

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
November 20, 1997

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on November 20, 1997 at 8:02 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Gemma, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca.
- OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Borough Chaplain 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 Special Meeting held on Nov. 3 and the Regular Meeting held on Nov. 6, 1997 had been made available to 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 unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS: NO REPORTS.**COMMITTEES:**

COUNCILMAN GEMMA: Councilman Gemma reported that on November 13 he attended a seminar regarding the Right-to-Know regulations as well as Blood Borne Pathogens, and the materials have been passed on to both Tom Crochet in Public Works and to Connie Savarese for their information in these areas.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone reported that at the recent flu and pneumonia clinic, 109 people received the flu shots and 22 received the pneumonia shot and she felt this was a higher number of people than expected because there were so many clinics being held in the area and the pneumonia shot is good for ten years, but it was again, a very successful undertaking. She thanked the members of her Committee, who without their efforts, this would not have gone as well as it did and offered her thanks to the following: Bob Varca for putting up the sign outside Borough Hall, Walter Prang, Eleanor and Chris Widdis, Pinky Regan, Judy Baxter, Connie Savarese and Cynthia Cortale for all their help.

Councilwoman Filippone gave the following Captain's First Aid Report for the month of October, which was a very busy month for them with 47 calls; 410 man/woman hours expended; 12 total life advance support calls; 21 emergencies; 5 motor vehicles; 3 mutual aid calls and 16 others.

Councilwoman Filippone also advised that there was a recent letter to the Editor in the local newspaper from Mrs. Corradino thanking the Oceanport First Aid Squad members, Joe Lombardo,

Doris Agaman, Linda Fujimoto, Linda Reyes, as well as Donny Ross and his wife Kathy, who is a nurse and Ed Ryan for all their assistance when their daughter was hurt recently. She continued that there was also a very nice article in the Two River Times from a gentleman who was assisted by our First Aid Squad and felt if not for their excellent help, he would not be able to walk.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded the residents that the Oceanport First aid Squad Holiday Bazaar will be held on December 13 and this is a major fund raiser for the Squad and they will again, be selling Christmas trees, wreaths and grave blankets.

Councilwoman Filippone extended her thanks to both Mayor Cavanagh and Councilman Miller who attended the First Aid Meeting for her last week, when she thought she would be unable to attend, but in the end made the meeting with them in attendance as well.

Councilwoman Filippone wanted to read into the record the 1996 cost savings to the Oceanport Taxpayers, as prepared by John Connor of the Oceanport First Aid Squad. She stated that his figures indicated that based on 306 emergency calls at \$250 per call, the Borough is saving a minimum of \$76,500; based on 2,659 duty hours at \$9.00 per hour we are saving \$23,931 with a total projected tax savings of \$100,431.00 and the above estimates are based on the private ambulance charges in New Jersey, using an average.

Councilwoman Filippone invited the public to attend the next Historical Society meeting scheduled for Monday, November 24, 1997 at the Community Center where Mark VanSant will be giving a presentation and he has a lot of historical memorabilia about the Borough and it should be very interesting.

Councilwoman Filippone wanted to offer her congratulations to Mayor Cavanagh on being recently nominated as a Superior Court Judge and also on finding out he is going to be a grandfather.

Councilwoman Filippone wished all the residents of the Borough a Happy Thanksgiving.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller wished all the citizens of the Borough a healthy and happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Miller reported under the Recreation Committee, that the Committee will be coming before the Governing Body in January to make a presentation of a 5 year plan for the parks in the Borough, which had been asked of the Committee by the Council.

Councilman Miller invited all residents to attend the annual Holiday Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 7 at 5 PM at Borough Hall and Santa will be here on the Firetruck and refreshments will follow at the Port-au-Peck Firehouse.

Councilman Miller stated that this year's fireworks were somewhat of a disappointment to not only the residents, but also to the members of the Recreation Committee and he advised that we will now be investigating other companies to see what they have to offer.

Councilman Miller also advised that the Recreation Committee has hired someone to work on trying to obtain grants for playground equipment for the Community Center as well as shore line restoration for Charles Park, which funding may be available under the new water shed program.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor reported that the Monmouth County Board of Health and Solid Waste recently inspected our Borough recycling drop off center and found it to be very neat and clean and well kept and he commended the efforts of Tom Crochet and his men for a fine job.

Councilman Taylor also reported under the Drug Alliance, that this year we have received 193 safe home pledges from parents in the Borough which states that no parties will be allowed in their homes when they are not present, no alcohol will be served or allowed to be consumed by minors and there will be no illegal drugs allowed. He commented that this is an increase over last year's numbers, which shows the concerns of the parents in this community and there is a list given to all the people who sign up with the names and telephone numbers listed, so that if a child is going to attend a party, a parent can call up and check on the situation.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe reminded the residents that we are half way through leaf season and the Public Works Department has had two crews out when possible and it appears that due to the recent storms, the leaves have come down a bit earlier this year. He also reminded residents that leaves are to be raked out to the curb, free of branches, brush and any other debris.

**** SEE PAGE 162A FOR THE REMAINDER OF COUNCILMAN WOLFE'S REPORT--RESOLUTIONS #R-97-63 & R-97-64**
Councilman Wolfe wished everyone a very healthy and happy Thanksgiving.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth advised that she will be meeting with representatives from the Court Offices together with volunteer architectural people, to put together a workable plan for certain requirements of the State with regard to the Court and its equipment and office set up.

Councilwoman Silkworth reported that we have received the last bid for replacing the flooring in both the Dispatch area and the Squad Room and we will coordinate this with a request from the Police Officers, who want to do some rearranging of their offices and equipment.

Councilwoman Silkworth wished everyone in the Borough a happy Thanksgiving.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh advised that he was in receipt of a letter received from the County Engineer's Office informing the Mayor that the intersection of Monmouth Blvd. and Myrtle Ave. had been approved for a traffic light, which will not be installed until the Fall of 1998, since it would have to be done after Monmouth Park closes for the season. He stated he has asked the Monmouth Freeholders on two occasions now for traffic lights and he has been successful both times and he will send a letter to the Board expressing the Borough's appreciation for the light.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that a resignation had been received from Solomon Clark from the Planning Board as a Regular Class IV member and a resignation from Elwood Baxter as a Class I member, which is someone who serves as the Mayor's surrogate and he felt that the next Mayor should have the opportunity to make that appointment and therefore, made the following appointments:

Elwood Baxter, Alternate #2, Class IV-term expiring 12/31/97
Jay Briscione, Alternate #1, Class IV-term expiring 12/31/98
William Sullivan, Un-expired Class IV-term expiring 12/31/2000

Mayor Cavanagh then stated he wanted to make the appointments to the Wolfhill Foundation Committee and stated that two of the appointments, which would be his wife and himself, he is going

**** COUNCILMAN WOLFE:** Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-63** authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes for Block 129, Lot 3 in the amount of \$948.70, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

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Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-64** transferring funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

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to ask the Council President to move, even though he has a written opinion from the Planning Board Attorney, Pat Menna, stating there is no conflict in his making all the appointments. Mayor Cavanagh thanked Mr. Menna for taking the time for this opinion and would send him a note of thanks for stepping in during the absence of the Borough Attorney.

Mayor Cavanagh then made the following appointments to the Wolfhill Foundation Committee:

Three year terms - expiring December 31, 2000
Gloria Filippone, Edward Miller and Barbara Silkworth

Two year terms - expiring December 31, 1999
Elwood Baxter, Gary Edwards and Jeremiah Regan

One year terms - expiring December 31, 1998
Mary Lu Pingitore, Richard Gruskos, Richard Bingham and Joseph McCarthy

Council President Taylor made the following appointments to the Wolfhill Foundation Committee:

Barbara Cavanagh, three year term expiring December 31, 2000
Tom Cavanagh, two year term expiring December 31, 1999

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they might wish to make, but seeing none, closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the payment of the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated November 20, 1997. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Wolfe who abstained from voting on the bills due Interstate Batteries. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS \$11,137,008.11. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$47,150.69. TOTAL 1997 OPERATING FUND \$1,184,158.80. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$1,267.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$23,485.41. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$1,098.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER).

At 8:28 P.M. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss several personnel matters. It was seconded by Councilman Gemma and unanimously approved by Council.

At 9:10 P.M. Mayor Cavanagh reconvened the regular meeting and stated for the record that all Councilpersons were present on the dais and advised that there was no action being taken at this time.

At 9:11 P.M. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on December 4, 1997 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Varca
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BOROUGH CLERK