

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
December 16, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on December 16, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. with Mayor Mahon stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilperson Bertekap

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-10-166**
2. Resolution authorizing the recruitment processes for Police and Non police employment into the personnel office. **R-10-167**
3. Resolution appointing a relief dispatcher **R-10-168**
4. Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds. **R-10-169**
5. Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Inter Local Agreement for Shared Dispatch Services with West Long Branch. **R-10-170**
6. Approval of the workshop meeting minutes of December 1, 2010
7. Approval of the regular meeting minutes of December 1, 2010.
8. Resolution supporting the exemption of the reserve for uncollected taxes from the 2% cap **R-10-171**

The Clerk stated there were 7 items on the Consent Agenda, and described an 8th item that was added 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 the exception of Councilman Briscione who abstained from Items 6 and 7, Councilman Gallo who abstained from Item #3.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Ms. Jungfer stated she was in receipt of the Police Report for November 2010, which had been distributed and would be posted.

Ms. Jungfer also extended appreciation to Councilman Briscione for his time on Council and wished him good luck.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione stated that he had no report but commented that it had been an honor and privilege to serve Oceanport and its residents and that he focused his efforts on preserving the character and quality of life that he remembered in the town while growing up. He continued that the position was not an easy one especially with the present issues being dealt with and that things go better when they all work together which he believed they had done over the past few years and for that he gave credit and thanks to Mayor Mahon. Councilman Briscione offered additional remarks concerning his time and experience on Council and gave thanks to Ms. Jungfer and Ms. Smith for their help and Mr. Arnette and Senator Bennett for their counsel and advise. Councilman Briscione lastly thanked the Council and Mayor for their efforts for a job which requires a lot of time and energy when done right as well as their cooperation, dedication, time on behalf of the residents of Oceanport.

COUNCILMAN GALLO: Councilman Gallo stated he had no report but wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy Safe New Year and offered appreciation to Councilman Briscione working with him over the last 6 years and wished him good luck with whatever he did in the future.

COUNCILMAN IRACE: Councilman Irace reported and commented on events pertaining to the Fort Monmouth Redevelopment Bill, legislation not in support of the local communities, candidates for positions on the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority and issues with whom could represent the Borough in the Mayor's absence.

Councilman Irace concluded by stating it had been a privilege to work with Councilman Briscione and would miss his input on Fort Monmouth and Monmouth Park but would keep his phone number on speed dial and would continue to use it regarding those 2 important issues for Oceanport.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:

1. Second reading and public hearing of an amendment to an ordinance entitled "Animals".

Councilman Johnson called for the 2nd reading and public hearing of **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 127 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT ENTITLED "ANIMALS" TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ARTICLE 1 SECTION 127-1** 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: Briscione, Gallo, Irace, Johnson, Kahle
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Bertekap

The Clerk stated that the motion carried.

Councilman Johnson thanked Councilman Briscione for his time and dedication and expertise especially concerning Monmouth Park Racetrack and has been a tremendous help since he had been on Council and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy & Safe Holidays.

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle reported on the recent progress accomplished by the Sustainable Jersey Committee and its initiative to perform an energy audit on Borough Hall which would qualify the Borough for grant monies available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant programs and that the Borough had qualified for approximately \$48,800 to implement cost saving measures, described some of the measures to be implemented and the anticipated annual energy savings of approximately \$4,238. Councilwoman Kahle thanked the Sustainable Jersey Committee and Deputy Borough Clerk Jeanne Smith for their efforts.

Lastly, Councilwoman Kahle thanked Councilman Briscione for his time on Council and especially for his expertise on Monmouth Park and Fort Monmouth and wished him well and hoped that he would stay involved. Councilwoman Kahle wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy Happy New Year.

Mayor Mahon offered additional comments concerning the benefits of the Sustainable Jersey Committee and its efforts and that in just one year they achieved certification and yet the work still continued and the importance of the improvements to the Borough. Mayor Mahon congratulated Councilwoman Kahle, the Committee and Ms. Smith.

MAYOR MAHON: Mayor Mahon commented on Councilman Briscione's time on Council, the importance of working together for the Borough and that they had strived to continue that regardless of political affiliation and that Councilman Briscione had that ethic before he joined as Mayor, the goal to take care of the community and commended Councilman Briscione for putting 110% into his service.

Mayor Mahon continued that they had requested Councilman Briscione to remain as Co-Chair of the Monmouth Park Task Force and would be meeting on that. He stated that Councilman Briscione was also a critical asset on the Fort Transition Team which he would be continuing to aid.

Mayor Mahon read and presented a plaque of thanks and appreciation to Councilman Briscione on behalf of the Governing Body.

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

PUBLIC:

Stuart Briskey, 46 Werah Place, thanked Councilman Briscione for his intellect, calm demeanor, and being there for the residents of Oceanport.

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

Bill List: Capital Trust \$6,473.50 Dog Registry \$140.40 Escrow Trust \$8,838.50 Off Duty Trust \$74.08 Open Space \$315.00 Water Watch Trust \$162.00 2009 Vouchers Paid \$401,305.24. 2009 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$0.00 Total 2009 Vouchers Paid \$401,305.24. 2010 Vouchers Paid \$21,411,872.92 2010 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$72,464.02 Total 2010 Vouchers Paid \$21,484,336.94

At 8:25 p.m. the Clerk read a Resolution authorizing the meeting to enter Executive Session for the purposes of matters of personnel and pending litigation and that formal action may be taken after the Executive Session on a motion made by Councilman Irace and seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by Council.

At 9:54 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 Johnson and approved by Council.

Mayor Mahon asked Ms. Jungfer to read the Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign an inter-local agreement with Long Branch for shared fire prevention service which Councilman Johnson made a motion to adopt and was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle.

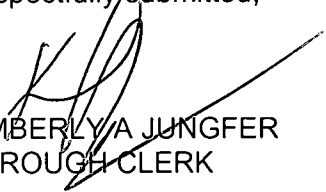
The Clerk called roll:

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

The Clerk stated that the motion carried.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Briscione, which was seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,


KIMBERLY A JUNGFER
BOROUGH CLERK