REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
January 6, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on January 6, 2011 at 7:51 P.M. with Mayor Mahon stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilperson Ibex

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution authorizing the payment of bills **R-11-14**
1. Resolution appointing the Borough Attorney **R-11-15**
2. Resolution appointing Special Litigation/Labor Employment Attorney **R-11-16**
3. Resolution appointing the Borough Engineer **R-11-17**
4. Resolution appointing the Special Project Engineer.
5. Resolution appointing the Borough Auditor
6. Resolution appointing the Borough Planner.
7. Resolution appointing the Municipal Court Judge
8. Resolution appointing the Community Development Representative for 2011.
9. Resolution authorizing the redemption of a tax lien certificate for Block 111, Lot 8.
10. Resolution authorizing the redemption of a tax lien certificate for Block 114, Lot 7.
11. Approval of the workshop meeting minutes of December 16, 2010.
12. Approval of the regular meeting minutes of December 16, 2010.
13. Resolution authorizing to bid for inter-local video surveillance system
14. Resolution awarding contract for metal recycling container to Mazza Scrap Metal, LLC

The Clerk stated there were 12 items with two additions and described the additional items on the consent agenda and asked for a motion. Councilwoman Kahle made a motion to approve the Consent agenda which was seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by Council with Councilman Bertekap abstaining from Items 11 and 12.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: No report

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN BERTEKAP: No report

COUNCILMAN IRACE:

1. Resolution authorizing the issuance of General Improvement Bonds **R-11-27**

Councilman Irace made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the issuance of General Improvement Bonds which was seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by Council.

Councilman Irace stated he had no report but commented on the many conversations regarding the storm event and wanted to add appreciation to all the Borough's volunteers for the readiness and read a letter from a resident expressing a positive experience during the storm.

COUNCILMAN GALLO: Councilman Gallo stated that he was now assigned to the Committee overseeing Public Works and that he had met with them and they were ready to go if needed.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: No report

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle gave details on the upcoming rabies clinic.

MAYOR MAHON: Mayor Mahon appointed Chris Baggott as 1st Assistant OEM Coordinator for a term expiring 12/31/2013. Mayor Mahon stated that the opening for 2nd Assistant would be addressed at the next meeting.

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

PUBLIC:

Stuart Briskey, 46 Werah Place, asked about the OEM position held by Buzzy Baldanza who was not present during the storm due to employment in Long Branch and expressed concern that the Borough's lead person in an emergency most likely would not be available.

Mayor Mahon explained the appointment, its term, the change in Mr. Baldanza's circumstances due to his retirement and that his current employment aside, he was available to the Borough on a regular basis with this past storm being the exception and that was the reason for the additional staff on that team and that the team and plan moves forward and does not rely on a single person but the influence of that person was felt despite their absence.

Mr. Briskey stated that he submitted a public information request form regarding the siren and all he received was the Mayor's Executive Order. Then at a meeting at the Hook & Ladder which the Mayor and Councilman Irace attended there was more the policy and procedure than the Executive Order and that all came down to the storm. Mr. Briskey stated that no one here talks to anybody and that the policy and procedure should be at the dispatch desk and not the Executive Order by itself. Mr. Briskey made additional comments regarding requests for job descriptions for various positions and the lack of information for people to know to follow.

Mr. Briskey continued that he didn't believe that the Mayor's Executive Order had been done with the consent of Council.

Mayor Mahon responded that he strongly disagreed and advised Mr. Briskey that it was discussed at a meeting of Council and that Council had passed a resolution supporting the Executive Order.

Mr. Briskey asked if it was approved by the current Council President.

Mayor Mahon answered that the current Council President by virtue of his membership in the fire department was not permitted.

Mr. Briskey asked not him but Councilman Johnson was.

Councilman Johnson answered yes, against the advise of counsel.

Mayor Mahon stated that it was supported by a majority of Council eligible to vote which were all in the affirmative.

Mr. Briskey stated that they made Councilman Gallo President, but every time he asked Mr. Gallo something privately he is told "they don't tell me anything" and asked them to keep Councilman Gallo in the loop.

Mayor Mahon thanked Mr. Briskey and then commented that Mr. Gallo and every person on Council has stepped up and assumed role of council president and whether or not he was different than previous mayors, it was very important to him to have someone to fill in for him as a deputy mayor which may not be a public role but certainly informing the Council and that the previous presidents had done that and expected Councilman Gallo would do the same.

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

Bill List: Trust Other $300.00. 2010 Vouchers Paid $140,094.31 2010 Vouchers Paid this Meeting $0.00 Total 2010 Vouchers Paid $140,094.31. 2011 Vouchers Paid $303,497.15. 2011 Vouchers Paid this Meeting $0.00. Total 2011 Vouchers Paid $303,497.15

At 8:04 p.m. the Clerk read a Resolution authorizing the meeting to enter Executive Session for the purposes of personnel, property acquisition, public safety, property and anticipated litigation on a motion made by Councilwoman Kahle and seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by Council.

At 9:25 p.m. the Council returned from Executive Session and re-opened the Regular Meeting on a motion by Councilwoman Kahle which was seconded by Councilman Irace and approved by Council.

Mayor Mahon asked Ms. Jungfer to read the Resolution directing disciplinary action towards an employee pertaining to incidents and actions taken during the Dec. 26-27, 2010 snow storm which Councilwoman Kahle made a motion to adopt and was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

The Clerk called roll:

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

The Clerk stated that the motion carried.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. on a motion by Councilwoman Kahle, which was seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

KIMBERLY A JUNGFER
BOROUGH CLERK