

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
December 21, 1995

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oceanport was called to order on December 21, 1995 at 8:07 PM.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Reverend Tavener.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cavanagh led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that the first item he wanted to take care of on the Agenda this evening was to award a proclamation and he commented that he had received a call from a young man named Tom Page from West Long Branch and advised that he had participated in a rescue effort in Long Branch with Scott Becker and that the West Long Branch Borough Council were recognizing him for his efforts and he asked that the Mayor do something for Scott, since he was just as important in this rescue effort and he felt that this spoke very highly for Tom in willing and anxious to share in the credit.

Mayor Cavanagh stated he wanted to do this for Scott because young people in Scott's age group are all too often collectively criticized and once in awhile when someone does something worthwhile, we should all stop and say thank you and also thank the parents who spent a lot of time raising someone who, at a moment when they had to do what needed to be done, did exactly the right thing.

Mayor Cavanagh then read the proclamation expressing the Governing Body's thanks and appreciation for his heroic efforts and say thank you for what you attempted to do and then presented Scott Becker with the proclamation.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 7, 1995 had been previously submitted for review by the Governing Body, Councilman Miller moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilman Taylor who abstained from voting because he was not present at that meeting.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Application for membership to the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company made by James B. Gallo.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve this application. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and happy holiday and to all the Borough's Official Family, he thanked everyone for a good year and looked forward to the coming year.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone reported the Captain's Report for November and stated they answered 13 emergency calls, 1 mutual aid and 4 fire for a total of 18 calls with 7 total advanced life support calls for a total of 103 man/woman hours.

Councilwoman Filippone recognized the tremendous effort given by Kathy Maida and Liz Budinski for the very successful First Aid Squad Holiday Bazaar and this was one of the best they have ever had. She also advised that as of last night, all but one Christmas tree had been sold.

Councilwoman Filippone congratulated Bob Shaw who will be the Captain of the First Aid Squad in 1996 and John Long who will be President.

Councilwoman Filippone noted that on January 29, 1996, Diane Cook will be conducting a blood drive at the First Aid Squad Building and she encouraged all of our residents who are able, to please donate blood and also reminded everyone that anyone in Oceanport who needs blood, can automatically get blood as a result of the blood drives in the Borough, even if you don't give it yourself.

Councilwoman Filippone offered her congratulations to Charlie Schanck who has been re-elected as the President of the Oceanport Senior Citizens Club for next year.

Councilwoman Filippone wished a Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas and happy and healthy New Year to our residents.

Councilwoman Filippone then called for the second reading and public hearing of an amendment to the sign ordinance and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "SIGNS" OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, PASSED AND APPROVED ON JULY 15, 1993.**

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

As no one from the public wished to be heard, Councilwoman Filippone moved to close the public portion of the meeting. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilwoman Filippone then moved to adopt this ordinance on final reading and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman McGee.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilwoman Filippone extended her congratulations to Scott Becker.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller wished everyone a happy holiday and a happy New Year as well as commending Scott Becker for his efforts this past summer.

Councilman Miller advised that there will be a preliminary Cable Meeting with Bob Smith of Comcast on January 3, 1996 at 7:30 P.M. to review items to be included in the contract for renewal. He also reminded everyone that the public hearing on the renewal will be held on January 18, 1996 at 8:00 P.M. He requested to any of the members on the Council that if they have any items they want to see included in the new renewal, to please get that information to him prior to January 3.

Councilman Miller congratulated the new officers of the Recreation Committee for 1996 and stated they are as follows: Richard Gruskos, President; Carole Pierson, Vice President; Charlie Schanck, Treasurer; Roseann Pizzulli, Recording Secretary and Addie Nelson, Corresponding Secretary.

Councilman Miller reported that John Kerwin, Recreation Director, has made a safety survey and a survey for handicap access in our playgrounds, following a set of guidelines he received from the Public Interest Research Group and we will review this in the Spring and some of the equipment will be modified and some will have to be removed and replaced, as well as some of the surfaces.

Councilman Miller offered his thanks to Bob D'Agastino for his work on the Recreation Committee and welcomed Linda Gately who has been appointed to take his place on that Committee.

Councilman Miller stated under the Water Watch, he thanked the Monmouth Beach Environmental Commission for making a donation to our Committee of \$100 and every donation and/or grant we receive saves the tax payers from funding this volunteer organization.

Councilman Miller advised that the latest water sample results taken 12/9/95 were the best ever and it is the first time the average water quality was above 75 on a 100-0 scale.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor wished all the residents of the Borough a Merry Christmas and happy holiday season.

Councilman Taylor advised that we will again be recycling Christmas trees and asked the residents to just place them out at the curb after the first week in January and this is in cooperation with Monmouth County and will have them chipped at a local recycling facility.

R-95-59 Councilman Taylor asked the Clerk to read resolution **#R-95-59** regarding the Clean Communities Act and future continued funding under this grant, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Taylor offered his congratulations to Scott Becker and he had coached baseball with him for many years and he has become a fine young gentleman.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe wished everyone a happy holiday and a happy and healthy New Year.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth congratulated Scott for his heroic efforts this past summer.

Councilwoman Silkworth wished all the Borough residents a joyous holiday and reminded people that the cut off date for the Bulletin is January 7, 1996.

Councilwoman Silkworth moved to award a bid for the cleaning of Borough buildings to the low bidder, Statewide Maintenance, Inc., South Belmar, NJ for an annual cost of \$7,870. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and unanimously approved by Council.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh cautioned everyone to be careful over the holidays and not drink and drive and have a very safe holiday.

Mayor Cavanagh invited all the residents to attend the Reorganization Meeting scheduled for January 1, 1996 at 12:00 Noon as well as give the Mayor's Lifetime Achievement Award at that time.

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.

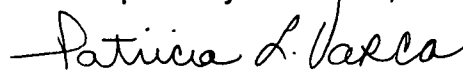
Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated December 21, 1995. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.
TOTAL 1994 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$288.00. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS \$66,503.37.
TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$16,483.96. TOTAL 1995 OPERATING FUND \$82,987.33. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$407.16. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-TAX OVERPAYMENT \$77.60. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:30 P.M. Councilman Wolfe moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss several matters of personnel. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

At 9:55 P.M. Mayor Cavanagh advised that the meeting was back in session and everyone was present on the dais and the Council had completed their Executive Session and no official action will be taken at this time.

At 9:56 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on December 28, 1995 at 7:30 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK