

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
October 5, 1995

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order at 8:01 P.M. on October 5, 1995.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilwoman Silkworth.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca.

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 September 21, 1995 had been made available for review by 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 Miller and approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police Report for the month of September, 1995 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee reported he had recently attended a Loss Prevention Seminar in Branchville, which is required by the Statewide Worker's Compensation Fund and the Borough's participation is required and by doing so, it saves the Borough thousands of dollars from what is available in the traditional markets.

Councilman McGee stated that all Police Officers were re-qualified with Departmental Firearms, Use of Force and Off Duty Weapons. He also advised that the Borough Dispatchers were re-certified in Dispatcher 9-1-1 Refresher Course and Police Personnel were re-certified in Cell Block Management and Suicide Awareness.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone called for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance amending the 1995 salary ordinance and asked the Borough Attorney to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX AND DETERMINE THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN BOROUGH OFFICIALS" PASSED AND APPROVED ON MARCH 16, 1939.**

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions on this subject only. As no one from the public wished to be heard on this matter, Councilman Wolfe moved to close the public portion of the meeting. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council.

Councilwoman Filippone moved to adopt this ordinance on second and final reading and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman McGee.

Mayor Cavanagh called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor and Wolfe.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Silkworth.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded the residents of the Borough that flu shots will be given on Friday, October 27, 1995 at the Old Wharf House, to residents who are 18 years of age and older. She advised that pre-registration will be from 10:30-11:30 AM and the shots will be given from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM and pre-registration is not required and all Borough residents involved with volunteer services will be put to the front of the line. She stated that the cost is \$5.00 and if you have Medicare, there is no charge.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller announced that the Halloween schedule has been changed and for the first time in many years, it will begin at Blackberry Bay Park at 4:00 P.M. and end at Evergreen Park.

Councilman Miller advised that on Monday at 5:30 P.M. he and Councilman Wolfe will be meeting with the Borough Engineer to look at the final plans to upgrade the softball field at the Community Center and this is in keeping with our plan to upgrade all of our recreational facilities in a timely manner.

Councilman Miller offered his thanks to both Bill Stine and Councilman Wolfe for taking the Litterbug out of the water this past weekend and it has already been taken over to Seeley's Marina and the motor will be removed and serviced by Mr. Seeley.

Councilman Miller also offered thanks to Kevin Kubick of the Water Watch Committee for his timely articles in the Bulletin and added that Kevin is a member of the EPA and has a lot of expertise and he will be submitting articles periodically showing how the community can assist with non point source pollution.

Councilman Miller stated he met with the Borough Engineer last week to pick out the 26 storm drains, which is one-third of the storm drains that we have in the Borough, which empty into the Shrewsbury River. He continued that as part of the State's Infrastructure regulations, those 26 storm drains will be tested in the near future for fecal coliform and enterococcus within a period of a half hour after a rain storm. Councilman Miller commented that the other two-thirds will have to be tested in the years to come according to the law, but the first 26 will be on the State, but the rest of them will be at the cost of the Borough, as well as correcting any problems that might be found and this is another good example of what the Mayor always says, which is if the State mandates a program, then the State should pay.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor offered his congratulations to Bill Clark on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, which is a rank that many of our Oceanport Scouts have achieved, but only 2% of Scouts in the Nation, actually achieve this rank and our Borough Troop greatly exceeds that statistic. Councilman Taylor thanked all the Scout Masters and the many volunteers involved with Scouting in the Borough.

Councilman Taylor reminded the residents that Clean Communities Clean Up Day will be held in the Borough on October 28 and the Boy Scouts, Water Watch Committee and any interested persons wanting to help clean up the parks, should be at Blackberry Bay Park at 10 A.M.

Councilman Taylor thanked the Passaic County Office of Recycling and Solid Waste who offered to send a computerized disk of the recycling tonnage grant application program to communities and this was done free of charge and we will be looking into the disk to see if it will be compatible with the systems presently in the Borough Offices.

Councilman Taylor announced that the Oceanport Library celebrated its 30th Anniversary this past Saturday and he thanked Mary Lu Pingitore and the Library Association for the celebration.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe reminded the residents that the leaf pick up season is quickly approaching and he asked all residents to follow the procedures we have been following over the past years with the leaves being raked out to the curb and they must be free of any debris and/or branches or they will be left at the curb.

Councilman Wolfe thanked Michael Balzarano, the new Superintendent, who appears to be taking care of whatever projects we give him to complete and he does so with enthusiasm and everything seems to be running very smoothly in that Department. Councilman Wolfe stated he has received the second listing of street signs updated and replaced and in the last two weeks the Public Works Department has done 49 street signs and re-painted all street posts and thanked Tom Crochet who has undertaken this project on the Public Works Department for a fine job.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: ABSENT.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh read a proclamation proclaiming the month of October as Fire Prevention month.

Mayor Cavanagh officially welcomed the Pope to the State of New Jersey from our locale and thought he was saying Mass at this very moment at Giants Stadium and thought that everyone feels honored to have him in NJ.

Mayor Cavanagh stated as a follow up to a situation which occurred a couple of weeks ago involving the Homeless Shelter at Fort Monmouth and the housing of an individual that wound up in the public eye, he has a meeting scheduled for next week with the County and a Representative of the U.S. Government through the Military, to follow up on procedures, security and a variety of other issues that have been brought to his attention during the last several weeks, not only to insure that similar disposed people are not housed there, but to try and get a specific handle on exactly what restrictions are going to be enforced. He continued that this will allow him to come back to the residents with a better ability to explain what is happening at this location, in specific terms. He also stated that following this meeting, he will schedule another meeting which will involve some members of the Community, so that they can have some input into the issues and concerns that were expressed to him recently.

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

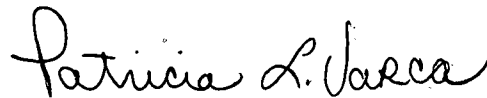
PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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 5, 1995. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council. TOTAL 1994 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$156.20. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS \$71,112.02. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$61,299.87. TOTAL 1995 OPERATING FUND \$132,411.89. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$113.60. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$267,811.54. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$679.35. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER - MIDDLE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AGENCY \$444.50. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER - MARRIAGE LICENSES \$325.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER - FIRE PREVENTION \$122.76. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:17 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on October 19, 1995 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK