

Oceanport, New Jersey
September 17, 1992

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oceanport was held on September 17, 1992 at 8:07 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Clark, Terra, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Mayor Cavanagh.

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

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 3, 1992 were made available for review by the Governing Body, Councilman Taylor moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Miller who abstained from voting on the minutes since he was not present at that meeting.

CLERK'S REPORTS: NO REPORTS.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that we are going to go out of order this evening and stated before he asked Councilman Terra to make a motion with regard to the Police Department promotions, he wanted to comment that Patrolman Baldanza joined the Oceanport Police Department in 1980 and prior to that had been an Officer at Monmouth College; Detective Sutton came to the Department as a Patrolman in 1978 and was promoted to Detective in 1988 and Sgt. Bebout started as a Dispatcher back in 1972, was promoted to a full time Patrolman in 1975, promoted to Detective in 1983 and to the rank of Sergeant in 1987.

Councilman Terra then moved to promote the following officers effective October 1, 1992:

Patrolman Mauro V. Baldanza to the rank of Detective
Detective Harold W. Sutton to the rank of Sergeant
Sergeant Clifford K. Bebout to the rank of Captain

It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

The Clerk then administered the Oaths of Office to the three newly promoted Officers, after which Mayor Cavanagh presented each of the officers with their badges and offered his congratulations and best wishes to all of them and commented that he is very proud of the Police Department and the high quality of men in our Department.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN CLARK: Councilman Clark publicly extended his congratulations and best wishes to the newly promoted officers and was sure they will perform admirably as they have in the past.

Councilman Clark stated he noticed in the Asbury Park Press last week that one of the New York City Boroughs was going to begin recycling and that will make two of the five Boroughs that have recycling and it would be nice if they continued with their recycling programs, so we would not have to pick it up from our shore areas.

Councilman Clark commented that he has received a recycling report from Monmouth Park and he had spoken with them recently about forwarding same and they have recycled more than 87 tons this year which is a significant accomplishment and will assist Oceanport in obtaining the 60% goal we will have to attain by 1995. He has also been in contact with other Oceanport businesses who have still not submitted their reports and if they do not forward them, a summons will be issued.

Councilman Clark also advised that he has requested information on the recycling of foam egg cartons and drink boxes and hopefully when we receive the information, we will be able to find available markets for these items.

Councilman Clark reported he received a telephone call this date from the County Recycling Office advising that junk mail recycling will begin November 1 but he does not have any details yet, but as soon as he receives this information, he will make it available to the residents.

Councilman Clark informed the public that there will be a recycling panel meeting scheduled to be held on September 30 and anyone interested may attend and the meeting will be between 12:00 Noon and 4:00 P.M.

Councilman Clark also advised there is a Clean Communities meeting set up for October and there will be a Clean Communities Day for the entire County of Monmouth and we will support that by assisting the Girl Scouts who are sponsoring that program by collecting the trash they pick up. He stated the Cub Scouts and hopefully the Boy Scouts are also planning a Clean Up Day in the Borough on October 10 from 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. and we will support that effort as well with the assistance of the Litterbug.

Councilman Clark reminded the public that Cub Scout registration is still going on and we already have approximately 95 children signed up, which is up by 12-15 children from last year and we are looking forward to another good year for the Cub Scouts.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra extended his congratulations to the newly promoted Officers tonight and was sure they would continue to be an asset to the community as they have done in the past.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone also offered her congratulations to the newly promoted officers and stated they have served us well in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that at this time we have 123 licensed cats in this Borough and although it is not a very large number, it is a good start since this is the first year we have mandated licensing cats in this Borough and it is encouraging and hopefully we will have a larger number licensed next year. She continued that it is imperative that cats get vaccinated and licensed because since 1989 there were 57 cases of rabies in cats in New Jersey and 16 of them were reported just this year. She also advised that there was recently a rabid raccoon found in Little Silver, so the rabies problem is all around us and we really have to just be on top of it at all times.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that in July there were 3,700 pounds of household batteries collected by the Monmouth County Health Department and that is a great thing because it means they are coming out of our main stream and she also congratulated Councilman Clark on the great job he is doing with recycling.

Councilwoman Filippone also wanted to congratulate a former Oceanport resident, whose brother still lives in the Borough, and he was born and raised in Oceanport and last week Fred Schneider, who is the lead singer of the B-52's performed at the Garden State Art Center and received some excellent press after the performance.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the Oceanport First Aid Squad responded to 32 calls in the month of August, one of which was at Monmouth Park Race Track.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that as Councilwoman Filippone reported about the rabid raccoon found in Little Silver, it was probably a year and a half ago that she began telling us that the problem was eventually going to be here and we were going to have to deal with it and that is why we undertook the program of licensing cats and there were some people who felt at the time, that perhaps we were over reacting, but it is apparent now that Councilwoman Filippone was right all along and if the rabid raccoons have made it to Little Silver, it is hard to imagine that they will not be in our Borough shortly. Mayor Cavanagh felt we owe Councilwoman Filippone commendation on beginning this program early on in order to be prepared for this dangerous situation.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller offered his congratulations to the newly promoted officers.

Councilman Miller reported under recreation, the Summer's End Festival was held last Sunday and was a great success and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time and the Police Department cooperated with placing the No Parking signs where needed and it was a great day.

Councilman Miller commented that earlier in the meeting he noticed the President of the Recreation Committee, Nancy Sheridan in the audience, which pleased him since she recently under went surgery and is doing well.

Councilman Miller advised that the work done on the boat ramp at Blackberry Bay Park, with the exception of a couple of minor problems that will be taken care of by the Public Works Department, is being used by many, many people as compared in the past and he has spoken with the people using the ramp, along with Councilmen Terra and Wolfe, and everyone is very pleased.

Councilman Miller stated the fireworks fund, which is contributed to by private citizens and businesses, has reached an all time high and during these bad economic times, it is really a tribute to those who contributed and we have collected \$5,100+ so far and we normally receive more donations after the fireworks and that will pay for the fireworks for this year and give us seed money for next year.

Councilman Miller reported the Recreation Committee is in the process of a project to do part of Trinity Park in resurfacing the tennis courts and that will be done under the five year maintenance plan set up by the Recreation Committee and this project will be scheduled in the fall.

Councilman Miller advised that in Charles Park the Public Works Department are working on the walking track and resurfaced it about a

week ago, and the track should be just about completed and should be ready to use shortly.

Councilman Miller advised that at the last Recreation Meeting, a request from the First Aid Squad was received concerning lighting up the tree dedicated to Captain Budinski at the Holiday Lighting event and Recreation thought it was a great idea and he felt the Captain would have liked that idea very much.

Councilman Miller reported under Water Watch stating that hand outs were given to the local newspapers and it shows that the nine samplings that were taken, indicate it has been an up and down summer with pretty much average numbers from the river with a couple of hot spots, but we have not had any fish kills, basically due to the low temperatures. He also commented that the tea color of the river is due to sediment that has washed into the river via some heavy rain storms that we have experienced this summer. He advised that we have two more samplings scheduled and reports will be coming out in the near future.

Councilman Miller stated that it is interesting to note that our Branchport Creek testing completed by the Waterways Committee on Thursday, August 20, the Litterbug went out and all seven sites were greater than 1,600 and on that day, the County did sampling within the track in Turtle Mews Creek and the closest spot, which is the railroad bridge at Branchport Creek across from Casa Comida, listed 90,000 colonies after a major rain storm, so there is a definite need for the track to do more and hopefully in the near future we will see something positive happen.

Councilman Miller advised that one of our past Councilpeople had made comments on the State level and he has kind of missed those reports so he wanted to make a statement. He continued that there is a Bill sitting on the Governor's desk to overturn the toughest gun control law in the nation and he felt that the Police Chief would agree with him in that he would like to see our gun control law the way it is now, remain in effect. He continued that the Legislature wants to repeal that strict gun control law and he noted that the NRA gave \$360,000 to candidates that are now in the Legislature and are voting to overturn that weapons control law and in the last month they spent about \$30,000 on a campaign to overturn that particular veto that the Governor is sure to come forth with. Councilman Miller stated he would like to ask our Assemblymen Corodemus and Smith and our State Senator Palaia, with all his heart to listen to 70% of the State, because that is what the last poll states, that we want this gun control law and do not want it overturned.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor congratulated the three new promoted officers and wished them well.

Councilman Taylor reported he attended the Board of Education meeting held on September 8 and stated that enrollment at Wolfhill School is up by 28 and they have another huge Kindergarten Class of 84 children coming in and they have appointed Field Hockey and Soccer Coach Roseann Primavera and Tom Brocklebank for the 1992/93 year. He also advised that at the meeting Susan Sposato and John Tavis went over the objectives and goals for the upcoming year and it appears they are doing an excellent job. Councilman Taylor stated that Dr. Morgan has set up some various work shops for the teachers to be attending throughout the year to help them to better handle the students and their teaching needs and one aspect will be dealing with the needs of the handicapped students. He also stated they have a new computer lab at the school and it appears to be one of the best in the

County and they have done an excellent job in putting this together and have over 32 different software programs in the Library which is outstanding and each class, including the Math Class, will be in the Computer Lab on a weekly basis and will include various subjects and he thanked the PTO and Board of Education for helping with the funding in setting up this program.

Councilman Taylor reported under the Drug Alliance Committee, they will be taking over the Oceanport Lions Calendar for 1993 and he urged all the residents to help out when the children come door to door to solicit orders for the calendar.

Councilman Taylor announced the next Drug Alliance meeting will be held on October 14 at Maple Place School and they will be discussing plans for November when they will try to set up a parent/student dialogue night which they have in the high school and we will try and set it up in the lower grade levels and things are moving along well.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe offered his thanks to all the organizations that assisted with Summer's End Festival and not only the volunteer groups, but the Police Department, Fire and First Aid Squads and it was a great success and the overriding theme was to have a good time by all and he felt that was accomplished.

Councilman Wolfe read into the record a letter commending the Mayor and Council on the appointment of Rocky Giurlando as Superintendent of Public Works and commending him on his work in the parks and around the Borough and it was signed by Sal Marsico of Oceanport. He stated that a copy of this letter will be forwarded to Mr. Giurlando.

Councilman Wolfe advised that Sunday's Ice Cream Store located in Oceanport was asked to participate at Summer's End by selling ice cream and they volunteered to turn over 20% of the proceeds they received on that day to the Fireworks Fund and he presented Councilman Miller with a check for \$50.00 from Michelle and Bruce McCoach.

Councilman Wolfe offered his congratulations to newly promoted Detective Baldanza, Sergeant Sutton and Captain Bebout and looks forward to working with all of them, as he has in the past and wished them good luck in the future in their new positions.

Councilman Wolfe then asked the Borough Clerk to read resolution R-92-62 regarding the sanitary sewer extension for Block 65, lots 34, 35 and 36 known as Neubold Woods, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Clark and unanimously approved by Council.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh stated that although he has already congratulated the newly promoted officers tonight, he would like to comment that one of the things he has been most pleased with in all the years he has sat on the dais as the Mayor, is the professionalism and efficiency of the Police Department and he is very proud of the Department and asked the Chief to convey his comments back to the men and over the years the Department has done itself proud on almost every occasion we have ever called upon them for and he is very pleased that we could put the Department back at full compliment and back to where we were before we lost Captain Budinski last year.

Mayor Cavanagh acknowledged Mrs. Joyce and her son Bob in the audience this evening.

Mayor Cavanagh read a proclamation proclaiming the week of September 17 through the 23 as Constitution Week, after which he commented that is being done by Presidential Proclamation and Act of Congress and we are joining in with the other municipalities throughout the United States. Mayor Cavanagh asked the Borough Clerk to forward a copy of the proclamation to Mrs. Reighard with a note thanking her for bringing this to his attention.

Mayor Cavanagh reported that next month at the Two Rivers Council of Mayors meeting, we will all be inviting our Emergency Management Directors to attend and we are going to regionalize the Emergency Management concept in the County, with the obvious benefit being in that approach is that it will enable us to warehouse and store items in a more localized fashion so that we do not have to be looking to Freehold if there is a problem. He continued that we are going to designate a depository in the Two River area and we are also going to look to list our equipment and work in a cooperative effort with each other when we need something during a spill or storm situation. He also commented that the County Emergency Management Director, Arnold Kleeberg will also be in attendance at that meeting for the purpose of this discussion and he felt that this will work out well, since we have a good history of all working together.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments they might wish to make.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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 17, 1992. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Miller who abstained from voting on the voucher reimbursing himself for expenses. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS \$72,908.07. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$65,558.34. TOTAL 1992 OPERATING FUND \$138,466.41. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$250.00. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$265.23. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$75,000.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER - 3RD PARTY REDEMPTION \$9,272.60. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER - SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$145,544.60. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER - MIDDLE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AGENCY \$285.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER - DWI \$30.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:44 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on October 1, 1992 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK