

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
January 15, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on January 15, 2009 at 9:11 P.M. with Mayor Mahon stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Briscione, Gallo, Ibex, Johnson, Irace, Kahle and Mayor Mahon

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

INVOCATION: Borough Chaplain Robert Mills gave the invocation.

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

Mayor Mahon stated that they had a group of Boy Scouts attending the meeting and gave them an opportunity to introduce themselves.

Mayor Mahon congratulated them and stated they were present as part of earning their merit badge and thanked their troop leaders, John Descenza and Ray Smith.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution authorizing the payment of bills. **R-09-016**
2. Resolution transferring funds. **R-09-017**
3. Resolution appointing Community Development Representatives for 2009. **R-09-018**
4. Resolution appointing Special Counsel for builder's remedy lawsuit. **R-09-024**
5. Resolution appointing Special Counsel for litigation/labor employment. **R-09-019**
6. Resolution appointing Special Projects engineer. **R-09-020**
7. Resolution appointing Planner **R-09-021**
8. Resolution stating Old Wharf Park Phase I completion. **R-09-022**
9. Resolution reappointing John Bonforte to the TRWRA. **R-09-023**
10. Approval of the Workshop minutes of December 18, 2008.
11. Approval of the Regular minutes of December 18, 2008.

The Clerk stated there were 11 items listed on the consent agenda and asked for a motion. Councilman Irace asked that Item #4 be removed.

Councilman Irace made a motion to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by the Council.

The Clerk asked for a motion on Item #4. Councilman Briscione moved to approve Item #4, which was seconded by Councilman Gallo and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Johnson and Councilman Irace who voted no.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk stated she was in receipt of the Police Reports for November and December 2008, which had been distributed and would be posted.

The Clerk also advised that she had submitted a signed Sale Memorandum for an emergency note that was sold to the Borough of Oceanport for 30 days for the Open Space Trust Fund.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione stated he had no report.

COUNCILMAN GALLO: Councilman Gallo stated he had no report.

COUNCILMAN IBEX: Councilman Ibex stated he had no additional report other than from workshop.

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle stated that the Environmental Commission met and held a reorganization meeting and advised of their officers and that they would be holding their annual poster contest at the schools and that the topic would be "Go Green in Oceanport". Councilwoman Kahle reported on some of the items that they will be reviewing such as a proposed lighting ordinance.

Councilwoman Kahle reported that the Water Watch Committee had met, reorganized and stated this year's officers.

Councilwoman Kahle also reported that the Board of Health had met and advised of their new officers and that they were hosting a rabies clinic on Saturday, January 17th at the Port Au Peck Firehouse.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Councilman Johnson reported on the Planning Board, its reorganization meeting, who had been appointed, welcomed new members Tom Conlon, Jerry Bertekap and Jim Gervolino and thanked departing members Gary Wolfe, Phil Lane and David Gruskos for their service to the Borough.

Councilman Johnson advised that the next FMERPA meeting would be held at Maple Place School on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 7pm and welcomed everyone to attend.

COUNCILMAN IRACE: Councilman Irace thanked Mayor and Council for their condolences on his grandfather's death.

MAYOR MAHON: Mayor Mahon stated he had no additional report other than from workshop.

PUBLIC:

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

As no one from the public wished to be heard Mayor Mahon closed the public portion of the meeting on a motion by Councilman Gallo and a second by Councilwoman Kahle.

Bill List: Capital Trust \$1,500.00. Dog Registry \$358.60. Open Space Trust \$395.00. Other Trust: Recycling: \$8,000.00 and Emergency Services Donations \$1,759.00. Recreation Trust \$50.00. Water Watch Trust \$162.00. 2008 Vouchers Paid \$0.00. 2008 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$73,159.37. Total 2008 Vouchers Paid \$73,159.37. 2009 Vouchers Paid \$383,234.20. 2009 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$1,252,472.39. Total 2009 Vouchers Paid \$1,635,706.59

At 9:20 p.m. the Clerk read a Resolution authorizing the meeting to enter Executive Session on a motion made by Councilman Irace and seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by Council.

At 10:26 p.m. the Council returned from Executive Session and re-opened the Regular Meeting on a motion by Councilman Ibex which was seconded by Councilman Irace and approved by Council.

Mr. Bennett stated that they were introducing an Ordinance to amend an Ordinance entitled **An Ordinance to Fix and Determine the Salaries of Certain Borough Officials passed and approved March 16, 1939** and stated it was being done by title only and that the Clerk would prepare it knowing where the Council wanted it done and that it would be affecting the Public Works and Recycling Department and that a new slot would be created – General Foreman, and the range for that would be \$50-65,000.00 and for the purpose of that evening they were introducing by title which is all the law requires and the Clerk will post it and advertise in accordance with law and that a public hearing would be held on February 5, 2009 along with the second reading.

Mayor Mahon called for the introduction of the Ordinance which Councilwoman Kahle moved to approve the Ordinance upon first reading, which was seconded by Councilman Ibex.

The Clerk called roll:

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

Mr. Bennett then read for the record the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oceanport currently has a Superintendent of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, said employee is unable to continue in such capacity due to the terms and conditions of his employment contract with the Borough; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Public Works shall hereinafter become a Foreman of the Public Works Department of the Borough of Oceanport

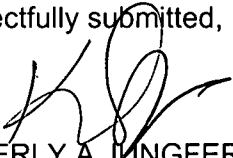
Mayor Mahon asked for a motion to approve the Resolution which was moved by Councilwoman Kahle and seconded by Councilman Gallo.

The Clerk called roll:

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

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. on a motion by Councilwoman Kahle, which was seconded by Councilman Ibex and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



KIMBERLY A. JUNGFER
BOROUGH CLERK