



BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT

MAYOR & COUNCIL

MINUTES • MARCH 7, 2024

Workshop

Clement V. Sommers Municipal Building

7:00 PM

910 Oceanport Way, Oceanport, NJ 07757

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Tvrdik called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
- II. **Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act:** This meeting complies with the Open Public Meetings Act by adequate and electronic notification on January 5, 2024 of this meeting and its location, date and time to the Asbury Park Press and Two River Times and by the posting of same on the municipal bulletin board and Borough's Web Site.
- III. **Flag Salute, Statement to the Public:** Mayor Tvrdik invited Boy Scott Ben Fichter to lead everyone in the flag salute.

IV. **Roll Call:**

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Thomas Tvrdik	Mayor	Present
William Deerin	Councilman	Present
Richard Gallo	Councilman	Present
Bryan Keeshen	Councilman	Present
Michael O'Brien	Councilman	Present
Keith Salnick	Councilman	Remote
Patty Cooper	Councilwoman	Present
Jeanne Smith	Borough Clerk	Present
Andrew Bayer	Borough Attorney	Present
Donna M. Phelps	Administrator	Present
Catherine D. LaPorta	Chief Financial Officer	Present

- V. **Mayor's Proclamation:** Mayor Tvrdik welcomed coaches and team members of the Oceanport Knights U-12 and read the proclamation congratulating the team on their championship win and presented same to the team.

WHEREAS, the Oceanport Basketball Association has served the residents of Oceanport, Monmouth Beach and Sea Bright for the better part of four decades by providing recreation and travel basketball programs for the Shore Regional sending district; and

WHEREAS, the Oceanport Basketball Association's travel basketball teams, known as the Oceanport Knights, have participated in the Mid-Monmouth Youth Basketball league since its inception; and

WHEREAS, to date, the Oceanport Knights basketball program has only had three teams crowned as county champions of the Mid-Monmouth Youth Basketball League: the 2010 U-8 Boys (coached by Jim Reid), the 2004 U-13 Boys (coached by Jim Mahoney), and the 2021-2022 U-10 Girls (coached by Dennis Coyle); and

WHEREAS, heretofore, no Oceanport Knights team had ever captured TWO overall Mid-Monmouth county titles; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2024, the 2023-2024 Oceanport Knights U-12 Girls defeated Marlboro 31-28 in the title game of the 2023-2024 Mid-Monmouth County Championship Tournament to become the **FIRST** Oceanport Knights basketball team to be crowned as a Mid-Monmouth Youth Basketball County Champion for the **second** time; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach **Dennis Coyle**, who some are calling the Red Auerbach of Oceanport basketball, Assistant Coach **Jon Daugherty**, and players **Avery Barbara, Emily Coyle, Chloe Coyle, Audriana Dougherty, Anna Laura Fenandez, Summer George, Mia Painchaud, Charley Sheridan, Sidney Tilton and Daphne Zilincar**, finished the season with a 15-1 record and came from behind in the Mid-Monmouth semi-finals to beat Wall Township by one point, and again came from behind in the Mid-Monmouth finals, this time down 6 points with less than two minutes to go in the game, to beat Marlboro by three points; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach **Dennis "The Oz of Oceanport" Coyle**, Assistant Coach **Jon Daugherty** and players **Emily Coyle, Chloe Coyle, Audriana Dougherty, Anna Laura Fenandez, Summer George, Mia Painchaud, Charley Sheridan and Daphne Zilincar** were all part of the undefeated 2021-2022 U-10 Girls squad that won the first girls title in the history of the Oceanport Knights travel basketball program; and

WHEREAS, the people of Oceanport would be remiss if this incredible achievement was not properly recognized and lauded; now,

THEREFORE, I, THOMAS J. TVDRIK, Mayor of the Borough of Oceanport, on behalf of Oceanport's Governing Body and residents, do hereby recognize and congratulate the 2023-2024 Mid-Monmouth Youth Basketball League U-12 Girls County Champions, the Oceanport Knights U-12 Girls, **Avery Barbara, Emily Coyle, Chloe Coyle, Audriana Dougherty, Anna Laura Fenandez, Summer George, Mia Painchaud, Charley Sheridan, Sidney Tilton and Daphne Zilincar** their coaches **Dennis**

"Hizzoner of the Hardwood" Coyle and Jon Dougherty, for representing the Oceanport Knights incredibly well, and further recognize and congratulate all the parents and relatives who helped and supported this talented group of young ladies as they marched through this magnificent Mid-Monmouth County Championship Season, and hereby declare **March 7, 2024 as "Oceanport Knights U-12 Girls Day"**

VI. **GUEST: Ben Fichter - Eagle Scout Project:** Mayor Tvrdik welcomed Boy Scout Ben Fichter whom presented a proposal to the Mayor & Council a community project for his Eagle Scout project. The project entails the construction of owl houses and placement of them in various parks throughout the Borough. Discussion included materials, fundraising, placement, safety and no conflict with osprey nests. Council President Deerin made a motion to approve the project which was seconded by Councilman O'Brien and unanimously approved by the Council. A resolution memorializing the approval would be ready for the 3/21 meeting.

VII. **Public Comment on Action Items:** Mayor Tvrdik opened the meeting to public comment on agenda action items only. As no one appeared that portion of the meeting was closed.

VIII. **Action Items:**

#2024-81 Resolution authorizing payment of BILL LIST 03-07-2024

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
SECONDER: Patty Cooper, Councilwoman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper

#2024-82 Resolution authorizing an amendment to the temporary budget for BOE SRO Agreement

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
SECONDER: William Deerin, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper

#2024-83 Resolution authorizing 2023 budget appropriation transfers

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
SECONDER: Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper

#2024-84 Resolution appointing Robert Berg as permanent part-time laborer for the Public Works Dept

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Richard Gallo, Councilman
SECONDER: Patty Cooper, Councilwoman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper

#2024-85 Resolution awarding contract for 600 Area Water Services Project

RESULT: ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER: William Deerin, Councilman
SECONDER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper
ABSTAIN: Keeshen

#2024-76 Resolution authorizing amendment of Health Benefits Base Plan per IRS regulations

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
SECONDER: Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper

#2024-86 Resolution appointing David Olsen as a temporary Fire Inspector

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
SECONDER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper

#2024-87 Resolution amending contract with CGP&H for Affordable Housing Adm Agent Services

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Patty Cooper, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Richard Gallo, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper

#2024-88 Resolution authorizing contract with CGP&H for Affordability Assistance Program

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
SECONDER: Patty Cooper, Councilwoman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper

#2024-89 Resolution authorizing contract with CGP&H for Housing Rehabilitation Program

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Patty Cooper, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Richard Gallo, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper

#2024-90 Resolution approving amendment to PBA Contract for Health Benefit Plan Changes

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
SECONDER: William Deerin, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper

IX. Clerk's Report: Ms. Smith reminded those interested in running for elected office that candidate petitions were available on the website and from her office with a deadline to submit of March 25 at 4pm. Ms. Smith also provided an update on the LOSAP List objection received which had been reviewed, revised and would be submitted for approval of the revised list at the next meeting.

Old Business:

1. Easement Request - Osprey Nests Relocation / Netflix – Ms. Phelps advised that Netflix was waiting on a response from the DEP and asked that the Borough hold off any action to which there were no objections.
2. Discussion - Ordinance to Deter Car Thefts – Mr. Bayer stated that he had the draft ordinance reviewed by the Police Chief and incorporated his recommendations. Moved forward for introduction at the next meeting
3. Discussion: Proposed changes to Land Development Fee Schedule – Ms. Smith distributed and reviewed a comparison schedule of surrounding municipalities and proposed changes to the fee structure for zoning permits, add category for zoning final reviews, site plan fees for non-residential, add category for appeals/interpretation fees, certified zoning letters. Discussion included any plans by Eatontown to revise their ordinance, phase the fees by project intensity. Ms. Smith to prepare a draft ordinance for Planning/Development Committee for review and present to full Council next meeting.

New Business:

4. Resolution Setting the Fees for 2024 Summer Action Camp – *reviewed and moved forward*
5. Resolution to Cancel Uncollectible Taxes – *reviewed and moved forward*
6. Resolution authorizing Change Order #2 to 2022 Road Program - Meco Inc – *reviewed and moved forward*
7. Resolution authorizing option for 1-year extension of solid waste & recycling contract – *reviewed and moved forward*
8. Resolution appointing an Administrative Assistant for the Tax Assessor's Office – *reviewed and moved forward*
9. Resolution authorizing the purchases of SDL Software Licenses – *reviewed and moved forward*

Minutes Approval:

10. Minutes - Feb 1, 2024 7:00 PM
11. Minutes - Feb 15, 2024 7:00 PM

- X. **Administrator's Report:** Ms. Phelps reported that the Borough was awarded a \$65,000 grant for the purchase of breather compressor and turn out gear through the NJ DCA 2024 American Rescue Plan; application for the Local Improvement Recreation Grant remains pending; action camp dates; continues to work with the CFO on the budget, lots of activity and coordination going on with the recreation department.
- XI. **Mayor's Report:** Mayor Tvrdik reported on items including the passage of FMERA Plan Amendment #20 for the mega parcel; provided an update on potential workflow beginning at McAfee Center, reviewed the revisions made based on Borough comments; demolition of buildings within 6-12 months; Monmouth Park Racetrack has reached an agreement with State, reached an extension of the lease to 2109, CAFRA application has been filed with residential component expected to begin in the next 2 years; encouraged residents to take advantage of the Borough Box at the track and gave details on how to reserve a date; reminded residents on behalf of public works to separate leaves from sticks and other debris – collection begins April 1st. The Shore Regional high school girls basketball team will be playing in the championship game this weekend with a “send-off” at the Shop Rite parking lot. Mayor Tvrdik concluded with condolences to the Brocklebank family on the passing of Mrs. Paddy Brocklebank earlier this month and fond memories.
- XII. **Public Comment:** Mayor Tvrdik opened the meeting for Public Comments.

Gary LaBruno, 50 Wyandotte Ave, asked questions about the proposed ordinance to deter car thefts and commented that he thought it wasn't necessary if individuals would keep their vehicles and homes locked. He also asked if there were any plans for a recycling center – there is now plenty of land. Councilman O'Brien responded that they continue to look at but currently the economics of recycling is that 90% is incinerated, they are thoughtful of how taxpayer monies are spend and at present the economics for one are not practicable. Discussion ensued. They will re-evaluate when the current garbage contract is set to expire and consider possible shared services.

Mark Patterson, 40 Itaska Place, commented on the financial analysis of the recycling center and suggested it first be decided whether it should be approached as a resident service or a source of revenue.

As no one else appeared, this portion of the meeting was closed on a motion by Councilman O'Brien, second by Councilwoman Cooper and approved by Council.

- XIII. **Adjourn to Executive Session:** At 8:11 PM Councilman O'Brien made a motion to adopt the resolution to enter Executive Session which was seconded by Councilwoman Cooper and received the following roll call.

#2024-91 Resolution authorizing an Executive Session, March 7, 2024
___X___ N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(5) *Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property*
-Potential Open Space Acquisition

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael O'Brien, Councilman
SECONDER:	Patty Cooper, Councilwoman
AYES:	Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper

- XIV. **Return from Executive Session:** At 8:33 PM, the Regular Meeting was re-opened on a motion by Councilman O'Brien, seconded by Councilman Keeshen.
- XV. **Adjournment:** As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM on a motion by Councilman Keeshen, seconded by Councilman O'Brien and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Smith
BOROUGH CLERK