

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
November 5, 1998

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on November 5, 1998 at 8:00 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone Miller, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Gemma.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilman McGann.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Deputy Borough Clerk, Kimberly A. Jungfer.
- INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Borough Chaplain Berry.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Gemma led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on October 15, 1998 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 Deputy Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Raffle application made by the Oceanport PTO to be held 12/5/98 for a 50/50 cash raffle-on premise. After the Deputy Clerk advised that all paperwork was found to be in order, it was approved by Councilman Wolfe. Councilman Miller seconded the motion and was unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN APRUZZI: Councilman Apruzzi moved to withdraw an ordinance with regard to the banning of sump pump hookups to the sewer system. It was seconded by Wolfe and approved by Council.

Councilman Apruzzi then called for the introduction of a revised ordinance regarding the banning of sump pump hookups to the sewer system and asked the Clerk to read the revised ordinance by title only, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE REGULATING CONNECTIONS TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND FIXING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.**

Councilman Apruzzi moved to approve this revised ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Councilman McGann.
ABSTAIN: None.

Councilman Apruzzi moved the conduct the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on November 19, 1998 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Councilman McGann.
ABSTAIN: None.

Councilman Apruzzi offered his condolences to Walter Dangler's family and he knew Walter for many years through the Fire Department and remembers attending many of the "Old Timer's Dinners" with him in attendance and he will be missed in this Community. He commented that his wife is a very strong woman and he is sure she will do well with the support of her family.

Councilman Apruzzi thanked the voters of Oceanport for their support during the election this week.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone also expressed her sympathy to the Dangler family and she has known them for many years and Walter was a very vital member of this Community and he will be sorely missed.

Councilwoman Filippone wished Councilwoman Silkworth, Barbara Reagor and Bob Cartwright in their future endeavors and congratulated them on the fine campaign they ran and she also congratulated Mayor Gemma and Councilman Apruzzi on their re-elections and to Maria Gatta and Joe Lyons on their election to the Council and knew they would do a fine job for the Borough.

Councilwoman Filippone also congratulated Councilmen Miller and Apruzzi for the fantastic Halloween Party and it was great and the children really enjoyed this event and it was a nice change for the town.

Councilwoman Filippone announced that there will be a Blood Drive run by Donnie Ross, who is the Coordinator, on November 23, 1998 at the Oceanport First Aid Building beginning at 6:00 P.M. and she urged everyone who was able to give blood, to please do so.

Councilwoman Filippone invited everyone to attend the Borough's annual Veteran's Day Ceremonies scheduled for Wednesday, November 11, 1998 at 11:00 A.M. at the Borough Hall.

Councilwoman Filippone gave the First Aid Squad Captain's Report for the month of August and advised that they had a total of 44 calls; 273 man/woman hours; 13 mutual aid calls; 3 calls to Monmouth Park; 3 calls to West Long Branch and 14 others. She continued that in September they

had 23 calls; total man/woman hours were 152; 1 call to Monmouth Park; 2 calls to West Long Branch and 1 call to Eatontown; on standby for the storm and attended the Summer's End Festival. She commended the fine job these volunteers do on a daily basis and reminded everyone that these volunteers are there for us in times of emergencies always.

Councilwoman Filippone announced that the annual flu and pneumonia clinic and although she was unable to be there the day of the clinic, Connie Savarese took over and we have such excellent volunteers that all went smoothly and there were 137 people who participated—122 took only flu vaccines and 15 received the pneumonia vaccine.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that on October 23 she attended the 86th Annual Awards Luncheon sponsored by the Monmouth County Water Resources Association at the Molly Pitcher and she was delighted to be present since there were only two people inducted into the Cabinet of Honor and one was our own Councilman Ed Miller and the other was Lionel Schusterman from Little Silver and also a member of the Northeast Monmouth County Regional Sewerage Authority.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller stated that he and Councilman Apruzzi cannot really take the credit for what was done on Halloween, because it was the members of the Recreation Committee who put everything together and the President, Linda Gately and Vice President, Toni Sverapa came up with this idea instead of going out to the parks and have a creative event held at the firehouse and they had the support of the Oceanport Lions Club and both fire companies for this new idea, which was very successful.

Councilman Miller reported under the Water Watch Committee, the October 10 sampling showed that the water quality is not bad, but it does not reflect the fact that the fecal coliform numbers are elevated quite a bit, but that is due to a relatively dry summer and animals littering the storm drains and we had a heavy rain 24 hours prior to the testing, which emptied the storm drains into the river. He also advised that the nutrient numbers are still very high and the citizens of Oceanport have to work on lowering the amount of fertilizer used on their properties.

Councilman Miller also expressed his sympathy to the Dangler family and commented that he has known them when he began teaching at Shore Regional High School.

Councilman Miller offered his congratulations to Councilwoman Silkworth and her running mates for a nice clean type campaign as well as Mayor Gemma and his running mates and he felt it was nice to see that with all the garbage that was thrown around in other campaigns on all levels, that our Borough elections were run on only the issues.

#R-98-65

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Deputy Clerk to read resolution #R-98-65 regarding a transfer of funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe expressed his sympathy to the Dangler family and knew Walter since he was first elected to the Council and commented that he was always someone you could count on and he will be missed by everyone.

Councilman Wolfe congratulated the participants in this past election and it was reflected in well run campaigns by everyone involved.

Councilman Wolfe reported that the Oceanport Soccer Association is winding up its 1998 season and this Saturday is the final day of the season with one of the largest number in its 18 year history with 335 players, playing on 26 teams and he thanked all the coaches and officials for their efforts as well as the Borough for allowing the fields to be used at Blackberry and to the Public Works Employees for their assistance in maintaining their fields. He also wanted to personally thank Greg Schultz who has been lining the fields on a volunteer basis for the past two years.

Councilman Wolfe advised that Public Works is in the process of installing the snow fencing around town and getting ready for the winter season as well as in the middle of leaf collection and he reminded all residents to please rake their leaves out to the curb, free of branches and other debris.

COUNCILMAN MCGANN: ABSENT

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth echoed the sentiments of sympathy to the Dangler family that have been expressed earlier this evening.

Councilwoman Silkworth offered her congratulations to Mayor Gemma, Councilman Apruzzi, Maria Gatta and Joe Lyons on their elections. She commented that she felt that Oceanport is rather unique in that after the election is over, it becomes business as usual and people are focusing on what is really important and that is running the town. She also stated that she had the benefit of having the pleasure of running, although not prevailing, still maintaining her Council Seat for the next two years, so she looks forward to working with everyone in the future. Councilwoman Silkworth also thanked her running mates who entered the fray with a great deal of enthusiasm, vigor and had a very interesting learning experience.

Councilwoman Silkworth moved to award a bid for the removal of an underground tank at the Port-au-Peck Firehouse to the low bidder, Seashore Associates, Inc., Neptune, NJ in the amount of \$3,250. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

MAYOR GEMMA: Mayor Gemma stated on behalf of the Borough, he also wished to offer condolences to the Dangler family.

Mayor Gemma also offered his congratulations to all the candidates for running a very positive election and in particular, he wanted to thank Councilwoman Silkworth and appreciated the civility and graciousness she displayed and that he hoped when he has to face disappointment in the future, he does so with the same level that she did.

Mayor Gemma commented lastly that he hoped that Oceanport will become a role model to other communities and other levels of Government of civility and a reminder that all who run are more than just candidates, but are neighbors and friends and should remain that way.

Mayor Gemma reported that on December 16 at 7:30 P.M. in the meeting room at Borough Hall, the Monmouth County Parks Commission will be here to conduct a public hearing on the future of the Wolfhill Farm park and what the citizens would like to see happen and he hoped that everyone would attend to voice their concerns about not only the manner in which the park will be used, but also any positive or negative impacts to the Borough.

Mayor Gemma directed the Superintendent of Public Works, Tom Crochet, who was in the audience, that the black swan cut outs that he placed at Old Wharf Park worked for a while in

keeping the geese away, but they are now back and the swans need to be moved around in order to confuse the geese, since this system did work.

Mayor Gemma then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions anyone may have.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Robert Koslow, 50 Monmouth Boulevard stated that his main reason for coming to the meeting this evening was to thank the Borough for the wonderful First Aid Squad that we have and explained that his wife had fallen in their home and the volunteers were wonderful in their treatment of her and the quick response after midnight, as well as Sgt. Cioffi who responded first to the call.

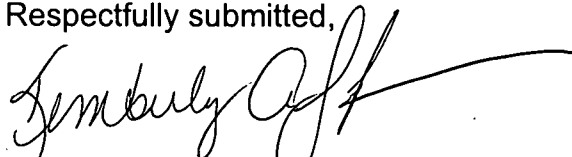
Mr. Koslow also offered his congratulations to Mayor Gemma and commented on how much he enjoyed being at the meeting this evening and the civility between the Council members and commented that he likes living in this Borough very much as compared to other communities he has lived and it is a great place to live.

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

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated November 5, 1998. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Apruzzi abstaining from any vouchers due Lucent Technology. TOTAL 1998 VOUCHERS \$62,363.66. TOTAL 1998 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$64,586.32. TOTAL 1998 OPERATING FUND \$126,949.98. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$86.40. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$140,945.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$266.50. TOTAL AD HOC TRUST ACCOUNT \$221.13. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$25.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-GARDEN STATE ELECTRICAL INSPECTION \$2,273.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:30 P.M. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on November 19, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



KIMBERLY A. JUNGFER
DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK