

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
March 5, 1992

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oceanport was called to order on March 5, 1992 at 8:00 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 February 20, 1992 had been made available for review by 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 Councilman Terra and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Clark who abstained from voting on the minutes since he was not present at this meeting.

Mayor Cavanagh then called for the public auction of a 1960 American LaFrance Fire Truck and reported that the notice had been properly advertised in accordance with law and the Clerk advised that she had a copy of the Affidavit of Publication from the Asbury Park Press showing the required publication dates on same.

Mayor Cavanagh then asked if anyone in the public wished to bid on the fire truck.

Mr. Gil Mazza, Neptune Recycling bid \$500.

Mayor Cavanagh asked three consecutive times following this bid if there was anyone else in the audience who was interested in bidding on the fire truck and no other bids were received.

Councilman Terra moved to close the time for bids to be received. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Following a brief discussion on the bid received, which was the minimum amount acceptable as advertised, Councilman Clark moved to accept the bid received from Neptune Recycling in the amount of \$500. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

Mr. Mazza presented the Borough Clerk with \$500 in cash for payment of the fire truck and advised that he would have someone pick up same tomorrow and would call prior to coming up.

Mayor Cavanagh read a proclamation congratulating the Monmouth Council of Boy Scouts on their 75th Anniversary, after which he stated we are tonight formally acknowledging the accomplishments of the young men who are present this evening and those that were Scouts previously and he also expressed his appreciation to the Scout Leaders for all their time and efforts.

Councilman Clark publicly acknowledged Mr. Joseph Zigler who is the present leader of the Boy Scouts and commented that he is doing a very good job and felt fortunate to have his eleven year old son in his troop. He also acknowledged Mrs. Kathy Ross and commented that Scouting Leaders are no longer just men, but there are many women who are now performing the rolls that were in the past, traditionally done by men and they are doing an excellent job.

Mayor Cavanagh confirmed that we will be having another Eagle Scout ceremony coming up in two weeks and he commented that it appears to him that we have a larger number of young men in this community who make the Eagle Scout level, which is a tribute to the people who work with the boys.

Councilwoman Filippone commented that she too was involved in Scouting and she had two sons who went through the ranks of Scouting through Pack 58 and she was a Den Mother for Pack 58 and she appreciates all the work the Scout Leaders are doing.

Councilman Miller noted the Scouts participation with the Water Watch shoreline clean up projects and commented that they have participated in three during the past two years and Mrs. Ross and Mr. Zigler were right there helping out with the Scouts.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of FEBRUARY, 1992 and a copy will be placed on the Bulletin Board.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN CLARK: Councilman Clark again acknowledged the scouting program here in Oceanport and thanked the Scout Leaders for doing a marvelous job and as the parent of two young boys, he can appreciate all the Leaders are doing on the children's behalf.

Councilman Clark reported that he and Councilman Wolfe attended a meeting last Friday in Trenton regarding all the racetrack systems in the State and in attendance was the DEP Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Weingart and Mr. VanWagner of the NJ Sports & Exposition Authority and they were working to find a solution to the clean up problems at racetracks with the manure. He stated they were interested in the Borough's input and he and Councilman Wolfe expressed their appreciation the effort that Monmouth Park has done in the past and although we are not where we want to be yet, we realize that they are working toward making things better and that the Borough would work with Monmouth Park to continue the clean up program.

Councilman Clark advised that we have been receiving a number of letters from the Monmouth County Board of Health in regard to recycling violations of businesses within the Borough and he has sent out letters to each of the businesses in town informing them of the "get tough" attitude on the part of the County, since one of the businesses has recently been fined and he met with a representative of that business today to try and assist him in working with an almost unmanageable amount of recyclables and they plan to appeal the fine.

Councilman Clark informed the public that Fort Monmouth recently had an article in the Asbury Park Press with regard to their 75th Anniversary celebration, May 8 - 10 of this year, and they are requesting anyone who has any type of memorabilia relating to the Fort, to allow them to use this on a loan basis and he hoped that we would try and support them in this celebration.

Councilman Clark stated that we had an outsider come into town and make use of our recycling drop off center last month at 4:45 A.M. and he has contacted him by letter advising him that the recycling center is for Borough residents only.

Councilman Clark reported there was a Clean Communities Coordination meeting on Tuesday which he was unable to attend, but he has made contact with representatives of that group and they will be forwarding material to his attention.

Councilman Clark advised the residents that the recycling goal for the Borough has been raised to 60% which is quite a large increase, and we are going to work harder in recycling to meet that new goal and he is looking into the possibility of recycling our junk mail and there is an 800 number concerning this matter which will be published in the next Bulletin so that we can hopefully contact the junk mail people and stop it from coming to our homes.

Councilman Clark stated that there will be a cut it and leave it pilot program starting fairly soon and he will be meeting with a representative from the County to discuss this matter and we will be looking for 150 homes within the Borough to participate in this pilot program and as soon as he receives the information he will report back on this matter.

Councilman Clark advised that there will be a Puppet Show on March 17, 1992 at the Wolfhill School at 9:30 A.M. and it should be quite interesting and felt that it is an excellent idea to teach young children about recycling.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra offered his congratulations to the Boy Scouts on their 75th Anniversary.

Councilman Terra advised that the Bulletin deadline is March 15 and asked that anyone who had any material for this up coming issue, should leave it in the Bulletin box, which is located in Diane Super's Office by the 15th.

Councilman Terra welcomed the 8th Grade Student Government youngsters who visit us every year under Mr. Pulos's supervision and he was sure they would all do a terrific job.

Councilman Terra commented on the Police Report and stated that the Dispatchers received 417 calls of which 193 were acted upon by patrols and the officers patrolled over 10,000 miles during February which is just an example of how well our Borough is patrolled as well as 27 assists by our Department to other Police Departments in surrounding municipalities. He also reported that Frank VanBrunt completed a course in White Collar Crime Investigation and CIM/First Responder Recertification; Jared Murphy completed the CIM/First Responder Recertification course; Charles L. Mackay completed a course on Bias Incident Investigations; Steven Cioffi completed a course in Photography in Traffic Accident Investigation. Councilman Terra also read a letter from James A. Arena, Director of the Department of Law & Public Safety expressing their Department's appreciation for participating in the three Safe Kids Bicycle Safety Conferences and for the participation of both Patrolmen Baldanza and Tagerty for sharing their experiences with Oceanport's model bicycle program.

Councilman Terra called for the introduction of an amendment to the Borough's personnel ordinance and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "THE PERSONNEL POLICY OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT" PASSED AND APPROVED ON MARCH 20, 1986.**

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

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Clark, Terra, Filippone, Miller,
Taylor and Wolfe.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Terra then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the next regular Council meeting scheduled to be held on March 19, 1992. It was seconded by Councilman Miller.

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AYES: Councilpersons Clark, Terra, Filippone, Miller,
Taylor and Wolfe.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone welcomed the 8th Grade Student Government Mayor and Council and was happy to see how many women had been elected.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that they conducted an extremely successful rabies clinic on Saturday and 143 dogs and 69 cats were vaccinated against rabies, for a total of 212 and it was one of the largest rabies clinics we have had. She stated that this was critical for the animals to be vaccinated because of the rabid raccoon that was found in Middletown and it bit a cat which to the best of her knowledge, the cat has still not been found. Councilwoman Filippone again urged all residents to stay away from strange animals and to contact the Police if there is an animal acting strangely in your neighborhood.

Councilwoman Filippone stated we had a tremendous amount of cooperation with the rabies clinic as usual and she wanted to thank the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Department for all the help they gave us in moving out the trucks, setting up the building for their use, set up cones for the lines of people and she especially wanted to thank Fred Filippone, Stu Briskey, Phil Minton and Jim Slattery as well as Connie Savarese, President of the Board of Health and Carol Miller and Dolly Yamello who took care of the registration. She also thanked Councilman Wolfe and Eric Wolfe who assisted with the clinic and Councilman Miller who helped with the pooper scoopers.

Councilwoman Filippone also thanked Joe Buccieri of the Oceanport Lions Club for putting the rabies clinic information on the Community Events Sign, Lisa Muscillo of the Board of Health and Veterinarian, Dr. Collins who administered the shots and was a great person to work with and it was a very successful day.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded the Borough residents that the annual Health Screening will be held on April 4, 1992 and the registration will be held in Borough Hall on Tuesday, March 31, 1992 from 3:30-5:00 P.M. and 7:00-8:00 P.M. and you do not have to be present yourself to register, but the payment must be made at that time.

Councilwoman Filippone commended the Oceanport Fire Departments for having done the cover for the Ocean Township fire that took place recently and it was a difficult situation and took a long time and felt we are all very lucky to have volunteer firemen who do such a great job.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller thanked the 8th Graders for attending the meeting tonight and stated as an educator for almost 30 years, he is always pleased to see young people become involved and see how their government works. He commented to the students that the reports they are hearing tonight are only the front of a lot of hard work by the Mayor and Councilpersons because in effect, what we do is take the place of a Borough Administrator and take some of the load off of the Borough Clerk, Mrs. Varca.

Councilman Miller stated that he and Councilman Wolfe were given a project to do by the Mayor, along with Chief Joyce, to check out a road safety inspection throughout the town of any ramps leading to the water, streets that abut the water, etc. and we have completed this survey and met with the Chief and went over the locations they found and reviewed what should be done to alert people to the possible danger and at the work shop meeting we presented our review and recommendations to the Council. He stated that following the presentation, Councilman Wolfe will be working with the Road Department in putting up signs, reflectors, etc. so that we will hopefully prevent any type of tragedy in this type of situation.

Councilman Miller stated at the rabies clinic, we handed out material about pollution and he was assisted by Councilman Wolfe and a member of our Water Watch and Waterways Committees, Fred Filippone. He reported at the next Water Watch meeting we will be looking over the final draft of our summary report of our seven month non point pollution project which took place last year and he publicly thanked Richard Gruskos for all the work he has done in putting this report together. He also commented that we will make the results public and have a summary for the next Bulletin as well as our recommendations to the residents of the Borough on many of the problems that we were able to identify.

Councilman Miller reported that the Shade Tree Committee has reorganized and William Sullivan is the Chairman, Ralph Walsh is the Vice-Chairman, Margaretta Swoope is the Recording Secretary and Arlene Mullen is the Corresponding Secretary. He stated that last Saturday he and Bill Sullivan and Ralph Walsh made a tour of the Borough to survey what the needs of the town are regarding tree trimming, tree removal and possible tree plantings. He felt that the town was very lucky to have people like Bill Sullivan and Ralph Walsh especially because of their knowledge in this area.

Councilman Miller announced that at the last work shop meeting, Mayor Cavanagh appointed him to be the Monmouth County Parks System Liaison and to be involved in a study revolving around public waterfront access and in this capacity he will be meeting with Faith Hahn in mid April, who is the Supervising Planner of Parks.

Councilman Miller reported under Recreation, there will be a certification program for any parent who will be coaching in the Borough this season, which is mandated under the law and it will be on March 21 at 9:00 A.M. at Maple Place School.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor acknowledged Dr. Morgan and Mrs. Sposato in the audience this evening and thanked them for their support with Student Government Day as well as thanking Mr. Pulos for his time and effort with this project.

Councilman Taylor congratulated the Student Government Mayor and Council for taking an interest in their local government and felt sure that it would be an interesting and rewarding experience for each of them and we will be meeting with the Student Government on Monday, March 9 at Borough Hall from 9:30 - 11:00 A.M. to allow them to see the every day workings of the Borough Hall and the employees and we have a tentative date of March 19 at which time they will conduct their own student Council meeting.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe announced that the spring leaf pick up will officially begin on April 1 and end on April 30, 1992. He asked residents to rake leaves out to the curb and to please make sure that branches and twigs are not mixed in, since they can be thrown away with your garbage. He also reminded the residents that after the cut off date of April 30, there will be no further leaf pick up until the fall.

Councilman Wolfe also announced that the pooper scoopers that were given away at the rabies clinic, are now on sale at the Borough Hall from 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. in the office of the Administrative Secretary, Diana Super, and the cost is \$5.00 for 20 and he thanked Diana for her volunteer efforts to help protect the environment.

Councilman Wolfe advised that over the last several months there has been a lot of discussion regarding dogs in the parks and he reminded all dog owners that dogs are not allowed in the parks at any time and soccer and baseball season will be starting up and it makes it unhealthy and unsightly so he asked all dog owners to keep them out of the parks.

Councilman Wolfe noted that the Borough insurance is an on going effort to keep abreast with current policies and offerings and our insurance agent, Ron Gillaspie advised that the Borough has been afforded an additional five million dollar insurance coverage for Police Professional policy and not only is that policy five times more coverage, but at a savings of \$2,500 annually.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-28 R-92-28 transferring funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-29 amending R-92-29 the 1992 temporary budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-30 R-92-30 introducing the 1992 Municipal Budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-31 regarding R-92-31 a special item of revenue in the 1992 municipal budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-32 R-92-32 authorizing In Rem Foreclosure of tax sale certificates, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

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R-92-33 Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-33 authorizing the Tax Assessor to file appeals regarding clerical errors, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

R-92-34 Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-34 authorizing the endorsement for a sanitary sewer extension permit for the Robert Kaye Subdivision, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Clark and unanimously approved by Council.

R-92-35 Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-35 waiving the permit fees for a sign installation at the Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Company, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe welcomed the 8th Grade Student Government Mayor and Council and he looked forward to working with Mr. Sheridan, who was his counterpart in this project.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh appointed Elwood Baxter to fill a vacancy on the Planning Board for a Class IV member, which term expires on December 31, 1995.

Mayor Cavanagh announced that tomorrow night is the annual basketball game between the 8th Grade and the Police Department and some of the Councilmen play as well and he has played on the Police Department's team for the last 10 years and we have yet to win a game, but we will try again.

Mayor Cavanagh also announced that beginning this weekend the Shore Players of Shore Regional will be presenting Peter Pan for the next two weekends and he understands that all the shows are sold out.

Mayor Cavanagh welcomed the 8th Graders and stated he was always glad to see them here and to the Teachers and Administrators, who come in and make this possible, he expressed his appreciation and commented that this program started with this administration, so he has a somewhat partial feeling toward this project. He addressed the Student Government Mayor and Council stating that you should leave feeling that you all have some kind of obligation to your community as you get older and you must choose to fulfill that in one way or another and getting involved in Government is an excellent way to do so. He hoped that they would learn a little from all of us and we hope we will stimulate you all somewhat and told them to think about what they are doing and to enjoy this time as well.

Mayor Cavanagh also stated as far as the 1992 budget is concerned, he will defer any commentary until the night of our public hearing on this subject.

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

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

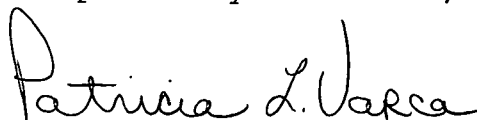
As no one from the public wished to be heard, Mayor Cavanagh closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated March 5, 1992. It was seconded by Councilman Clark and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1991 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$86.45. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS \$89,952.76. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS PAID THIS

MEETING \$55,044.51. TOTAL 1992 OPERATING FUND \$144,997.27. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE I TRUST ACCOUNT \$420.00. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II TRUST ACCOUNT \$840.00. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$297.60. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$391.47. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$125,000.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \$633,178.60. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MIDDLE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AGENCY \$86.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-3RD PARTY REDEMPTION \$15,732.46. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-RESERVE RECYCLING \$96.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$9.75. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-TAX OVERPAYMENT \$999.59. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:55 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on March 19, 1992 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK