

REGULAR MEETING

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Oceanport, New Jersey
November 21, 1996

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on November 21, 1996 at 8:00 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Taylor, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilman Miller.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** Borough Chaplain, Col. Berry, gave the invocation.,
- 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 were made available for review by the members of the Governing Body, Councilwoman Silkworth moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilwoman Filippone who abstained from voting since she was not present at that meeting.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of OCTOBER, 1996 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Raffle license applications made by the Oceanport First Aid Squad to be held on December 14, 1996 prizes will be a 50/50 cash raffle; 2 tickets to the NY Giants and an American Girl doll.

The Clerk advised that the paperwork was found to be in order and the required fees had been paid, after which Councilwoman Filippone moved to approve said raffle license applications. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee reported that under the Insurance Committee, he had a certificate of completion for Tom Crochet and it was awarded to him for having completed the Self Inspection Hazard Identification Program which was held on August 14, 1996 and he will receive two technical contact hours that will go towards his Public Works Manager certification and a copy will be placed in his personnel file and he offered his congratulations to Tom Crochet.

Councilman McGee reported under the Police Committee, that a certificate was awarded to Chris Scerbo for the completion of a course on Gangs/Yesterday/Today held at the Monmouth County Police Academy.

Councilman McGee was pleased to announce that the Shore Regional Boys Soccer Team and the Girls Field Hockey Team were State Champs-Central Jersey Group I on the same day and it was a very exciting day at Shore Regional on Friday. He continued that the Boys won in a 2-1 overtime victory and the Girls Field Hockey Team had a 6-0 trouncing of a very highly rated team and the Girls are now on to the States and they have remained the only undefeated team in New Jersey and they will play on Sunday at the College of NJ at noon.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that since the Fire Chief is in the audience, he asked that he make sure that someone meets the team when they return at the parkway and lead them home, which is a tradition to which the Chief advised he had already spoken with West Long Branch and the arrangements were made.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone called for the introduction of an ordinance regarding garage sales and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows:
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE "PRIVATE SALES AND AUCTIONS ORDINANCE" OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT PASSED AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 1, 1973.

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

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilman Miller.

ABSTAIN: None.

Councilwoman Filippone then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on December 5, 1996 at 8:00 P.M. and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman McGee.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilman Miller.

ABSTAIN: None.

Mayor Cavanagh explained this ordinance would allow residents to hold two sales per year, but without the present clause that has a time limitation of one every six months.

Councilwoman Filippone congratulated Councilman Taylor on the excellent job he did with the Veterans' Day ceremonies and she was very appreciative of him filling in for her at the services.

Councilwoman Filippone also thanked Councilmen Wolfe and Miller for helping out with the flu clinic as well as all the volunteers who know just what to do and keep everything running smoothly and thanked Chris and Eleanor Widdis, Jan and Ed Anderson, Judy Baxter, Connie Savarese who is the President of the Board of Health, Dolly Iamello and Walter Prang.

Councilwoman Filippone mentioned that the Local Assistance Board had three cases this month and they would like to thank the Oceanport Lions Club for their donation of \$75 for food baskets for those in need and our Welfare Director, Sharon Meyers, will be purchasing the food and making up the baskets for distribution. She also commented that recently in the newspapers were several articles on the Welfare Reform Bill which this Council went on record as opposing because it is felt it is not in the best interest of our Borough and our Local Assistance Board agrees with us as well and they may even go to Trenton to testify against this matter.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor thanked the boy scouts and the volunteers from the Water Watch Committee for helping out with our clean up day of all the parks, which comes under our Clean Communities Program and it was the second one this year and was very successful.

Councilman Taylor announced that the Monmouth County Hazardous Waste Facility is now open but you must call and make an appointment and they are open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 8:30 AM to Noon and 1 to 3 PM.

Councilman Taylor stated he attended the Board of Education meeting Tuesday night where the Board approved the Book Recovery proposal he had made to them and he will be placing containers for books at both schools as well as our Library and one at our recycling drop off center.

Councilman Taylor reminded the residents that the annual PTO Bazaar will be held on December 7, 1996 at the Maple Place School where there will be craft items for sale as well as the Oceanport Drug Alliance community calendar for 1997 and he hoped everyone would come out and support the school.

Councilman Taylor also stated that although he was unable to attend, Myra's Amazing Puppets were at Wolfhill School and did an excellent job putting out the program to teach our youngsters about recycling and he explained that this was paid for from the funds received through the Clean Communities Grant and did not burden the tax payers.

Councilman Taylor then asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-96-59** opposing the proposed site for dredge spoils from the New York-New Jersey harbors, which Mayor Cavanagh stated was quite lengthy and briefly explained that we are doing this together with many of the surrounding communities and the Two Rivers Council of Mayors opposing the Army Corps of Engineers preliminary report on where they are proposing to place the dredge spoils. He commented that after all the work and efforts we have put forth to clean up the Shrewsbury River, we have no desire to see these types of containment islands in our area near the Shrewsbury River.

Councilman Taylor moved to approve resolution **R-96-59**. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-96-60** transferring funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe commented that he had the honor to represent the Borough at the League of Municipalities graduation ceremony in Atlantic City and our own Tom Crochet received his Public

Works Certification as a Public Works Manager and he and the entire Borough Council offered their congratulations to Tom Crochet.

Councilman Wolfe reported that the Road Department is taking care of picking up the leaves this year in record time and the leaves appear to be just about all off the trees and came down very quickly this year and after driving through the town with Tom Crochet, it would appear that at least 75% of the leaves are off the trees. He continued that the Public Works Department has been through the Borough three times and this last time should be the last really heavy pick up of the leaves.

Councilman Wolfe reported that the Road Improvement Program is just about completed and they have repaved South Pemberton Ave., a portion of Werah Place, Morris Place, Milton Ave., Belmar Ave. and the other side of Algonquin since there was extra money left over in the contract and they should be completing Seneca Place in the very near future as soon as they completed the necessary drainage work.

Councilman Wolfe also announced that he is in receipt of the final certification and inspection certificate for the Mack Ladder Truck and it is now ready to go out and respond to fight fires and he stated he would give the Fire Chief a copy of the certificate and give the original to the Clerk to keep on file in the Front Office.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth presented Chief Joyce with a tide clock which she hoped would be kept in the Police Dispatcher's Office which will now enable them to assist residents during storms when they need to know when high tide will be and she advised that the clock was set correctly for the Shrewsbury River and had been put together by Mr. Silkworth. She commented that this type of tide clock has helped out her own family during times of storm and flood emergencies and hoped it will help the citizens and Chief Joyce thanked Councilwoman Silkworth for this donation.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: No Report.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might have and seeing none, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated November 21, 1996. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Wolfe abstaining from voting on the reimbursement voucher to himself.

TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS \$408,234.49. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$56,706.03. TOTAL 1996 OPERATING FUND \$464,940.52. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$10,618.25. TOTAL WATERWATCH TRUST ACCOUNT \$843.32. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$2,542.67. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$67.20. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SEWER LIEN REDEMPTION \$326.85. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MARRIAGE LICENSES \$350.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-STATE TRAINING FEES \$759.18. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-REFUND GARAGE SALE FEE \$5.00 (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER).

At 8:25 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on December 5, 1996 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICIA L. VARCA, BOROUGH CLERK