

COUNCILWOMAN GATTA: No Report.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Absent.

COUNCILMAN MCGANN: Absent.

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COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth called for the second reading and public hearing of an amendment to the fees and permits ordinance and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "THE LICENSES AND PERMITS ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT" PASSED AND APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 2, 1989.**

The Borough Attorney, Mr. Margalotti, explained that this ordinance removed the two year sunset clause with regard to agricultural fairs and he commented that when the fair was first held, the Governing Body was not sure how it would be received and therefore, included the 2 year sunset clause in the ordinance and have renewed the ordinance for the fair every two years. He stated that since the fair has been highly successful and no problems have arisen, it is the Council's feeling that the two-year restriction should be removed.

Council President Apruzzi 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 Mahon moved to close the public hearing. It was seconded by Councilwoman Gatta and approved by Council.

Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adopt this ordinance on second and final reading and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilwoman Gatta.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Mahon, Gatta and Silkworth.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Councilmen Wolfe and McGann.
ABSTAIN: None.

Councilwoman Silkworth moved to authorize the release of the balance of a performance bond in the amount of \$1,103.30 to Mr. & Mrs. VanNess for the property known as Block 1, Lot 23 located on River Street, per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer. It was seconded by Councilwoman Gatta and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Mahon who abstained.

Councilwoman Silkworth announced that the Borough Directory for 2002 will be delivered to the Post Office tomorrow and should be delivered to each household very shortly.

MAYOR GEMMA: Absent.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APRUZZI: Council President Apruzzi advised in the absence of Mayor Gemma, he had a proclamation signed by the Mayor proclaiming April 2002 as Lions Awareness Month in the Borough.

Council President Apruzzi stated there was a recent article in the Asbury Park Press reporting that Mayor McKenna of Red Bank was being honored by the Food Bank, as well as a young resident of Oceanport, Gabriel Bract, who is a student at Maple Place School who grew her hair and donated 14" of it to Locks of Love, which is an organization that donates hair pieces to young children who are suffering from diseases, where there is hair loss involved and he commended Gabriel for this most thoughtful project and also commented that her family is very involved with the Food Bank as well.

Council President Apruzzi reported that we have received our audit report for 2001 and there are no comments or recommendations contained in this document and he commended the work of our Chief Financial Officer, Lesley Connolly for the excellent manner in which she has taken over this position and the fine work she is doing for the Borough, as well as her staff, Patricia Welsh who handles the accounts payable area.

Council President Apruzzi then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might wish to make.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Betty Berry, 25 Hiawatha Ave. asked if there was any update on when the traffic light was going to be installed, to which Council President Apruzzi advised that there is still some acquisition work to be done by the County and we discussed this matter earlier in our work shop meeting and we are hoping that perhaps the project will begin in about a month or so.

Gloria Gledhill, NJ American Water Company representative for Oceanport stated she just wanted to stop by and leave some pamphlets with regard to current water restrictions and pointed out that in this area, which is known as the North Central area of the State, the restrictions are relaxed as compared to the rest of the State since the reservoir level is okay and this area is on an even/odd watering system, so that lawns can be watered using this number system in relation to residential house numbers.

As no one else from the public wished to be heard, Council President Apruzzi closed the public portion of the meeting.

Council President Apruzzi reminded everyone that on Monday, Congressman Rush Holt would be conducting a town meeting at the Borough Hall at 7:00 p.m. and he urged everyone to come out and raise any concerns or questions they may have.

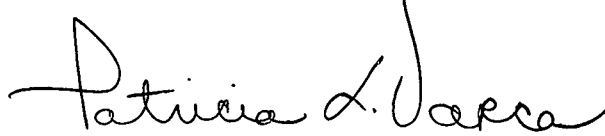
Councilwoman Gatta moved to temporarily appoint Councilwoman Silkworth to the Finance Committee in the absence of Councilman Wolfe, for the purpose of signing the vouchers. It was seconded by Councilman Mahon and approved by Council.

Councilwoman Silkworth moved to approve the vouchers on the Bill List dated April 4, 2002. It was seconded by Councilman Mahon and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL CAPITAL TRUST \$49,818.61. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY \$85.83. TOTAL ESCROW TRUST ACCOUNT \$7,294.95. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST \$1,983.26. 2001 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$4,225.20. TOTAL 2001 VOUCHERS \$4,225.20. 2002 VOUCHERS PAID \$71,487.36. 2002

VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$80,629.04. TOTAL 2002 VOUCHERS \$152,116.40. (SEE BILL LIST)

At 8:15 p.m. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on April 18, 2002 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Mahon and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia L. Varca". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK