

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
September 18, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on September 18, 2008 at 8:05P.M. with Mayor Mahon stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilperson Kahle

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

INVOCATION: Borough Chaplain Robert Mills gave the invocation.

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-08-132**
2. Resolution approving certain field usages **R-08-133**
3. Resolution awarding the inspection of elevators contract. **R-08-134**
4. Resolution granting temporary permission for alcohol consumption at the Polo Match. **R-08-135**
5. Resolution for the Monmouth County Grant for Charles Park **R-08-136**
6. Resolution removing the Deed Restriction on Block 16, Lot 19. **R-08-137**
7. Resolution appointing a Technical Assistant in the Construction Office. **R-08-138**
8. Approval of the Fire Application for Special Members for Lauren Scott
9. Approval of the Workshop minutes of September 4, 2008.
10. Approval of the Special minutes of August 23, 2008.
11. Approval of the Regular minutes of August 7, 2008.
12. Approval of the Regular minutes of August 23, 2008. (*corrected to be August 21, 2008*)
13. Resolution waiving building permit fees for a special circumstance **R-08-139**

The Clerk stated that Item #12 should state the Regular minutes of August 21, 2008 and stated that a Resolution waiving building permit fees was added as item #13. Councilman Ibex requested that Item #12 be removed.

Councilman Johnson moved to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilman Gallo and approved by the Council.

The Clerk asked for a motion on Item #12. Councilman Johnson moved to approve Item #12, which was seconded by Councilman Gallo and approved by Council with the exception of Councilpersons Briscione, Ibex and Irace who abstained.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk stated she was in receipt of the Police Report for August 2008, which had been distributed and would be posted and as Councilwoman Kahle was absent that evening, she reminded everyone about the Garage Sale Weekend and that there were over 150 properties participating.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione reported on the tractor and mowing deck that was delivered to Public Works last week. Councilman Briscione gave details about the upcoming Monmouth Park Polo Classic fundraiser for the Oceanport Sports Foundation and encouraged everyone to attend. Mayor Mahon added that the Sports Foundation was involved with the funding for the resurfacing of the basketball court for Maple Place School with the funds raised at last year's event.

COUNCILMAN GALLO: Councilman Gallo reported that Oceanport Recreation would be holding their annual Halloween day on October 26th from 2-4 pm and are considering a parade and gave the details.

COUNCILMAN IBEX: Councilman Ibex stated he had no report tonight as everything is in good shape.

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Mayor Mahon stated that Councilwoman Kahle was away as she was heading for Parents Weekend at Coastal Carolina College in Myrtle Beach.

COUNCILMAN IRACE: Councilman Irace made apologies for his tardiness and wished a Happy 50th Birthday to Councilman Gallo.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Councilman Johnson called for the 2nd reading and public hearing on the **Code Adoption Ordinance** adopting the re-codification of Borough ordinances and then asked the Clerk to read the affidavit of publication by title only. (#851)

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, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilman Ibex and approved by Council.

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 Councilman Irace.

The Clerk called roll:

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

MAYOR MAHON: Mayor Mahon gave a Proclamation declaring September 2008 as the National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Oceanport.

Mayor Mahon stated he had given an extensive report to Council regarding the contacts that he has made on behalf of the Borough in carrying out their directives. He noted that on September 11th he had a meeting with T&M Associates regarding their company as the Borough's special project engineer and who would be assigned in place of the current representative who has resigned.

Mayor Mahon stated he has asked the Council to consider an Army Community Covenant – a program with various communities demonstrating support for military personnel and their families along with a request that the exemption of Borough fees to volunteer firemen and first aiders be extended to include military personnel and gave additional details on the recommendation.

Mayor Mahon then discussed a letter of support from Monmouth Park Special Events and extended thanks to Chief of Police, Harold Sutton for participating and stated that for a small department, the Borough's Police Department has great expertise with handling large crowds with the events involving Monmouth Park and gave congratulations to the department.

Mayor Mahon reported next that he attends monthly meetings with the Shore Regional town mayors where a variety of topics are discussed with a focus on shared services and proceeded to discuss a number of the potential services being considered for sharing including a truck washing facility, utilization of fueling facilities with Long Branch as the host, joint communications for dispatch with West Long Branch, tax assessor's office. Mayor Mahon also stated that he was in receipt of a status report on the Borough Administrator appointment which was part time for West Long Branch and that they would be seeing how that goes as there is interest on the part of the Oceanport governing body in having such a position part time within the Borough. He stated there has also been discussion on the fees charged for off duty police assignments such as construction and that Oceanport needs to review the rates to determine if they are appropriate for reimbursement to the Borough and for covering the rate of a police officer.

Mayor Mahon also reported on a meeting regarding shared services with the 2 mayors involved with FMERPA where they specifically discussed the study regarding the court systems. Mayor Mahon stated that Oceanport will be setting up a meeting with those involved and named the involved parties, to discuss how to proceed on the issue.

Mayor Mahon lastly discussed the matter of COAH and its impact on the reuse plan for Fort Monmouth and read excerpts from a letter received by Freeholder Lillian Burry regarding the issue and declaring support on behalf of Oceanport and other municipalities.

PUBLIC:

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

Robert Kelly, Gooseneck Point Road, made comments regarding the tennis courts light and the expenses and suggested a timer system. Mayor Mahon stated that the system he suggests is in place and there must be a malfunction. Councilman Briscione stated that public works worked with the manufacturer to set the timer...Councilman Gallo stated that Council established the time as dusk until 10 pm. The Clerk stated that there were two reasons why they implemented the timer – 1) the timer saves energy and explained how and 2) the switch to turn the lights automatically on kept being damaged / vandalized.

Mr. Kelly also asked where the Borough stands with its budget versus actual for fuel which the Clerk responded was about at 75-79% through the 3rd quarter and the Borough is about where it should be.

Joe Lombardo, Iroquois Ave, gave the details of the First Aid calls for the month and the year through September.

Mr. Kelly made comments about the alarm system used to notify the public in the event of severe weather and asked if there was a way to get connected with the system so that the sailing club can get the kids off the water in the summer in the event of bad weather as it can't be heard in those locations. Mayor Mahon and Councilman Ibex assured him they would look into the matter.

As no one from the public wished to be heard Mayor Mahon closed the public portion of the meeting which was moved by Councilman Ibex and seconded by Councilman Gallo.

Mayor Mahon stated he had one more item to discuss and that was the health of Branchport Creek. Mayor Mahon updated everyone on the status of actions being taken to reduce impacts to the creek including requests to TRWRA and Long Branch Sewerage Authority to accept additional flow from Monmouth Park, what that entails and other issues with DEP compliance.

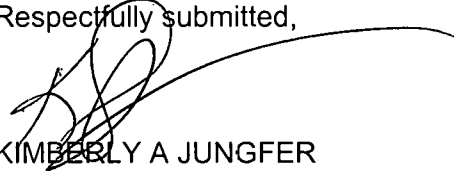
Councilman Johnson stated that Congressman Frank Pallone volunteered his services at the town meeting and because Long Branch is his district, recommended that the Mayor contact him.

Mr. Bennett stated he needed some direction on an item that he had received that day or he would have contacted the Clerk to add it to the Workshop agenda. Mr. Bennett then briefly explained a matter in which Brian and Maureen Cullen have property on Mohawk with a paper street in between and that they are seeking to purchase the Borough's right of way. There was discussion on what the Council discussed and agreed upon when the matter came up last year and it was decided that Mr. Bennett would contact Scott Arnette, the Borough Attorney at the time, regarding the matter.

Bill List: Capital Trust \$2,533.06. Dog Registry \$30.00. Escrow Trust \$2,670.00. Fireworks Trust \$1,515.00. Open Space Trust \$31,843.00. Other Trust \$1,015.00. Public Defender \$ 200.00. 2007 Vouchers Paid \$162,934.00. 2007 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$.00. Total 2007 Vouchers Paid \$162,934.00. 2008 Vouchers Paid \$14,718,621.30. 2008 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$1,108,402.32. Total 2008 Vouchers Paid \$15,827,023.62.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m. on a motion from Councilman Ibex, seconded by Councilman Irace and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



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BOROUGH CLERK