

REGULAR MEETING

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February 6, 1992
Oceanport, New Jersey

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on February 6, 1992 at 8:07 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Miller.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Rabbi Daina.

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

As copies of the minutes from the Reorganization Meeting held on January 1, 1992 and the Regular Meeting held on January 16, 1992 had been made available for review by the members of the Governing Body, Councilman Wolfe moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of JANUARY, 1992 which will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Membership application to the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Co. made by Joseph "Jay" Feiter.

Councilman Terra moved to approve this application. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN CLARK: Councilman Clark reported that he has taken over the recycling duties from Councilman Terra and he is getting into it and it is a very involved subject and takes a lot of time to learn. He advised that he attended a meeting yesterday with Councilman Taylor sponsored by Monmouth County, in which we are trying to see what else we can do as a community to reduce our bulk that goes into the landfill. He also commented that there will be information out fairly soon about the grass clippings and what to do with them, since they will not be allowed in the landfill shortly.

Councilman Clark stated that last year we had a grand total of 2,925.9 tons of recyclables and included in that number was paper which was over 1,000 tons, bottles and cans were over 300 tons, scrap was almost 200 tons; organics, which are leaves, was almost 1400 tons.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-16 authorizing the sale of a 1960 American LaFrance Firetruck at a public auction, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Terra reported he will be visiting and working in Guatemala next week in a hospital and he wanted to advise the public that another member of the Oceanport community, Dr. Frank Gudicello, will be joining them on this trip and there will be two members of the Oceanport community represented and stated that they will be leaving Saturday morning and expect to be back the following Sunday.

Councilman Terra stated he was pleased to announce that the Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club will be hosting the largest and nicest ship and most significant in regard to the July celebration of the 500 year anniversary of the discovery of America and he is proud to announce that the Club will be hosting the biggest and nicest looking ship and certainly the most significant for this event, because it is the Spanish ship. He continued that he and his wife will be chairing the committee and they are hoping that it will be another colossal event and we will be trying to be good hosts to our Spanish friends and they are all looking forward to having a tremendous event on the July 4th weekend.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone wished Councilman Terra God speed and good health on his fine journey.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded the residents that the rabies clinic will be held on Saturday, February 29, 1992 between the hours of 9-11 AM at the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Firehouse and she urged everyone with a dog or cat to make sure they get them vaccinated against rabies because she recently heard on the news that Long Island is on an alert not only for raccoons but for squirrels as well.

Councilwoman Filippone also reminded the residents that dog and cat licenses are now due and the fees are \$11.00 for a regular license and \$8.00 if the animal has been neutered or spayed.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: ABSENT:

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R-92-18 **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR:** Councilman Taylor asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-18 opposing the proposed rate increase by Jersey Central Power & Light Company, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Clark and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Taylor reported that the Library Committee met and the new officers for 1992 are Mary Lou Pingitore, President; George Wright, Vice-President; Lucille Chaump, Treasurer; Mary Loveland, Recording Secretary and Jackie Signorelli, Corresponding Secretary and members are Ed Wilson, Donna Marra and Sal Gentile and he thanked them all for their efforts over the years.

Councilman Taylor advised that the Baseball Committee will be holding their 2nd annual golf tournament at Fort Monmouth, scheduled to be held on Friday, May 29, 1992 and the cost is \$75.00 which includes breakfast, cart, golf, dinner and prizes.

Councilman Taylor reported that under Education, the Maple Place School will be holding the 6th annual Student Government Day which will be held some time in March and he will be announcing that date in the near future and the elections were held this past week and he will report on those results at the next meeting.

Councilman Taylor wished Councilman Terra a safe and healthy journey and acknowledged all his volunteer work that he has been doing in Guatemala.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe stated that Councilman Miller had asked him to announce that the first meeting in 1992 of the Oceanport Water Watch Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 1992 at Borough Hall at 7:30 P.M. and all interested residents of the community are welcome.

Councilman Wolfe reported that he has received a letter from our insurance agency, Boynton & Boynton, and they had given a down grade in exposure for worker's compensation and we have received a credit of \$781,400 from the original inception of that policy.

Councilman Wolfe offered his thanks to Mike Giordano and his Public Works crew who were in the Court Room this week repainting all the window sills and they are doing various other jobs throughout the Borough, since we are having a winter without much snow.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-17 regarding the permit application for the reconstruction of the concrete boatramp at Blackberry Bay Park, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council. R-92-17

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-19 transferring funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council. R-92-19*

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-20 amending the 1992 temporary budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council. R-92-20

Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-21 authorizing refunds to property owners granted tax appeals, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Clark and unanimously approved by Council. R-92-21

Councilman Wolfe wished Councilman Terra a safe trip and looked forward to his return.

Councilman Wolfe stated on behalf of Councilman Miller, he offered his thanks to Marilyn Nester for the article she wrote about his Water Watch Committee in the Two River Times.

Councilwoman Filippone also offered her thanks to Marilyn Nester for the fine article she wrote on our Mayor and stated that we all appreciated the article. JEF:11-92

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh announced that two weeks from tomorrow, John D'Amico will be sworn in as a Judge of the Superior Court of Monmouth County and to the best of his knowledge, he is the first former member of the Oceanport Governing Body to enjoy such a distinction. Mayor Cavanagh stated that he and John were running mates back in 1981 and he served with him on this Council and felt that they could not have made a better selection and he is looking forward to his appointment and he extended the Council's best wishes and congratulations on this appointment and wished him a long career on the bench.

Mayor Cavanagh stated insofar as the budget is concerned, we are working on the 92 budget and somewhat similar to last year, we have not gotten completely clear signals from Trenton on all of what is going to be allocated and what practice will be followed in certain areas and he is not sure that the school funding is completely resolved in terms of revenue back to the towns, and he stated as an example, last year the Borough

received \$157,000 out of the QEA allotment some time in April, after the budgets had been submitted. He continued that we have had a preliminary analysis of our revenues done by the appropriate people and unfortunately; we have suffered as have most towns from the recessionary economy in terms of building of surplus and securing anticipated revenue, as well as encountering some tax appeals which have reduced our rateable base. He commented that he can only hope that the residents of Oceanport will recall that last year their municipal tax rate went down fourteen cents and add that factor into their consideration when we come back to them this year and perhaps take an overall picture of what the last two years have brought because the revenue picture is not encouraging. He stated this is a problem that every town is facing this year and we will have more specific numbers as the month comes to an end and they will then be given to the Auditor and we will wait for this analysis.

Mayor Cavanagh acknowledged the Boy Scouts who are in the audience tonight.

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any comments they might care 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 as listed on the Voucher Register dated February 6, 1992. It was seconded by Councilman Clark and approved with the exception of Councilman Terra who abstained from voting on a voucher reimbursing himself and Councilman Wolfe who abstained from voting on the vouchers due to William Hagerman. TOTAL 1991 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$25,632.51. TOTAL 1991 GENERAL LEDGER-MIDDLE DEPT. INSPECTION AGENCY \$1,334.00. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS \$666,194.23. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$25,496.19. TOTAL 1992 OPERATING FUND \$691,690.42. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$71.00. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY \$654.70. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-COUNTY TAX \$475,050.60. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-LIBRARY TAX \$17,991.31. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OPEN SPACE TAX \$11,682.97. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-HEALTH TAX \$7,972.92. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-ADDED & OMITTED COUNTY TAX \$12,105.25. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-ADDED & OMITTED LIBRARY TAX \$457.73. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-ADDED & OMITTED HEALTH TAX \$200.27. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-ADDED & OMITTED OPEN SPACE TAX \$297.70. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$148,425.20. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$9.75. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-DUE TO STATE \$124.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:33 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on February 20, 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