

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
February 16, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on February 16, 2012 at 8:07 P.M. with Mayor Mahon announcing that the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Gallo, Ibex (joined meeting at 8:10 p.m. via teleconference), Irace, Bertekap, Johnson, Kahle, Mayor Mahon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Bertekap

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Kimberly A. Jungfer and Borough Attorney, John O. Bennett, III

INVOCATION: Borough Chaplain Robert Mills gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Mahon led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution authorizing the payment of bills. **R-12-35**
2. Resolution authorizing a Tax Lien Redemption, Block 14, Lot 23 **R-12-36**
3. Resolution authorizing a Tax Lien Redemption, Block 142, Lot 12 **R-12-37**
4. Resolution authorizing tax refund for overpayment. **R-12-38**
5. Approval of the Workshop meeting minutes of February 2, 2012.
6. Approval of the Regular meeting minutes of February 2, 2012.
7. Approval of the Executive Session minutes of February 2, 2012.
8. Resolution certifying LOSAP lists for Hook & Ladder Fire Co. and First Aid Squad **R-12-39**
9. Resolution appointing Recycling Coordinator **R-12-40**

The Clerk stated there were 7 items on the consent agenda and described an 8th item and 9th item added from Workshop and asked for a motion. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the Consent agenda which was seconded by Councilman Gallo and approved by Council.

Councilman Ibex joined the meeting via telephone at 8:10 p.m.

Ms. Jungfer stated she was in receipt of the Police Reports for January 2012, which had been distributed and would be posted.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN GALLO: Councilman Gallo announced that there was now a container available in the Borough's Recycling Center for electronics recycling.

Councilwoman Kahle asked if there had been a location found where residents could bring their branches as an alternative to the branches at the curb so that branches wouldn't be in the street all the time.

Councilman Gallo and Johnson answered it was a good idea and that they would bring it up in their Committee meeting.

COUNCILMAN IBEX: No report

COUNCILMAN IRACE: No report

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: No report

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle reported on the meeting with the FMERA Environmental Committee and advised of her concern that the NJDEP representative had been replaced for the 3rd time, the discussion of Wampum Lake, the Environmental Commission's open meeting, an updated presentation by Frank Baricelli from the Ft. Monmouth RAB; the vapor intrusion investigations that were ongoing.

MAYOR MAHON: Mayor Mahon advised that he had been at the Oceanport Board of Education meeting earlier that night to comment on the issue regarding moving of the school elections from April to November and the removal of the need to vote on the school budget if lower than the cap; clarified his previous comments regarding his concerns on not being able to vote on the school budget, concern that revenue saved from shared service items not being returned to the taxpayers and wanted the public to know that the school board was the agency closest to the matter and that it was a school board matter which they had addressed and that the Board had ratified their resolution made earlier at a workshop meeting that would move the school board elections to November and though not required, provided for a public hearing on the matter. Mayor Mahon continued that the school board chose their option for valid reasons – costs of the election taken as a savings, the historically fruitless exercise when reconciling defeated budgets and their hope of increasing voter turnout and for those reasons he chose not to place the issue up for consideration by the Governing Body but he did point out to the Board that “we are spending other people's money” and the need to take that seriously and why and felt that the Board was moving in that direction.

Mayor Mahon next gave an update on matters with FMERA and the FMERA Board's vote last night was for the transfer of Parcel E to an entity known as Commvault and then read the comments that he made to the FMERA Board as a member of the Board and the Real Estate Committee including discussions with representatives from the interested business at the initial inquiry and the possibility of retaining their location within the Borough of Oceanport whether at the existing location or other suitable parcels on Fort Monmouth - some located within the Borough, his appreciation for the concern of Executive Director Bruce Steadman and the Lieutenant Governor that a host community would suffer the loss of another business on top of the losses from the closure of Fort Monmouth, the additional impact of another 500 jobs lost and that replacement of those jobs was priority one and that for Oceanport the loss of 500 jobs must be part of the record and the impact that those jobs will have on the Borough's affordable housing obligations and the necessity of those 500 jobs as part of the total number of jobs to be recovered but separate of the 5,000 as an Oceanport loss alone and that job relocation within the host communities, or the county to the Fort should be avoided and that the FMERA Board and EDA should market opportunities within the redevelopment area to outside interests and not cannibalize area businesses to achieve area redevelopment on the Fort. Mayor Mahon concluded by stating that he voted no on the transfer of Parcel E and that his vote was based on unanimous consent by the Oceanport Governing Body whom were advised through Executive Sessions throughout the discussions.

Mayor Mahon then opened the meeting for anyone from the public who wished to be heard.

PUBLIC:

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

Bill List: Dog Registry \$348.00 Open Space Trust \$1,273.75 Other Trust \$96.50 2011 Vouchers Paid \$241,851.90 2011 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$1,735.15 Total 2011 Vouchers Paid \$243,587.05. 2012 Vouchers Paid \$4,125,620.65 2012 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$32,706.58. Total 2012 Vouchers Paid \$4,158,327.23.

At 8:21 p.m. the Clerk read a Resolution authorizing the meeting to enter Executive Session for the purposes of negotiations and collective bargaining agreements and litigation on a motion made by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Gallo and approved by Council.

At 9:35 p.m. the Council returned from Executive Session and re-opened the Regular Meeting on a motion by Councilman Irace which was seconded by Councilman Gallo and approved by Council.

There was discussion amongst the Council regarding a request that Councilwoman Kahle had received from a boy scout whose Eagle Scout project was to create an osprey nest. It was decided that the best location would be on Horseneck Point Road.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Irace, which was seconded by Councilman Gallo and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



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BOROUGH CLERK