

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
January 19, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on January 19, 2006 at 8:00 P.M. with Mayor Chaump stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

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

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

INVOCATION: Borough Chaplain Berry gave the invocation.

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

Mayor Chaump stated that at this time was her honor to present the winners of the Holiday Contest Lighting with gift certificates and thanks to Recreation for all their hard work going around and looking at all the lights and dividing up the town and spending their time and this year it was something different we decided to do it the weekend before and not the weekend after. The first winner was for 2nd place for best condo/townhouse: Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell. The first place for the best condo/townhouse was Mr. and Mrs. Stevens. The 2nd place for best door/window was Mr. and Mrs. Hess. The 1st place winner for best door/window was Mr. and Mrs. Reis. The 2nd place winner for best yard/tree was Mr. and Mrs. Seico. 1st place for best yard/tree was Mr. and Mrs. Donald. 1st place for best overall was for Mr. and Mrs. Despirito.

Mayor Chaump stated that the next matter would be a public hearing for the Comcast Franchise Renewal. She then introduced Robert Clifton, the director of government and community affairs from Comcast

Mr. Clifton thanked the Mayor and Council and members of the public. He explained that Comcast is nearing the end of a 3-year federally mandated renewal process and the companies involvement in this process begins after the public hearing at which time they will begin the negotiation of a renewal of the franchise. The current Certificate of Approval (COA) will expire on July 23, 2006. A COA is a document that a cable company needs in order to operate a cable television system in NJ. The Board of Public Utilities will issue a COA after municipal consent and the cable company application has been reviewed for compliance with State and Federal law. Upon closing of the public hearing the town will issue a Consent Ordinance or a Resolution of Denial. After that is done Comcast will have to file with the State of New Jersey on behalf of the company and the town. The Consent Ordinance that they are seeking is a simple Rights of Way. It is not a contract, which will obligate the municipality to do anything other than to allow them to run their cable system along the Borough rights of way. It is non-exclusive meaning that any other cable company could come before you and seek the same rights that they are asking for to operate a cable television system. However their

application must be judged on its own merits. The governing body must judge the application on four criteria and this is set by State and Federal law:

- 1) Has the cable operator substantially complied with the material terms of the existing franchise.
- 2) Has the quality of the operators service including signal quality been reasonable in light of community needs
- 3) Does the operator have the financial and technical ability to provide the services that we are proposing to provide
- 4) Is the operator's franchise renewal proposal reasonable in light of future cable related needs for the town

Mr. Clifton continued by saying that Comcast believe that on the first three on the existing criteria that they have met those obligations. There are two areas under State and Federal law that the municipality cannot use to judge the application. One is the rates. Rates are governed by state and federal legislation and are outside the preview of your body. Two is programming. Our channel line up is protected under the first amendment just like newspaper content is. However, we know that 99% of the questions you may have or the public may have would be on rates and on programming so he will answer any of those questions as well.

Mayor Chaump asked the Council if there were any questions and then she asked the public if they had any questions. Seeing not Mayor Chaump closed the public hearing on this matter.

As copies of the minutes from the Special Workshop Meeting held on December 22, 2005 and the Regular Meeting held on December 15, 2005 and the Workshop Meetings held on December 1, 2005 and December 12, 2005 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body. Councilwoman Kahle moved to approve the minutes presented by the Borough Clerk and it was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson with the Clerk calling roll. Councilman Ibex approved the minutes from December 22, 2005 and abstained from all others due to him not being a member of the Council during those meetings. All other members voted in the affirmative.

Clerk's Reports:

- 1) Police report for December 2005 copies of which have been distributed to the appropriate committees and a copy will be posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall.
- 2) Raffle application for the Middlesex County Bar Association to conduct an off premise merchandise raffle to be drawn on July 28, 2006 at the Monmouth Park Racetrack. All paperwork is in order and all fees have been paid . She asked for a motion to approve the application.. Councilman Briscione moved to approve same which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and all members voting in the affirmative.

Committees:

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle stated that she would like to start with the Municipal Complex. On Tuesday, Eric Wagner, the architect commissioned to do the Feasibility Study presented the finished study to the Council. Copies are available to view in the Borough Clerk's Office during regular business hours and you're welcome to take a look. This

study was started 2 years ago, by then Councilman Mahon, and really started because of space concern within the Municipal Complex. The finished product is everything that every department needed. It reconfigures the central building, changes the Council chambers to offices, adds on to the back a new Council chamber that can hold up to 200 people, brings the Building Department back here, which right now we are paying rent for the Building Department to be in another building in town and also adds on to the Library. It places a new Police building in the back, which would be separate from the main building and updates it with all the new security regulations needed and technology. It also replaces the Public Works Building, which is unsalvageable and updates that building to concur with the new Storm Water Management regulations.

Councilwoman Kahle continued that Eric Wagner did a wonderful job incorporating all of our needs. Also, anticipating growth in the community and using our space and grounds here to its fullest capacity. The preliminary probable cause will be about \$8 million. All that he suggested was done as he suggested. With the current climate in the Borough with the reevaluation, the COAH lawsuit, the special Council fees, the anticipated referendums from both the Oceanport schools and Shore Regional High School, we will be looking into **ancillary** funding. We're approaching it from a multi faceted approach with Captain Baldanza looking into Police security and technology funding. Mrs. Jungfer, the Borough Clerk, and herself) will be looking into energy grants along with Federal, State and County money. They have also contacted the legislature to see if they could help in any way. She will keep everyone updated of the progress.

Councilwoman Kahle reported on the Old Wharf Senior Center. That building is under way. They are removing the trusses now and they hope to have the project completed in June or July.

Councilwoman Kahle stated that this year we are moving to a 6-page bulletin to save a little bit of money, so hopefully we will save on the printing and the postage. She then moved resolution **R-06-15** appointing Atlantic Printing for the 2006 Bulletins, it was seconded by Councilman Briscione and unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Councilwoman Johnson reported on Board of Health stating that the first meeting was held January 10, 2006 and the President is Connie Savarese and Vice President is Carol Connor. The rabies clinic was held Saturday, January 14, 2006 at the Port-Au-Peck Fire House. There were 113 dogs and 48 cats for a total of 161 shots and due to the weather she thought that it was quite a turn out and also, Councilwoman Kahle was in attendance.

Councilwoman Johnson stated that the Health Screening is coming up in April but they don't have a date as of yet but they will be looking into that and hopefully they will be able to set that up very shortly.

Councilwoman Johnson reported that Dr. Kaloss has advised the Board about the fecal counts done throughout the year and the only problem this year was at the Monmouth Park Racetrack and she believes that a letter was sent by Water Watch out to Monmouth Park to see if we can take care of this situation. This is the first time that we've had a problem of this nature. Rich, from the Monmouth County Board of Health, advised Oceanport has been quiet this year so we've been doing a pretty good job. Also, the Board of Health has been keeping seniors up to date regarding weather problems and evacuation procedures. We do have pamphlets that are out in front of the Borough Hall in the hallway and also Chief Sutton has

been putting articles in the bulletin so anybody that is interested please take some pamphlets because they are quite interesting and can be a big help if any disasters do happen in our town, which we hope doesn't happen. Councilwoman Johnson stated that a concern was brought up at the meeting of animals. There is a home next to the First Aid building and this house is being renovated, eventually, but there are concerns animals are coming out of there and going into the First Aid building and unfortunately they did destroy some furniture. She asked Rich to go over to the house next door to see if there were any holes or any borrows in the ground over there which he did and he said that he didn't find any, but the only burrows and holes he found were behind the First Aid building behind the fence. She did speak to Fred Filippone at the rabies clinic and she advised him to take a look at that so hopefully he will take a quick look at that and then we can remedy that.

Councilwoman Johnson reported on Parks and Recreation stating that she had a dinner meeting, which was held on January 13, 2006 and the new officers were installed. Mike Tober is President again and she thanked Recreation for doing the Christmas decorating awards because it's a lot of work going around and doing that.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to appoint Tommy Crochet to the Recreation Committee to fill an unexpired term. It was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN GALLO: Councilman Gallo reported on First Aid. They responded to 53 calls this past month in which 8 were motor vehicle accidents and 10 calls were mutual aid to other communities. The squad received 5 new applications for membership this month so that is promising for them. This year they had awards given out at the last meeting and there is one award called the Pop Ryan Award and that goes to the First Aider of the year and this year it went to Ed Ryan. Other awards were handed out by the Captain and the President to various members of the squad. A request from the president, who is also the First Aider of the year, would like to thank all of the Police Department members and Fire Police members and the Fire Department for their help when they go to First Aid calls. He just wanted to make sure that everyone got a thank you for that.

Councilman Gallo reported on seniors stating that they had their first meeting of the year, which is being held at the Port-Au-Peck Fire House at 1:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month if anyone is interested. At the meeting they had a guest speaker, Rich Delfonzo, from the Monmouth County Office of Aging and his topic was the Medicare D Plan. This included an explanation of who should sign up and what it was all about and at one point this year you have until May 15th to sign up so that you can get in to this year's enrollment.

Councilman Gallo stated that his other committee is Environmental Commission. Their first meeting included an election of officers. Bob Broege is the Chairman and the secretary and John Viviona is the Vice Chair. This group meets the second Monday of each month and their theme this year is water conservation. They will have a poster contest at Maple Place School. The group would like to draw attention to the leaf pick-up, which is over and any leaves that are remaining should be bagged and stored until the spring clean up or you should compost them, which is even better and this will keep the leaves out of the gutters and in turn it will help keep the storm drains clean.

Councilman Gallo stated that his other committee was Water Watch. They held their first meeting and they meet on the second Tuesday of each month. They had an election of officers, Richard Gruskos is the Chair, Steve Kubik is Vice Chair, and William Kaloss is

secretary. They will test the water each month around Oceanport for the fecal coliform. There are also plans for a beach clean up in the spring by the members of the Water Watch Committee.

COUNCILMAN IBEX: Councilman Ibex stated that he would be brief and he doesn't have much to say because he hasn't been here long and he suspects he will be deeply in the budget and will have more to say on that subject at a later time.

Councilman Ibex moved resolution **R-06-16** allowing the Veteran's Tax Deductions for 2006, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Ibex moved resolution **R-06-17** appointing the Community Development representatives, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Ibex moved resolution **R-06-18** transferring of funds, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Ibex moved resolution **R-06-19** appointing the 2006 PACO officer, which was seconded by Councilman Briscione and unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN SHARKEY: Councilman Sharkey stated with regard to the Insurance Committee he attended the first meeting of the year for the Monmouth County Joint Insurance Fund, which is the new property and casualty insurance program that we entered into effective January 1st. It was held at the Wall Municipal building and it was basically the reorganization meeting and the appointment of the different fund professionals, the attorney, the auditor, etc. He's been contacted and he is arranging to have a representative from the Joint Insurance Fund to meet with our Public Safety Committee and that date has not been confirmed yet but there is a possibility of it being the 23rd or 25th of January.. The purpose of that meeting will be for us to learn more about the JIF, what services they provide as provide a ton of services in terms of loss prevention services and training for our employees and then there will be some requirements that we need to do as a Borough for example, a quarterly safety meeting, where we go through safety procedures and make sure that our safety programs are up to speed.

Councilman Sharkey stated that the Fire Department Committee met this month as well and they basically discussed training requirements, equipment needs, and went over some LOSAP questions.

Councilman Sharkey motioned to appoint himself as Commissioner for the Monmouth County Joint Insurance Fund with Kim Jungfer as the Deputy Commissioner, which was seconded by Councilman Ibex and approved by Council with the exceptions of Councilwoman Johnson and Councilman Briscione who voted in the negative.

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione stated that he had 2 resolutions. The first resolution **R-06-20** appointing Officer Fagliarone to permanent status he made a motion to move that resolution, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Briscione moved resolution **R-06-21** supporting competitive cable services, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Briscione stated that with regard to the committees, the Planning Board reorganized at the January meeting. Chris Widdis was named Chairman, Jim Whitson was named Vice Chairman and Pat Menna was reappointed as attorney, David Gruskos has resigned from the Planning Board effective immediately so there is an opening on the Planning Board so if anyone is interested please send us a resume to the Clerk's office. The hearing on the Holiday Oceanport property on East Main Street currently the Old Wharf Restaurant took place on January 11th and the plans have been revised lowering the density from 36 age-restricted units to 27 age restricted units. 3 of the units will be affordable units and the hearing was continued to January 25th and the plans are available for review in the Clerk's office if anyone would like to see those. With regard to the Mount Laurel Lawsuit the Plaintiff has asked for and received additional time to respond to the motion that was filed by Mr. Surenian in November and there are no further dates on that yet.

Councilman Briscione stated with regard to the police, the police report for December indicates that the department answered 852 calls and officers responded to 539 calls. There were 168 summons' issued and 232 motor vehicle stops. He congratulated Patrolman Michael Fagliarone whose status was elevated tonight from probationary to regular patrolman.

Councilman Briscione stated that the Cable Technology Committee met on January 12th and the discussions involved the upcoming renewal of the Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement and the Borough has not yet met with representatives from Comcast, but as Mr. Clifton said we will be meeting shortly to discuss that. Additionally, the committee heard from John Zalinga, our representative from Verizon, who explained the proposed legislation, which will allow for Verizon to apply for statewide franchise agreement and that legislation will also increase franchise fees to all municipalities. The committee also recommended that the Borough support the resolution for competition in the cable industry. These actions have been taken by many of the neighboring towns and could only benefit residents by more competition. The committee also discussed the need to update our computer commitment on a four-year cycle and the need to provide funds to accomplish that. The suggestion was to set up a trust account or reserve fund for that purpose. Discussions also involved the requests by police that a member of the department take educational courses that will enable him to resolve most of the computer problems of the Borough complex in-house. The committee was generally in favor of this idea. Additionally, it was suggested that the Borough look at an hourly repair rate from a service that would be on-call rather than paying for a retainer on a yearly basis. This could be accomplished if we had someone in-house trained for basic issues. A check of our problems over the past 2 years indicated that most of the things were viruses, hard drive issues, power supplies, and issues that didn't involve losing the equipment for an extended repair time.

Councilman Briscione reported on the Fort Monmouth Reuse Committee stating there is a meeting on January 20th at the Eatontown Borough Hall. The meeting is open to the public and he suggested that people start going to the meetings because there is alternative legislation now proposed by Senator Kyrillos that seems to take the committee out of global hands and put into more political framework.

MAYOR CHAUMP: Mayor Chaump stated that she would like to congratulate Ed Ryan on his award. It's nice to know that we have volunteers that are so dedicated in Oceanport.

Mayor Chaump announced that the town meeting would be on Thursday, March 23, 2006 at 7pm and it will also be listed in the Oceanport Bulletin and she will be reminding everyone in February.

Mayor Chaump reported that she attended the Two Rivers Mayor meeting on January 7, 2006. Charles Russell from the Board of Public Utilities and he talked about a free home analysis and there is an 800 number and the website is www.newjerseycleanenergy.com and there was also a pamphlet given out and hopefully it will be printed in the bulletin. It's about 5 steps on how to use less energy and possibly save 30%. The mayors also discussed the Fort Monmouth Re-Use Committee and what is going on.

The Mayor next reported about the Re-Use Committee and this is what was said at the Two Rivers Mayors and also what is going on presently. The 3 Mayors, Mayor Tarantola, Mayor Maclearie, and herself met with Senator Karcher and Assemblyman Panter on December 30, 2005. They explained their position and also explained about the Local Re-development Authority that we have been having 4 months of meetings and that they are waiting recognition from the Office of Economic Adjustment so that they will release that grant money so that we can move forward. Mayor Tarantola also met with Senator Kyrillos on January 4th and explained our position again. Senator Kyrillos informed us that he was going ahead with this bill that he proposed. Council members received minutes and resolutions that the town and County have passed and the letter sent to Senator Kyrillos dated on December 20, 2005 at our last workshop meeting were brought up to date. As Councilman Briscione said the next meeting is January 20th at 2pm in Eatontown in their meeting room and the public is welcome to attend.

Mayor Chaump stated, as Councilman Briscione said, there is a vacancy on the Planning Board and she thanked David Gruskos for his years of serving on the Planning Board. Also, Planning Board members, with the exception of the Mayor, the Council representative, and the professional planners are now required to take a course, which will require 5 hours of training, which has to be completed in 18 months.

Mayor Chaump reported on Blackberry Bay Park renovations. She stated that the public statement is this: the Council and herself have discussed and agreed that the fields at Blackberry Bay Park will be played upon starting March 1st. Baseball will be allowed on the fields.

Mayor Chaump stated she would now like to open it up to the public so if anyone has any comments to come up to the microphone and state your name and address.

Ed Ryan asked who the Greater Media Newspaper that you advertised is?

Mayor Chaump stated that it was the Asbury Park Press.

Kim Jungfer stated it was the Atlanticville.

Ed Ryan asked why would you advertise in the Atlanticville when it has West Long Branch, Eatontown, and doesn't have Oceanport? The Link has West Long Branch, Oceanport, and Monmouth Beach. If you're going to advertise in the paper why not advertise in the paper that is for Oceanport?

Mayor Chaump said stated we will look into it.

Councilman Briscione stated that certain areas of town, he guesses the HUB and the Atlanticville and are the same greater media, certain areas of town get the Atlanticville because

he gets the Atlanticville in the mail so it says that it doesn't cover it, but there must be some split geographically that some get the HUB and some get the Atlanticville.

Ed Ryan stated that he doesn't get either one of them. The second thing he wanted to say was to first thank the Mayor for calling him up about the house next to the First Aid building. However, he still has no answer why it is taking so long. They were there the other day and they still can't find the sewer pipe and then they were talking about the gas pipe and he just can't understand why it's taking so long because when his father's house burned down he had 30 days. When the house on Sagamore burned down she got a summons after 6 months. This house has been there for 8 months. Now they finally put wood on the roof and somebody is not doing their job, it's either the Building Inspector or the Zoning Officer and Councilwoman Johnson said that they are going to tear it down.

Councilman Briscione stated that at the Planning Board hearing they were given approval to build a new house so they are waiting for those plans and as part of the approval process the owner was told that numerous people have come in and complained about the eye sore and if the plans were approved will they be starting construction immediately or is the house going to sit there because if it was just going to sit there they would have to take action. The property owner said that construction would take place immediately upon them getting resolution from the Borough.

Ed Ryan stated that the two men he was talking to said that it would take at least 3 months. We're talking over a year.

Councilman Briscione stated that was not what was presented to us at the Planning Board.

Ed Ryan said that it still does not explain why it's been over 8 months. Everybody else has to have it done immediately. The house on Main Street that burned down a couple of years ago had to. Do these people have someone on Council or what? He doesn't know but it's sure getting ridiculous. He saw the senior citizens coming to the First Aid building and the First Aid Squad got people from all over the county coming to meetings and you look like a dummy.

Councilman Briscione stated that he raised those concerns at the Planning Board...

Ed Ryan asked why is it taking so long?!

Councilman Briscione stated that they checked into that and perhaps other people...

Ed Ryan said that everyone says the same thing, they check into it or they will check into it.

Kim Jungfer stated that first it was the gas meter and they didn't have a street opening permit to close the gas off, which they since have gotten and they told us the night of the Planning Board meeting that they had tapped the sewer line that day and the house should be coming down in a week so if it's not down then they lied to the Planning Board.

Ed Ryan stated with the budget coming up he would like to alert the Council people and the Mayor to really think of what the volunteer Fire Department, First Aid Squad and the Police Department need because all of these people know what they want and they know what they can use and it's not what they want, it's what they need for the Borough of Oceanport. When we buy things for First Aid we know what we want and what we need, it's not what we want.

The rig we want costs about \$140,000 and that's what we need not what we want. He doesn't know how old the trucks are over on Port-Au-Peck and the Fire Department is the same way they have a 77 Mac over there that barely passed inspection. He would also like to know what is the Borough rated for? How many pumpers? He knows years ago they used to be rated 3 pumpers.

Mayor Chaump thanked Ed Ryan and told him that she would look into it. She told Ed that the ambulance is under capital for \$125,000 but it's \$140,00?

Ed Ryan said yes

Mayor Chaump stated then that will have to be changed.

Gary LaBruno stated that he had a couple of questions. He held in his hand a copy of the Asbury Park Press, Monday, January 2, 2006. His question is specifically about an article that appears on the front page of the Monmouth section. He asked if he could direct his questions to Councilwoman Kahle?

Mayor Chaump said yes

Gary LaBruno stated that Councilwoman Kahle was quoted in the Asbury Park Press as saying that "I don't have the qualifications to be appointed to the Capital Committee" and then asked her if that was correct?

Councilwoman Kahle stated that her comments were that she really felt that instead of having political appointments or appointments where we do not look at the qualifications of the people on the committee before we re-appoint them and that is what we should be doing so that is why she voted against him.

Gary LaBruno asked Councilwoman Kahle if she had any idea what his qualifications are?

Councilwoman Kahle stated no

Gary LaBruno stated you have no idea, so you made the comment without knowing. He then asked her if she knew what the qualifications were of the Chairperson, Mrs. Duffy of the Capital Improvement Committee is ?

Councilwoman Kahle stated that she understood that. Then she stated that it was her opinion...

Gary LaBruno asked if she knew what Mrs. Duffy's qualifications are?

Councilwoman Kahle stated that she did not look into any one's qualifications because in the past...

Gary LaBruno asked if she was the longest sitting Council member?

Councilwoman Kahle stated that she was and that in the past usually people that are appointed to committees are appointed as a favor and she doesn't think that they should be appointing people as a favor.

Gary LaBruno asked her how does she know if he was being appointed as a favor? How do you know that people may not feel that he may be an asset to the Borough?

Councilwoman Kahle stated that in her opinion she felt that on the Capital Committee they needed someone with bond experience, finance experience, perhaps a CPA or someone with some idea about our long term needs of this town. Somebody who volunteered for many years and who can understand what our long term needs are.

Gary LaBruno asked Councilwoman Kahle if she knew how many people applied for the committees?

Councilwoman Kahle stated that they usually don't apply.

Gary LaBruno asked if she knew how many people asked?

Councilwoman Kahle said that people don't ask.

Mayor Chaump asked Gary LaBruno if he could just state his qualifications because she doesn't want to get into a back and forth meeting, but before you even say that, just to let everyone know that when there is a vacancy on a committee it's usually the Mayor's appointment with Council's consent and there were only 2 openings and there were 2 people that came forward that contacted her and said that they would be more than willing to serve as a volunteer on any organization. It was not a political payback it was someone that called and volunteered. Then she told Gary LaBruno if he would like to state his qualifications he may do so.

Gary LaBruno stated that he's been a municipal employee for 17 years and that he's a sergeant on the Police Department and he's been involved with the Capital Budget for the Police Department and he's also a former board member for the PBA and he's negotiated police contracts for the passed 12 ½ years and that is how he is involved in this whole government. He knows so many ins and outs of municipal government, probably more so than some of the people on this list.

Councilwoman Kahle asked Mr. LaBruno how many years has he lived in town?

Gary LaBruno stated that he's lived in town since 1998. He then asked Councilwoman Kahle if she was the Council Liaison for the committee?

Councilwoman Kahle stated that she was just appointed.

Gary LaBruno asked what her qualifications were?

Councilwoman Kahle stated that she was on the Council.

Gary LaBruno stated that does not make her qualified.

Mayor Chaump told Mr. LaBruno she would stop him on that and if he would like to speak to Councilwoman Kahle after the meeting he is more than welcome to.

Stewart Briskey, 46 Werah Place, stated that he's been going to the Council meeting regularly since about 1987 and he doesn't recall which Mayor formed the Capital Improvement Committee but one of the statements made when that committee was formed that they wanted no one with any political affiliation so it would be a totally independent source coming to the Council. He then asked Gary LaBruno if he ran for Council?

Gary LaBruno stated that was correct.

Stewart Briskey stated that perhaps that was the reason because that was the intent and he's sure that they could go back in the minutes and find it.

Mayor Chaump stated that was not the intent and thanked him for his comment.

Councilman Briscione stated that this borders a little bit on the ridiculous because we're not nominating a Supreme Court Justice here, we're asking a volunteer to sit on a committee and he's checked with the former Borough Clerk and to her recollection know one has been denied in appointment to a committee and he thinks that when you start getting into this political back and forth and snipping you lose people that would serve on these committee because they tend to say, "what do I need this for"? It's unfortunate that this has happened.

Councilwoman Kahle stated that it's not political snipping there's a perception. This past election she had the Mayor and her husband helping LaBruno handing out flyers and it's a political connection and if it wasn't a political connection she wouldn't have a problem with it, but it is.

Councilman Briscione stated that it's political punishment that he's being denied because he ran for office.

Councilwoman Kahle stated that was not necessarily so but that is what it seems out there.

Mayor Chaump stated that she thinks that the democratic way was that everyone had a chance to vote and she voted no.

Councilwoman Kahle stated that she voted no and that's her opinion.

Councilman Sharkey stated that for the Planning Board and the Recreation vacancies we had asked the Borough Clerk to put out on the front sign and advertise basically to the residents that the positions are open so that we do get more applicants for the position and he believes Council should discuss qualifications of the different members who are appointed to these committees because it appears to him that it doesn't happen and he thinks that would be a good thing and a positive thing for the town.

Mayor Chaump stated that everyone got the agenda for the reorganization meeting a week before and they were given out on the 22nd and if anyone had any comments or questions all they had to do was pick up the phone and ask.

Councilman Sharkey stated that they were making an effort to go the right route or what he perceives as the right route and we discussed that at the Council Workshop the other night.

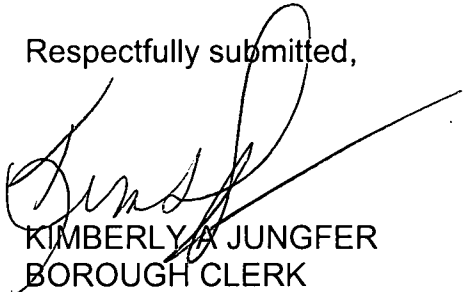
Mayor Chaump stated that it would also be advertised in the Oceanport Bulletin.

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

Councilman Ibex moved resolution **R-06-22** authorizing the payment of bills and approved by Council except for Councilman Sharkey who abstained because he stated he didn't have a chance to review the bill list. Capital Trust Total \$80,533.28, Dog Registry \$449.68, Escrow Trust Total \$1,171.25 & \$4833.81, Open Space Trust \$235.00 Shade Tree Trust \$400.00, 2005 Vouchers Paid \$229,472.83, 2005 Vouchers Paid This Meeting \$205,137.78, Total 2005 Vouchers \$434,610.61, 2006 Vouchers Paid \$133,244.57, 2006 Vouchers Paid This Meeting \$1,814,698.47, Total 2006 Vouchers Paid \$1,947,943.04.

Councilwoman Kahle moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. until the next regular meeting on February 16, 2006. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



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BOROUGH CLERK