

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
December 16, 1993

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on December 16, 1993 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.

As copies of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 2, 1993 had been made available for review to the Governing Body, Councilman Clark 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 Miller who abstained from voting because he was not present.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Taxi license renewal application made by Anthony Sestito t/a CITY CAB.

The Clerk advised that the fee had been paid and the vehicle inspected and approved by the Police Department, after which Councilman Miller moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Clark and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN CLARK: Councilman Clark asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-93-58** transferring funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

R-93-58

R-93-59

Councilman Clark asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-93-59** regarding a special item of revenue into the 1993 budget from the Uniform Fire Safety Act (LEA Rebate) in the amount of \$2,546.85, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

R-93-60

Councilman Clark asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-93-60** regarding a special item of revenue into the 1993 budget from the Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$380.00, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

R-93-61

Councilman Clark asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-93-61** regarding a special item of revenue into the 1993 budget from the Municipal Purpose Tax Assistance Act of 1980 in the amount of \$6,911.36, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

R-93-62

Councilman Clark asked the clerk to read resolution **R-93-62** regarding a special item of revenue into the 1993 budget from State Library Aid in the amount of \$341.00, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

R-93-63

Councilman Clark then asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-93-63** authorizing the cancellation of Borough checks outstanding in excess of one year, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra thanked everyone for being so gracious and tolerant over the years that he has served on the Council and gave a special thanks to Patti Varca and to Diane Super for all her work on the Directory. He also thanked all of his Council members for their cooperation, enthusiasm, energy and help over the years. He commented that he felt that we have a very successful and talented team in this Borough and he is sure it will continue that way when he leaves his position.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone stated it has been a pleasure working with Councilman Terra and wished him all the best and will miss his talents.

Councilwoman Filippone moved to award the bid for a new ambulance to Paul D. Vickery & Company, Inc., Summit, NJ in the amount of \$81,500 and to return the bids bonds to the unsuccessful bidders. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh stated for the record, he wanted to advise that we had received a recommendation concerning the acceptance of that bid from our Borough Engineer dated December 8, 1993 which details in specific issue, a variety of variances and exceptions that were taken by the other bidder under consideration and to the actual specifications and predicated upon that review and the review of the Borough Attorney in consort with the Borough Engineer, it has been determined that it is appropriate for us to entertain the motion just made to award the bid on this vehicle.

Councilwoman Filippone commended the Oceanport First Aid Squad for the great holiday bazaar they conducted this past Saturday and there is a tremendous amount of work put forth by these volunteers and they are still working selling the trees, grave blankets and wreaths and she urged anyone who still has not purchased their tree, to do so from the Squad.

Councilwoman Filippone then gave the Captain's Report for the First Aid Squad for the month of November and stated there were 17 calls; 216 man/woman hours and you can see how much time and effort they give and she also wanted to recognize Joe Lombardo who is a very vital member of the Squad and was in the audience.

Councilwoman Filippone wished all the Borough residents a Merry Christmas and wished them all the blessings of the holiday season.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller stated that during the past four years he has worked well with Councilman Terra, who along with Councilman Wolfe, took him under their wing, so to speak, and he also found a friend in Councilman Terra and will always treasure their friendship and experiences with the Litterbug in picking trash out of the river.

Councilman Miller offered his thanks to the Recreation Committee members for the fine tree lighting ceremony which was held last Friday along with the Shore Regional Choir and we tried out the new P.A. System, which worked out nicely and Councilman Taylor did a great job as Santa.

Councilman Miller advised that we have received a request from quite a few residents who live in the vicinity of Blackberry Bay Park to investigate and try and find a solution to a jet ski problem that they have experienced and we have already forwarded a letter to the State Police requesting the Marine Police to review the situation and advise if we can set excessive speed/noise buoys in that area and we have also advised the representative of the residents. He continued that in last night's newspaper, there was an article which stated that the Senate has passed a Bill, which was already adopted by the Assembly in June, which bans jet skis entirely within 50 feet of beaches, shorelines and swimmers and makes it illegal for jet skiers to leap above the water's surface within 100 feet of another vessel's wake. He reported that this would be a disorderly person's violation and the fine can be as high as \$1,000 and a prison term of up to six months.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor wished Councilman Terra the best of luck and thanked him for doing such a great job in recycling during the early years and it has made his job as the Recycling Coordinator this year, much easier.

Councilman Taylor reported he recently attended a Monmouth County Recycling work shop and he wanted to thank the Borough residents since we learned that in the first year of the Borough's junk mail recycling, we have recycled 33.05 tons of this material in that small bin and it was a great job and hopefully we will top that amount next year.

Councilman Taylor reminded the residents that non-metallic gift wrap can also be placed in the junk mail container as well as holiday cards.

Councilman Taylor also wanted to remind the residents that the Borough will be billed for a surcharge in our plastic recycling bin if the regulations are not followed and in some towns in the Monmouth County area they have found baby wipe containers, plastic swimming pools, etc. and he urged all residents to please follow the plastic recycling regulations and also reminded residents that no containers over 1 gallon in size will be accepted.

Councilman Taylor offered his condolences to Rocky Giurlando, Public Works Superintendent, on the recent passing of his mother.

Councilman Taylor congratulated Jamie Ryerson who is a 7th Grade Student at Maple Place School who had his essay chosen for publication in the 1993 Book of New Jersey Students Writing About Reading and his essay will be in all the public libraries in the State as well as a copy being sent to the Library of Congress.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe moved to return portions of a performance and cash bond to Blackberry Creek Estates for Block 72, lots 3, 4, and 5 located at Monmouth Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue \$227,323.91 from their performance bond and \$25,258.21 in cash, per the recommendations of the Borough Engineer. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe moved to return a performance bond in the amount of \$4,000 to Wollman, Block 116, Lot 6.02 located at Center Street per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe moved to return a \$500.00 bond to Huber, Block 73, Lot 11 located on Gooseneck Point Road per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe reminded all Borough residents that leaf pick up season has basically come to an end and they will continue picking up leaves for the next two weeks and he has inspected the town and there are only isolated cases of leaves at the curb and he wanted to commend the Public Works Department for doing a great job this year and this has been one of the best year's we have ever had with regard to the small number of complaints and the speed in which the leaves were picked up from the streets.

Councilman Wolfe extended his condolences to Rocky Giurlando and his family on the recent passing of his mother this past Saturday.

Councilman Wolfe advised he has been in touch with our insurance agent, Boynton & Boynton and was informed that the Borough had earlier entered into a group dividend program when the policy had been first written and for the 1991/1992 policy period, we have received a percentage dividend in the amount of \$6,235 and we should be receiving this dividend in 1994.

Councilman Wolfe extended his thanks to Councilman Terra and commented that he and Tony had worked together on various committees and spent many hours getting projects done and it was not like doing work, since they took care of matters with much enthusiasm and fun. Councilman Wolfe stated that their main intent was to make the Borough a better place to live and he knows that Tony will be leaving that as his legacy after six years on Council.

Councilman Wolfe moved to appoint Anthony Giurlando, Superintendent of Public Works, to a permanent employee position. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe wished all the Borough residents a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh commented that we owe it to the Public Works Department through Councilman Wolfe, to make the record read this year in regard to the leaf pick up, that it has been one of the best years we have ever had and he speaks with the Borough Clerk on a daily basis and she has confirmed that we have received fewer complaints this year then for a long time. He continued that last year this was not the case and we did not do a great job and we all knew that and were not happy about it and let everyone know that. He felt it only fair that as we sit up here, we must say that the leaf pick up this year was done very well and the town also believes it and he extended to Rocky, his employees and to Councilman Wolfe, that we were all very pleased with the job done this year.

Mayor Cavanagh presented Councilman Terra with a plaque from the Governing Body thanking him for his years of service to the Borough from January 1, 1988 to December 31, 1993.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that since Councilman Terra's true identity was really established through the recycling program, he could not resist an opportunity to get him a gift on his own, which relates to his specific and unique identity and asked Councilman Terra to open this gift, which contained a silk tie containing a recycling theme. Mayor Cavanagh stated in all sincerity, the Borough's recycling program, as it exists today, is really a tribute to an awful lot of hard work in the organization stage and the reason we have the successful program that we have today is really because of the great job Councilman Terra did.

Mayor Cavanagh thanked Councilman Terra for all his hard work adding that although sometimes his enthusiasm was unbounded, he was never, ever at a loss for effort or motivation and always looked to moving forward

to do the things he thought were right and to make whatever project he was working on, better. Mayor Cavanagh stated in the end, that is probably the most important consideration that we have and personally commented that he was very proud of Councilman Terra's accomplishments and we hate to lose him, but perhaps he may come back in the future.

Councilman Terra stated he is overwhelmed with the gifts and appreciates all the kind words that have been said this evening and commented that most efforts that we undertake are team efforts and there are very few things that are accomplished by one person alone. He again extended his thanks to all those who have helped him and especially to the citizens of Oceanport for their confidence in him.

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

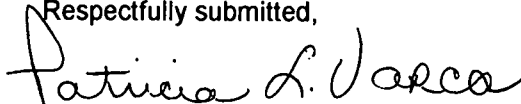
PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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

Councilman Clark moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated December 16, 1993. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Wolfe who abstained from voting on the vouchers due Trico Equipment and a reimbursement voucher to himself. Councilman Wolfe also moved to appoint Councilman Taylor to co-sign said voucher, which was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$1,350.00. TOTAL 1993 VOUCHERS \$789,747.70. TOTAL 1993 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$70,091.25. TOTAL 1993 OPERATING FUND \$859,838.95. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$350,000.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$32,846.48. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE I ACCOUNT \$660.00. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$700.00. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$1.20. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$824.92. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-TAX OVERPAYMENT \$394.62. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-TAX COURT APPEAL \$10,000.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:31 P.M. Councilman Clark moved to adjourn this meeting until the next meeting scheduled to be held on December 28, 1993 at 7:30 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK