

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
October 1, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on October 1, 2009 at 7:41 P.M. with Mayor Mahon stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk/Administrator, Kimberly A. Jungfer and Borough Attorney, John O. Bennett

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-09-140**
2. Resolution authorizing a shared service with Monmouth County for records management **R-09-141**
3. Resolution authorizing a tax refund for overpayment. **R-09-142**
4. Resolution awarding the contract for phone and computer connections for the temporary trailers. **R-09-143**
5. Raffle Application, Off Premise 50/50, Oceanport Hook and Ladder Fire Company
6. Approval of the workshop meeting minutes of September 17, 2009
7. Approval of the regular meeting minutes of September 17, 2009.

The Borough Clerk stated there were 7 items on the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Kahle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Councilman Irace and approved by Council with the exception of Councilpersons Gallo, Ibex and Johnson whom abstained on Items 6 & 7.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Jungfer advised everyone that the Borough had a new website up and invited everyone to take a look as there was a lot of new information and easier to browse.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione reported that Public Works would begin the Leaf Pickup season and gave details on the dates for each zone and that schedules were available on the new website and in Borough Hall.

Councilman Briscione advised that he attended a meeting on Sept. 21st of the Central Jersey Council of Governments – an organization of Monmouth County municipalities that are seeking shared service opportunities, and that they are working on a study to discover the feasibility of a regionalized collection of solid waste and recyclables, advertising for an executive director as a non-compensated position and potential for a regional truck washing facility and animal control.

COUNCILMAN GALLO: No report.

COUNCILMAN IBEX: No report.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Councilman Johnson called for the 2nd reading and public hearing of the **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ROADWAY REPAIRS AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY,**

APPROPRIATING \$65,000 THEREFORE and then asked the Clerk to read the affidavit of publication by title only.

Mayor Mahon then opened the meeting to the public for anyone who wished to be heard. As no one from the public wished to be heard Mayor Mahon closed the public portion of the hearing.

Councilman Johnson then made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on second and final reading and advertise same in accordance with the law, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle. The Clerk called roll:

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

Councilman Johnson extended thanks to the Mayor and Council, the Oceanport First Aid Squad, Oceanport Police and Dispatchers and Port Au Peck Fire Company and everyone else who helped in their time of grief on behalf of the Houschild family on the passing of his father-in-law.

COUNCILMAN IRACE:

1. Resolution authorizing a PILOT agreement with Monmouth Housing Alliance

Councilman Gallo made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing a PILOT agreement with Monmouth Housing Alliance which was seconded by Councilman Briscione

The Clerk called roll:

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

Ms. Jungfer stated there was a tie and asked for Mayor Mahon who voted yes passing the Resolution.

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle thanked everyone for their support on Saturday, September 19th for the success of Project Porchlight whereas more than a 1,000 energy saving light bulbs were handed out and described some of the benefits of their use.

Councilwoman Kahle also reported that the Quality of Life Committee would be painting windows on Main Street to celebrate Halloween.

MAYOR MAHON: Mayor Mahon gave a Proclamation declaring October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month at the request of Oceanport Police Chief Harold Sutton.

Councilwoman Kahle asked if there would be any educational information available which Mayor Mahon stated that the Proclamation was effective October 18th and that they would get the information out.

Mayor Mahon shared with the public an upcoming meeting that would look at the zoning overlay of Fort Monmouth and that another meeting was upcoming that would be discussing the implementation of the Fort Monmouth plan and the transition of FMERPA's authority to new agencies for the process and asked Councilwoman Kahle to oversee the call to service for Borough representatives going forward.

Mayor Mahon asked Councilman Briscione if he would participate in the zoning overlay process to which Councilman Briscione agreed.

Mayor Mahon continued to update the Council on many items that the Borough would be addressing in the next phases of the Fort's closure process including the economic impacts – particularly with the police department, a conference in November that he would be attending as a member of FMERPA regarding economic adjustment.

Councilwoman Kahle asked if the members of FMERPA would be the same as it changes from a planning authority to an implementation authority and if not would the municipalities have any input.

Mayor Mahon answered that that was the purpose of the conference in November and it would be geared toward drafting legislation for the creation of the new authority and that the only certainty was that the County and the 3 affected municipalities would be members and that they are requesting that the County and municipalities have the majority. There was additional discussion on thoughts of how the legislation would be crafted to create the new authority and who would be involved.

Councilwoman Kahle asked if there had been any update from Engineer Mr. White regarding the environmental issues ongoing at the Fort. Mayor Mahon answered no, but that there are RFP's being received and considered for the Environmental consultant that FMERPA will be hiring to evaluate all that information.

Councilman Irace asked if there had been additional information on the economic data that was questioned in the past and if there were plans to re-run the data based on current economic conditions.

Mayor Mahon answered that there was supposed to be a new economic study performed in the future – not likely by FMERPA, the planning authority but the FMERPA of the implementation authority. There were additional questions from Councilman Briscione and the Council regarding the past study, the proposed new study and the impacts of the economy and the timeline of the phased model.

Councilman Irace thanked Mayor Mahon for his role and to clarify that their questions were not directed at him and it was a testament to Mayor Mahon that the Council knew as much they did regarding the actions of FMERPA which was echoed by others on the Council.

PUBLIC:

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

Sherman Maps, 44 Ithaca Avenue, stated that he had missed much of the discussion regarding the dispatchers and asked for it to be summarized.

Mayor Mahon answered that the process was moving forward, that the Borough had met with counterparts in West Long Branch and that Council had authorized legal counsel to begin developing an Inter-Local agreement for each governing body's consideration. The second item would be a resolution adopted by both municipalities to support the grant application for reimbursement of the transition. The third item discussed was the establishment of a timeline to bring dispatcher service inline with the end of the calendar year and the beginning of 2010. And that there was a group of volunteers preparing reports for Council at no cost which would advise Mayor and Council on the costs of implementation, types of equipment needed to be compatible and items that need to be put in place at Oceanport's Borough Hall for security systems.

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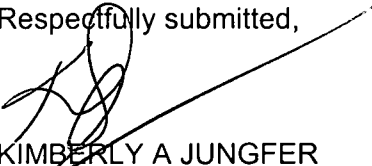
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At 8:14 p.m. the Clerk read a Resolution authorizing the meeting to enter Executive Session on a motion made by Councilman Irace and seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by Council.

At 8:31p.m. the Council returned from Executive Session and re-opened the Regular Meeting on a motion by Councilman Irace and seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by Council.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Ibex and approved by the Council members present.

Respectfully submitted,



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BOROUGH CLERK