Oceanport, New Jersey
March 1, 1990

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was held on March 1, 1990 at 8:05 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 Governing Body in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 15, 1990 and the Special Meeting held on February 22, 1990 had been made available for review by the Mayor and Council, Councilwoman Filippone moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Terra who abstained from voting on the minutes of February 22, 1990 as he was not present.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of FEBRUARY, 1990 a copy of same will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: NO REPORT.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra stated he had no formal report this evening, but extended his thanks to Councilmen Wolfe and Miller for filling in on his committees while he was away.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone welcomed Councilman Terra back and commended him for the fine job he does in giving of his time and talent to the Mion Indians in the jungles of Guatemala.

Councilwoman Filippone noted the fact that the Oceanport First Aid Squad members answered 47 calls in January for a total of 422 hours of service and she also mentioned that the Squad members are constantly upgrading their skills and attending training sessions and just recently, 19 Oceanport First Aid Squad members attended a seminar on pediatric emergencies and this is just one of the many programs they undertake. Councilwoman Filippone encouraged all the residents of the Borough to support the First Aid Squad and also thanked all the members for their volunteer efforts.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the annual Health Screening will be held on Saturday, March 24 between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and will be held at the Oceanport First Aid Squad Building and pre-registration for this program will be held on Wednesday, March 21 at the Borough Hall between 4-5 PM and 7-8 PM and the cost will be $23.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded all residents that it is extremely imperative that they have their cats vaccinated for rabies and there will be a free rabies clinic on March 17 at the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire House between 9-11 AM. Councilwoman Filippone stated that the rabies scare is getting close to us and there was an article in the Asbury Park Press just last night noting that it is almost getting to be an emergency situation.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported under the Shade Tree Committee, they will be holding their first meeting of the year next Thursday, March 8 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss what work will be undertaken this year.

Councilman Miller stated that under Waterways, work on the litter bug boat rebuilding project is well under way and he and Councilman Terra will be holding a meeting for this Committee some time in March to divide up the duties for the coming season.

Councilman Miller reported under Buildings & Ground, he has received bids on doors for the restrooms at Blackberry Bay Park as well as for the overhead door on the soccer building. He is also getting bids to replace some of the tile in the Borough Hall.

Councilman Miller stated that under Parks & Recreation, he and Councilman Wolfe have gone over the list and looked at the work to be done with Mike Giordano of Public Works and they will be taking care of much of the repair work on the list prepared by Mr. Kerwin, the Recreation Director.

COUNCILMAN RODMAN: Councilman Rodman reminded everyone that this year's school elections are going to be held on April 24, and this is an unusually late date, but it is not uncommon for a new Governor and our new Governor has asked for time to go over the budget and see if he can figure out where we are and see what he is going to come up with in State Aid. Councilman Rodman stated that this is a very important situation this year because the Governor has committed himself in his campaign to full funding of the educational formula for the State of New Jersey and it will have a significant impact on local tax payers if that is not done because if that money does not come from the State, it must come from someone else and that means the local tax payers will be responsible. He can only hope that the Governor can find the funding for those formulas as he committed himself to in his campaign.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe commented that in Councilman Terra's absence there was a pre-scheduled dredging meeting that he had set up and this was the second meeting on this subject and was held on Friday, Feb. 23 in this Borough Hall and was attended by many residents of Oceanport as well as Little Silver and it was a standing room only crowd. He commented that it was headed by Chet Apy who was originally on the waterways dredging committee some ten years ago and the State Dredging Representative, Mr. John Garofalo who is in charge of the specifications and locations for the dredging. Councilman Wolfe stated it appears that the waterways in this area will start being dredged in early June, since the bids will be going out in early May and awarded by the end of May and begin right after that.

Councilman Wolfe stated they will be dredging most of the areas that were not done last year around Horseneck Point and down through

Blackberry Bay area and it will be a 100' wide channel where applicable and it will be 7' at the low tide point, so these waterways will be quite deep following this project. He commented that the last time this was done was approximately 20-25 years ago and it would appear that they will not be back in this area following completion of this dredging project for another 20-25 years.

Councilman Wolfe stated this is going to be a very extensive and comprehensive project this time and Mr. Garofalo was very accommodating to any requests the residents had and he is trying to take care of the residents requests.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-90-23 regarding a transfer of funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Rodman and unanimously approved by Council. R-90-23

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-90-24 amending the 1990 temporary budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council. R-90-24

Councilman Wolfe commented that there was another resolution R-90-25 regarding the return of an incorrect tax lien assessment and asked the Borough Attorney to read same, after which Councilman Wolfe moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council. R-90-25

Councilman Wolfe reported he met last evening with the Fire Chief and 2nd Assistant Fire Chief and went over some equipment similar to the Scott Air Paks but these appeared to be superior to the Scott Paks and the gentleman in charge will be bringing some of these air paks down for both fire companies to look at and compare with what they now have.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh commented on the dredging project discussed earlier by Councilman Wolfe and stated that the cost for this project is estimated at 1-1/2 million dollars and the entire dredging budget for the State of New Jersey is approximately 3 million dollars. He continued that this expenditure is the culmination of the efforts of many people over many years and commented that Chet Apy has been pursuing this dredging work for over 10 years and when you live in a community just about surrounded by water and when the people who live on that water are assessed at a substantial amount of money for property taxes, there is some comfort that at least the river will be dredged and the water improved for their use. He stated that often times Government does not work nearly as effectively or expeditiously as we would like, but in this particular instance, to Chet Apy and all the other people who worked on this project, he extended his congratulations on getting this project finalized and approved and many people in this Borough will benefit.

Mayor Cavanagh offered the name of Art Widmaier to be a member of the Fire Police for Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Co.

Councilman Terra moved to approve this appointment. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments anyone might wish to make.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. John Vivona, 348 Myrtle Ave., stated that at the last Council meeting the Mayor had indicated that he would be in contact with NJ Transit in writing, regarding the proposed train station and wondered if he has received any communication back from NJ Transit concerning this matter.

Mayor Cavanagh advised Mr. Vivona that he has not received anything in writing to date, but he did have an opportunity to speak with Mr. Handle who is the General Manager of Monmouth Park and he indicated to the Mayor that he had received a copy of the Mayor's letter and had already met with NJ Transit representatives and basically Monmouth Park had indicated to them that they will accommodate the Borough's position to make land available on the westerly side of the tracks to encompass all of the parking that NJ Transit is looking for and with that commitment, it is the Mayor's understanding that NJ Transit has returned to the drawing board and is drafting an amended plan, which we have not seen yet, but which he believes is on the right course in accordance with what we would all like to see. Mayor Cavanagh stated as soon as we receive a copy of the proposal or something in writing, he will certainly make sure that Mr. Vivona receives a copy and he believes that we are moving along the right path and at this point in time, he is cautiously optimistic that we can achieve what we all want to put together and he assured Mr. Vivona that he and the Governing Body will continue to monitor the situation and keep the public informed.

Chief Robert Joyce informed the seniors in the Borough that in conjunction with the Monmouth County Office on Aging and the local Fire Department, First Aid Squad and Police, the seniors can enter into what is called a "blue light beacon" program, which basically is a blue bulb with a flashing device and it is placed in the front window. He continued when there is an emergency, the resident calls for help and puts on the light, which assists in getting help at that location faster. Chief Joyce stated that the First Aid Squad is looking into expanding this program to all residents of the Borough and may be incorporated with their up coming fund drive.

Chief Joyce also advised the Mayor and Council that he has met with the seniors at the Old Wharf House and informed them of the program as well as passing out the lights and they also have information in the Police Department.

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 1, 1990. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Wolfe who abstained from voting on the vouchers due Ralph Clayton & Sons and Morton Thiokol, Inc. TOTAL 1989 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING$2,103.16. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS $40,806.52. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING $49,938.04. TOTAL 1990 OPERATING FUND $90,744.56. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT $127,528.75. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT $5,458.63. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER FIRE PREVENTION $127.25. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER INVESTMENTS $1,030,000.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER).

At 8:31 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on March 15, 1990 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Rodman and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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