

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
March 6, 1997

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was held on March 6, 1997 at 8:03 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Gemma, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Borough Chaplain Berry.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cavanagh led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on Feb. 20, 1997 had been made available for review by the members of the Governing Body, Councilman Wolfe moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh then invited Doris Agaman, who is the 1997 Captain of the First Aid Squad, to come up and make a presentation. Mrs. Agaman stated that she was here on behalf of Bob Shaw, who was Captain of the First Aid Squad last year and was presenting the John Hauser Award to the First Aider of the Year who was the most help to him during his term as Captain. She commented that she has been a member of the Squad for 15 years and this is the first time that she can ever recall a husband and wife receiving this award and presented plaques to John and Carole Connor.

Mayor Cavanagh offered his congratulations to John and Carole Connor and to all the volunteers.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of FEBRUARY, 1997 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN GEMMA: Councilman Gemma reported that he has been in contact with a Representative of Statewide Insurance who wants to come down and review our present insurance policies and speak with each of the Borough Department Heads and he has asked that they contact the Borough Clerk in order to schedule the appointments and he will also try to attend.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone offered her congratulations to John and Carole Connor on receiving the John Hauser Award and stated that we all know how dedicated they both are and she thought it was great that they are receiving the award for the work they did in 1996, which is also the year their first child was born.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the recent Blood Drive undertaken by Diane Cook had 27 people accepted and 6 people turned away, which is a very good turn out for a town this size and she commended Diane Cook for her hard work and efforts in setting up the blood drive. She also advised that as everyone is aware, Diane is leaving us and in her place, Donnie Ross has agreed to run the blood drives for the Borough residents.

Councilwoman Filippone also reported that Connie Savarese who is President of our Board of Health and headed up our Hepatitis B Program, has received notice from the State that we will be reimbursed for our expenses and a check should be received shortly in the amount of \$4,124.88 and she commended Connie for her continuous efforts in this regard.

Councilwoman Filippone also advised that the Historical Society will be meeting shortly and they have informed her that they have cases of the book, Oceanport In Retrospect, which is a history of the Borough up to 1970 and they are going to discuss the possibility of updating this book.

Councilwoman Filippone called for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance to exceed the CAP for 1997 and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT 1997 MODEL "CAP" ORDINANCE TO EXCEED INDEX RATE; INDEX RATE LESS THAN 5% LIMITATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1997 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)** ORD.# 690

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public on any comments or questions on this subject only. As no one from public wished to be heard on this subject, Councilwoman Filippone moved to close the public portion on this matter. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilwoman Filippone 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 Gemma, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilwoman Filippone then called for the second reading on the 1997 salary ordinance and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX AND DETERMINE THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN BOROUGH OFFICIALS" PASSED AND APPROVED MARCH 16, 1939.** ORD.# 691

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The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Gemma, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilwoman Filippone also congratulated Steve Tagerty and the members of the Roller Hockey Committee for all their hard work and efforts in getting the hockey rink set up and they did a great job.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller moved to appoint Linda Fujimoto and Kerwin Slattery as Relief Dispatchers in the Oceanport Police Department effective March 10, 1997. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Miller reported that the Water Watch Committee was out on Feb. 22 taking samples and the results were quite good, with the average water index at 74 and the fecal coliform numbers from zero to 34.

Councilman Miller announced that this Saturday the members of the Shade Tree Committee and Tom Crochet, Superintendent of Public Works would be taking a tour of the parks to see where trees were needed which will come from our tree nursery. He continued that on March 22, rain date of March 29, the Committee will be at the Ron Maher Tree Nursery giving away trees to residents of the Borough who may have a need to replace or plant some trees and he stated that all they requested was a small donation which would allow the nursery to continue and they will be doing this from 8:30 AM to Noon on the date mentioned.

Councilman Miller commented that attached to the Police Report for February, 1997 were the following certificates showing the continuing education of the members of the Police Department: Joan Williams, Diana Fahy, Cristi Mazarella and Lynn Vitalone completed a Dispatcher 9-1-1 Refresher Course at the Monmouth County Police Academy; Patrolmen Cioffi, Det. Baldanza and Sgt. Sutton completed a course on Sexual Assault Response Team Training; Patrolmen Barcus and Scerbo completed a course on Bias Incident Investigations and Sgt. Hendley completed both a course in Field Training and Firearms Instructors Refresher course and Patrolman Ciani completed the Armorers School Program..

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor reported that the Oceanport Drug Alliance has been advised that the funding for 1997 has been approved in the amount of \$6,200 which will be used to continue to educate our young people about drugs and alcohol abuse through the Babes Program, Project Youths, Centra State Programs and the continuing of our Karioke Night, which was very successful.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe moved to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the reconstruction of Tecumseh Avenue and to advertise and receive bids for same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-26** refunding a tax overpayment, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council. R-97-26

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-27** granting a veteran's tax deduction after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council. R-97-27

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-28** transferring funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council. R-97-28

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-29** amending the 1997 temporary budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council. R-97-29

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: NO REPORT.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh offered the following appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment: Greg Schultz to fill a vacancy as a regular member, which term expires Dec. 31, 2000; Barbara Reagor to an Alternate 1 position, which term expires Dec. 31, 1998 and James Monteforte as an Alternate 2 position, which term expires Dec. 31, 1997.

Councilman Gemma moved to approve the appointments offered to fill vacancies on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might have.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Joseph Hendrickson, 11 Port-au-Peck Avenue thanked everyone on behalf of himself and his neighbors for all the work the Council did in getting the County to purchase the Wolfhill Farm and he offered any help he could, if there was going to be a Committee formed in the future to help with this project.

Mayor Cavanagh thanked Mr. Hendrickson for his comments and appreciated the remarks he made and they would keep his name in mind, since some type of a Committee will have to be formed when everything is finalized to move the project along.

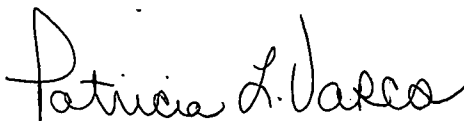
Gloria Filippone, 80 Seneca Place wanted to commend the Public Works Department for the great job they did in picking up the recyclables on such a windy day and her neighbor's material had blown all over and she was on her way out to pick it up, when they came by and picked up all the cans that had fallen out.

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 6, 1997. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$10,440.06. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS \$52,668.07. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING 52,816.67. TOTAL 1997 OPERATING FUND \$105,484.74. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$395.00. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$1,366.00. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$36.00. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$237.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$15.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-TAX OVERPAYMENT \$806.77. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER).

At 8:33 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for March 17, 1997 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK