

REGULAR MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
January 16, 1997

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on January 16, 1997 at 8:04 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Gemma, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** Borough Chaplain, Col. Berry, gave the invocation.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cavanagh led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 19, the special meeting held on December 30, 1996 and the Reorganization Meeting held on January 1, 1997 were made available to the Governing Body for their review, Councilman Miller moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilman Gemma who abstained from voting on the minutes in December, 1996 since he was not a member of the Council at that time.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of DECEMBER, 1996 and a copy will be posted on the bulletin board.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN GEMMA: Councilman Gemma reported under the Planning Board, that the Master Plan Review Committee is just about ready to present a draft copy of the Plan to various parties and hopefully, they will be before the Borough Council to review same within the next month or so.

Councilman Gemma also advised that he recently met with our insurance agent, Ron Gillaspie of Boynton & Boynton to review the upcoming policies and it appears that we will see a reduction in our premiums of approximately \$3,000 with some additional coverage.

R-97-8

Councilman Gemma asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-8** appointing an Insurance Risk Management Consultant, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Gemma then asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-9** regarding the Borough's participation in the Statewide Excess Liability Fund, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone reminded the residents that the free rabies clinic will be held on Saturday, February 1, 1997 at the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company from 9-11 AM and advised that this rabies clinic is for both dogs and cats.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the annual Health Screening is going to be held on March 22 and the price for the Smack 23 blood testing has gone up from \$25 to \$28, but the PSA test for men remains at \$20 and if you want to have the PSA done, you must also have the regular blood testing done as well, so it would be a total of \$48 for both tests for men. She urged everyone to take advantage of this health screening especially for men over 40 years of age regarding the prostate testing.

Councilwoman Filippone advised she had the Captain's Report for the First Aid Squad for the month of December and they had a total of 3,136 hours, which included the selling of trees and wreaths and their Bazaar, which is their main fund-raiser and they also had 24 calls, 7 of which were mutual aid calls. She commended the members of our Squad and stated they do an excellent job and we are very lucky to have these people out there for us whenever we have an emergency.

Councilwoman Filippone also extended the Squad's thanks and appreciation to our Borough Chaplain, Col. Betty Berry, who attended the last First Aid Squad meeting and gave a Blessing to the Squad.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported that on January 25, 1997 we are planning the first sampling by our Water Watch Committee, weather permitting and it will be done, if possible, Saturday morning.

Councilman Miller extended his thanks and appreciation to Keith Seeley of the Oceanport Landing Marina for the work he has done on the boats for both the Waterways and Water Watch Committees and he has done the work as a volunteer at no cost to the Borough.

R-97-10

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-10** regarding the appointment of the Borough Attorney for 1997 under the Local Public Contracts Law, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Gemma and unanimously approved by Council.

R-97-11

Councilman Taylor asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-11** appointing a Public Agency Compliance Officer regarding the Affirmative Action requirements, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

R-97-12

Councilman Taylor asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-12** appointing a Community Development Representative and an Alternate for 1997, after which he asked someone to move same, since he is one of the named representatives. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to approve this resolution. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Taylor reported he recently met with the Drug Alliance Committee to prepare our needs assessment for the coming year and last year the number five item was domestic violence and this year it is our number one priority, since there have been 38 domestic violence incidents compared to 21 the previous year.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-13** transferring funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-14** appointing Thomas K. Rospos as the Borough Engineer for 1997 under the Local Public Contracts Law, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-15** appointing Armour S. Hulsart & Company as the Borough Auditor for 1997 under the Local Public Contracts Law, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-16** appointing Councilman Gemma as the Insurance Commissioner for the Workmen's Compensation Fund, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-17** amending the 1997 temporary budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe thanked Tom Crochet, Superintendent of Public Works and his crew for the excellent job they did in plowing the snow which came unexpectedly on Saturday.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: No Report.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-18** congratulation the Shore Regional High School Field Hockey Team, after which he asked someone to move same. Councilman Wolfe moved to approve this resolution. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh advised that he will be attending a brunch on February 2 for the Field Hockey Team honoring their efforts.

Mayor Cavanagh stated the Council is presently working on the 1997 Municipal Budget and advised that the introduction must be done by February 10, 1997 and the Governing Body will continue working on the budget following the meeting this evening.

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

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Peter A. Dellera, Jr., 1262 Turf Drive wanted to know if the Mayor and Council would be supportive of his efforts to conduct the Lions Club Fair as he did last year, to which Mayor Cavanagh commented that he did an excellent job last year and put forth a lot of effort and it was a very successful event and he stated on behalf of the entire Borough Council, he offered their support in having the Fair again this year.

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

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated January 16, 1997. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS \$4,805.07. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$26,507.69. TOTAL 1996 OPERATING FUND \$31,312.76. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS \$52,037.13. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$79,063.07. TOTAL 1997 OPERATING FUND \$131,100.20. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$1,995.17. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$1,502.50. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$353.19. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-GARDEN STATE ELECTRICAL INSPECTION \$1,456.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \$387,250.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$174,879.60. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$19.39. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-STATE TRAINING FEES \$297.30. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-LOCAL EXPENSE PAYMENT \$21,600.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:28 P.M. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on February 6, 1997. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK