

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
February 15, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on February 15, 2007 at 8:00 P.M. with Mayor Chaump stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

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

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

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

Mayor Chaump stated they had two guests this evening the Boy Scouts and Dr. Kaloss who is going to be doing a presentation on geese control.

Dr. Kaloss stated the Environmental Commission would like to present a program having to do with the geese abatement. There is definitely a problem here in Oceanport with the geese, which will only get worse so we have to do something about it now. The geese population doubles every 7 years. They will be following a program under the auspices of what is called the Geese Peace Program, which is a non-profit organization. The 2 approaches are oiling of the eggs in the nest and the other is the use of a Border collie to shoo away the geese. The geese look for a big flat area near a body of water to live. For the moment they will only concentrate on the oiling of the eggs in the nest, which is an interesting process and relatively easy to do. First it involves the location and identification of the nest. The female will lay an egg about once every day or two until she collects 5 or 6 of them. She then sits on the eggs and incubates them. It takes about 25 –28 days for the eggs to hatch and they all hatch at the same time. The goslings do not fly until they are about 2-3 months old. When they identify where the nest is they mark the eggs and then coat the eggs with 100% corn oil. It is a federal regulation that they use corn oil and then you must report in October as to how many eggs where oiled and so on. The oil prevents the transfer of gases, particularly oxygen, from getting into the eggs so then the embryo succumbs. The Geese Peace Program would like us to network with other communities and they have already been in contact with West Long Branch, which will be much more effective than if they do it alone. Dr. Kaloss then asked if there were any questions.

Councilman Ibex asked what the corn oil does?

Dr. Kaloss stated it coats the egg and creates an impermeable surface so that oxygen cannot get through.

Councilman Ibex asked what happens if the mother figures it out?

Dr. Kaloss replied the mother would not know because the oil masks the human scent.

Councilman Briscione asked what areas are of greatest concern?

Dr. Kaloss replied Old Wharf and the stream that goes along up in that area and in the Mews of Turtle Mills brook. This is not going to be an easy job and will take a long time and we just ask for support from everyone.

Councilman Ibex asked what the lifespan of the geese are.

Dr. Kaloss responded about 20 years.

Councilman Ibex so this method of preventing them from having more young geese will take about 20 years to take for them to all die out? We still have to put up with all of the droppings?

Dr. Kaloss said yes and this is why it is becoming a problem.

Councilman Ibex asked why we don't just get rid of them in another fashion.

Dr. Kaloss said it's against the law to kill the geese except for the hunting season and you have to have very special permits for gassing the geese and the other methods are just very expensive.

Councilman Ibex stated this seems like a battle we are not going to win.

Dr. Kaloss said yes, but we can curb the numbers.

Councilwoman Kahle stated if we use the oiling along with the dogs that will reduce the population of the geese a lot quicker than just oiling.

Mayor Chaump stated they need to public to be the eyes for the Environmental Commission to find the nests.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Borough Clerk stated there were 16 items on the consent agenda and then asked for a motion.

Councilwoman Kahle asked for item #15 to be removed.

Councilman Sharkey asked for item #16 to be removed.

Councilman Briscione then made a motion to approve the consent agenda with items 15 and 16 removed, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by Council.

The Clerk asked for a motion to approve item #15, the minutes of January 18th.

Councilman Sharkey stated that the last page of these minutes of 1-18-07 must have been from a previous meeting/section.

Councilman Briscione made a motion to approve the minutes of 1-18-07 and was seconded by Councilman Ibex and was approved by Council with the exception of

Councilwoman Kahle who abstained.

The Clerk asked for a motion to approve item #16, which is the Workshop Meeting Minutes of 1-22-07. Councilman Sharkey stated there is a sentence in the minutes that is not understandable on page 4, last paragraph in the middle. It says Councilman Briscione went on to explain why this BRAC closing then prior closing.

The Clerk stated she would remove those from the agenda and she would correct them and resubmit them for the March meeting. Councilman Ibex moved to approve and was seconded by Councilman Briscione and approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Borough Clerk stated she had the police report for January 2007, which has been distributed and will be posted tomorrow morning.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle started with the Police Report as they had a very busy month so far. Some of the things happening with the department are the hiring of 2 new personnel. One is a relief dispatcher who has many years experience and the other is a Class II Special Officer to replace Brian Burton who left to take a full-time position in West Long Branch. It is her pleasure to welcome Stephanie Migliaccio to the position of the relief police dispatcher and Robert Chenoweth as the Class II Special Officer. Mr. Chenoweth also comes with many years of experience including working as a Class II Special Officer in Englishtown and Sea Bright and was a regular Patrolman in South Carolina. He is also fluent in Spanish and will feel a need in this area because currently there is no one on the police staff that speaks Spanish. The Traffic Officers, Michael Kelly and Michael Chenoweth have been reviewing our Ordinances for Traffic Control and have made recommendations that have been approved by Council, mainly dealing with signage, parking issues, and outdated mandates. As for the January Police Report officers issued 161 summonses, made 203 motor vehicle stops and had 13 arrests.

Councilwoman Kahle reported on the Fire Department stating they had a busy month starting with a massive fire in Sea Bright. Our Fire Department was called was one of the first departments to arrive at the scene. When they got there they were directed to fight the fire. Sea Bright also called in the rest of our Fire Department and Tinton Falls came over to cover Oceanport while they were all in Sea Bright. The whole fire was coordinated by the County Fire Coordinator as they were at least 12 different towns that responded. During the fire the hydrants ran out of water and our Engine 76 pumped water out of the river. It was a horrendous fire that was made worse with the extreme cold and ice. They did a great job and we are extremely proud of them for all of their efforts. There was also a barn this week at the track, which could have been a tragedy but they responded quickly as they were right there doing a drill. The new Chief, Jerry Bertekapp, along with the 1st Assistant Chief, Wes Sherman and 2nd Assistant, Tom Gallo, have been busy working with the business of the Fire Department and have reported that 57 firemen have completed the mandatory training for the year and 43 have been respiratory fit tested. They have conducted inventory of the trucks, tools and supplies, pagers and radios have been recorded by serial numbers and the turnout here was inspected by the Fire Marshall so that going forward they know what they have and what they need for

next year. They will be giving a copy of the list to the head of the Public Safety Committee. They are also planning to review the LOSAP guidelines and draft new procedures for truck and car maintenance.

Councilwoman Kahle reported on First Aid stating that they will be having their meeting next week so she is limiting her report but knows that they are currently in the middle of their First Responder Course and have 4-5 new members participating who hopefully will join the squad at the end of the course. They would also like to thank the community for supporting their Fire Drive, which went very well despite the weather.

Councilwoman Kahle thanked all of Oceanport Emergency Services for the wonderful job they did during the Valentine's Day ice storm. She knows that the police logged over 200 calls and had every available officer out on the roads for our safety. County dispatch was totally overwhelmed and our dispatch center took over the calls for a faster response. Captain Baldanza did a great job with emergency coordination and the CERT Team who were also wonderful setting up warning cones, manning the emergency regional evacuation center at Maple Place School and filling in where they could. The Fire Department responded to at least 30 different homes for wires down, trees on cars and houses, pumped out flooded basements and had 2 carbon monoxide calls. Public Works was out all night the day before and that day clearing out the street and they look great. On a personal note she thanked all of the emergency services that responded quickly to her home because there were wires down, a tree on the house and a tree fell in the driveway.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Councilman Johnson stated he had 2 Ordinances tonight. He then called for the introduction of the 2007 Salary Ordinance and then asked the Clerk to read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Councilman Johnson then made a motion to approve the Ordinance on first reading, which was seconded by Councilman Briscione.

The Clerk polled the Council:

AYES: Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Ibex, Sharkey, Briscione

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Councilman Johnson stated he would like make a motion that the public hearing of the Ordinance be held at the Council meeting of March 15, 2007 and to advertise the same in accordance with the law, which was moved by Councilman Ibex and seconded by Councilwoman Kahle.

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ABSENT:

Councilman Johnson stated he would like to call for an introduction to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation limits and to establish a CAP Bank and then asked the Clerk to read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the Ordinance of first reading and was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle.

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COUNCILMAN GALLO: Councilman Gallo reported on Oceanport Recreation stating they had their meeting this month and Dr. Kaloss made the same presentation about the geese program and the committee was very supportive and willing to work with him also.

Councilman Gallo stated Baseball made a presentation to build dugouts at the baseball field at the Community Center, which will include a cover and additional fencing. This will be paid for with funds from baseball and a grant from Oceanport Sport's Foundation. They will be pursuing some additional requirements before they begin. There is a new basketball court that will be going up at the Community Center. The posts are in and the paving will be done as soon as the weather permits. The old basketball nets and stands will be coming down.

Councilman Gallo stated the Capital Improvement from the Recreation Committee, which is a 10 year plan, was formed and they have been looking at all parks in Oceanport and they will build a detailed study which we will follow for years to come.

Councilman Gallo stated Recreation Committee approved the appointment of Ed Miller to Parks and Recreation. He then made a motion to approve the appointment of Ed Miller to the Parks and Recreation Committee and was seconded by Councilman Ibex and unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN IBEX: Councilman Ibex stated they are still in the process of conducting the interviews for CFO which is an ongoing process and hopefully they will finish this coming Wednesday and there is going to be a brief budget meeting after the Council meeting.

COUNCILMAN SHARKEY: Councilman Sharkey reported on the Senior Citizens stating their meeting is coming on Wednesday, February 24, 2007 and they will have a guest speaker, which is the Postal Inspector and Chief Sutton and Sergeant Cioffi will be there talking about how to prevent fraud. This will be held at the Old Wharf House.

Councilman Sharkey stated he attended the last couple of minutes of the Environmental Meeting the other day and not much to report there.

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione stated he would like to express his appreciation to the Public Works Department, the Police Department, Emergency Services including OEM, Fire and First Aid for all of their efforts and hours they put in over the past few days as a result of the ice storm. They had to deal with everything from downed trees, power outages, residents with no heat, accidents, electrical fires, and dangerous road conditions and he is sure many other things he has not heard of yet. Public Works was out at 4am on Wednesday plowing the roadways and spreading salt in addition to clearing down trees and branches from the roads. Public Works will start picking up branches next week and residents should bring any down branches to the curb. They stress residents should not attempt to remove any branches that are in contact with any wires. They should contact the Police Department or JCP&L. Once again it was a job well done by all of our services.

Councilman Briscione stated he met with the Superintendent of Public Works, Demetrio Zarate, the Foreman of Public Works, Marc Hunter, and the Borough Engineer, Bill White, on February 8, 2007 to discuss the Road Evaluation Report and the recommended Road Program for 2007. The report will be updated to reflect changing conditions as well as roads that have been paved. The recommendations made to Council for 2007 include Asbury Ave and Summerfield Ave and the intersections of Avon with Myrtle, Sea Girt and Milton along with a small section of Seawaneka between Genesee and Oneida as alternate. They received a DOT grant for Asbury Ave and the other work will be included in the Capital Budget. They will also be reviewing the Ordinance and the fees for street opening permits in an effort to increase the accountability of the utility companies when they do roadwork.

Councilman Briscione stated they received the 2006 recycling tonnage report form, which Kim is in the process of working on. This is required under the Clean Communities and the Recycling Grant Act, which also provides for \$4 million a year in grant money.

Councilman Briscione commented on the local versus county dispatch by stating it is the multiple town incident such as the storm we just had that taxed the county system and slow response time. He understands that the police desk answered over 800 calls from residents on the day of the storm.

Councilman Briscione reported on Monmouth Park and the Breeder's Cup stating that the Host Committee is still working on community events for the Breeder's Cup.

Councilman Briscione stated he attended the last meeting of the Two River Mayors Council to explain and promote a banner campaign for municipalities and companies that would like to participate in local sponsorship for the Breeder's Cup. The committee is anticipating local support for the street banner program and it would take place from Labor Day to the Breeder's Cup on October 27th. Companies can advertise for \$400 on one side of the banner and \$750 for 2 sides. The Municipalities will be reimbursed for the cost incurred by Public Works for installation and each Municipality participating will be given 10 tickets to the event that they will be able to raffle off. Given the fact that they are going to be keeping the capacity at 45,000 these will be valuable tickets.

Councilman Briscione reported on the Economic Development Committee will meet with the Planner, Clark, Katz and Heinz on February 20th. They completed their initial tour of the base and will kick off the planning process with this meeting. After this meeting the firm will provide us with a firm schedule for dates for public input. He contacted the Fort Monmouth Revitalization Authority about scheduling a tour for the library on post. If this is feasible and

allowed by the county library system an eventual move to the fort will free up space in this Boro Hall but the library on post will be little or no money would have to be spent to operate it.

MAYOR CHAUMP: Mayor Chaump stated that she and the engineer are working on dredging with the DOT, the DEP and the Senator from District 12. There are a lot of waterways that need to be dredged and they are looking for way to have that funded through grants.

Mayor Chaump reported on the New Jersey League of Municipalities the Mayor's Support the Troops on active duty and on Sunday, April 15th there will be a pancake breakfast. There is also a petition from Senator Robert Singer from District 30 that he has asked us to sign and there is one in the tax office as well. It is about asking the Governor to look at the way they fund schools since the Oceanport Schools and Shore Regional takes up 57% of our tax bill they are asking the Governor to revise and review the school funding and the way that it is done. The Two Rivers Mayors Council meeting met on the first Saturday of February and the Mayors were trained in NIMS, which is the National Incident Management System. The facilitator was Bill Kelleher of the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management. He gave them a compliance metrics which has 7 sections and will be sitting down with Captain Baldanza who is the Director of the Office of Emergency Management to make sure that the Borough is all up to date on that. They explained what we need to know to command which is the overall responsibility as to planning, logistics, finance and administration, intelligence and also our incidental plan.

Mayor Chaump reported on Public Safety which held its meeting on February 13, 2007 included a safety meeting which was updated by Sergeant Van Brunt and he has also given a list of classes for 2007 and spoke about the award we received from the Monmouth County JIF for active participation in the 2006 Safety Incentive Program scoring 80 points or better which was presented at the February 7th meeting. It shows that the employees and volunteers are taking their safety courses and keeping up to date on that.

Mayor Chaump continued stating as Councilwoman Kahle discussed there were 57 firefighters who were trained. Fire and First Aid are going to be doing a CPR course on February 19th and on February 25th there is going to be an ice rescue drill. First Aid first responders took a course also.

Mayor Chaump reported on OEM. On February 27th there will be a meeting regarding traffic issues with Monmouth Park and on March 7th there will be a program hurricane Katrina response at the Old Wharf House at 7 p.m. It is open to everyone in the Borough and she listed some of the topics that would be discussed.

Mayor Chaump stated she had a report from Captain Baldanza regarding the recent storm and thanked all of the staff that was here on February 14th. Everyone pulled together, Fire, First Aid, CERT team and even the Borough Hall employees. The storm struck on February 14th and by 9 a.m. 50% of the town was without power. Trees were breaking under the ice load which in turn brought down power, telephone and cable lines. Damage was also done to homes and property by the falling limbs. The OEM/CERT, Police, Fire and First Aid handled over 387 calls for service in a twelve hour period. A shelter operation was started at 3 p.m. at Maple Place School because Wolf Hill School had no power. The Oceanport shelter was dedicated a regional shelter after Red Bank Regional High School was unable to function in that capacity because of loss of power. Several towns inquired about shelter availability for their residents and the offer was made for them to come over; however by 9:30 p.m. when no one had come to the shelter for assistance the facility was closed. Power was restored to most of the area by 9 p.m. and remaining parts were back by 3 p.m. the following day with only

individual isolated outages remaining. There are power crews in the area still working. Assistance was also provided by the Long Branch OEM maintaining heat and phone service at Wolf Hill School. There was a failure of the 911 reverse system at Wolf Hill School due to the power failure and due to the crash of the backup power, but it was restored with the help of the Long Branch OEM. A letter will be sent to them thanking them for their assistance. Borough emergency radio station and the Borough website carried information about the storm and what was happening. The Oceanport CERT members called and visited 12 critical care residents to make sure that they were okay twice during the storm. Other members did damage assessment through the utility call out and traffic control placement. Other CERT team members assisted by answering phones at police headquarters. In all about 10 members from CERT assisted. It was good to know that all of the emergency services were in this together and as a town we were able to pull this off plus become a shelter for neighboring towns.

Mayor Chaump stated that with regard to Fort Monmouth, there will be a meeting on Wednesday, February 21st in Eatontown. The University of Penn students with their "Changing of the Guard" new vision were given an award from the American Planning Association for applied research which only three colleges in the area received such an award.

Mayor Chaump recognized the Boys Scouts in the audience who were there working on one of their merit badges.

BILL LIST: Ad Hoc Trust \$1,091.00.. Dog Registry Total \$322.20. Trust (Firehouse) \$25.00. .2005 Vouchers Paid the meeting \$7,800.00.2006 Voucher Paid \$162,334.31. 2006 Vouchers Paid This Meeting \$47,950.84. Total \$210,285.15. 2007 Vouchers Paid 3,290,850.43. 2007 Vouchers Paid This Meeting \$1,111,489.97. Total \$4,402,340.40

PUBLIC:

1. Chief Sutton wanted to add to the comments regarding the storm. He wanted to express his thanks to the Fire Department who did a really good job, Kim, who helped out with the phones handling probably a hundred calls that the police would have had to deal with. The Public Works Department did a great job, as there were only two accidents yesterday when it should have been a traffic disaster. He continued that there has been a lot of talk about Fire, First Aid, Police and OEM not getting along, which did not happen. Everyone worked well together and everyone did a great job adding that although everyone was overworked yesterday, the important thing was that we weren't overwhelmed.
2. Robert Kelly, Shore Drive, stated that he was one of the CERT members who showed up at the school and thankfully there was no one there who needed help. It was great to see CERT members who were willing to give their time and help the community. He commented that speaking for himself, he can't hear most of the Council members except for Councilman Briscione and it seems that the PA system doesn't work. He asked Councilman Briscione mentioned that the County was over taxed and asked him to explain. Councilman Briscione stated he got that information from the Chief but explained that with situations like yesterday when many municipalities are involved, the volume of calls coming in sometimes jams up the County dispatch system. There were incidents yesterday where there were calls that there was no response on one and delayed response on another. Mr. Kelly asked how someone in this town calls for help and when you dial 911 who answers the phone and was told it was the County. So there were 800 calls to the County and Councilman Briscione stated no there were 800 calls to 222-6300.

Mr. Kelly stated it would seem that that is an educational process if the Borough goes to County dispatch and Councilman Briscione agreed stating that would be part of the process and cost related to something like that. Mr. Kelly, to use the Chief's term, the County was overwhelmed, which Councilman Briscione stated was his term, maybe in the future, if we move that way, as we gear up for it they would be able to handle it more efficiently. He does not want to cast a shadow over this and have to be very objective. Councilman Briscione stated that he agrees and there are plans for a new facility in the County and Mr. Kelly wanted to clarify that in the way that it was portrayed that it didn't work. Councilman Briscione stated he has heard pros and cons, but in the emergency situations it will tax any emergency system. Mr. Kelly stated that when he looks at the 2006 expenditures for the dispatchers it is \$260,000, which is a huge, huge number for 13 employees and has no idea of what their benefits are and that has to be kept in focus as we go further in the discussion about other budgetary expenditures.

3. Chief Sutton responded to Mr. Kelly's comments stating that the reason Councilman Briscione mentioned that County seemed to be overwhelmed was the fact that when the Police needed the Fire Department we could not get through to them. The Police Department could not get through to County dispatch to get our own Fire Department. As far as the usefulness of going to County and the savings, he will be reporting based on the Shrewsbury study at the next workshop. In the Shrewsbury report there are no savings that are worth services that you lose by going to County. Chief Sutton continued that as a resident of Oceanport he is not willing to sacrifice safety for saving a few dollars.
4. Robert Kelly, there are many, many towns in this State that rely on the County organization for this type of support he thinks that this not the kind of message, fear, that the world is going to end if we move to the County and Councilman Briscione is right that we have to look at this very, very objectively. He gets very upset as he has heard through the town a lot of fear mongering going on. That is not the way you make good, intelligent business decisions.
5. Gary LaBruno, Wyandotte Avenue, stated that as someone who worked in the storm, he could tell you that from listening to the radio all the dispatch services were overtaxed yesterday, including the County. He added that Shrewsbury, who would be the lead in the multi town dispatch center, lost power at their dispatch center yesterday for 45 minutes and had to switch their operations to County radio. If there had been four or five towns dispatching out of Shrewsbury we all would have been on County radio which would have made that even worse on the emergency services. Secondly, as someone who was away from his family yesterday, he likes the idea that his family, if they need the police department, is going to be able to call this Borough and get someone and not sit on hold with the County for 40 or 45 minutes because of the system overload.
6. Ed Ryan, 24 Willow Court, Oceanport, stated that his sister-in-law lives in Shrewsbury and they had to call County and the County told her if it is not life or death don't bother and hung up on her. Mr. Ryan stated he would put our dispatch up against anybody in the County. Mr. Kelly or anybody else get a police frequency and listen to the County dispatch. Over two weeks ago, Wanamassa got called by the County for an accident in West Long Branch. The County does not help. Four years ago there was an incident where a little girl was sick in the middle of a snowstorm. The Public Works Department plowed the snow covered road all the way to the hospital and today that little girl is alive not because of the County but because of the local towns. A life is more important than money.
7. Linda Johnson, 30 Belmar, in reference to the dispatch discussion. She is a 9-1-1 Dispatcher for Monarch Medics and they get call from Monmouth County, Ocean County and local police and the calls from the County don't always give the correct address.

They are always calling them back trying to verify the location and then they tell them they have to call the local police and find out where it's at. This is a constant everyday event and they get hundred's of calls everyday. You either pay for the service here or you pay for the County to have dispatchers. To her, these dispatchers are great and they have been here for a while and they know everyone in town and they know where they all live. She thinks that it would be a major mistake to change.

8. Ed Ryan, 24 Willow Court, he just wanted to add that in the late 60's early 70's Oceanport was on the County for police and fire and the County told us there was not enough phone calls from Oceanport so they wanted Oceanport to get off of their system. The First Aid Squad went out and bought the first **891 base station**. Is this going to happen again?

Councilwoman Kahle stated she had a question about the shelter. Is Wolf Hill School is really our shelter? Is that where we evacuate to?

Mayor Chaump stated Maple Place School because Wolf Hill is too small to accommodate what we need.

Councilman Sharkey asked what would we do if the electricity went out at Maple Place?

Captain Baldanza replied they would rely on the County to establish a regional shelter, which could be Shore Regional.

Councilman Sharkey asked why we would not use the Hook and Ladder because they have a generator.

Captain Baldanza stated it is an issue of being able to feed the people and accommodating the people with the resources that are already there (i.e. cafeteria, gymnasium etc.)

Councilman Briscione stated he had one final comment on the dispatchers. We all understand that this is an extremely emotional issue however other towns do this and if this were to happen we could call other towns and check it out for ourselves.

Councilman Sharkey stated he had another comment with regard to the Builder's Remedy Lawsuit. We cannot talk about it but there is a committee that is entertaining and he had asked the Mayor if she would consider adding 2 more members, one being a Council member and a member of the citizens who live in the area that is affected by this.

Mayor Chaump stated she had spoken to the attorney about this issue yet and she needs to speak with him for advice.

Mr. Arnette stated before we adjourn he had just come back from Ocean County Court and he was on his way back to his office and at exit 105, which is route 36, it was blocked by DOT trucks and he had to end up driving through Tinton Falls, Shrewsbury, Little Silver but not where Mr. LaBruno was, and then Rumson and then Oceanport. Far and away the most organized and the most easily traveled roads were Oceanport and through an empiric observation he would say that the staff worked wonderfully together. He just wanted everyone to know that.

9. Mike Tober, Horicon Ave, stated he keeps hearing tonight about how great the Road Department did during the storm and the Police, Fire and First Aid and as Council is doing the budget he hopes that their salary and pay reflects how hard they worked and what a great job they did for the Borough. He read the salary scale for the Road Department and the town should be embarrassed for what these guys do and how little they get paid. He would appreciate the consideration of how well they did and always do for this town and maybe ask yourselves are they really getting paid what they are worth?

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

At 8:55 p.m. there was a motion to adjourn from Councilman Briscione, seconded by Councilman Kahle and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



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BOROUGH CLERK