

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
October 1, 1998

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on October 1, 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 and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- 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 September 17, 1998 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, Councilman Apruzzi moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council, with the exception of Councilwoman Filippone who abstained.

CLERK'S REPORTS:
None

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN APRUZZI: Hope that the Borough keeps Borough Clerk Patricia Varca in their thoughts and prayers on her road to recovery and hope she will be back with us shortly. He thanked the Deputy Borough Clerk for filling in during the Clerk's absence.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Wished Patti the best in recovery and appreciate the efforts of the Deputy Borough Clerk during this time.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the Flu and Pneumonia shot would be given on October 26, 1998 from 12 - 2 P.M. at the Old Wharf for a cost of \$5.00 and \$10.00 respectively. She added that both shots can be given at the same time and persons must be 18 or over to receive the shots. Councilwoman Filippone added that she has asked the Freeholders to have this on the weekend but to no avail.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER: Reported that the final water sampling results from Branchport Creek are good. The numbers over the last few years have been steadily decreasing. Hopefully the Shrewsbury River will be looked upon favorably for its shellfish beds.

Councilman Miller added monthly sampling reports are also available.

Councilman Miller reported that he and Councilman McGann went to a watershed meeting sponsored by the Monmouth County Environmental Committee and it was very nice affair to honor volunteers in the area.

Councilman Miller stated there was a quarterly police report with some of the highlights have to do with new computers, the pedestrian signs in front of the senior housing and Old Wharf which have been well received, the idea of having three officers on bike patrol during various time during the year and devices attached to 100 foot of nylon cord which can be thrown into the water for life saving which each patrol car is now equipped with.

Councilman Miller thanked the Mayor in his efforts to get the Mayor of West Long Branch to adopt a Water Shed Resolution.

Councilman Miller finally added that his prayers are with Patti and also echoed the fine job the Deputy Borough Clerk has done.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Wanted to remind residents that the fall leaf pick up would be beginning soon. He added that after the last storm the Public Works Department picked up branches and limbs, but there was some abuse of this by some of the residents by putting trimmings out. Councilman Wolfe wished Patti the best in her recovery.

COUNCILMAN MCGANN: Also wished Patti the best and his families prayers are with her during her recovery.

Councilman McGann reported that there will be a note going in the bulletin that an appointment is necessary to go to the County Hazardous Waste Facility.

Councilman McGann stated that a letter was sent to the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation with copies of all the Resolutions from surrounding towns so hopefully some action will be taken to clean up the Highway 36 median. He added that during the track and tourist season the median was in deplorable condition.

Councilman McGann thanked Council President Miller for treating him to the dinner the other night. He added that Council President Miller is referred to in County circles as the Grandfather of Water Sampling.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Asked the Deputy Clerk to read resolution R-61-98 waiving permit fees for work in the new Court Office after which she moved to approve same. Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the entire Council. Councilwoman Silkworth addressed various projects that are underway and progressing according to plan. She indicated that new quotes would have to be gotten for the Old Wharf Carpet since the ones received did not address some areas. Councilwoman Silkworth stated she would pass along all the kind words to Patti since she would be seeing her tomorrow.

MAYOR GEMMA: Echoed everyone's prayers for Patti.

Mayor Gemma announced that a report from the Chief Financial Officer this evening brought good news because it appears that we are within our budget and things look good.

Mayor Gemma stated that barriers are up on Burnt Mill and Evergreen and he thanked Tom Crochet. Mayor Gemma explained how the Council this evening discussed the mechanism the Borough would use to consider an offer for the Borough to purchase property near Borough Hall. He stated that it

was decided the matter would be referred to the Planning Board and the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee to look at proposal and give us ideas, suggestions and cost benefit analysis so that the Council can go back to the land owner knowing full well what impact it may or may not have on the Borough.

Mayor Gemma reported that he had a conversation with the Mayor of the Borough of Shrewsbury today who has agreed to sell the Borough the fire van for \$100.00.

Mayor Gemma also had a conversation with Councilman Wolfe and the OEM van can now be used by the Fire Police.

Mayor Gemma announced that wooden black swans would be placed at Old Wharf to try to deter the geese. He added that these geese were made by none other than the Superintendent of Public Works, Tom Crochet.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

Councilman Wolfe moved to approved the bills listed on the Voucher Register dated October 1, 1998. It was seconded by Councilman McGann and unanimously approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Apruzzi abstaining from the voucher for Lucent Technologies and Councilman Miller on Water Watch Trust. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$601.25, TOTAL 1998 VOUCHERS \$170,480.50, TOTAL 1998 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$43,074.43, TOTAL 1998 OPERATING FUND \$213,554.93, TOTAL WATER WATCH TRUST ACCOUNT \$108.08, TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$2,064.50, TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$98.20, AND TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$608.58.

At 8:20 P.M. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for October 1, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman McGann and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



KIMBERLY A JUNGER
Deputy Borough Clerk