

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
April 2, 1998

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on April 2, 1998 at 8:00 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Gemma.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilman McGann.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Borough Chaplain Berry.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Gemma led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on March 19, 1998 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, Councilwoman Silkworth moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Raffle license applications made by the Monmouth Park Charity Fund, Inc. as follows:
 - a} May 25, 1998 - 50/50 cash raffle - on premise
 - b} June 6, 1998 - 50/50 cash raffle - on premise
 - c} June 20, 1998 - 50/50 cash raffle - on premise
 - d} July 4, 1998 - 50/50 cash raffle - on premise
 - e} July 25, 1998 - 50/50 cash raffle - on premise
 - f} Aug. 8, 1998 - 50/50 cash raffle - on premise
 - g} Aug. 30, 1998 - 50/50 cash raffle - on premise
 - h} Sept. 5, 1998 - 4 Super Bowl tickets - off premise
 - i} Sept. 6, 1998 - 50/50 cash raffle - off premise

The Clerk advised that the paperwork on the above listed applications was found to be in order and the appropriate fees had been paid, after which Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the raffle applications. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council.

2. Police report for the month of MARCH, 1998 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN APRUZZI: Councilman Apruzzi 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

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ordinance, by title only, as follows: **BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$135,790. AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$128,995. 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 Gemma opened the meeting to the public for any comments on this subject only.

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

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

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Councilman McGann.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Apruzzi then called for the introduction of an ordinance creating a Capital Improvement Advisory Committee and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, NEW JERSEY; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS THEREOF AND DESIGNATING ITS PURPOSE, POWERS AND DUTIES.**

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

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Councilman McGann.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Apruzzi then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council scheduled to be held on April 16, 1998 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Councilman McGann.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Apruzzi announced that there are two vacancies presently on the Recreation Committee and anyone interested in becoming a member of this Committee should contact Linda Gately or Councilman Miller about the positions.

Councilman Apruzzi advised that the Summer Action Camp will begin on June 29 and run through August 7, 1998 and the price is \$55 per child and the same for the second child, with a reduction in cost for a third and fourth child in the same family. Councilman Apruzzi also advised that the Recreation Director, John Kerwin, will be hiring Assistants and Camp Counselors and applications may be picked up at the Borough Hall in the Clerk's Office.

Councilman Apruzzi congratulated Councilwoman Filippone on another great job with the annual Health Screening and he felt it went very smoothly.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone announced that there were 160 people who signed up for the Health Screening and 66 men took advantage of the PSA testing and we are still awaiting some results and they will be forwarded as soon as they are received. She thanked all the volunteers from the First Aid Squad especially Kerin Slattery, Captain and Ed Ryan, President, as well as all the other many volunteers who assisted with this program.

Councilwoman Filippone commented that back in January the Borough held its rabies clinic and we had 166 dogs and 35 cats and at the representative from the Board of Health commented that 35 cats was a very good turn out, since the number of cats at rabies clinics is usually quite low.

Councilwoman Filippone commended Don Ross who conducted a Blood Drive which was quite successful and reminded all Oceanport residents are eligible for free blood, if they ever need it, regardless if they themselves have donated blood or not.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the Borough's Local Assistance Program has been officially turned over to the County and anyone needing assistance should apply to the Social Services located in Atlantic Highlands, which is where you would have to go for food stamps as well. She continued in this regard, she wanted to thank Eleanor Widdis who has been the Acting Director for the Local Assistance Board since January and all our records are up to date and the files are presently being closed out and the required paperwork forwarded on to the County.

Councilwoman Filippone also thanked Tom Crochet and his Public Works Department for taking care of several complaints she had received and between him and Ron Kirk, the matters have been resolved.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that there was misinformation contained in the recent Bulletin regarding the Memorial Day Parade and commented that the correct date for the Parade is on Monday, May 25 and anyone wishing to march in the Parade should be at Blackberry Bay Park at 10:00 A.M. with the Parade beginning promptly at 10:30 A.M. and we will be following the same route as last year. She also commented that this year there will be two Grand Marshals, but she would announce their names at a later date.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller thanked the Oceanport Lions Club for their recent donation in the amount of \$3,000 to help defray the costs for the new playground equipment scheduled for the Community Center.

Councilman Miller reported that the Police Committee has received Chief Bebout's first quarterly report and some of the highlights are the implementation of the new bike patrol, which will be undertaken by Patrolmen VanBrunt, Barcus, Murphy and Chenoweth as well as using an unmarked vehicle for patrolling around the Borough and to be used for DWI stops.

Councilman Miller advised that the Shade Tree Committee will be giving away trees from our tree nursery on Saturday, April 4 and April 11 and only ask that a small donation be made in order to allow the Committee to replace the trees given away.

Councilman Miller also reported that on April 4 the bike rodeo will take place at the Wolfhill School and the Recreation Committee will sponsor the Spring Egg Hunt at Blackberry Bay Park.

Councilman Miller commented that he is in receipt of a copy of a letter from the DEP commending the manner in which our parks are being maintained and this is due to the excellent work done by Tom Crochet and his Public Works Department.

Councilman Miller stated he read an article in the Atlanticville recently, wherein the Mayor of Long Branch was commenting on how clean the Shrewbury River was and that people could not only fish in the River, but could also clam. He contacted the Atlanticville, since this is incorrect and there is only one area in the two rivers area where you are allowed to clam and the Atlanticville has put in a retraction of that comment made in the article. He also advised that he will be preparing an article for the Borough Bulletin explaining this matter in greater detail, in order to keep our residents apprised as to what we can and cannot do in our rivers.

Councilman Miller commented that Sgt. John Connor completed a course on PreHospital Trauma and Life Support; Cristi Mazzearella, Diana Fahy and Joan Williams completed the 1998 Dispatcher 9-1-1 Refresher Course and Dispatcher Jonathan Tucci and Captain Harold Sutton completed the Cell Block Management-Suicide Awareness course.

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COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-98-34** authorizing refunds of overpaid property taxes, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe announced the Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Company would be holding their annual ham dinner on Sunday, April 5, 1998, 12 Noon to 5 P.M. and urged everyone to come out and support this fund raiser and meet your neighbors.

COUNCILMAN MCGANN: ABSENT.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth reported that the Economic Development Committee is continuing to meet, both with the Sub-Committee of the Planning Board regarding the Master Plan, which at the last meeting, our Borough Engineer, Tom Rospos, attended with a Planner, who was very helpful regarding the overall plan of the Village Center. She advised that the Economic Development Committee will be meeting again within the next two weeks, in order to complete their report, which will be forwarded to the Planning Board with their recommendations for the downtown Village Center. Councilwoman Silkworth stated that following that report, the Committee can then meet regarding the ordinances that will be necessary.

Councilwoman Silkworth also advised that the Building Committee for the Wolfhill Farm building is awaiting a final report from their volunteer architects and all preliminary reports have been forwarded to Walter Joyce for his input prior to the final report to the entire Committee.

MAYOR GEMMA: Mayor Gemma thanked the members of the Council for approving the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee and he is looking for their input and assistance when the ordinance is finally adopted and the appointments have to be made.

Mayor Gemma offered congratulations to Councilwoman Filippone on another successful Health Screening in the Borough.

Mayor Gemma also thanked Councilmen Miller and Wolfe, as well as Tom Crochet, Superintendent of Public Works for the continuing excellent job being done in our parks, as recognized by the letter from the DEP that Councilman Miller made reference to earlier.

Mayor Gemma extended his appreciation to the Oceanport Lions Club for their generous donation to the Recreation Committee in helping to defray some of the cost on the new playground equipment, which will benefit all our children in the Borough.

Mayor Gemma reported that our Emergency Management Coordinator, Jim Slattery, is presently attending a Hurricane Awareness Conference and in speaking with him before he left, he was advised that the ocean temperatures are 6-8 degrees warmer at this time of year, than is normal, which is not good news for the hurricane season and we may be in for a very wet and stormy summer.

Mayor Gemma then opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments anyone might have, but hearing none, closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills listed on the Voucher Register dated April 2, 1998. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilman Apruzzi who abstained from voting on the bills due Lucent Technology. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$456.01. TOTAL 1998 VOUCHERS \$75,560.13. TOTAL 1998 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$58,654.76. TOTAL 1998 OPERATING FUND \$134,214.89. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$343.50. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$1,337.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$1,385.77. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-TAX OVERPAYMENT \$2,261.84. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:27 P.M. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on April 16, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK