

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey

March 7, 1991

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on March 7, 1991 at 8:10 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons McGee, Terra, Filippone, Miller, Rodman, 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 February 21, 1991 and the special meeting held on February 25, 1991 had been made available to the Mayor and Council 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 Councilman Miller and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Terra who abstained from voting on both dates and Councilman Miller who abstained from voting on the minutes from February 21, 1991.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of FEBRUARY, 1991 and a copy will be posted on the bulletin board.
2. Raffle license applications made by the following:
 - a] Jr. Auxiliary to Monmouth Park Charity Fund, to be held 7/4/91, 50/50 cash raffle
 - b] Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Co., to be held 4/6/91, prize is 2 season tickets to NY Mets games
 - c] Monmouth Park Charity Fund, to be held 8/31/91, 50/50 cash raffle
 - d] Women's Auxiliary to Monmouth Park Charity Fund, to be held 9/2/91, prize is 1991 Pontiac Grand Prix

The Clerk reported that all paperwork was found to be in order and all fees had been paid, after which Councilman Rodman moved to approve the above listed raffle applications. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee reported under Street Lighting, JCP & L has ordered the lenses Councilman Miller requested and they will be installed as soon as they are received.

Councilman McGee commented that last Friday evening there was a basketball game at Maple Place School and it was comprised of the 8th Grade Class and two Oceanport Patrolmen, Ross and Murphy, Sgt. Bebout, Detective Sutton, Mayor Cavanagh and himself. He stated it was a terrific effort and everyone had a lot of fun participating.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra reported on recycling and stated that he has compiled the last quarter of 1990 and we did extremely well and it was our largest recycling effort in 1990. He continued that he wanted to talk about our total recycling effort for 90 in Oceanport and reported that the amount of paper recycling by residents and businesses totaled 1,328 TONS; we recycled glass, metals including aluminum and bi-metal cans and they totaled 444 TONS; organic materials such as leaves totaled 943 TONS and the item he is most proud of is the plastic which amounted to 18.2 TONS giving us a grand total for 1990 of 2,738 TONS of recyclable material and using the system set up by the County to determine the percentage of recycling, Oceanport can proudly say that we recycled 118% which is hard to understand and obviously the system which determines the percentages is inappropriate, but our residents did quite well and the increases are mostly from the businesses.

Councilman Terra stated that our monthly goal is 92 TONS and in the last quarter of 1990 we recycled 438 TONS, so we are recycling four and one half times what would be the 25% rate and stated he is very proud of this and thanked all the residents of Oceanport and the businesses as well for such a thorough job.

Councilman Terra read a portion of an article from the Asbury Park Press edition of March 6 with regard to the incinerator in which the article reported on the problems with getting sufficient amounts of garbage to burn in the incinerators in Essex County and that they are now importing waste from New York City while the neighboring Bergen and Union counties, which have been going to the Essex incinerator are now shipping their garbage to landfills in Va. and Pa. and the estimate of the incinerator's minimum needs is 680,000 tons which haunts Essex, which miscalculated how much trash they had been sending to landfills and successful recycling had cut down on the amount of trash. He stated what he is leading up to is that he hoped that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Monmouth County will take notice of this article and think twice about the incinerator proposed for Tinton Falls, because if we continue our recycling efforts and do some other things, we can eliminate the need for this project.

Councilman Terra mentioned that the County is encouraging people to avoid placing their grass clippings in the trash and have adopted a motto that says "cut it and leave it" and the clippings will recycle back into the lawn and he encouraged our Borough residents to follow this advice.

Councilman Terra stated that in addition homeowners are being encouraged to set up small composting areas on their property so they can break down all of the organic material and put it back into the soil where it should be.

Councilman Terra announced that the Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Company will be holding its annual ham dinner on Sunday, March 24, 1991 and the cost is \$7.00 per adult, \$6.00 for senior citizens and active military and children under 10, \$5.00 and tickets can be purchased at the door at the firehouse on Main Street.

Councilman Terra reminded everyone that the deadline for the next bulletin is March 15, 1991 and asked anyone submitting articles for the Bulletin, send them in typed in order to keep errors at a minimum. He also apologized for any names that have been misspelled recently and also extended his best wishes to Gary Delatush who is recovering from a recent illness and hoped he would be well soon.

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Councilman Terra commented on the Police Report and stated that since he was not here for the January one, he would combine both January and February and reported that the number of calls received by the Dispatchers was 394 in January and 480 in February and commented that the job of a Dispatcher was not an easy one and they must interpret, decipher and make instant decisions and the efficiency of the Department really depends on how well a Dispatcher does their job and he wanted to recognize the Dispatchers in our Police Department for the excellent job they do and he also pointed out that over 200 calls in each month were answered by Patrols and during both months, over 10,000 miles were covered by our Patrol Units, so our Policemen are around the community and doing a great job.

Councilman Terra recognized the following Police Officers who attended seminars, training courses, etc.: Steven Cioffi completed a course on Street Gangs on Your Streets and Crime Prevention course; Frank VanBrunt Interview & Interrogation and for a more extensive course in the same field; Jared Murphy course on Physical Fitness; Steve Tagerty and Steve Cioffi and Sgt. Bebout--Bias Incident Investigation; awards were given to the following from the First Aid Squad to Sgt. Bebout, Sgt. Hendley and Patrolman Tagerty for recognition of an act performed in the line of duty which contributed to the saving of a life and/or providing that person with the best possible chance for survival.

Councilman Terra moved to authorize the hiring of Diana Fahy as a full time Dispatcher in the Oceanport Police Department at Level I effective March 7, 1991. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Terra thanked Councilmen Miller and Wolfe for taking care of the recycling center and filling in during his absence with the WaterWatch Program.

Councilman Terra commented that he was unable to attend the rally because he was away, but he heard it was a successful effort to show our support to the troops and he is proud to say that Oceanport attended in large numbers and the Fire Department was there with trucks and banners and he felt everyone did a terrific job. He continued that several people mentioned to him that our Mayor, as usual, represented himself and the Borough with the highest level of excellence. He stated that a bit of a negative note in this regard, there were a lot of people who apparently felt that this effort was political in nature and he is speaking of people on both sides of the political arena and he really felt this was a shame because this was an effort that was not intended to be political and it was purely intended to be a way of showing our appreciation to those members of the Armed Forces who had given us so much and he thought to look at this kind of demonstration in a partisan way is really intellectually demeaning and demeaning to all the people who participated and he condemned that attitude and he was delighted that there are so many people in Oceanport who see this for what it was in that it was an effort to say thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone thanked Sal Vecchione who organized the Desert Storm Program and also thanked Rabbi Daina who always takes part in our ceremonies and also thanked both Councilmen Miller and Wolfe who set up the stage and got the microphones for that day and also to Joe Buccieri of the Oceanport Lions Club who put the sign up at Borough Hall for us and got the people out and to the First Aid Squad and Fire Department for coming out and the VFW and it was a job well done.

Councilwoman Filippone mentioned that this week she had an occurrence which might have turned into a problem and she contacted the Police and she was unsure whether to call them because someone had come to her door and said he was local and when she looked out the window, she noticed he had a NY license plate and he indicated he would like to come in and speak with her, but she did not let him in her home and related this to Det. Sutton and he immediately sent a Patrolman over and what she found amazing was the thoroughness of what they did to investigate this person and advised her about an hour later with information about this individual and she commended them for a job well done.

Councilwoman Filippone congratulated Councilman Miller on the fine Science Fair he conducted at Shore Regional recently and if you read the Atlanticville this week, there was very nice coverage of this event.

Councilwoman Filippone wished the Mayor a happy birthday.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded the residents of the Borough that 1991 dog licenses are over due and urged everyone to license their dogs and at this point we have licensed 289 dogs and we know that last year we licensed over 700.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the Borough had a very successful rabies clinic on Saturday, February 23 at the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Firehouse and she gave special thanks to the volunteers who helped make the program so successful and thanked Nancy Machanska, President of the Oceanport Board of Health, Carol Miller and Carol Apicelli who are members of the Oceanport Board of Health, Fred Filippone and the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Co. for providing the building and helping with the clinic, Councilman Ed Miller, Dolly Yamello and Sharon Miller. She stated we vaccinated a total of 47 dogs and 25 cats and it was a good response and we were very pleased about people getting their cats vaccinated against rabies.

Councilwoman Filippone commended Mr. & Mrs. Cook who are in the audience tonight for being good neighbors and taking their neighbors cats for vaccinations because their neighbor was in the hospital and she had five cats and they got four of the five there for the rabies.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the Monmouth County Board of Health has been doing water sampling in the Branchport Creek and the water quality has been very good and we hope this will continue now that the racetrack has undertaken efforts to contain the manure, but the County is also investigating pollution sources in Troutman's Creek and they are aware that there are homes in that area that are not hooked up to the sewer system and they are going to try and get them connected to a sewer line in the very near future.

Councilwoman Filippone also reported that the Monmouth County Board of Health reported that in January 2,109 lbs. of household batteries were collected and this is a major emphasis of the Board as well as environmental groups. She continued that the Board of Health reported that the rabies epidemic may be coming into Monmouth County some time in the spring and it has already been found in Princeton so they are keeping a close watch and they will be educating the school children to keep away from animals they are not familiar with. She also stated that the County Board of Health is keeping close track on Lyme disease which is another major problem in this area.

Councilman Terra noted that he wanted to remind everyone that the Borough has been recycling household and vehicle batteries for some time and we have placed around the community receptacles for placement of household batteries and have instituted a program in both schools to encourage our students to participate. He stated we are proud of the fact that we are trying to stay ahead of the recycling programs and that we have been recycling all types of batteries for well over one year.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported under Parks and Recreation that our Recreation Director, John Kerwin goes through all our parks and comes back with a punch list of items that need attention and then Stan Nadler and Councilman Wolfe and he go through the list to see what can be done by Public Works and what has to be contracted out for and this year 99% of the list can be done by Public Works, which will give the Borough a big savings and hold down spending costs.

Councilman Miller advised that the Public Works Department has also just completed a painting project and have repainted the inside of Old Wharf Park and it looks clean and bright and thanked them for their efforts.

Councilman Miller stated under the WaterWatch Committee the next meeting will be held on March 12 and Dr. Parker will head the fourth meeting of this committee and we now have 15 members and we are always looking for more. He also advised that we have now been officially registered as part of the State of New Jersey WaterWatch Program and we will receive our Charter at a May work shop which is run by the DEP and he has received information that we are listed in the portfolio with all the other WaterWatch groups from New Jersey.

Councilman Miller advised that our non point source pollution project will get underway in April and at the Tuesday WaterWatch meeting he will demonstrate some sampling and analyzing technics that will be used to test the water from 8 representative storm drains emptying into the Shrewsbury and Tom Rospos has supplied him with a map with all of our storm drains and Councilman Wolfe and he have identified as many as they can. Councilman Miller stated they are looking for numbers which may show that there is possibly run off from fertilizers and other items which empty into the Shrewsbury and possibly contribute to some of the pollution problems and he stated they will be doing five or six different tests and they will be doing this twice a month and the program will run until October and when we are done, we hope to turn over the results to the Monmouth County Board of Health and also organizations like the American Littoral Society who have more access to funding then we do to undertake a clean up project. Councilman Miller stated that at our meeting Dave Roach from the Long Branch Health Department will be there as well.

Councilman Miller stated that on Saturday, Mayor Cavanagh together with Councilman Terra will be attending a meeting of the Two Rivers Council of Mayors and they will be talking to Little Silver about possibly sending a representative to the WaterWatch Committee meeting to try and get them involved as well.

Councilman Miller stated there will be an article in the next Bulletin which will list the various committees with the different activities and anyone in the community who is interested is welcome to sign up for this undertaking.

Councilman Miller stated that earlier Councilwoman Filippone mentioned something that he was going to report on and that is that he is glad to see that the Department of Environmental Protection has come in and told Long Branch that they need to do something with their infrastructure. He continued that one of the members of his class, Brian Cavanagh, a chemistry student, did a project entitled Troutman's Creek- Does It Really Need A Clean Up and he started in November and continued through February and he was able to determine that in fact it did need a clean up and the coliform count at Joline & Atlantic Aves. just as Troutman Creek goes into Branchport was about 2,000+ each and every time he tested the dissolved oxygen was way below where it should be and the nitrate and phosphate content were above where they should be and Brian won one of the prizes at the Science Fair for this project which was well done. Councilman Miller commented that he will be contacting Bill Simmons of the County Dept. of Health and advise him that we have these numbers and would he come over and verify these as well because we need back up when something like this is done as a high school project.

COUNCILMAN RODMAN: Councilman Rodman added his thanks to Sal Vecchione and Rabbi Daina who was our featured speaker the other day at the rally and he continued that he did have a little trepidation that there might be hundreds and hundreds of people there, but it turned out to be a very nice Oceanport event.

Councilman Rodman reported that he has recently met with Councilmen Cooper and Woolley of West Long Branch and Councilman McGee accompanied him and they discussed the possibilities of cooperating in all kinds of ventures with West Long Branch. He stated that the representatives from West Long Branch are particularly concerned about a problem they are faced with underground gasoline tanks which because of new federal and state regulations are posing significant problems for a lot of places that have to pump their own gasoline, such as Oceanport, West Long Branch, and all of our schools. He was able to share some technical information that he has come across through the course of his job with them as well as sharing some ideas with them to perhaps cooperate with West Long Branch Board of Education, and at this point he does not think we will be able to work with them in this area, but we discussed other ideas and possibilities. He continued that he thinks this will become an issue that will be talked about among all communities working under severe budget caps as we are all experiencing 4-1/2 to 5% limits in spending. Councilman Rodman stated he understood that the County is going to play a more active roll in an effort to help the towns and the schools are already doing a fair amount of it and he is hopeful at some point this may bear some positive fruit for the taxpayers.

Councilman Rodman stated on the agenda we will later be considering a resolution tonight urging a State Mandate-State Pay kind of idea and this is important and something we have talked about a lot and he is glad to see that we will be adopting this tonight. He continued that the State has no cap but they have imposed a 4-1/2-5% cap on municipalities and new Legislation which passed the State Senate today will impose a 7-1/2% cap on most of the school districts, probably including Oceanport and Shore Regional and this is going to cause some real problems, he foresees, particularly in labor relations in school districts in the State of New Jersey. He felt we will be seeing a lot more contentious situations develop between Boards of Education and their employees and he finds this situation regrettable that something else could not have been worked out that would have avoided this kind of unpleasant atmosphere which he feels will be occurring in our school districts.

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Councilman Wolfe stated they have also purchased a new street sweeper and he is looking into the possibility of having them do our roads since we have been contracting out for that service for the last two years and he is presently working out the arrangements and it appears that it will be at least \$1,000 less then we have been paying for this service.

Councilman Wolfe reported that following the Borough Council meeting held on February 21 where we had discussed the proposed manure storage building at Monmouth Park and there were several concerns voiced by the residents in that area. He stated that he has been in contact with Bob Juliano at Monmouth Park and he indicated that the trucks would only be moving the manure out with trucks during the day and not at night and the other concern was the request for putting up some type of natural screening or building up a berm to block out the noise and Mr. Juliano assured Councilman Wolfe that if that was a major concern of the residents in the neighborhood, he would address that with the Engineers and try and construct something to address that issue and eliminate their fears. Councilman Wolfe felt that it appears that the track is being very responsive to the residents concerns and anything that we bring to them which is logical and reasonable, will be acted upon in a positive manner.

Councilman Wolfe stated that they have already staked out the location for the storage facility and their Engineers were in and the contract has been let for the building and an office trailer is back there and work should be proceeding shortly and the building should be constructed by the time the race track opens for the new season.

Councilman Wolfe commented that for the last six months or so there has been concern about traffic and people crossing near the Oceanport Gardens Senior Center located on East Main Street. He stated we have had various discussions take place with our Police Chief, the DOT and the County and he spoke with Richard Sweet, Monmouth County Traffic Engineer recently and discussed the possibility of having a blinker installed there warning that people were crossing ahead, but it was Mr. Sweet's feeling that a blinker would not be practical because of the severe angle that East Main Street has from the west and he recommended some additional signs and our Chief of Police is presently waiting to receive a new design that the State DOT is coming up with and as soon as they are received, we will order the signs for that location.

Councilman Wolfe reported he also questioned Mr. Sweet about the proposed traffic light at Port-au-Peck Avenue and Monmouth Blvd. that Mayor Cavanagh had requested from the Freeholders last November and he informed Councilman Wolfe that the surveys have been completed and

forwarded them on to the State DOT and once they are approved, the light will be installed, but he could not provide an installation date because there was other paperwork involved on a State level.

Councilman Wolfe stated that last night he attended a meeting of the Oceanport Baseball Association and there was a very large turn out at the Old Wharf House and one of the topics discussed was the maintenance of the baseball fields in the Borough. He stated it was an interesting discussion because most of the surrounding towns have the Public Works Departments maintain the fields and supply all the materials and in our Borough, it has always been a proud tradition that the volunteer organizations maintain their fields and pay for the materials for the upkeep and he wanted to bring this to the attention of the public and give these volunteer groups a note of recognition.

Councilman Wolfe moved to table the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance regarding the renewal of the Storer Cable Franchise to a future date due to some necessary clarification of the wording of the renewal. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh stated for the record that there are some areas of language contained in this ordinance that we have to discuss further with Storer Cable and he does not believe that any of the major or significant elements of the ordinance are under this discussion, but basically there are some collateral items that the Borough Attorney will discuss with Storer's Attorney before we finalize this document and felt that we will probably be reintroducing this ordinance at our next regular meeting.

Councilman Wolfe called for the first reading of an amendment to the dog ordinance and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "DOGS" PASSED AND APPROVED ON JULY 2, 1953.**

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Terra.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Terra, Filippone, Miller,
Rodman and Wolfe.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Wolfe then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the meeting scheduled for March 21, 1991 beginning at 8:00 P.M. and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Terra.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Terra, Filippone, Miller,
Rodman and Wolfe.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution R-91-23 regarding the transferring of funds, after which he moved to approve

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me. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

R-91-24 Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution R-91-24 amending the 1991 temporary budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe moved to authorize the return of \$1,200 cash bond to Tantum's Tree Service re: Block 67, Lots 6 & 7 located on Shrewsbury Avenue per the recommendation of our Borough Engineer. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh announced that our annual Health Screening Program which Councilwoman Filippone inaugurated and this is the eighth year, will be held on April 13, 1991 between 8:30 - 10:30 A.M. with the cooperation of the Oceanport First Aid Squad and there will be pre-registration being scheduled for Wednesday, April 10 at Borough Hall between 3:30 - 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. and the fee this year is \$22.00 which is a fraction of what it would cost if you went to a private physician and the tests performed are a SMAC 23, HDL, Hemmocult, Urinalysis and the First Aid people take blood pressure and it is a very worthwhile program.

Mayor Cavanagh stated he had a good announcement and continued that he and Councilwoman Filippone have been lobbying with NJ Transit for at least one year, trying to get them to return bus service back to Oceanport Gardens and the senior citizens who reside there used to have service, which we had arranged several years earlier, where the bus actually entered the driveway and pulled up in front of the door and went either to the Mall or to the hospital area and it was a very necessary service for many of the elderly who live there and do not drive. He continued that we had experienced an interruption in service due to a lack of riders and he and Councilwoman Filippone have been negotiating and speaking with the owner and NJ Transit and we got the owner to modify the driveway and cut it back so the bus can fit and upon the completion of that work, NJ Transit has agreed to run the bus back to the Oceanport Gardens location beginning in April and we are very appreciative that we were able to restore that service.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that he enjoyed the Desert Storm event that took place on Sunday and as always, one of the advantages of having Rabbi Daina as our Borough Chaplain, is that when he comes to speak, he is always in full dress uniform and he is always an asset when we have these types of military related events.

Mayor Cavanagh reported that this Saturday we will conduct our monthly Two Rivers Council of Mayors meeting in Little Silver and this Saturday Councilman Terra will be the featured Recycling Speaker as we continue to pool our resources in an attempt to regionalize services and look into the area of recycling. He stated that he is quite proud of the fact that when we speak about recycling, most of the people ask us for information and advice on how to run their programs because ours runs so successfully. He also advised that there will also be a representative of the Department of Community Affairs and the reason for that is at the last meeting, we discussed methods of regionalizing services and it was our thought that the DCA should really be the ones to tell us what we are best suited to substitute with each other and perhaps come in and do a survey, since it would not cost us anything and it might help us to implement some of our ideas.

Mayor Cavanagh stated we have had a little bit of discussion tonight about the river situation and he is pleased that it looks like we have taken some positive steps on the road to returning the river to the condition that we were given at the outset and it has been a bit of a struggle, but he felt we are on the right road and over the past several years many people have shown a comprehensive commitment to try and get in touch with the environment and stop all of the things that are going on that we may not be able to recapture if we do not sit up and take notice soon. He continued that Monmouth Park has undertaken a rather broad source concept which we have discussed before and the DEP has worked out a consent order with the purpose of codifying all of that and he noticed that the earliest violations go back about three years, which Councilwoman Filippone pointed out to him, and we started about four years ago in this regard, so it may have taken us some time, but he feels we have turned the corner and hopefully we will see the results this summer and hoped we will be able to work together with Monmouth Park and with anyone else up and down the river to try and solve the problem.

Mayor Cavanagh read an editorial in the Atlanticville today which discusses the fact that someone had made a suggestion that when the troops come home from the Gulf, perhaps when we have the celebrations and ticker tape parades, that there be some type of formal extension to the Viet Nam veterans to be allowed to participate, since in a sense they were never given that honor and he felt this was an interesting idea and he would like to see the powers to be think seriously about this and maybe we can finally put that issue to rest and re-establish faith with the men and women who served in that conflict.

Mayor Cavanagh stated in the recent survey which he will be speaking about in a moment, and at many other times, people have spoken to us about tax reform, tax relief, what can we do, etc. and much of the sentiment that he received from the survey talked about the County, State, Federal Governments, the schools, etc. and many items that we have no control over, however, the concept that we are trying to employ now is to make as public a statement as possible from the bottom up, and that is there is absolutely no logical sense in the State of New Jersey operating with no cap and mandating that we have a 4-1/2% cap. He continued that if we are going to see true tax reform, the State Legislature has got to be made to pay for the projects that they decide everyone should take part in and if they are necessary and desirable, then let them put the funding concept in motion as well and they should not be placing the responsibility on local governments for things that they feel are necessary. He stated the Two Rivers Council of Mayors has already adopted a resolution regarding the cap situation and many of the towns are struggling to get under that 4-1/2% and luckily we were able to accomplish that, but some towns are not able to do that and we are in the process at the Mayor's meetings of addressing this issue and we will be forwarding this resolution on to the media and asking them to publish it and we will be adopting a second resolution that we will be passing on this Saturday which deals with the concept of State Mandate-State Pay and we are asking our local Legislators to agree with the vote that asks that this question be placed on the November ballot to give the people the right to say whether they believe State Mandate-State Pay is a necessary item and if in fact, the people of this State believe that, than obviously the next step would be to make it a restriction and a requirement and if this happens you may finally begin to see some real tax reform.

R-91-25 Mayor Cavanagh then read resolution R-91-25 which has been adopted by other towns and will request the question of State Mandate-State Pay be placed on the ballot, after which Councilman Miller moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Rodman and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh then brought up the subject of the recent survey and stated he has received 181 responses and he read each and every response and made notes and some of the things will be published in the next Bulletin where he will try and summarize the results and we also received some very good suggestions and there were some that we had already thought of like the question of should we go to one day per week garbage collection. He stated when we last went out to bid, we included this to see how much money we could save and it was only \$5,000 out of an \$85,000 contract by cutting out half the service and it did not seem like we were getting value for our money, so we agreed to continue the twice per week pick up of garbage. He stated that there were also comments with regard to repaving Bridgewater Drive which is in severe need of repair and we are all aware of that and the Borough has been lucky enough to have been given a grant this past November for the complete reconstruction and drainage for that roadway which amounts to \$100,000.

Mayor Cavanagh commented there was a reasonably strong sentiment that we not develop a large capital budget this year until we can catch our breath and see where things are taking us and that was a fairly reflective position by a lot of people to just do what was necessary, but don't take anything on that is unnecessary. He stated that if you look at our budget, you will see that other than events that have already taken place and the capital ordinances we have in place, he does not believe that anyone on the dais is committed to any specific capital project of any consequence this year. He continued that we are going to try and ride out with where we are and he does not anticipate any major projects being developed.

Mayor Cavanagh reported as far as the police questions on the survey are concerned, that seemed to be an issue that triggered a lot of commentary, it was his feeling that the people of this town had the ability to sift through the questions and provide him with responsible answers. He stated his evaluation of the people in this town, which has been consistent since he started, was once again consistent and for the record he reported that there were approximately 122 negative answers to the question of eliminating a police position, reducing a police position or reducing the two men on a shift; there were only approximately one-third of those votes by the people of this community in favor of eliminating police officers or cutting to one man shifts, which tells you something and is what he felt would happen and he believes that it indicates that the people of this town have an understanding of what the Police Department does and how significant they are to this Borough.

Mayor Cavanagh also stated with regard to the survey that the tone of the responses he got there were some critical responses, but by and large the overall tone was something that made him feel good and many of the people that responded appreciated an opportunity to say something and to express themselves and the general tone of their responses was one of concern about what was going on, but he did not read from these any substantial position that we were going in the wrong direction or that there were major problems and that is something as a public official, it is somewhat comforting that people seem to have a reasonable appreciation for what we are doing. He stated in light of this time of year, in this economy, it is about the toughest time you could ever have to ask these

types of questions because it is not a good time for many people and if we can work together and keep things working smoothly at this time than he is reasonably satisfied that we are delivering a valuable service and he truly appreciates all the people who took the time to write back and left notes on suggestions or things that they liked or didn't like and he was happy with the response.

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

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Paul Westerhaus, 5 Fairfield Avenue questioned the Mayor now that he is in the dog house with the cops, what is he going to do about it?

Mayor Cavanagh stated he did not think anyone was in the dog house with the cops, he was invited to play on their basketball team last week as he has done each year and he spoke at length with the PBA representative after this situation arose and the Department understands now what we were doing and he thinks he understands what their concern was. He continued that there has always been an excellent working relationship between the Department and the members of this Governing Body and it has always existed and it exists now and he hopes it continues in the future.

Mr. Westerhaus stated the problem he finds with it is that the survey going out gave the impression that the Mayor was out to ax somebody and he thinks it might have brought down the house from the PBA.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that we have no intention of axing anyone and we haven't axed anyone and in fact, as he stated last week his recollection is that we have not added a police officer's spot to the Department since 1979 which is a long time, and he finds the relationship with the Department to be absolutely the same this week as it was four weeks ago. He explained that they made their point and we made our point and he thinks that the results of the survey indicate that we both were correct in our analysis of the situation.

As no one else 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 7, 1991. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilman Wolfe who abstained from voting on the vouchers due F.J. Foggia Florist, Inc. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$3,623.06. TOTAL 1991 VOUCHERS \$44,591.37. TOTAL 1991 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$136,702.89. TOTAL 1991 OPERATING FUND \$181,294.26. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$272.40. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$4,133.29. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$428.75. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST ACCOUNT \$140.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \$572,579.60. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER FIRE PREVENTION \$9.75. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 9:25 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting to be held on March 21, 1991 at 8 PM. It was seconded by Councilman Rodman and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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