

Oceanport, New Jersey

October 19, 1995

REGULAR MEETING:

The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on October 19, 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 5, 1995 had been made available for review by the members of 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 Taylor and approved by Council with the exception of Councilwoman Silkworth who abstained from voting since she was not present.

CLERK'S REPORTS: No Reports.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee reported under Police, Chief Joyce is in receipt of a letter from a resident of Monmouth Beach commending Patrolman Ross for his thorough and thoughtful handling of a call he responded to at Monmouth Park.

Councilman McGee also reported that Chief Joyce has received fourteen bullet proof vests for the members of his Department from the Centurion Foundation, which would have cost the Department close to \$5,000 and he offered the Borough's thanks to the Centurion Foundation for their donation. He also commented that hopefully these vests will never be used for their intended purpose and commended the Chief for getting these vests donated to the Department.

Councilman McGee advised under Roller Hockey, he has been in contact with a gentleman from Old Bridge who is involved with roller hockey and very much in favor of this project and had nothing but good things to say about it and they have had nothing but good results. He continued that he was informed that they have had their roller hockey for 2-3 years with no problems and came about as an outgrowth of their ice hockey and John Piccolo was in charge of running this program. He also advised that at the work shop meeting on Monday evening, the Council was given another presentation by the Roller Hockey Committee and advised that Mr. Piccolo offered his services to our Committee if they need any assistance.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone gave the report of the Oceanport First Aid Squad for the month of September and stated they answered 30 emergency calls, 3 motor vehicle, 1

106 Mutual aid and 5 fire for a total of 35 calls; 213 miles and 207 man/woman hours and there were two calls to Monmouth Park and six total life advance support calls. She commented that as usual, they are very busy and active and we are all very lucky to have these types of volunteers in our town.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded the residents of the Borough Friday, October 27, 1995 at the Old Wharf House, flu shots will be given out and it is \$5.00 or free if you have a Medicare B card. She continued that the shots will be given from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. with pre-registration beginning at 10:30 A.M., but it is not required.

Councilwoman Filippone also wanted to invite all the residents to attend the Veteran's Day ceremonies on November 11, 1995 at 11:00 A.M. at the Borough Hall.

Councilwoman Filippone advised that the First Aid Bazaar is scheduled to be held on December 9 and as usual, they will again be selling Christmas trees, wreaths, grave blankets, etc. and she urged anyone who would be purchasing these items to do so through the Squad, since this is their major fundraiser and they will also need volunteers to assist them with this bazaar.

Councilwoman Filippone commended Patrolman Murphy and stated that there was a first aid call in the Borough and he had also responded to the call and went above and beyond the call of duty and she wanted to commend him for his efforts as well as those of Sgt. Connor who also responded.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller congratulated Michael Chaump, who is a member of the Water Watch Committee, and stated that tomorrow at the Monmouth County Clean Waters Association Awards Luncheon, he will be receiving an award for Community Volunteering and stated he is a Sophomore at Shore Regional High School and holds the office of Corresponding Secretary and one of the Vice Presidents of the Water Watch Committee.

Councilman Miller stated this year the Recreation Committee has reversed the order for the parks on Halloween and will begin at Blackberry Bay Park at 4:00 P.M.; Community Center at 4:15 P.M.; Charles Park at 4:30 P.M.; Trinity Park at 4:45 P.M. and Evergreen Park at 5:00 P.M. He stated the Recreation Committee will be handing out bags of goodies at these times and locations and in case of rain, everyone should go to the Community Center at 4:30 P.M.

Councilman Miller thanked Councilman McGee for his endeavors in checking with Mr. Piccolo from Old Bridge on the roller hockey and would appreciate having his phone number after the meeting, so that when we begin to hold our meetings with the Borough Engineer, Tom Rospos and Steve Tagerty of the Committee, we may want some input from him.

Councilman Miller offered his thanks to Jamie Weiss who is a member of the Water Watch Committee and held a get together for both the Water Watch and Waterways Committees in order to allow them to all get together and meet under different circumstances than normal. He continued that it was a very nice meeting and he was very appreciative of her efforts.

Councilman Miller commented that the Community Center softball field, under the coordination of Asa Surak who is the President of the Baseball Association and that project should be getting underway in the next couple of weeks and a walking track meeting is scheduled to be held on October 25, 1995 to get this project underway as well.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor reported under the Drug Alliance Committee, the 1996⁷ edition of the Calendar is being printed and he thanked the 31 advertisers for taking ads and it will be delivered by the Boy Scouts in December and we are still looking for new subscribers as well.

Councilman Taylor reminded the residents that on Friday evening there will be a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Boy Scouts at the Maple Place School at a cost of \$6.00 and he urged everyone to try and attend.

Councilman Taylor advised that the next hazardous household waste day was scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 1995 at Hazlet and the last one for this year will be on November 4 in Upper Freehold.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-95-54** granting a veteran's tax deduction, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council. #R-95-54

Councilman Wolfe advised that the Fall leaf pick up curbside has begun in the Borough and he asked all residents to please rake their leaves to the curb, free of branches or debris of any kind, or else the leaves will not be picked up and stated that the pick up will continue through December.

Councilman Wolfe gave an update on the repainting and replacement of street posts and signs and the Public Works Department have completed 46 signs and are just finishing the Oceanport Estates area and moving on across Main Street to Pemberton Avenue and that area.

Councilman Wolfe announced that he had been invited by Fire Chief Gallo to attend a drill with the Oceanport Fire Department this past Tuesday at the Middletown Fire Academy and over 16 firemen attended including all three Oceanport Fire Chiefs. He continued that the drill lasted for over 4 hours and to see exactly what the firemen go through when they are fighting a fire is quite an experience. He stated he also put on a uniform and air pack and went through the smoke house and he felt this is quite a training experience and thanked all of the firemen who volunteer and help keep everyone safe. Councilman Wolfe also stated that it takes approximately one hour to breakdown all of the equipment and put everything away and that is something that no one thinks about after the fire is out.

Councilman Wolfe gave the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company's Captain's Report for the month of August and they had six calls including one structure and 1 brush fire with 63 man hours and in September they had 172 man hours, 14 calls, 6 individual structure responses and 3 motor vehicles.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: NO REPORT.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh read a proclamation proclaiming a curfew for Mischief Nights and Halloween for October 28, 29, 30 and 31, 1995.

Mayor Cavanagh stated we have notification from our Tax Collector, Cynthia Cortale, that after proper notification of a Tax Lien Sale for Properties in the Borough of Oceanport and after conducting the sale, it was successful with all certificates sold on outstanding property taxes, which means this does not affect us when we put together our budget next year.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that Chief Joyce had given him a note, which he felt deserved some commentary and continued that the Middletown Centurion Club which is similar to the 200 Club,

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but is a Monmouth County Club, is a group of concerned citizens, pro law enforcement and at dinner recently, they presented Chief Joyce with the replacement body armor he has been looking for at an approximate savings to the Borough of \$5,000. Mayor Cavanagh stated that obviously, we will hope this equipment is never required, but it must be available and he wanted to single out one of the members, who happens to reside in the Borough, and thanked Peter Maurer for being instrumental in obtaining that type of donation to the Borough of Oceanport.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that lastly, we received a note from our Construction Official who advises that the State is updating certain fees and Mr. Joyce indicates that effective January 1, 1996 the changes made will result in some reductions in costs for certain types of permits and as an example stated that the minimum fee will be \$46, rather than the \$17 per thousand that previously existed and gave several other examples of the reductions in the fees.

Mayor Cavanagh offered his appreciation to the Atlanticville for their story today on the Homeless Shelter and the communication to the people of what is going on at that location. He continued that in the story, not only did they announce the restrictions, but are actually being effectuated and people are not being admitted if they are found to be not in accordance with the new guidelines and he is pleased to see that this has taken place.

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

As no one 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 October 19, 1995. It was seconded Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1994 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$90.00. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS \$524,730.18. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$65,930.13. TOTAL 1995 OPERATING FUND \$590,660.31. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$130.00. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$197,000.00. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$730.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$1,885.60. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$194.55. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$163,834.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MIDDLE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AGENCY \$460.50. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-STATE TRAINING FEES \$409.59. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:20 P.M. Councilwoman Silkworth then moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

At 8:43 P.M. Council President Filippone reconvened the Council meeting and stated everyone was present with the exceptions of Councilman Miller and Mayor Cavanagh who had to leave earlier.

At 8:44 P.M. Councilman McGee moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on November 2, 1995 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by those Councilpersons in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK