

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
December 19, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on December 19, 2012 at 7:44 P.M. with Mayor Mahon announcing that the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Gallo, Ibex, Irace, Bertekap, Johnson, Mayor Mahon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilperson Kahle

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Kimberly A. Jungfer and Borough Attorney, John O. Bennett, III

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

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Ms. Jungfer stated there were 14 items on the consent agenda and described 1 additional item added from Workshop and asked for a motion. Councilman Ibex made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Councilman Irace. Councilman Johnson requested that Item 3 be taken separately which had no objections. Ms. Jungfer stated the motion was for Items 1-15 with the exception of Item 3 to be taken separately which was approved by Council with Councilman Bertekap abstaining from Items 12, 13 and 14.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution authorizing the payment of bills. **R-12-182**
2. Resolution authorizing a transfer of funds **R-12-183**
3. Resolution designating Monmouth Park as an Area in Need of Rehabilitation.
4. Resolution of Intent to Fund Spending Plan for Affordable Housing Shortfall. **R-12-184**
5. Workshop Minutes of October 18, 2012
6. Regular Minutes of October 18, 2012
7. Executive Session Minutes of October 18, 2012
8. Regular Minutes of November 1, 2012
9. Workshop Minutes of November 15, 2012
10. Regular Minutes of November 15, 2012
11. Executive Session Minutes of November 15, 2012
12. Workshop Minutes of December 5, 2012
13. Regular Minutes of December 5, 2012
14. Executive Session Minutes of December 5, 2012
15. Resolution authorizing an agreement for fire protection services between the Borough and FEMA pending attorney review **R-12-185**

Mayor Mahon read Item #3. Councilman Johnson expressed concern on action for that item without sitting down with the County Freeholders to explain why the Borough was pursuing it so as not to ruin the rapport with them. Mayor Mahon agreed with his concern but the action right then did not execute any of the reductions that would concern the Freeholders but would enable the first step. There was additional discussion on what the designation would entail. Councilman Ibex made a motion to approve the resolution designating Monmouth Park as an Area in Need of Rehabilitation which was which seconded by Councilman Gallo which was approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Johnson who voted no. **R-12-189**

There was additional discussion on the matter including scheduling a presentation with the Freeholders and the Planning Board. Mr. Bennett also requested that the process be translated into tax dollars so that everyone knew what it involved.

Ms. Jungfer stated she was in receipt of the Police Reports for September, October and November 2012, which had been distributed and would be posted.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN GALLO: No report

COUNCILMAN IBEX: No report

COUNCILMAN IRACE: No report

COUNCILMAN BERTEKAP: No report

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:

1. 2nd reading and public hearing on an amendment to Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance, No Left Turn Burnt Mill circle. **#911**

Councilman Johnson called for the 2nd reading and public hearing of **"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 64-19 (LEFT TURN PROHIBITION) AND SECTION 64-46 (SCHEDULE XIV; LEFT TURN PROHIBITION)" OF CHAPTER 64 ENTITLED VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT**" and then asked the Clerk to read the affidavit of publication by title only.

Mayor Mahon then opened the meeting to the public for anyone who wished to be heard. As no one from the public wished to be heard Mayor Mahon closed the public portion.

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 Councilman Irace.

The Clerk called roll:

AYES: Gallo, Ibex, Irace, Bertekap, Johnson, Kahle
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

The Clerk stated that the motion carried.

Councilman Johnson also reported year end that the Planning Board business had picked up and attributed it to an improving economy and the after effect from Hurricane Sandy.

Mayor Mahon commented that he was very happy to see that every Board had stepped up on meetings and that he had received a lot of positive remarks on the Construction Department and Planning Board and all the staff at Borough Hall and the staff over at the recovery center.

MAYOR MAHON: Mayor Mahon reported that Oceanport residents were contacted by FEMA for housing at Fort Monmouth, that the Borough would be providing fire services under the agreement with FEMA but offered comments on the frustration and disappointed that the Borough has not been assured that residents from Oceanport would receive housing in Fort Monmouth. Mayor Mahon further commented on the conditions that some of the residents were living with and how disappointed they were with FEMA.

Mr. Bennett further commented that they won't say who was being placed either and the issue with transporting children for school districts and recounted stories of persons being effected.

There was additional discussion on the issue of residents not being helped, having to live out of the area and the impacts on the economy.

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

PUBLIC:

Mr. Baldanza, OEM Director, advised about a special Christmas party being held that Saturday for residents affected by Sandy. Mr. Baldanza also discussed a conflict between OEM information and information being given out by the State and that miscommunication with numbers presented a problem and advised that all information should be going through the County OC. Mr. Baldanza also advised on his review of the costs for fire services at Fort Monmouth as requested by FEMA. There was discussion on the fire services costs.

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

Bill List: Capital Trust \$36,745.65 Dog Trust \$4.80 Open Space Trust \$1,070.00 2011 Vouchers Paid \$323,332.22 2011 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$0.00 Total 2011 Vouchers Paid \$323,332.22 2012 Vouchers Paid \$21,273,167.63 2012 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$317,917.64. Total 2012 Vouchers Paid \$21,591,085.27

At 8:15 p.m. the Clerk read a Resolution authorizing the meeting to enter Executive Session for the purposes of collective bargaining, employment relationship and public safety on public property on a motion made by Councilman Ibex and seconded by Councilman Gallo and approved by Council.

At 9:52 p.m. the Council returned from Executive Session and re-opened the Regular Meeting on a motion by Councilman Irace which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by Council.

Mayor Mahon presented a resolution appointing Jorge Segura as Helper in the Public Works Department effective January 2, 2013 which was motioned by Councilman Ibex and seconded by Councilman Gallo and approved by Council. **R-12-186**

Mayor Mahon and Mr. Bennett read a resolution authorizing an appointment of 3 individuals as Class A Officers subject to completion of background checks, physicals and psychological evaluation by Police Department – Richard O'Brien, Thomas Manzo, Jr., Christopher Petrillo which was moved by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Ibex and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Gallo who abstained. **R-12-187**

Mr. Bennett read a resolution appointing Class II Officer – Patrick Gornik and authorizing him to be sent for the appropriate training at the next available class at the Police Academy for Class II training and that the cost of the training and uniforms would be the responsibility of the Borough up to \$5,000 and that any costs beyond that be the responsibility of the candidate which was moved by Councilman Ibex and seconded by Councilman Bertekap and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Gallo who abstained. **R-12-188**

Mr. Bennett asked for the record to reflect that there was an outstanding list of candidates that applied for the position and that was where candidates were chosen from. Mayor Mahon added that the process was extremely difficult and that they were pleased that all of the candidates were either from Oceanport or adjacent communities.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Ibex, which was seconded by Councilman Irace and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,


KIMBERLY A JUNGFER
BOROUGH CLERK