

**BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT
WORK SHOP MEETING AGENDA
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
January 18, 2017**

Maple Place School, 2 Maple Place, Oceanport, NJ 07757

- **7PM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
- **Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act.** *This meeting complies with the Open Public Meeting Act by notification on January 2, 2018 of this location, date and time to the Asbury Park Press and the LINK News and by the posting of same on the municipal bulletin board and Borough Web Site*
- **FLAG SALUTE:**
- **INVOCATION:**
- **ROLL CALL:**
- **GUESTS:** Eagle Scouts Hunter Ward, Lucas Kirchberger and Michael Hornung
- **PRESENTATION:** Winners of Holiday Decorating Contest
- **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**
 1. Resolution authorizing payment of bills (to be provided Tues 1/16 due to software conversion)
 2. Resolution authorizing redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #17-00017
 3. Resolution authorizing refund for overpayment of taxes, Block 51, Lot 3
 4. Resolution appointing members to Historical and Water Watch Committees
 5. Resolution awarding a contract to Nicholas Teetelli Consulting
 6. Resolution reappointing John Bonforte to the TRWRA
 7. Approval of the Workshop Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2017
 8. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2017
 9. Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of December 14, 2017
- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - Vacation of Deal Ave Terminus Request
 - Noise Ordinance
 - No Knock Ordinance
 - Police Chaplain Ordinance
- **MAYOR'S REPORT:**
- **PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**
- **ADJOURNMENT:**

**WORK SHOP MEETING MINUTES
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The Workshop Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on January 18, 2018 at 7:08 P.M. with the Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act given by Mayor Coffey.

"Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by notice to the Asbury Park Press and The Link News on January 2, 2018, and by the posting of same on the municipal bulletin board and Borough Web Site."

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

INVOCATION: Borough Chaplin Stacy Deering gave the invocation

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mayor Coffey requested a moment of silence in respect for the passing of Borough resident Vic Accera.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Cooper, Deerin, Gallo, Irace, Proto, Solan and Mayor Coffey

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Administrator Raymond Poerio, Borough Clerk Jeanne Smith, Borough Attorney Scott Arnette

GUESTS: Eagle Scouts Hunter Ward, Lucas Kirchberger and Michael Hornung. Mayor Coffey introduced the new Eagle Scouts and presented them with their awards. Mayor Coffey read a proclamation in its entirety for the record. He thanked them for their volunteer efforts and improving areas around the Borough.

PRESENTATION: Mayor Coffey introduced the winners of Holiday Decorating Contest: Best Overall, 75 Iroquois Ave; Best Tree, 42 Burnt Mill Circle; Best Yard, 42 Pemberton Ave.; Best Door/Windows, 165 Monmouth Blvd.; Best Condo/Townhouse, 21 Hunters Run; Most Original, 11 Oneida Ave.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mr. Poerio reported on several items including transitioning from General Code to Coded Systems and the recent snowstorm with over 1' of snow. He thanked the Public Works Dept. for their work, the Hook & Ladder Fire Company for providing dinner for Public Works and the First Aid and Police for their efforts. Demolition of old Borough Hall and Public Works is complete. The demolition of 4 buildings at the former Fort will begin shortly.

Mr. Poerio advised that Courtney McDonnell withdrew her acceptance of the administrative assistant position, however, Donna Phelps, the Borough's former FEMA specialist will fill that position for 3 days a week and continue with FEMA duties 1 day a week.

Mr. Poerio advised the Borough has an agreement with the County to perform vehicle maintenance, which hasn't been put to use. After meeting with Fire Chief Patterson, the Borough will take advantage of that service. He will discuss vehicle maintenance with the Police, First Aid and Public works to see if using County resources is feasible. Tomorrow, the Borough will receive RFTOPs for the old Borough Hall property. The proposals will be reviewed by Mr. Poerio, Mayor Coffey, Council President Irace and Councilman Proto in order to make a recommendation to the Governing Body.

Mr. Poerio advised Council members had expressed interest in determining the number of rental properties and the number of individuals living in each rental. Through the use of GovPilot, all CO's will be completed online, and every individual living in a particular residence will be registered.

Mr. Poerio stated there was a recent fire on the former Fort property, where Oceanport Fire Department responded. There are 7 or 8 properties that are part of Oceanport. His concern is who services the balance of the former Fort. His review of the file indicates there is no memorandum of understanding regarding use of the Borough's services on former Fort property. He recommended the Borough establish an agreement with FMERA to solidify the role of Oceanport's Fire Dept. Another incident on the former Fort property involved a fire hydrant. The overall infrastructure at the Fort is a concern, particularly the water system and hydrants. With the Borough's first responders using that equipment, hydrants must be in working order. There is no certainty of that. Additional discussions are required with FMERA and utility companies regarding the infrastructure. Council President Irace noted that an issue arose because the Borough's firefighters responded to an incident and a hydrant broke, with the blame being laid on the Borough's firefighters. He stated additional concerns regarding the Borough's volunteers responding to incidents at locations which have not been transferred to Oceanport. There was additional discussion regarding incident responses and infrastructure.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Vacation of Deal Ave Terminus Request - Mr. Poerio advised that he investigated vacating Deal Ave. Council was provided a proposal from the homeowner. Borough Engineer William White reviewed the proposal and did not oppose the vacation from an environmental or public access perspective. He outlined options for the Governing Body, including obtaining an easement in case access is needed. Councilman Gallo noted there was a telephone pole on the property and asked if the phone company would need an easement. He also asked if there were any other utility lines located on the property. Council President Irace asked Mr. Arnette if allowing a vacation of this street would set a precedent. Mr. Arnette advised each case is taken on a case by case basis, and each request would be evaluated on the particular circumstances. Council President Irace asked about the volume of access at the location. Mr. Poerio was unable to answer and it would be difficult to quantify. Mr. Poerio described the process for vacating a street, which would require an ordinance and public hearing. There was discussion regarding imposing restrictions on any vacation, and obtaining public input. Councilman Proto opposes vacating a waterfront street. Councilwoman Cooper suggested posting the issue on Facebook. Mr. Poerio suggested mailing notices to residents within 400' or 200'. Councilman Solan asked if the bulkhead was on the schedule for replacement. Mr. Poerio replied that it would be part of the 2018 capital program at a cost of approximately \$100,000. Council members advised Mr. Poerio to send out notices advising of a public hearing on the topic for a future workshop meeting and Council President Irace to post on Facebook.
2. Noise Ordinance - Mr. Poerio provided Council with noise ordinances from neighboring municipalities and asked for direction from the Governing Body. Council President Irace recalled that the original noise ordinance was created to address noise on Sundays. There was discussion regarding the time allowed. Council members agreed not to amend the ordinance.
3. No Knock Ordinance – Council President Irace advised there have been complaints about sales calls, especially in the evenings. Mr. Poerio received a report from Chief Kelly, which stated there was an average of 1 “official” solicitor per month. He outlined the exceptions to no knock ordinances. There was a lengthy discussion on possible means to put something in place including establishing a no-knock list through the GovPilot system; whether to use stickers, placards, avoiding additional responsibilities to the staff, banning, first amendment rights, case law, regulation and enforcement. Afterwards direction was given to Mr. Poerio to put together an ordinance for consideration that would provide for a no-knock list.

4. Police Chaplain Ordinance – Councilman Solan commented on the positive impacts of having a police chaplain, experience of other towns, appointment would have no rank or salary and would provide for a qualified clergy person for the police department's use.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Coffey's report focused on the recent snow event, problems with clearing of sidewalks and complaints, the fact that there are some residents physically, fiscally or other reason that they are not able to, the importance of neighbors joining in to help their neighbor that is unable to, advised of residents Joe LaValle and his boys who stepped up and offered to come help those who needed shoveling and Beth Mannello who had stepped up and established a system called "Snow Angels" online by which residents can add their name to a list of those needing assistance and coordinate volunteers that will go out. Mayor Coffey added that this was not a governmental problem but a people problem and was happy it was being solved that way.

Mayor Coffey next discussed the completed revaluation, the average increase and the scenarios that property owner's would experience if they went up or below the average, that the final numbers would know the impact on taxes until the rate was struck in a few months, the process by Realty Appraisal in concert with the Tax Assessor and the available appeal processes.

Mayor Coffey next discussed properties and owners on former fort lands, challenges with development in that area including a county road that runs through and a mish-mash of owners, utilities, infrastructure improvements and

PUBLIC:

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

Adam Siegel, 34 Branch Ave, expressed concern regarding an Academy bus that has been stopping regularly at the corner of Branch Ave and Eatontown Blvd. early in the morning and sometimes at other locations up the street such as ProCraft and the noise. There was lengthy discussion on where, how often, the ability to "waive" the bus down anywhere along their route; the user being a neighbor across the street; Eatontown Blvd being a County road and their jurisdiction, safety concerns if the person hanging out by his bushes is not the neighbor. Chief Kelly present commented that he had looked into it as well and confirmed that they can stop anywhere along their route. Mr. Siegel stated he would like it stopped altogether and that when he called Trenton was told it was a town issue. There was discussion on how to resolve the issue. Afterwards Mr. Poerio asked the Mayor to allow time for him to do some research and get back to the resident to which there were no objections.

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

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Irace seconded by Councilman Proto and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

JEANNE SMITH, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

Oceanport Parks & Recreation
Holiday Decorating Contest Winners

2017

Category	<u>1st Place</u>	<u>2nd Place</u>	<u>3rd Place</u>
Best Overall	75 Iroquois Ave	85 Gooseneck Pt Rd	58 Wittenberg Ct
Best Tree	42 Burnt Mill Circle		
Best Yard	42 Pemberton Ave		
Best Door/Windows	165 Monmouth Blvd		
Best Condo/Townhouse	21 Hunters Run		
Most Original	11 Oneida Ave		