

REGULAR MINUTES

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Oceanport, New Jersey
December 5, 1996

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on December 5, 1996 at 8:07 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Borough Chaplain, Col. Berry.
- 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 21, 1996 had been made available for review by the members of the Governing Body, 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 approved by Council, with the exception of Councilman Miller who abstained from voting since he was not present.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of NOVEMBER, 1996 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee read a letter commending Patrolman Steve Cioffi for his assistance in finding a car involved in a recent hold up, while he was off duty, from James T. Maletto, Police Chief in West Long Branch, who also mentioned in the letter to Chief Joyce that this is not the first time Patrolman Cioffi has assisted his Department.

Councilman McGee extended his congratulations to Patrolman Cioffi for doing an excellent job and commented that he is a credit to the Oceanport Police Department and the Borough.

Councilman McGee stated under Police, Patrolmen Donald Ross and Steven Tagerty and Detective Baldanza all completed a seminar at the Monmouth County Police Academy on Arrest, Search & Seizure Update & Miranda Warning Update.

Councilman McGee offered his congratulations to the Shore Regional Field Hockey team on their recent 4-0 victory and he commented that almost all of the girls were ill, but still came through as the champions.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone called for the second reading and public hearing of an amendment to the garage sale ordinance and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN**

ORD. # 688

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**ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE "PRIVATE SALES AND AUCTIONS ORDINANCE" OF THE
BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT PASSED AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 1, 1973.**

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

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

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

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

Councilwoman Filippone then called for the introduction of an ordinance with regard to the Capital Improvement Fund for parks and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING REPAIRS TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER BALLFIELD UTILIZING \$7,500 AND \$1,500 FOR THE ROLLER HOCKEY PROJECT FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS.**

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

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

Councilwoman Filippone then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on December 19, 1996 at 8:00 P.M. and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Miller.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded everyone that the Pneumonia Shots were scheduled to be given at the Old Wharf House on Monday, December 9, 1996 between the hours of 10-11 AM and the cost is \$10.00.

Councilwoman Filippone thanked Bob Varca for putting up the sign for this event as well as all the other Community Events signs he posts and stated that he does a great job.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded everyone that the First Aid Squad Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, December 14 where there will be trees, wreaths and grave blankets for sale as well as a large number of crafters selling items and urged everyone to come out and support the Squad, since this is their major fund raiser for the year.

Councilwoman Filippone announced that she attended this afternoon at Maple Place School an Intergenerational Meeting which Committee has been meeting for approximately one year and their purpose is to foster better understanding between school children and older people in the Community and there are going to be a variety of programs coming up which are open to everyone to attend. She also commented that they are planning a variety show and asked if anyone has a special talent, to contact the Committee members and there is no auditions except for school age children. She also encouraged anyone interested in attending the meetings to do so, since everyone is welcome.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller wished all our Jewish residents a very Happy Chanukah.

Councilman Miller announced that the annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony would take place on Sunday, December 8, 1996 at 5:00 P.M. with Santa arriving and both the Maple Place and Shore Regional High School Choirs on hand. He also advised that refreshments would be served at the Port-au-Peck Fire House and urged everyone to come out and enjoy the tree lighting. He also thanked Bart Boyle and Phil Apruzzi for putting the lights on the tree last Saturday.

Councilman Miller updated the current fund for the 1997 fireworks stating that we have now received \$4,500 which leaves us short between \$800 and \$900 and he hoped the donations would continue so that we can have the display again and not use tax payers dollars for this purpose.

Councilman Miller reported under Recreation, that John Kerwin, Recreation Director, has been given the task by the Committee, to provide a five year plan for additions and maintenance needed in our parks and this study should be ready by the Spring of 1997.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor reported that he attended a Drug Trends meeting of "what's hot and what's not" at Shore Regional High School and it was for parents only and out of approximately 1,600 invitations, only 40 parents showed up. He stated that discussed at this meeting was the fact that marijuana today is 100 times stronger than in the seventies and there is use of PCP, LSD, inhalants, etc. and he stated that they are going to hold this program again and hopefully more parents will come out and find out what they should be looking for in their children, if their moods change dramatically. He also advised that anyone who has a substance problem with their children can find help from either the representatives at Maple Place School or Shore Regional High School.

Councilman Taylor also reported that the County will not be funding our holiday tree collection this year, but we are still going to set up a program to recycle the trees, but it will now cost the Borough money to set up this program.

54 Councilman Taylor moved to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare specifications and go out for bid for the collection of garbage and trash in the Borough, which present contract expires June 30, 1997. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

R-96-61 **COUNCILMAN WOLFE:** Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-96-61 authorizing a Veteran's Tax Deduction, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council.

R-96-62 Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution R-96-62 regarding a transfer of funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe stated that the transfer just approved for \$13,000 is to cover the cost of additional snow fence for the Public Works Department to install along open areas adjacent to roadways and for a new five yard sander, which will replace the one we have which is approximately 14 years old.

Councilman Wolfe stated in last Sunday's NY Times there was an article about a new program under insurance which covers snow storms and he contacted our insurance agent, Ron Gillaspie of Boynton & Boynton and he looked into it and gave us a quote for this type of coverage and we will be reviewing this matter further when we set up our new budget.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth commented that thanks to the efficiency of our Borough Clerk, Patti Varca, bids have gone out for the 1997 quotes for the Bulletin, Directory and the cleaning of our Borough buildings.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh stated with two women on the Council, he thought one of them would have made mention of the fact that President Clinton today appointed a woman to the Office of Secretary of State, which is the first time a woman has held this high an office this close to the President.

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

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 5, 1996. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS \$102,445.03. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$46,870.57. TOTAL 1996 OPERATING FUND \$149,315.60. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT-SUI \$3,490.21. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT-ADHOC \$75.00. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$103.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-TAX OVERPAYMENTS \$1,806.62. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:30 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on December 19, 1996 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted, *Patricia L. Varca*
PATRICIA L. VARCA, BOROUGH CLERK