

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
September 21, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on September 21, 2006 at 8:00 P.M. with Mayor Chaump stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Johnson, Ibex, Kahle, Gallo, Sharkey, Mayor Chaump

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Briscione

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Kimberly A. Jungfer and Borough Attorney, Scott Arnette

INNVOCAATION: Reverend Mills gave the invocation.

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

The Borough Clerk stated that there was on item to be added to the Consent Agenda, which they received this afternoon from the Borough Engineer so item #12 is to reject all bids for the Port-Au-Peck Firehouse Driveway. There are 12 items now on the Consent Agenda. She then asked if anyone would like any of the items removed.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of membership into the Oceanport Fire Department for Francis Lippolis and Reiss C. Pflieger
2. Resolution renewing the pocket liquor license of Arthur and Alvina, Inc.
3. Resolution renewing the franchise agreement with Comcast Cable Television.
4. Resolution supporting Monmouth Housing Alliance's grant application
5. Resolution creating Port-Au-Peck Firehouse Trust Fund.
6. Resolution creating Community Center Trust Fund."
7. Resolution authorizing the payment of bills.
8. Resolution amending the resolution authorizing the grant application to the Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program.
9. Resolution adopting the Borough By Laws
10. Approval of the Regular minutes of August 17, 2006.
11. Approval of the Workshop minutes of August 14, 2006.
12. Motion to reject all bids for the Port-Au-Peck Driveway project

Councilman Sharkey stated he would like the Payment of Bill List to be removed #7 and items 10 and 11 the regular minutes removed.

The Borough Clerk asked if there was a motion for items 1-12 minus items 7, 10, and 11, which was moved by Councilman Gallo, seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by Council.

The Borough Clerk then asked for a motion on item #7, which is the Payment of Bills. This was moved by Councilman Ibex, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Sharkey who abstained.

The Borough Clerk asked for a motion on item #10, which is the approval on the minutes of August 17, 2006. This was moved by Councilman Ibex, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Sharkey who abstained.

The Borough Clerk asked for a motion on item #11, which is the approval of the Workshop Minutes of August 14, 2006. This was moved by Councilman Ibex and seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. Councilwoman Kahle had one correction on page 3. Mayor Chaump report on July 2nd that she received a call and met with Senator Menendez and Senator Pallone but Councilman Briscione was also there and she would like the minutes to reflect that. With that amendment the Borough Clerk called roll and was approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Sharkey who abstained.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Borough Clerk stated she had the police reports for July and August 2006 both of which have been distributed and will be posted tomorrow morning.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle started off with Drug Alliance. The Coastal Monmouth Alliance for the Prevention of Substance abuse met Sept 14th and welcomed a new coordinator, Shannon Burry. The mission of the Alliance is to provide education, intervention and referral services to all residents of Oceanport, West Long Branch and Long Branch and as you might imagine, they work very closely with the schools providing funds for programs. If you have an idea or a concern to bring forward to the group, please let her or one of our community representatives, Madelyn Badality or Lisa DeSantis know and we will bring it to the next meeting. This month is also National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery month and we are pleased to support a proclamation that will be announced this evening.

Councilwoman Kahle reported on education stating last month she gave a detailed report on the two referendums pending on Sept 26th. For the Oceanport Schools \$2.135 million dollar referendum, the state has sent them their eligibility letter giving them 40% state reimbursement through debt service each year for a total reimbursement of \$854,200. As you might recall they are using the money for maintenance and repairs and to remove and replace the roof at Wolf Hill School and to replace the clock and program system. At Maple Place School there is to be new heating, ventilation and air conditioning in the cafeteria, stage, library and gym and a new HVAC system in all the rooms with the exception of the addition and the science labs that were done in 1996. At Maple Place School they were also going to subdivide room 115 for Special Education and upgrade automatic temperature controls in 3 rooms. Replace cabinet heaters, and hot water heater in locker rooms and toilets and install building management system for automatic temperature controls. She stated that she had a breakdown of the projects and if anyone would like a copy to see her after the meeting.

Councilwoman Kahle reported that Shore Regional High School is going out for a \$49.8 million dollar referendum and she received their eligibility letter giving them a 35.1% state

reimbursement through debt service each year for a total reimbursement of \$17,495,980 dollars. Their projects, as you might imagine, are a little more extensive than our Oceanport schools and sprung from a facilities task force group that included residents from all the sending districts along with a facilitator from the school. The community was also invited and she is not aware if our liaison last year attended those meetings to give any input or not. The group met from September 2005 until the end of that year and they put forth the plan to use the money for upgrading the science labs, renovating and reconfiguring the classrooms to meet core curriculum content standards and state rules, upgrading technology in the classrooms and the media center, renovating the gym adding a new auditorium to include backstage area storage and music room, renovating the cafeteria and kitchen prep and serving areas, upgrading the heating and ventilation system, replacing the lighting and ceilings throughout the building, replacing the flooring, upgrading the fire alarm system, upgrading the security systems, upgrading for ADA compliance, upgrading the athletic facilities and fields including lighting, irrigation and parking lots and drop off areas. They held 3 informational meetings, one being this evening, one on the 12th which was attended by at the most 50 people and one last Monday evening for Council liaisons and Mayors. She had another meeting scheduled and therefore did not attend this meeting, but she believes Councilman Briscione who is on the Education Committee with her and the Mayor attended. She had to schedule a private meeting with Steve Brennan, the Business Administrator, to bring her up to speed with things. The president of the Shore Regional Board of Education also had an informational meeting at his home to explain the projects, which were attended by 5 people including her. They also held a tour of the building on Saturday Sept 16th, which she attended and was one of 12 people for the entire day so it was very poorly attended. This was disappointing as what I saw surprised her with the building as much of it was not conveyed through their newsletter just how antiquated and run down that school is. The two boilers are from 1962 and much of the school is heated by cranking up the heat at one end of the hall to about 80 degrees and then having it travel to the classrooms at the other end and it only reaches about 60 degrees, which is not ideal. They are operating at 40% efficiency, thus losing money everyday to run them. The water main shut off is for the entire school, if there's a break down or leak, the entire water system has to be shut down in order to repair it. That happened a couple of years ago and they had to close the school until the repairs were made. The gym ventilation systems are also from 1962 and they can no longer get parts to repair them, so there is no ventilation in the gyms unless you open the outside doors. The school is a Red Cross evacuation center and is not ADA compliant. The lights which the hall lights have to be kept on 24 hours a day, cannot be dimmed with the current system, so they operate on full capacity incurring higher electric bills. There is still mercury lighting in the building from 1962. The gym floors have been sanded down through the years to ¼ inch thickness; they have gouges in them and need replacement, as do the bleachers. Educationally, the classes are all over the building. With the referendum they are looking to realign the classes to subject areas along with increasing the structural size of the classrooms to comply with state mandates. The building is not wireless, this would happen with the referendum allowing Internet learning in the classrooms. The counters and surfaces are breaking down in the labs, they would be replaced along with updating lab equipment. The music room is on 4 different levels not allowing wheelchair access and making it difficult for crutches. It's also cramped and shared with a classroom. There is no air conditioning as there is at our Oceanport Schools. Other improvements would be to build a new bigger auditorium, improve the sound system, and reconfigure the old auditorium to administration offices. She was told this would be more cost efficient than renovating the auditorium, as the state would give more money for the new as the old is not ADA compliant and is undersized according to the state standards. The football field would be updated and changed to turf allowing for all weather play and less maintenance, new scoreboards as the old ones do not work all the time, resurfacing of the track as it's already cracking and the addition of a sprinkler system on the

other outside fields. She has an information packet showing the realignment along with a cost breakdown if anyone would like to see it after the meeting. \$50 million is a lot of money and on Sept 26th we will all have to decide if either one of these plans is what we are willing to raise our taxes for. Steve Brennan, at Shore Regional has said that if anyone has any questions to feel free to call him before the vote so he can take you on a tour of the school.

Councilwoman Kahle stated that she also had handouts of the project breakdowns with her as well as the final report of the community facilities task force and the entire slide show shown by the Shore Regional Board of Education at their informational meetings if anyone would like to see that after the meeting. Another thing that she did learn with her meeting with Steve Brennan at Shore Regional, which she thinks is a good thing, was that Shore Regional is being pro active with consolidation of services at the regional level. Currently, they now bus the Sea Bright students to the elementary schools and are proposing a study to determine cost savings with providing transportation for all the elementary schools that Shore Regional services. Oceanport pays over \$80,000 a year to a private company for busing and has 3 of their own buses for which they pay maintenance, salaries, gas etc. The savings is there, but the details have to be worked out for which they are looking into a professional who knows transportation and schools. She commends them for this effort and hope this leads to more consolidation and more savings for the taxpayer such as a central office with one superintendent, one business administrator and one office staff for our district instead of 4 superintendents, 5 business administrators, and 5 offices.

Councilwoman Kahle reported on geese management. As you might recall, she mentioned something at the last public meeting about needing a plan in place to reduce the geese population. This month the Environmental Commission met with Steve Cioffi, the Environmental Commissioner of West Long Branch on sharing services with this effort. Currently, West Long Branch has been able to reduce their population significantly by following the Geese Peace protocol of adding the eggs and using border collies. They have offered to help us and have provided a plan including a time line of needed activities, which we will be incorporating over the coming year. She publicly thanked Steve Cioffi who is a Sergeant in our police force, for meeting with the Environmental Commission and our Recreation Committee to answer questions and explain the program and offer to help.

Councilwoman Kahle reported on Building and Grounds. She thanked John Carroll and Charlie Pierce for installing hand dryers in the bathrooms at Blackberry Bay. They volunteered their services, thus saving taxpayer dollars and we do appreciate that. The paper dispensers will be removed to cut down on paper waste and cost. Also, the automatic timers were installed on the bathroom doors and they will be open from 8am until dusk daily so no key needed.

Councilwoman Kahle stated last month she reported on the progress of the Water Watch Committee and the contamination of our waterways. Everyone might recall that we first learned of the high counts when we received a letter from the County Board of Health and it was posted on our website for a community alert. The Water Watch committee, herself and Councilman Gallo got very involved from that point on, trying to determine the source quickly and get it resolved to protect the health and welfare of our waterway community. They were speaking with DEP and the Board of Health representatives weekly, sometimes daily. Richard Gruskos, the chair of the Water Watch Committee, and herself met at the track with the DEP and the County Board of Health to review the facilities, they then met with track officials and the Two Rivers Sewerage Authority to express concerns and to discuss the problem. She reported at the workshop meeting on August 14th of our progress and at that time no one on Council had any questions or offered to help them with this matter. She is telling everyone this because

since that time this Water Watch Committee has become a political hot point on this Council and she does not think this is right. This is not a political issue. It is an Oceanport issue. Water Watch and Councilman Gallo and herself should be allowed to continue with the program to the cause of the fecal contamination at Monmouth Park and be able to speak to the DEP freely along with the Board of Health and at this time they are not able to do that. She had just reported at a workshop meeting that the track had cleaned their entire sewer system twice in the last 2 weeks and had found a faulty valve at the infield pond, which they and the DEP determined was the problem of the elevated counts. This was reasoned as this caused increased sediment to form in their pipes, thus preventing free flow to the pump station. The DEP also said that the pump station was running like new and was satisfied with the progress. He also shared that he spoke with the county Board of Health and they did not want to retest the water for fecal coliform counts. She also spoke then with the Board of Health who said she was meeting with her boss and that so far the feeling was, they were not going to retest. She brought that to the workshop meeting and after a discussion the Mayor agreed to write a letter expressing our concerns and ask for a retest. The letter was not written as the Board of Health decided to retest on 9-6-06 and the Mayor found that out when she called on Friday.

Councilwoman Kahle stated that what concerns her is that the fecal counts are still high, it's apparent that what they found was not the only problem and even though the Mayor knew they retested, she did not share that information with the Water Watch liaisons or the Water Watch Committee. That information arrived at Borough Hall on that Tuesday the very day that the Water Watch committee meets and they did not have that information. Councilwoman Kahle and Councilman Gallo found out and received the information on Wednesday. This is not acceptable. We have committees for a reason and to circumvent them only hurts the town. She knows they are in the mist of an election, but that should not be relevant. This is not a political matter. She is asking that they all work together for the health of all our residents. She is sorry to bring this up at a public meeting, but at the previous workshop, she got nowhere so she wanted this on record so it doesn't happen again. She has questions for the DEP who was asked to be here tonight on behalf of the Water Watch Committee and they were not able to attend. We need that communication to move forward.

Councilwoman Kahle stated her final committee is Public Works. She would just like to remind everyone that they would be starting a schedule with the leaf pickup. She just found out tonight that there are a couple of streets that are missing and they are looking into that. This leaf pickup schedule was done to comply with the new Storm Water Regulations and any concerns, since this is a new project, will be addressed so feel free to call or email Public Works or herself with any ideas.

Councilwoman Kahle stated lastly, she just wanted to say what a good job Councilwoman Johnson and the Recreation Committee did for the Summers End celebration. It was enjoyed by all and went off without a hitch thanks to their efforts and the efforts of our police and emergency departments. The Caring for Kortney fundraiser was wonderful and she thanked the Gillette's for bringing our community together in such a thoughtful way.

COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Councilwoman Johnson stated that since Councilman Briscione was not in attendance the police report for August showed 1,316 calls answered by the dispatchers. 859 of those calls were answered by patrols, 232 summonses were issued by officers, and 335 motor vehicle stops.

Councilwoman Johnson stated that she attended the Oceanport Hook and Ladder meeting on September 12th. She then welcomed Reiss C. Pfleger and Frank Lippolis as new members of Oceanport Hook and Ladder. Also, she congratulated Jonathan Ryan, Frank Lippolis and Mark Patterson who graduated from the fire academy. They also announced there will be a med evac drill, which is a helicopter at Monmouth Park Racetrack some time in October and they don't have the dates as of yet.

Councilwoman Johnson stated that the Hook and Ladder has taken a 20-year loan out to make repairs to their building. One important item is to redo the bathrooms, which is greatly needed. Also, the Explorer's are looking into a pancake breakfast and right now it is scheduled for December 5th at the Hook and Ladder Fire Department.

Councilwoman Johnson reported on Parks and Recreation stating at the last workshop meeting Council approved the Open Space Grant for Old Wharf Park. A fishing dock for non-motorized boats, expanded parking and a sidewalk and also the bocci courts will be an Eagle Scout's project for this year. She thanked Mike Tober for his presentation at the last workshop.

Councilwoman Johnson stated at the Summer's End Festival the Walk for Kortney Gillette was quite a success and unfortunately she could not be there that weekend because she was away and then apologized for not attending. She heard through many residents that this was a great event. She thanked Mike Minervini and his committee for doing an excellent job. She also thanked Parks and Recreation, the residents and Monmouth Medical Center for funding this event.

Councilwoman Johnson reported on Board of Health stating that flu shots will be held on October 12th at the Oceanport First Aid Building between 9 – 12noon. All residents 65 and over should bring their Medicare cards or anyone that has a Medicare card and all non-Medicare residents the cost will be \$20. This will be posted in the bulletin and also on the board in front of the Borough Hall. Right now they are still waiting to see how many shots they will be getting she has made a few calls and no one has returned her calls yet but hopefully they will have enough for everyone.

Councilwoman Johnson stated that the Board of Health for Monmouth Park on September 13th the Mayor and Council received a report from the Board of Health. She did call and speak to Ann Marie Fournier. She advised that the signs had been posted at the Port-Au-Peck Ave Bridge and the new signs are laminated due to someone ripping down the old signs. The signs were up before and someone went through great lengths to remove them. Also at this past workshop she did recommend that the DEP come to the public meeting. There was quite a bit of discussion between a lot of people to have someone come here and to all be on the same page. It was quite important but she saw today in the Asbury Park Press and it does state that the DEP is quite concerned about the long-term solution. The DEP, the Board of Health and the consultant for Monmouth Park Racetrack will continue to work on this issue. Also, this letter that everyone received was also sent to John Duffy of the NJSEA, Mr. Smith of Monmouth Park, Long Branch Health Department, Monmouth Regional Health Commission, Oceanport Water Watch, Virginia Lofton and Bob Nell of the DEP. Councilwoman Johnson stated that she heard Councilwoman Kahle's concern about being political but she doesn't see it as being political. She thinks that they all need to be on the same page and there were meetings that she was never notified about and she is the liaison to the Board of Health so if its going to be political then they started off on the wrong foot. She thinks that with something like this the entire Council should be aware of before any meetings were attended. To her it just got blown out of proportion and she thinks that they are all on the same page. This is a concern for

everybody and this is a problem for the residents of this town. The Council needs to all work together and hopefully move forward on this. If there are any more meetings then they all need to know ahead of time.

COUNCILMAN GALLO: Councilman Gallo stated that First Aid responded to 50 calls this month, 38 emergencies, 2 motor vehicles and 8 fire calls. A new member, Richard Eng, just finished his EMT training. The addition to the building continues to move along and they look forward to the completion. On June 28th Trenton was hit with severe rains and the Delaware River began to flood the city. Over 15 First Aid Squads from Monmouth County were called to aid in the evacuation of the Water's Edge Health Care Rehabilitation Center. Our First Aid Squad was one of them and they brought back patients to Riverview Medical Center. A letter from Trenton Emergency Medical Service to the Oceanport First Aid Squad was received and Councilman Gallo read the letter:

On behalf of the City of Trenton, the Water's Edge Health Care Rehabilitation Center and the Trenton Emergency Medical Service, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Oceanport First Aid Squad for providing EMS resource to the Trenton Emergency Medical Service during the evacuation of the Water Edge Health Care Rehabilitation Center on June 28, 2006. Because of your time, dedication and commitment to the Emergency Medical Service System this evacuation was conducted properly and efficiently. I invite you to review the after action report and it will be posted on the website at www.trentonems.com and thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,
Ralph E. Gumbert

Councilman Gallo thanked the squad for helping out other communities.

Councilman Gallo reported on the Senior Citizens stating that they are anxious to get back into their building, which now seems to be moving along. The walls are sheet-rocked and painted. There is tile in the kitchen and that is complete. The meter was able to remain right where it is. They are now waiting for the rugs and the drop ceiling so they are getting very close.

COUNCILMAN IBEX: Councilman Ibex stated in Councilman Briscione's absence there are two Ordinances to be called on for first reading. The first is calling an introduction of an Ordinance creating a speed limit and a no-passing zone on Crescent Place. He then asked the Borough Clerk to read the Ordinance by title only.

Councilman Ibex asked for a motion to approve the Ordinance on first reading, which was moved by Councilwoman Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman Kahle

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES:	Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Sharkey, Ibex
NAYS	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Briscione

Councilman Ibex asked for a motion to hold public hearing on proposed Ordinance at the Council meeting of October 19, 2006 and to advertise same in accordance with the law, which was moved by Councilwoman Kahle and seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Sharkey, Ibex
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Briscione

Councilman Ibex stated the second item is calling for an introduction of an Ordinance adopting the Borough By Laws. He then asked the Clerk to read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Councilman Ibex then asked for a motion to approve the Ordinance on first reading, which was moved by Councilwoman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Gallo.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Sharkey, Ibex
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Briscione

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The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Sharkey, Ibex
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Briscione

Councilman Ibex stated that he wanted to remind everyone that budget season is upon us and even though it's only September, he spoke to the CFO and he is trying to get the ball rolling and she is in agreement that they try to get the process going in that regard. He is hopeful that they can try some zero based budget this year, which is basically starting from the ground up and try to build up a budget into what you think you need as opposed to taking where you left off last year and just growing for inflation. He is hopeful that we could do some additional analyses of the needs of putting together the budget. He then asked the Council members if they had any questions that they would like to delve into so they can get this project off the starting line and try to move along.

Councilman Sharkey asked if a schedule had been established yet?

Councilman Ibex said not yet, but he will be meeting with the CFO. He talked to Mrs. David last week and they will sit down and discuss a timeline.

COUNCILMAN SHARKEY: Councilman Sharkey congratulated the Recreation Committee on an outstanding job on the Oceanport Day and the sponsors who were all so generous and Mike Minervini did a great job.

Councilman Sharkey reported on Buildings and Grounds stating that they received an architect's proposal on a building addition to the Borough Hall back in November of 2005. Council has not acted upon this proposal or any recommendation. They now have a request from the Police Department to look into getting trailers in the back of Borough Hall, which is an issues that is still in front.

Councilman Sharkey stated that at the Port-Au-Peck Fire House re-paving was mentioned and what they are going to do is decline to accept the bids because they were all above the bid threshold so they are going out to re-bid on that job.

Councilman Sharkey stated that the Old Wharf Center would be about another 3 weeks to get the carpeting in and the ceiling tiles etc... but they usually double or triple that time.

Councilman Sharkey stated that the fire fighters went down to the annual convention and they had a good time and it was a huge success.

Councilman Sharkey reported on insurance stating that last year they did go out for a competition, which drove down the increase from 12% to around 7%, which saved the Borough some funds that was an issue of around \$30,000 savings by switching carriers and the Council faces that tough decision and did not move to a different carrier and stayed with Horizon. This year we started that process again and they were able to get a very nice increase of 4% for 18 months from Horizon and we did lock into that and that put the Borough into good shape. It is on the agenda that we were going to have a resolution to decide on what to do with an additional offer that was on the table that would save another \$40,000 from the Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund. The Insurance Committee, which included himself and Councilman Ibex and the Borough Attorney, Scott Arnette, had a conference call today to talk about the process and what to do with it. Right now the issue is that there is an offer for a \$40,000 savings plus potential dividend and they have to act on it either accept it or reject it. The next step needs to be discussed and then turned it over to Scott Arnette.

Scott Arnette stated that the next step would be to collect all the information with regard to the individuals who are involved in the plan from the buyers perspective and the certain circumstances that are available with regard to types of coverage this way the employees will have the opportunity to review the plan and have their Insurance Consultant take a look at it and make their own determinations and then they will be put on notice and comply with the obligations of the PBA contract and we will find out from them whether or not they believe what the insurer is saying is correct. The next thing after that of course would be the decision making process, which will happen at some point in the future.

Councilman Sharkey stated this offer is good until December 21, 2006 and we are running out of time on this so Council will have to discuss this at the next Workshop and if there is going to be any action on this whether or not it's in favor or against it.

Councilman Sharkey then made a motion to table the resolution, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and unanimously approved by Council

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: ABSENT

MAYOR CHAUMP: Mayor Chaump stated that as she reported last month and that is says in the minutes everyone on this Council is concerned about our waterways and she thinks that the communication between Water Watch, The Environmental Commission and the Board of Health should be able to move forward.

Mayor Chaump reported on Fort Monmouth stating the Tri-Care Plan Health Care Services was not terminated as it was originally reported over a month ago at the Planning Authority because Congressman Holt and Congressman Pallone are involved and have reneged on terminating that. The Authority also met in executive session on September 14th to interview the final 2 candidates for Executive Director. One applicant was chosen and the references will be checked out along with the disclosure form filed and the chair has the parameters to offer a salary. It will be official with a resolution on September 26th, which is the next meeting at 7 pm in Eatontown. On Thursday, August 31st Representative Holt had a round table on Disaster Preparedness and Planning. There were federal, state, county and local attendees. The locals were the Mayors and the OEM coordinators. It was an exchange of ideas on the National Response Plan. There was also \$400,000 in grants available and the due date to request these is the end of October. The OEM director, Captain Baldanza, will be meeting with the OEM directors from Little Silver, Monmouth Beach, Fair Haven, Rumson, Middletown and Sea Bright to collectively submit proposals to the National Weather Service on what we would need as far as preparedness.

Mayor Chaump stated the Two Rivers Mayors meeting was in September. Michael Gioforte from the Two River Water Reclamation Authority was there and he said that the authority has saved \$16,000 by sending out 1 bill instead of sending out postcards on the 4 quarters as they have done in the past. He also met with the tax collectors in each of the 6 Boroughs that share on the authority. In 1971 when the authority was formed we were using 10 million gallons a day as far as sewerage and we are built out to 2,015 and it also suggests that the State should look into to managing sludge and maybe turning it into energy.

Mayor Chaump stated the emergency services and also the volunteer organizations need to have representation via the Council members and she reminded the Council members stating if they cannot attend a meeting to call the back up and if that person cannot attend then she will go. She attended the Port-Au-Peck Fire Department meeting on August 28th. They talked about a drill that they had with the Hook and Ladder, public safety and about reporting the mileage on their trucks and maybe should be reporting the hours. Since Oceanport is only 3.75 square miles sometimes they should be looking at the hours the trucks are used as well. They had 11 fire calls and there was also a discussion on the department ordinance and also about the rental/donations of their building and she met with the president, Al Desantis, and Bill McNish on their Board of Trustees to talk about their rentals that will now be handled through the Borough Office.

Mayor Chaump stated there was a meeting at Shore Regional High School for the Mayors and the Board of Education liaisons. Councilman Briscione and she attended this. There was a lengthy discussion about the bonding and also the questions about capacity for originally when the school was built 40 years ago the capacity was 1,100 and now the capacity is 831 students and the existing facility the way it is right now can only hold 750. When they do the \$49.7 million referendum the capacity will be 945 students. Every room will be touched from the plumbing, heating, cooling, lighting etc... It is presently 155,00 square feet with the addition they will be at 185,000 square feet. They first presented the cost by function and did it on a laptop with an overhead. They had not put in the athletic fields or the parking lot. The four

Mayors that were there were very concerned that it was not broken down and then when they gave them a copy of the new breakdown, which Council has and if anyone needs it its now in there and that was going to be \$3.5 million. She also asked the Bond Council that for the 30-year bond would any of it have a useful life of 30 years and the comment was probably nothing. So you're going to be voting on a referendum that you will be paying for something and then probably down the road you will probably be paying again for something and that is where it stands. They are saying now that some of the things are not in compliance but they will be in compliance. The only classroom that they are adding is the auditorium. She asked how many other classrooms they are adding and they said it is not so much as adding they were taking one of the wings where they had 6 classrooms and making it into 5 classrooms because of having to put extra things into the classroom to be in compliance with what is going on in the State. The Mayor thinks that people need to be informed and Shore Regional was not very transparent from the beginning. If you notice in the paper last week the FCC does not have any grant money to give from now until the end of the year so we will probably be funded under debt service, which is on the Shore Regional side. Under the Oceanport side the local school she had gone to meetings last year when she was the liaison and they were proposing \$8 million when they went back to the table they came back to the \$2.13 million so they really picked and chose what they really needed. Again, she thinks that all the taxpayers need to be informed so please go out and voice your opinion on September 26th whether you're for or against it. That is a decision you all must make. If there are any other questions she has more information and would be willing to stay after the meeting to discuss this.

Mayor Chaump stated the last item she has is the Proclamation for Drug Alliance and it will be posted on the door of the Borough Hall.

Mayor Chaump then opened the meeting to any who wished to be heard from the public.

PUBLIC:

Ed Ryan, 24 Willow Court, stated he was very disappointed with this Council and the Mayor. One of the old Council members in town died and they didn't even put the flag at half mass. They couldn't cancel the Workshop meeting for the wake and tonight they didn't even bother for a moment of silence for Gloria Fillipone who did a lot for this town. This is a disgrace for the Fillipone family.

Mayor Chaump apologized and at this point they took a moment of silence.

Ron Sickler, Morris Place, thanked the Mayor for going to meet with the school and he appreciates her looking into that and the public has a hard time trying to ascertain what is really going on with some of the improvements. To have Astroturf for a high school with 760 students is not needed. At some point in time somebody needs to stand up and say that this is not necessary. He thought that the Oceanport schools took a big step in cutting down the things they really need. He stated his concerns with the electric bill in the Oceanport schools. He then stated his concerns with the waterways. Something has happened that has never happened in his 47 years in Oceanport when he was crabbing on the river. He recently put crabs in a surface trap to shed them out. He put 16 crabs in and in 12 hours 14 of those crabs were dead. In 24 hours all of the crabs were dead. This is a situation that he believes is far more serious than what anyone is going to let you believe. The State is giving the Council a lot of lip service on this. We are extremely close to having someone get really sick or even die from this water. Everyone on Council should be very concerned with this issue.

Steve Tagerty, PBA member, he appreciates the tabled resolution. The beginning of this process the PBA has asked for certain documentation with regard to the plans. Are they going to provide this and Mr. Arnette stated that he spoke to their attorney today and what is going to happen is they are going to get the information and then send it down to the PBA to compare the plans.

Steve Tagerty stated that the PBA is not against saving the Borough some money but they don't want to do it at the detriment of their members and they look forward to reviewing the plans.

Deborah Sharkey, River Street, stated she does not see any signs anywhere about the polluted water. Being a resident and knowing that the water is polluted it should be made public to everyone. There are no signs anywhere.

Sal Vecchione, Woodbine Way, stated he went to a Shore Regional Board meeting and it started at 7:35 pm and the meeting was over at 8 pm. He is confused about their meeting dates. The other thing is that he went to the West Long Branch meeting and a resident addressed the Mayor and asked if West Long Branch can share the Police Department with Oceanport. He finds it hard to believe that the Mayor of West Long Branch took this seriously. He wanted to know if the West Long Branch Mayor ever discussed this with Mayor Chaump.

Mayor Chaump stated that there were 2 dates planned for this. One was the 14th and the other was the 16th and she heard from all 5 Mayors and neither date was available so they will plan it again for October.

Sal Vecchione stated his concerns with the Shore Regional referendum.

Mike Minervini, 1281 Eatontown Blvd., wanted to publicly thank the Mayor and Council for the support at the Summers End Festival and thank the Recreation Board, Mike Tober, Lee Poole and Jim Foligno and the Police Chief did a great job. He contacted Monmouth Medical and they have agreed to sponsor the event again next year.

Linda Johnson stated for Parks and Recreation there is a map if anyone would like to look at it for the Open Space Grant, which will be out front.

As no one else from the public wished to be heard the Mayor closed the public portion of the meeting.

At 9:00 p.m. there was a motion to adjourn from Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Ibex and unanimously approved by Council

Respectfully submitted,


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