

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
October 15, 1998

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on October 15, 1998 at 8:00 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, McGann Silkworth and Mayor Gemma.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Deputy Borough Clerk, Kimberly Jungfer, Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti and Borough Chaplain Elizabeth Berry.
- INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Borough Chaplain Berry.
- 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 meeting held on October 1, 1998 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, Councilwoman Silkworth 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:

Deputy Borough Clerk reported Police Report for September, 1998 has been posted and distributed.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN APRUZZI: Reported that the Tot Park at the Community Center has been completed and has authorized the bill for same at this time.

Councilman Apruzzi reported that the work on the tennis courts at the Community has begun which he described the work being done.

Councilman Apruzzi said the Recreation Committee met with all the groups that use the Community Center and went over the maintenance and rules and regulations regarding that center.

Councilman Apruzzi announced Joe Lyons from the Cable Committee told the Council about a possible inadequacy in the current Cable Ordinance. He explained that internet and possibly long distance phone lines are not mentioned in the present ordinance and review of this ordinance may be required.

Councilman Apruzzi reported about an article in the Asbury Park Press which he read into the record dealing with Open Spaces and the track property and how it should be saved.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: wished Borough Clerk, Patricia Varca, best wished in her recovery.

Councilwoman Filippone congratulated John Connor on his retirement from the Police Force.

Councilwoman Filippone congratulated Mr. And Mrs. Marra on their 65th wedding anniversary.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded the citizens about the flu and pneumonia shot clinic on Monday, October 26th at the Old Wharf House from 12-2 p.m.

Councilwoman Filippone also reported that the Board of Health accepted the resignation of Carol Miller as of 12/31/98. She said Carol has been a vital and active member of the Committee and will be missed.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded everyone of the Veteran's Day ceremonies at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 11th at the Municipal Building.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER: Asked the Deputy Borough Clerk to read R-98-63 dealing with the preservation of Open Spaces after which he moved it be approved. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Miller reported that the Recreation Committee has asked that the police check the parking at Blackberry Bay, as its getting hectic. He stated Chief Bebout will try to come up with some kind of plan.

Councilman Miller announced instead of usual Halloween procedure where the truck goes to the parks, there will be a Halloween Party at the Port-Au-Peck Firehouse on Saturday, 10/31/98 from 1-3 p.m. sponsored by the Recreation Committee.

Councilman Miller announced that a certificate has been given to Patrolmen Michael S. Chenoweth as he has satisfactorily completed a seminar on cell block management and suicide awareness on 9/3/98.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Said that on a secondary note on the article that Councilman Apruzzi read into the record, the Owens's who wrote the letter speak from first hand experience. They deeded over 10 acres of their own farm land to the Monmouth Conservation Foundation to serve as farmland and open space.

Councilman Wolfe wanted to thank Joe Megill and his neighbors for cleaning up around the building at the Community Center.

COUNCILMAN MCGANN: Informed that the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved our 1999 Alcohol and Drug abuse allocation of \$5,400.00.

R-98-64 Councilman McGann asked the Deputy Borough Clerk to read Resolution R-98-64 approving the Drug Free Zone maps after which he moved it be approved. Councilman Apruzzi seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Council.

Councilman McGann call for the introduction of an ordinance banning the hook up of sump pumps and similar drainage to the sanitary sewer system and asked the Deputy Clerk to read the ordinance by title only: **AN ORDINANCE REGULATING CONNECTIONS TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND FIXING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.**

Councilman Apruzzi moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, McGann and Silkworth

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Councilman McGann moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on November 5, 1998 and to advertise same in accordance with law. Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll.

AYES: Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, McGann and Silkworth
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Councilman McGann congratulated Sergeant Connor on his retirement and wished him well.

Councilman McGann complimented Mr. Margalotti on the fine resolution regarding Open Spaces and thinks this should help the Governor to urge the Sports Authority not sell this land.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Reported about the demonstration in Ocean Township with the emergency response team. She said it was a very interesting and informative day.

Councilwoman Silkworth reported that the new Court Office has been completed which will provide a better working area for the Court Clerk and also brings the Borough in compliance with Court requirements.

Councilwoman Silkworth commented on the resolution regarding Open Spaces. She said that in talking to people around town people are concerned about the land and this resolution states clearly what the Council's position is on this parcel.

Councilwoman Silkworth wished congratulations and best wishes to the father of the bride (Councilman Miller).

MAYOR GEMMA: Congratulated John Connor on his retirement.

Mayor Gemma also thanked Joe Megill and applauded his sense of volunteerism.

Mayor Gemma said that the resolution regarding the open spaces indicated that the words have meaning and hopes those in control listen to those words.

Mayor Gemma announced that Councilman Miller on October 31st in as a function of the Monmouth County Water Resources Association will be given an award and entry into the Environmental Volunteer Hall of Fame. Councilman Miller said it would actually be Friday, October 23rd at the Molly Pitcher.

Mayor Gemma reported that on Thursday, October 8th the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted an amendment to the Solid Waste Plan saying unless trash is going out of state it must go to the County landfill. He further stated that this could affect the garbage bids that are out.

Mayor Gemma read a proclamation declaring a curfew of 7:00 p.m. on October 30th and 31st and November 1st, 1998.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

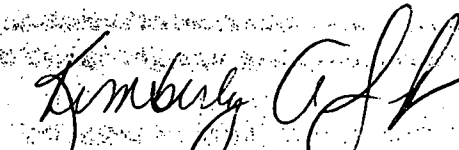
Andrew Judkis was in favor of the resolution regarding Open Spaces and commended the Council on its adoption.

Councilwoman Filippone wanted to congratulate and wish well the United Methodist Church on its 130 year anniversary.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approved the bills listed on the Voucher Register dated October 1, 1998. He further indicated that one voucher will be added to the Voucher Register ; payment to Little Tikes Commercial Play Systems for the Kiddie Cube and equipment at Community Center. The motion was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and unanimously approved by Council with Councilman Apruzzi abstaining from the voucher for Lucent Technologies. TOTAL 1998 VOUCHERS \$492,415.10, TOTAL 1998 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$ 67,379.68 TOTAL 1998 OPERATING FUND \$559,794.78, TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$ 432.28, TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$10,664.86, and TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$ 3,873.29, TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MARRIAGE LICENSES \$450.00, TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SEWER LIENS \$1,028.69.

At 8:30 P.M. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for November 5, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



KIMBERLY A JUNGFER
Deputy Borough Clerk