

Oceanport, New Jersey
December 5, 1991

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was held on December 5, 1991 at 8:02 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons McGee, Terra, Filippone, Rodman, Wolfe and Mayor Cavanagh.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Miller.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Rabbi Daina.

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 meetings held on November 7 and 21, 1991 had been made available for review by the Governing Body, Councilman Rodman moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Raffle license application made by the Oceanport First Aid & Rescue Squad to be held on December 7, 1991, prizes will be an overnight getaway and 2 Giants tickets.

The Clerk reported that all paperwork was found to be in order and the required license fee had been paid, after which Councilman Rodman moved to approve said raffle application. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee commented on the presentation that was given by the Regional Health Insurance Fund made at our last work shop meeting and he reviewed some of the numbers they provided and we felt we must give this plan some serious consideration. He continued that of the 20 towns in the Monmouth County area that they have had for their summary comparison, only 6 towns had an increase in premium from what they are currently paying to what their proposed assessment would be and the highest was 22% but most of them were in the 6-8% range increase and the other 14 towns all had decreases with an aggregate savings of 20% over what is currently being paid for health premiums versus what would be assessed under the Health Insurance Plan.

Councilman McGee felt that these were very significant numbers and this plan must be given serious consideration.

Councilman McGee wished our Jewish neighbors a Happy Chanukah.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra asked the Clerk to read resolution R-91-65 regarding the Supplemental Safe Neighborhoods Program Grant in the amount of \$11,419, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Terra wished all his Jewish friends a Happy Chanukah.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone asked the Clerk to read resolution R-91-66 regarding the Supplemental Fire Services Program Grant in the amount of \$3,126 and naming a coordinator for said program, after which she moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilwoman Filippone announced that this Saturday, December 7, is the First Aid Squad's Holiday Bazaar being held from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and it is their major fund raiser for the Squad and she hoped that the Borough residents will come out and show their support to the Squad. She also advised that the Christmas trees are now on sale as well as the wreaths and grave blankets and anyone in the Borough who will be purchasing any of these items, should try to do so from the Squad.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the rabies clinic is scheduled to be held on Saturday, February 29, 1992 and cats will be required to be vaccinated as well as dogs. She also noted that as of Monday of this week when she was speaking with our Board of Health Liaison, he reported to her that there are now 38 cats in the State of New Jersey who now have rabies and as of October 31, 1991, every County that borders Monmouth is now in the rabies epizootic area, and we are not there yet, but is it a very serious matter and we must be aware of what is happening. She also reminded parents to teach their children to stay away from animals they are not familiar with or any animals that act strangely.

Councilwoman Filippone wished Rabbi Daina and all our Jewish friends and neighbors a Happy Chanukah.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN RODMAN: Councilman Rodman echoed Councilwoman Filippone's comments about the wreaths and trees being sold by the Oceanport First Aid Squad and stated they are freshly cut trees and urged everyone to purchase their holiday decorations from the Squad.

Councilman Rodman also offered a happy seasons' greetings to all our Jewish residents.

R-91-67 COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-91-67 transferring funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe reminded all the Borough residents that the annual holiday tree lighting would take place this Sunday, December 8 at 5:00 P.M. and the Recreation Committee will be providing some refreshments after the lighting and he spoke with Councilman Miller earlier this evening and he advised that the Shore Regional High School will send over some singers to help out with the carols.

Councilwoman Filippone commented that Councilman Miller is chickening out because he was going to be the song leader.

Councilman Wolfe wished Rabbi Daina and all our Jewish residents a happy and healthy Chanukah.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh advised that the Governing Body will be reorganizing on January 1, 1992 at 12:00 noon and stated that Rabbi Daina has been the Borough Chaplain for 26 years and invited all the residents to join with us all on that day.

Mayor Cavanagh reported that the Two Rivers Council of Mayors meeting had decided at their last meeting that we want to have a united front in opposition to the rate increase being sought by the water company and in light of the difficult economic times that people are having at the present time, the Mayors all felt that it was their obligation on behalf of the residents to fight this increase.

Mayor Cavanagh then offered a motion that we appropriate \$100 to contribute to pay the attorney fees involved with the opposition to the proposed rate increase by the water company.

Councilman Terra moved to approve the \$100 appropriation for the above mentioned purpose. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that Councilman McGee began a discussion about the joint health fund and that is in essence, another outgrowth of the Two Rivers Council of Mayors. He continued that he had asked Mike Trotta to come to the last meeting of the Two Rivers Council of Mayors because he had taken the opportunity to present us with the information and again, the meetings of this Two Rivers Council of Mayors serve as a tremendous opportunity for all of us to share things and he is hopeful that the number calculation is accurate and plays out like the other fund, he would agree that we must give this matter serious consideration and advised that Mrs. Varca has already prepared the numbers Mr. Tasker asked us to put together and he has already picked up the report and hopefully by the next meeting we should be able to give some type of quotation as to exactly what type of savings we would be looking at for the future.

Mayor Cavanagh commented, as he did at the work shop meeting on Monday evening, that the health benefits package for the employees of this Borough is the third highest expenditure that we have in the budget and as the time for budget preparation comes around, we are always looking for areas where we can provide some relief, while still maintaining the coverages that we have presently and he hoped this will all work out to everyone's benefit.

Mayor Cavanagh reported that our Holiday Decorating Committee will be going around Sunday, December 29 and Monday, December 30 for the judging and again this year the committee is chaired by Mrs. Ida Lancaster.

Mayor Cavanagh wished all our Jewish residents a Happy Chanukah.

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

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Marilyn Nester, Two Rivers Times asked what the Police Grant in the amount of \$11,410 will be spent on as well as the Fire Grant in the amount of \$3,126?

Mayor Cavanagh stated that the police grant helps to offset the salary of one patrolman and the fire grant money is spent on supplies for the Department such as air packs, coats, boots, hoses, etc.

Councilman Wolfe moved to appoint Council President Terra temporarily to the Finance Committee, in the absence of Councilman Miller, for the purpose of signing several vouchers. It was seconded by Councilman Rodman and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe then moved to pay the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated December 5, 1991. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1991 VOUCHERS \$73,884.83. TOTAL 1991 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$86,431.99. TOTAL 1991 OPERATING FUND \$160,316.82. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$29,525.27. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$2.40. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST ACCOUNT \$420.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER - TAX OVERPAYMENT \$73.66. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER - DWI \$238.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER - FIRE PREVENTION \$9.75. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:25 P.M. Councilman Rodman moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on December 19, 1991 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Varca

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BOROUGH CLERK