

Oceanport, New Jersey
November 5, 1992

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on November 5, 1992 at 8:04 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilman Clark, Terra, Filippone Miller, Wolfe and Mayor Cavanagh.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Taylor.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca.

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Cavanagh led the members of the audience and the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting had been made available by the Governing Body, Councilman Wolfe moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilmen Clark and Terra who abstained from voting, since they were not present at that meeting.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of OCTOBER, 1992 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Raffle license application made by the Shore Regional High School Marching Band, to be held on December 12, 1992, prize to be entertainment basket.

As the Clerk advised that all the paperwork was found to be in order and the fee had been paid, Councilman Miller moved to approve the raffle application. It was seconded by Councilman Clark and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh stated before we go in to Committee Reports of the Council, he just wanted to comment that since health has become somewhat of a problem at the Council meetings, and we are obviously very happy to have Councilman Clark back with us and looking like he is coming along very well and he also wanted to have in the minutes that insofar as the Rabbi is concerned, for health reasons he has been unable to attend the last two meetings.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the Rabbi wanted to attend tonight's meeting, but she and Patti Varca thought it was not advisable for him to do so due to the weather and talked him out of coming to tonight's meeting.

Mayor Cavanagh continued that also in an official capacity, although she does not attend meetings, but as a member of our Local Assistance Board, Pinky Regan is in Monmouth Medical Center recovering from an internal bout and we are hoping that she will be home as soon as possible.

Mayor Cavanagh stated thirdly, our unofficial meeting attendant, Charlie Caparn suffered a stroke and will be unable to be with us and he wanted to officially note in the minutes that the Borough Governing Body extends to all three of those people, our best wishes for a speedy recovery and that we miss them all in different capacities and look forward to seeing them back with us in the near future.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that what we will do is to send each of them a copy of the minutes when they are prepared by the Clerk, indicating to each of them our official recognition and our best wishes to them all.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN CLARK: Councilman Clark extended his best wishes to Rabbi Daina, Charlie Caparn and Pinky Regan and wished them all well.

Councilman Clark extended his congratulations to President Elect Bill Clinton on his victory and also to both Councilpersons Filippone and Miller on their re-election and felt last Tuesday evening was a great night.

Councilman Clark reported there was an article in the Asbury Park Press recently and he wanted to extend his congratulations along with those mentioned in the article to Diane Schwartz on her selection as the 1992 Business Leader of the Year by the Perth Amboy Chamber of Commerce and stated that Diane is a resident of Oceanport and it is nice to see people in our community doing well and being recognized for their contributions.

Councilman Clark advised there was a Clean Communities Clean Up on November 1 and unfortunately he was unable to attend, but it will be an annual affair where all the Clean Communities Coordinators select a location within Monmouth County for a clean up and the Coordinators themselves go out and clean up that area.

Councilman Clark reported the mixed paper/junk mail recycling program has begun here officially in Oceanport and he continued that we have been looking at places to obtain containers to store these materials until they can be taken to one of three locations. He stated he has received price ranges from \$2,800 for a water proof container down to less than that and Councilman Wolfe was able to make contact with ARC who will provide us with a container and for a nominal fee will cart it off when full and get paid for the weight and we will get the credit for recycling this material in Oceanport. He encouraged everyone to save all their junk mail and mixed paper materials since we should have the container by the middle of next week and will be placed out adjacent to the newspaper trailers at the Port-au-Peck Chemical Fire House and signs are being prepared to show where the drop off container is and he also asked that no plastic bags, cardboard boxes or brown paper bags be placed in the container. He stated there will be a flyer in the next Bulletin explaining exactly what can and cannot go into the mixed paper/junk mail container.

Councilman Clark commented that on October 10 we had a clean up day under the Clean Communities Program in Oceanport and had both the Boy Scouts and the Cub Scouts participating in that and estimated that there were between 30 and 40 young people present with some adult leaders and Councilman Terra was there as well and he thanked everyone who helped out on that day and he noted the fact that one of the Scout Leaders was not a resident of Oceanport, but is from Monmouth Beach, and was right there with the rest of the volunteers helping out.

Councilman Clark thanked everyone for the get well wishes, the cards, the telephone calls, flowers, fruit baskets, etc. and stated they have been received very graciously and appreciated everyone's concerns and good wishes.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra commented that it was great to have Councilman Clark back with us this evening looking so well after his recent operation.

Councilman Terra commended Patrolman Ross on the completion of a course he recently took at the Monmouth County Police Academy for Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator.

Councilman Terra also commended the voters of Oceanport and heard today that nationwide there was approximately a 55% voter turn out of those eligible and we had over 80% in Oceanport and felt there was certainly no apathy in this community.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone thanked the residents of Oceanport for having confidence in her in returning her to office for another three years and will try to do her best.

Councilwoman Filippone also offered her congratulations to Councilman Miller on his re-election and looked forward to working with him for another three years.

Councilwoman Filippone welcomed back Councilman Clark and stated it was good to see him looking so well and she was amazed to see him back so soon after his surgery.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded the Borough residents of a few activities that will be taking place in the near future and reported that tomorrow night the Oceanport United Methodist Church will be holding a spaghetti dinner and that will be held from 5 PM to 8 PM and anyone who would like to go over, would be welcome.

Councilwoman Filippone also reminded everyone that the Christmas holiday season is quickly approaching and once again the First Aid Squad will be selling trees and if you are going to purchase a live tree, please try to buy it from the Squad. She also advised that the First Aid Squad will be conducting their annual Bazaar on Saturday, December 12 and hoped everyone would stop by the building.

Councilwoman Filippone also reported that the First Aid Squad answered 20 calls in September for a total of over 900 man and woman hours and they do a truly phenomenal job for this community.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded all Borough residents that we have had one confirmed case of rabies in a raccoon and another suspected raccoon, although it has not been caught, it attacked a dog and the Health Officials feel the raccoon is rabid because they would not normally attack a dog. She also commented that skunks are the second largest carrier of rabies in animals followed by ground hogs and now they are suspecting the squirrels may be carriers as well. She again urged parents to instruct their children to stay away from animals that are not familiar to them.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller commented it was very nice to see Councilman Clark back with us tonight and he also wished speedy recoveries to Rabbi Daina, Charlie Caparn and Pinky Regan.

Councilman Miller thanked the voters of Oceanport for showing their confidence in both Councilwoman Filippone and himself to return and to have the number of votes that they both received, running unopposed, was really edifying.

Councilman Miller reported on Tuesday, October 27, 1992 he and Councilman Taylor attended an environmental round table which was sponsored by the Monmouth County Planning Board and basically it was an information night and the beginning of the night had to do with a discussion given by a representative of the DEPE by the name of Judy Shaw and the fact that Monmouth County is going to be a pilot project County for the use of a computer program called ARC View Information System and will be placed in the Eastern Branch Library in Shrewsbury and basically this is to allow anyone to retrieve environmental information. He continued that we already have in the County a GIS system, which is being operated by the Monmouth County Board of Health and stands for Geographic Information System and again, what they have done is collected information relative to the geographical aspects of our County and feed them into a computer, so if someone wanted to know about wetlands or soil composition, it can be obtained from this system. He turned over to Councilman Clark a copy of an Environmental Council Assessment questionnaire that they would like the Environmental Commission to fill out and return to them.

Councilman Miller stated the second part of the round table was another representative of the DEPE by the name of Joseph Kose and he talked about the problems of non point source pollution, urban and suburban, and he informed the group that another community to the north of us on the Navesink, was going to receive a grant in the amount of \$100,000 to fund a project to determine the difference between one suburban storm drain's effluent and one urban storm drain's effluent. He stated this announcement raised some spirited conversation for the remainder of the evening as to why the Shrewsbury River was not included and why Governmental Agencies within a Governmental Agency do not talk to each other, since there are groups, namely our Water Watch group, that is in place and has been doing studies for the last three years and have probably spent a total of \$500 in all this time. He felt that they got the message that maybe the Bureaucrats in Trenton should talk to each other and see what is out there, since in this area besides Oceanport, there is a group up in Holmdel who have patterned themselves after our group and they produced a stream walk and stream analysis of their pollution problems and there is another group down in Belmar that we just found out about who are doing similar things to what we are doing and groups like this could use money to further the particular aspects of each community's environmental studies in Monmouth County.

Councilman Miller reported on Saturday, October 24 he attended a program put on by the Monmouth County Human Relations Committee and this is an outfit that was empowered by the Monmouth County Chosen Board of Freeholders on April 12, 1990 and it is comprised of a cross section of Monmouth County leadership and what they are into is being a conduit to investigate bias crimes and to combat and curb bias related crimes and end bias incidents. He continued that they had a preliminary speech by the NJ Attorney General DelTufo and then we broke into groups and our group consisted of about 7/8 members of the cross section of the community including school people, police, ministers, politicians, etc. and the main objective was to interest one or more of the representatives to consider taking a leadership role in organizing the formulation of a human relations type forum at the municipal level to act as a Liaison on a local level to the County level regarding possibly investigating bias crimes in the community, if they should arise. He continued that this topic was

discussed at our work shop meeting on Monday night and the Council agreed to have Mayor Cavanagh bring this matter to the Two River Council of Mayors meeting and see if he can get some cooperation from the sending districts, perhaps of Shore Regional High School, to set up a regional type program to deal with any bias type incidents and he also advised that our Borough has only had two bias crimes reported to the County in the last three years, so our problems are minimal, but we want to be prepared in case this should arise in the future.

Councilman Miller then asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-65 R-92-65 waiving building permit fees regarding the installation of a heating and air conditioning system in the Borough Offices in the Municipal Building, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-66 R-92-66 authorizing a refund to a property owner following a successful tax appeal, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-67 R-92-67 granting a veteran's deduction, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe offered his congratulations to both Councilpersons Miller and Filippone on their re-election to Council for another three years and he feels very honored to be sitting up here working with such dedicated individuals.

Councilman Wolfe welcomed Councilman Clark back and was glad to have him with us and stated everyone missed him and hoped his recovery would be a speedy one.

Councilman Wolfe announced that the Oceanport Soccer season has come to an end and it was a very successful one with over 270 children participating and he offered his congratulations to the 7th and 8th Grade Girl's Traveling Team, coached by John Duke and Ron Reisner, who went undefeated this year in their Division.

Councilman Wolfe moved to temporarily appoint Councilman Miller to the Finance Committee to sign the vouchers, since we did not know Councilman Clark would be with us and Councilman Miller had reviewed many of the vouchers at the work shop meeting on Monday. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and approved by Council.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh invited the public to attend the Veteran's Day ceremonies scheduled to be held on Wednesday, November 11, 1992 at 11:00 a.m. at the Borough Hall and Councilwoman Filippone will be again running our annual program.

Mayor Cavanagh publicly thanked Councilman Clark for getting him his new chair and he is very grateful.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that Councilwoman Filippone reported earlier about the raccoons and the rabies problem, he commented that she had been on the cutting edge of this problem several years ago and no one else was taking this matter seriously and we recently circulated a letter throughout the Borough asking people to please keep an eye on this situation,

particularly if you have children and report any animals that may be acting strangely to the Police Department immediately.

Mayor Cavanagh extended his congratulations to both Councilpersons Filippone and Miller and stated that since he had recruited Councilman Miller, it should be gratifying to him when you are re-elected because the second term you get re-elected to, is because of what you did and it should be the most gratifying because it shows that the people feel you belong where you are. He commented that Councilwoman Filippone has been on the dais for as long as he has been Mayor and he would be much less comfortable if she were not part of the Governing Body and was pleased that she chose to give the voters and residents another three years of effort and he stated he is not sure who will leave first and maybe people are wondering that, but he stated let them wonder for a while.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that the Shore Regional Athletic Teams this fall, the Field Hockey Team has won the Shore Conference, the Soccer Team are Conference Champions and he thinks that the Football Team has one more win to go and they will be Champions and he does not know how many times Shore has won all three conferences within the same fall semester, but it is not a common occurrence and he extended the Governing Body's congratulations to all the successful team members.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that since we are quick to criticize Trenton when they deserve it, he felt we should, in fairness, point out that at times they deserve some commendation for things that go on down there and he read in the newspaper last week that the Governor has asked the Division of Local Government Services to take a further look at the CAP that was announced several weeks ago and most of the local Mayors wondered how you were supposed to bring in a budget at the recommended figure of 1.5% increase, when most of the Police Officers in the area have contracts that will require any where from 6%-8%, so our question was how do you work that into a 1.5% increase, although you can adopt an ordinance to move it upward, but most municipal people felt that the 1.5% was extremely unrealistic and he wanted to commend the Governor for having the foresight to have another look at this since this number does not seem to be a manageable number.

Councilman Clark wanted to comment that since there are several members of the Fire Department in the audience tonight he wanted to advise that he had been questioned last year regarding the lack of heat in the members room at the Port-au-Peck Fire House and last year he did not follow up on the matter and this year he has had them over to see what the problem is and should be advised shortly by the company as to what the problem is and what the estimate will be to repair same.

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

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

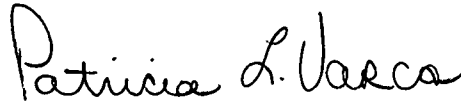
Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills listed on the Voucher Register dated November 5, 1992. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilmen Clark and Terra who abstained from voting on the bills due Ed Brister. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS \$215,076.17. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$51,229.29. TOTAL 1992 OPERATING FUND \$266,305.46. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$205.80. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$210.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$1,555.50.

TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$150,000.00. TOTAL FIREWORKS TRUST ACCOUNT \$198.49. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-COUNTY TAX \$502,121.34. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-LIBRARY TAX \$20,373.15. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OPEN SPACE TAX \$11,383.10. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-HEALTH TAX \$8,715.78. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MIDDLE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AGENCY \$301.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$54.40.

Mayor Cavanagh stated before we close the meeting he wanted to announce that we have been advised by the Department of Transportation Trust Fund that for the second year in a row we have been given a Transportation Trust Fund Grant in the amount this year of \$75,000 for the reconstruction of East Main Street, which will involve the paving, sidewalks and curbs from down from Port-au-Peck Avenue around perhaps as far as the Shell Station, depending on what areas need repairs and what areas need safety devices, etc. He stated this money is important because it enables us to continue doing major street work without tapping into the operational budget and we appreciate the money from the DOT.

At 8:38 P.M. Councilman Miller moved to adjourn this meeting until the next Regular Meeting scheduled to be held on November 19, 1992 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK