Oceanport, New Jersey
September 21, 1995

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on September 21, 1995 at 8:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Pastor Tavener.

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 September 7, 1995 had been made available for review by the Governing Body, Councilman Miller 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: NO REPORT.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee reported under Insurance, he attended today a work shop meeting held in Toms River sponsored by the National Flood Insurance Program. He explained that the purpose of this meeting was to educate communities and residents who reside in flood plain areas, about the availability of flood insurance and the number of people who do not have this coverage. Councilman McGee commented that he was surprised to learn that in the Borough of Oceanport, there are only 500 flood insurance policies in force and there has been over six and a half million dollars in claims paid out, which averages out to over $12, 000 per claim, so it is a wise thing to have because there are losses sustained in this community and flood insurance is available. He also advised that he will be putting together some information for the Bulletin so that residents can be made aware of the availability of this coverage.

Councilman McGee also advised that as a requirement of the Borough's participation in the Statewide Worker's Compensation Fund, he will be attending a loss prevention seminar in Branchville next week.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone called for the introduction of an amendment to the present salary ordinance and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX AND DETERMINE THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN BOROUGH OFFICIALS" PASSED AND APPROVED ON MARCH 16, 1939.**

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

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: **NONE.**
ABSENT: **NONE.**
ABSTAIN: **NONE.**

Councilwoman Filippone then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the meeting scheduled to be held on October 5, 1995 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: **NONE.**
ABSENT: **NONE.**
ABSTAIN: **NONE.**

Councilwoman Filippone advised as Senior Citizen Liaison, she recently attended the AARP State Convention held in Princeton and it was very interesting and the major issue for senior citizens is Medicare reductions and there are still no answers, but that topic was discussed at length.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that flu shots will be given on October 27, 1995 at the Old Wharf House between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM and the cost will be $5.00 or free to anyone with Medicare B and further information will be made available in the near future.

Councilwoman Filippone announced that Eatontown will be having free rabies shots either October 14 or 16 and advised anyone who has an animal that will be requiring a rabies vaccination should contact the Eatontown Borough Hall for more information.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded the residents that Diane Cook will be conducting a blood drive for the Central Jersey Blood Bank at the Oceanport First Aid Building on September 25 between the hours of 6-9 PM and commented that Diane Cook runs this drive just about on her own and advised the residents that anyone from the Borough who needs blood, can draw from this Blood Bank and urged anyone who is able to give blood to come out on Monday and donate.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the First Aid Squad will be holding their Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 9, 1995 and they need volunteers to help make the wreaths as well as assistance in selling the trees, which is a major undertaking for them.

Councilwoman Filippone commended the First Aid Squad, Fire and Police Departments who responded to the recent house fire last Sunday especially since the people were not at home and the interest that the volunteers showed was wonderful.

Councilwoman Filippone then gave the Captain's Report from the First Aid Squad for the month of August and they received 24 emergency calls, 4 mutual aid, 3 fire, 1 other for a total of 32 calls; 309 miles and 218 man/woman hours and there were also 4 total advanced life support calls and one call at Monmouth Park.

Councilwoman Filippone wished all of the Borough's Jewish residents a very Happy New Year and hoped they all enjoy a healthy and happy holiday.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported under Recreation, he wanted to express his thanks to Chuck Schanck for coordinating all the activities at the Summer's End Festival and the highlight of the day, without the fireworks, were the two bands that performed from 4 PM till after dark and thanked Bob Lillie and his group from Horseneck Point and Joe Ropolla and his group from Monmouth Boulevard and they volunteered their services at no cost and will be back next year. He continued that luckily there were no penalties with regard to the fireworks and the money will be rolled over for next year and we still need people to make donations for seed money for either a better show next year or seed money for the following year.

Councilman Miller stated the Soccer Program is off and running and there are 325 children signed up this year, which is an increase over last year.

Councilman Miller advised that there is something new under the Recreation Program in that they are now supporting a Shore Regional Pop Warner Program that services Oceanport, Monmouth Beach, Sea Bright and West Long Branch and we have 65 Oceanport children participating as opposed to 6 over the last several years in a different Pop Warner Program.

Councilman Miller thanked Keith Seeley and Steve Remaley, who both own marinas in town and they are doing some repairs of the deck of one of our Water Watch boats and Mr. Seeley will be doing the deck work and Mr. Remaley is donating a new console to be installed and he appreciated their willingness to help out the Borough.

Councilman Miller commented that the last Water Watch samples basically followed the same course as we have been following all summer with the lack of rain, which causes the numbers to be quite low and on September 5, Chris Widdis sampled for only fecal coliform in the Branchport Creek and the highest number we had was at the Casa Comida Bridge which was 300, but all other sites were 110 all the way down to 11.

Councilman Miller thanked Bill Stine and the Waterways Committee who take out the Litterbug on weekends and pick up floatables out of the River and this year there was much less debris found in our River, which is a very good sign.

Mayor Cavanagh stated he has been in contact with the Sports Authority and has been advised that the hook up is very close to being completed and hopefully within the next two meetings we will be able to announce that the system is completed.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor stated he attended Wolfhill School on Friday, Sept. 15 to observe Myra's Amazing Puppet Show about the environment and it was very successful and is funded through the Borough's Clean Communities grant.

Councilman Taylor attended a meeting out in Manalapan where he found out some bad news in that the disposal costs will be increasing as of April, 1996 from 20-25% at the Reclamation Center, which would mean an increase of approximately $36,000 for regular trash and $14,000 on bulky collection, so that totals $50,000 using the 20% number.

Councilman Taylor reported under the Alliance for Alcohol and Drug Abuse, he wanted to thank Ed Kelly who took a group of Shore Regional students up to Project Youths on September 9 and 10

and this was sponsored by the Governor's Council on Drug Abuse and this is a program that we have been doing over the last several years and under Project Youths they develop team work, promote trust, self confidence and self esteem and building mutual respect and it is an excellent project.

Councilman Taylor advised that the next Hazardous Household Waste Day was scheduled for Saturday, October 21 in Hazlet and the last one will be on November 4 in Upper Freehold.

Councilman Taylor reported under Education, he wanted to announce that at Maple Place School they have a new Staff Development Coordinator, and this position was put into effect through the residents who made up the Community Strategic Planning Committee, which was put together about a year ago. He continued that the Staff in Oceanport will be attending a Conflict Resolution Program at Shore Regional on October 9 along with Monmouth Beach and Sea Bright Teachers. Councilman Taylor also advised that Oceanport will be implementing a new IOWA Test for the students and on October 5 at the Wolfhill School at 7:30 P.M., there will be a Representative there from IOWA Testing to answer any questions that the parents might have on this new test. He also advised that there is an increase of 39 students at Wolfhill School and 22 at Maple Place School over last year's figures.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that as a follow up to Councilman Taylor's announcement about the proposed increase in the tipping fees, the Two Rivers Council of Mayors have invited a representative of the County come to meet with them at their next meeting to discuss the impact of the increase and whether this can be phased in and perhaps begin a discussion to try and soften the impact of this increase, since this is a County wide problem.

R-95-53
COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-95-53** granting a senior citizens tax deduction, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe offered his thanks to the Borough Council and Recreation for allowing the Soccer Association to use the fields at Blackberry Bay Park and this year we have gone from 22 teams last year to 29 teams and 325 players, over 80 coaches and assistant coaches in the program and it is really an outstanding location at Blackberry with four soccer fields located there. He continued that we cannot think of any surrounding town that has four soccer fields at one park location and felt this was quite a planning feat when they developed Blackberry Bay Park.

Councilman Wolfe commented that the Soccer Association had made a donation to the First Aid Squad and they have always been very helpful to the Association and respond to any injuries that may occur, but they also attend the annual recertification meeting and always send at least two representatives of the Squad and go over first aid pointers and have a question and answer period for the coaches and he has received a thank you note from the Squad.

Councilman Wolfe stated the Public Works Department has been involved with a re-painting project over at the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire House with Mr. Briskey and several other members of that house had several requests and they have been completed and he thanked Michael Balzarano for taking care of these items.

Councilman Wolfe had a copy of a map and list of street posts and signs which have been repainted and/or new signs made since we now have purchased our own sign making machine, which has been a great help in this type of undertaking. He continued that since Monday, Public Works has installed 47 street signs and began at Pocano and have completed the Port-au-Peck section up to

Monmouth Blvd. and the sign posts have also been painted and they are continuing with this project and hopefully by the end of the year, this will be completed. Councilman Wolfe thanked Public Works and especially Tom Crochet, who seems to be the main sign man and he is doing a great job.

Councilman Wolfe advised that he had a recent discussion with Mr. Coles about cracks that are developing on Monmouth Blvd. and he called the County and spoke with Paul Bedford and Frank DeSantis, who are the County Road Superintendents and the next day they had a crew out repairing all the lateral cracks on Monmouth Blvd. and he thanked them both for their prompt attention to this matter. He also advised that they informed him that Monmouth Boulevard is on the County of list of streets to be repaved and last year the County did all of Myrtle Avenue and it is hopeful it will be done some time next year, if the funds remain available.

Councilman Wolfe reported he had a conversation with a resident the other day who asked why the fire hydrants are different from one town to the next and he contacted Dan Burke of the NJAWC who put him in touch with Joe Pavlak who is the Maintenance Supervisor and discussed the different colors, and was informed that the colors and size of the nozzles are done through the Fire Department. He continued while having this conversation, he inquired when the Borough of Oceanport might get the hydrants repainted, to which he advised there is a four year cycle throughout the system to paint the hydrants in this County, but unfortunately, there have been cut backs in the funding for that particular undertaking, and there are 102 hydrants in the Borough and there is also a possibility if we can find an Eagle Scout who needs a project, this could be done and the Water Company would be happy to supply both paint and brushes.

Mayor Cavanagh asked if we could find out what color options we have for the hydrants, to which Mr. Briskey who was in the audience, explained that the color of the caps of the hydrants indicates the gallons per minute each individual hydrant can pump out because of the different pipe sizes. Councilman Wolfe stated he will contact Mr. Burke and find out what is available in our area.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth thanked the Public Works Department employees for their efforts in painting the trim and doors in the corridors in Borough Hall and they have done a very tidy and careful job with masking out windows and doorways and they should be finished shortly, in preparation for the wall paper project to begin and they will be here at 6:30 A.M. on Tuesday to begin that project.

Councilwoman Silkworth asked the if Atlanticville could print a reminder to our residents with regard to the Bulletin Deadline, which will be November 7 for the next Bulletin and commented that the date was changed several months ago and we are trying to accommodate everyone who wants something published in the Bulletin. She advised that we are trying to get things to the Printer a bit earlier, since he does other newspapers and hoped that everyone would remember that the deadline is always the 7th of every other month.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh advised that today Colorado received their first snow fall, which means leaf season will be here shortly and this year we will begin around the middle of October and this year we will have two complete units on the road at all times, which should be a huge help because it has been such a dry season, that the leaves may all fall at one time after the first real cold snap.

Mayor Cavanagh stated with regard to Councilman Taylor's report about the increase in the tipping fees, he wanted everyone to understand exactly what recycling does for us and he did a quick analysis which is an estimate, but shows that if we had not reduced our tonnage in our current

garbage contract last year, we would be in a situation where the tipping increase would be approximately $15,000-$16,000 greater at the current estimate, so you can see that recycling is not only an environmental issue, but an economic issue as well and he encouraged everyone to continue recycling.

Mayor Cavanagh complimented the Borough Council on their wisdom in handling the Summer's End, because if we had canceled the original date and held it for a week, it would have been rained out.

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions anyone might care to make.

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

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated September 21, 1995. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1994 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING $666.66. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS $54,962.79. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING $42,681.32. TOTAL 1995 OPERATING FUND $97,644.11. TOTAL FIREWORKS TRUST ACCOUNT $1,900.00. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT $7,100.00. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT $625.00. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT $7,495.00. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT $512,000.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT $500.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER - SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL $163,834.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:32 P.M. Councilman McGee moved to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

At 9:40 P.M. Mayor Cavanagh reconvened the meeting, with all Councilmembers present and appointed William Sullivan to fill a vacancy on the Planning Board, as an Alternate #2, Class IV Member, which term expires December 31, 1995. Mayor Cavanagh explained that this is his appointment to make and does not require Council approval.

At 9:41 P.M. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on October 5, 1995 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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