

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
December 20, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on December 20, 2007 at 8:00 P.M. with Mayor Chaump stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Ibex, Sharkey, Briscione and Mayor Chaump

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Kimberly A. Jungfer and Borough Attorney, Scott Arnette

INVOCATION: Borough Chaplin Robert Mills gave the invocation.

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

The Borough Clerk stated there were 16 items on the Consent Agenda. Councilman Sharkey asked that Item 4 & 5 be removed. Councilman Ibex requested that items 12 & 14 be removed. Councilman Briscione asked that item 15 be removed. Mayor Chaump asked that item number 11 be removed.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution appointing a relief dispatcher. **R-120**
2. Resolution authorizing temporary help in the Clerk's Office **R-121**
3. Resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement with the Board of Education. **R-122**
4. Resolution transferring funds. **R-128**
5. Resolution authorizing the payment of bills. **R-129**
6. Resolution setting the Council meeting schedule for 2008 **R-123**
7. Resolution awarding the fencing the Recycling Yards. **R-124**
8. Resolution affirming the Borough's commitment to its Affordable Housing Plan. **R-125**
9. Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of October 18, 2007.
10. Approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of November 8, 2007.
11. Approval of the Special Meeting minutes of November 19, 2007.
12. Approval of the Special Meeting minutes of November 29, 2007.
13. Approval of the Workshop Meeting minutes of November 1, 2007.
14. Approval of the Workshop Meeting of December 6, 2007.
15. Resolution Awarding the Fire Truck **R-126**
16. Resolution accepting the dedication of a portion of Morris Place **R-127**

Councilwoman Kahle moved to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by the Council.

The Clerk asked for a motion on Item #4: Resolution transferring funds. Councilman Ibex moved to approve which was seconded by Councilman Briscione and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Sharkey who voted no.

The Clerk asked for a motion on Item #5: Resolution authorizing the payment of bills. Councilman Johnson moved to approve which was seconded by Councilman Ibex and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Sharkey who voted no.

The Clerk asked for a motion on Item #12 Approval of Special Meeting minutes of November 29, 2007. Councilwoman Kahle moved to approve which was seconded by Councilman Briscione and approved by Council with the exception of Councilmen Sharkey, Ibex and Johnson who abstained.

The Clerk asked for a motion on Item #14: Approval of the Workshop Meeting of December 6, 2007. Councilman Johnson moved to approve which was seconded by Councilman Gallo and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Ibex who abstained.

The Clerk asked for a motion on Item #15: Resolution Awarding the Fire Truck Bid. Councilwoman Kahle moved to approve which was seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Briscione who voted no.

The Clerk asked for a motion on Item #11 Approval of Special Meeting minutes of November 19, 2007. Councilman Ibex moved to approve which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Briscione, who abstained.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Borough Clerk reported that she had the Police Reports for October and November, 2007 which have been distributed and will be posted.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle began her report with the Police Report for November 2007. There was a total of 107 motor vehicle summons issued with 9 arrests. They also had three Code Enforcement issues and 179 motor vehicle stops. In addition the Police had 36 calls for seniors in need and 4 checks on the welfare of Oceanport Citizens.

Councilwoman Kahle reported that the First Aid report for November 2007 stated that there were 27 emergencies, 4 mutual aid calls to Eatontown and Long Branch, and two mutual aids to Oceanport, one from Little Silver and one from Monoc. Total calls for the month were 41 and year to date were 507. The First Aid would like to thank everyone for their support of the Christmas Tree sales and the Holiday Bazaar for without residents support First Aid would not be sustainable.

Councilwoman Kahle reported on Fire commending the Fire Truck Committee for all their hard work and effort they put into the Fire Truck Specs and review of the bids and thanked them very much. She also wanted to thank Jerry Bertekap and commend him for getting a Fire Department Grant of \$38,000.00 from FEMA FY2007 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program for the purchase of a refilling station for the air packs.

Councilwoman Kahle wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and asked that has everyone goes along with their holiday preparations that you keep the O'Donnell family and the Payne family in your thoughts and prayers.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Councilman Johnson called for the 2nd reading and public hearing of an **Ordinance Amending the 2007 Bond Ordinance** and the Clerk read the affidavit of publication and Ordinance by title only.

Mayor Chaump then opened the meeting to the public for anyone who wished to be heard. As no one from the public wished to be heard, a motion was made by Councilwoman Kahle to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilman Ibex and approved by Council.

Councilman Johnson then made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on second and final reading and advertise same in accordance with the law, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle.

The Clerk called roll:

AYES: Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Ibex, Sharkey
NAYES: Briscione
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Councilman Johnson wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

COUNCILMAN GALLO: Councilman Gallo wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy and safe New Year. Councilman Gallo wished Mayor Chaump well in her next endeavor whatever it may be and also the same to Hugh Sharkey.

COUNCILMAN IBEX: Councilman Ibex stated he had a year end report which he read.

With regard to Finance and Administration which he has chaired for the last two year; 2007 was the year of change and accomplishment amide many distractions that were placed upon the Council, a change in the CFO and Auditor positions, the budgetary process which included the first attempt a zero based budgeting, started under one CFO and completed under another CFO went relatively well. The change over in auditors went smoothly although there were some minor bumps along the way. The 2006 audit report prepared by Fallon and Larson showed the Borough in sound financial condition with minimal comments as to suggested improvements to our operations. The 2007 audit contracted to be performed by David Kaplan is basically underway on a preliminary basis and there are some new reporting requirements that are going to affect the Borough in 2008 which the auditor is on top of. Will Johnson, although the back up to Finance and Administration Committee, they worked together very well as equals, much to his credit he learned the ropes and somewhat surprised that at the beginning of the year he said he was not to sure what he knew about finance, but Councilman Ibex asked him to stick with him and he would learn and he did. Personal and professional congratulations to Will Johnson and all those who worked with him during the past year. Today we have a strong CFO in Greg Mayer and at last inquiry we are about one month ahead of schedule in the budgetary process. It is a monumental job of coordination among departments, again the emphasis is on zero base budgeting, budget what you need not what you had in the past.

In 2007 we targeted a decrease of 5% in discretionary spending, all though it was not a significant number in the over scheme, it was a step in the right direction. That goal was achieved initially and with the CAP that we are facing in 2008 and a 4% State wide CAP on levies, with very little exceptions, therefore every dollar we save helps. The addition of a salary for an administrator, which was a subject of great debate during the year, was added to the budget by the Council. In 2007 the position has not been filled and 2008 is around the corner. In 2007 we also had a one time budget item of \$180,000 to hire a planner for the Fort Monmouth situation, the majority of the Council was in favor of the Planner and based on current conditions and feelings in Washington the Forts closure seems to be coming. Councilman Ibex hoped he could be proved wrong on that statement someday. With one charette to go the process will be finished and was happy to see the involvement of the public and the ease of the process to get public input. Foresight at the time of the decision seemed that it was the right thing to do, hindsight confirms that it a correct one and hopefully we will see a positive impact on the 2008 budget if the expense does not repeat.

Councilman Ibex continued that the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel is a fine example of volunteers giving their time and expertise to Oceanport. We had a thorough independent review of our operations and as a result we have an insight to our needs, strengths and weaknesses. The recommendations of what he perceived as a skillful monitoring effort that our employees are allowed to look at how they do

their jobs and how they need to interact with other employees in departments. Councilman Ibex looks forward to a final report from the panel. The reports coming from our Borough Clerk are most helpful in informing the council of progress, projects, and situations. Further the institution of the process by Council members to request information and the use of information request forms has helped the employees to plan and prioritize the requests they get from us. Although the Borough operated for a period of time with out a budget in place our employees and volunteers worked through the crisis and the Borough functioned. The dedication of these wonderful people needs to be recognized more often then we do. Employees or volunteers who alter vacation plans to ensure their offices are not closed to citizens is just one example of dedication and loyalty to Oceanport. Councilman Ibex stated he has lived in town since 1969, and he is grateful to the Borough's employees and volunteers, whom Councilman Ibex feels are the foundation of this great town. Councilman Ibex is proud to say he is an Oceanporter. We should all take time to say thank you to each and every person who contributes to the town. Councilmen Ibex thanked all the employees and volunteers that were and were not in attendance of the meeting.

Councilman Ibex looks forward to 2008 with the many challenges that lie ahead. One, we must achieve a mutually satisfactory employment contract with the police. Their current contract expires in a few days on December 31. Councilman Ibex can only report that the negotiations process is underway. Secondly, FMERPA and the master planner required a plan of what form from Oceanport by December 2007 and understand that this will not be accomplished and hope that the delay in not responding will not have negative consequences. There is a lot of work to do. Thirdly, we continue to search for opportunities to reduce cost. Councilman Ibex stated Councilman Sharkey worked hard to find savings in insurance and other areas. While we still continue the efforts there must always be a balance between the needs of Oceanport's employees, contractual relationships and saving money. These issues have a potential to have significant impact on Oceanport finances in the near term and the long term. There is a tremendous need to balance the long-term financial benefits that can be derived from a properly planned use of Fort Monmouth property against the cost and burdens to the community, including our infrastructure and the educational system. We have the right combination of talent and experience professionals on Council, volunteers and other professionals to evaluate the economic issues facing Oceanport. Lastly, Councilman Ibex addressed his colleagues leaving the council come December 31. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for their service to Oceanport. Councilman Ibex wishes Councilman Sharkey well on his future endeavors. Councilman Ibex stated that their relationship was always interesting and Councilman Sharkey kept him on his toes and wasn't hesitant on offering advice or let him know when he disagreed. Councilman Ibex would also like to thank the Mayor for her service to Oceanport. Madam Mayor Lucille Chaump's dedication and selfless time spent to all of us is appreciated. I wish Mayor Chaump well in her upcoming endeavors.

Councilman Ibex wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. Councilman Ibex reiterates what Councilwoman Kahle stated to keep in our hearts the people that cannot be with us during this holiday season. .

COUNCILMAN SHARKEY: Councilman Sharkey reported that the Library committee did an excellent job this year. They made followed up on some repairs and maintenance issues that have been lingering for them.

Councilman Sharkey stated he would like to thank the members of the Environmental Commission for their time and effort. This committee expanded efforts to control the geese problem, including new efforts to oil eggs. They are working on long term plans to control the geese. They provided interesting suggestions over at the Old Wharf Park, including the use of trees, which hide predators that the geese fear.

Councilman Sharkey stated that Fort Monmouth is also another serious concern that the Environmental Commission is raising to a higher level of priority with the potential closure of Fort Monmouth, the Council really needs to stay on top of that. There needs to be close communication with

planning board and the engineer, to make sure that environmental concerns are addressed appropriately. And of course they continue with their poster contest.

Councilman Sharkey would like to thank the members of the Water Watch committee, especially the members that go out every month to test and sample the water and turn it over to get the results and to keep track of what is going on in our waterways. This group has kept an eye on Monmouth Park's discharge problems, which continue to be a problem until they upgrade their system to handle more capacity. It is just not adequate for an average rainfall. That is one of the biggest problems.

Councilman Sharkey stated one of the big items the Board of Health had done this year was they attended a joint meeting with Water Watch and Environmental committees. Councilman Sharkey thought it was fairly interesting to see the interaction of those committees and Councilman Sharkey believes they are going to look into having those meetings at least once or twice a year, where the three groups meet together. That was a productive way to share and exchange ideas.

Councilman Sharkey stated with regard to insurance, the insurance JIF program is running nicely. We are into our second year and should be experiencing dividend checks, which we never had in the past, because of the experience of the group has been fairly good. Changing this program during the first year was an effort but it is going to pay off dividends of hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years as the Borough goes forward with this program. With regard to health insurance unfortunately the Borough is still behind in getting into what Councilman Sharkey believes is a stable environment for municipalities and public entities, a HIF program. Again it is a very sensitive area and needs to be discussed openly and sensitive to the employees and not rushed into. The Council has been talking about it for several years now and there is a lot of very strong sentiments on both sides of the fence as to why we should be in it or not in it. But the bottom line is that it is a substantial dollar amount. There is a seven percent increase from Horizon that we are looking at right now. The Council does have a HIP quote which is approximately fifty thousand dollars less, forty five hundred dollars on a multi basis and again you have to weigh is the savings worth the change or do you pay the premium, pay the extra fifty thousand and stay where the Borough is. That one of the items that needs to be addressed going forward.

Councilman Sharkey thanked all of the volunteers who spend an incredible amount of time. Councilman Sharkey has enjoyed working with the people on Council and all of the volunteers and Borough employees. Councilman Sharkey would just like to say thank you and Happy and Merry Christmas. Thank You.

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione had a year-end report and stated that regarding Public works: due to the late leaf season, public works is going through the zones one more time. Councilman Briscione has probably had about fifteen calls on leaves. A lot of people get upset over blowing leaves in the town. However, they have been through each zone about six times and they have picked up four thousand six hundred yards of leaves to date. Last year the total amounted to about five thousand yards. Councilman Briscione said he has been in other towns as late as today such as Fair Haven, Rumson, Little Silver and everyone is going through the same issues because of the late falling of the leaves. Public Works has benefited from the Blue Ribbon Panel. They instituted a work order system, and that has improved their organization, efficiency, and job tracking.

Councilman Briscione stated building and grounds is working with the engineer, Bill White, to update our maintenance and repair records, and code requirements on Borough buildings so we can effectively plan for future maintenance issues. Councilman Briscione and Councilman Ibex, Public Works and the Borough engineer have been working on a redesign of the recycling area. The resolution awarding the fencing was approved tonight. This will enable the Borough to better regulate hours and better limit the use of the facility to residents.

Councilman Briscione reported that the Planning Board has approved a variance for a four-unit condominium on the site of the former Shell Station at East Main Street and Oceanport Ave. That

application had been previously denied for a five-unit condominium, because the Planning Board thought it was too tight for the site. During the year, all Planning Board members attended and completed the education course mandated by the State of New Jersey. Some of the other highlights for the Planning Board, a use change was approved for a portion of the building at Monmouth Park Corporate Center for medical research, phase one clinical trials and for housing trial participants for up to ten days. Preliminary approval was also granted for major subdivision, consisting of twelve residential building lots, on the Mazza property on Port-Au-Peck Ave. Last night at a special meeting, the Planning Board passed a resolution restating the Borough's intent to comply with the Mount Laurel obligation, at the direction of special counsel, Jeff Surenian. Also recently the builders remedy lawsuit was remanded by appellate court that was in the newspapers.

Councilman Briscione reported with regard to Economic Development, the Economic Development Committee met throughout the year with Michael Sullivan and John Clark from the planning firm hired by the Borough. The Economic Development Committee has toured, Fort Monmouth, numerous times and assisted police, library and board of education with deadlines and tours of the facility for applications for public benefit conveyances for land or buildings for use on the base. Two charettes were held with public input and nine tenths of the redevelopment plan is complete. The majority of the Council has decided not to hold the last charette this month.

Councilman Briscione reported the County through the park system in conjunction with Oceanport, Eatontown and Tinton Falls filed a formal federal land to parks program application to the National Park Service for the public benefit conveyance of approximately three hundred fifty one acres in various buildings on Fort Monmouth, including the parade ground, marina, fitness center, and Lane Hall. The Park Service has accepted that application in full and has advised they will grant a public benefit conveyance of one hundred percent of the market value conveying the property to the County.

Councilman Briscione thanked all the members of the Economic Development Committee for their efforts with regard to the work on the Fort redevelopment. This was an excellent group of people, who took the responsibility very seriously and it was a great experience working with all of them.

Councilman Briscione reported the Breeders Cup, despite the weather, the two day event on October 26 and 27, set New Jersey records for wagering, with thirteen million dollars wagered on track and over a hundred and twelve million dollars wagered world wide. Additionally, over eighty thousand fans passed through the turnstiles for the four-day meet. Senior officials were quoted, as saying with out a doubt the biggest winners from Breeder's Cup were the residents of New Jersey. The Economic impact of the event and the improvements to Monmouth Park will continue to be realized for years to come. Councilman Briscione would like to thank all of Oceanport's emergency services and public works for their efforts during these events and the fan fest events, leading up to the Breeder's Cup. In addition, Councilman Briscione would like to thank Councilman Gallo for his work in landscaping the entry points into the town with the chrysanthemums of the Breeder's Cup colors prior to the event. The town looked wonderful. The Breeder's Cup organizational people had high praise for the host committee and the community involvement in Fan Fest activities leading up to the Breeder's Cup. The Sports Foundation, emergency services, and members of the Monmouth Park Charity Fund worked hard to make the Polo Match and the 5K races successes, and we are looking to run these events next year to benefit the same organizations.

Councilman Briscione thanked Councilman Sharkey for his service to the Borough. Councilman Briscione stated he learned a lot from Councilman Sharkey about finances and wish him well in the future. Councilman Briscione thanked Scott Arnette for his excellent legal advice over the past two years. Not only was he an advocate for the interest of the Borough through some very interesting times, but he was also very active in the community through his coaching and community activities. Councilman Briscione also thanked Mayor Chaump for her service to Oceanport over the last four years. She took over in an extremely difficult time, after Mayor Gatta, and has lead the town capably through some very difficult issues, including the Builders Remedy lawsuit, a reevaluation, the Breeder's Cup, and the Fort Monmouth redevelopment. Councilman Briscione wished Mayor Chaump well in all her future endeavors.

Councilman Briscione wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukah. Thank you.

MAYOR CHAUMP: Mayor Chaump said It has been a great honor to serve the residents of Oceanport first as a councilwoman and council president and the last 2 years as your mayor. As an organization, we have accomplished many wonderful things that I am proud to say that I was a part of:

Mayor Chaump spoke about some of the things that were done during her tenure as both a Councilperson.

- Worked on a Pay to Play Ordinance with Councilwoman Kahle, which was adopted by Council
- Worked with Councilwoman Kahle on the committee to address the space limitation at Boro Hall and also on the Stormwater Management Plan
- Worked on the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) Ordinance for our volunteer first aid squad members and firemen, which was overwhelmingly supported by the residents as a public question
- Assisted the First Aid Squad, along with Councilman Briscione and high school students in receiving a Community Block Grant
- Worked with Long Branch and West Long Branch in securing the Coastal Alliance Grant
- Worked with Councilman Gallo on revising our By laws and most importantly reducing the number of committees from 24 to 18 and also regrouped committees.
- Worked with Councilman Sharkey on Finance and Administration to ensure that procedures with PO #, requisition forms and vouchers were done correctly and bringing the CFO into the budget process by starting in November

Mayor Chaump then went over some of the issues that were addressed during her time as Mayor.

I have represented the residents on the Fort Monmouth ReUse Committee

- As a member serving on the Parks and Recreational Committee with the County, Eatontown and Tinton Falls for a public benefit conveyance for open space and recreational facilities, we were able to get an endorsement through the Department of Interior and National Parks System. According to legislation, I was appointed by the Governor to represent Oceanport on the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority for the past 22 months.
- Introduced the taping of all Borough workshop meetings
- Was appointed as an Executive Board member of the NJLOM, representing Oceanport and Monmouth County
- Worked with Senator Karcher to remediate 9 Monmouth Park Place of contaminated soil
- Started working with the DEP Commissioner, State Legislators and Monmouth Park Racetrack on our polluted water ways especially along Branchport Creek. This is still an ongoing issue.
- Appointed a Blue Ribbon Panel with council accepting their proposal. The Panel in their report documented the significant improvements made by the employees noting the results of the PWD. As for the Finance and Administration Departments, the Panel's conclusion was for a management function. Their recommendation was for operations to be restructured to incorporate a BA/manager and not be a full time job. It could be accomplished by jobs and responsibilities be redefined and redistributed. There were 2

options. Incorporate the new position with existing personnel, which is a minimal cost option, or reorganize and hire from the outside that is more complex.

Mayor Chaump then listed various items that were done as a Mayor and Council during her tenure as Mayor.:

- We went out for Request for Proposal for Auditor, Engineer and Boro Attorney.
- We are revising our ordinances and will place them on our new website
- We updated our website.
- Council passes a resolution agreeing to be part of the I BOAT Program which is a dredging plan for our creeks
- Received over \$1.4 Million in grants for road improvements, clean communities, park improvements from Federal, State and county grants over the past 4 years
- Office of Emergency Management is working with the county for a countywide Coastal Monmouth Plan in order to secure federal funds.
- Working with the county and the New Jersey Division of Archives and Records Management to secure state funds for records management
- Introduced a Historical Preservation Ordinance, which the Planning Board endorsed through a resolution. Mayor and Council need to incorporate their recommendations and introduce in the New Year.
- Review the Blue Ribbon Panel (Part 2) study and either adopt or reject. Continue to work on the committee structure introduced in the first part of their report.

Mayor Chaump thanked all of the volunteers stating the Borough has many talented residents who give of their time and expertise. She hoped this tradition continues.

Mayor Chaump continued by saying that it had truly been an honor serving with members of Council and on behalf of all Oceanport residents. She wished the Council all continued success and best wishes to the incoming Mayor and Council members. She had spoken to the new Mayor elect and offered to have a meeting in order to have a smooth transition which would be in the best interest of the Borough and the residents to which he agreed..

Mayor Chaump wished everyone a Happy Holiday and a Healthy New Year.

The Mayor had one more thing to do. The Mayor presented a plaque to Councilman Sharkey which read "On half of Governing Body of the Borough of Oceanport, County of Monmouth extend to you, Hugh Sharkey, sincere thanks and appreciation for the years of dedicated service rendered to the Borough of Oceanport in the position as Councilman from January 1st, 2005 until December 31st, 2007." The Mayor thanked Hugh Sharkey and wished him luck in the future endeavors.

Councilwoman Kahle stated she has something to say before the Mayor opened the meeting to the public. Councilwoman Kahle stated it was her pleasure on behalf of the Council and the Borough to present a plaque to Mayor Chaump for all her years of dedicated service the Mayor has provided to the citizens of Oceanport. Councilwoman Kahle stated she first met Mayor Chaump years and years ago, when Councilwoman Kahle first moved into town, and Mayor Chaump was one of the first people Councilwoman Kahle met. She continued that they were on the Board of Educaiton together and Mayor Chaump has worked from the PTO, to the Board of Education, to the Council and now as Mayor. That is quite and accomplishment and she has worked tirelessly on behalf of the citizens of Oceanport and she has our utmost

gratitude. On behalf of the governing body, Councilwoman Kahle presented Mayor Chaump a plaque that read, "The governing body of the Borough of Oceanport, County of Monmouth, sends Lucille A. Chaump, sincere thanks and appreciation for years of dedicated service rendered to the Borough of Oceanport in the position of Mayor November 25, 2005 until December 31, 2007. Councilwoman January 1, 2004 until November 25, 2005. Councilwoman Kahle wished her all the success and she is sure no matter what Mayor Chaump does in the future that the Mayor will be continuing to work for the citizens of Oceanport.

BILL LIST: Capital Trust \$2,267.25. Ad Hoc \$230.00. Dog Registry \$190.40. Escrow Trust \$12,337.50. Off Duty Police \$3,207.82. Open Space \$1,765.00. Other Trust \$50.00. Public Defender \$400.00. Recreation Trust: \$293.03. 2005 Vouchers Paid \$7,800.00. 2006 Vouchers Paid \$431,601.55. 2006 Vouchers Paid This Meeting \$0.00. Total 2006 \$431,601.55. 2007 Vouchers Paid \$17,714,828.02. 2007 Vouchers Paid This Meeting \$143,408.05. Total 2007 \$17,858,236.07.

PUBLIC:

The Mayor then opened the meeting for anyone from the public who wished to be heard.

Frank Baricelli, Hiawatha Ave: Mr. Baricelli had two items. He just wanted to announce that the Fort Monmouth Environmental Restoration Advisory Board has a meeting scheduled for January 8th at 7:00 PM at Gibbs Hall. This is the Board that another town resident and he volunteered to serve on and we are monitoring Fort Monmouth's extensive clean up efforts. If we see anything that we feel is not in the best interest of the Borough of Oceanport, please be sure we will advise the Council and Mayor of that. Mr. Baricelli would also ask that if the public hears any rumors, adverse or anything about environmental conditions at Fort Monmouth, please come to Mr Baricelli, he has all the information that they have issued and will be glad to discuss it or If any resident has another issue he will be glad to go investigate it for them.

Mr. Frank Baricelli's second item. Last night he went to the FEMRPA meeting and there was a resolution of appreciation to Honorable Lucille Chaump, Mayor of Borough of Oceanport. Mr Baricelli read the resolution:

Whereas, in July 2006 the Honorable Lucille Chaump, Mayor of the Borough of Oceanport, was appointed by Governor John S. Corzine to be the representative of the citizens of Oceanport on the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Planning Authority and

Whereas, Mayor Chaump during her tenure as a member of the authority, served as a voting member of the authority since 2006, having a flawless attendance record and in that roll contributed significantly to the authority, sharing her advice, knowledge and experience and ,

Whereas prior to the formation of the Authority, Mayor Chaump was an integral part of the Fort Monmouth reuse committee and dedicated her time, effort, and foresight to representing the citizens of the Borough of Oceanport in the reuse and redevelopment of Fort Monmouth and ,

Whereas, Mayor Chaump committed her extensive time, expertise, professionalism and leadership to the Authority, to the Authority's by-law committee, the Authority's personnel screening committee, as Chair of the Authority's historical advisory committee, as part of the BRAC special council selection team, to the public and has been of immeasurable value to the Authority's progress to date, as a dedicated member of the Authority and,

Whereas the Authority's members and staff wish to extend there appreciation to Mayor Chaump for her valuable contributions and service to the Authority, to the public, and the State of New Jersey.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Authority hereby expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Honorable Lucille Chaump, Mayor of the Borough of Oceanport, per guidance and generous service to the Authority, to the public and the State of New Jersey,

Be it further resolved that the many significant contribution made by the Honorable Lucille Chaump, Mayor of the Borough of Oceanport, to the Authority have greatly enhanced the development of the Authority, Thereby benefiting all the citizens of the State.

Be it further resolved that the Authority extends its best wishes to the Honorable Lucille Chaump, Mayor of the Borough of Oceanport, and wishes her much success in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution of appreciation be sent to Honorable Lucille Chaump, Mayor of the Borough of Oceanport, as a tribute from the Authority for her dedicated public service. This was moved, seconded, and voted upon last night. Mr. Baricelli assumed Mayor Chaump will get the resolution in the mail.

Mr. Baricelli would like to express his personal thanks; having worked with Mayor Chaump a lot on this Fort Monmouth reuse effort and for those who do not appreciate her efforts on the Historical committee it is very vital what she has done. Fort Monmouth has a lot of reports they have written over the years on this historical significance of the buildings and properties on the Fort, but the Army never formally moved to have them recognized at the State or Federal level, as such they were in jeopardy of being plowed under as part of the reuse. By pushing the historical preservation, the Mayor has been trying to save the parade grounds and all the surrounding buildings in their current state, which provides us with a large, expansive open space. It is a very important effort that if she hadn't pushed it, still would have been languishing waiting to be operated on. The Army had not moved in all the years they had all the reports, documenting historical significance of the buildings on Fort Monmouth and thanked the Mayor for that.

Ron Sickler, Morris Place: asked Mr. Arnette to explain the resolution regarding Mount Laurel. Mr. Scott Arnette replied with it was prepared by special council, so you are going to have to speak to him about the impact and significance of it. It is a particular area of expertise, Mount Laurel litigation, and Special Council has been handling it from the beginning to the end. He is the one that submitted that to us. Mr Sickler asked currently where the Borough was with the Mount Laurel obligation? Mr. Arnette answered there have been an attempts to comply with the Mount Laurel requirements and there has always been a move in the direction of getting into compliance with that. Many things that have transpired over the time period the litigation has been on going is to put things in place so the Borough will be in compliance with its Mount Laurel obligation and seeks substantive certification with COAH. Mr Sickler asked if it will be safe to say, that currently the Borough is probably not in compliance. Mr Arnette stated he didn't know if that is safe to say and didn't have the answer for Mr Sickler. Councilman Briscione commented on one thing, when the lawsuit was filed we simultaneously filed a COAH plan. That plan has had give and take, back and forth between COAH and Special Counsel, however COAH put a hold on all those things as they were reviewing the obligations. Now new obligations just came out, those obligations, those rules would change our obligations, which will have to cause revision to the plan. We do have a plan filed and this resolution, all special counsel is requesting is for us to restate our intent to be compliant. Mr Sickler asked that based on some rule changes that may govern changes in what we need to do to meet compliance. Councilman Briscione stated from his understanding that is correct. yes. Mayor Chaump also said yes, because the New Jersey League of Municipalities is watching it also. Right now, every ones round three COAH plans are on the shelf, because the Governor is going to be changing the rules and regulations, and right now they don't know what the regulations are. Mr Sickler stated he also understood the lawsuit has been sent back to the lower courts and knows from previous questions that you can't address anything involving that particular case, as a point of law but wanted to know when the Borough went to Court if we were in compliance. Scott Arnette answered with the litigation was filed before he was the Borough's general Council. Special Council; Mr. Surenian would know the answer to that, Mr Sicker was curious if the new changes could have an effect on this existing case or would they deal strictly with what was at the time that the case was filed. Mr Arnette answered with at the time the case was filed there was a certain set of facts and circumstances in place. The obligation that any municipality, Oceanport, or any municipality had to comply with having affordable housing available to people in it, is what is right now being modified by the Governor, the rules and regulations. So if they are changed will it impact? It certainly can impact. Mr Arnette doesn't know what those changes are, so he couldn't tell Mr Sickler yes, but he is safe to assume that yes there is going to be an impact. Mr Sickler thanked Mr Arnette.

Mr Sickler then asked about the situation with this Block 60 lot 8 on Morris Place, Mr. Arnette answered that a portion of the property which extends into the street was never dedicated to town, which the Borough did not discover until the owners tried to sell. This situation is being rectified.

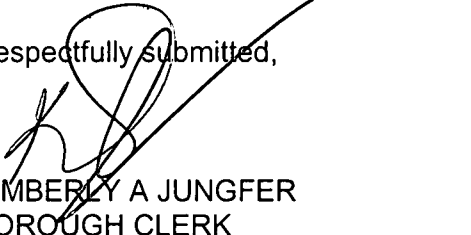
Mr Sickler thanked everyone on the Council for the jobs they have done over this past year. He stated he wouldn't want their jobs for all the money in the world. Mr Sickler said sometimes the residents stand there and praise the Council members and other times we sit down and curse you under our breath. The Council knows when the residents are angry, you know when they are happy, and trying to make every resident out here feel good about one thing is almost impossible. Thank you so much for your work.

Mayor Chaump thanked Mr Sickler and asks the public if there are any more comments.

As no one else from the public wished to be heard the Mayor closed the public portion of the meeting.

At 9:46 p.m. there was a motion to adjourn from Councilman Ibex, seconded by Councilman Briscione and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



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