

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
April 4, 1996

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was held on April 4, 1996 at 8:05 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Pastor Tavener.
- 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 14, 1996 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 Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of MARCH, 1996 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Raffle license applications made by the Monmouth Park Charity Fund, Inc. as follows:
 - a) May 25; July 4 & 20; Aug. 4 & 25 and Sept. 1 - all 50/50 cash raffles, on premise.
 - b) Aug. 30; prize: Mink Coat.
 - c) Aug. 31; prize: Superbowl Tickets.
 - d) Sept. 1; prize: 50/50 cash raffle, off premise.

The Clerk advised that all paperwork was found to be in order and the proper fees had been collected, after which Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the raffle applications. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee reported that last Thursday we had a flood insurance program presented by the Oceanport Emergency Management Director, Jim Slattery and he invited the Monmouth County Emergency Management Coordinator, Harry Conover and Mike Silverman, who is the Regional Marketing Manager of the National Flood Insurance Program and addressed approximately 40 people in this room who attended the program. Councilman McGee stated the discussion was concerning flood insurance and its availability and how necessary it is to have and there is a video tape of the meeting and anyone interested should contact either him or Jim Slattery to make arrangements to view same. Councilman McGee also thanked David Betsch of the Atlanticville for his help in publicizing this event and hopefully, we will hold this type of program on an annual basis to help keep people informed about flood insurance.

Councilman McGee reported under Police, all Officers were requalified with Departmental firearms, use of force and off duty weapons and the Dispatchers were all requalified for 1996 at a 9-1-1 class.

Councilman McGee offered his congratulations to Sgt. Mackay on his retirement after 27 years of service to the Borough.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone also offered her congratulations to Charlie Mackay and has known him for quite some time and wished him well.

Councilwoman Filippone also offered her congratulations to Jim Slattery for the excellent job he did in presenting the flood insurance information program last week and as a person who was quite devastated by a flood, she felt it was a marvelous program and felt it was very worthwhile and urged anyone who lives near the river, should take the time to review the video that is available.

Councilwoman Filippone reported the First Aid Squad had a very busy month with a total of 28 calls made up of motor vehicle accidents, mutual aid calls, and fire.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded all residents that our annual Health Screening will be held on Saturday, April 13 and pre-registration is a must and will be held on Wednesday, April 10 in the Borough Hall between 3:30-5:30 PM and 7:00-8:00 PM and she also advised that if you cannot come yourself, someone else can register for you and she urged everyone over the age of 18 to take advantage of this blood test which costs \$25 and an additional \$20 for men who want to have the PSA done.

Councilwoman Filippone wished the residents of the Borough a Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-96-29** authorizing the submission of a recycling tonnage grant and naming a Recycling Coordinator, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Miller reported at the last Shade Tree Committee meeting, it was determined that the trees in the Tree Nursery are at a point where we can begin offering them to members of the Community who are interested and a sign will be up on the Community Events Sign in the near future and this year we are only asking for a donation, if you take a tree and we will see what happens after the first year.

Councilman Miller advised that the first Oceanport Water Watch sampling was done on March 23 and the results were quite good with the dissolved oxygen levels high and the water quality was in the average to good range and this year they have added an additional site, which is near the bridge by Casa Comida in order to monitor the quality of the water prior to the opening of the track and then during the track season, since they will be hooked up to the Northeast Monmouth County Regional Sewerage Authority this year.

Councilman Miller reminded the parents of children twelve years and younger that the Spring Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 13 at Blackberry Bay Park at 11 AM and this is sponsored by the Recreation Committee and will not interfere with the Rodeo Day at Wolfhill School, which is for bicycle safety and is at 9 AM.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-96-30** urging the Clean Communities Grant Funds remain in place, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Taylor advised the residents that compost bins would be on sale in the parking lot of the West Long Branch Shop Rite parking lot on Saturday, April 20 on a first come, first serve basis at a cost of \$35 which is an excellent buy.

Councilman Taylor reported that the next County Hazardous Waste day is scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 13 at Tinton Falls.

Councilman Taylor also reported that Rodeo Day, which Councilman Miller mentioned earlier with regard to bicycle safety, will be held on April 13 at Wolfhill School at 9 AM and the Drug Alliance will be there giving out water bottles and information until 11 AM.

R-96-31

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-96-31** inserting an item of revenue into the 1996 Municipal budget regarding the \$6,702.74 grant for road repairs as a result of the severe winter, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

R-96-32

Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-96-32** authorizing the purchase of a used 1974 100' Aerial Ladder Truck at a cost of \$10,000, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe advised that this truck has been completely checked out and inspected by an outside company inspector and the reports have been forwarded and the ladder as well as the truck itself, were found to be in very good working condition with the exception of some minor repairs that the Borough will make.

Councilman Wolfe reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the Monmouth County Planning Board at the County Library dealing with the County's overall plans on right-of-ways and their improvement program, which is done every ten years by the County, which allows them to prepare their projects for the future and he requested that they consider Monmouth Boulevard be repaved.

Councilman Wolfe reminded all residents that the Spring leaf pick up will end on April 30, which is a Tuesday and asked that everyone try and finish up so that leaves can be cleaned up off the streets in time for the roads to be swept as we do every year and he is hoping this can be done during the first or second week in May.

Councilman Wolfe also reminded all professional landscapers that the Borough has an ordinance in place which requires they obtain a license at a fee of \$25 per year, regardless of the number of vehicles that they use, and they will receive a list of the rules and regulations regarding grass clippings, leaf pick, etc., and applications are available through the Borough Clerk's Office.

Councilman Wolfe also offered his congratulations to Sgt. Mackay on his recent retirement.

Councilman Wolfe wished all the residents of the Borough a Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth offered apologies to any resident who had experienced any inconvenience with the break down of the hot water heater at the Community Center and advised that a new one is now in place.

Councilwoman Silkworth thanked Foreman Crochet for the monthly report received and she was pleased to see that and expectations that we will see it going forward.

Councilwoman Silkworth wished all the Borough residents a Joyous Passover and a Happy Easter.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh offered the name of Barbara Reagor to fill a vacancy on the Environmental Commission, which term expires December 31, 1996.

Councilwoman Filippone moved to approve this appointment. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh offered the name of Anthony Ferrugia to fill a vacancy on the Shade Tree Committee, which term expires December 31, 1998.

Councilman Miller moved to approve this appointment. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that he is glad to hear that the Ladder Truck situation has been resolved and offered his thanks to former Chief Briskey, our present Fire Chief, Tom Crochet, as well as our 1st Assistant Chief, John Carroll for all their help and efforts in this matter. He continued that he felt that everyone on the Council as well as everyone in the Fire Department is pleased with the outcome and that everyone cooperated in this area.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that last night's news of the tragedy in Bosnia was an incredible loss and one that is very difficult to figure out and to the families of all those who were there in a non-combative situation and simply looking to help restore the country, he offered his deepest sympathies on behalf of the Governing Body.

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

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

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated April 4, 1996. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$3,056.80. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHES \$191,871.21. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$54,409.79. TOTAL 1996 OPERATING FUND \$246,281.00. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$141.80. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST FUND \$68.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$1,760.63. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$163,834.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \$379,698.60. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MIDDLE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AGENCY \$246.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$24.95. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-LOCAL EXPENSE PAYMENT \$14,154.70. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-REIMBURSE RAFFLE LICENSE \$20.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER).

At 8:30 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on April 18, 1996 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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BOROUGH CLERK