

REGULAR MEETING

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oceanport was called to order on March 4, 1993 at 8:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Clark, Terra, Filippone, Taylor, Wolfe and Mayor Cavanagh.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Miller.

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 public in the Flag Salute.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Membership applications to the Fire Department received as follows:

- a] Paul V. Terwilliger, Jr. to Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Co.
- b] Stephen T. McArdle to Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Co.

Councilman Terra moved to approve both membership applications. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

- R-93-21 COUNCILMAN CLARK: Councilman Clark asked the Clerk to read resolution R-93-21 regarding the transferring of funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.
- R-93-22 Councilman Clark asked the Clerk to read resolution R-93-22 amending the 1993 Temporary Budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council.
- R-93-23 Councilman Clark asked the Clerk to read resolution R-93-23 regarding corrections of clerical errors on 1993 assessments, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh then stated that before we continue to the resolution, we must introduce the ordinance regarding the Cap Law and asked Councilman Terra to take care of this one matter and then we will return to Councilman Clark's reports.

Councilman Terra called for the introduction of an ordinance with regard to the Local Cap Law and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO LOCAL CAP LAW CONCERNING THE 1993 MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

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

The Clerk called the roll:

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

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Councilman Terra then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on March 18, 1993 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Clark.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

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Councilman Clark then asked the Clerk to read resolution R-93-24 regarding special items of revenue being put in the 1993 budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and approved by Council.

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Councilman Clark asked the Clerk to read resolution R-93-25 introducing the 1993 Municipal Budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and approved by Council.

R-93-25

Councilman Clark advised that work has begun on making the repairs to the Municipal Building and commented that workmen will begin tomorrow to begin the removal of the tiles and he asked everyone who makes use of the meeting room to be patient and make other arrangements to either meet in the Mayor's Office if it is a small committee or perhaps the Library when it is closed. He commented that the anticipated completion date for the work is scheduled for March 15, 1993.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: NO REPORT.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone expressed her sympathy to Armour Hulsart's family on his passing and she has known Mr. Hulsart for many years and worked closely with him for 16-17 years on and off the Council and he was a fine gentleman and mourns his passing.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that at the rabies clinic that was held on February 20, 1993, we vaccinated a total of 134 animals; 23 cats and 56 dogs from Oceanport and 22 cats and 33 dogs from out of the Borough. She commended the volunteers who helped out and did a great job.

MARCH 4, 1993 COUNCILMAN MILLER: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor reminded the residents that the County will be holding hazardous waste collection days on April 3 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the County Reclamation Center in Tinton Falls.

Councilman Taylor reported under the Drug Alliance, he wanted to comment on the BABES Program and they will be starting up on March 23 and running through May 6, 1993 and he will be attending one of the sessions and will report back.

MARCH 4, 1993 COUNCILMAN TAYLOR advised that he attended a Drug Alliance meeting in Manalapan on February 24 and Mr. John Kreger was there who is a State Representative and he explained where they stand at this time of year as far as funding is concerned, and funding for 1994 appears to be in place so we will be putting a program together for funding.

Councilman Taylor stated one item that he brought from that meeting was that they had a listing of admissions to State Facilities from Monmouth County residents and from July 1, 1991 to June 1, 1992 and from Oceanport during that time period, 16 people were admitted for alcohol abuse; 13 for cocaine; 20 for heroin; 2 for marijuana and 2 for other problems. He stated that there were a total of 53 residents who sought out help in our community where many people think we do not have these types of problems. He stated he wanted people to know that there are problems in the Borough but there is also help available.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe advised that the monthly FEMA reports have been filed and we have received notification and the first renumeration for the storm damage has been received and will take a number of months to finalize all aspects of the FEMA projects, but once the last project is completed, we will file a close out document which should hopefully be finalized within the next 3-4 months.

Councilman Wolfe reported that the other day when he was at Borough Hall he received a telephone call from a Mrs. Deller who has lived in the Borough for over 20 years and she wanted to compliment the clean up of the last four storms and stated the snow plowing was done very well.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh stated he wanted to say for the record that we would be remiss as a Governing Body if we did not formerly extend to the Hulsart Family our condolences as well as to acknowledge that Armour Hulsart and his company has been here for at least 30 years and he was a true gentleman and enjoyed every minute he every spent with him and he will certainly be missed and wanted to note his accomplishment, since he does not think there is a more accomplished firm handling municipal auditing in Monmouth County and we as a Borough will be poorer having lost him.

Mayor Cavanagh also wanted the record to reflect the recent death of Charlie Caparn and it is also an event that he thinks belongs in the formal documentation of the Borough. He continued that Charlie was our trigger point for recognizing Spring was about to begin when he returned each year from Florida and he probably had to be our leading citizen in attendance at Council meetings and he was never at a loss to advise us of things he had observed and what he felt would make the Borough a more attractive place to live in. Mayor Cavanagh extended the Council's condolences to his wife and family on his passing. MARCH 4, 1993

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments anyone may wish to make.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Rick Sweger, 1244 Turf Drive commented in the Two River Times this week there was an article regarding the fire company warning residents of fund raiser fraud and apparently it was misprinted in the article because the Fire Company solicits donations by mail, but the article says that other people are soliciting donations via the mail. He wondered if this article was misread when it was being typed because it is incorrect and would like to have the correct procedures in the minutes.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that since Mrs. Terra is the reporter for this section of the newspaper, we will have Councilman Terra speak with her about Mr. Sweger's comments and find out what happened, which was fine with Mr. Sweger and he asked if perhaps they could reprint the article correctly.

Mr. Sweger commented on the Gooseneck Point section of the article and he wanted to go on record stating as the Chief at the time of the storm, the way the article is written, it sounds as if the Gooseneck Point residents feel that they did not get enough warning regarding the storm in December and he wanted to say that they were given as much advance warning as anyone else in this Borough for this storm. He felt the way in which the article was written, was that those residents were taking a shot at both the Fire and Police Department and everyone involved in that storm.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that as he looks back on that storm in December, he would have liked to have been able to give everyone more notice, if we had received more notice, so for that he regrets that we did not have the capacity and the information available to do that, but he does not think that anyone did. He continued that since that time, we are trying a variety of new things using the Community Events Sign in front of Borough Hall to advise residents of unusual high tides, a calling system over on Gooseneck Point and we are going to experiment to see if we can do better, since you can always improve a situation, but he did not feel that the residents were taking a shot at either the Fire or Police Departments because he does not feel anyone could have done anything more than what the volunteers put forth.

Councilman Terra commented to Mr. Sweger that this was first brought up at one of the first Gooseneck meetings after the storm and he

was quick to respond to them that each individual is responsible to a great degree, of getting information for their own well being and that comment really reflects an attitude that was held by only a few people and everyone else realizes that the people in charge did as good a job as was possible.

Mr. Sweger asked what the capital surplus was and could it be used for other purposes such as the repair of the firetruck?

Mayor Cavanagh explained that it can be used for capital projects, which are long term projects, but not for the repair of the fire truck as Mr. Sweger suggested. Mayor Cavanagh stated it has already been earmarked for a capital project this year and what these funds are is the left over money from ordinances that have been adopted for capital projects that have not been fully expended.

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

Councilman Clark moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated March 4, 1993. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and approved by Council. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS \$4,000.00. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$1,883.25. TOTAL 1992 OPERATING FUND \$5,883.75. TOTAL 1993 VOUCHERS \$48,104.56. TOTAL 1993 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$52,841.77. TOTAL 1993 OPERATING FUND \$100,946.33. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$50,000.00. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$733.75. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$370.00. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$356.40. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MIDDLE DEPT. INSPECTION AGENCY \$336.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-REDEMPTIONS \$8,753.68. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:21 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn the meeting to go into Executive Session to discuss two personnel matters. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh reconvened the meeting at 9:05 P.M. and stated for the record all Councilpersons who were present at the meeting were back on the dais and commented that no formal decision had been reached.

At 9:06 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on March 18, 1993 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Clark and approved by council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK