

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
January 16, 1992

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on January 16, 1992 at 8:02 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Clark, Terra, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Mayor Cavanagh.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cavanagh led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

Mayor Cavanagh stated before we begin with the formal Meeting Agenda, he asked the First Aid Squad representatives who were in the audience this evening to come forward, at which time they presented an award to Joe Lombardo for responding to 96% of all first aid calls during 1991. Mayor Cavanagh offered Joe Lombardo the congratulations of the Governing Body as well as from the entire community for his dedication and service.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meetings held on December 19 and 30, 1991 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body for their review, Councilman Wolfe 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 both Councilmen Clark and Taylor, since they were not Councilmen during 1991.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of December, 1991 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Membership application to the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company made by Samuel Talerico.

Councilman Terra moved to approve said application for membership. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

3. Raffle license application made by the Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Co. to be held on April 1, 1992 and the prize will be 2 reserved Sunday seats to the NY Mets baseball games.

The Clerk advised the Mayor and Council that the required fee had been paid and the paperwork had been found to be in order, after which Councilman Clark moved to approve said raffle application. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN CLARK: Councilman Clark moved to award a cleaning services contract for 1992 for the Borough Buildings to the low bidder, Alaska Services, Belmar, NJ at an annual cost of \$8,688. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra gave a tremendous thank you to the members of both firehouses for doing such a terrific job this past Saturday picking up the holiday trees and wreaths and we now have a huge pile which will be chipped up and we will have enough mulch to take care of all the parks in the Borough.

Councilman Terra reminded the Council members that the Bulletin deadline was January 15, but if they had something they wanted to get in this issue, there was still time and they should try and get it to him shortly.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone offered her congratulations to Joe Lombardo on the award he received earlier from the Oceanport First Aid Squad for having attended 96% of the first aid calls received during 1991 and its a very commendable tribute. Councilwoman Filippone also thanked John Connor, Treasurer of the Squad for filling in for his wife Carole, who is the out going President of this Squad, this evening.

Councilwoman Filippone advised that the Captain's Report for the Squad for the month of December, 1991 contains calls for the month totaling 30 and man/woman hours were 242 hours devoted to this Squad for December. She commended the Squad for the outstanding job they do and as she has said previously, each monthly meeting that she attends, she is more and more impressed with the tremendous amount of work these volunteers do for this town and how lucky we are to have such people.

Councilwoman Filippone also reported that the Oceanport First Aid Squad will be cooperating with us again with the annual Health Screening which will take place on Saturday, April 4, 1992 at the Squad Building on Pemberton Avenue. She advised that registration for the Health Screening will be held at Borough Hall on Tuesday, March 31, 1992 from 3:30-5:00 PM and 7:00-8:00 PM. She will have to advise the fee at a later date because the cost has gone up and she will inform the public as soon as she knows the amount.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that we will be conducting a rabies clinic on Saturday, February 29, 1992 from 9:00 - 11:00 AM at the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Firehouse and all cats and dogs who are not vaccinated, must do so and she urged everyone to take advantage of this free rabies clinic.

Councilwoman Filippone also advised everyone of the fact that Oceanport is now in the 15 mile outer alert zone for rabies, which is not real bad, but it is not real good news either and Englishtown has had another case of rabies just this week, so we must be aware of and be careful of and they are encouraging us not to feed any wild animals at all and that includes squirrels and raccoons.

Councilwoman Filippone also congratulated the Mayor on the very fine article that was written on him by Marilyn Nester for the Two Rivers Times and it is certainly worth seeing.

Councilwoman Filippone asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-8 renewing SCAT bus service for 1992, after which she moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh pointed out that Councilwoman Filippone was at the Monmouth County Office on Aging when this program was instituted and deserves recognition for this program.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that two of her departments have held their reorganization meetings and the Board of Health reorganized and Connie Savarese is President, Carol Miller is Vice-President and she thanked Nancy Machanska who is the out going President for the great job she did during 1991.

Councilwoman Filippone also reported that the Local Welfare Assistance Board reorganized this evening and Eleanor Widdis was elected Chairwoman again, which position she has held for many years and Marilyn Regan was elected Secretary and she is another long time volunteer.

Councilwoman Filippone also advised that our First Aid Squad Captain, Joanne Campbell is in the hospital and she wished her well on behalf of the entire Governing Body.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-9 appointing the Municipal Attorney for 1992, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Miller then asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-10 appointing a Representative and Alternate Representative to the Monmouth County Community Development Program for 1992, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Miller reported on correspondence he received from the Monmouth County Board of Health in his capacity of Chairman on the Water Watch and Waterways Committees and advised that on December 12 the eight sites at Monmouth Park that are normally sampled throughout the year were again sampled and all of the sites except one were way below the 200 coliform level and the only site that was above, at only 300, was at the railroad bridge east of Branchport Creek. He stated that looking back at the records last year at this time, these numbers were no where near as good as they are now and he attributes that to the work of the Mayor and Council and the various environmental groups in getting Monmouth Park to have a better system in place and hopefully next year, perhaps we will be able to say that none of the sites at this particular time of the year exceed the 200 level count.

Councilman Miller congratulated Lee Poole on completing a two year term as Chairman of the Recreation Committee and thanked him publicly for all the good work he has done over the past years and offered his congratulations to the new officers, Chairman Nancy Sheridan; Vice-Chairman, Phil Apruzzi; Recording Secretary, Carol Pierson; Corresponding Secretary, Cheryl Moore and Treasurer, Stan Nadler.

Councilman Miller stated that some of the achievements of the Recreation Committee over the past year was a concept with past Councilman Tom McGee wherein they got new lighting installed at Evergreen Park and new ground cover with the help of Public Works at this same location. He also advised that the concrete walk was removed and replaced at Trinity Park to make it safer and the outside of the Community Center Building was painted, the door replaced and windows repaired, and we now have an ice skating rink at Blackberry Bay Park, which needs a little work with making it more level so that it will work better. Councilman Miller continued that the Community Center tennis courts were refurbished, a new off street parking was created at Sommers Park, repairs to the bocce court at Old Wharf Park were completed.

Councilman Miller advised that some of the activities sponsored by the Recreation Committee were the Summer's End Festival, Fireworks collection, which he commented that the fireworks fund now has \$2,500 which is a good amount for our next coming season, the Halloween project, the Spring Egg Hunt, the Holiday Tree Lighting, Summer Action Camp, Women's Tennis League, bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show and Radio City Music Hall, Safe Boating Course taught by the Coast Guard, Memorial Day activities, Community Center rentals and use of Old Wharf House, adult volleyball, basketball and baseball, Senior Leisure Club, bocce tournaments, soccer, baseball and basketball programs and they are presently running a Coaches Certification Program right now, so they have been very busy this past year and he offered the Committee his congratulations for all their efforts.

Councilman Miller reported that just prior to the Recreation Committee meeting held last night our five member Ad Hoc Committee that now basically runs the Old Wharf Senior Citizens Center met and Chairman Ralph Walsh and Connie Savarese, Secretary to the Committee, which is a group that the Mayor suggested be put together to alleviate some of the communication problems between our Senior Citizens Group and Recreation and he thought it was a very astute move, because the group is ironing out many of the miscommunications and is working together very well. He continued that they will be doing such things as scheduling for the coming year, setting up house rules and something that they are talking about in the future is that they are going to start a once a month television night and start with the seniors and Video Alley will donate videos and if it is successful, they will advertise which movies will be shown and open it up to the entire community.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor reported on the baseball program that is coming up and advised that registration will be this Saturday, January 18 and January 25, 1992 at the Maple Place School from 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Councilman Taylor advised that the basketball program is now off and running with 310 students participating, which is 120 more than last year and he commented that enrollment in the school system is approximately 627, so it is almost 50% of the students in Oceanport being involved in a recreational program. He offered his thanks to Paul Roller and his staff for another fine job in getting this program going.

Councilman Taylor also reported that the 9th annual Sonny Giordano Tournament will be held February 22 and 23, 1992 at Maple Place School and we ask the residents to come out and support our Oceanport teams.

Councilman Taylor advised under Education, he attended the recent Board of Education meeting and offered his congratulations to E.J. Wright for his appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board from Mr. Charles Orlando's resignation and wished Mr. Wright much luck in his new position.

Councilman Taylor stated that on behalf of himself and the Governing Body, he offered their thanks to the Student Government at Maple Place School, which sponsored a Coats for Kids program during the holidays and more than 150 coats were distributed to local charities and he again thanked the students who organized this program and to all the participants who generously gave to such a worthy cause.

Councilman Taylor reported the annual school election for the Board of Education is scheduled for April 7, 1992 and nominating petitions can be obtained from the Board Secretary and they must be filed with the Board

Secretary on or before 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 13, 1992. He also advised that the drawing for position on the ballot will be held at 3:00 P.M. Friday, February 14, 1992 in the Library at the Wolfhill School.

Councilman Taylor offered his thanks to Joe Lombardo for being so responsive for making 96% of the calls during 1992 and to the First Aid Squad for the excellent job they are doing.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-11 appointing a Borough Auditor for 1992, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-12 appointing the Borough Engineer for 1992, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Clark and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-13 transferring funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-14 amending the 1992 temporary budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-15 authorizing participation in the Joint Insurance Fund for excess liability coverage, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe reported that last evening he attended a meeting on Emergency Management that was held at the Old Wharf House and organized by our Emergency Management Coordinator, Jim Slattery and his Assistant Coordinator, Joe Feiter. He stated that Chief Joyce was in attendance as was our Fire Chief, several Fire Department members, and our School Superintendent Glen Morgan. He advised that Mr. Slattery showed a film with regard to Emergency Management which was followed by an hour of discussion on the film and various aspects of how the program operates. Councilman Wolfe also commented that Mr. Slattery also passed out the conceptual Emergency Management Plan annexes which have been approved by the County of Monmouth and we are just waiting for final acceptance from the State Office for our plan.

Councilman Wolfe stated it was a very lengthy process putting this plan together and the work that was undertaken by both Jim Slattery and Chief Joyce must be commended because it was very time consuming and thanked all the volunteers from all the different departments involved with this project for their time and efforts.

Councilman Wolfe commented on the snow conditions today which was responded to by our Public Works Department very quickly and efficiently and they were prepared as soon as the call came in from our Police Department they were out sanding the roads and he thanked Mike Giordano and his crew for the fine job they did on the first snow of 1992.

Councilman Wolfe offered his congratulations to Joe Lombardo on his dedication to the First Aid Squad and thanked the entire Squad for all they do on our behalf.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh asked the Clerk to remind him to send a letter to the Holiday Decorating Contest Committee Chaired by Mrs. Lancaster and the prizes were distributed this evening before our meeting and thanked Mrs. Lancaster for her time on this project.

Mayor Cavanagh also wanted to send a note over to the School and commend the Student Government for the excellent program to help the needy.

Mayor Cavanagh was pleased to hear the water sample numbers and felt that these results were quite incredible and we will of course keep on top of this situation, but it is nice to realize that these numbers have never been so low since sampling began.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments anyone might wish to make.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

As no one 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, 1992. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1991 VOUCHERS \$192.00. TOTAL 1991 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$11,998.71. TOTAL 1991 OPERATING FUND \$12,190.71. TOTAL 1991 GENERAL LEDGER-MARRIAGE LICENSES \$75.00. TOTAL 1991 GENERAL LEDGER-STATE TRAINING FEE \$131.47. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS \$53,324.05. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$59,229.24. TOTAL 1992 OPERATING FUND \$112,553.29. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$480.14. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE I ACCOUNT \$420.00. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$420.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$2,295.63. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$633,178.60. TOTAL 1992 GENERAL LEDGER-LIEN REDEMPTION \$34,251.67. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$9.75. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$148,425.20. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \$633,178.60. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-TRANSFER OF FUNDS \$300,000.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:40 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone then moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

At 9:01 P.M. Mayor Cavanagh called the meeting back to order and the roll call was taken showing everyone present at the dais.

At 9:02 P.M. Councilman Miller moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on February 6, 1992 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Varca
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BOROUGH CLERK