

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
February 15, 1996

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on February 15, 1996 at 8:04 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons McGee, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilwoman Filippone.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** Reverend Tavener gave the invocation.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cavanagh led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.
- CLERK'S REPORTS:**

1. Police report for the month of JANUARY, 1996 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee reported under insurance, we are going to have an installation meeting on Thursday, February 22, 1996 for the new health insurance program for all Borough employees who are covered under the Plan and we are also initiating a new Worker's Compensation Managed Care Program, which is in effect as of February 1 and reminded all Borough employees to heed the brochures which are going out with the pay envelopes tomorrow.

Councilman McGee also commented under insurance, he wanted to offer his thanks to Councilman Miller for his cooperation and assistance in helping us achieve some significant savings in the Insurance Borough Program and it is approximately a savings of \$35,000 which is about a 9-1/2% reduction in the entire insurance line item for 1996.

Councilman McGee offered best wishes to Councilwoman Filippone for a speedy recovery.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller also offered his wishes to Councilwoman Filippone for a speedy recovery and hoped she would be back with us in the near future.

Councilman Miller called for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance creating the Cable Committee and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE CREATING IN THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY A CABLE TELEVISION**

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND FIXING ITS PURPOSE, POWERS AND DUTIES.

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions on this subject only.

As no one from the public wished to be heard, Councilman Miller moved to close the public hearing on this matter. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt this ordinance on second and final reading and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Miller Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Filippone.

ABSTAIN: NONE.

ORD.# 673 Councilman Miller called for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance requiring locking devices on cigarette vending machines and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING THE SALE OF TOBACCO TO MINORS AND LIMITING LOCATIONS OF CIGARETTE VENDING MACHINES.**

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions anyone might have on this subject only.

As no one from the public wished to be heard on this matter, Councilman Miller moved to close the public hearing. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt this ordinance on second and final reading and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Miller, Wolfe and Silkworth.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Filippone.

ABSTAIN: Councilman Taylor.

Mayor Cavanagh directed the Clerk to forward copies of this ordinance to the two establishments in the Borough which have cigarette vending machines as well as sending a copy to the vending machine company.

Councilman Miller called for the introduction of the 1996 salary ordinance amendment and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance 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 ON MARCH 16, 1939.**

Councilman Miller moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe. 257

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Filippone.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Miller then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the meeting of March 7, 1996 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Filippone.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Miller then called for the re-introduction of an ordinance regarding towing regulations and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE REGULATING WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT THE TOWING OF VEHICLES FROM THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT OR STOLEN VEHICLES, AND/OR VEHICLES WHEN NECESSARY TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT.**

Councilman Miller moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman McGee.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Filippone.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Miller moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on March 7, 1996 at 8:00 P.M. and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman McGee.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Filippone.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Miller called for the introduction of an amendment to the Personnel Ordinance and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "THE PERSONNEL POLICY ORDINANCE" OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT PASSED AND APPROVED ON MARCH 20, 1986.**

Councilman Miller moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Filippone.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Miller then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on March 7, 1996 at 8:00 P.M. and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman McGee.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Filippone.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Miller called for the introduction of an ordinance renewing the ComCast Cable franchise and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST CABLEVISION OF MONMOUTH COUNTY, INC. TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, NEW JERSEY.**

Councilman Miller moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman McGee.

The Clerk called the roll:

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NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Filippone.
ABSTAIN: Councilwoman Silkworth.

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ABSENT: Councilwoman Filippone.
ABSTAIN: Councilwoman Silkworth.

Councilman Miller reminded the residents that the Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, February 24, 1996 at the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company between 9-11 AM and it is for dogs and cats.

Councilman Miller reported under the WaterWatch Committee that the infrastructure law is now being implemented in the Borough of Oceanport and almost all of the 26 storm drains have been sampled and there were no adverse results found. He advised that the Committee will attempt to take the first samples this coming Saturday, weather permitting and if they can find sites with no ice.

Councilman Miller advised that the Committee will be supplying the Two River Times and any other newspaper which requests same, copies of the analysis of 1994 and 1995 and this will be an easier analysis for residents to compare the quality of the river from the various samples taken.

Councilman Miller reported that the track has received its final permit from the DEPE to operate its connection for the storm drains with its hook up with the Northeast Monmouth County Regional Sewerage Authority and it will not take effect until the track season opens and the horses arrive and he is very pleased with the completion of this project.

Councilman Miller stated that the Governor in her 1996 budget is thinking about down sizing the Marine Police force, which will involve the closing of the Sea Bright contingent, which is our closest group. He stated if the Sea Bright Marine Police are closed, the closest would then be Point Pleasant Beach and obviously if we had some type of a major or minor problem, they would not be able to respond in a timely manner nor be concerned about jet ski noise. Councilman Miller asked the Council to think about adopting a resolution requesting the Marine Police to remain in Sea Bright and also asked Mayor Cavanagh to bring up this matter at the next Two Rivers Council of Mayors meeting and perhaps have that Body pass a resolution and forward same to the Governor.

Councilman Miller reported under Recreation that the walking track, roller hockey and soft ball field restoration are all projects that will begin as soon as the weather warms up and we will also be doing a safety upgrade at all of our Borough Parks, especially in reference to the playground equipment used by our younger children.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor wished Councilwoman Filippone the best and hoped she would be back soon.

Councilman Taylor thanked the Committee members who helped put together a report for the Pilot Home Works Backyard Composting Program and thanked Council President Wolfe, John Vivona from the Environmental Commission, Sol Clark from the seniors and Kim Jungfer from the Municipal Offices and Helen from Pan Gardens and he hoped the Borough would be selected as one of the towns for this program.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe wished Councilwoman Filippone a quick recovery and hoped she would be back with us shortly.

Councilman Wolfe offered his thanks to the Fire Department for an excellent job they did in response to a house fire yesterday and it was a combined response from both Companies in Oceanport and congratulated Chief Crochet who was in the audience and asked him to take back our compliments to the firemen.

Councilman Wolfe reminded the residents that there is a Pancake Breakfast at the United Methodist Church scheduled for Saturday, February 17, 1996 from 8-11 AM at a cost of \$4 per person and urged everyone to try and attend.

R-96-20 Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-96-20** transferring funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council.

R-96-21 Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-96-21** amending the 1996 temporary budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe moved to temporarily appoint Councilman Taylor to the Finance Committee, in the absence of Councilwoman Filippone, for the purpose of signing vouchers. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe wished a speedy recovery to Charles Ignotis, an employee in the Public Works Department for the past seven years, who underwent recent surgery and will be out for a number of weeks and we have filled that position with a temporary employee. He also advised that at the close of work today, Public Works had all the trucks and plows hooked up and ready to go for the projected snow that is due tomorrow.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth wished Councilwoman Filippone a speedy recovery and rapid return to the Council.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh stated that he appreciated Reverend Tavener mentioning Councilwoman Filippone in the invocation this evening and praying for her speedy recovery and he asked if Reverend Tavener would continue his prayers for Councilwoman Filippone until she is back with us and commented that he spoke with her today and she sounds good, if a little apprehensive.

Mayor Cavanagh stated as Councilman Wolfe mentioned earlier, we are due for another snow storm and commented that we just met last week with the Public Works Committee, Councilman Wolfe, Chief Joyce, Tom Crochet and himself for purposes of trying to refine a few things and we will get a chance to see how our new plan works.

Mayor Cavanagh stated for the good news, yesterday was the first day that pitchers and catchers reported for Spring training, so hopefully the warmer weather is not too far off.

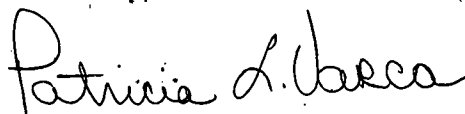
Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might have. As no one from the public wished to be heard, Mayor Cavanagh closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated February 15, 1996. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$11,960.98. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS \$639,354.48. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$72,076.82. TOTAL 1996 OPERATING FUND

\$711,431.30. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$280.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT 403.50. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$163,834.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER).

At 8:28 P.M. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on March 7, 1996 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK