

Oceanport, New Jersey
October 4, 1990

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oceanport was called to order on October 4, 1990 at 8:03 P.M.

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

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 Special Meeting held on September 17, 1990 and the Regular Meeting held on September 24, 1990 were 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 Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of SEPTEMBER, 1990 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Applications for membership to the Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Company made by Michael D. Caffyn and Rolf S. Doelling, Jr.

Councilwoman Filippone moved to approve both applications. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee reported under Street Lighting that he would appreciate anyone who notices a street light out, to report it either to Borough Hall or to him directly, since we are billed for the lights whether they are working or not, and also requested that when it is reported, it is very helpful if you write down the pole number of the light that is out.

Councilman McGee reported under Insurance, if any residents have any questions regarding Flood Insurance, he advised that there are now two books available in our local Library that are very helpful and since most of the Borough is located in a flood zone, it has an impact on almost everyone. He commented that if you do not want to go to the Library, you can always contact your insurance agent who handles you homeowner's insurance and get information from them.

Councilman McGee reported that he and Councilwoman Filippone attended a reception for Public Officials hosted by New Jersey Natural Gas Company and the purpose of the meeting was to foster better communications between the company and its customers and if anyone has any problem with the gas company, he advised that they contact Borough Hall and we will try and assist the residents.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra reported we have submitted our 2nd quarter recycling report and Ann Scott, County Recycling Coordinator, was very pleased as he was and reported we have recycled 144.6 tons of newspapers; 21.9 tons of white office paper; 48.4 tons of mixed paper; 40.5 tons of cardboard; 56.7 tons of co-mingled glass and metal/aluminum cans and the number he is most proud of is the 4.2 tons of plastics. He has mentioned before that we are one of only six communities in Monmouth County recycling plastic.

Councilman Terra advised there is an active push in the Borough to collect household batteries and he has placed plastic containers in the Borough Hall, Library and Old Wharf House for their collection and he will be placing others around the Borough. He urged everyone in the Borough to save their old batteries and place them in these handy containers. He continued in this regard, we have received from the Post Office, two old mail boxes which we are going to recycle into containers for batteries and we will clean them up and repaint them and one will be placed at the battery drop off site at the Public Works Garage and the other at a location to be designated in the near future.

Councilman Terra commented that the County Enforcement Team has been out fortunately and fining after some time, violators of the State Mandated Recycling Laws and the most important one to the Borough was a recent fine of \$8,600 to a local business which has had 44 serious violations in the past and a fine this large is quite substantial and demonstrates just how strict and how serious they are about enforcing the laws on recycling.

Councilman Terra reported he attended a recycling work shop sponsored by the County Office on Recycling this past Tuesday and Ann Scott explained to everyone that the State is looking toward a 60% recycling goal, which is a tremendous amount and if we could achieve that percentage, it would be outstanding and further commented that presently the County is recycling 46% and unfortunately the last 14% are quite difficult to achieve and as an example he stated that if we recycled 100% of our plastics, we would only increase our recycling rate by 2%, so while it is important to consider recycling plastics, we have to get into other items which are filling the landfills, in particular grass clippings and yard waste. Councilman Terra stated next year there will be a big push and in the following years to encourage homeowners and businesses to "cut it and leave it" rather than bagging grass clippings and would encourage people to use mulching mowers and to compost as much as possible.

Councilman Terra stated that another of the items mentioned at the meeting was the fact that next year, Sanitation and Recycling Expenses are no longer exempt from the CAP and this will have a severe impact on our budget.

Councilman Terra reported that the County Recycling Coordinator made an interesting comment concerning the styrafoam recycling because there has been a very well publicized push to get styrafoam out of schools and even out of commercial businesses like McDonald's for example, and she thought this was great, but unfortunately when you have a situation of substitution, where you are taking for example a styrafoam cup and substituting another type of cup, like paper, that paper cup still winds up at the landfill, even though it breaks down a lot quicker, it takes up the same amount of space, so she is stressing to all municipalities that we should be concerned with recycling those items which can be reused, like aluminium cans, glass, etc.

Councilman Rodman asked Councilman Terra if we are supposed to be recycling cardboard, to which Councilman Terra stated no, it is only for businesses.

Mayor Cavanagh asked what percentage the Borough was recycling, to which he stated the Borough is at 36.5% which is way above average and Mayor Cavanagh stated that the 60% sounds like a hard number to get to. Councilman Terra stated that there are many items which are not calculated toward that 60% formula and they will be changing the formula for arriving at the 60% and when they make these changes our number will jump drastically and as an example stated when they allow you to include scrap metal, etc.

Councilman Terra stated there has always been a lot of discussion about what to do with paint cans and any liquid paint whether it is oil base or latex is considered a hazardous waste product and must be disposed of as such as well as solid oil base paint. He stated, however, that if you have old paint cans containing solid latex paint, these can be placed in the trash.

Councilman Terra reported that the 1st quarter of this year he reported there were six communities in Monmouth County who recycled plastic material and in the second quarter there were only three and of the three, we recycled 4.2 tons with a population of approximately 6,100 while Howell recycled 7.3 tons with a population of 37,000, so we are doing quite well. He stated he has received several inquiries from surrounding communities asking for information in how to begin setting up the recycling program for plastics.

Councilman Terra reminded all businesses that the 3rd quarter reports will be due on October 15 and asked them to please try and get them in on time.

Councilman Terra reported that Peter Moore has recently resigned from the Environmental Commission and he thanked him for his years on this Commission and we are sorry to see him go and he also welcomed Fred Weiner who is replacing him and Mr. Weiner had previously worked for the DEP as an Enforcement Officer and really has contributed much over the past two meetings of the Commission.

Councilman Terra commented on the new WaterWatch Committee and he sat in for Councilpersons Filippone and Miller because they were unable to attend and the meeting basically has two members of the Board of Health-Pat Orlando and Connie Savarese; two members from the Environmental Commission-Richard Parker and Fred Weiner; two members from the Waterways Committee-Ed Edwards and Tom Saboy. He continued that it was an interesting hour just getting the facts together and getting organized and he briefed the Committee about where we were with this natural waste water treatment system that we have heard so much about.

Councilman Terra stated that he has done a great deal of reading and research on this particular solution and while it sounds like an incredibly marvelous solution to our problem, he felt we have to sit back a bit and not embrace it totally until all the facts are in. He continued that he is still very concerned about the elevation problems, the piping problems, the pumps which might be necessary and even the location of the pond, which was originally talked about being placed in the infield and he is wondering how that will affect the aesthetic values at the track and he is also concerned about how difficult it is to try and establish a system after another system has been in place for so many years.

Councilman Terra stated he is very concerned about how the contaminated water is going to be treated, but he is more concerned about the collection and storage of manure and he doesn't want anyone to lose sight of the fact that we should be focusing very strongly on preventing the

210 material from getting into the pipes in the first place and what we have been doing with this waste water system is treating the effects of the problem and he felt we should be concentrating more on the cause of the problem, which is the fact that the manure is getting into the pipes in the first place. Councilman Terra stated that while this new system sounds like our answer, he does not want to lose track of the fact that the collection and storage of the manure itself is something we should be concentrating on as well.

Councilman Terra moved to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare specifications and advertise for bids for the collection of garbage and trash. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh explained that what we are doing, even though our present contract extends through June 30, 1991, three years ago we went out to bid early and it gives us a lot more time to consider our options and it enables us to perhaps negotiate a bit, which is what we were able to do last time.

ORD. #609 COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone called for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance amending the Interlocal Services Agreement between the County Community Development Program and the Borough and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 607 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MONMOUTH COUNTY FOR COOPERATIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE INTERLOCAL SERVICES ACT".**

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any comments on this subject only.

As no one from the public wished to be heard, Councilwoman Filippone moved to close the public hearing. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

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

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Terra, Filippone, Miller, Rodman & Wolfe.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilwoman Filippone emphasized the Health Watch article in the Bulletin this month regarding ticks that are carrying lyme disease and stated that one of our residents who has been pretty much confined to her home, had the bullring rash and has been diagnosed as having lyme disease, and they are pretty certain that the only place she could have gotten this tick was in her own backyard in Oceanport, so she wanted everyone to take this seriously and people should examine their children regularly, even if they are only going in their own backyard. Councilwoman Filippone stated there are guidelines, if you do find a tick, as to how to determine whether it is a deer tick or not and if you do get the rash, you should contact your doctor immediately in order to get antibiotics.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded that the rabies is really a major health threat and it is moving closer and closer to this section of the State and has recently been found in raccoons in Trenton and the Health Watch is as far west as Route 9, which is the dividing line. She reminded children to be careful with all animals and they are trying to get the message across to give animals their space and don't go near strange animals and the Health Experts feel that rabies will be here within a year or so.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that tomorrow night is an Oceanport Blood Drive and we are looking for participants and it will be at the Oceanport First Aid Squad Building, Pemberton Avenue between the hours of 6 PM - 9 PM and it is for residents of the Borough and anyone who can donate should do so and Diane Cook of the Oceanport First Aid Squad is the person who has organized this and it is the second one she has done and the last one was very successful and hopefully so will this one.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded the community that on December 8 the First Aid Squad will be conducting their annual bazaar and its going to be from 9 AM to 3 PM at the First Aid Squad Building and there will be a Chinese Auction, cake sale, selling food and crafts, Christmas Trees and wreaths and she is helping to organize volunteers to help with making the wreaths and anyone interested in helping out should contact her directly. She commented that this is a big fund raiser for them and wanted the residents to know that the Squad did not do very well with their last fund drive from the families in town and as of the middle of September had only received \$17,925 in donations and she encouraged those residents who may not have donated yet, to please do so.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported there is a bocce tournament beginning Friday evening at 6:30 P.M. at Old Wharf Park under the lights that were donated by the Oceanport Lions Club and it is sponsored by the Recreation Committee and Sal Gentile is the organizer.

Councilman Miller advised that the construction for the handicap ramp for the back door at Borough Hall will begin this Friday, October 5 and it is an Eagle Scout project being conducted by Ronny Sukinik, his Chief Scout Leader is Harry Yamka with some assistance from John Duke.

Councilman Miller commented on the Water Watch Committee and stated its purpose is for education and we know that we have a problem with the track and the manure, but there are an awful lot of other pollutants that are contributing to the problem with the river and one of the reasons for this Committee is to kind of educate the public as to what the other pollutants are so they can be alert if they see someone else or the affects of it to get to the right authority. He continued that the idea started in the beginning of the summer when he was at Councilwoman Filippone's home in her backyard videotaping a fishkill and she mentioned that this type of Committee had been set up some time ago, but it had disbanded and he kept thinking about this idea and felt the time was right to get it going again. Councilman Miller stated that Bill Simmons of the Monmouth County Department of Health gave him a contact person in the DEP that organizes on the State level and will come down and give us some guidelines for the Committee. Councilman Miller stated that once we get our Committee together, he would like to see some of the surrounding towns like Long Branch and Little Silver get involved, which would be the ideal situation and eventually maybe we will have a river where our kids can swim and fish and not worry about getting sick.

COUNCILMAN RODMAN: NO REPORT.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe moved to authorize the release of \$4,489.83 from a bond for the Mohawk Subdivision, Block 70, Lots 7.01, 7.02, 7.03 and 7.04 on the recommendation of the Borough Engineer. It was seconded by Councilman Rodman and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe reported that he attended a pre-construction meeting with representatives of Stavola Contracting Co. and our Borough Engineer yesterday and they will begin re-paving in late October and the streets to be done are the entire sections of Ithaca Ave., Shrewsbury Ave. and a portion of Algonquin Ave. from Port-au-Peck Avenue to Bayview Place.

Councilman Wolfe advised the residents that the Public Works employees are getting ready for leaf pick up season, which will officially begin on October 15 and end on December 28, 1990 and he asked residents to abide by these dates and not put the leaves out prior to the starting date. He continued that the Public Works crew are finishing up cutting the grass in the parks and are busy collecting curbside recycling as well as maintaining the drop off site, so they are keeping busy.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh commented as a follow up to Councilman Terra's statements on the flotation system, as everyone is probably aware we have discussed this system at length on Monday night with Mr. Willner from the American Littoral Society and he felt that our position as a Governing Body is that we believe from an environmental prospective this solution is one that certainly sounds encouraging and he thinks that Councilman Terra's point is well taken in that there are two or three other areas that have to be investigated and reconciled with the environmental consideration and that is if it is feasible economically and topographically and will it work. He continued that what we are going to do is what was discussed on Monday night and that is to ask Monmouth Park to take the next step forward, which is to sit down at the meeting that Mr. Willner spoke of with the County Health Department, the Council, the Engineering people and the representatives of Monmouth Park and the Sports Authority and consider the engineering impact and hopefully that letter will go out from the Littoral Society in the next week and the meeting hopefully can be set up in October some time.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that it is his understanding that in this regard, Monmouth Park has already been sent the flotation information and it is his further understanding that they have already begun engineering considerations of the impact of this system. He commented that we are moving in the direction that we wish to move and that is to continue to pursue a solution and hopefully this is the right one and it will be as good for the environment as this one appears to be and we will continue to keep the public informed as progress is made.

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

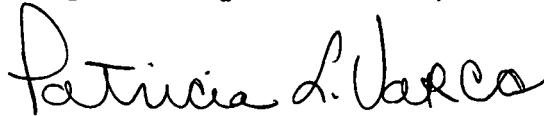
PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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 listed on the Voucher Register dated October 4, 1990. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS \$60,415.86. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$36,204.11. TOTAL 1990 OPERATING FUND \$96,619.97. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$294,896.21. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$3,222.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$1,017.25. TOTAL TRUST-SUI TRUST ACCOUNT \$100.43. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER MIDDLE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AGENCY \$689.50. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER - 3RD PARTY REDEMPTION \$163.73. TOTAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT \$900,000.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER).

At 8:37 P.M. Councilman Miller moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on October 18, 1990 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK