

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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Oceanport, New Jersey
February 20, 1997

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on February 20, 1997 at 8:00 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
Councilman Gemma arrived at 8:06 P.M.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** Borough Chaplain, Col. Berry, gave the invocation.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cavanagh led the audience and members of the Borough Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes of the regular meeting held on Feb. 6, 1997 and the special meeting held on Feb. 10, 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 approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS: NO REPORT.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN GEMMA: Councilman Gemma apologized for being late and stated his only report was to advise that on Feb. 26 the Oceanport Planning board will be having a meeting to receive comments from Borough representatives of various Boards and Committees with regard to the Master Plan revision which the Planning Board has been reviewing over the last year.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone gave the Oceanport First Aid Squad Captain's report for the month of January, 1997 advising that they responded to 38 calls; put in 259 man/woman hours, there were 4 advanced life support calls, 1 call to Monmouth Park, 15 emergencies, 2 motor vehicles, 4 mutual aid calls, 6 fires, 4 transportation and 7 other. She commented that they have been extremely busy especially with requests to respond through the mutual aid and they are doing an excellent job, as always.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the annual Health Screening will be held on March 22 with the registration on March 19 and it will be held at the First Aid Squad Building and not at the Old Wharf House, which had been in an Atlanticville article.

Councilwoman Filippone then called for the first reading of the 1997 salary ordinance amendment and asked the Clerk to read same, 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.**

92 Councilwoman Filippone moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. 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 moved to hold the public hearing on this matter at the next Council meeting scheduled to be held on March 6, 1997 at 8:00 P.M. 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.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported that the Roller Hockey rink located at Blackberry Bay Park would be officially opened on Saturday, March 1, 1997 at 11:30 AM and the Committee has done a great job in raising funds for the blacktop and work that needed to be done and they all did an excellent job and he will be "dropping the first puck" since both the Mayor and Council President will be out of town on that day.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor moved to authorize the annual spraying for mosquitoes during 1997 by the Monmouth County Mosquito Extermination Commission. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Taylor also reported that he has received notification that there will no longer be any recycling grants as of 1996 and this money will be placed into surplus by the State in order to help balance the budget, but it will cost the Borough between \$5,000-\$9,000 in grant monies.

R-97-25

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-25** amending the 1997 temporary budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe welcomed back Tom Crochet who had been on vacation a few days and had the opportunity to go to Florida to see the Daytona 500 and was lucky enough to have two snow storms by pass the Borough.

Councilman Wolfe also commented that he was appreciative of Tom Crochet and Don Hansen's efforts in going up to Somerville to check out a salt storage shed, which is very similar to the one we will be having constructed and it appears that it is going to work out very well and we will even be able to store the sanders during the warmer weather and free up room in the Borough Garage.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth reported that she and Councilman Miller will be taking a tour of the Borough Buildings to determine what needs to be done during 1997.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh announced that we have recently been notified by the Governor that the Borough's DOT Grant Application for the reconstruction of Tecumseh Avenue in the amount of \$91,900 has been approved and he commented that this should make the residents of that street very happy to know that this will take place this year and they will finally have a brand new street.

Mayor Cavanagh then read a letter which he received a copy of from Mark Hendrickson of Elizabeth Drive to the Asbury Park Press expressing his disapproval of their article which he felt inferred that the residents of Elizabeth Drive were questioning the professionalism of the firemen who responded to the recent house fire. The letter ended with Mr. Hendrickson commenting that we are blessed to have such dedicated people to protect us in emergencies and thanking the Mayor and Fire Department for testing the hydrant during the Saturday morning snow storm of Feb. 8, which showed everyone that the hydrant was in fact working properly.

Mayor Cavanagh reported that last evening, he and Councilwoman Filippone were at the Borough Council meeting in West Long Branch, where he and Mayor McNamara presented Mrs. Sorrentino with a painting of her husband, Clint Sorrentino. Mayor Cavanagh stated that from a photograph, the painting was done of Clint surrounded by locations in West Long Branch, such as Franklin Lake, which was one of Mayor Sorrentino's projects and it was very well done and well received and it will be displayed in the West Long Branch Borough Hall. Mayor Cavanagh stated that Clint was a fine, sincere gentleman and he used to always tell him that he was a better person than a politician.

Mayor Cavanagh offered the names of Eleanor Widdis, Marilyn Regan and Betty Berry to the Historical Society, after which Councilman Miller moved to approve these appointments. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

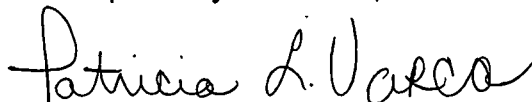
Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they might care to make.

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 February 20, 1997. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.
TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$5,795.86. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS \$698,358.78.
TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$66,179.33. TOTAL 1997 OPERATING FUND \$764,538.11. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$2,598.85. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$2,497.46.
TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$935.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$174,879.60. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:17 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on March 6, 1997 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Gemma and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA, BOROUGH CLERK