

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
January 25, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on January 25, 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, Sharkey, Briscione, Ibex (entered 8:03pm) and Mayor Chaump

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Borough Clerk stated there were 19 items on the consent agenda. There was a 20th item to add, which was a standard Resolution for approving the Bill List, which was added to the original agenda and had been provided to Council and the audience and then she asked for a motion. Councilwoman Kahle asked to remove item #18 approval of the workshop minutes of December 18, 2006 and Councilman Sharkey asked for item #20 to be removed a Resolution approving the Bill List.

The Borough Clerk asked for a motion on the other remaining items, which was moved by Councilwoman Kahle and seconded by Councilman Briscione and approved by Council.

The Borough Clerk asked for a motion for item #18 the workshop minutes of December 18, 2006. Councilwoman Kahle stated she was present at the meeting and her name is omitted at the beginning. The Borough Clerk replied she would amend the minutes to reflect that. Councilwoman Kahle then made a motion to approve item #18, which was seconded by Councilman Gallo and approved by Council.

The Borough Clerk asked for a motion on item #20 a Resolution approving the Bill List, which was moved by Councilman Ibex and seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Sharkey who voted no.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Borough Clerk stated she had the police report for December 2006, which has been distributed and will be posted tomorrow morning.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle reported on the Board of Health stating they met on January 10th for their Reorganization Meeting. The new president is Carol Connor and vice-president is Carol Appicelli. They scheduled their health screening for registration on April

18th and the actual health screening will be at the First Aid building on April 21st so look in the bulletin and in the mail for any kind of details.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Councilman Johnson stated the Board of Health had their annual rabies clinic January 13th at the Port-Au-Peck Fire House and over 100 pets received shots and the Board of Health has always done a great job.

Councilman Johnson reported on the Recreation Committee. They had their annual reorganization dinner. The following names are the Recreation Committee officers for the year 2007:

Chairman – Joseph Irace
Vice-Chair – David Laporta
Finance Chair – Lee Poole
Recording Secretary – Jim Foligno
Corresponding Secretary – Mike McStudy

COUNCILMAN GALLO: Councilman Gallo reported on the Environmental Commission. This year's Chairman is Bob Broege and the Vice-Chairman is John Vivona. This year's theme for the poster contest is Life In Oceanport Estuary. This contest is for our school children in Maple Place and Wolf Hill Schools.

Councilman Gallo stated next month Dr. Kaloss will be giving a presentation on how to reduce our geese population.

Councilman Gallo reported on First Aid. They responded to 40 calls this month, 22 emergencies, 7 motor vehicle accidents, and 11 fire calls. The squad also accepted 2 new members, Mike Perillo Gentile and Alicia Zigfreid.

Councilman Gallo stated there was a loan program from the Department of Community Affairs. It's a program for the emergency services organizations. They can obtain up to \$50,000 with a 2% loan and all they have to do is apply and hopefully they will get it. He turned this over to the Oceanport Hook and Ladder and the First Aid Squad and if they can get that done they will have an opportunity to save themselves some money.

COUNCILMAN IBEX: Councilman Ibex apologized for being late as he was on his way back from Washington, DC. He then stated that we now have an Interlocal Agreement with Eatontown. We have a temporary CFO in place and they are actively searching for a permanent replacement on the CFO position. We did hire a Borough Auditor so those things are moving along nicely. Hopefully in the next couple of weeks he will have more to report with regard to the budget process, which is pretty much under way.

COUNCILMAN SHARKEY: Councilman Sharkey stated in regards to the Insurance Committee he attended the January 11th Reorganization meeting of the Monmouth County Joint Insurance Fund. It was pretty standard. They appointed professionals and distributed a thick agenda and packet of information. They did have information with the amount of dividends that the members of the JIF would be receiving in 2007. Some of them are pretty substantial. A town of our size for example, Fair Haven, is receiving almost \$20,000 in dividends on their Property Casualty Insurance because the JIF program returns any excess premiums collected to the member towns. We can anticipate a good experience. It looks like Sea Bright has joined the JIF as well.

Councilman Sharkey stated the Fire Committee Meeting went well under the new Chief, Gerry Bertekapp, and his team. They have an aggressive program to do, which includes continue training and drills and they are moving along rather well. They also received a \$40,000 scholarship grant for the Explorers. Congressman Holt did a presentation today for the Fire Department, which is really a nice plus. He then congratulated Gerry Bertekapp for applying for that grant and receiving that.

Councilman Sharkey stated in regards to Shared Services. He attended a meeting with Fair Haven, Rumson, Little Silver, and Oceanport on the consolidation of the Police Department, which they are all looking into. They gave an indication that they were going to hire the Patriot Consulting Firm to do the study for a price of about \$25,000 and he thinks that was approved.

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione stated Planning Board had their annual Reorganization Meeting last night. Chris Widdis remained Chairman and Jim Whitson remained Vice-Chairman, Pat Menna is the Board Attorney, Maser Consulting is the Board Engineer, Stephanie Smeltzer is the Planning Board Secretary.

Councilman Briscione reported on Police Department. The Police report for December 2006 indicates that dispatchers received 1,348 calls and officers responded to 1,282 of these calls. There were 226 summons' issued by police and 898 motor vehicle stops. These numbers are significantly higher than the November numbers due to increased patrol from the You Drink, You Drive, You Lose grant program. Ray Ciani completed Continuing Education at the New Jersey State Association of Chief's of Police on Contemporary Supervision Techniques. Mike Chenoweth also completed a course at Rutgers Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation on Form Training. The new computer dispatching and records management software that was obtained through the grant received through Congressman Holt's office was installed and tested. Dispatcher's have all been trained and the Department went live on January 17th. Dispatcher's are currently using the system and police officers are being trained to do their reports with it. The new system will capture more information, allow for better records management, and search capabilities, with decreased time officers spend on doing reports.

Councilman Briscione stated with regard to Monmouth Park the Breeder's Cup announced they would be adding an additional day of racing, which will include 3 Breeder's Cup events. This will be on Friday, October 26th and Monmouth Park will be the first racetrack ever to host the 2-day event. Total purses for this event will now be \$23 million and we continue to wait approval from the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority on some proposed community events comprising the fan fest leading up to the Breeder's Cup.

Councilman Briscione reported on Economic Development. Michael Sullivan from the Planning Firm of Clark, Caton and Hintz contacted him today to advise that the firm is prepared to begin the formal planning process beginning with the Economic Development Committee and they would like to start that the week of February 12th. The firm has been retained by the Borough to provide comprehensive land use plan for the acreage of Fort Monmouth that within the Borough boundaries. The firm toured the base last week and is in the process of preparing, maps, site plans, and identifying environmental and wetlands issues that would impact development. They will eventually provide us with a schedule, which will consist of 3 public meetings for input and form a stakeholders group to assist in the redevelopment plan. With regard to Fort Monmouth, he toured the base with Chief Sutton, Captain Baldanza, and

Detective Sergeant Murphy and the buildings were inspected for the purpose of determining if any presented possibilities for utilization by the police and emergency management. Buildings 800 and 801 are continuous and are separated by a walkway. Building 800 has undergone substantial renovation and is currently utilized as high quality office space and is also hooked up to the geothermal well field, which is extremely energy efficient. Building 800 could be used as police headquarters and would require the addition of jail cells and an enclosed garage area. Building 801 could be utilized as either a detective bureau or records bureau. It has a large warehouse area for equipment, evidence and a training room. Building 603 is an insulated metal panel building with some offices that could be utilized by emergency management. The majority of the building is garage space and could be utilized to store vehicles and supplies. The Chief is requesting permission from Council to start procedures to being to file a notice of intent to acquire these properties. The federal benefactor would be the Department of Justice in this and these buildings would be acquired at a substantial discount to market value.

Mayor Chaump asked if the Chief would like an answer on that issue this evening?

Councilman Briscione replied yes he would like to know this evening. To anyone in the audience this is done through the public conveyance process and that is a period of time where agencies can request properties on the base at a discounted value as long as they have a benefactor, which is a federal agency that would sponsor them. So it's an opportunity to get property at a substantial discount perhaps for nothing.

Councilwoman Kahle stated she thinks that the Fire Departments are also interested. They are going to be scheduling a tour to go and take a look to see if there are any fire buildings that they could use over there also.

Mayor Chaump asked Councilman Briscione to put that into a form of a motion.

Councilman Briscione moved to draft a letter and Resolution to approve and support the Police Department's application for a public benefit conveyance for those specific buildings, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and unanimously approved by Council.

MAYOR CHAUMP: Mayor Chaump stated she had some appointments that were not done on January 1st. She offered the Council Committee appointments and then thanked Councilwoman Kahle and Councilman Briscione for their time on Monday night after the Workshop meeting for over an hour. They sat down and discussed it and they agreed to make some minor changes, which are listed for the audience to look at 1-18 according to the Ordinance. Mayor Chaump then asked for a motion, which was moved by Councilwoman Kahle and seconded by Councilman Ibex and approved by Council. Councilman Sharkey voted yes with the exception of #12.

Councilwoman Kahle thanked Mayor Chaump and Councilman Briscione for changing the committees based on interest so Police, Fire and First Aid will all be the same liaison as well as Public Works and Buildings and Grounds, so it will be one person in the grouping of the same activities in the Borough.

Councilman Sharkey had questions on how they were grouped.

Mayor Chaump stated they are listed as Ordinances. It is Ordinance/Planning. Planning can only have one person and Ordinance only has one person. So that is why it is listed like that.

Mayor Chaump stated the other appointments she has will be to the Economic Development Committee. According to the Ordinance if you have 3 consecutive absences or 4 throughout the year that person shall be removed. The first 2 names are not 3-year terms they are 2-year terms. So she is requesting that Council approve Jay Coffee whose term expires 12-31-07, Michael Anderson whose term expires 12-31-08, Gary Edwards, Frank Baracelli, Nick Katenberger, Andrew Rudolph, and James Preston all expiring 12-31-09. Councilman Gallo moved to approve the appointments, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Chaump stated she did not make any appointments to the Cable Technology on January 1st because according to the Ordinance there should be 6 members on the committee and there are only 4. The new members she is offering to appoint are Joe Foster, Phil Hindely, Peter Jawarski, James Whitson and Chris McCrae. Councilwoman Kahle moved to approve the appointments, which was seconded by Councilman Ibex and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Chaump offered Gerald "Jay" Briscione as the Council Representative to the Planning Board, which was moved by Councilwoman Kahle and seconded by Councilman Ibex and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Sharkey who voted no and Councilman Briscione abstained.

Mayor Chaump reported on the Two Rivers Mayor's Council Meeting on January 6, 2007 there was a presentation from Belmar Mayor Pringle it was about shared services with the 8 towns Police Department. He stressed that it would be expensive in the beginning and you should really project out 10 years in order to see a savings and it would probably take at least 4 years to get it going. She has a copy of the Powerpoint presentation if anyone would like to see it.

Mayor Chaump reported on FMERPA, which met on January 17th. The authority is working on an RFP for a Master Planner and John Chupo was there from the Governor's Office talking about the notice of intent, which includes 6 steps. Also, Freeholder Berry reported about the 3 towns passing Resolutions to do as far as the Parks and Recreation Facilities along with the National Park System and they will be putting a notice of intent for them by March 8th.

Mayor Chaump stated she is also on the Development and Emergency Services Committee for that and she Chairs the Historical Preservation and they will all be working with the planner. They will be conducting tours.

Mayor Chaump stated she was also interviewed by Fox News Channel 29 on the 17th along with Executive Director, Frank Cosentino, and Mayor Tarantola. It aired last Saturday was on for a total of 5 minutes.

Mayor Chaump reported that she had a meeting this morning with Congressman Rush Holt with some of the Mayors, which was in Holmdel to talk about the appropriations for the 2007 budget, which would be the same as 2006.

Mayor Chaump stated February 10th will be a Fireman's Grant Workshop and the applications are due on February 23rd. They also received a \$40,000, which was from a grant and will go towards 2 \$5,000 scholarships for Fire Explorers for higher education.

BILL LIST: Ad Hoc Trust \$530.22. Dog Registry Total \$255.00. Off Duty Police \$185.85. Open Space \$235.00. 2006 Voucher Paid \$105,490.92. 2006 Vouchers Paid This Meeting \$56,843.39. Total \$162,334.31. 2007 Vouchers Paid \$1,162,649.25. 2007 Vouchers Paid This Meeting \$1,844,077.57. Total \$3,006,726.82.

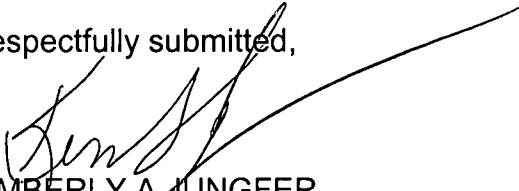
PUBLIC:

Kathy Kitson, Water's Edge Townhouses, stated her concerns about the geese and how they have taken over the Old Wharf Park and now they are moving onto their properties creating an unsightly mess. She thinks that the Board of Health should be involved. She understands the long-term plan and thinks it's wonderful but at the moment they are not getting anywhere. It's a nightmare and they can't even walk through their own driveways. She then stated her concerns about the intersection at Old Wharf Park that people are speeding and the geese are getting killed during rush hour traffic. She thinks that someone needs to address this issue now. They are supportive of the long-term plan but they also need a short-term plan now.

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

At 8:34 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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BOROUGH CLERK