

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
November 4, 1993

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on November 4, 1993 at 8:00 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Terra, Filippone, Wolfe and Mayor Cavanagh.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilmen Clark, Miller and Taylor.
- INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Rabbi Daina.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cavanagh led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 21, 1993 had been made available for review by the Governing Body, Councilman Wolfe moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Clerk. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of OCTOBER, 1993 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN CLARK: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra called for the introduction of an ordinance regarding capital surplus and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF \$2,500. FROM THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT CAPITAL SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AMBULANCE.**

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

The Clerk called the roll:

- AYES:** Councilpersons Terra, Filippone and Wolfe.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Councilmen Clark, Miller and Taylor.
ABSTAIN: None.

Councilman Terra then moved to hold the public hearing on this proposed ordinance at the meeting scheduled to be held on November 18, 1993 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Terra, Filippone and Wolfe.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmen Clark, Miller and Taylor.

ABSTAIN: None.

Mayor Cavanagh explained to the public that this ordinance was to make up a slight shortage in the amount that the bids came in for the new ambulance and did not want anyone to think we were able to purchase an ambulance for \$2,500.

Councilman Terra offered his congratulations to Councilman Wolfe on his re-election and commented that no one deserved to be re-elected more than Gary.

Councilman Terra also offered his congratulations to Tom McGee on his election to Council.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone thanked Eleanor Widdis, President of the Local Assistance Board and Connie Savarese, President of the Board of Health for their help with the flu shots. She commented that they registered 240 people for the shots and without their help, it would not have been possible for the program to be held.

Mayor Cavanagh asked how long it took for the registration and shots to be given to 240 people, to which Councilwoman Filippone advised they were able to take care of everyone in one hour and 20 minutes and they were very, very busy the entire time.

Councilwoman Filippone commended the Oceanport Gardens senior citizens, who heard about the problems with the donations coming in to the First Aid Squad and held a flea market recently and were able to donate \$400 to the Squad and hoped that this money could go toward the purchase of the defibrillators that the Squad needs.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that quite a few of the members of the Borough Council attended the Oceanport United Methodist Church 125th Anniversary celebration and commented that this is a wonderful group in our community and they have done a lot to help out and they are a true asset of the Borough.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that he also enjoyed himself at the Church's celebration and wanted to prepare a proclamation for them on the 125th Anniversary and asked Councilwoman Filippone to contact the Pastor and representatives of the Methodist Church and invite them to a Council meeting so that he can present them with the proclamation.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded the Borough residents that Veteran's Day ceremonies will be held at the Borough Hall on November 11, 1993 at 11:00 A.M. and she urged everyone to come out and honor our war dead.

Councilwoman Filippone congratulated Councilman Wolfe on his victory in the recent election and stated he was a super person and even a better Councilman and she is pleased that he was re-elected.

Councilwoman Filippone also extended her congratulations to Tom McGee on his election to the Borough Council.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: ABSENT.

R-93-51 COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-93-51** regarding transfers of funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe moved to authorize the Borough Engineer to advertise and receive bids for the improvements to the underground fuel tanks. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe commented that this is for a monitoring system for the underground fuel tanks, which is mandated by the State for any fuel tanks over 1000 gallons and we currently have two tanks which will require the monitoring systems.

Councilman Wolfe reported that we have recently received the final check from FEMA for the federal share of the monies from the December 11, 1992 storm and he is now in the process of completing the paperwork, which is quite lengthy, in order to begin the payments from the State's 25% share and hopefully we will be receiving these funds in the near future.

Councilman Wolfe extended his thanks to the voters of Oceanport for re-electing him to office and he has enjoyed the last six years and he is looking forward to the challenges for the next three years as well as working with the Mayor and Council and Borough Employees. He also expressed his thanks to Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company for the use of their building after the election and asked Chief Briskey to advise the members.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh offered the name of Charles Schanck to fill the vacancy on the Recreation Committee, which term expires December 31, 1994.

Councilwoman Filippone moved to approve this appointment. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh joined in offering his congratulations to Councilman Wolfe on his re-election and feels he is most deserving to sit on the Dais and he also offered his congratulations to Tom McGee and looks forward to working with him in January.

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

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Annie DiDomenico, 1 Leeward Ct., together with Mrs. Corada and Mrs. Cosentino, stated they were here this evening representing the children of Oceanport who attend Wolfhill School and use the playground there. She commented that the parks in the Borough have all been refurbished and look very good, with the exception of this playground, which is used by the children of Oceanport. She commented that they were looking for support from the Council with regard to the purchase of some new playground equipment.

The Borough Attorney commented that this would appear to be a matter for the Board of Education to consider and not the Council. Mayor Cavanagh also stated that they would have to receive permission from the Board to take on this type of project.

Mrs. DiDomenico commented that they have gone to the Board and received permission for the project and have even been informed recently that the Board may be able to give them some funding, but she is looking for support from the Borough Council and the Recreation Committee as well as undertaking some fund-raisers in order to raise the money needed for the equipment. She stated it is presently on sale from the company until the middle of December and then there will be a large increase.

Mayor Cavanagh explained that the Council sets up their budget in the early part of the year and we will not know until almost the end of December whether there would be extra funding available. He suggested that they speak with the Recreation Committee and the School Board and find out what type of funding they are willing to make available and he will ask Councilman Taylor to speak with the Board to see what can be done.

Councilman Terra also suggested that they attempt to get donations from the businesses in town and the Mayor advised they can get a listing at Borough Hall of the businesses in town.

Mrs. Cosentino, 4 Irma Place commented that the 3rd and 4th grade children in her neighborhood, in order to get the school bus, have to walk down Route 71, turn right at the light at Eatontown Blvd. to get over to where the bus will pick them up and since there are no sidewalks on Route 71, the children often times have to walk in the street, which is a very busy highway. She stated that between 5 and 6 Irma Place, which backs up to the fence at Evergreen Park, there is an easement and she wondered if a gate could be installed in the Park fence, which would lead the children onto Burnt Mill Circle, where the school bus stops.

The Borough Attorney stated he would research who owns the easement, but pointed out to Mrs. Cosentino that the easement may belong to private property owners, which would mean it is privately owned property and the Borough would not be able to allow children to go through that area, but he would check it out and report his findings to the Council.

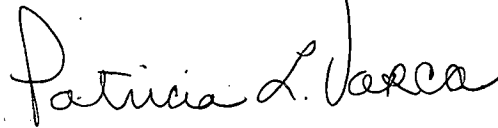
As no one else from the public wished to be heard, Mayor Cavanagh closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Wolfe moved to temporarily appoint Councilwoman Filippone to the Finance Committee for the purpose of signing vouchers, in the absence of Councilman Clark. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated November 4, 1993. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and approved by Council. TOTAL 1993 VOUCHERS \$413,113.32. TOTAL 1993 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$48,830.12. TOTAL 1993 OPERATING FUND \$461,943.44. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$599.12. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$81.60. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$3,556.10. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-COUNTY TAX \$513,455.40. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-LIBRARY TAX \$22,836.05. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-HEALTH TAX \$9,321.79. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OPEN SPACE TAX \$11,520.80. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MIDDLE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AGENCY \$1,452.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$144,075.46. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-REDEMPTION \$2,379.55. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-REDEMPTION SEWER LIEN \$988.25. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SEWER CHARGES \$1,212.87. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:37 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on November 18, 1993 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK