



BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT

MAYOR & COUNCIL

MINUTES • OCTOBER 20, 2022

Regular Meeting

Clement V. Sommers Municipal Building

7:00 PM

910 Oceanport Way, Oceanport, NJ 07757

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Coffey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
- II. **Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act:** This meeting complies with the Open Public Meetings Act by adequate and electronic notification on January 5, 2022 of this meeting and its location, date and time to the Asbury Park Press and Two River Times and by the posting of same on the municipal bulletin board and Borough's Web Site.
- III. **Flag Salute:** Mayor Coffey led attendees and the members of Council in the flag salute.

IV. **Roll Call:**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jay Coffey	Mayor	Present	
William Deerin	Councilman	Present	
Richard Gallo	Councilman	Present	
Bryan Keeshen	Councilman	Present	
Michael O'Brien	Councilman	Present	
Thomas Tvrdik	Councilman	Present	
Meghan Walker	Councilwoman	Present	
Jeanne Smith	Borough Clerk	Present	
Scott Arnette	Board Attorney	Present	
Donna M. Phelps	Administrator	Present	
Catherine D. LaPorta	Chief Financial Officer	Present	

- V. **Administrators Report:** Ms. Phelps discussed the park bench programs, conditions of existing benches, recommended replacement type through the Department of Corrections/Deptco, dedication plaques, she will create an application form to put up on the website for "Adopt a Bench", there is already a dedicated trust established for the funds with funds remaining. Discussion ensued concerning location selection, suggestions for Sommers Park, Community Center tennis courts; Ms. Phelps will review with Mr. Briskey and Ms. Smith suitable areas in the parks. Benches will be ordered using what remains in the trust. No objections. Ms. Phelps next discussed the topic of rental fees and fees for tennis/pickleball court use and will work with the Clerk to prepare an ordinance for consideration. Ms. Phelps also reminded residents that Leaf collection is for just that – leaves, commented that the new equipment purchases for this service can be damaged if anything else is put out – and noted one pile recently that had a brick in it that was sucked up by the vacuum along with 17 others that were removed before continuing.
- VI. **Clerk's Report:** Ms. Smith advised she had first field use request for Maria Gatta Park and asked questions about completion date and parking lot completion which were expected to be completed by end of October, first week of November. Councilman Keeshen commented that the Oceanport Soccer Association was planning to do an end of year wrap up at the park as a "soft" opening the first weekend in November. Ms. Smith thanked Council for the action to hire an administrative assistant that will handle field applications for Maria Gatta Park. Ms. Smith next read a note from the Seniors thanking the Governing Body for their relocation back to the Old Wharf House and for the luncheon. Ms. Smith reported that the Tax Collector has certified that the added/omitted list had been certified and invoices mailed out. Three sets of minutes were submitted, with the 4th set still being transcribed.

VII. **Consent Agenda:**

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| #2022-205 | 1. | Resolution authorizing payment of BILL LIST 10-20-2022 |
| #2022-206 | 2. | Resolution awarding contract to Home Depot for 2022 goods and services |
| #2022-207 | 3. | Resolution awarding contract to Sanitation Equipment Corp for 2022 equipment services |
| #2022-208 | 4. | Resolution awarding contract to Colliers Engineering - GIS Roadway Layer |
| #2022-209 | 5. | Resolution authorizing purchase of 1 vehicle for Police Dept through State Contract |
| #2022-210 | 6. | Resolution authorizing competitive contracting for 2023 services |
| #2022-211 | 7. | Resolution awarding contract for Tidal Check Valve Installation Project |
| #2022-212 | 8. | Resolution providing an exception to §390-28 for placement of First Aid Bingo signage |

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: William Deerin, Councilman
SECONDER: Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker

VIII. Minutes:

1. Mayor & Council - Workshop - Jul 26, 2022 7:00 PM - Rescheduled for Nov. 3 meeting.
2. Mayor & Council - Workshop - Aug 18, 2022 7:00 PM

RESULT: ACCEPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER: Meghan Walker, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Thomas Tvrdik, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, Tvrdik, Walker
ABSTAIN: O'Brien

3. Mayor & Council - Workshop - Sep 1, 2022 7:00 PM

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: William Deerin, Councilman
SECONDER: Richard Gallo, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker

4. Mayor & Council - Regular Meeting - Sep 15, 2022 7:00 PM

RESULT: ACCEPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER: Thomas Tvrdik, Councilman
SECONDER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker
ABSTAIN: Gallo, Keeshen

IX. Resolutions:

#2022-213 Resolution confirming Mayor's appointment of additional UCC Inspectors. Discussion on the motion – Councilman Tvrdik confirmed that the UCC trust funds this cost and was told yes.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Thomas Tvrdik, Councilman
SECONDER: Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker

#2022-214 Resolution appointment of an Administrative Assistant to Borough Clerk's Office. Mayor Coffey summarized that this will provide for a dedicated person to schedule the Borough's field use requests – especially Maria Gatta Park.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
SECONDER: William Deerin, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker

#2022-215 Resolution amending 2022 Salary Resolution for new appointments

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
SECONDER: Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker

#2022-216 Resolution authorizing Change Order #2 to FieldTurf USA. Contract - *Added on Late.*

Councilman Keeshen explained that the change order provides for safety netting at the ends of the fields originally part of the design professional's plan, however, pulled by the Borough to reduce costs. Subsequently, it was realized that the netting was a safety feature that was necessary and the price to do so was reasonable.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
SECONDER:	Michael O'Brien, Councilman
AYES:	Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker

X. Committee Reports:

1. Councilman Deerin, Parks & Recreation – Councilman Deerin reported on items including the improvements at Maria Gatta Park and Community Center which are complete and look phenomenal; pickleball courts project progressing; and commended the Council on the work that has been accomplished in the last years. Councilman Deerin also provided details for the upcoming Trunk or Treat community event and encouraged everyone to attend
2. Councilman Gallo, Public Works & Engineering – Councilman Gallo reported that the 2021 Road program was now complete including Shore Road and Gooseneck Point Road – curbing, storm drains, paving, also Pocano, Seawaneka, part of Pemberton, part of Springfield and a portion of Comanche Dr. The only street delayed was Driveway due to some new construction.
3. Councilman Keeshen, Public Safety – Councilman Keeshen reminded everyone on behalf of the Police Department to keep vehicles locked and front doors as there is recent activity; OEM will hold an Open House for the 20th anniversary of Sandy; fire department visited Wolf Hill School for Fire Prevention Week.
4. Councilman O'Brien, Finance & Administration – Councilman O'Brien welcomed new employees; reported that they are reviewing the Borough's debt financing.
5. Councilman Tvrdik, Planning & Development – Councilman Tvrdik reported on items including an announcement by Netflix that they are the winning bidder for the mega parcel – although not yet released by FMERA; the grand re-opening of the Senior building at Old Wharf House, current and past members; celebrated Mrs. Bova dedication for the library; planned paving to commence with Myrtle Avenue once drainage system connected and utility connections have been resolved; Gatta Park and Community Center looks outstanding; Maple Place Fall Festival coming up this weekend, details on upcoming corn-hole tournament fundraiser for the fire department; commented on the article in Two River Times this week with all the projects and events going on around town.
6. Councilwoman Walker, Health & Human Services – Councilwoman Walker provided updates on the schools including the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Wolf Hill Media Center, new cafeteria and gym; attended the last Board of Education meeting where Mrs. Martinez presented the overall assessment scores for the schools where both exceeded the national standard; commented on the remarkable improvements at Gatta Park and the number of compliments being received by the public; addressed comments online that the Gatta Park was not for Oceanport kids which she reassured it is a Borough park and is most assuredly for the local residents and kids to use and was not a private facility. Trunk or Treat will be Oct. 30 from 2-4 pm.

- XI. Mayor Coffey's Report:** Mayor Coffey commented on the improvements at Maria Gatta Park, the history of the park and use previously as a parking lot, the park will be for Oceanport kids; worked with Council President Walker to set up a flag replacement ceremony event requested by Oceanport Gardens; Birdsmouth Brewery had its opening - received a number of comments that it was a fantastic space; Oceanport fought and was approved for 4 liquor licenses for special Fort Monmouth licenses which will bring in a total of \$1 million to the Borough; The Park Loft event space is scheduled to open this fall and looks absolutely stunning; also commented that Netflix has identified itself as the winning bidder for the mega parcel; Pulte homes development behind East Gate is progressing – there will be growing pains but the Borough continues to work with residents and developers; Mayor also toured Maria Gatta Park and the Borough's leaf compost site which has been beautifully maintained by DPW.

- XII. Petitions from the public:** Mayor Coffey opened the meeting to petitions from the public.

Mark Patterson, 40 Itaska Place, thanked everyone and those that attended the Wolf Hill School ribbon cutting ceremony.

As no one else from the public appeared, Mayor Coffey closed that portion of the meeting.

- XIII. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM on a motion by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilman Tvrdik and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Smith
BOROUGH CLERK