

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
March 15, 1990

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oceanport was called to order on March 15, 1990 at 8:07 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman McGee.

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 1, 1990 had been made available to the Governing Body for their review, Councilman Terra 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 those Councilpersons present.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Raffle license application made by the Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Co. to be held on April 14, 1990, prize - 2 season tickets NY Mets.

The Clerk reported that all the paperwork was in order and the required fee had been paid to the Borough. Councilman Rodman then moved to approve this raffle application. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by those Councilpersons present.

2. Applications for membership to Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Co. made by Paul A. Brown and Arthur P. Garrison, Jr.

Councilman Terra moved to approve both applications. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by those Councilpersons present.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra discussed the recycling report he has just completed for the year 1989 and he commented that our Borough has recycled an unbelievable amount and stated the amount of paper recycled last year came to 945.7 tons, which is 1,890,000 lbs. of newspapers, computer paper, white office paper and cardboard; we recycled 18.2 tons of clear glass; 227.9 tons of metals including aluminum cans and tin and bi-metal cans; co-mingled bottles and cans amounted to 191.2 tons; organic material which is primarily leaves amounted to 458 tons; and lastly, the number he is most proud of because we are one of perhaps three municipalities who recycle plastic totals 21.4 tons of plastic bottles. Councilman Terra stated when you total everything up, it amounts to 1862 tons which translates to 3,725,000 lbs. Councilman Terra pointed out that this includes materials recycled by residents and businesses.

Councilman Terra offered his thanks to all the people who help him with the recycling during the year, especially Diane Super who helps him with the recycling reports and Gary Wolfe who not only helps him with the determination of the number of tons of leaves we recycle, but occasionally attends recycling meetings for Councilman Terra when he is not available.

Councilman Terra reported that our Fire Chief, John Schneider was involved in a serious accident last weekend and broke his hip and is inexactitude and we wish him well and a speedy recovery. He commented that his duties are presently being taken over by the Assistant Chief, George Ottino.

Councilman Terra advised that one of our Patrolman, Buzzy Baldanza has a daughter who is quite ill and in need of blood and he announced to the Community that anyone interested in donating blood should contact either Diane Cook or Chief Joyce and it does not matter what your blood type is because she will still get credit.

Councilman Terra commented on an incident which occurred last weekend where an elderly woman was found wandering in the Borough and did not know where she lived and both Diane Cook and Capt. Budinski drove her around into Long Branch, where suddenly a car drove up next to them and it was her son who was out looking for her. He commented that both the Captain and Diane Cook were off duty and assisted her on their own time and he wanted to commend their efforts.

Councilman Terra then asked the Clerk to read resolution R-90-26 with regard to dredging, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by those Councilpersons present. R-90-26

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone welcomed Mr. Pulos and the 8th Grade Students of Maple Place and she complimented Mr. Pulos on the great job he does in getting this Student Government Day program together and she is delighted to have participated in this program since its inception. Councilwoman Filippone wished all the members of the Student Government Governing Body good luck and hoped they would all learn something from the Council and advised them not to be nervous when they are sitting up on the dais, because they were all nervous the first time they sat at the dais.

Councilwoman Filippone reported we have licensed 345 dogs in the Borough and this is well below the number licensed last year and this means there are many people who have not renewed their dog licenses. She continued that we are being a bit patient this year because we have a free rabies clinic scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 17, 1990 at the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire House between the hours of 9-11 AM and she reminded everyone that it is imperative to have both dogs and cats vaccinated against rabies because the rabies is almost epidemic proportions and it could possibly be a serious health threat if we do not take action now.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the Local Assistance Board hired a new Welfare Director and her name is Mary Kelly and she will be coming on board April 1 and her hours will be Wednesday mornings from 9-11 AM here in the Borough Hall.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that we receive many calls telling us

what we do wrong, once in a while we receive calls stating what nice things we do and we do often get calls asking us to volunteer, but she recently received a call from the Oceanport Methodist Church because they want to do something for the community and it was quite a surprise to her when she went there to speak. She commended the Oceanport Methodist Church and their Board of Trustees for this very fine example of what it is like to really be a good neighbor and they are happy to help and they will be instituting some programs to see what they can come up with that will be of value to the community.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the NJ State Board of Health has come out with some guidelines on cholesterol screenings and she stated these tests are being given in department stores, health stores, etc. all over the State of New Jersey and probably all over the nation. She continued that the State Board has come out with stringent guidelines for these screenings and she was pleased to announce that the National Health Labs who does our Health Screenings, is one of the certified health labs in the State by the State Board of Health to do these screenings and our Borough is also in compliance with all regulations of the State that are in effect by the State. Councilwoman Filippone announced that one of the tests that will be done at the health screening is cholesterol but that is only one of the many tests that will be done.

Councilwoman Filippone stated the Health Screening will be held on Saturday, March 24, 1990 between 8:30 - 10:30 AM at the Oceanport First Aid Squad Building and the First Aid members have again volunteered to help out during this program with taking blood pressure and we may have some other medical advice during the testing. She urged all Borough residents to take advantage of this testing and stated that the cost is \$23 and anyone over the age of 18 years old must pre-register on Wednesday, March 21, 1990 from 4-5 PM and 7-8 PM in the Borough Hall.

Councilwoman Filippone asked the Clerk to read resolution R-90-27 regarding the 1990 fire grant application and naming a Program Coordinator, after which she moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by those Councilpersons present.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller welcomed the 8th Grade Student Government from Maple Place and Mr. Pulos.

Councilman Miller reported under the Shade Tree Committee, their first meeting of the year was held last Thursday and Bill Sullivan was elected Chairman and the Committee set up a list of priority streets where trees will be trimmed. Councilman Miller continued that Mr. Sullivan has already looked into the purchasing of six 12' willow oak trees, at a bargain from Colts Neck and our public works department will be picking them up as well as planting them which will save the Borough some money. Councilman Miller stated that three or four of the trees have already been asked for and they will be planted in front of Bridgewater Condominiums and some private owners have asked for trees to replace Borough trees that have died and been removed.

Councilman Miller then moved to offer the name of Arleen Mullen to fill a vacancy on the Shade Tree Committee; which term expires 12/31/92. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by those Councilpersons present.

Councilman Miller reported under the Waterways Committee, the rebuilding of the "Litterbug" pontoon boat is just about completed and this will be used to pick up any floatable debris from the Shrewsbury River and this year we will be attempting to remove an old derelict boat from the Branchport Creek just this side of Long Branch.

Councilman Miller reported under the Buildings & Grounds Committee we have awarded a contract to have the steel overhead door replaced on the Soccer Building at Blackberry Bay Park to Mr. Nolze of Long Branch. He continued we are waiting for a second quote for the replacement of the steel doors for the restrooms at Blackberry Bay Park as well as getting other quotes for the replacement of the carpeting in the Mayor's Office and some tile replacement throughout several of the Borough Offices.

Councilman Miller advised that the roof at Old Wharf House has been repaired by Mr. Wilcox and he also gave us a suggestion regarding the installation of an exhaust fan in the roof to help take out the hot air there and make the air conditioning more effective and this will be taken under advisement.

Councilman Miller reported that he and Councilman Wolfe attended a Recreation Committee meeting last night and informed the Committee that the majority of their repair list for the parks had been completed by the public work department and several other items are in the process of being taken care of by that department.

Councilman Miller also reported that Mr. Nadler has been given the go ahead to begin the necessary work to have the repairs made at the tennis courts at the Community Center and he is in the process of getting quotes for additional kiddie cubes for Trinity and Evergreen Parks.

Councilman Miller announced there will be a boating course beginning at the Old Wharf House run by the Coast Guard, sponsored by Recreation and seventeen people have signed up for this. He also stated that the Recreation Committee will be sponsoring a Bocce League this summer for twilight and evening times and that will take place when the lights are finally installed by the Lions Club.

COUNCILMAN RODMAN: Councilman Rodman welcomed the 8th Grade students and Mr. Pulos to the meeting and it is his understanding that March 23 will be the day for the students to visit Borough Hall and meet with their counterparts in the Borough Offices at 9:00 A.M. and on April 5 will be the mock Student Government meeting and he advised the students not to be afraid to ask questions.

Councilman Rodman stated under Education he noted today that the Governor's budget message fell far short of full funding of education and as a matter of fact it is the lowest it has ever been since there are formulas for funding the thorough and efficient mandates of the State of New Jersey. Councilman Rodman stated that probably the largest single detriment to property tax payers that could have occurred, has occurred in that only 83% of the funding will be there, which means the local school districts, Shore Regional and Oceanport are now going to have to wrestle with their budgets and turn to the local property tax payers to come up with the short fall that is not now in the State budget and he fears this will have a significant impact on local tax payers this year. Councilman Rodman commented that he regrets this and wishes it was otherwise and he sees that the Governor has some tax plans which are not very popular but we will see what the future holds.

Councilman Rodman wished Chief John Schneider a speedy recovery and commented that whenever a volunteer, particularly one that important as the Fire Chief is injured, it is a loss and he understands that Mr. Ottino is doing well filling in during this period.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe reported he attended two meetings today and the first one was held by the NJ American Water Co. and the purpose of that meeting was to explain to municipal officials the rate increase which was recently approved by the BPU and went into effect on March 12, 1990 and the increase was 7.3% or \$5.00 per quarter increase for the average home owner. He continued that the fire hydrant service across the board went up 10% and will have a direct impact on the Borough because we have approximately 100 hydrants in the Borough.

Councilman Wolfe reported the second meeting he attended was a plastic recycling meeting sponsored by the Monmouth County Recycling Board and it was exclusively on the subject of recycling plastics. He continued there were numerous speakers explaining the different aspects of recycling plastic and there were not many municipalities that are presently recycling plastic and when he informed the group that Oceanport had been recycling plastic for some time and gave the figures, they were quite impressed. He commented that the residents of the Borough have been very responsive to the recycling of plastic and we believe that the residents are truly behind the recycling program and it shows in the amount of material we recycle. Councilman Wolfe stated the important part of this meeting was that there were three companies present which gives Oceanport additional markets to recycle the plastic in case our present drop off site closes. Councilman Wolfe reported that Monmouth Processing in Ocean Township will be coming on line in the next 30-45 days to accept co-mingled recyclable materials as well as plastic and the loads can be mixed together.

Councilman Wolfe commented that Union Carbide which is the largest producer of plastic resins which are used to make all the plastic bottles and containers is coming into the plastic recycling business and they intend to begin building a plant at the end of this year and that plant should be opened and operational by the end of 1992 and they will be able to take all the plastic that is produced in New Jersey in addition to some from surrounding states.

Councilman Wolfe stated that the County has not given a target date when it will be mandated to recycle plastic and it does not appear to be within the next six months, but since they held this type of meeting on the subject of recycling plastics, he and Councilman Terra feel that it will be a mandated item within the next year or so.

R-90-28 Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-90-28 amending the 1990 temporary budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by those Councilpersons present.

Councilman Wolfe offered his get well wishes to John Schneider, Fire Chief and he spoke with him the other day from the hospital and he sounded quite cheery considering his condition and we all wish him speedy recovery and look forward to him coming back on line to take over his duties as Fire Chief and he has been doing a very efficient and effective job.

Councilman Wolfe welcomed Mr. Pulos and the 8th Grade Student Government group and this is his third year involved with this program and it is an interesting experience for everyone.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh offered the appointment of Gary Coleman to fill a vacancy on the Environmental Commission which term expires on December 31, 1991.

Councilman Terra moved to approve this appointment. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by those Councilpersons present.

Mayor Cavanagh then offered the following appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment: Larry Taylor to Alternate #1 position which term expires December 31, 1990 and Walter Treacy to Alternate #2 position, which term expires December 31, 1990.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve these appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by those Councilpersons present.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that one of the things that make you most proud when you sit up on the dais, is looking out and seeing things that you have had a part in developing that are happening and obviously, Student Government Day is something that we began right after he started as Mayor and he has enjoyed it each year since. Mayor Cavanagh advised the students to not just put in the time, but to think about this and to have fun with the program and learn and perhaps one day, one of them will sit on the dais and give something back to your town, which is why we are all here.

Mayor Cavanagh stated he has been asked by the Long Branch District Office of the Census Bureau to announce that they are looking for temporary field and office jobs and the pay is \$7.00 per hour plus \$.24 per mile and clerical jobs are also available and the pay is \$6.25 per hour.

Mayor Cavanagh offered his congratulations to Chris Parker who will be made an Eagle Scout this coming Sunday at Maple Place School and this is a tremendous accomplishment to put in that kind of time in Scouting and he will be at the ceremony on Sunday and present Chris with a proclamation.

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

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Sean Burrough, 34 Trinity Place asked if the basketball courts at Trinity Park could be resurfaced and new nets installed?

Mayor Cavanagh commented that the nets are replaced all the time, but the problem is that some of the younger gentlemen in town like to hang on the nets and they become destroyed and asked that if they see anyone hanging on the nets, to ask them to stop because it becomes very expensive and the rims can also be damaged.

Councilman Wolfe reported that the nets will be installed shortly and the paving of the courts is on a projected list of things to be done,

but it is a very expensive item. He continued that what might be done is that we may re-stripe the existing court to rejuvenate it somewhat.

Mayor Cavanagh explained that we try and set up five year plans for park improvements and we have just about completed a five year plan at Blackberry Bay Park where many improvements have been made and now we are beginning another major plan to include other parks throughout the Borough.

Heather Talerico, 1246 Turf Drive asked about the skateboard issue which is going around concerning boys not being able to skateboard on their ramps in the streets?

Councilman Wolfe commented that the problem with the skateboard ramps is that when they are used in the streets it becomes a public safety issue and that falls under the Police Department and when something is blocking the roadway from vehicular traffic and the ramps are left out on the road, it becomes a matter where the Police have to either remove them physically or request the owner of the ramp to remove them. He stated there have been a number of problems like this throughout the town and it was discussed at the Recreation Committee meeting last night and will discuss it at our next work shop meeting to try and come up with a solution that will please everyone. He commented that we are not trying to make it difficult for the kids, but someone driving by in a car does not expect to see a kid come flying out in front of a car on a skateboard and we certainly do not want anyone to become hurt.

Councilman Miller commented that Chief Joyce would like to have something similar as to what is happening in Long Branch where they are designating a certain area for skateboarding and the Police are not against skateboarding, but they want to see it happen in a safe environment.

Councilman Terra stated he agreed with what has already been said and explained to the students that we do not want to act after someone has been seriously injured and we would like to provide a facility where it is safe for everyone.

Dan Reilly, 46 Burnt Mill Circle asked if during the improvements at the basketball courts if keys could be painted on the courts and a three point line, as suggested by Councilman Terra.

Councilman Miller stated this was all part of the list they have for the parks and courts.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that when you receive money for parks and a lot of those parks were built with federal money and it always looks like a great idea because you get money to build the parks, but what has to be evaluated is that two to three years down the road you have to keep the parks up and repair the items and spend money and it can become a major expense to keep them in repair.

Councilman Wolfe stated that all the items brought up by the students this evening are things that have come to our attention, but the other aspect is that the residents of this Borough are the Council's eyes and ears, so he suggested that if they see something that is broken, have your parents call the Borough Hall and report it so that it can be taken care of right away.

Mayor Cavanagh also pointed out that the other consideration as Councilpersons and not as students using the park is that you have to work within a budget. He continued that we have a responsibility to balance off the tax dollars and to try and keep the expenditures within some type of reasonable frame work while at the same time providing services and facilities that people are entitled to, but we do not have a blank check and we have to stay within our budget and you have to give the residents a reasonably stabilized tax base or you run into problems.

Councilman Terra commented that the students can play a significant role in keeping the budget down by volunteering perhaps and get a few friends together and if the Borough contributed the paint and some adult supervision, you could work on getting some of the basketball courts striped yourselves.

Sean Burrough stated that the courts can still be used at Trinity Park even though there are some weeds coming up through the gravel, but the biggest problem is the glass all over and there are some rowdy kids that dump the trash barrels over and break the glass all over and it makes it impossible to play basketball.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that when we are aware that there is a problem at the park, we send our public works employees to go over and clean it up but as Sean pointed out, if that is what people are going to do there are not enough hours in the day from stopping people from breaking bottles all over the court and you can get severely injured if you fall.

Councilman Terra stated that we are going to install some new trash receptacles at Trinity Park which will be more secure and a little more difficult to spill over. He also commented that as the Clean Communities Coordinator, we are planning to have a clean up of the entire Borough especially the parks, and we will address that problem.

Mayor Cavanagh asked Sean to call the police whenever he sees someone being rowdy in the parks or breaking glass or destroying Borough property.

Mayor Cavanagh closed the public portion as no one else from the public wished to be heard.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills listed on the voucher register dated March 15, 1990. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by those Councilpersons present. TOTAL 1989 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$1,368.00. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS \$45,722.11. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$35,194.27. TOTAL 1990 OPERATING FUND \$80,916.38. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST ACCT. \$393.43. TOTAL SUE-TRUST \$910.24. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$326.40. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$462.75. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT \$46.42. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$145,379.80. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \$510,373.80. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-REFUND C.O. FEE \$25.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER INVESTMENTS \$3,206,086.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

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At 9:08 P.M. Councilman Rodman moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on April 5, 1990. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by those Councilpersons present.

Respectfully submitted,

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