

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
September 19, 2002

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on September 19, 2002 at 8:00 P.M. with Mayor Gemma stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with law.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Mahon, Apruzzi, Gatta, Wolfe, McGann, Silkworth and Mayor Gemma (entered at 8:05 p.m.)
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Deputy Borough Clerk Kimberly A. Jungfer and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** Borough Chaplain Berry gave the invocation.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council President Apruzzi led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on September 5, 2002 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, Councilwoman Silkworth moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman McGann and approved by Council with Councilman Apruzzi abstaining.

Council President Apruzzi announced that this portion of the meeting was for a public hearing with regard to the Green Acres application for a loan in the amount of \$250,000. for the renovation of Blackberry Bay Park and Sommers Scout Park. That application was submitted in the middle of August and is in the review process as far as eligibility. Awards for the 2% loans will be some time in late winter or early spring and he opened the meeting to the public for comment for the loan application only.

John Feiter, Monmouth Blvd., stated he had no problem with the application but wondered if there was a plan for the parks. Councilman Apruzzi stated that there was a plan as required by the application as to what work would be done and a time frame for which it would be done. This encompasses the renovation of the tennis courts with new lighting. It also includes renovation of all the fields, with an irrigation system to be put in plus top soil and drainage where necessary. He continued that the work would be done in stages as to accommodate the various sports in town. He stated that the work at Sommers Scout Park would include landscaping as prepared by a landscape artist.

Councilman Apruzzi stated that the application received support letters from the Board of Education, Recreation Committee, Baseball Association and Soccer Association.

Mr. Feiter asked if this also encompassed the purchase of the track property and Councilman Apruzzi stated that it did not. Councilman Apruzzi went on to explain the monies being used for the acquisition of the "Soccer fields" and the preliminary plans for development of that park.

Mr. Feiter asked, going back to Blackberry Bay Park, what the plans were for taking the maintenance of those fields out of the hands of the Borough which has a limited amount of

manpower and restricted budget, and thinking about turning that over to the associations that use those fields.

Councilman Apruzzi responded that in the past a person was hired to do the maintenance of the infield. That happened two years ago, this past year the Public Works Department took care of that within the confines of their manpower. He continued that there is also a movement within the Borough for an association from the sports side to come up with additional funding that can be channeled into maintenance and improvements overall. There are movements in those directions right now.

Mr. Feiter stated that the time for action is now and Councilman Apruzzi explained that it all depends on when and if the money becomes available, stating if this occurs something could be done as soon as fall of 2003. Mr. Feiter responded that the kids will again play on the same fields with holes and ruts, no lines and unbalanced outfields and maybe the fields will be fixed in 2003.

Councilman Apruzzi stated maintenance would be done as the budget permits, but a major renovation means tearing the field apart and that would only be done at the time when an irrigation system would be installed.

Councilman Apruzzi stated for a point of clarification, the loan is for \$250,000. but there is a contingency of 13% for a total of \$282,500.

Rick Karinja, Comanche Drive asked if there was a financial breakdown as to what is being spent on what projects to which Councilman Apruzzi said that there was.

Mr. Karinja asked what the breakdown was and asked if there were copies for review. Councilman Apruzzi said the Deputy Clerk would make copies available either after the meeting or in the morning.

Mr. Karinja stated that many people have been pushing this project for years and years and asked what is being done to the tennis courts, since they are a small percentage of Blackberry Bay, as compared to the rest of the park.

Councilman Apruzzi stated that the costs are broken down. He added that the tennis courts are in poor condition and are sinking becoming and so dangerous that none of the tennis leagues would play there. Mr. Karinja stated he plays there and they are not sinking like the soccer fields.

Mr. Karinja asked if there would be a public hearing or input from people in the town with reference to what should be done and how much money should be directed to different areas, with Councilman Apruzzi stating that this was the purpose of the hearing this evening. Mr. Karinja stated he did not know what to input on since there was no information provided.

Mayor Gemma suggested that Councilman Apruzzi explain the process used by the Recreation Committee to reach the conclusions in the application.

Councilman Apruzzi stated that over the last six months or so input has come from the different associations within town: tennis, baseball, soccer, basketball and roller hockey have come to the Recreation Committee as to what they believe needs to be done. The Council has supported the position of the Recreation Committee whereby using the maximum amount of money that can be supported for this, keeping in mind that this is loan, which has to be paid back over twenty years.

Mayor Gemma stated that this is the mechanism by which the Borough can ask for the money, after we get a sum of money, whether it be all or a portion of it, if in fact we get any, then hopefully all the groups will have the chance to say that now that the funding is secure it should be allocated for x. It is all part of the process.

Mr. Karinja asked about people coming forward to volunteer time and efforts to different projects to save money.

Mayor Gemma stated he did not believe the Borough has ever turned down anyone giving something for nothing and that is a policy the Borough will continue.

Mr. Karinja asked about the bidding procedures to which Mayor Gemma stated that appropriate legislation has to be followed and the Borough Attorney will guide us in that area, but if someone volunteers their time or effort there is no prohibition on that and it will be utilized. But, making sure whatever efforts are taken whether from dollars in or volunteers, this is the first step in that process.

John Feiter, Monmouth Blvd., stated if the associations have the ability to put funds forward based on the registration fees, why is it all he hears is that the Recreation Committee has to decide how funds are to be used. He feels it is very limited in the thought process since the associations can raise money quicker and do things better than the Recreation Committee. He continued that the Recreation Committee can't be the sole arbiter of what is going to go on and there has to be a better way.

Mayor Gemma stated Mr. Feiter was right, and he did not want anyone to leave this evening with the impression that the Recreation Committee is solely responsible. He explained that the Recreation Committee provides an input from all the groups and ultimately the people who are responsible for decisions are the elected officials. Mayor Gemma stated that Mr. Feiter was correct that for a long period of time a lot of ongoing maintenance and capital issues have not been addressed, but there has to be a mechanism where ultimately the budgetary items are brought to the elected officials and the Recreation Committee is such a mechanism.

Mr. Feiter asked that beyond the budgetary process, what the plan was and Mayor Gemma stated that Recreation is responsible for creating a plan, hopefully with the input of all the different groups, that ultimately goes to the Council through the Capital Improvement Committee. The Mayor continued that unfortunately it all comes down to money and how to allocate the resources. Mayor Gemma continued that if Mr. Feiter did not feel the mechanism through Recreation is working then he should come directly to the Council. He added that the Borough could not turn over the running of the fields to an association because most parks have used green acres funding, and secondly that the elected officials should bear the responsibility.

Mr. Feiter stated that if the track property is purchased and is turned into fields under the Borough management with no association to make sure things are done in a timely manner, when the fields are suppose to be utilized, the situation will be the same as it is now, fields that aren't lined, aren't cut and aren't taken care of until the manpower shows up at a later date.

Mayor Gemma stated he got the impression Mr. Feiter felt the fields are not maintained properly and the Borough has to do better in this area. He added that money will not be spent in a stop gap measure to make the fields look pretty if major capital work is going to be done in a year or two.

Mr. Feiter felt that the finances of the individual associations have to be taken out of the purview of the Recreation Committee, because their idea is they want to control everything.

Linda Gately, Chairperson of the Recreation Committee, explained the process the Committee uses when formulating its capital plan, submitting it to the Capital Improvement Committee. She further stated that the Recreation Committee supports the green acres application submitted.

Mayor Gemma thanked Ms. Gately and added that some state legislators have sent information regarding other grants, and the work that the Recreation Committee has done for this grant can be replicated for the other grant applications.

Gary LaBruno, Adrian Ave. felt the Borough should hire at least one full time employee to maintain the fields, especially with the purchase of the additional 43 acres.

Mayor Gemma stated that one of the issues that must be faced when the soccer fields are acquired is also some way to maintain those fields, otherwise why acquire them. One of the nice things is our two cents Open Space Tax which is not only to acquire land but may also be used maintain open space. All the money is not going to the acquisition of property, a portion of that has to go to the maintenance of all facilities.

Gary LaBruno responded that no matter how much money is put into a park, if there is not adequate staff to maintain the fields then it is bad money on top of bad money.

Mayor Gemma stated that the Public Works does a fine job with what it has, but the Department needs more resources. Mayor Gemma added that the capital is starting to be raised to address the problems, but it is not a quick fix and he doesn't want to have a large increase in taxes to do it.

Jeff Bottger, 9 Bridgewaters Drive stated he is a member of the Recreation Committee and wanted to make sure that the focus of this evening is not lost, that being the Borough's application to the Green Acres program for a loan. He continued that Blackberry Bay Park was built over thirty years ago and the Borough needs this money to make some very much-needed repairs. He enthusiastically endorsed the application. Mr. Bottger added that if the Borough doesn't apply and our neighbors do, they get the money and we will get zero.

Mayor Gemma said that just to be clear he did not think anyone this evening has said not to apply for the funding, just that there may be different ways to expend the funds if received.

Glenn Miller, Gooseneck Point Road asked if any other monies are being applied for to which Mayor Gemma replied the Borough is applying for funds for other things, but were notified of another Recreation grant and Councilman Apruzzi is completing that application.

Glenn Miller asked if the Borough has looked into raising money from the parks themselves, like putting in concession stands to which Mayor Gemma responded that since Green Acres funding was used for Blackberry Bay you cannot charge user fees for the fields.

Mr. Miller asked though about the concession stand and Mayor Gemma stated they are being used by various organizations. Councilman Wolfe added that the hardest part of this is manning the stand.

Mr. Miller suggested leasing the concessions to a vendor as a revenue source to which Mayor Gemma said that this is an opportunity that could be explored and would ask the Borough Attorney to research this matter and determine if this is something that could be done.

Council President Apruzzi stated that associations that are now operating the concession bring that money back into their own programs and any loss of this income could hurt the individual associations.

As no one else from the public wished to be heard on the Green Acres application this portion of the public hearing was closed.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

The Deputy Clerk had no report

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MAHON: Councilman Mahon commented on the public hearing and compared it to the public hearing on Gooseneck Point Road where the plans were displayed for everyone to see. He stated that he felt some of the frustration that was voiced this evening was that this type of situation was absent from tonight's discussion. He felt that this was a mistake and we owe it to the public to explain how that money is being spent and in what categories we envision spending it now. He thought this would have answered a lot of questions, and he felt we were remiss in not doing that.

Mayor Gemma understood what Councilman Mahon was saying, but added that the Borough should not create expectations because this is only an application, not guaranteed funding.

Councilman Mahon referred to the grants that had been mentioned and made available in the last few weeks, one being a Weapons of Mass Destruction Grant that will facilitate acquisition of equipment by our public safety agencies that can be used in a response to those situations. Thankfully our OEM Director got a handle on that and that application went out and thanked Councilman McGann for helping to move it along by forwarding the application to Congressman Rush Holt for his aid in the process. Councilman Mahon added that the siren was included in this application. Mayor Gemma asked for an explanation of the siren portion of this application and Councilman Mahon explained that a system would replace the current five or six sirens. It was researched by the OEM Director and presented to the Technology Committee, with a proposal from Whalen Engineering which included only 2 sirens, sixty feet in height, which would be much more people friendly and still alert our emergency services.

Councilman Mahon reported that there is a continued study for the Fire Department to go to Monmouth County Dispatch for fire services only. The status is being reviewed and revised upon recommendations of the Borough Attorney to make that agreement as suitable as possible to Oceanport's needs. They are continuing to work with the Fire Department to get them ready if the change is made, hopefully before the end of the year.

Councilman Mahon added that the County Dispatch plan, the siren plan and the radio systems update will be presented on September 26th to the Capital Improvement Committee.

Councilman Mahon stated the Library Association will be making a presentation to the Capital Improvement Committee on some of the improvements they have been working on such as improving the storage capacity and increasing the availability of library materials to the public.

Councilman Mahon reported that Dr. Kaloss who is on the Environmental Commission, Board of Health and Water Watch Committee, will be heading a group including Ed Miller, Kim Simpson, Monmouth Park and Sewerage Authority officials, to conduct a survey to look at the fecal colony counts from previous years so that a benchmark can be created and track what the improvement has been as a result of the improvements at Monmouth Park with regard to sewerage and runoff.

COUNCILMAN APRUZZI: Councilman Apruzzi stated that Chuck Drawbaugh has resigned from the Recreation Committee because he moved out of town and Kathy Finnegan White has resigned due to health reasons, with the hope that some day she will return to the Committee. Councilman Apruzzi stated there are two openings with two individuals who would have volunteered.

Councilman Apruzzi moved that Dave Radeschi and Kevin Kornek be appointed to replace Chuck Draubaugh and Kathy Finnegan-White on the Recreation Committee. Councilwoman Gatta seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. He then asked the Deputy Clerk to send letters to the new appointees welcoming them to the Committee.

Councilman Apruzzi reported that Summer's End would be held the 21st, which is this coming Saturday. Activities will start at 3:00 p.m. He continued that Jeff Bottner was the chairperson of this event and he and his subcommittee did a great job, with amusements for the children, Moon Walk and Castle Slide, 50, 100 and 200 yard dashes sponsored by the Jersey Shore Runners, music by two groups starting at 4:30 p.m., an art show by Mr. Urmev and Mr. Hulik, fireworks at 8:00 pm. and food provided by Enzo's Deli. Councilman Apruzzi added that Mr. Hulik will be donating all the proceeds of the sale of this work to the Recreation Committee.

Councilman Apruzzi brought up the September 11th memorial, which he announced on Memorial Day. He stated that some monies have been collected, and resident Ted Siden, General Manager of Braun and Day funeral homes, along with Joe Uris of Uris Monuments wished to donate the monument to the Borough. Councilman Apruzzi and Councilman Wolfe met with Mr. Siden and Mr. Uris and they picked out a stone, black African granite, a picture of which he showed to the room. He read the wording and gave a description of what would appear on the monument. He stated he hoped to have it in place on November 11th with a dedication at Sommer's Scout Park, where the monument will be placed.

COUNCILWOMAN GATTA: Councilwoman Gatta reported that at the First Aid meeting the Captain's report for September showed there were 48 calls, which equated to 625 man-hours, another month with more calls then the previous year and explained that the First Aid is experiencing an increased number of calls and they would certainly like volunteers to come forward, so if anyone is interested they should contact John Connor.

Councilwoman Gatta stated that 42% of the community has responded to the First Aid Fund Drive, and she said it would be wonderful if that percentage could be boosted. She reminded everyone that at the last Council meeting she made a plea for more wheel chairs, and they are still needed.

Councilwoman Gatta announced that the Flu/Pneumonia Clinic would be held on Wednesday, October 16th from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the First Aid Building. There will be 225 flue shots

available to anyone over 50 years of age or chronically ill and 65 years or older for the pneumonia shot. It will be free for anyone who has Medicare and \$10.00 per shot for those who do not. Councilwoman Gatta continued that per the County, once you have taken the pneumonia shot you need not take it again. There will be flyers around town but she wanted to repeat the date, Wednesday, October 16th at the First Aid Building on Pemberton Avenue from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Councilwoman Gatta asked that if anyone sees any dead crows, to please call the County immediately, because there are instances where she has gotten phone calls and at that point it is too late to determine if the bird is infected. There have been some dead crows but none have tested positive.

R-02-55

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Deputy Borough Clerk to read resolution **R-02-55** refunding for overpayment of property taxes after which he moved to approve same. Councilman Mahon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by Council.

R-02-56

Councilman Wolfe asked the Deputy Borough Clerk to read resolution **R-02-56** amending the 2002 Capital Budget for the acquisition of a portion of Block 88, Lot 26 more commonly known as the soccer fields, after which he moved to approve same. Councilman McGann seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe wanted to let the public know the real rationale about the purchase of this property. The main focus when the negotiations started was to keep this property as open space since it was 42 acres of prime developable property in the heart of Oceanport and if the Borough did not acquire that, at some future time there could be upwards of 400 condominiums in the center of Oceanport. In conjunction with what the County took out of public availability, the 93 acres at Wolf Hill Farm and the 42 acres the Borough is about to acquire we really have maintained the Borough's quality of life for the residents and what we do in the future as far as developing the property will be a bonus for every resident.

Councilman Wolfe thanked, in light of the final pick up from the August 2nd storm, the Public Works Department for all their fine work with only some help from an outside contractor. The debris was taken to two central locations in town and there will be a company in within the next few days to grind the debris and remove the chips, which will take about 5 workdays. He thanked the volunteers, who put themselves at risk to do whatever need to be done and he asked 1st Assistant Chief Jim Gallo and First Aider Ed Ryan to pass that along to their respective organizations.

Councilman Wolfe announced that the street sweeper started working the roads today and will continue until a time that the roads have been swept of any remaining storm debris

Councilman Wolfe hoped to see everyone at Summer's End this weekend and commended Recreation for the new events.

R-02-57

COUNCILMAN MCGANN: Councilman McGann asked the Deputy Clerk to read resolution **R-02-57** supporting the referendum by the County to increase the Open Space Tax after which he moved to approve same. Councilwoman Silkworth seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by Council.

R-02-58

Councilman McGann asked the Deputy Borough Clerk to read resolution **R-02-58** authorizing the Borough to enter into an agreement with the County for one year for the use of property for a leaf

composting facility after which he moved to approve same. Councilwoman Silkworth seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman McGann stated he has had discussions with County officials about the development of Wolf Hill Farm and there will be some great things going on there and the County will be spending a tremendous amount of money in Oceanport to develop the park into a full recreational area.

Councilman McGann explained how the property was always used by the Borough and Monmouth Park as a leaf composting facility, but when the County acquired the property there was an agreement, which ended on September 4, 2002. Councilman McGann thanked Mr. Truncer and the County Recreation Commissioners for permitting the Borough to stay there for another year until the Borough facility is ready.

ORD. #

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Councilman McGann called for the 2nd reading and public hearing of an ordinance amending the fire prevention ordinance to set the term of office and appointment of the fire official and rapid entry systems and asked the Deputy Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT FIRE PREVENTION ORDINANCE" PASSED AND APPROVED ON JULY 18, 1985.**

Mayor Gemma opened the meeting to the public for any comments on this subject only.

James Gallo, 1st Assistant Fire Chief, questioned Section 37-5 where the terms Fire Marshal, Fire Official and Chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau are used, and asked why one person had three different names, stating that it was very confusing. Mr. Margalotti, Borough Attorney, explained that it is not really three separate titles. He continued that the ordinance is adopted under the authority of a particular State statute that refers to the person who carries out the administrative duties of the Fire Prevention Bureau as the Fire Official. Historically, within the Borough, that person has always been referred to as the Fire Marshal, so the reason why those two terms appear is because the term Fire Official makes reference to the fact that this ordinance is basically being enacted pursuant to the authority granted by the State statute. The Borough has retained the title of Fire Marshal because historically that is what we have called that individual. The word Chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau is not a title, but merely indicates that the Fire Marshal is the administrative head of that Bureau. He is not called chief, but it is just to show his position and that he is responsible to the Governing Body.

Mayor Gemma clarified further stating this individual is not one of the chiefs, simply head of the Fire Prevention Bureau and the wording is there because of the defined terms of the statute and trying to make our ordinances consistent with State statute.

As no one else from the public wished to be heard, Councilman McGann moved to close the public hearing on this matter. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

Councilman McGann moved to adopt this ordinance on second and final reading and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

AYES;	Councilpersons Mahon, Apruzzi, Gatta, Wolfe, McGann and Silkworth.
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

ABSTAIN: None

Councilman McGann called for the introduction of a bond ordinance in the amount of \$1,100,000. for the acquisition of a portion of Block 88, Lot 26 from New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority and asked the Deputy Clerk to read it by title only, as follows: **BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,100,000. AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,045,000. BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY.**

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

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Mahon, Gatta, Apruzzi, Wolfe, McGann and Silkworth
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Councilman McGann moved to hold a public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on October 3, 2002 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Mahon, Gatta, Apruzzi, Wolfe, McGann and Silkworth
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Councilman McGann thanked the citizens for appearing tonight regarding the Green Acres loan application, appreciated their comments and felt strongly about thanking the members of the Recreation Committee who spent a tremendous amount of time and effort on this application.

Councilman McGann thanked the Public Works Department for maintaining these fields, and even thought they were developed about 40 years ago and are in need of help, based upon the circumstance that Tom Crochet and the Public Works Department have to deal with they do a tremendous job.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORD: Mayor Gemma asked Councilwoman Silkworth to talk about a grant application that she and Kim Jungfer completed under extreme circumstances, it being done in about a day and a half. Councilwoman Silkworth stated that the application was put together by Kim Jungfer and referred comment to her. Mayor Gemma spoke on her behalf and stated that the application through the Department of Community Affairs, was concentrated for the downtown area for some streetscaping in the VC Zone.

Councilwoman Silkworth reported that in the area of grants, there is a small amount of money available for an ADA grant. She continued that several projects like this were previously untaken by the Borough, where cuts were made in curbing for access off sidewalks. She stated that based upon

a review of the buildings, the only building that can be found to be non compliant is Borough Hall since there are no handicapped access restrooms. In looking at the configuration of the building the only place where that could be accommodated would be the two single restrooms near the library. The librarian had no problem with working with those restrooms so an application will be submitted for this. Councilwoman Silkworth reminded everyone that this was just an application, but since there is no facility like this in the building it may help the Borough a bit.

Councilwoman Silkworth announced a change in the cutoff date for the next Borough Bulletin. There will not be a bulletin at the end of this month due to the lack of material submitted it did not warrant the expenditure for printing and postage. Those who sent in information have been so notified to get their message out through other methods. The new cut off will be the 1st of November, rather than November 7th taking into consideration the teacher's convention that will occur in the beginning of November and families might be away.

Councilwoman Silkworth commented on the referendum for open spaces by the County, stating that she felt the one thing that everyone realizes is the quality of life that the Freeholders have been able to enhance over many years by these referendums and having a goal of 19,000 acres of parks in Monmouth County. Councilwoman Silkworth continued that if anyone had ever visited a County park or spent any amount of time in the County facilities they would agree that a visit there is worth more than \$1.04 if you go once in a given week. She encouraged everyone to vote affirmatively on Election Day.

MAYOR GEMMA: Mayor Gemma took time out to thank Assemblyman Michael Arnone for keeping the Borough aware of all the grant monies that are available.

Mayor Gemma stated he met with the seniors the previous evening, and the issues they brought up were similar to those mentioned here this evening focusing around the parks and the acquisition of open space and its importance to the community.

Mayor Gemma reported that the traffic signals in front of Borough Hall probably would be working within the next six to eight weeks due to the utility companies falling behind schedule due to the August 2nd storm. The Borough had asked that the lights be turned on temporarily but was told this could not be done.

Mayor Gemma also spoke about the bridge on East Main Street. He stated the bridge would be closed for approximately 8 to 9 months. The Borough has written to the County and stated that no matter what happens the bridge should never be closed during the summer months because it would be a detriment beyond compare to the residents, make track traffic unbearable and would most likely bankrupt some of the merchants. Hopefully the County will listen to this and start the project in the fall of 2003.

Councilman Apruzzi mentioned that there has been vandalism at Old Wharf, the goose fence that was very effective for about six to twelve weeks, has been stepped on pushing it down. He asked everyone to be diligent and if you see someone breaking the fence to please call the police.

Councilman Apruzzi announced that Recreation Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Wharf House and are public meetings and anyone can attend. If someone would like to be on the agenda to speak, they should contact the chairperson of the Committee.

Councilman Apruzzi reported that the Mayor and Council were invited to the memorial services at the United Methodist Church two weeks ago which Colonel Betty Berry presided over which was wonderful and wished to thank her for that.

Mayor Gemma asked if there were any openings on the Recreation Committee and Councilman Apruzzi stated not at the present time. He further explained that anyone who was interested in joining the Recreation Committee is advised to attend some of the meeting so they can see the amount of work involved and the commitment necessary.

Mayor Gemma then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might wish to make.

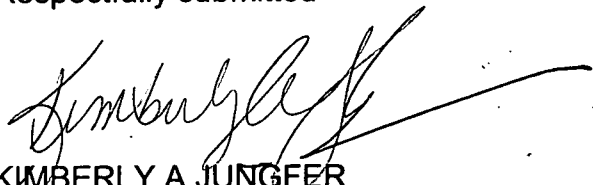
Tom Crochet, Superintendent to Public Works, wished to thank the residents for their patience and kindness during the storm clean up. He also thanked the staff of the Public Works Department and gave them the credit due them: Demetrio, Mark, Paul, Charles, Matt, and Parish,

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

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the vouchers on the Bill List dated September 19, 2002. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and unanimously approved by Council. CAPITAL TRUST TOTAL \$3,856.75. ESCROW TRUST TOTAL \$ 721.00. 2001 VOUCHERS PAID \$569.00. TOTAL 2001 VOUCHERS \$569.00. 2002 VOUCHERS PAID \$79,568.10. 2002 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$75,686.98. TOTAL 2002 VOUCHERS \$155,255.08. (SEE BILL LIST)

At 9:40 p.m. Councilman Wolfe moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on October 3, 2002 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted



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DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK