

Oceanport, New Jersey
November 1, 1990

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oceanport was called to order on November 1, 1990 at 8:08 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons McGee, Terra, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe and Mayor Cavanagh.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Rodman.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.

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

Mayor Cavanagh stated we are going to digress a bit from the normal agenda and we are going to deal with our guests this evening, Cub Scouts of Bear Den 8 and he asked Councilman Terra to explain why the Cub Scouts are here with us this evening.

Councilman Terra welcomed the Cub Scouts and their families and Scout Leaders and commented that Mrs. Chernish called him several weeks ago and explained to him that she was starting a recycling education program with her den members and part of the program involved each scout accumulating 5 pounds of recyclable material, cans and glass, and each member has accomplished this and we have tonight a proclamation which will be presented to the Bear Den 8 Cub Scouts for demonstrating to the entire community their involvement with the recycling effort. He continued that on Saturday morning at 9:45, the entire Den will meet at Borough Hall and they will all have their recyclables with them and we will march over to the recycling drop off center, where they will dispose of them and he will give a talk on recycling and to answer any questions they may have concerning the recycling program. He commended both Mrs. Chernish and Mrs. Lipman for undertaking this program and helping to educate the young people of our community.

Mayor Cavanagh informed the Cub Scouts that the importance of what they did was that if our environment is going to survive and be healthy when the Cub Scouts become adults, we have to do something about it now and to get them involved in recycling is very important so that they understand that we have to deal with nature and not continue to abuse it and if they do not take care of it, by the time they are adults, there might not be a lot left. Mayor Cavanagh stated he felt that we have a model recycling program largely due to Councilman Terra and the good offices of his Public Works Department headed by Mike Giordano.

Mayor Cavanagh then read the proclamation which proclaims the month of November as "Recycling-We Will Do Our Best" and then he and Councilman Terra presented Cub Scout Bear Den 8 with the proclamation and offered the Council's congratulations.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on October 18, 1990 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 Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Terra who abstained from voting because he was absent from that meeting.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of OCTOBER, 1990 and it will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Raffle license application made by Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Co. to be held on December 15, 1990, prize will be a \$1,000 Christmas Club.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the raffle application since the Clerk advised that the paperwork had been submitted and required fees paid. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEE:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee thanked the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company for their kind hospitality at Old Timer's Night this past Monday with good food, good company and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Councilman McGee reported under Street Lighting, the light on Turf Drive that Councilman Miller had reported to him, has been repaired and the light is working.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra commented on the Police Report for October by stating that one of the items that is hard to believe is the mileage put on the police cars by our Patrolmen and this month it was 11,504 which shows that the police are out on the road involved with our community and felt it was very outstanding and commendable.

Councilman Terra also offered his congratulations to the following members of the Department for their participation and completion of courses: Chief Robert Joyce, Capt. Philip Budinski Sgt. Tom Hendley and Patrolman Jared Murphy on Civil Disturbance; Patrolmen Frank VanBrunt and Steven Tagerty for Bomb Threat Seminar and Mauro Baldanza for Method of Instruction.

Councilman Terra also offered his thanks as did Councilman McGee to the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company for putting on such a good show the other night and it was a lot of fun and he is always surprised at what good cooks our firemen are.

Councilman Terra reported that the Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Co. held an Open House on Saturday, October 13, 1990 and from what he has heard it was a very successful event and he offered his thanks to Fire Chief John Schneider and Fire Marshal Jim Slattery for putting on such a terrific program.

Councilman Terra advised that the Oceanport Firemen's Relief Association is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City on December 2, 1990 and Jim Slattery informed him that there are still five seats available.

Councilman Terra reported that as most residents are probably aware, the dredge is in the river and heading toward Parker's Creek and he has received a lot of questions ranging from how much was expected to be done by this time and before the river freezes, but he does not know and he only is aware that they are working as fast as they can and he is assuming they will be going all the way up the Channel and then catch all

the small creeks on the way back. He stated that anyone interested in finding out exactly what locations are intended to be done can come into the Borough Clerk's Office where a map is now available to review.

Councilman Terra stated that he has completed the recycling report for the third quarter and the figures are growing because All County Recycling which has been picking up the recycling at Fort Monmouth had not been submitting their recycling reports in to him since January of 1989 so he just received their reports which includes all of 1989 and three quarters of 1990 and in the future, since that portion of Fort Monmouth is technically in Oceanport, we will be receiving these recycling reports and credit on a monthly basis and since there is such a tremendous volume from Fort Monmouth he does not see how we will ever have any problem in achieving our 60% recycling rate. He continued that the total tonnage for this last quarter including the prior seven quarters which had not been reported bring our tonnage to 976 tons and an average quarter is normally 325 tons, so we have tripled our tonnage in one month.

Councilman Terra pointed out that other notable improvements in the numbers are 150 tons of newspapers, 412 tons of cardboard from businesses, 136.5 tons of co-mingled glass and cans and 4.8 tons of plastic containers, so the numbers show that we are doing quite well.

Councilman Terra reminded everyone that we are recycling car and boat batteries at the drop off area outside the Public Works Garage gate and shortly we will be placing a recycled mail box, which Mike Giordano and his crew painted red for us and it will be placed in the same area for disposal of household batteries. Councilman Terra stated that we have had a problem in this area since we recently observed that unfortunately, someone has come in and confiscated the car batteries during the night that we have been storing at the drop off site and he wanted everyone to understand that this is a violation of Borough and County Ordinances and hoped it would not be repeated.

Councilman Terra stated that near the newspaper trailer we have a large pile of composted material and thanks to Mike Giordano and his crew, they have transported this material over to the area and it is available free to all Oceanport residents and they must take it themselves.

Councilman Terra reported that one of our residents, Frank Remski, took it upon himself to clean up an area near Eatontown Blvd. and Wolfhill Avenue where there is some empty property and he wanted to publicly thank him for his efforts and he picked up 91 bottles and cans.

Mayor Cavanagh stated he will forward a letter to Mr. Remski thanking him for his clean up efforts in the Borough.

Councilman Terra also offered his thanks to Nicky Meringolo who's letter was read by the Mayor at our last meeting in which she commended him for his recycling program and efforts in that area. He commented that anything that is happening in our recycling program is due to everyone's efforts and thanks should go to everyone, especially Councilman Wolfe who is a great help to him in the recycling program.

Councilman Terra reminded everyone that within the next five years the landfill will not be accepting twigs and branches and yard waste so we want to encourage everyone to begin composting now at least the lawn clippings and we will deal with the other problems as they come up.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone congratulated Councilman Terra and the Cub Scouts on the fine job they are doing with recycling and along the same line, she was very pleased to hear tonight that McDonald's is now going to do away with their styrofoam containers within the next two months, which is a step in the right direction.

Councilwoman Filippone commented that Rabbi Max Daina has been in the hospital and had surgery and she extended our best wishes to him on behalf of the entire Governing Body and the community. She continued that Rabbi Daina has been a very active member of the community in this Borough for many years and we do wish him the best of health and a speedy recovery.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that at the last Council meeting she had asked everyone to write letters about first aid training and the extension of the funds needed for this training and so far some of the money has been reinstituted and they will be able to be trained up until the end of this year, however, there are some bills in the Assembly that will go a long way in keeping our first aid squads volunteer and as we know, volunteers in all capacities in this community are really the backbone of the community and the Oceanport First Aid Squad is amongst the best and we wish them all the best.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller stated his report this evening is basically about volunteerism in Oceanport and the fact that it is alive and well. He started off by following Councilman McGee's comments regarding Old Timer's Night at the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire House and stated that he enjoyed himself immensely.

Councilman Miller reported under Waterways that Andrew Snedeker who is an Oceanport resident working on his Eagle Scout project removed the partially sunken boat near the bridge across from Casa Comida and he was able to take all the debris including a six cylinder engine, over to Oceanport Landing where Mr. Keith Seeley donated his marina space so that we did not have to take the boat all the way around to Blackberry Bay Park and Mr. Giordano and the Public Works crew removed the debris from the marina this week and he thanked Mr. Seeley for his assistance as well as Andrew Snedeker for his hard work.

Councilman Miller advised that on October 23 approximately 10 people were in attendance at the second meeting of the Waterwatch Committee meeting and this is an AdHoc Committee which is made up of members of the Waterways Committee, Environmental Commission and local Board of Health and we also had Mr. Kelly who is the Environmental Club Advisor from Shore Regional High School and a private citizen. He reported the discussion revolved around the purpose of the Committee and right now we are trying to get volunteers to watch the water and report to the designated authorities any types of problems concerning the Shrewsbury River. He continued the second area is getting the citizens of Oceanport more actively involved and continuing the clean up of our river and we are also going to get involved with the education of our children and advise them how they can help and he wished that Councilman Rodman was present this evening because he is the Council Liaison to Education and he will be asking him to pave the way in that area. He informed the public that the next Waterwatch Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 13, 1990 at 8:00 P.M. and in attendance at this meeting will be Kyra Hoffman, the Waterwatch Coordinator at the DEP.

Councilman Miller reported under Parks, Councilman Wolfe was able to get the contractor who did the street line paving to stripe the

basketball courts in the Borough and that has just been completed.

Councilman Miller offered his thanks to Steve Becker for volunteering his services and equipment for coordinating the refurbishment of the baseball field at Blackberry Bay Park and the Borough only had to pay for fill, top soil and grass seed and Steve donated the equipment and it saved the Borough anywhere from \$750 to \$1,000.

COUNCILMAN RODMAN: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe reported that tonight he is making a monumental announcement and stated that on Wednesday morning we received word from Assemblyman Villapiano's office notifying the Borough that we have received approval of our Transportation Trust Grant application for \$100,000 to re-pave, re-curb, install drainage systems on the entire length of Bridgewaters Drive. He continued that this has been an on going project of his over the last three years and each of those years we have applied for this funding and this year we took a different tact by specifically applying only for that one street since in prior years we had applied for several streets and we took pictures of the roadway when the street was under water and it was quite evident that something had to be done with this street. He stated that we received a letter from Commissioner Thomas Downs today stating the formal approval and the contract and related documents will be forwarded within the next four to six weeks and following that, he and the Borough Engineer will be preparing the specs for the work and some time in the early spring, work should begin. He stated this roadway has been in a state of disrepair for many years and although we have been aware of the problems, we did not have the funding to make the repairs and now we have the grant.

Councilman Wolfe commented that several months ago he spoke with our sign supplier and had ordered a number of specific signs dealing with trying to slow people down on certain Borough streets and the signs state "strictly enforced" and have been installed on the speed limit signs and they are on the main residential streets with speed limits of 25 MPH or lower, such as Wolfhill Ave., Asbury Ave., Comanche Dr. and Port-au-Peck Ave. and it is just another aide to help slow drivers down driving through residential areas within our Borough.

Councilman Wolfe thanked Sal Lagrotteria and his company, Lagrotteria Utilities Construction, went over to Evergreen Park and dug out an old concrete ring that had been in the middle of the park and this is just another example of the volunteerism we experience in this Borough with people donating their time and efforts.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-90-62 amending the list of bank depositories for Borough funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council. R-90-62

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh commented as everyone else has mentioned, Old Timer's Night was very enjoyable although it was the first year that Billy Edwards was not with us since he passed away last year and he had 59 years of service when he died, and he was just a super guy.

Mayor Cavanagh stated in terms of the thanks to Mr. Lagrotteria, the Mayor commented that he has written letters of thanks to him in the past because he deserves it and if you understand this town, you understand people like Sal Lagrotteria and if you noticed tonight, his daughter and

grandson were here tonight participating in the Cub Scouts and this is a true example of the kind of people we have in this Borough, and he will be sending him a letter as well as Steve Becker who has also donated time and equipment to the Borough on several occasions.

Mayor Cavanagh stated whenever he sits up on the dais and hears people thanking Mike Giordano and his crew in Public Works, he wanted to point out that for the record, Mike's crew is not made up of 46 people, but merely four men and he thanked Mike for all his hard work in the Borough.

Mayor Cavanagh commented on the news that Councilman Wolfe announced earlier in regard to Bridgewaters stating that it is rare that he receives mail from the State of NJ which makes him happy, but we have been trying to get a grant for this road for three years and last year we came very close, but this year he felt that the pictures Councilman Wolfe took are what gave us the grant. He continued that Bridgewaters Drive has become a very main thoroughfare east/west and it is used by many people since the area has been built up and it is in terrible shape and we have not been able to figure out a way to reconstruct that roadway as you can imagine, after seeing the grant amount of \$100,000. He stated that this project was one of the things he had earmarked as something he wanted to have accomplished as he heads toward his fourth year as Mayor.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that this is probably the largest grant amount for one single street ever received in this Borough and if we get lucky again and match this with the growth of the DTN area under the Community Development Program and get funding from them in the fall we can take care of Summerfield, Springfield and Fairfield Avenues which absolutely need to be re-done, that would really make a enormous improvement in the Borough and money that will not have to burden our tax payers.

Mayor Cavanagh announced that on November 8, 1990 pursuant to our invitation, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders will conduct their meeting here since we had a number of residents come in several months ago and asked a variety of questions about the Freeholders and what they should be doing, so we invited them here and he urged the residents of the Borough who have questions for the Freeholders to come to the meeting on November 8 at 8:00 P.M.

Mayor Cavanagh received a letter this week from the Assistant Court Administrator of the Office of the Court Administrator of the Superior Court Office of New Jersey and he stated this is the office that very strictly supervises the Municipal Court and the letter states in part that one of the people who visits our Court reminded the Assistant Director that "our court is one such court with consistently good reports and who do not require any remedial attention by this office and there has never been a need for us to suggest any corrective action with the Municipal Court Clerk's activities". Mayor Cavanagh commented to those people who are not directly involved with the court system, this is a very high compliment in terms of the volume we are now handling, etc. and he publicly wanted to comment on this so that our Court Clerk, Deanne Sole, is aware that we are appreciative of her work and both of his Judges, his former Judge Marty McGann and his present Judge, Richard Thompson both deserve credit as does the Deputy Court Clerk, Diana Super. He pointed out that our Court functions very well with a very meager staff and he is very pleased with their work.

Mayor Cavanagh stated we have attended two meetings at Monmouth Park regarding them and the river over the last three weeks and he had stated

at the end of this racing season, that this Council is committed to having in place, by the beginning of next season, a major solution to the problems that involved our river this summer and probably for many summers in the past. He continued that we have met twice with the Administration of Monmouth Park, DEP representatives, the Monmouth County Board of Health, Engineers from several areas on both sides and he does not think it is unfair for him to say that Monmouth Park has made the commitment and indicated that they recognize that they have to make a major substantial improvement to the situation that we had to deal with last summer. He stated that the specific terms of that improvement are what is being discussed by the Engineers and the people that price these types of improvements, but he really does believe that for the first time in many years, we will be able to come to the residents in the spring and delineate for you in detail what is going to be done to prevent a situation from reoccurring and it may well be that they are going to reassess their entire method of how they handle the manure situation and what it does to our rivers, to the point where we hope to make a substantial inroad into the problem and how much will be dictated by DEP and how stringent their requirements are as we continue to press for them to go forward and his is encouraged by the attitude he sees from Monmouth Park.

Mayor Cavanagh asked the Chief to offer the congratulations of the Governing Body to the Officers who are continuing their education and they are constantly updating their courses and we continue to have an extremely professional department.

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any comments they might want to make.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Ron Maher, 27 Doreen Drive congratulated Councilman Terra and the Governing Body for the august performance in recycling. He also wanted to express a real concern that if the Board of Chosen Freeholders continue on the course they have set and proceed to put in the incinerator project that they have described, much of what has been done in this Borough with recycling will have been for naught. He continued that the key to incineration programs is that if they are efficient, they must burn hot and burn steady. He explained that the size of the system the Freeholders are talking here far exceeds any prudent judgment of the volume of garbage this County produces unless we discontinue recycling almost completely. He stated the one incinerator that they have mentioned in their advertising as a good and efficient one is described to be in Georgia, later explained as a typographical error and turns out to be in Oregon and he spoke with people in Oregon and others involved with these types of systems and he was informed that their incinerator is one-third the size of the one the Freeholders are talking about here and while they had good numbers when they went for their license, it is voracious and they have not been able to keep it fed and they are trucking garbage from 50 miles away in order to keep up the heat. Mr. Maher commented that this is what he foresees for Monmouth County if the Freeholders proceed on this course and he understands that this issue will be discussed at a work shop meeting in the near future and he urged the Governing Body to force the people in Freehold to re-think that project and be sure that we do not wind up to be the garbage heap for Central New Jersey.

Mayor Cavanagh thanked Mr. Maher for his comments and stated that he looks forward to meeting with him at the next work shop meeting on

November 12 and it is a very serious situation and that is why we are going to talk and we want to read and learn about this matter and it is a concern for everyone in this County and not an isolated concern and he is looking forward to meeting with them about this matter.

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 1, 1990. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS \$53,616.44. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$67,142.68. TOTAL 1990 OPERATING FUND \$120,759.12. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$825,061.93. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$5,848.61. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER COUNTY TAX \$533,729.76. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER LIBRARY TAX \$18,197.13. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER OPEN SPACE TAX \$12,033.65. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER TAX OVERPAYMENT \$417.79. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER STATE TRAINING FEES \$180.48. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER FIRE PREVENTION \$9.75. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER DWI FUND \$257.30. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

Mayor Cavanagh stated that we have been experiencing a little bit of a problem with our garbage collection lately and Council spoke about it at our last work shop meeting and we have spoken with the owner and he has met several times with her and he believes that we are on our way to having the problems straightened out and he apologized to anyone in the Borough who has been inconvenienced and commented that we do not control the garbage pick up and have a private hauler and hoped that it will get better.

At 8:55 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on November 15, 1990 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK