

**REGULAR MEETING**

Oceanport, New Jersey  
December 7 1995

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on December 7, 1995 at 8:04 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilman Taylor.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Pastor Tavener.
- 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 November 16, 1995 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 Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

**CLERK'S REPORTS:**

1. Police report for the month of NOVEMBER, 1995 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

**COMMITTEES:**

**COUNCILMAN MCGEE:** Councilman McGee reported under Insurance, that he and Councilman Wolfe attended a meeting of the Statewide Worker's Compensation Fund in Whippany last week, at which time they presented a managed care component to the worker's compensation policy that we currently have in place. He continued that the managed care component will provide the Borough with claims administration and the aim is to provide our employees with the most appropriate and necessary care in order to have the employee return to work as expediently as possible. Councilman McGee commented that under this new component, we may expect savings of 10 to 20% and hopefully we do not have any problem with our claims experience.

Councilman McGee also advised that the Executive Committee of the Statewide Worker's Compensation Fund voted to unanimously accept and approved this managed care component, which at the time of the meeting, had not been voted upon.

Councilman McGee reported under Police, Captain Bebout has successfully completed a school on Supervision and Police Management.

**COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE:** Councilwoman Filippone called for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance amending the Land Use Procedures and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "THE LAND USE PROCEDURES ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT" PASSED AND APPROVED ON DECEMBER 16, 1976.**

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Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments on this subject only.

As no one from the public wished to be heard, Councilwoman Filippone moved to close the public hearing on this ordinance. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilwoman Filippone then moved to adopt this ordinance on second and final reading and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

**AYES:** Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe and Silkworth.  
**NAYS:** NONE.  
**ABSENT:** Councilman Taylor.  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE.

Councilwoman Filippone then called for the introduction of an amendment to the sign ordinance and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "SIGNS OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT" PASSED AND APPROVED ON JULY 15, 1993.**

Councilwoman Filippone moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

**AYES:** Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe and Silkworth.  
**NAYS:** NONE.  
**ABSENT:** Councilman Taylor.  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE

Councilwoman Filippone then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on December 21, 1995 at 8:00 P.M. and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

**AYES:** Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe and Silkworth.  
**NAYS:** NONE.  
**ABSENT:** Councilman Taylor.  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the Borough recently lost a very prominent member of the community who was very active for many, many years he will be sorely missed in this Borough. She continued that Lou Mion was a fine man with a very fine family and she offered her sympathy to them.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded everyone that this Saturday the Oceanport First Aid Squad will be holding a Holiday Bazaar, which is their major fund raiser and she urged everyone to come out and support them and also mentioned that they will also be selling wreaths, grave blankets and trees for the coming holiday season.

**COUNCILMAN MILLER:** Councilman Miller reported on the water samples taken on November 25 and commented that the quality of the Shrewsbury River at the seven sites tested, is probably the best it has been since November of 1994 and it appears that the river is cleaning itself up.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: ABSENT.**

**COUNCILMAN WOLFE:** Councilman Wolfe congratulated all of the men in the Oceanport Fire Department that were elected to the Chiefs positions for 1996 last Tuesday and stated that Tom Crochet will be Chief; John Carroll, 1st Assistant Chief and John Schneider, 2nd Assistant Chief.

Councilman Wolfe stated he had the Captain's Report for October and November from Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company and stated there were 190 man hours; responded to 5 structures, 2 motor vehicles, 3 false alarms and they attended 3 drills. He also reported that Wes Sherman of the Port-au-Peck House recently completed his Firefighter 1 course, which takes 84 hours and takes place on 11 consecutive weekends and it is extremely difficult to complete this type of a course. He also commented that Mr. Sherman has also completed the Live Electrical Fire Safety Course, which is a four hour seminar as well as attending the State Police Office of Emergency Management for Hazardous Material Responses.

**COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH:** Councilwoman Silkworth advised that we hopefully will not be having any future problems with the sewer system at the Community Center and the pipe has been replaced as well as the tap root that was causing the problems.

**MAYOR CAVANAGH:** Mayor Cavanagh offered the name of Barbara Reagor to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, which term expires December 31, 1996.

Councilwoman Silkworth moved to approve the appointment of Barbara Reagor to the Zoning Board. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that he too knew Lou Mion well and spent a lot of time with him at Rotary and various other functions and it is sad that he has left us, but his family remains in the Borough and on behalf of the entire Governing Body, extended everyone's condolences to the Mion family.

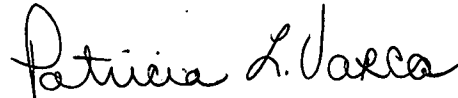
Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might have. As no one from the public wished to be heard, Mayor Cavanagh closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Wolfe moved to temporarily appoint Councilman Miller to the Finance Committee for the purpose of co-signing a reimbursement to Councilman Wolfe. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated December 7, 1995. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilman Wolfe who abstained from voting on the voucher reimbursing himself. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS \$95,582.08. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$28,398.82. TOTAL 1995 OPERATING FUND \$123,980.90. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$374.20. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$609.00. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$25,676.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \$379,698.60. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MIDDLE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AGENCY \$519.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$24.12. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:20 P.M. Councilman Miller moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on December 21, 1995 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA  
BOROUGH CLERK