

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
September 30, 1996

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was held on September 30, 1996 at 8:03 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilman Taylor.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca, Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti and Borough Engineer, Thomas K. Rospos.
- INVOCATION:** Chaplain Berry gave the Invocation.
- 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 Sept. 19, 1996 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body for their review, Councilwoman Filippone moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Application for Associate Membership to the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company made by Kenneth Thomas Carroll.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve this application. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee welcomed Col. Betty Berry as the new Borough Chaplain.

#R-96-52 Councilman McGee then asked the Clerk to read resolution #R-96-52 recognizing Lenape Week in the Borough of Oceanport from October 1 through October 8, 1996, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone also welcomed her good friend Betty Berry as the Borough Chaplain and commented that her one brother had been the Police Chief and her other brother had been a Councilman years ago, to which Col. Berry advised that both her father and grandfather had also been on the Council, so she is the third generation to be involved.

Councilwoman Filippone called for the introduction of a capital ordinance for the reconstruction of South Pemberton Avenue and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPAIR/RECONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH PEMBERTON AVENUE UTILIZING \$18,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.**

Councilwoman Filippone moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Miller.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe and Silkworth.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilman Taylor.

ABSTAIN: None.

Councilwoman Filippone then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on October 17, 1996 at 8:00 P.M. and advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman McGee.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe and Silkworth.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilman Taylor.

ABSTAIN: None.

#R-96-53

Councilwoman Filippone asked the Clerk to read resolution #R-96-53 opposing a proposal by the County to takeover the Municipal Welfare Offices, after which she moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

#R-96-54

Councilwoman Filippone then asked the Clerk to read resolution #R-96-54 supporting the EMS Systems and the continuation of funding for training programs, after which she moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that our First Aid Squad has been on stand by for many of the surrounding towns as she has reported at the last meeting and they have really been putting in a lot of hours and time responding not only to our residents, but to our neighboring towns as well.

Mayor Cavanagh directed the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the First Aid Squad so that they know we are trying to get more support for their training programs in the future.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that one of the people who helped bring about the Library into the Borough has passed away and offered her condolences on the passing of Millie Caccavale.

Councilwoman Filippone announced that in connection with the resolution adopted earlier regarding Lenape Week, there will be a celebration of the Lenapes at Sandy Hook on October 5, 1996 from 10 AM to 4 PM and there will be many festivities at this event.

Councilwoman Filippone wished the Mayor's daughter much happiness in her upcoming marriage on Friday evening.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller welcomed Col. Berry as the Borough's new Chaplain and offered his best wishes to the Mayor on his daughter's wedding this Friday.

Councilman Miller reported that he met with Bill Sullivan, chairman of the Shade Tree Committee and our Public Works Foreman, Tom Crochet recently and did a survey of several parks, including Blackberry Bay, Community Center and Trinity concerning the planting of trees, which will come from our tree nursery and we will be transplanting some this Fall and others in the early Spring.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe welcomed Col. Berry as the Borough Chaplain.

Councilman Wolfe moved to return bonds in the amount of \$62,500 to Ocean Creek Associates for Blk. 97, Lots 2, 3 & 4 and Blk. 98, Lots 1, 3, 4 & 5 per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Thomas K. Rospos. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe moved to award a bid for the 1996 Road Improvement Program to the low bidder, Fiore Paving in the amount of \$150,597 and to return the bid bonds to the unsuccessful bidders. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

#R-96-55 Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution #R-96-55 opposing the proposed land use and development regulation amendments, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

#R-96-56 Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution #R-96-56 authorizing a refund of property taxes due to a tax appeal for 1996 in the amount of \$6.08. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth welcomed Betty Berry and thanked her for being our spiritual guidance.

Councilwoman Silkworth also extended her congratulations to the Mayor in his new role to be as "father-in-law" and offered her best wishes to the entire Cavanagh family.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh stated he was very happy to have Col. Berry with us as our new Borough Chaplain and he spends each Memorial Day at the United Methodist Church when they conduct their Borough services and always enjoys the brotherhood expressed by the members of the United Methodist Church and he asked her to extend his thanks for always being so nice to him when he is at their service.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that at this time of year it is somewhat unusual to be able to talk to the people about something that politically is agreed upon by both political parties, however, we have always been a rather unusual community, so he does not see any reason to break with that tradition. Mayor Cavanagh continued that we have all talked about the concept of the Open Space

Referendum which has been proposed and will be on the November ballot as a County advisory opinion and not a binding referendum and it was his role at the Two Rivers Council of Mayors meeting last Saturday to introduce a resolution asking that the Mayors support that concept and he advised that it was unanimously passed by the members that were there. He stated that tonight we are going to adopt a similar resolution that will publicly indicate to the people why this Governing Body is in favor of this referendum and as the Co-Vice Chairman of the Open Space Coalition and Councilwoman Silkworth is a member of the Coalition and we have both been involved at different times in this idea and Councilman Miller began talking about this concept years ago through the Recreation Committee.

Mayor Cavanagh then read resolution #R-96-57 supporting the Open Space Referendum, #R-96-57 after which he commented that as evidence of our political solidarity on this particular issue, he asked that Councilman Miller and Councilwoman Silkworth to jointly move this resolution, which they did. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions anyone may have, but hearing none, closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilwoman Filippone stated with regard to the Voucher Register, under Public Assistance, Case 1602 the dollar amount was missing and it should be \$105.70.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the voucher register dated Sept. 30, 1996 with the correction pointed out by Councilwoman Filippone. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and unanimously approved by the Council. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS \$71,432.67. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$38,906.66. TOTAL 1996 OPERATING FUND \$110,339.33. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$164.50. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$40.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-LIEN REDEMPTION \$21,947.32. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SEWER LIEN REDEMPTION \$1,411.68. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$174,879.60. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \$387,250.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$16.34. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:30 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on October 17, 1996 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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BOROUGH CLERK