

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
February 5, 1998

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on February 5, 1998 at 8:00 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, McGann Silkworth and Mayor Gemma.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Borough Chaplain Berry.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Gemma led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 15, 1998 had been made available to 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 Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of JANUARY, 1998 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN APRUZZI: Councilman Apruzzi expressed his appreciation to the Governing Body of the Borough of Eatontown, who recently adopted a resolution urging the proposed recreational facilities the County is discussing, to be installed on the Wolfhill Farm property. He especially wished to thank Councilman Ted Lewis for his cooperation in this matter.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone stated that she wanted to thank Joe Ferrina, Superintendent of Schools in Long Branch, who has also contacted Freeholder Stominski to advise that he is also very much in favor of this location for this proposed recreational facility.

Councilwoman Filippone also offered her thanks and appreciation to Eleanor Widdis, who has been the Acting Welfare Director of our Local Welfare Assistance Board for the past month and a half and she has been doing an excellent job and all our paperwork is current and reports have been filed.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that we had a very successful rabies clinic and Councilman Miller assisted with this program and she thanked the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company for their cooperation as well as Fred Filippone, Wes Sherman, Carol Miller, Pinky Regan, Dolly Iamello and Connie Savarese for their help. She also commended the Veterinarian from the Middletown Animal Hospital, who did a terrific job.

Councilwoman Filippone gave the following Oceanport First Aid Squad's Captain's Report for the month of December and stated that there were 35 calls; 22 emergencies; 2 motor vehicle; 2 mutual aid; 4 fire; 1 transportation; 5 other; 15 advanced life support calls; 1 call to Monmouth Park. She also advised that in December they ran the Holiday Bazaar and sold Christmas Trees for a total of 1,533 hours for the sale of trees and 591 hours for the Bazaar for a total of 2,404 hours, just for fund raising activities in December.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the Squad's efforts in December paid off because they had a very successful year with the sale of trees and the Bazaar and earned in excess of \$15,000 from these two projects, which is quite outstanding and the members are to be commended.

Councilwoman Filippone then gave the year end report for 1997 from the First Aid Squad and both reports were submitted by Doris Agaman, who was the Captain in 1997: 213 emergency calls including 1 to West Long Branch and 2 motor vehicle accidents in West Long Branch for a total 48 calls; 2 mutual aids also to West Long Branch for a total of 64 calls; 36 fire calls; 16 transportations and 137 other for a total of 514 calls, which amounted to 4,486 man/woman hours, plus the Bazaar and sale of Christmas trees for a total of 7,168 hours in 1997 and 111 total advanced life support calls and 34 calls to Monmouth Park.

Councilwoman Filippone advised that Ed Ryan is the new President of the Squad for 1998 and Doris Agaman, as the outgoing Captain, presented Ed Ryan with a special award because he did over and above what was expected of him as a first aider during 1997. She continued that the Captain's awards for the year were given to Linda Fujimoto and Carole Connor, who had hoped to be here this evening for the Mayor to present these awards, but Linda Fujimoto is in the hospital and unable to be here.

Councilwoman Filippone also reported that once again, the First Aid Squad has received an application for membership and we seem to be the only Squad around with applications coming in every month for new memberships.

Councilwoman Filippone stated the First Aid Squad also honored Artie VanPelt, Jim Stapleton and Lou Franco for donating money and time to repair their car and ambulances and they have done a wonderful job for the Squad.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported that he has handed out to the members of the Governing Body results from the recent water sampling done on January 17, 1998 and basically the phosphate and nitrate levels are still relatively high, which is an indication of persistent algae in the water and he pointed out that the fecal coliform at sites 6, 7 and 8 are also up, which is due to water fowl at this time of year, which is a problem that we will have to try and address in the future. He commented that by the next meeting he should have available a yearly report for 1997 and the Water Watch Committee plans on updating in 1998 and doing a quarterly report which will be sent out to the various agencies we deal with and to the members of the Council.

Councilman Miller reported under Police, a meeting was held recently with Councilwoman Silkworth, Chief Bebout and himself and they discussed many topics which came out of a seminar they all attended on January 22, 1998 as well as Chief Bebout's attendance at a seminar for new Police Chiefs. He stated that some of the items addressed were new operating procedures and an update on the Chief and Captains' job descriptions, which they will be doing in regard to a request from the Council.

Councilman Miller stated the Police Report for January indicates there were 1,249 calls - received by Dispatchers; calls answered 539; mileage covered by police vehicles 12,000 miles; Departmental Personnel trained 4; motor vehicle stops 222; assisted other Police Departments 29. Councilman Miller reported that Clifford K. Bebout, III successfully completed the Police Chiefs Orientation Program; Patrolman Steve Tagerty received his Radar Instructor/Operator authorization and Patrolman Briskey successfully completed a course entitled Level-1 First Responder Awareness as well as completed the requirements for Community Water Safety and Patrolman Frank VanBrunt has completed the requirements for CPR for the Professional Rescuer.

#R-98-19

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **#R-98-19** transferring funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

#R-98-20

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **#R-978-20** amending the 1998 temporary budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

#R-98-21

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-98-21** introducing the 1998 Municipal Budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, McGann and Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

#R-98-22

Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-98-22** regarding new procedures from the Local Finance Board, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe moved to appoint Joann S. Nadell to the position of Public Defender for the Oceanport Municipal Court, which term expires December 31, 1998 and the remuneration for this position shall be \$200 per Court appearance. It was seconded by Councilman McGann and unanimously approved by Council.

#R-98-23

Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution **#R-98-23** appointing Joann S. Nadell to the position of Public Defender under the Local Public Contracts Law, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and unanimously approved by Council.

#R-98-24

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **#R-978-24** authorizing refunds to property owners due to overpayment of taxes, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman McGann and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe moved to appoint Helen J. Ward to the fill the un-expired term of Tax Assessor, which term expires June 30, 2001. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe moved to amend the Voucher Register to add the bill received from Aldarelli Enterprises, Ocean, NJ in the amount of \$25,590.60 for the 1997 Handicap Ramp Program/Community Development Block Grant Project, which has been submitted by our Borough Engineer. It was seconded by Councilman McGann and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe thanked the Public Works Department and all the volunteers in the Borough, First Aid and Fire Department for all their time and effort with this storm event and we might get another round tomorrow morning, but everyone is ready.

Councilman Wolfe stated he wanted to personally and on behalf of the entire Governing Body and Borough residents, wish Diana Super a great retirement and he will miss her and he always felt very close to her, and she is a neighbor and he knew her husband when he was alive. He commended her loyalty and dedication to the Borough over the years she has worked here and stated everyone will miss her very much.

ORD.#698

COUNCILMAN MCGANN: Councilman McGann called for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance amending the personnel 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 THE "PERSONNEL POLICY ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT" PASSED AND APPROVED MARCH 20, 1986.**

Mayor Gemma opened the meeting to the public for any comments on this subject only.

As no one wished to be heard from the public on this matter, Councilman McGann moved to close the pubic hearing on this ordinance. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and unanimously approved by Council.

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

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, McGann and Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth asked the Clerk to read resolution #R-98-25 appointing a Risk Management Consultant for 1998, after which she moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council. #R-98-25

Councilwoman Silkworth reminded everyone that the update of the 1998 Borough Directory would be beginning shortly and any Committees with changes or updates, should forward their material to the Borough Clerk's Office in order to have all the information current and ready for press, following the Board of Education elections.

Councilwoman Silkworth stated that as Councilman Miller reported earlier, the activity under the Police Committee has really been going full speed since about the middle of November, with lots of different things.

208 Councilwoman Silkworth reported that the Sub-Committee on Building for the Wolfhill Farm project has met and will be making a report to the full Committee and we will have more information forthcoming to the Council in the near future.

Councilwoman Silkworth stated she will be getting an opportunity to attend her first Statewide Worker's Compensation Fund meeting and she will report back to the Council following same.

MAYOR GEMMA: Mayor Gemma offered the following appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Barbara Reagor as a regular member, which term expires 12/31/01

James Monteforte as an Alternate #1, which term expires 12/31/98

David Gruskos as an Alternate #2, which term expires 12/31/99

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the appointments to the Zoning Board. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Gemma read a letter from Wendy Paskin commending the actions of the Fire and Police Departments when she recently had a fire in her stove for their quick response to her call for help and their assistance in putting out the fire and she also enclosed a donation to the Fire Department with her letter.

Mayor Gemma expressed his thanks for many years of service, as well as her patience with a new Mayor, to Diane Super on her retirement and wished her all the best.

Mayor Gemma also wished a speedy recovery to Linda Fujimoto.

Mayor Gemma then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might have, but seeing no one, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated February 5, 1998. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and approved by Council, with the exceptions of Councilwoman Filippone who abstained from voting on a reimbursement to herself and Councilman McGann who abstained from voting on a voucher from Atlantic Coast Company. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$13,983.66. TOTAL 1998 VOUCHERS \$523,710.10. TOTAL 1998 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$38,771.54. TOTAL 1998 OPERATING FUND \$562,481.64. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$593.20. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$328.35. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$13,091.21. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-TAX OVERPAYMENT \$2,622.28. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-COUNTY TAX \$529,248.87. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-LIBRARY TAX \$26,301.28. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-HEALTH TAX \$10,448.34. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OPEN SPACE TAX \$28,616.65. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-ADDED & OMITTED TAXES \$12,730.66. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \$413,956.13. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-STATE TRAINING FEES \$1,516.19. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:30 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on February 19, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Varca
PATRICIA L. VARCA, BOROUGH CLERK