



# BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT

## MAYOR & COUNCIL

### WORKSHOP MINUTES • APRIL 3, 2025

Workshop Meeting

Clement V. Sommers Municipal Building

7:00 PM

910 Oceanport Way, Oceanport, NJ 07757

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Tvrdik called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
- II. **Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act:** This meeting complies with the Open Public Meetings Act by adequate and electronic notification on January 12, 2025 of this meeting and its location, date and time to the Asbury Park Press and Two River Times and by the posting of same on the municipal bulletin board and Borough's Web Site.
- III. **Flag Salute, Statement to the Public:** Mayor Tvrdik led attendees and members of the Council in the flag salute.
- IV. **Roll Call:**

| Attendee Name        | Title                   | Status            |
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| Thomas Tvrdik        | Mayor                   | Present           |
| William Deerin       | Councilman              | Present           |
| Richard Gallo        | Councilman              | Present           |
| Bryan Keeshen        | Councilman              | Present at 7:03pm |
| Michael O'Brien      | Councilman              | Absent            |
| Keith Salnick        | Councilman              | Absent            |
| Patty Cooper         | Councilwoman            | Present           |
| Jeanne Smith         | Borough Clerk           | Present           |
| Andrew Bayer         | Borough Attorney        | Present           |
| Donna M. Phelps      | Administrator           | Present           |
| Catherine D. LaPorta | Chief Financial Officer | Present           |
| Stephanie Kramer     | Deputy Borough Clerk    | Present           |

- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT - Action Items Only:** Mayor Tvrdik opened the meeting for public comment on actions items only. As no one from the public presented, that portion of the meeting was closed
- VI. **Consent Agenda:**
1. Resolution-#2025-122 – Payment of Bills Bill List 4-3-35
  2. Resolution #2025-123 - Resolution Approving Jana Ann Bond First Aid Squad Membership
  3. Resolution #2025-124 - Resolution Approving Karl Larose First Aid Squad Member
  4. Resolution #2025-125 - Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantee MPCC
  5. Resolution #2025-126 – Resolution Authorizing FMERA Refund for Demolition of Buildings 550 & 551
  6. Resolution #2025-127 - Resolution Deeming Maria Gatta Park Phase III Project Complete
  7. Resolution #2025-128 - Resolution Authorizing Contract to Iamello Architects for Blackberry Bay Park Bathrooms at Former Pool Area
  8. Resolution #2025-129 - Resolution Rejecting Proposals for Bathrooms at Blackberry Bay Park and Bathrooms and Storage at Maria Gatta Park

VII, **Minutes:**

- 1-16-25 Mayor and Council Regular Minutes-Discussed, moved forward
- 2-06-25 Mayor and Council Regular Minutes-Discussed, moved forward
- 2-20-25 Mayor and Council Regular Minutes-Discussed, moved forward
- 3-06-25 Mayor and Council Workshop Minutes-Discussed, moved forward
- 3-20-25 Mayor and Council Regular Minutes-Discussed, moved forward

**VIII. First Reading Ordinances****A. First Reading – Ordinance #1107 Amending Chapter 284 “Peace and Good Order”**

Council President Cooper asked the Deputy Clerk to read the ordinance by title only and the affidavit of publication.

Ms. Kramer stated that the ordinance was published by title only in the Two Rivers Times on February 13, 2025 in accordance with law. AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY amending Chapter 284 of the Code of the Borough of Oceanport entitled “Peace and Good Order”.

Ms. Cooper motioned to approve the ordinance on the first reading and to hold a public meeting on the proposed ordinance at the April 17, 2025 meeting.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED OF FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]</b> |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Patricia Cooper, Council President           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Bryan Keeshen, Councilman                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deerin, Gallo, Cooper                        |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | O'Brien, Salnick                             |

**B. First Reading- Ordinance #1108 Amending Chapter 64 (Vehicles and Traffic)**

Council President Cooper asked the Deputy Clerk to read the ordinance by title only. Deputy Clerk Kramer stated, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 64 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Borough of Oceanport County of Monmouth and the State of NJ.

Council President Cooper motioned to approve this Ordinance on first reading and hold a public hearing on the proposed Ordinance at the April 17, 2025 Council Meeting and to advertise same in accordance with law. Councilman Keeshen seconded the motion.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED OF FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]</b> |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Patricia Cooper, Council President           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Bryan Keeshen, Councilman                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deerin, Gallo, ,Cooper                       |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | O'Brien, Salnick                             |

**IX. Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance #1106 is being withdrawn**

Amending Chapter 317, “Trees”-Incorporating Stormwater Requirements.

Mayor Tvrdik asked to withdraw the Ordinance as there are changes that were made and they will reintroduce it at the next meeting. He commented that after hearing Councilman Gallo's input the rest of the council agree to change the replacement trees from four to three. He also mentioned that the pricing will be more In line with Red Bank.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVAL TO WITHDRAW [UNANIMOUS]</b> |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Patricia Cooper, Council President      |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Richard Gallo, Councilman               |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deerin, Gallo, Cooper                   |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | O'Brien, Salnick                        |

- X. **Clerk's Report:** Stephanie Kramer stated she had nothing to report.
- XI. **Administrator's Report:** Donna Phelps stated she had nothing in particular to report.
- XII. **Mayor's Report:** Mayor Tvrdik began the meeting by giving the floor to Mr. Deerin to share updates from the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Deerin reported that two members of the Recreation Committee—David Peterson and Alexa Hexel—have submitted their resignations. He then noted that the annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, weather permitting. Additionally, Spring Fest will take place on the 26th, featuring over 50 vendors. Mr. Deerin also mentioned that applications are still being accepted for Action Camp. Mayor Tvrdik thanked Mr. Deerin for the updates. The Mayor proceeded to announce that paper shredding services will be available this Saturday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, with an electronics disposal component running from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Mayor Tvrdik also informed the council that the current bulletin editor has fallen ill and a new editor is being sought. The next issue of the bulletin is expected to be released on May 15th, and it will be a full edition in color. Mayor Tvrdik announced that Oceanport's Pasta Dinner with the Troop will take place this upcoming Sunday from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM at Port Au Pec Firehouse. He provided an update on the Community Garden, noting that Shoreview Landscaping played an instrumental role in laying all the piping and irrigation systems. He also discussed how the project was funded and acknowledged the individuals and organizations involved in getting it started. The Mayor further shared that New Jersey American Water will begin replacing old lead pipes throughout the entire Blackberry Bay peninsula. He assured attendees that the roads undergoing work will be repaved in full upon completion. He noted that they are targeting a 7:30 AM start time for this work and reminded everyone that such early start times have been approved in the past. Mayor Tvrdik concluded by thanking all volunteers, staff, and committee members for their continued efforts and contributions.

Councilwoman Cooper reminded everyone that Saturday is the first bingo.

- XIII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Roseanne Letson of 50 Deer Path Court, Tinton Falls, presented two questions to the Mayor and Council. She first inquired about the status of the sewer project at Boy Scout Park, noting that there are plans to place a historical marker at that location. Mayor Tvrdik responded that the project is expected to be completed by the end of the year, though a delay had occurred due to a drilling issue. Roseann asked the Mayor to keep her in mind regarding the marker, as it will pertain to ice sports. Her second question concerned the status of the County potentially taking over River Walk, as she would like to install signs and markers there as well. Mayor Tvrdik explained that the project needs to be completed first, after which a member of the Historical Committee could coordinate with the county. He added that he does not believe Oceanport should be responsible for the associated costs. She stated that the primary reason for her attendance was to discuss Monmouth 250, noting that speakers are already reaching out and making bookings for 2026. She referenced the "Dead Person Speaker" and the possibility of their participation in a Monmouth 250 program, and expressed concern over the time required to initiate planning. She concluded her remarks by suggesting the formation of a committee to address the event. There being no further comments, this portion of the meeting was closed.

- XIV. **Adjourn to Executive Session:**

  X   N.J.S.A 10:4-12(b)(5)      Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED MOTION TO ADJOURN [UNANIMOUS]</b> |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Bryan Keeshan, Council President              |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Gallo, Councilman                             |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deerin, Gallo, Cooper                         |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | O'Brien, Salnick                              |

- XV. **Return from Executive Session**

- XVI. **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Kramer  
DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK