

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
April 3, 1997

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oceanport was called to order on April 3, 1997 at 8:00 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Gemma, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe, Silkworth 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, 1997 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body for their review, 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 approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Taylor who abstained from voting because he was not present at that meeting.

Mayor Cavanagh stated the next item on the agenda was the promotion of several members of the Oceanport Police Department and asked Councilman Miller to make a motion regarding same.

Councilman Miller moved to approve the following promotions in the Police Department:

Harold Sutton to Detective Sergeant
Donald Ross to Sergeant
Mauro Baldanza to Sergeant
Christopher Scerbo as a Patrolman V, effective May 1, 1997

It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

The Clerk administered the Oaths of Office to the newly promoted officers and the Mayor and Council offered their congratulations to all.

Councilman Miller commented that one of the things he wanted to say about the promotions which just took place is that going through the interview process with the candidates, just made him feel very good about the men that serve our town and should make everyone in the Borough feel the same way and stated that it was a very difficult decision, but he thought that the Committee made the right choices and the future of Oceanport is in very good hands. Councilman Miller stated that he, Councilwoman Silkworth, Mayor Cavanagh and Chief Joyce all came out of the interviews feeling very well about our choices and the people who serve our Borough in a very important capacity.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that he has always said that this Borough has the finest Police Department in Monmouth County and he has always been very proud all the years he has sat on the Dais and this Department has always been a special thing for him and has done much for this

community. He continued as you look around tonight and see the number of people from our Community who came out shows what an integral part the Police Department is in our Borough.

Mayor Cavanagh stated he was going to allow everyone to leave in order to celebrate the promotions, but before everyone left, he wanted to do one more thing and asked Mrs. Diane Cook to stand. Mayor Cavanagh advised her that on behalf of the First Aid Squad, the other volunteer services and the entire Community as well as the Governing Body, all wish to make note of the fact that she and her husband Donald will be leaving shortly to live in Virginia and as our way of saying good-bye, although reluctantly, he read a Proclamation about all the things she has done for the Borough and wished her and her husband all the luck in their new life.

Mayor Cavanagh then presented Diane Cook with the Proclamation and the entire Governing Body wished her well.

Councilwoman Filippone commented that words cannot express the gratitude that she as a citizen has for Diane for all she has done for this Borough and she also wanted to say that right behind her is her husband, Donald, and asked him to stand and be recognized and they will both be sorely missed, not only because of the quality of the volunteer services they brought to this community, but because of the kind of people that they are and she will miss them.

CLERK'S REPORTS: NO REPORTS.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN GEMMA: Councilman Gemma offered his congratulations to all the Police Personnel who were promoted and/or hired this evening and also offered best wishes to Diane and Donald Cook.

Councilman Gemma also advised that the Planning Board was supposed to be here tonight with regard to the Master Plan Review, but was canceled and there will be another meeting on April 9, wherein hopefully the Master Plan will undergo its final revision and be approved finally and another joint meeting scheduled for the Planning Board and the Governing Body.

Councilman Gemma reported under Insurance, the Borough Buildings were inspected by a representative of our Insurance Carrier and the Borough Clerk was helpful in getting the inspector access to the various buildings. He also has received notification today from Boynton & Boynton that our insurance premium rose by \$20 due to a new Police Car being placed on the policy.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone called for the introduction of a bond ordinance for various improvements in the Borough and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$104,300 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$99,085. 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.**

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

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Gemma, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilwoman Filippone then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the meeting scheduled to be held on May 1, 1997 beginning at 8:00 P.M. and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Gemma, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilwoman Filippone congratulated all the fine Police Officers on their promotions and appointments this evening and we have a wonderful Department and they do a superb job for this town.

Councilwoman Filippone gave the Oceanport First Aid Squad Report for the month of February, 1997 and stated they had a total of 28 calls; 203 miles; 181 man/woman hours; 4 total advanced life support calls and no calls to Monmouth Park. She continued that the First Aid Squad wanted to give a special thank you to Jim Stapleton and Artie VanPelt who have performed a great deal of work for the Squad on their vehicles over the last several years and they have never charged the Squad for their work.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the Health Screening was once again very successful and there were approximately 176 people who participated in the screening and 76 PSA's and it was most gratifying this year because the very first day she received a call from the Lab reporting that one woman was found to be on the verge of a diabetic coma and had a severe infection and was unaware of this, which shows how valuable this program can be. She also advised that there was one elevated PSA and no positive hemocults.

Councilwoman Filippone wanted to give a special thanks to Dr. David Falco because without his assistance in this project, we would not be able to conduct this program and he has done this for the last several years. She also wanted to thank the following people who helped out with this program: Bob & Patti Varca, Diane Super, Diane & Donald Cook, Laura & Walter Reyes, Doris Agaman, Linda Fujimoto, Giovanna Talerico, Laura Tagerty, Joseph Lombardo, Edward Ryan, Jonathan Ryan, John and Colleen Flynn, Suzanne Burns, Tina Fuller, Rusty Wood, John Long, Carole Connor, Fred Filippone, Eleanor & Chris Widdis, Jan & Ed Anderson, Connie Savarese, Jan Conklin, Pinky Regan and Walter Prang.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller advised that two weeks ago the Shade Tree Committee on a Saturday morning, had a tree give away to the residents of the Borough and we gave away 35 trees and received donations in the amount of \$125 which will help us replant and also advised that we will be doing this again this Saturday morning and then we will begin taking some of the larger trees for replanting in the various Parks around the Borough.

Councilman Miller stated he was also sorry to see Diane and Donald Cook leave the Borough and he has known Diane for many years and had the pleasure of teaching and coaching both her daughters and wished them well.

Councilman Miller asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-34** regarding a Joint Service Incentive Grant with Little Silver regarding the Monmouth County Aerial Photography Program, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council. R-97-34

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor wished Diane and Don Cook good luck in their new endeavor in Virginia and commented that Don taught him how to use the paint machine to line the soccer fields, since he took over from him and Diane is always refusing to allow him to give blood, due to his high blood pressure and they will be missed.

Councilman Taylor offered his congratulations and good luck to all the Police Officers who were promoted and appointed earlier this evening.

Councilman Taylor asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-35** authorizing the submission of a recycling tonnage grant, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council. R-97-35

Councilman Taylor then asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-36** regarding the continuance of the New Hope Foundation and the Discovery Institute for Addictive Disorders, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council. R-97-36

Councilman Taylor reported under Recycling, we now have a new oil container for used oil at the drop off center and thanked Tom Crochet, Superintendent of Public Works for overseeing this project and they did a very good job with cement placed down and it is a little bit larger tank.

Councilman Taylor announced that under the Drug Alliance, April 11 will be the second annual Karioke Night at the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire House for the 8th Grade Students and this year it will be ice cream and milk shakes rather than a coffee house atmosphere. He also advised that the Oceanport Drug Alliance donated \$500 to the Shore Regional Post Prom Party.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe reported that the Public Works Department is in the process of Spring Leaf Pick Up and requested residents to rake the leaves to the curbs, free of debris, and they will be picking up leaves through the end of April.

Councilman Wolfe advised that the Public Works Department is undertaking another drainage problem with a collapsed pipe at the entrance of Charles Park and within the next week they will be removing the old corrugated steel pipe and replacing it with a high density plastic pipe and rebuilding the basins, so that flooding problem will be resolved.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-37** accepting the annual Municipal Audit for 1996, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council. R-97-37

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the appointment of Robert Gagliano as the Borough Tax Assessor at an annual salary of \$19,000. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

The Borough Attorney, Mr. Margalotti, explained that although Mr. Gagliano is being appointed this evening and will serve in this capacity, his actual term becomes effective July 1, 1997, which is a four year term.

Councilman Wolfe offered his congratulations to the Police Officers who were promoted and appointed this evening and also commented that he will miss Diane Cook and she always had a smile and kind words while performing her duties at Borough Hall and wished both Diane and Don much luck.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth also extended her congratulations to our Policemen on their promotions and wished Diane Cook well. She commented that she was very pleased to participate in the interviewing process and we believe that the choices on the recommendations made will serve the Borough well. She also stated that it was most heartwarming to see so many people come out this evening, showing support for our Police Department.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh stated he wanted to note for the record that the 78 page audit, which we passed a resolution earlier to accept for 1996, and by law, makes it mandatory for the members of the Governing Body to read the section known as Comments and Recommendations and he wanted to point out to the public, with no small amount of pride, that there are no recommendations which means that everything was found to be in order and was being done within the regulations.

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

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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 3, 1997. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$820.00. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS \$73,542.83. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHES PAID THIS MEETING \$36,174.06. TOTAL 1997 OPERATING FUND \$109,716.89. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$1,107.75. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$483.75. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \$387,250.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-GARDEN STATE ELECTRICAL INSPECTION \$358.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$95.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:50 P.M. Councilman Gemma moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on April 17, 1997 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Varca
PATRICIA L. VARCA, BOROUGH CLERK