

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
January 20, 1994

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oceanport was held on January 20, 1994 at 8:03 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Clark, McGee, Filippone, Taylor and Mayor Cavanagh.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilmen Miller and Wolfe.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cavanagh led the audience and members of Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meetings of December 16 and 28, 1993 and the Reorganization Meeting held on January 1, 1994 had been made available for review by the Governing Body, Councilman Taylor moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilman McGee who abstained from voting on the meetings of December 16 and 28, 1993 since he was not a member of the Governing Body at that time.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of December, 1993 and a copy will be posted on the bulletin board.
2. Taxi license renewal application made by Chris Amecangelo t/a CHRIS'S TAXI.

The Clerk advised that the fee had been paid and the vehicle had been inspected and approved by the Police Department, after which Councilman Taylor moved to approve the application. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh stated before we begin the Committee Reports, he wanted to leave the regular agenda and do something which we normally do on Reorganization Day and explained for those in the audience that four years ago he initiated an award which he calls the Mayor's Lifetime Achievement Award and the purpose of this award is to signify to people who have donated tremendous amounts of their time and energy to this Borough and congratulate and thank them publicly for all their efforts given to the community.

Mayor Cavanagh stated we are going to make this award this evening and we had to do this because his recipient was not here on New Year's Day. He continued that we also make it a practice to not tell the person who will be receiving the award, which has caused us some problems at times, but so far we have been successful.

Mayor Cavanagh explained that when he first created this award, he had said that he would strive to make sure that it never became a political type of award and for that reason, the first

recipient was someone who was not in the same political party as he is so that everyone would realize that it is not political, but the purpose of this award is civic and for the people who have truly earned this and to show how very proud we are of their achievements.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that the second barrier we are going to break this evening is that up to now, we have always presented this to men and tonight, in the year of the woman, we are going to award it to a woman, who is a wife, mother and grandmother; has lived in this Borough for many years; in the 1950's she was a member of the Oceanport Playground Committee which was the predecessor to the Borough's Recreation Committee and worked for years on the playground activities; she has served as a member, Treasurer and Secretary of the PTA before it became the PTO; she also served as a Cub Scout Den Mother when her boys were very young; she became the School Nurse in 1957 and it is difficult to imagine a family that has not been touched by her through the children; she was a Charter Member of the Monmouth County School Nurses Association and served as an Officer as well, and today she remains an active volunteer at the annual Health Screening; member of the Local Assistance Board since 1970 and is currently the Secretary of the Oceanport Craft Club and she has also worked together with her husband who is also very active in the Lions Club, as a nurse in working on their projects dealing with the eye screenings.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that she has obviously created in her children an attitude about this Borough which caused them both to live here with their families and to him, one of the most touching aspects of living in this Borough, is to watch second and third generation people doing exactly what their mothers and fathers did.

Mayor Cavanagh asked Eleanor Widdis to come forward and receive her award and asked the photographer to please take a photograph so that we can have this in the Oceanport Bulletin and offered her the congratulations of the Governing Body. Mrs. Widdis stated she was very proud to receive this award.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN CLARK: Councilman Clark offered his congratulations to Mrs. Widdis on all her contributions to this Borough.

Councilman Clark advised he was notified yesterday by our Tax Collector, that she is resigning her position effective January 28, 1994 and we are in need of a new Collector and asked if anyone knows of a Certified Collector who would be interested in this position, to please contact the Borough Offices.

Councilman Clark reported that since he is now responsible for the Bulletin this year, he is requesting that articles be sent in for publication as well as photographs, which should be in black and white and articles should be typed.

R-94-8 Councilman Clark asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-94-8** transferring funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council.

R-94-9 Councilman Clark asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-94-9** amending the 1994 temporary budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council.

Councilman Clark asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-94-10** appointing a Municipal Attorney for 1994, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council. R-94-10

Councilman Clark asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-94-11** appointing a Municipal Auditor for 1994, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and approved by Council. R-94-11

Councilman Clark asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-94-12** appointing a Municipal Engineer for 1994, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and approved by Council. R-94-12

Councilman Clark asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-94-13** appointing a Community Development Representative and Alternate, after which he asked someone on Council to move same, since he was named as the Alternate. Councilman McGee moved to approve this resolution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and approved by Council. R-94-13

Councilman Clark called for the introduction of an ordinance supplementing the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances with regard to the storage of recycling materials in new multi-family developments and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING THE SUBDIVISION AND ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING FACILITIES FOR THE COLLECTION OR STORAGE OF SOURCE SEPARATED RECYCLABLE MATERIALS IN NEW MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.**

Councilman Clark moved to approve this ordinance. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilman Clark then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the meeting scheduled to be held on February 17, 1994 at 8:00 P.M. and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilman Clark then called for the introduction of an ordinance regarding an agreement between the Borough and the County of Monmouth concerning the 9-1-1 Program and asked the

Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (ENHANCED 9-1-1 SYSTEM).**

Councilman Clark moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilman Clark then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the meeting to be held on February 3, 1994 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee offered his congratulations to Mrs. Widdis on the award presented earlier this evening and felt it was richly deserved.

Councilman McGee reported under the Police Report for the month of December, 1993, the Dispatchers received 699 calls and Police Patrols responded to 341 calls and he felt it was incredible that our Police Department is as active as it is and does quite a bit for this Community.

Councilman McGee also advised that the Police Department has undertaken a Cell Block Management and Suicide Awareness Course which was completed by the following: Capt. Bebout, Sgts. Mackay, Hendley, Sutton; Det. Baldanza; Patrolmen Ciani, Ross, Tagerty, Cioffi, VanBrunt and Dispatchers Vitalone, Fahy and Lapka.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone also commended Eleanor Widdis on the super job she has done for this Borough for many years and stated that Mrs. Widdis serves very closely with her on two Committees at the present time and she can certainly attest to the fact that everything she does, she does extremely well and is a credit to this community.

Councilwoman Filippone gave the Captain's Report of the Oceanport First Aid Squad for the month of December and reported there were 24 calls with 1,428 man/woman hours; 12 advanced life support calls. She also read the Captain's Summary for 1993 for the Squad which stated that they have responded to 353 calls for total miles of 5,927 miles and 4,179 man/woman hours and they responded to 8 calls at Monmouth Park and had a total of 137 advanced life support system calls. She continued that the Squad wanted the public to realize that an average of 40% of First

Aid calls require dispatch of advanced life support paramedic services. She also advised that there was a marked increase in mutual aid requests for their services from other towns and it is believed that it is due to an increase in calls in surrounding towns and a decrease in membership in those towns. Councilwoman Filippone pointed out that membership is a vital concern to our Squad, even though we have an excellent Squad, there is always a need for new young members.

Councilwoman Filippone also advised that the emergency calls that require medivac or helicopter transportation have been on the increase and the Squad is experiencing a major problem because the patient is flown out, often times attached to the most vital and expensive equipment belonging to the Squad and they either have to drive long distances to retrieve same or they cannot get the equipment back at all and this must be replaced since they have to be ready for the next call.

Councilwoman Filippone commented that one of the major concerns the Squad has at this time is the purchase of defibrillators and as everyone is aware of, most of the towns in the area have had this equipment donated by local organizations or benefactors, but so far in Oceanport this has not happened. She continued that we are looking for some large donations for this purchase, which cost approximately \$4,000 a piece and the Squad is setting up a Committee, chaired by Ed Ryan, President of the First Aid Squad this year and they are looking for a lot of support and they would like to have a representative from each Committee in the Borough in order to try and raise as much funding for this purpose as possible and she asked anyone interested in working on a fund raiser should contact either Ed Ryan or herself.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that one of the Squad's ambulances is out of service and hopefully it will be repaired shortly.

Councilwoman Filippone commented that the Squad wanted to commend the following Squad members for the majority of responses to first aid calls: Joe Lombardo - 278 calls; John Connor - 238 calls; Linda Fujimoto - 211 calls; John Long - 195 calls; Robert Shaw - 195; Kerin Slattery - 172 calls and Ed Ryan - 155 calls. She stated the report ended by saying what a blessing it is to the residents of Oceanport that these individuals give so much of their time and effort to all of us and needless to say, if a call came in last night during this terrible cold weather we have been experiencing, we would be in our beds, but they will be out answering a call. She also commented that when we think about giving a donation, we should remember that they are there for all of us all the time, no matter what the weather or road conditions are.

Councilwoman Filippone recognized Ed Ryan, President of the Oceanport First Aid Squad, who was in the audience this evening and commended him for all his efforts.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor offered his congratulations to Mrs. Widdis for all she has done for this Borough as well as commending the volunteers in the First Aid Squad for the tremendous amount of time and effort they put forth for the residents of this community.

Councilman Taylor reminded the residents that the PTO, on January 26, 1994 at 7:30 P.M. will be holding a program of speakers on positive parenting and will address such issues as building a child's self esteem, dealing with sibling rivalry, disciplining effectively and helping children deal with peer pressure and he invited all the parents in the Borough to try and attend.

Councilman Taylor wanted to thank Fire Chief Peter McOrmond, John Carroll, Councilman Wolfe who were out last weekend, with him, collecting the Christmas trees and we were able to pick up approximately 500 trees and wanted to advise the residents that the trees will be recycled and we will be most likely be making another run through the Borough next week end to pick up any trees that are remaining.

Councilman Taylor reported he attended a Clean Communities meeting on Monday and under the new guidelines this year, we must adopt a roadway. He continued we are going to adopt East Main Street to Main Street and various recreation groups will volunteer to clean up this area and volunteers from the Basketball, Baseball and Soccer Committees will be involved.

Councilman Taylor moved to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare specifications and advertise for bids for the collection of garbage and trash. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and approved by Council.

Councilman Taylor also moved to award a bid for the monitoring system for the underground fuel tanks to the low bidder, Charles J. Hoffman, Neptune City, in the amount of \$12,885 and to return the bid bonds to the unsuccessful bidders. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and approved by Council.

Councilman Taylor reminded everyone that "Crazy George" would be the half time entertainment at the basketball game between the Police and the Maple Place School Students on February 25, 1994 and urged everyone to come out and join in the fun at 7:00 P.M.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: ABSENT.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh offered the name of Jerry Newmark to fill the vacancy on the Board of Health, which term expires December 31, 1997.

Councilwoman Filippone moved to approve this appointment. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh commented he was reading in one of the newspapers an article about the sand and salt and like every other community, we have had our hands full with trying to keep the roads safe and he noticed a typographical error which he thought might bring out some people this evening, since as he read the story, it indicated that the overtime that we allocated for those two weeks was \$149,000 and he wanted to correct the record to indicate that we spent approximately \$1,493. which is a large amount of money for a small town like this in a short amount of time. He commented that Councilman Wolfe had reported at the work shop meeting on Tuesday evening we have used more salt and sand during the first two weeks of this year than in the entire winter for each of the last six years.

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

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

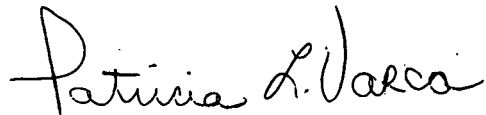
Mr. Ed Anderson, So. Pemberton Ave., wanted to commend the excellent job the Road Department did during the terrible weather we have had and went on to say that the seniors were very thankful for the great job they did in clearing the walk at the Old Wharf House and they had a meeting yesterday with over 60 people in attendance and no one had any problems getting in or out of the building, because the ice had been shoveled away.

As no one else from the public wished to be heard, Mayor Cavanagh closed the public portion of the meeting. JANUARY 20, 1994

Councilman Clark moved to approve the bills listed on the Voucher Register dated January 20, 1994. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Clark abstaining from voting on the bills due Ed Brister. TOTAL 1993 VOUCHERS \$228,101.34. TOTAL 1993 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$31,685.42. TOTAL 1993 OPERATING FUND \$259,786.76. TOTAL 1994 VOUCHERS \$628,350.43. TOTAL 1994 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$110,328.66. TOTAL 1994 OPERATING FUND \$738,679.09. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$3,218.33. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$276.33. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$1,104.07. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$450,000.00. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE I ACCOUNT \$500.00. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$490.00. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$200.55. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-TAX OVERPAYMENT \$831.38. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$144,075.46. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MARRIAGE LICENSES \$325.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER) JANUARY 20, 1994

At 8:39 P.M. Councilman Clark moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on February 3, 1994 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK