

REGULAR MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
November 17, 1994

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on November 17, 1994 at 8:10 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Clark, McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Mayor Cavanagh.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cavanagh stated this evening the Girl Scouts would lead the audience and members of the Council in the Flag Salute.

Mayor Cavanagh then welcomed the Scouts to the meeting and read a proclamation proclaiming the week of Thanksgiving as National Family Week and presented the Proclamation to the Girl Scouts and thanked them for coming out this evening. The Scouts presented a basket of food which they have collected and will be given out to the needy families in the Borough.

Councilman Miller moved to waive the reading of the minutes from the regular meeting held on November 3, 1994 and approve same as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS: NO REPORTS.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN CLARK: Councilman Clark reported that the Boy Scouts from Troop 58 have collected 443 food items from the residents of the Borough, who have been quite generous this year and the food items have been brought over to the Wolfhill School, where Mrs. Screen will see that it is distributed to the needy families in Oceanport as well as the food items collected by the PTO and the Girl Scouts.

R-94-67 Councilman Clark asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-94-67** regarding special items of revenue into the 1994 budget for Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund in the amount of \$680.26 and Uniform Fire Safety Act, Fire Safety Element in the amount of \$1,565.20, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

R-94-68 Councilman Clark asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-94-68** waiving permit fees to the Tecumseh Avenue residents regarding the water installation project, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: NO REPORT.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone advised that she is in receipt of the Captain's Report for the First Aid Squad for last month and they received 31 calls for a total of 378

man/woman hours and 18 calls were life advance support and one call was to Monmouth Park. She also advised the Squad members attended the Annual State First Aid Conference Convention Oct. 13-16, 1994 and the new ambulance was displayed. She also reported that they have already used the new defibrillators for the first time, which shows that the money was well spent.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded all residents that the First Aid Squad's Holiday Bazaar will be held on December 10, 1994 and stated that the Squad is looking for new items of any kind that you may not be using, which may be donated to the Squad for their Bazaar and urged everyone to come out and support them and she also advised that the volunteers will be traveling up to the Pocano area to pick up Christmas Trees, which will go on sale after December 3 and asked any resident who plans to purchase a tree this year, to please buy it from the Squad.

Councilwoman Filippone also stated that there has been a bit of an increase in the donations to the First Aid Squad and at this point in time, they have received \$19,805, which is still quite a bit less than last year, but at this point they have received donations from 48% of the households in the Borough.

Councilwoman Filippone commended Helen Smith of the Oceanport Gardens, who held a garage sale for the residents of that building and made \$200 which she donated to the First Aid Squad and this was a fine thing for Mrs. Smith to do.

Councilwoman Filippone again offered her congratulations to Pop Ryan on his 90th Birthday and she and Mayor Cavanagh attended his party and family and friends came from all over to help him celebrate.

Councilwoman Filippone offered her thanks to all the people who participated in the Veteran's Day Ceremonies and as always, it was a very touching ceremony and she particularly wanted to thank Cliff Hepburn of the Oceanport VFW and Patti Varca, Borough Clerk for their help in making it so successful.

Councilwoman Filippone commented that she spoke with Rabbi Daina's family last week and unfortunately the Rabbi is not doing well and this was one of the only Veteran's Day ceremonies she can remember that he was not present.

Councilwoman Filippone wanted to remind the residents of the Borough that dogs must be kept on leashes or confined to personal property at all times and they are not allowed to wander around and she asked Councilman Clark to write an article about this matter since there are some problems in certain areas of the Borough with dogs running loose.

Councilwoman Filippone wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reminded all the residents of Oceanport that Sunday December 11, 1994 at 5:00 P.M. we will conduct the holiday tree lighting ceremony and Mr. Bob D'Agostino of the Recreation Committee is in charge of this program and Kevin Pryor and his Shore Regional Choir will be there as well as a visit from Santa.

Councilman Miller offered his condolences to Mr. & Mrs. Maps over the loss of their son-in-law, Patrolman McCarthy of the Ocean Township Police Department and it was quite a shock since he was only 33 years and left two young children and it has been a shock to everyone.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor reported under Oceanport Drug Alliance, that yesterday he and Councilman Clark attended the Senior Citizens meeting at the Old Wharf House and on behalf of the Oceanport Drug Alliance, sponsored a program which was performed by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and they put on a skit for the seniors in reference to prescription drugs and drinking and it was a very enlightening and informative program. He thanked the Council as well as the RSVP Skit performers and our local Pharmacist, Doug LaRocca, who came over and answered questions following the program.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe moved to release a \$1,000 bond to Mr. Greenwood, Block 128, Lot 2.01 located on Maple Court per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe reported that he has been in touch with Rob Villae of the Northeast Monmouth County Regional Sewerage Authority and he received an up date on the Allenhurst Avenue project and he indicated that the sewer line would be replaced on Friday and he felt that it would be completed by the end of the work day so it appears that this phase of the 1994 Road Improvement program will be completed by the end of this month as we had previously announced.

Councilman Wolfe advised that he attended a County Recycling meeting in Manalapan last month for Councilmen Taylor and Clark, who were unavailable, and Ann Scott who is the County Recycling Coordinator informed everyone that the County Landfill is not planning to raise the tipping fees in 1995, but she could not be that positive for 1996, since that is when the County will be expanding the landfill for the addition of Cell #3 and there will most likely be an increase at that time.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: NO REPORT.

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they may wish to make.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Peter Deller, 8 Maple Court thanked the Mayor for his letter and stated that he did not misunderstand the Mayor's comment about the Engineer's maps and that was the very reason he came into Borough Hall and searched out the final plans for the subdivision, which showed the street lighting proposed and informed the Clerk, so that she could relay the information on to the Mayor.

Mr. Deller also pointed out while reviewing the map, there is a fire hydrant shown on the plan, but there is no hydrant installed and he and the other residents would like to see this installed.

Mr. Deller showed the plan he had to the Mayor and commented that he was pleased to find a copy of this map because there have been some major hard feelings and discussions about soil erosion and soil control and if this map was accepted by the Planning Board some time ago, the developer should have been made to put up bales of hay along the perimeter of the curb line and installed dropped curbs and temporary stone driveways. Mr. Deller stated he is bringing up this matter because on numerous occasions he was threatened with \$2,000 fines because he had to put stone down on his driveway.

Mr. Deller stated that now that he has reviewed the plan, it seems people who have purchased lots in this area are in the dark as to what is required by the developer. He wanted to

make the point that this was never done and never established and if that map had been followed there would not have been any soil erosion problem whatsoever for anyone involved in this area. He stated there are several vacant lots where no one is around and the developer never shows up to take care of these areas.

Mr. Dellera commented that all he has heard is people saying to follow the plan and here is a plan approved by the Borough and that plan was not followed and the home owner takes the brunt and that bothers him. He suggested that since this area is only half way developed, perhaps a little bit more research should be done to put all these problems to rest and stop all the fighting and come together and find some answers and solutions.

Mayor Cavanagh stated he understands what Mr. Dellera is saying, but he is not sure if Mr. Dellera is correct and added that often, Mr. Dellera selects a time to discuss these types of issues when the Engineer is not here, which makes it most difficult to ask him what happened in certain situations.

Mr. Dellera suggested that Mr. Rospos be asked to come out on a regular meeting night, to which Mayor Cavanagh stated that twice a month Mr. Rospos attends our work shop meetings and Mr. Rospos waited for Mr. Dellera to arrive the last time and he will be here at the next work shop meeting, to which Mr. Dellera stated he was not interested in attending a work shop meeting, but preferred to speak openly at a public meeting. Mayor Cavanagh pointed out that the work shop meetings are also public meetings and there is not a lot the Mayor can say at this point when the Engineer is not present.

Mr. Dellera asked that these matter be brought to the Borough Engineer's attention and the Mayor asked exactly what Mr. Dellera like him to ask Mr. Rospos. Mr. Dellera stated that the Engineer should be informed that the salt hay bales were not installed; temporary driveways should have been installed with dropped curbs and if gravel had been put down some 15-20 feet, it would have made it easier for everyone to get in and out of their properties.

Mayor Cavanagh asked what else remains undone at this point, to which Mr. Dellera stated that Mr. Lagrotteria has to become more involved to help out and take care of some of these problems with the vacant lots with overgrown vegetation and there is runoff from these lots and dirt comes out of these empty lots on the westerly side of the street, which is where the empty lots belonging to Mr. Lagrotteria are located, and it is loaded with dirt, weeds are overgrowing the curbs, and it has been like this for the past three years.

Mayor Cavanagh directed the Clerk to advise Mr. Rospos of what was discussed this evening regarding Mr. Dellera's comments and ask him to review the map he is referencing and he will try and get him an answer for him, just as he did about the question of the street lighting.

Mr. Dellera asked Mayor Cavanagh who was the person who did not want the street light in front of their house, to which Mayor Cavanagh stated it was Mr. Mazza because he did not want the light shining in his windows. Mayor Cavanagh stated there is already one light there and the other light will be installed down at the other end of the street.

Mr. Baxter, Pocano Avenue thanked Mr. Dellera for making him feel 20 years younger, since these are the same types of situations that took place when he was Mayor and Mr. Dellera was a member of the Council.

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

Councilman Clark moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated November 17, 1994. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1994 VOUCHERS \$556,334.16. TOTAL 1994 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$71,836.99. TOTAL 1994 OPERATING FUND \$628,171.15. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$300,000.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$3,044.65. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$1,277.50. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$1,263.48. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-REFUND HOMESTEAD REBATE \$500.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$163,074.71. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER).

At 8:44 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on December 1, 1994 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Clark and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK