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REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
October 21, 1993

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was held on October 21, 1993 at 8:00 P.M.

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

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.

As copies of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 7, 1993 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 Councilman Miller and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Terra who abstained from voting because he was not present at that meeting.

CLERK'S REPORTS: NO REPORT.

COMMITTEE:

COUNCILMAN CLARK: Councilman Clark stated he had no formal report, but wished to welcome a visitor in our audience this evening from Australia, who is here with her husband and two children and works for the Government in Australia and does many of the same things we do here and he hopes she and her family enjoy their stay here.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra stated he had no formal report this evening and asked to be excused because he had another meeting, which had already started.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone offered her congratulations to the Oceanport United Methodist Church who will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary on Sunday and many of the members of the Governing Body will be attending their celebration and commented that they are a very valuable group in this Community.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded both residents and non-residents that tomorrow is Flu Shot Day at the Old Wharf House on East Main Street from 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. and you must be 18 years of age or older and the cost is \$5.00. She stated Oceanport will be registering people beginning at 10:30 A.M. She commented that there has been some criticism because this is being done on a week day during the morning, but it is being conducted by the Monmouth County Board of Health and we have no control over the date and time. Councilwoman Filippone also advised that she has been assured by the County Health Department that they will have ample flu vaccine with them and she was pleased to have this service available, since we have tried to do this for several years.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the First Aid Squad is in need of a defibrillator and other towns are having them donated and she hoped that perhaps there was a business in town who might be able to donate this equipment, which costs approximately \$9,000, since each ambulance would need to have one and the Squad cannot be trained on this equipment unless they have them. She also stated that the Squad is very thankful to the Mayor and Council for their assistance with their fund drive recently, although the results were somewhat disappointing since only 18 people donated approximately \$200 and they are in dire need of funds.

Councilwoman Filippone advised that the Captain's Report for September indicates there were 24 calls: 17 emergencies, 4 mutual aid calls, 2 fire responses and 3 other, for a total of 273 man/woman hours for the month and there were no calls to Monmouth Park.

Councilwoman Filippone commended Sgt. John Connor, who is also the Captain of the First Aid Squad, who was in Wildwood at the Firemen's Convention, and while they were in a restaurant, a person began choking and the

restaurant called for police assistance, but in the meantime, John Connor went over and performed the heimlich procedure and according to the individual, without any doubt, saved his life. She commended John for his quick thinking and felt we are very fortunate to have someone like him involved with our Community.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported the fireworks fund has \$4,400 which is a good start on next year's seed money.

Councilman Miller advised that the Recreation Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Liberty Park on November 14 and the tickets are going quickly so if anyone is interested they should contact either Addie Nelson or John Kerwin.

Councilman Miller commented that he has received a very complimentary letter on the newly repaired tennis court lights at Blackberry Bay Park, from a resident on Cayuga who had written previously about the old lights that were a problem with glare on his home during the evening hours and had several suggestions, but he is quite pleased with the work that was done.

Councilman Miller reported that all the projects have been completed under Parks and Trinity Park tennis and basketball courts have been resurfaced and are in great shape; the Community basketball courts have been resurfaced and relined; the bocce courts at the Old Wharf Park have been reconstructed and the Public Works employees have completed the finishing touches and he invited anyone who likes to play bocce to use the newly constructed courts.

Councilman Miller advised that the Recreation Committee would be going around on Halloween starting with Evergreen Park at 4:00 P.M. and every half hour after that will be at a different park, giving out goodies to the children. He stated if it rains, they will be at the Community Center at 4:30 P.M.

Councilman Miller stated he recently received a donation of \$25 from a Florida resident, who obviously heard about the work the Water Watch Committee is doing and wanted to help out and he thanks Mrs. Leeber for her contribution.

Councilman Miller stated that last Saturday we took some water samples and the results were not too bad, but we still have problems with coliform in Branchport Creek, and the horses have only been gone from Monmouth Park since mid October. He also urged all residents who may be planning to fertilize this fall to make sure they are careful to make sure the fertilizer is only where they want it and to keep up with the pooper scooper regulations, since this all adds to our pollution of our waterways.

Councilman Clark stated he was advised by a resident who followed the cut it and leave it program, that without any further use of fertilizers, he had to cut his grass every 5 days, which proves that the grass clippings do help fertilize when left on the lawn.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor informed all residents that there has been an additional Hazardous Waste Day added to the list by the County and it is October 30 in Upper Freehold and the last one will be held on November 13 in Wall Township and he will post a notice in the Borough Hall.

Councilman Taylor reported he was in attendance at the Drug Alliance meeting last night and the next meeting is scheduled for November 18 and will be held in Freehold, with other Alliances from the County, where we will share ideas, problems, etc.

Councilman Taylor advised he has received a notice from the County Landfill Office stating there will be no increase next year in the dumping fees, other than the five cent increase on the solid waste tax, but they also advised that there will be increases when the next phase of the landfill is built.

Mayor Cavanagh reported that Councilwoman Filippone had given him a notice which advises that the Monmouth County Board of Health is getting ready to go out for bids to construct a permanent building for the storage of hazardous waste materials which will be in Building H at the Shafto Road entrance. He commented it does not give a completion date, but we will up date the residents as we receive word on the construction.

R-93-50 COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-93-50** authorizing the continued participation in the Joint Insurance Fund known as the Statewide Excess Liability Fund, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh read a proclamation regarding curfew hours of 8:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. for Mischief Nights of October 29 and 30 and Halloween on October 31, 1993. 177

Mayor Cavanagh advised that the Fire Department is holding their annual Old Timer's Night on Monday, October 25 and the Governing Body will be there and thanked the Department for the invitation and stated they are looking forward to this night, which is always an enjoyable evening.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that if we were to add up all the hours of volunteer service given by both the First Aid Squad and the Fire Department, the cost to pay people to do this would be hundreds of thousands of dollars and the Fire Department is presently conducting their fund drive and perhaps residents should look at it in this view, since if everyone would donate, they are really saving themselves money, since if we have to pay for these services, it is going to raise our taxes quite a lot. He urged everyone to try and give generously to these worthwhile Borough organizations, who are always there when we need them.

Mayor Cavanagh offered the following appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Vincent Assenza to fill the regular four year unexpired term ending 12/31/95
Donald McBride to fill the Alternate #1 position which term expires 12/31/94
James Whitson to fill the Alternate #2 position which term expires 12/31/93

Councilman Miller moved to approve the appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

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

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Bob Cartwright, River Street stated he wanted to compliment the people on the garbage truck who are employees of the Marpal Company and are very polite and courteous, always say hello, etc. and he felt that they should be complimented for their good work, since everyone deserves a compliment when they are doing a good job.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that we have had very few complaints with this company, as compared to the last company, which the Clerk will attest to and he asked Councilman Taylor to contact Marpal and advise them of the comments made this evening.

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

Councilman Wolfe asked if the Voucher Register can be amended to include a payment to the Zoning Board Attorney, Patricia Heffernan in the amount of \$2,400, which are for the second and third quarters.

Councilman Clark moved to approve the bills as listed on Voucher Register dated October 21, 1993 including the amendment requested by Councilman Wolfe for Patricia Heffernan. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilman Clark abstaining from the vouchers due Ed Brister. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$42.00. TOTAL 1993 VOUCHERS \$46,862.18. TOTAL 1993 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$51,679.06. TOTAL 1993 OPERATING FUND \$98,541.24. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$60,000.00. TOTAL WATER WATCH TRUST ACCOUNT \$500.78. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$450.00. TOTAL FIREWORKS TRUST ACCOUNT \$204.50. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$61.50. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:25 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held by November 4, 1993 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Clark and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Varca
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BOROUGH CLERK