

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
February 16, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on February 16, 2006 at 8:00 P.M. with Mayor Chaump stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Johnson, Gallo, Briscione, Sharkey, Kahle, Ibex and Mayor Chaump

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Kimberly A. Jungfer and Borough Attorney, Scott C. Arnette

INVOCATION: Borough Chaplain Mills gave the invocation.

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

Consent Items

1. Raffle application for an off premise 50/50 for the Friends of. Maple Place Music Inc. to be held May 11, 2006 at Maple Place School.
2. Resolution appointing Paul Vitale Electrical Sub-Code Official.
3. Resolution transferring funds.
5. Resolution waiving building permit fees for the Emergency Siren System
6. Resolution authorizing the application for the Recodification grant.
7. Resolution adopting National Incident Management System.
8. Resolution authorizing the payment of bills.
9. Motion authorizing aerial spraying by the Monmouth County Mosquito Commission.
10. Motion appointing Mauro Baldanza Emergency Management/Civil Defense Director for a regular three year term expiring 2/20/2009, Chris Baggot 1st Assistant to fill the unexpired term ending 12/31/2007 and Vito Mara 2nd Assistant to fill the unexpired term ending 12/31/07.
11. Motion authorizing the Borough Engineer to advertise and receive bids for Old Wharf Park project and paving of Crescent Place.
12. Approval of the minutes from the Reorganization meeting of January 1, 2006, the regular meeting held on January 19, 2006 and workshop meetings held on January 5 and 17, 2006.

The Borough Clerk stated the first item was the consent portion of the agenda and asked for a motion that these items be moved at this time. Councilwoman Johnson stated that she had a possible conflict with item #10 and asked that it be removed. Councilwoman Kahle moved the remaining items of the Consent portion of the agenda, which was seconded by Councilman Briscione and unanimously approved by Council.

The Borough Clerk stated Councilwoman Johnson had removed item #10 from the agenda due to a possible conflict. The Clerk then asked for a motion to approve item #10,

which was moved by Councilwoman Kahle and seconded by Councilman Ibex and approved by Council with the exception of Councilwoman Johnson who abstained.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk stated that the only thing she had was a police report for January 2006, which has been distributed and will be posted.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle reported on Public Works stating that they were very busy over the weekend with the snow removal. The entire department worked through the night on Saturday and all day on Sunday until 9:30 p.m. plowing the roads and getting them safe for Monday morning. Oceanport was one of the only towns to have school on Monday morning and that was really because of our Public Works Department and she is sure that all of the kids in town didn't appreciate that but everyone else who had to go to work on Monday morning did appreciate it. They did an outstanding job and she is sure that the rest of the Council will join her on commending them for their effort.

Councilwoman Kahle stated besides the plowing the Public Works Department has put up new signs at Evergreen and Trinity Park and have cleaned out about half the storm drains in town in order to comply with the new Storm Water Management regulations and they will be finishing the rest of the job and will be done probably by spring just in time for the spring showers.

COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Councilwoman Johnson reported on Parks and Recreation stating that they had their meeting on February 8th and right now they have discussed that the Evergreen Park and Trinity Park have new signs, which have been installed by the Road Department and she thanked them very much for their time. Also, the Recreation Committee has discussed removing some soccer goals at Blackberry Park so hopefully we can purchase some new ones and they are looking into that.

Councilwoman Johnson stated that there are coaches that need to be Rutgers certified and they are in the process of setting up the course. She also reported that they might have a teacher at Wolf Hill School who might be interested in taking the Action Camp position.

Councilwoman Johnson stated that 7 trees at Blackberry Bay Park have been planted along Port-Au-Peck Avenue, 1 tree has been removed and 2 more trees have been planted by the bike rack and the tennis courts. She thanked Recreation and Shade Tree for doing that.

Councilwoman Johnson stated that the tennis court lights have been installed, sidewalks along the west side have been installed and the courts have been milled at Blackberry.

Councilwoman Johnson reported an Eagle Scout is looking into a project for Summers Park and will coordinate a plan with the Parks and Recreation Committee to plant shrubs and trees.

Councilwoman Johnson reported on the library stating that Pat Whitehead from the Monmouth County Library Association also attended this meeting. They had an estate donation that was given to the library and they are looking at putting a few signs around town to point to where the library is located. This is something that needs to be brought up with the Police Department to make sure that the library is able to do this. Also, they found out the Ocean Township library is closing and giving all their shelves out for free, so the library is looking into a

couple of more shelves so hopefully they can get them from Ocean Township. In 2005 the library circulated 32,979 books, which is quite a few books for this small library.

Councilwoman Johnson stated that she attended the Hook and Ladder fire meeting and they want to thank everyone for standing by this past weekend on storm duty. She reported that the Hook and Ladder has a new member coming in and will be on the list for the academy. There will be a training drill at the Old Wharf on February 25th for a search and rescue. Also, on Tuesday, March 7th there will be a CPR/AED course on the Oceanport Hook and Ladder at 7pm. On April 9th there will be a ham dinner at the Hook and Ladder and also they are talking about an ICS 700 course at the end of March and will involve all emergency services both Fire Departments and First Aid. This is a mandatory course for everybody that is volunteering. Also, they are looking into a CVO license training in the future.

COUNCILMAN GALLO: Councilman Gallo stated that he went to the Water Watch meeting and they had a presentation on a herring project. This is an extra credit project for the 7th grade class. They will raise herring from eggs in the classroom hatchery and in about a week they will release the frogs in Shadow Lake and they will grow there and they will eventually make their way to the Nave sink River to increase the herring population in our area waters. Kathleen Divine presented the project and the committee felt that this was a worthwhile project and they will make a donation toward it. The group also continues to monitor Oceanport's water.

Councilman Gallo reported on First Aid stating there were 46 calls this past month, 2 motor vehicle accidents and 7 fire calls. The First Aid plans on breaking ground this month for their addition once they get final approvals. They lined up the contractors and they are ready to go. They continue to look for ways to raise money for this project and if anyone is interested in donating they can contact any of the squad members. The squad also stated the desire to create a cadet program to bring 16 and 17 year old boys and girls into the company. They would like to start them out at a younger age to learn about first aid, how the squad works, and to help develop more of an interest from our youth and tonight Councilman Briscione will introduce that ordinance. Also, the squad would like to remember Harry Messker who passed away last week, as he was an ex-captain of the squad.

COUNCILMAN IBEX: Councilman Ibex stated he had no report.

COUNCILMAN SHARKEY: Councilman Sharkey reported on the insurance program and stated that we have switched to a new insurance program on the first of the year, the Monmouth County Joint Insurance Fund. He then stated that from all the indications he is hearing very good and positive responses with the Borough professionals and employees working with this new group of individuals. With regard to health insurance, the Borough received an unsolicited renewal proposal with a deadline of the end of February. There were no other alternatives presented to us and we need to address that and that has become an issue again like it was last year because it prevented us from giving the police and the employees an opportunity to be involved in the process and unfortunately we have to deal now with another difficult situation.

Councilman Sharkey reported on Municipal Coordinating, which is Shared Services, he started to do some leg work with West Long Branch and Little Silver and he doesn't have anything further other than he has been receiving information that was requested.

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione asked the Clerk to read an ordinance changing the name of a portion of Maple Place to Foggia Way as follows: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PORTION OF EXISTING "MAPLE PLACE" TO BE DESIGNATED A**

"FOGGIA WAY" after which he moved to approve same on first reading. It was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle.

The Clerk called to roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Kahle, Johnson, Ibex, Sharkey and Briscione
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Councilman Gallo

Councilman Briscione moved to hold the public hearing on the proposed ordinance at the Council meeting of March 16, 2006 and to advertise the same with accordance with the law. This was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle.

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NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Councilman Gallo

Councilman Briscione stated that he was proud to introduce the next ordinance naming the soccer fields for Maria Gatta. Maria devoted many hours of community service and for the residents and he thinks this is a wonderful way to keep her memory in our hearts and in out minds. He then asked the Clerk to read the ordinance by title only **"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER A101 (ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKS) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCENAPORT**, after which he moved to approve same on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Ibex.

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ABSTAIN: None

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ABSTAIN: None

Councilman Briscione stated that the third ordinance is an ordinance forming a cadet program for the Oceanport First Aid as Councilman Gallo said. This ordinance will enable the organization to enroll and to train young members and to help promote volunteerism among our

young residents. He then asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only, "**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CADET CORPS OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT FIRST AID SQUAD**" after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Gallo.

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Councilman Briscione stated in regards to committee reports the Planning Board hearing on Holiday Oceanport property on East Main Street, currently the Old Wharf Restaurant, originally scheduled for February 8th was continued to March 8th. The project calls for the construction of 27 age-restricted units. Three of these units will be affordable housing units. Plans are available for review in the Clerk's Office. Also, there is an opening on the Planning Board so anyone who is interested should contact the Clerk's Office.

Councilman Briscione stated that the Police report for the month of December indicates that the department answered 960 calls and officers responded to 597 calls. There were 136 summons' issued and 229 motor vehicle stops. Patrolman Michael Fagliarone has completed a training course as an expert witness given by the Multi-Jurisdictional Counter Drug Task Force.

Councilman Briscione stated with regard to Cable Technology, the committee will meet in early March to discuss the franchise agreement with a representative from Comcast Cable Company.

Councilman Briscione reported that reevaluation notices reflecting the reevaluation results have been mailed to residents. Informal hearings with Realty Appraisal Company, he believes, started yesterday, and they are going to continue through Saturday. He would encourage all residents to take the opportunity to meet with representatives of the company to discuss the assessment and to go over their property record cards for factual information. These assessments will remain on the books for the foreseeable future so this is a great time to make sure that there are no errors on those cards.

MAYOR CHAUMP: Mayor Chaump stated that she would like to thank Ward Coles who helped Public Works put up the signs for Trinity Place and Evergreen and she would also like to recognize the Oceanport First Aid Squad. They got a certificate of recognition, which she read "In recognition of your participation in the Monmouth County Homeland Security exercise

conducted on September 27, 2005 in Neptune Township. For continued dedication to improve emergency preparedness in Homeland Security through training and education is to be commended". It was signed on October of 2005 but it was just received about a week ago and the Mayor invited members of First Aid to come up and accept this award.

Mayor Chaump then stated that even though she didn't get a chance to vote because she can't, she thinks that the Cadet program is an excellent program, as the Fire Department has the Explorers and now the First Aid will have the Cadet Program to bring our children that are under 18 to be volunteers and to bring them back into our community.

Mayor Chaump stated that her other report is about the Fort Monmouth Re-use Committee. At the last meeting, Dr. Webster Torelli, of the Brookdale Community College has applied for a grant from the Department of Labor. Every Governor in the United States has a maximum of \$15 million. They have to have 3 proposals for economically depressed areas. Dr. Torelli and his students had a concept paper on rebuilding economic strip of central New Jersey and Dr. Torelli asked the Fort Monmouth Re-use Committee to authorize a partnership with Brookdale Community College in seeking grant funds, called The WIRED Grant, which will include Monmouth County, Middlesex County and Ocean County. Also, there are 10 University of Pennsylvania students, along with Professor Eiss, of the Graduate School of Design, who are using their spring semester to look at Fort Monmouth and developing a plan for its use. There was also a federal screening process on the property of Fort Monmouth and 2 known federal agencies have formally applied, the FBI and FEMA. The deadline for the Smart Growth Grant, which Fort Monmouth Re-use Committee has to formally apply for, is a matching grant and the deadline was on February 15th and we have applied for that. The 3 Mayors of Eatontown, Oceanport, and Tinton Falls have submitted revisions to Senator Kyrillos' bill. They have sent it to the legislators in Districts 11 and 12 last weeks. The revised bill with their input was sent to Senator Karcher, Assemblyman Panter, Assemblywoman Beck, Senator Palaia, Assemblyman Kean, Assemblyman Corodemus and also Senator Kyrillos who drafted the first bill.

Mayor Chaump stated that Council has a copy of the by-laws for review and they will discuss it at the March Workshop meeting for revision as the by-laws are old and need to be updated.

Mayor Chaump stated that at the Workshop on Monday it was decided that the liaisons for Fire, First Aid and Police will meet and discuss the Public Safety Committee and try to move forward to bring everyone together to work together and it will be discussed at workshop as well.

Mayor Chaump ask for a motion to appoint Jay Coffey to the Economic Development Committee, which was moved by Councilwoman Kahle and seconded by Councilman Briscione and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Chaump stated that at this time she would like to open up the portion of the meeting to the public and to please come up and state your name and address and in order to be fair there will a time limit of 5 minutes because seeing a lot of people here the Mayor would imagine that a lot of people do want to speak.

Ed Ryan, 24 Willow Court, stated that he understands that once again the Council had rejected First Aid's request for a new ambulance and he doesn't know why because the Council doesn't know what they have. The Capital Improvement doesn't know what they have. First Aid has 1 ambulance, which is 18 years old and by law cannot carry patients which is grandfathered in because its gas. They do have 3 vehicles that carry people and they would

like to take the old ambulance and put that into a life rescue truck. They have 2 vehicles that they can get rid of by making the old ambulance a rescue truck. They can get rid one little car that they use for a boat, which that's what they bought it for and by the way that boat car, Council did not put any money into that because they had it donated to them by the County, the Squad put all the money into it, out of their money, not out of the Council money to put tires on it and paint it and everything else, lights etc... Then they bought an old gas truck at an auction and they did the same thing and that old gas truck is standard shift and he doesn't know how old it is, but it's rusty. They put all the work into that truck themselves with the money that was donated from the residents of Oceanport. The Council did not put any money into that. Also, 2 years ago the Squad had 2 of their members win the golf tournament and they have a small discount of \$2,000 from P&L and that's when the Borough promised them an ambulance, which was 4 years ago. They asked P&L to hold it for them for 1 more year, but again they didn't get it. Now the rate they are looking at is approximately \$140,000.00 - \$150,000.00. That is what they need for the Borough, not what they want. There's a beautiful rig at the convention they go to every year and the ambulance cost is \$190,000.00 - \$200,000.00, which they don't want, well, they want it but they don't need it for this Borough. Now, we have 1 that is 18 years old, another one that is approximately 11 years old, and one that is 6 years old. People say that we have 3 rigs, ok, but when on goes down who's on standby? He went through the records and once in a year and a half they had a call in another town for mutual aid for a house call and that was only because they had an accident, which they needed 2 rigs, another call, and then a fourth call after that, so they had to call Little Silver in. Every year you people say oh, we're going to get it and then we never do.

Mayor Chaump stated that she had to stop Mr. Ryan there because this is the reason why everyone gets a 5 minute time limit because they have a budget meeting after this and she did go back and check through the Public Safety minutes for the past 2 years and he is right that Public Safety has suggested for the past 2 years an ambulance for First Aid. It was in for purchase in 2004 and 2005 so it has been on the list for 2 years and she was going to tell Council at the budget meeting.

Vincent Villano, 14 Wolf Hill Ave, stated that he was here to discuss the sidewalks. The surveyors were out yesterday and he saw them there today and he wanted to know what was going on with the sidewalks because he is more concerned with his house being so close to the street, there is no frontage at all for the sidewalk.

Mayor Chaump stated that at this point they have not yet made a decision and that is why the engineer is out there so he can make a recommendation to them at the next workshop meeting.

Councilman Briscione stated that he would like to add one thing to that. In the grant application it was recognized that some of the homes were close to the road and the grant allowed them to situate the sidewalk on either side of the road and that is what the engineers are looking at now and they will go back to them with their recommendation.

Edith Ryan, 24 Willow Court, stated that there have been a number of concerns about the Public Safety Committee and she knows that there have been a number of discussions and that it is apparent to the volunteer services that this Committee is not functioning well for them. It might be functioning for the town and the town council but it's not functioning for the volunteers. They received a donation policy that was given to them concerning donations that the public people have given to each individual organization and in that donation policy it is requested that they provide to the Borough a list of items that they would like to see purchased

with that money, the amount of the donation, and who it came from and then the Public Safety Committee would advise them as to whether they are able to purchase that or not. At a recent committee meeting there was a lot of out of control people and it ended up with threats made that their Captain would be removed from her position if she did not adhere to the policies that were in effect and the Oceanport First Aid Squad are not happy and she doesn't believe that either fire company is happy about the donation policy either. There are 7 members on this board and only 2 representatives that are in volunteer services, 1 from the Fire Department and 1 from the First Aid Squad. The other people who sit on this board are paid members and they are paid by the municipality to be there. She went back and read the ordinance and printed it out and gave it to a number of these people and she thinks that there are some good qualities in the ordinance and if the ordinance needs to be readdressed as far as the structure on who is involved in the committee and she would like to charge the Council with coming up with some recommendations as far as making changes in that committee, if not abolishing it, and to treat the squad and the fire departments as if they do have a little sense about what they can do with their money and what they can't. The people who donate that money to them do it because of the service they provide them and as gratitude and they don't believe that the Borough Council or the Borough Safety Committee has the right to tell them what they can do with the money that is above and beyond what they give them.

Mayor Chaump stated that she would like to address some of those issues. Again, as she said she looked through the minutes since January 1, 2004 and those guidelines were done on December 6, 2004 and quoted what was announced on January 1, 2004 by our late Mayor, Maria Gatta, "the purpose of this committee is to provide for the organization, maintenance, regulation and control of the Borough's emergency services divisions assets and to provide oversight review of all expenditures, operations budgets and capital expenditures. She thinks that the reason behind this was so that they didn't duplicate services and that they would be able to share. However, they have all gotten off the beaten track and Council is going to be looking at the ordinance and that is why there are the 3 liaisons from fire, first aid and the police who are going to look at it and they are going to address it.

Ed Ryan stated that he had one quick thing to mention. If they do get the ambulance, which he hopes they do, he would like to have the lawyer read the contract and proposal that they give to the dealership and compare theirs with the dealerships because the last time that they bought an ambulance the Borough lost \$2,500.00 because when their contract was up they had a policy in their deal that would be \$100.00 a day for every time it's late. When it came to 25 days late they asked the Borough for it and in order. And they have been in business for over 50 years and they know what they're doing. Getting back to what she said about donations, when they get donations from people, when the ex-captain Burns died they got enough money for their first defibrillator in memory of her. They did not waste the money! He's been around for over 50 years; he worked parking cars, picking up pennies at fairs for money. He's not going to go out and let the Borough Council tell them how to spend their money that they get from the people of this town.

Rosanne Letson, 37 Morris Place, stated that her first question is for Mr. Arnette. She asked him if there was any update with their building remedy, any kind of hearing date set or anything like that?

Mr. Arnette stated not that he was aware of. He's sorry that he couldn't give any better answer than that but that's what he is up to speed on with regards to that. He and Mr. have not yet sat down and had a formal conference with regard to the status with that but when he finds out he will let her know.

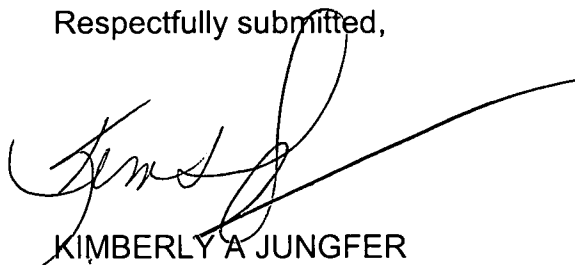
Rosanne Letson stated that her second question was in regards to an article that she read in the Asbury Park Press the other day about a grant program where there is open space grant money available for municipalities to apply for and she realized that Oceanport has a lot going on this year but she wants to know if the Borough is actively looking into this every year to try to use and take advantage of what money they get from this open space grant. Only 13 municipalities got money out of only 18 who applied out of the 53 that can apply. She was wondering if there was anything that we are actively pursuing like for the next years grant.

Mayor Chump said yes, but what they don't tell you is that the Monmouth County Open Space Grant is a 50% match, which wasn't in the budget. Recreation can tell you they did come up with a project, but the timing was just off and it was a little bit late when they looked into it. However, they will make sure that Parks and Recreation will meet the deadline and that they do put that into their Capital Program so they have the 50% match.

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

At 8:35 p.m. Councilman Ibex moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be on March 16, 2006. It was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



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