

Oceanport, New Jersey
March 19, 1992

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was held on March 19, 1992 at 8:26 P.M.

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Rabbi Daina.

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 5, 1992 had been made available for review by the Governing Body, Councilwoman Filippone 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 application made by the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County, to be held on June 7, 1992, and it will be a 50/50 cash raffle.

The Clerk advised that the required fee had been paid and the paperwork was found to be in order, after which Councilwoman Filippone moved to approve said raffle. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN CLARK: Councilman Clark extended his congratulations to Amy Freestone, who was his counter part, as well as to all the other members of the Student Government Council and he felt the work they did was excellent and it shows that they did their research and were dedicated to doing a good job. He also offered his congratulations to the School Administration for their support and guidance on this project.

Councilman Clark reported that on April 11 there will be a mixed paper/magazine pick up at the Shop Rite in Freehold and anyone who wishes to bring their magazines on that day, may do so. He also stated that on that same day the Monmouth County Environmental Commission is sponsoring a program From Our Steams To Our Oceans and several members of the Council will be attending that meeting and they are looking for people to adopt a stream or highway, etc.

Councilman Clark also advised that we are involved with a cut it and leave it program this coming spring and we are looking for volunteers to participate in this program and Oceanport is one of twelve communities in Monmouth County joining in the project and we want to be able to show at the end of the cutting season that leaving the thatch on the lawn does not cause a problem and reduces the amount of pesticides and fertilizers required while still providing a better lawn. He stated that anyone interested in volunteering for this program should contact him.

Councilman Clark reported that on March 17, 1992 he attended with Councilmen Wolfe and Taylor, a puppet show at the Wolfhill School, which we paid for through the Clean Communities Grant and the program was excellent and was tailored toward Oceanport and he felt the children learned a lot.

Councilman Clark commented that it is evident that recycling and the environment is on the minds of our young people as evidenced here tonight with the Student Government and we do recycle colored glass and he would like to see the County and the State find more markets, so that we could recycle more plastics other than just those that contain liquids. He stated that we are going to need support of these markets in order to meet our new goal for recycling, which is 60% by either 1993 or 1994 and we have much to do in order to meet that goal.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra also congratulated the great job the 8th Grade Student Government Mayor and Council did this evening with their meeting and felt that they represented all of us quite well.

Councilman Terra announced that the DEP has approved our Clean Communities grant and we have received a check in the amount of \$6,673 which we hope to use in helping keep Oceanport a clean and attractive place to live.

Councilman Terra attended for Councilman Miller, a meeting of the Two Rivers Council of Mayors this past Saturday and presented a summary to the Mayors about our Waterways and Water Watch Programs and he felt the presentation was very well received and most of the people in attendance had no idea how involved we are in this community with the water sampling that had been done and were quite impressed with the work that is being done by the committees.

Councilman Terra commented that the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company is holding their first annual breakfast on March 29, 1992 and invited all the residents to attend.

Councilman Terra then asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed amendment to the personnel ordinance, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "THE PERSONNEL POLICY OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT" PASSED AND APPROVED ON MARCH 20, 1968.** **ORD.#621**

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments anyone might care to make on this subject only.

As no one from the public wished to be heard, Councilman Terra moved to close the public hearing on this ordinance. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Terra then moved to adopt this 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 Clark, Terra, Filippone, Miller, Taylor and Wolfe.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Mayor Cavanagh stated just as an observation on the commentary made on our young Student Government members, he felt that if you correlate the waterways involvement that Councilman Miller has created with the younger people, many of them have been involved in the Student Government Day programs we have run during the past years and you will find that the program has created some kind of community interest and maybe the benefit of it is in the community and the water watch concept and he is very proud that we conduct Student Government Day on an annual basis.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone reported that Joanne Campbell, Captain of the Oceanport First Aid Squad advises that there were 26 calls this month amounting to 171 total person hours and there was one call to Monmouth Park.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded the residents of the community that on April 4 there will be a household hazardous waste day from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Tinton Falls sponsored by the Monmouth County Board of Health.

Councilwoman Filippone announced that we now have 42 confirmed cases of rabies in Monmouth County to date and this is a serious problem.

Councilwoman Filippone encouraged the residents of the Borough to do more with battery collection and it was the one thing she was disappointed in tonight with the students who did a great job, but none of them mentioned battery collection and it is a very important aspect of recycling.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded the citizens of Oceanport that we will be conducting the annual health screening on April 4, 1992 at the Oceanport First Aid Squad and the pre-registration will be held on March 31, 1992 at Borough Hall between 3:30 - 5:00 P.M. and 7:00-8:00 P.M. and the cost is \$25 and she commented on how much cooperation we get from the service organizations of the Borough and Stu Briskey who is in the audience tonight helped out so much with the rabies clinic and the First Aid Squad members will be assisting us with the health screening.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller also added his congratulation to the students this evening for a job well done as well as to the teachers and administrators for the support they give them and he was very impressed with the thorough line of questions asked by his Counterpart, Jennifer Adams and he was very impressed by the entire group. He also commented that Amy Freestone, Melissa Cuccaro and Jessica Dutoit were all winners at our Shore Regional Science Fair as 8th Graders.

Councilman Miller reported at the last Water Watch meeting our report was handed out to the Mayor and Council and has also been sent to various newspapers and environmental groups, as well as the Monmouth County Board of Health for their comments, etc. and a copy will be sent to the State Water Watch Committee. He stated that the Committee decided that we want to continue our testing with an ambient testing and will be testing six sites out on the river relative to the storm drains that we tested last year and at first we were going to test once a month, but one of the members, Richard Gruskos came up with a plan to make up two teams of ten, alternating every other week, they would only be responsible for one week out of a month and we will try this so that we will be able to test twice a month.

Councilman Miller advised that we will also be involved in a Clean Streets and Clean Beaches project which is being organized by U.S. EPA,

the City of New York, the State of New York Environmental Conservation Group and the NJ DEPE, along with the New York Pollution Control Assn. and they are talking about the entire New York Harbor, which we are part of and we will be targeting three or four areas for clean up with the help of various community groups including the Boy Scouts, etc. and we will discuss this further at our April Water Watch meeting.

Councilman Miller informed everyone that the Waterways Committee Litterbug vessel was at Oceanport Landing having some repairs done and in a short while it will be in the water and ready to go.

Councilman Miller thanked both Councilmen Terra and Wolfe for standing in for him at two other meetings.

Councilman Miller commented at the last Recreation Committee meeting we received our annual list of repairs to the parks and playgrounds from John Kerwin, Recreation Director and it is a very small list compared to other years, which shows what a great job the Public Works Department has been doing.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor thanked the students who participated in the Student Government program and he felt they did an excellent job after meeting with their counterparts in understanding what some of the problems are that the Council faces.

Councilman Taylor commented on the puppet show which he attended with Councilmen Clark and Wolfe and stated it was a huge success and the children really got involved and knew many of the answers to the questions that were put to them about recycling and what to do and he felt it was very beneficial to the children.

Councilman Taylor stated he attended the Board of Education meeting last week and congratulated the ten students that participated at the Shore Regional Science Fair and they competed against high school level students and did very well and a special congratulations to Melissa Cuccaro who took second place overall.

Councilman Taylor stated the school budget according to tonight's newspaper article, is scheduled to be held on April 7.

Councilman Taylor announced that he attended a meeting sponsored by the Prosecutor's Office in Freehold and April is "Alcohol Awareness Month" and in the April Bulletin will be an article publishing warning signs to indicate drug and/or alcohol involvement and we will also be placing a notice on the Community Events Sign in front of Borough Hall to make people more aware of this problem.

Councilman Taylor stated that the Prosecutor's Office reported that deaths are down from drunk driving for age limits of 17 and under, and in 1990 there were 8 deaths and in 1991 there were 3, but the Prosecutor's Office will not be happy until that rate is zero. He is also trying to coordinate with Shore Regional and Maple Place Schools regarding the Monmouth County High School Task Force Drinking & Driving & Drugs Program and there will be a Task Force over at Red Bank Regional High School on April 14 trying to get members from the High School to participate and get some awareness with the students from the High School as well as the lower grades.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe wanted to update the water front warning program that we had discussed several meetings ago and commented

that the signs have all been ordered and Mr. Giordano and the Public Works Department employees installed the timber curb barriers along Shore Road and at the end of Driveway and the signs will be installed as soon as they come in and that will complete that project.

Councilman Wolfe also wanted to offer his thanks to the students for their participation in this year's Student Government program and he feels that this program makes them much more aware of what is entailed in running a small town and he was pleased to see the issues they brought up and felt they did an excellent job.

R-92-36 Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-92-36** regarding amendments to the 1992 temporary budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh stated that we enjoy seeing the 8th graders every year when they participate in the Student Government Day.

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any comments they might wish to make.

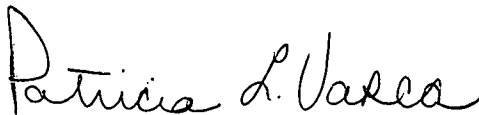
PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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 March 19, 1992. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1991 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$725.00. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS \$91,491.72. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$54,504.96. TOTAL 1992 OPERATING FUND \$145,996.68. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$150.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$582.61. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$702,000.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$148,425.20. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$284.07. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SEWER LIENS \$122.53. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-RESERVE RECYCLING \$1,500.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:50 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on April 2, 1992 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK