

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
October 2, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on October 2, 2008 at 8:07 P.M. with Mayor Mahon stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Briscione, Ibex, Kahle, Irace, Johnson and Mayor Mahon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilperson Gallo

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Kimberly A. Jungfer and Keri Fornino Esq. for Borough Attorney, John O. Bennett, III

INVOCATION: Borough Chaplain Robert Mills gave the invocation.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills. **R-08-140**
2. Resolution adopting a form for Tort Claims against the Borough **R-08-141**
3. Resolution granting a Veteran's Tax deduction. **R-08-142**
4. Approval of the Workshop minutes of September 18, 2008.
5. Approval of the Special minutes of September 2 2008.
6. Approval of the Regular minutes of September 4, 2008.
7. Approval of the Regular minutes of September 18, 2008.
8. Approval of Raffle Application. Oceanport PTO on premise 50/50.

The Clerk stated there were 8 items on the consent agenda. Councilwoman Kahle requested that Items 4 and 7 be removed. Councilman Johnson requested Item #6 be removed.

Councilman Ibex moved to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by the Council.

The Clerk asked for a motion on Item #4. Councilman Irace moved to approve Item #4, which was seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by Council with the exception of Councilwoman Kahle who abstained.

The Clerk asked for a motion on Item #7. Councilman Briscione moved to approve Item #7, which was seconded by Councilman Ibex and approved by Council with the exception of Councilwoman Kahle who abstained.

The Clerk asked for a motion on Item #6. Councilman Irace moved to approve Item #6, which was seconded by Councilman Ibex and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Johnson who abstained.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione reported on Public Works and that the Fall Leaf Pickup scheduled was out, provided information on the Zones and that the information was also available on the website. Councilman Briscione also stated that Public Works had repaired all potholes, all streets had been swept and crosswalks had been painted as well as the fields at Blackberry Bay Park aerated.

Councilman Briscione also reported on Recycling and that they are looking at possibilities to reduce costs for disposal for metal and bulky waste and/or disposing for a profit.

COUNCILMAN IBEX: Councilman Ibex stated he had no report.

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle reported on her attendance at the Two Rivers Mayors Council meeting on behalf of Mayor Mahon and gave information explaining a presentation by Blue Ocean Energy that was presented and that more information was available on their website and that there would be public hearings on the issue. Councilwoman Kahle stated that YMCA was also at the meeting and described some of the services that they were hoping to provide and that they would be looking into what could be done for Oceanport.

Councilwoman Kahle also reported on a ceremony that she attended in Eatontown presented on behalf of the surrounding towns in support of Fort Monmouth and the purpose of event and commitment to our soldiers and mentioned some of the actions being taken to honor and support them, including discounts to area restaurants and relief to the families. Councilwoman Kahle stated that they are also continuing Operation Oceanport and explained what that entailed.

Councilwoman Kahle provided details on the initial meeting of the Quality of Life Committee that she conducted along with Councilman Irace where items such as traffic, bike and walking paths, interactive website, sprucing up the town center, a new comer's club, young teen opportunities and code enforcement issues were discussed.

Councilwoman Kahle completed her report by thanking the Water Watch Committee, specifically Kathleen Divine, for providing the enviroscape at Summer's End and described what it was.

COUNCILMAN IRACE: Councilman Irace stated that that night they discussed the 2009 municipal budget and that they were in a bind. They have asked for an immediate discretionary spending freeze that will be in place for the remainder of 2008. Earlier in the year it was necessary to pass a budget emergency as a result of planning and legal counsel expenses related to Fort Monmouth, COAH and a Builder's Remedy lawsuit which are costing more than was budgeted. Councilman Irace made additional comments regarding the current state of the economy and its affects on Oceanport. As chairperson for the Finance Committee along with Councilman Johnson and Councilman Ibex, they are asking for all department heads to "tighten their belts" as they begin the 2009 budget process. Councilman Irace made additional comments regarding the possibility of no State aid next year in light of the reduction in State aid in 2008 and that with the support of the Borough's employees and residents, Oceanport can accomplish the difficult budget decisions without affecting services.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Councilman Johnson called for the introduction of **AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$27,200.00 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE OUTFITTING OF TRAILERS FOR USE BY THE BOROUGH POLICE AND BULIDNG DEPARTMENTS AND RECONFIGURATION OF EXISTING MUNICIPAL SPACES IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY** for the outfitting of trailers and asked the Clerk to read it by title only, after which Councilman Johnson moved to approve the Ordinance upon first reading, which was seconded by Councilman Irace.

The Clerk called roll:

AYES:	Briscione, Ibex, Kahle, Irace, Johnson
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Gallo

Councilman Johnson made a motion to hold the public hearing on the proposed ordinance at the Council meeting of October 16, 2008 and to advertise same in accordance with the law and was seconded by Councilman Briscione.

The Clerk called roll:

AYES: Briscione, Ibex, Kahle, Irace, Johnson
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Gallo

Councilman Johnson called for the introduction of **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 103 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, ENTITLED "VOLUNTEER INCENTIVES"** and asked the Clerk to read it by title only, after which Councilman Johnson moved to approve the Ordinance upon first reading, which was seconded by Councilman Irace.

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NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Gallo

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ABSENT: Gallo

MAYOR MAHON: Mayor Mahon reported on a meeting he attended with FMERPA, the Borough's Planner and Attorney on September 22nd at COAH in Trenton and described the purpose of the meeting and what was discussed. He also advised the public of the COAH Round 3 deadline, Dec. 31, 2008, which had not been known at the time the Borough's budget was prepared for 2008 and explained how the matter was being addressed.

PUBLIC:

The Mayor then opened the meeting for anyone from the public who wished to be heard.

Richard Barnes, 95 Paddock Court, asked the Council about the resolution granting the veteran's tax deduction on the consent agenda and what it is? The Mayor explained that each time the Borough grants it to an applicant the Borough must approve the individual. Mr. Barnes also asked if it was possible to get a crosswalk in front of the post office and why he thought it needed one. Councilman Irace stated that has been a problem and in the past there has been a sign. Mr. Barnes continued that he thought it needed an actual painted crosswalk on the street. Councilman Briscione provided additional information on future work that has been approved through a grant to extend the median in front of the village center and that perhaps they could have the Borough Engineer look into including something to address the problem to be done around the same time.

As no one from the public wished to be heard Mayor Mahon closed the public portion of the meeting which was moved by Councilman Ibex and seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Bill List: Capital Trust \$468,356.00. Escrow Trust \$6051.45. Fireworks Trust \$243.12. Off Duty Police Trust \$992.97. Open Space Trust \$482.00. Recreation Trust \$1,700.00. Water Watch \$ 432.40. 2007 Vouchers Paid \$162,934.00. 2007 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$45.00. Total 2007 Vouchers Paid \$162,979.00. 2008 Vouchers Paid \$15,941,845.46. 2008 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$37,620.98. Total 2008 Vouchers Paid \$15,979,466.44.

At 8:27 p.m. the Clerk read a Resolution authorizing the meeting to enter Executive Session on a motion made by Councilman Ibex and seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by Council.

At 9:20 p.m. the Council returned from Executive Session and the Regular Meeting was re-opened and as there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Councilman Ibex which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



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BOROUGH CLERK