

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
October 18, 1990

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on October 18, 1990 at 8:02 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Terra.

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 4, 1990 had been made available for review by the Governing Body, Councilman Miller moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Raffle license application made by Learning Disabilities Association-Monmouth/Ocean Chapter, to be held on 12/11/90, 50/50 cash raffle.

As the Clerk reported the paperwork was found to be in order and the required fee had been paid, Councilwoman Filippone moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: NO REPORT.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: ABSENT.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone asked the Clerk to read resolution R-90-59 regarding an application for a sewage infrastructure grant, after which she moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh explained that this resolution provides a grant to prepare a study regarding our sewage infrastructure and at the current time the State has agreed to fund 90% of the costs and he just hoped that when we begin to implement the study and the State begins to tell us what we are going to have to do as a result of this study to re-grade and re-develop our sewage problems, that the funding is equal when it comes time to implement otherwise, he suspects that this statute which is referenced in the resolution will wind up being very expensive to local municipalities who are already stretched beyond their ability to respond.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the Oceanport First Aid Squad conducted a blood drive on October 5, 1990 and 13 people donated blood and she offered her congratulations to Diane Cook and the rest of the Squad members who once again performed a tremendous service for this community by doing this project.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded the residents that December 8, 1990 is the First Aid Squad's fund raiser bazaar and it is an all day affair, with games, food, Christmas trees will be on sale and wreaths, and she urged all the residents to come out and support this project. She continued that in response to the request she put out for volunteers to help with making the wreaths, she has had many, many people respond to assist us and she stated that the Squad would like the volunteers available on Thursday afternoon after 12:00 Noon on December 6 and on Friday they will need volunteers from 12:00 Noon to 6:00 P.M. and on Sunday after the bazaar they will need assistance all day as well. She further asked for volunteers on Sunday night, December 3 to help unload the trucks with the greens and the trees.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the Squad members are very concerned about the loss of funding to provide training and testing for ambulance personnel who really are very diligent in our Borough about maintaining themselves at a national standard of EMTA and she encouraged the people in the community to write to their Assemblymen and Senators to request that the Department of Health grant to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Division of Education in Trauma and Emergency Medical Services return \$120,000 to the grant to continue to provide some minimal funding for the training programs and \$100,000 to provide the testing activities for certification. She explained that the loss of this funding will only make it more difficult for the local member of a volunteer ambulance company to provide the best possible service to our community and we really think it is imperative that this EMTA Testing and Training Grant be returned and this is the only way we can insure that appropriate emergency medical care will be available to all members of our community and this should take a high priority. Councilwoman Filippone as the Liaison to the First Aid Squad encouraged the community residents to send their letters and hoped that the Governing Body will forward a letter as well.

Councilwoman Filippone also reported that the Squad's first fund drive requests were not received well and they fell quite short of their goal in the community and they will be sending out a plea again for donations and she explained that this is a volunteer organization and they must raise money through donations since they do not receive a lot of money through the budget.

Councilwoman Filippone pointed out that so far this year the First Aid Squad members have responded to 283 calls, participated in 10 drills for a total of 1,558 person hours.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported that in regard to the fireworks fund, he had reported one month earlier that we were down \$663.45 as far as paying for this year's fireworks and we had only received 145 residential donations and 15 businesses, and since the stories in the newspapers, we have now received 222 additional donations are in the black by \$502.08 which will begin the seed money for next year and he hoped people would continue sending in their donations if they have not, since we will need approximately an additional \$1,000 so we can be in good shape for next year's events.

Councilman Miller reported we are having a meeting of the Water Watch Committee which is made up of the Board of Health, the Environmental Commission and the Waterways Committee and we will be getting some information for guidelines and regulations from the DEP and possibly a representative will be attending our meeting if their schedule permits.

Councilman Miller advised that recently he was out with the Litterbug with a group of Boy Scouts and Andrew Snedeker is performing his Eagle Scout project by cleaning up the shoreline around the Shrewsbury River as is possible and he and the Scouts collected almost one full dump truck of debris over at Blackberry Bay Park and we are probably going to be doing this into November.

Councilman Miller reported that every once and awhile, the State Government comes through with something positive for the residents of New Jersey and one of our marinas is applying for a permit to construct additional floating docks to an existing operation and on August 20, 1990 a bill was passed that states that any marina which applies for a permit for this type of construction, must install a pump out facility for dockage of 25 or more boats and the application is for 25 or more boats, so if the permit is granted and construction begins, they will be installing a pump out which will take care of what is a possible non-point pollution source.

Councilman Miller advised that the Monmouth County Department of Health did some water sampling on September 20, 1990 west of the Branchport Bridge on the Creek and the lowest number of chloroform count was 500 and the highest were 160,000 and at that time, all of the Eaglewood section of the track were eliminated of horses and manure and this is still from existing problems in the drainage and from other parts of the track and as we can see from this, we must find a solution to this problem.

COUNCILMAN RODMAN: Councilman Rodman complimented the Oceanport Board of Education which have just been through the process of monitoring by the State Department of Education and he commented that it is an exhaustive process in which several hundred points are checked by this Department for compliance from if there are space heaters in the Superintendent's Office to the curriculum. He stated that the initial reports from the Board of Education are very positive and they had a very good exit conference with the County Superintendent of School Staff and it appears that the district is in compliance which is not always the case, since there are usually some minor items that need to be addressed. He stated that this is a real achievement and a very stressful time for anyone who has been involved with this type of procedure.

Councilman Rodman announced that the Oceanport Board of Education is again soliciting those persons who shop at ShopRite, to save their register tapes because they will be credited toward the purchase of computer hardware and they can be turned into anyone in the PTO or at the Administration Building or they can give them to him and he will forward them on to the proper authority.

Councilman Rodman stated for those friends of the Oceanport Library, particularly the children in Oceanport who use the Library and it is used quite a bit by the young people and they have some excellent reading programs, invited everyone to join in the 25th Anniversary of the Library Association on Sunday at 2:00 P.M. where a proclamation will be presented and refreshments served.

Councilwoman Filippone commented that she and Mr. Caparn who is in the audience and possibly Andy Margalotti are probably the only residents present who were around when the Library started and it was a major accomplishment and having been involved in it to some extent, it was not an easy undertaking and she still finds it amazing that there were people who objected to having a library.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe reported in Councilman Terra's absence he was asked to make the following announcements:

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Co. will be holding an annual fundraiser/Halloween party on Saturday, October 27, 1990 at 8:00 P.M. at the fire house and the cost is \$7.00 and costumes are optional.

The Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Co. conducted an Open House presented by the Fire Chief, John Schneider and he attended and it started from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. and in addition to showing the fire apparatus, they also had the use of Sea Bright Fire Department's mobile "smoke house" and it was a very unique experience. He commended Fire Marshal Jim Slattery for giving seminars all day on fire prevention, Fire Chief Schneider and the Fire Department for a good community function. Councilman Wolfe also thanked Ex-Chief Early and his wife from Sea Bright who gave an excellent program on fire safety and he wished we could have use to the "smoke house" more often and every child in the Borough could experience this.

Councilman Wolfe announced that the Oceanport United Methodist Church will be holding a fund raiser flea market on October 20, 1990 between the hours of 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Councilman Wolfe reminded everyone that the curfew will be in affect on Mischief Night and Halloween and no one under the age of 18 will be allowed on the Borough streets between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. and the Police Department will be patrolling the streets.

Councilman Wolfe also reminded all the Borough residents effective November 1, 1990 through April 15, 1991 no vehicles are allowed to be parked on Borough streets between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 5:00 A.M. and summonses will be issued by the Police Department. He stated if something happens to a vehicle where it cannot be moved, they should contact the Police Department and give the plate number and reason, other wise they will receive a ticket. He explained that this is done for the purposes of being able to plow the streets when it is snowing.

Councilman Wolfe reported that he and Councilman Terra have completed the 1991 Clean Communities Anti-Litter grant and in 1990 we received a grant and bonus grant for over \$10,000 and the basic grant for 1991 is \$7,248 and this money is used to promote a clean community and to set up anti-litter programs throughout the Borough.

Councilman Wolfe commented that this past weekend, he and Councilman Miller and his wife Carol, installed a wind screen at Blackberry Bay Park around the baseball diamond and over at the new tot lot, which will keep the sand from blowing out of the tot lot.

Councilman Wolfe commended Public Works Department employees for getting out on October 15, 1990, which is the first day to pick up leaves and they also painted the baseball backstop over at Blackberry Bay Park.

Councilman Wolfe advised that he has received a request from the Library Association for the sign to be repainted and it has been completed and installed, just in time for their 25th anniversary celebration.

Councilman Wolfe stated that the Police Chief has asked that parents make sure the children who are going around on Halloween have reflective costumes and carry flashlights.

Councilwoman Filippone commended Councilman Wolfe for helping out with the maintenance of the Borough for fixing the filing cabinets and she thanked him for his efforts.

R-90-60 Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution R-90-60 authorizing the submission of the Clean Communities Grant for 1991, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh read a proclamation proclaiming the curfews for both Mischief Night and Halloween throughout the Borough of Oceanport.

R-90-61 Mayor Cavanagh stated we have a resolution on the agenda tonight in opposition to the NJ American Water proposed rate increase and it appears to him that the water company is looking for its third increase in less than one year and hopefully as guardians of the taxpayers money, we are going to say this is ridiculous and they don't deserve another increase and how successful we will be he does not know, but we will adopt the resolution and forward copies to the Board of Public Utilities, and at least take a public stand on the fact that the rate increases are certainly more than enough for now and he asked the Clerk to read resolution R-90-61 after which Councilman Rodman moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh read a letter commending the Borough on its on going recycling program and the efforts put forth by the Borough Council to set up such a successful program as we have in Oceanport, since she is finding that in towns in northern New Jersey, there is opposition and very few recycling programs and the letter was signed by Nicole Meringolo of Oceanport.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that we do have a model recycling program in Oceanport and much of the credit belongs to Councilman Terra who has put a lot of hard work and effort into setting up this program.

Mayor Cavanagh advised that in the newspapers over the last several days there has been a lot of commentary about pooling of municipal resources and coordinating different departments and assets, etc. and the idea is relatively new in terms of major proportion, he thinks that as all the towns look at the tax structure and the burden being placed on the taxpayers, we are going to all have to get into some kind coordination of the pooling of our services and/or programs to some degree and we have all tried different ways, but he felt we would be seeing more of this over the next five to ten years out of necessity and as we go forward, we will be part of that effort and we will investigate the possibilities and report back as we gather more information.

Councilman Wolfe commented that four months ago he contacted the Borough Administrator in Little Silver with regard to purchasing a piece of equipment, so although the concept may be relatively new, we have already tried to implement this since it would be a piece of equipment that we would only need for maybe three months out of the year and two or three other towns could share the equipment, so we are have already implemented this idea.

Mayor Cavanagh stated we are a good prospect for this type of idea because we are small enough to go in with other municipalities rather than a larger city and we will have to expand our investigation in this area over the next few years to see what items can be used through a cooperative basis.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that on Saturday there was a hit and run accident in the Borough about 5 PM which involved a police car and an unfortunate pedestrian and he got to the scene right after it happened and what had apparently happened was a driver had side swiped the police car and there was a gentleman who was having car trouble and had gotten out of the car to speak to the Police Officer who was getting him some assistance, and after the car was side swiped, the gentleman was hit and the driver kept going and it was a very ugly scene. He stated that our Department with the cooperation of the Long Branch Police Department did an excellent job in catching the perpetrator within 30 minutes of the event and he was arrested and our First Aid Squad, as always, did an excellent job of calming a very scared individual who might have been seriously injured, but thankfully it turned out he is going to be okay. He commented that he truly marvels at the professionalism of the people we have in these key spots because you judge the effectiveness of the people during stress periods and he thought this was an excellent job done by all the people involved and the results are good since the gentleman hit is going to be okay, the driver has been arrested and he offered his congratulations to our First Aid people who did a great job on the scene and to our Police Department for the way they acted in catching the driver.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments anyone might care to make.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Charles Caparn, 34 Wardell Circle, pointed out that the anti-litter grant which was talked about tonight as well as the comments made regarding the Boy Scouts cleaning up the river, are covered by ordinances of the Borough to prevent the river from becoming messed up if the people obey the ordinances and do not leave their junk out in the streets and tree limbs, which he must clean up when he trims his trees and all the debris left on the street goes into the river.

Councilman Miller explained to Mr. Caparn that most of the material picked up was storm related and it would be very difficult to say where it came from, and some of the debris could have floated over from Little Silver.

Mr. Caparn stated he had the opportunity yesterday to go out with Councilman Wolfe, which he very much appreciated, and pointed out piles of limbs around the Borough which some have been there since June and nothing has been done and he is sure that some of that debris got into the river, since some of them were piled near a storm drain. He stated that the ordinances must be enforced and debris should not be left out for months at a time.

Councilman Wolfe stated that the day he and Mr. Caparn went out and looked at the different sites, the locations were reported to our Zoning Code Enforcement Officer and he was coming into town this weekend to either request the homeowners to remove the debris by properly bundling same or to issue summonses where necessary and he was going to advise Mr.

Caparn of this after the meeting and show him the copy of the letter received from Mr. Kirk, so it is in the stage of being addressed.

Mr. Caparn thanked Councilman Wolfe for his cooperation but also understood that Councilman Wolfe cannot do everything and there should be someone to drive around the Borough and note where there are violations.

Councilman Rodman thanked Mr. Caparn for taking the time to ride around town with Councilman Wolfe to look at these types of situation.

Councilman Wolfe stated that he tells all the residents of the Borough that they are really our eyes and ears and if something is not right, they should advise us and he recently had a directive sent to the Public Works Department advising them that during their normal working hours in the Borough, if they see anything that appears to be a problem, to report the matter back to their Supervisor, so there will be another way to take care of matters as they come up.

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 October 18, 1990. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS \$43,597.51. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$29,122.16. TOTAL 1990 OPERATING FUND \$72,719.67. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$11,694.94. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$2,300.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$147,392.50. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \$572,579.60. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER MIDDLE DEPT. INSPECTION AGENCY \$198.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER MARRIAGE LICENSES \$135.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER FIRE PREVENTION \$23.95. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

Councilman Wolfe reminded all residents that the Recreation Committee will be conducting their annual Halloween extravaganza where they drive to the different parks giving out Halloween goodies to all the children in Oceanport and the schedule is as follows on Wednesday, October 31, 1990: Evergreen Park at 4:00 P.M.; Trinity Park at 4:15 P.M.; Charles Park at 5:30 P.M.; Community Center at 5:45 P.M. and at Blackberry Bay Park at 6:00 P.M. Councilman Wolfe stated that in the event it is raining heavily like last year, everyone should come to the Community Center at 4:30 P.M. and all the treats will be given out inside the building.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that he felt this was another good program that has been started without the competition of the children with costumes and this way they just show up at the park near their home, and receive their treats in their costumes and there are no hurt feelings with children not winning a prize for the best costume. Councilman Wolfe stated this is just another volunteer effort by the people on the various committees of the Borough.

At 8:45 P.M. Councilman Rodman moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for November 1, 1990 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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