

Oceanport, New Jersey
December 6, 1990

REGULAR MEETING: The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on December 6, 1990 at 8:02 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons McGee, Terra, Filippone, Miller, Rodman, 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 November 15, 1990 had been made available to the Governing Body for their review, Councilman Miller moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Rodman and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilman McGee who abstained from voting as he was not present at that meeting.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of November, 1990 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: NO REPORT.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra reported we will be conducting a public lands clean up which has been scheduled for Saturday, December 8 between 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. and we will be cleaning up Blackberry Bay Park, Sommers Park and the Seawaneka Wildlife Preserve area. He stated we are doing this under the requirements of the Clean Communities Act, through which we have received a grant and must set aside one day per year for the purpose of cleaning up public lands by members of the community.

Councilman Terra thanked Joseph Feiter of the Oceanport Fire Department, Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Co. Firehouse, for his idea of recycling Christmas trees and in order to keep as much material as we can out of the landfill, he and other volunteers from the Fire Department will be picking up the Christmas Trees on the Saturday after New Year's Day and both firehouse volunteers will be participating and Joe Feiter has managed to get two commercial vehicles donated for this use and the trees will be transported to Blackberry Bay Park and then chipped up and if there are enough, the chips will be placed near the community compost pile and offered to the residents. Councilman Terra again offered his thanks to Joe Feiter for his suggestion, Gary Wolfe for providing one of the vehicles and we look forward to continuing our on-going recycling effort.

Councilman Terra reported on future news regarding recycling and showed a wrapper from the Marcal Paper Company which shows the President of the company and uses the slogan making paper from paper. He stated he sent a letter to the President of the company and commented on the fact that Marcal does not use chlorine bleach in the paper processing although

he did chastise him on using plastic for the wrapping. He continued that this company is a very progressive one and they are going to begin accepting grade #2 paper which is magazines, shiny, glossy paper that cannot be recycled with the newspapers and they will be collecting this material at no charge that we would accumulate, but we are negotiating with them for a trailer in which to store the paper and collect it here until we have enough for a pick up and we are looking into this possibility with this company.

Councilman Terra reported that the fire department responded to a fire the other early morning at Pan Gardens, which is a garden center located on Main Street and he complimented the Fire Department for their rapid response and he is pleased to announce that there were no injuries and the fire was put out with a considerable amount of the property left in good condition. Councilman Terra commended Chief John Schneider, George Ottino, First Assistant Chief and Ricky Sweger, Second Assistant Chief for their efforts and both firehouses responded to the fire.

Councilman Terra advised that the next Bulletin deadline is January 15 and requested that all articles submitted be typed and all photographs be black and white. He also requested help from anyone interested for proof reading and perhaps provide some graphic arts work and stated he is always looking for comments and/or suggestions on how to further improve the Bulletin.

Councilman Terra informed the public that he was in contact with our Borough Engineer, Tom Rospos, this date and was advised that the dredge is now operating in the creek which runs parallel to Milton Avenue and he was concerned about how far in they would be going and how much they will be cleaning out near our storm drains. He stated he was advised that Mr. Rospos was in telephone contact with John Garofalo who promised that the dredge will go all the way to Asbury Avenue and will be cleaning out the area behind Mr. Nagel's home located on Driveway where we have a storm drain located.

Councilman Terra wished all our Jewish members of the community a Happy Chanukah.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone reminded everyone that the First Aid Squad will hold their annual Holiday Bazaar at 9:00 a.m. at the First Aid Squad Building on Pemberton Avenue and Christmas trees are already on sale at that location and she urged everyone to support this organization and purchase your tree from them. She commended the members of the Squad since they take their own time and drive up to Vermont and pick up these trees and bring them back themselves over a weekend and then unload them all. She continued there are raffle tickets for sale for various prizes, among them are two tickets for a Giants game which were donated by Councilman McGee and also had a load of top soil donated by Councilman Wolfe. She stated they are still looking for any items of value that anyone is interested in donating for the bazaar and they should contact Carole Connor for arrangements.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the members of the First Aid Squad will be getting hepatitis shots and Monmouth Medical Center is going to pay for the Squad to have this protection.

Councilwoman Filippone advised that the First Aid Squad will be sending boxes of toilet articles to the service men and women in Saudi Arabia and if anyone has any type of article like a toothbrush, toothpaste, small items, the Squad will be happy to have these things. She stated as everyone can see, they are not only vital members to this

community in helping the first aid calls, but they respond to all community needs.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that she is a member of the Advisory Board of the Third Congressional District Advisory Board and last night she was present at the ceremony and had a nice surprise in finding out that one of seven silver congressional award recipients was an Oceanport resident and his name is Timothy J. Mills, son of Mr. & Mrs. James Mills of Hedge Drive and his is a Jr. at the Marine Academy of Science and Technology at Sandy Hook and he is a member of the National Honor Society and this young man has already received a bronze Congressional Award and having worked with this program since its inception, she stated that this is a very difficult thing to do and he should be very proud.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded the community that the rabies alert is really something to be very much aware of and the alert has reached Route 9, which the Monmouth County Board of Health has advised us and they are going to be doing a major educational program in the schools and the children will receive pamphlets to teach the children not to go near animals they do not know. She continued we also have another major problem with Lyme disease and the ticks that have been tested, 33% of them have the lyme bacteria and she urged anyone going out in the woods or even your backyard to wear protective clothing.

Councilwoman Filippone stated the Monmouth County Board of Health also reported that during the month of October they have collected 699.6 pounds of household batteries and there are still containers available through their offices.

Councilwoman Filippone offered her congratulations to Stu Briskey on winning the Fire Chief election the other night and she stated she was happy to see this because she has known Stu since he was a young child and he is now a fine young man and she is delighted to see him reach this position.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported that last weekend Boy Scout Troop #58 was involved with the construction of a handicap ramp, which is also another Eagle Scout project being undertaken by Ronnie Sukinik and he was assisted by John Duke a former Councilman in this Borough and Paul Herring and 11 other members of Troop 58. He continued that the ramp has been installed out the rear doors of Borough Hall near the Police offices and he requested Councilman Terra to work up a sign to advise people that there is now a handicap ramp for entrance to the main offices of the building.

Councilman Miller also stated that in the very near future we will be receiving estimates for the railings for the ramp.

Mayor Cavanagh stated he will send a letter to both John Duke and Paul Herring thanking them for their volunteer efforts and doing a very professional job, while saving the Borough thousands of dollars.

Councilman Miller invited all residents of the community to attend the annual Holiday Tree Lighting this Sunday at 5:00 P.M. and last Saturday morning, he and Bart Boyle and Phil Apruzzi along with assistance from the firemen with the ladder truck and George Ottino Sr. and Jr. and Chuck Wolfe helped string the lights on the tree and hook up the electricity. He stated the weather looks good for Sunday and we will have the Eatontown Choraliers and refreshments at the firehouse after the tree lighting.

COUNCILMAN RODMAN: Councilman Rodman stated that in regard to the situation at the racetrack, he attended a meeting on November 16 at Sandy Hook where representatives of the NJDEP, American Littoral Society and three representatives of the Monmouth County Board of Health were present and discussing what the next move was going to be and how the DEP was moving. He continued that unfortunately due to illness, he was not able to attend the following meeting on Monday, but it appears that the racetrack is moving ahead with this problem and what he had feared all along was that the engineering report was going to kind of torpedo the idea of a natural wetlands and he thinks that this idea is on the back burner at the present time, since it appears to be an expensive proposition and the track wants to try something else and will probably move along with the other idea. Councilman Rodman stated he felt we have to give them a chance to make this work because other alternatives appear to be extremely costly for the racetrack.

Councilman Rodman emphasized what Councilwoman Filippone said earlier in that everyone should purchase their Christmas trees from the First Aid Squad and support this organization and the trees are excellent.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe reported that he and Councilman Miller have been discussing the situation in Saudi Arabia and we brought up this matter at the work shop and the Mayor and other Councilmembers are in favor of showing some support on a local level and we have decided to show this support for the service men and women there by providing yellow ribbons at the tree lighting on Sunday and some will be placed on our tree and we will also put yellow ribbons along the trees along Comanche Drive, which is the only major thoroughfare with large trees lining both sides of the street.

Councilman Wolfe offered his congratulations to Stu Briskey on his election Tuesday night as Second Assistant Chief to the Oceanport Fire Department.

Councilman Wolfe stated that there has been a lot of discussions lately about the up coming budget and he has spoken to the other Council members about the new restraints we are going to have placed on us by the State with regard to the cap and in speaking with the other Councilmembers, we have discussed the possibility of sharing services with other neighboring communities and he has spoken with Councilman Cooper of West Long Branch and we are going to try and set up a meeting over the weekend to discuss what basic similarities we have between the two Boroughs and see what needs we can help each other out with regarding services and will report back to the Council at our next work shop meeting.

Councilman Wolfe wished everyone a happy Chanukah which will begin next Tuesday.

R-90-65

Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution R-90-65 regarding transfers of funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh announced that this coming Saturday morning there is going to be a meeting in Little Silver of some of the surrounding Mayors and he was invited by both the Mayors of Little Silver and Red Bank. He commented this meeting is in regard to the continuing investigation of regionalization and discuss what type of potential there is in this area of sharing services. He stated that as Councilman Wolfe reported on earlier in his discussion with a Councilman from West Long

Branch, everyone is beginning to see the budget crunch coming and we recognize that we have to make some fundamental and philosophical changes in the manner in which services are provided to the people and he feels that we will see a great deal of investigation into the possibilities. He will keep the Council and public informed of the out come of this meeting as we go along.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that in connection with the 1991 budget, he drafted a memo to all department heads who will be requesting money for next year, he basically indicated to them that as far as the Borough Council is concerned, we will expect to receive budget requests which are frozen at 1990 levels for any and all controllable expenses and we are trying to send a message to everyone that we expect a difficult year and that the tax implications have become onerous for our people as well as everyone else and we are going to do whatever possible to try and alleviate some of that pain from the people who are experiencing it which is just about every tax payer everywhere.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that the last meeting we had we spoke with Storer Cable Company and he had requested that they perform a survey in Oceanport because everyone on the dais was interested in the thoughts of the people in our town regarding the service they receive, the programming, etc. and last week he received an affirmative response from Storer that the survey will be forwarded to all the residents in the near future and hopefully we will get to look at the results in connection with the renewal application of the franchise and they are due back here on January 17, 1991.

Mayor Cavanagh stated we are also looking at creating some form of a committee of residents in conjunction with the renewal that will allow for more direct input into the situation of the cable company.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that insofar as the river is concerned, we met on November 26 with Councilpersons Wolfe and Filippone, Representatives of the DEP, Representative from the American Littoral Society, Representatives of Monmouth Park, Mr. Mulcahy from the NJ Sports & Exposition Authority, some engineering people and environmental consultants in the on going process which Councilman Rodman described earlier. He stated that it appears after that meeting, what is beginning to take shape is that Monmouth Park is going to put together a containerization system for the manure that they are obviously forced to deal with and that the containerization process is going to involve a series of water tight containers, 80-90 of them at a cost of many of hundreds of thousands of dollars and the transportation of those containers on a daily basis to a centralized location which would be constructed over the winter before the track opens, as he understands it, for storage until the manure can be carted away. He continued that in so doing this, they feel that by attacking the source of the situation that they will make a substantial impact on the problem. Mayor Cavanagh advised that Monmouth Park has also agreed to do some additional preventative measures including cleaning out of the pipes and drains.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that while there have been some other suggestions made that seem to be environmentally worthwhile, he thinks that in fairness he has to indicate that this is probably the most significant step that Monmouth Park in its history, has ever taken in relation to the pollution problem in the river as it is connected to the bacteria levels due to the waste from Monmouth Park. He continued that it does leave some unanswered questions and he is going to put together a letter requesting someone on the State level authorizing grant money to enable Monmouth Park, in addition to the money they are spending on the

containerization system, develop a pilot project which would deal with the run off, dry and wet, prior to the time it reaches the drain facility which would be similar to the flotation system we have discussed previously and there had been a modified proposal submitted, which was still very expensive and unfortunately, they don't know how much it will cost or what is needed until they see exactly what type of problem they have. Mayor Cavanagh stated it was his thought that perhaps if a pilot program were developed, they could take a certain area and deal with the run off in conjunction with what they are doing this year, on a small scale and monitor it over the course of the summer and develop a reading on what they would wind up with even with the containerization. He stated that securing funding for that may be very difficult, since the State is experiencing their own budget crunch, however, if you think about this, it would give us the opportunity to step into the forefront in terms of environmental attention here and perhaps this type of project would be appealing to people in the DEP because if it is successful, he would assume that we would then have a model program to show other people and improve situations in other areas.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that as we have been doing, we will continue to keep track of the river situation which has become one of a pressing need and it appears that Monmouth Park has been responsive to the areas of the concerns that have been raised and we will continue to work with them and hopefully continue to make progress and the containerization process is to be in place, as is his understanding, before the next racing season commences.

Councilman Terra commented that the system which the track is finally going to use is one that was recommended by Councilman Wolfe last May and it is rather interesting that we seem to have come to the conclusion rather quickly on the best way to handle this matter. He also stated that the pollution from the track coming from the manure, but we suspect from other areas and one of them is from where material has been taken out of a dump by boat owners and he thanked Councilman Miller who has been very active in that area and encouraging the proper disposal of that type of material and Councilman Miller has been speaking with Keith Seeley of the Oceanport Landing Marina about this matter which is now State law.

Councilman Miller reported that as of August 20, 1990 any new construction to an existing marina facility must install a pump out facility if it exceeds 25-30 slips and Mr. Seeley is aware of that and we are going to try and work with him to expedite the processing.

Councilwoman Filippone commented that the Two Rivers Times had an excellent article recently on the history of the name of the Shrewsbury River and some of the history of the river itself and she found it very informative and interesting.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments they might care to make.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated December 6, 1990. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS \$53,927.53. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$50,316.94. TOTAL

1990 OPERATING FUND \$104,244.47. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$1,703.09. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$3,022.52. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER FIRE PREVENTION \$9.75. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER HOMESTEAD REBATE \$1,500.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:38 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on December 20, 1990 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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