

Oceanport, New Jersey
February 20, 1992

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on February 20, 1992 at 8:05 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Clark.

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 Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 6, 1992 had been made available for review by the Mayor and Council, Councilman Terra moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilman Miller who abstained from voting because he was not present at that meeting.

CLERK'S REPORTS: NO REPORT.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN CLARK: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: NO REPORT.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone reported on the Captain's Report for the First Aid Squad and commented that they had a total number of 15 calls in January, 1992 for a total amount of people hours of 75 hours and she stated as usual, they are doing a superb job.

Councilwoman Filippone advised that she had attended the public hearing at the Northeast Monmouth County Regional Sewerage Authority regarding the rate increase, which goes into effect April 1, 1992 at an increase of \$10 per quarter and she noted there was no one in attendance who objected to this increase.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded everyone that the free rabies clinic will be held on Saturday, February 29, 1992 at the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company from 9-11 A.M. and she urged anyone with a dog or cat who needs a rabies vaccination to take advantage of this clinic.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the Monmouth County Board of Health in conjunction with Corporate Dimensions, Inc. will be offering mammography screenings as part of their Women's Health Screening Service and she stated this is a great program and the first time she has seen one in this area and the cost will be \$70 and will be held at the facility on Memorial Drive in Asbury Park on April 7, June 10 and Sept. 16 and you must register for this screening and she also mentioned that a physician's referral is not required. She also advised that anyone who receives a mammography will have a written report mailed to them.

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COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported that he and one of his Water Watch Committee members, Brian Cavanagh, attended the Navesink River Committee meeting last night in Red Bank and basically they were asked to convey to them our activities here in Oceanport and advised them of what we do here and received a very good reception from the people in attendance and they will be sending some representatives to our next meeting. He stated he got the feeling from the people there that they would be interested in some type of cooperative efforts between the Navesink area and the Shrewsbury area.

Councilman Miller stated at this meeting he also asked them if they would be willing, as a group that has been around for some time and having a lot of status, to write a letter to the DEPE about the possibility of funding of the infrastructure sampling and they agreed to do that and that was a positive outcome of this meeting.

Councilman Miller advised that as far as the Water Watch Committee is concerned, we gathered approximately half of the individual storm drain reports and as soon as all of them come in, hopefully by this weekend, he and Richard Gruskos who is a scientist and also a very fine writer, will be writing the final report. He stated that from what he has seen already, the numbers are going to come out showing that what is coming out of our storm drains is not all that great and the next step is to begin an education campaign in this Borough.

Councilman Miller commented that the next project that will be undertaken by this Committee will be monthly ambient water testing beginning in April at six sites starting on the Oceanport Creek side and coming around to the Branchport Creek side, taking in the areas where the storm drains that we sampled last summer, enter the river, to see if there is a correlation between what is coming out of the storm drains and what comes out into the middle of the river. He continued that we are decreasing the number of sampling dates, because we are going to increase the number of items that we are going to identify and we are going to make up a Water Quality Index and it will be more definitive then the testing we did this past year.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor commented under Education he wanted to congratulate Anna Beatty and Arlene Welch for being selected by their peers to receive the prestigious Governor's Teacher Recognition Award and stated that the entire Governing Body are proud to have them on our staff in Oceanport.

Councilman Taylor also offered his congratulations to Amy Freestone who is the winner of the Monmouth County School Boards Association Student Achiever of the Year Award and Carly Usdin for winning the spelling bee and will be participating at the County Spelling Bee being held at Monmouth College in the near future.

R-92-22 COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-22 transferring funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

R-92-23 Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-23 amending the 1992 temporary budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

R-92-24 Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-24 regarding the return of an overpayment of taxes due to a successful tax appeal, 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-92-25 cancelling the balance of 1990 property taxes for Woodbine Cemetery, 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-92-26 supporting the retention of certain State items of revenue, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh stated for the record that the resolution just adopted will be passed by most of the other municipalities in an attempt to stabilize their funding sources from the State of New Jersey and we are concerned that they may decide that they want to provide less monies than they did last year and no one will give us an answer yet as to what exactly is going to happen.

Councilman Wolfe commented that yesterday there was a massive fire in Ocean Township at West Park Avenue which destroyed an office building complex and the fire lasted many hours and initially our fire department was called as back up for West Long Branch Fire Department who responded directly to the scene, but as the fire intensified and spread, Oceanport Firetrucks and equipment were sent directly to the scene and both Port-au-Peck and Oceanport Hook & Ladder sent over equipment. He stated this is a testament to the volunteer spirit that the men would travel and help out other companies and beyond that, it is a great relief to know that with mutual aid, the response of men and equipment that is available to any town in this area is unbelievable and on behalf of the Governing Body he thanked the volunteer firemen of this community for their efforts.

Councilman Wolfe moved to temporarily appoint Councilman Taylor to the Finance Committee for the purpose of signing some vouchers in the absence of Councilman Clark. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh stated that he wanted to offer a resolution but wanted to give some background information and stated that obviously those of us on the dais, as are most of the other towns in Monmouth County, are concerned about the situation we keep reading about in terms of Congressional Representation. He continued the "Shore" District as the 3rd District is called historically has existed for many years and has experienced excellent representation. Mayor Cavanagh stated the concept which makes us fearful is that much of what we read indicates that there is concern because there is a concept that perhaps the District should be divided or somehow restructured, whereas different portions of the 3rd Congressional District will find themselves in different new Congressional Districts and obviously, we would lose the common interest that we share now and that we have experienced for years.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that he quoted at the meeting he was prior to tonight's meeting some statistics that he used which were from the Asbury Park Press which indicated that Monmouth County experienced a rise in population from 1980 to 1990 from 503,173 to 553,124 which is approximately an additional 50,000 or a 10% increase and Ocean County which is a portion of this Congressional District, grew from 346,038 in 1980 to 433,203 in 1990 which is over 87,000 people or approximately an increase of 25%. Mayor Cavanagh stated it seems incongruous that people would consider subdividing and restructuring our District, which is growing for the sake of Districts in other portions of the State where the population is declining.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that the concept of dividing us all into three or four Congressional Districts and deluding our ability to utilize our Congresspeople is harmful to our constituents, and in addition it seems to be harmful to the District and harmful to the environmental concepts which we have been working for and to all similarly related "shore" concepts.

Mayor Cavanagh asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-27 opposing the redistricting of the 3rd Congressional District, after which Councilwoman Filippone moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that this resolution is similar to the ones which have been adopted by the other towns involved and we are all in agreement that the proposal, if it exists, and no one has confirmed that, but in case it does exist, to alter what has been a very successful and influential district in so many areas, particularly with the tourism concept, the environmental issues and the other areas he discussed earlier, we just cannot sit idly by and allow that to happen without raising our voices.

Mayor Cavanagh stated we now join with the Two Rivers Council of Mayors who earlier tonight adopted a similar resolution and many other towns who have done the same and we ask the members of the public, our constituents, to communicate with the Redistricting Commission and we will certainly provide Chairman Rosenthal's address to anyone who would like it. He also advised that there will be two hearings, incredibly the Committee which is supposed to be a Statewide Committee, and therefore Central New Jersey would be somewhere that would make sense to hold the hearing, they have declined to set up a hearing in the 3rd Congressional District and we have asked them to add a fourth hearing, but there has been no answer yet to our request. He stated there was a hearing at Seton Hall last night, there is a hearing Tuesday in Camden and a hearing tomorrow afternoon in Trenton.

Mayor Cavanagh commented on a somewhat serious note, Councilman Wolfe and he had discussed before the meeting that in light of the tragic situation which took place in Monmouth Beach this past week, Councilmen Wolfe and Miller, who is Recreation and Waterways, should conduct a survey prior to the next meeting, to see what various dock openings we may have within the Borough and report back at the next work shop meeting.

Councilman Wolfe requested that Chief Joyce join in with us in these discussions because he sees things differently at times then we do and will be helpful in this situation and we would welcome his recommendations.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments they might wish 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 listed on the Voucher Register dated February 20, 1992. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1991 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$6,116.91. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS \$402,313.29. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$46,929.98. TOTAL 1992 OPERATING FUND \$449,243.27. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$1,296.00. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$685.02. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-TAX OVERPAYMENT \$1,520.97. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$85.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$148,425.20. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:34 P.M. Councilman Terra moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on March 5, 1992 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Varca

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BOROUGH CLERK