

REGULAR MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
November 2, 1995

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was held on November 2, 1995 at 8:00 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Pastor Tavener.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cavanagh led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on October 19, 1995 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body for their review, Councilman Wolfe moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS: No Report.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee advised he had recently attended a meeting regarding our insurance coverage through the Statewide Worker's Compensation, which meetings are mandatory if you are a participating member and this one was on ADA requirements and how they effect the Borough and our responsibilities involved with this program.

Councilman McGee offered his thanks to the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company for their invitation to the annual "Old Timers Night" which he enjoyed and appreciated being invited. Councilman McGee also offered his congratulations to Joe Sirianni, Bob Bray, Bart Boyle and DeDe Foggia for the awards bestowed upon them at the dinner.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone commended one of our long time Oceanport residents, Jim Ryerson, who was the trainer whose horse won the Breeder's Cup - Juveniles, last Saturday at Belmont and it is quite an honor and accomplishment and she wished him well in the future with his horse.

Councilwoman Filippone noted that next Saturday the Borough will be conducting the annual Veteran's Day ceremonies at 11:00 A.M. in Borough Hall and invited the public to attend and also requested the reporters in the audience to print this in their newspapers.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that they had 160 people receive their flu shots last Friday, which was a great turn out in view of the fact that there was not a lot of publicity about the program.

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Councilwoman Filippone offered her thanks to Connie Savarese who helped immeasurably; Bob Varca who put the sign up on the Community Events Board, which helped; Oceanport Hook & Ladder who also put it on their sign; Reverend Tavener for announcing the program at Church; Cynthia Cortale for the work she did; Eleanor Widdis; Judy Baxter; Dolly Iamello; Chris Widdis; Pinky Regan and the cooperation of the County Board of Health and the Atlanticville for publicizing this program. She commented that the County said they were the best organized group in the County since by the time they got there all they had to do was begin the shots.

Councilwoman Filippone also advised that she was recently contacted by a resident who is interested in starting up a New Comer's Club in the Borough and this will be pursued further.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller commented the Recreation Committee volunteers who were at the four parks on Halloween giving out bags of candy and advised that they gave out between 400-500 bags to the children. He offered his thanks to Addie Nelson, who chaired this committee, Chris Reisner, Roseann Pizzulli and Cheryl Moore who were all dressed in costumes and they were on a truck donated and driven by Sal Lagrotteria and his helper was another member of Recreation, Bart Boyle and he thanked everyone for their efforts.

Councilman Miller reported on the Water Watch results from samples taken on October 14, 1995 and stated that the quality of the river is improving and where in the past you could only see for approximately one and one-half feet, you can now see for two and one-half feet and the fecal coliform levels were very low at all sites except at Old Wharf Park, but that is due to the large amount of geese and ducks that are present in that area.

Councilman Miller advised that one of the youngsters in town who attends CBA has a course there that involves community service and he received a call from this young man requesting to participate in the Borough's Water Watch Program to get his community service requirement completed and hopefully, when he completes his service, he may want to remain on as a regular member.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor advised that the last Household Hazardous Waste Day for 1995 will be this Saturday, November 4, 1995 at Upper Freehold.

Councilman Taylor stated that he has received a report from Monmouth County in reference to admissions to Alcohol & Drug Treatment Centers within the County and reported that in Oceanport there were 23 residents for alcohol abuse; 4 for cocaine; 20 for heroin; 5 for marijuana and 1 other. He stated that the statistics in the report show that 26 people were over the age of 18, so it shows that the abuses are not all young people, but adults as well. Councilman Taylor stated we are fighting to keep drugs out of Oceanport through the Drug and Alcohol Alliance beginning with teaching our young children to stay away from these substances.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe reported that the Public Works Department has replaced 61 street signs and/or posts and they are now working in the area near Borough Hall and will be moving across to the westerly side of the Borough.

Councilman Wolfe also reported that the Department has been out picking up leaves every day and there are not many down yet, but the temperature is supposed to drop drastically on Sunday and become very windy, so they will be out picking up leaves next week, which should be a lot heavier than the past several weeks.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **#R-95-55** authorizing a refund due to an assessment error for Block 16, Lot 6.02, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **#R-95-56** granting a Veteran's Tax deduction for Block 19, Lot 6, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and unanimously approved by Council. R-95-56

Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution **#R-95-57** regarding an additional depository for Borough funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council. R-95-57

Councilman Wolfe also offered his thanks to the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company for their invitation and the good time that everyone had at Old Timer's Night.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth advised that the window project in the front of Borough Hall has been completed with the installation of the lower panels and she understands that now, when there is activity going on outside of the front offices and the windows are closed, it is quiet, so it appears to be effective and hopefully, will be draft free this winter for our employees.

Councilwoman Silkworth also echoed the sentiments expressed about Old Timer's Night and thanked the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Co. for their invitation.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh joined with Councilwoman Filippone in congratulating Jimmy Ryerson and commented that generally the horse that wins the Juvenile Race in the Breeder's Cup is one of the favorites for the Triple Crown, and it would be a wonderful distinction for an Oceanport resident and he wished him good luck.

Mayor Cavanagh stated he wanted to take a few minutes to do a little political lobbying and advised that next Tuesday, one of the public questions involves State Mandate, State Pay, which has finally made it on the Ballot after a number of years and although it may not be perfect, it should be adopted. He continued that the concept is very simple in that if the State mandates that any municipality perform certain functions or undertake certain services or direct us to do certain things, then the State must provide the required funding for these mandates and there are exceptions to this such as emergencies, etc., but he has felt for many years that this should happen and has tried to convince a lot of people that if you want to see meaningful municipal property tax relief, this is step number 1, because if we could deduct the costs for all mandated programs we must fund, you will find that we would be able to keep a much better eye on our tax dollars. Mayor Cavanagh stated this has nothing to do with partisan politics, he wanted to encourage anyone who is concerned about their pocketbooks to consider voting in favor of this restriction, which would put some teeth into some of the Government spending directives that we get from Trenton and he is hopeful that this will pass. He also commented that this was on the ballot as an advisory referendum on the County Ballot and it passed about 5 to 1, so this year he is hopeful that it will pass again.

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

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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Stu Briskey, 43 Manitto Place questioned the bill listed on the Voucher Register payable to A & R Communications in the amount of \$1,535.55 for pager repairs and felt that if we are spending this much for pager repairs, he suggested that the Borough go out for bids, since he felt this was quite costly.

Councilman Wolfe advised that there were other items involved with this billing and also commented that this company had not been submitting their bills in a timely manner and we had to contact them and have them get their account up to date, which is what they have done and this is for all of 1995 and this matter will be discussed in the near future with the Fire Department and the possibility of having a contract for this purpose.

Mayor Cavanagh asked Mr. Briskey if he felt that this amount was out of whack even on an annual basis for pager repairs, to which Mr. Briskey indicated he thought it was quite high since the average cost to repair a pager is approximately \$35.

Councilman Wolfe stated that unfortunately, it is up to the Fire Chief as to where he has the work done and although the Council gave him some directives, he chose to use this company and the Council does not want to mandate where the Fire Chief spends their money.

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

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated November 2, 1995. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and was unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1994 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$465.00. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS \$61,748.10. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$56,484.55. TOTAL 1995 OPERATING FUND \$118,232.65. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$148,755.00. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$10.80. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$140.00. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$283,000.00. TOTAL WATERWATCH TRUST ACCOUNT \$428.27. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$8,996.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-TAX OVERPAYMENT \$530,916.99. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-LIBRARY TAX \$24,863.66. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OPEN SPACE TAX \$11,505.30. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-HEALTH TAX \$10,080.58. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \$379,698.60. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$28.50. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-LIEN REDEMPTION \$209.87. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SEWER LIEN \$519.48. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

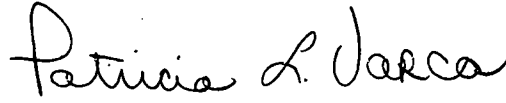
At 8:17 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting into Executive Session to discuss several personnel matters. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and was unanimously approved by Council.

At 8:44 P.M. Mayor Cavanagh reconvened the meeting and advised for the record that everyone was present on the Dais.

Councilman Wolfe moved to appoint Thomas Crochet as a permanent employee in the Public Works Department in the position of Helper III at an annual salary of \$19,000, effective Monday, November 6, 1995. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and was unanimously approved by Council.

At 8:45 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next Regular Meeting scheduled to be held on November 16, 1995 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and was unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK