REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
October 17, 2002

REGULAR MEETING: The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on October 17, 2002 at 8:00 P.M. with Mayor Gemma stating the meeting had been property advertised in accordance with law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Mahon, Apruzzi, Gatta, Wolfe, and Mayor Gemma.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilpersons McGann and Silkworth.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Deputy Borough Clerk, Kimberly A. Jungfer and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.

INVOCATION: Borough Chaplain Berry gave the invocation.

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

As copies of the minutes from the regular meetings held on September 19 and October 3, 2002 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, Councilman Wolfe moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Deputy Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilwoman Gatta and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS: None

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MAHON: No Report.

COUNCILMAN APRUZZI: Councilman Apruzzi called for the introduction of an amendment to the street and sidewalk excavation ordinance with regard to the fees and some terminology changes and asked the Deputy Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "THE STREET AND SIDEWALK EXCAVATIONS ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT" PASSED AND APPROVED ON JUNE 2, 1925.**

Councilman Mahon moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Mahon, Apruzzi, Gatta and Wolfe.

NAYES: None
ABSENT: Councilpersons McGann and Silkworth
ABSTAIN: None

Councilman Apruzzi moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on November 7, 2002 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Mahon, Apruzzi, Gatta and Wolfe,
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Councilpersons McGann and Silkworth.
ABSTAIN: None

Councilman Apruzzi called for the introduction of an amendment to the Fire Department ordinance and asked the Deputy Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT" PASSED AND APPROVED ON DECEMBER 2, 1920.**

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. Upon no second from any Councilperson, the motion died on the floor.

R-02-61 Councilman Apruzzi asked the Deputy Clerk to read resolution **R-02-61** authorizing the Borough's participation in a municipal auction to be held November 2, 2002 in Tinton Falls, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

Councilman Apruzzi reported that the Recreation Committee will be holding its annual Halloween Party Sunday, October 27, 2002 at the Port-Au-Peck Firehouse starting at 12:00 p.m. He continued that there will be games there including the mummy wrap, which is always a favorite and invite all the children to attend.

Councilman Apruzzi asked to keep Sal Gentile, who is back in the hospital, and Bob Wilcox, who has suffered a stroke, in everyone's prayers.

Councilman Apruzzi stated he received a letter from Stuart Briskey concerning financial situations and practices involving funding going back to 1998/1999. He said he was prepared to give a copy of that information to Mr. Briskey at the end of the meeting this evening or whenever time he would like to have that and he would be willing to go through it with Mr. Briskey.

COUNCILWOMAN GATTA: Councilwoman Gatta stated that the Flu and Pneumonia clinic was held yesterday with 225 vaccines allotted and 222 people were serviced despite the terrible weather. Councilwoman Gatta thanked the First Aid for allowing the use of their building, the first aid members present and also the six senior citizen volunteers who helped with the registration. If it was not for the volunteers these services could not be offered to the residents of our town.

Councilwoman Gatta stated that at last evening's First Aid meeting is was reported that for September they had 46 calls. The calls this year have increased significantly over the past years. The report on the fund drive showed to date having received donations from about 44% of the Oceanport population which is a little down from the previous year. Councilwoman Gatta added that it was never too late to give and if you haven't yet please do so.

Councilwoman Gatta stated that the Bulletin deadline has been moved up to October 28th so if anyone has anything for the Bulletin to please get it to Borough Hall by that date.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe wanted to remind all the residents that the fall curbside leaf pickup begins in October and runs through the end of December and please no brush, branches or foreign matter mixed in because the leaves are picked up with a vacuum and this could damage the equipment and be dangerous to the workers.

Councilman Wolfe hoped for a speedy recovery for both Sal Gentile and Bob Wilcox from their illnesses. Councilman Wolfe added that Bob Wilcox was on the Planning Board and is really Mr. Oceanport and remembers facts from years back and both men have a great knowledge of Oceanport history.

COUNCILMAN MCGANN: Absent.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Absent.

MAYOR GEMMA: Mayor Gemma read the annual proclamation setting the curfew for Mischief Night, Halloween and the following night, November 1st from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. unless accompanied by an adult.

Mayor Gemma announced that a memo has gone to all departments, committees, commissions and boards from the CFO stating that November 15th will be the last day to submit purchase order requests for the budget year 2002. After that date any purchasing request will need prior approval from the Borough Clerk and the CFO prior to processing same.

Mayor Gemma stated that the Fire Ordinance was not approved tonight. It was introduced and had been worked on for a period of time and there was not a consensus among this Council. Mayor Gemma continued that this does not mean it will not be introduced, he stated the intent has always been for the two fire houses to come to an agreement themselves, some how with the hope that there would be a majority vote with minority representation.

Mayor Gemma sent his best wishes to Sal Gentile and Bob Wilcox.

Mayor Gemma then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might wish to make, but seeing none, closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the vouchers on the Bill List dated October 17, 2002. It was seconded by Councilwoman Gatta and approved by Council. TOTAL CAPITAL TRUST ACCOUNT $25,288,00. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY $368.00. TOTAL ESCROW TRUST ACCOUNT

$1,038.00. 2001 VOUCHERS PAID $937.50. TOAL 2001 VOUCHERS PAID $937.50. 2002 VOUCHERS PAID, $77,128.33. 2002 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING $254,806.96. TOTAL 2002 VOUCHERS PAID $331,935.29. (SEE BILL LIST)

At 8:16 p.m. Councilwoman Gatta moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on November 5, 2002 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted

KIMBERLY A JUNGFER
DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK