

REGULAR MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey

February 2, 1995

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on February 2, 1995 at 8:04 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilman Taylor.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cavanagh led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 19, 1995 had been made available for review by 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 Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilman McGee who abstained because he was not present.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of JANUARY, 1995 and a copy will be posted on the bulletin board.
2. Raffle applications made by the Shrewsbury Parent Teacher Group, Inc., to conduct 3 raffles on March 4, 1995, two raffles will be for various prizes and the third will be a 50/50 cash raffle.

The Clerk advised that the applications were made and the required fees had been paid, after which Councilman Miller moved to approve the three raffle applications. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee advised that Patrolmen Cioffi and VanBrunt had recently completed a course on Arson Awareness and Detection at the Monmouth County Police Academy. He commented that the Police Department continues to improve their skills on an ongoing basis.

Councilman McGee moved to appoint Cristi Mazzarella as a full time Dispatcher at a starting salary of \$21,875 effective February 3, 1995 and to also appoint Eric Gillman as a Relief Dispatcher. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council.

Councilman McGee stated the above action was necessary due to the recent resignation of Richard Conte who is going to the Monmouth College Police Department.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone called for the introduction of an ordinance creating the Water Watch Committee and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE WATER WATCH COMMITTEE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFICATIONS AND TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE MEMBERS THEREOF, AND DEFINING ITS PURPOSES, POWERS AND DUTIES.**

Councilwoman Filippone then moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe & Silkworth.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Councilman Taylor.
ABSTAINS: None.

Councilwoman Filippone then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on February 16, 1995 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Miller.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe & Silkworth.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Councilman Taylor.
ABSTAIN: None.

Councilwoman Filippone advised that the Borough held a very successful Rabies Clinic on January 28, 1995 and there were 141 dogs and cats that were vaccinated; 109 dogs and 32 cats and she commented that the interesting thing was that only 72 of these animals belonged to Oceanport residents and 59 were from out of town and the Oceanport volunteers not only did a good service for their own residents, but for other towns as well. She offered her thanks to the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Company volunteers, especially John Carroll and Fred Filippone; Councilman Miller, Connie Savarese who co-chaired this project, Carole Apicelli and Pat Orlando of the Board of Health, Dolly Yamello who helped with the registration, Cynthia Cortale who is the Secretary to the Board of Health and Lisa Muscillo from the County Board of Health.

Councilwoman Filippone stated for the record that she was opposed to the naming of the Howard Stern Rest Stop by Governor Whitman and felt it was a real affront to all people, not just women.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded everyone that the Borough's annual Memorial Day Parade is scheduled to be held on Monday, May 29, 1995 and this year we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II and she asked anyone who would like to volunteer in this project to please contact her and a Committee has been set up and they would like to have

floats in this year's parade, so if anyone is interested in making a float, they should contact her about this matter.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller moved to authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to sign the authorization for the Monmouth County Mosquito Extermination Commission to resume its Aerial Spray Program for 1995. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-95-21** R-95-21 transferring funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-95-22** R-95-22 amending the 1995 temporary budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-95-23** R-95-23 opposing Bill #1995 regarding tax appeals, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that the Legislation mentioned in this resolution would enable the tax payer, who was successful in a tax appeal, to obtain prevailing attorney fees from the Borough using tax payers money, and it would be impossible to budget for something like this and he cannot understand why anyone would propose this type of Legislation and several of the surrounding communities have adopted resolutions similar to this one opposing this Bill.

Councilman Wolfe moved to authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign an agreement regarding the Water's Edge development. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe advised that Louise Giordano, who is the wife of our Superintendent of Public Works, is now home recovering from surgery and we all wish her a very speedy recovery and Mike is still coming in to check on what is going on in his Department.

Councilman Wolfe commented that he happened to be in Borough Hall Wednesday morning when the call came in that a train had struck a car at the railroad tracks inside Monmouth Park and he is upset about the outcome of this tragedy and went over to investigate what was happening and wanted to state on the positive side, it was unbelievable to watch the coordination between the Police, Fire and First Aid Squad and how well served we all are in this town. He advised that the Police were the first on the scene almost instantly, but right behind them were the First Aid and Fire volunteers and he is not sure residents realize how quickly our volunteers respond to these matters and he wondered if we had a paid First Aid and Fire Department, if they would get there as quickly as our volunteers did and he asked the Chief of Police and a Fire Representative in the audience to thank the members of their respective departments for an excellent job.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth reported she is continuing to visit Borough properties and buildings and advised that the Community Events Sign in front of Borough Hall is scheduled to have repairs made in the very near future.

Councilwoman Silkworth also advised that the February issue of the Bulletin will be out in the next several days and reminded everyone that the new deadline date will be March 7 and there is an article in this Bulletin advising everyone of the new deadline date.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: NO REPORT.

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they might care to make.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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 2, 1995. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council. TOTAL 1993 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$100.00. TOTAL 1994 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$14,041.42. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS \$451,198.50. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$18,758.93. TOTAL 1995 OPERATING FUND \$469,957.43. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$200.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$520.52. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \$359,752.60. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MIDDLE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AGENCY \$554.50. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$252.39. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-LOCAL EXPENSE PAYMENT \$18,726.28. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER).

At 8:20 P.M. Councilman Miller moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on February 16, 1995 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK