

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
September 13, 2004

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on September 13, 2004 at 8:07 P.M. with Mayor Gatta stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with law.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Kahle, Mahon, Holden, Chaump, Johnson, Briscione and Mayor Gatta.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca;
- OFFICIALS ABSENT:** A/Borough Attorney, Martin A. McGann.
- INVOCATION:** Borough Chaplain Berry gave the invocation.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Gatta led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on August 26, 2004 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, Councilman Holden moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilwoman Chaump and approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Raffle license application made by the Oceanport PTO to be held on Oct. 1, 2004, 50/50 on premise cash raffle. The clerk advised that the application was found to be in order after which Councilwoman Johnson moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Chaump and approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-04-75** waiving the building permit fees with regard to the roof repairs on the Borough Hall building, after which she moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Mahon and approved by Council.

Councilwoman Kahle reported that the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company and Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Company had four fire calls between August 3rd and the 13th for a total of 591 man-hours.

Councilwoman Kahle advised that the Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Company will be holding a fall festival as a fund raiser for their company and there will be food, rides, a car show and she urged everyone to come out and support those volunteers.

COUNCILMAN MAHON: Councilman Mahon asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-04-76** requesting approval of an item of revenue regarding the storm water grant after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by Council.

Councilman Mahon moved to authorize the acceptance of the improvements to Hill Court and the performance bond in the amount of \$56,138.40 together with \$6,237.60 in cash be returned to the applicant regarding Block 133, Lots 10 and 21 upon the posting of a 15% maintenance bond to be held for two years in the amount of \$9,356.40 per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer. It was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by Council.

Councilman Mahon stated he had hoped to have information regarding the proposals submitted from local architects for the Borough Building Committee renovations, but at the last workshop meeting it was brought up that there were several other architects who have done a lot of volunteer work for the town and it was felt that it would be a nice gesture to allow them to submit a proposal for something they would get paid for, so hopefully by the next meeting we will have all the proposals and will be ready to make a decision.

Councilman Mahon advised that there are some outstanding issues regarding the Borough's web site and we will be addressing these shortly.

Councilman Mahon also informed everyone that he would be attending a meeting being held by the Monmouth County Planning Board's Transportation tomorrow night and he will be bringing up the possibility of the County taking over Port-au-Peck Avenue from Wolfhill Avenue to Branchport Avenue, which would work out well since it connects with several County roads and he will report back on how this was received.

Councilman Mahon reported that the Public Works Department is again short on help with one part-time employee leaving as well as a full time employee taking employment in another town and applications are being reviewed and he asked if anyone knows of someone with a CDL license, who is looking for employment to please get an application from the Borough Clerk's Office in the next several days.

Councilman Mahon also commended the Public Works Department for the great effort they have put into taking care of the new soccer fields on Port-au-Peck Avenue as well as doing some extra maintenance at Old Wharf Park for September 11th, but on the other side, the Community Center grass got quite high which was a problem since the school children are presently using these fields and in an attempt to try and get caught up, he has authorized overtime for the Department.

Councilman Mahon advised that Gooseneck and Cayuga reconstruction projects are going well with one stage of the paving completed and they need to allow a little bit of time for settling and then they will be back in to do the final top coat and complete any driveway work that is still outstanding as well as top soil and seeding where it needs to be replaced.

Councilman Mahon also reported that the 2004 road program bids will be advertised on September 21st with bids being taken on October 5th and hopefully, an award made at our regular meeting scheduled for October 7th.

COUNCILMAN HOLDEN: Councilman Holden reported that the Shade Tree Committee had originally planned to meet tonight, but with the change in the Council meeting, the meeting will be re-scheduled and post cards will be forwarded to the members.

Councilman Holden advised that when we go back into our workshop meeting, he will be discussing the Interlocal Agreement proposed between the Borough and Eatontown with regard to an impound yard, which will be an asset for us, since we do not have any area at the present time when the Police impound any vehicles.

Councilman Holden moved to recognize Lisa Tisseker who has completed six months as a probationary employee in the Police Department on the recommendation of Chief Bebout effective August 1, 2004. It was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by Council.

COUNCILWOMAN CHAUMP: Councilwoman Chaump reported that the First Aid Squad responded to 34 calls during August.

Councilwoman Chaump reported under Recreation that ten White Pines have been donated by Bahrs, Ray Ciani and Princeton Nurseries to be used in the area of the hockey rink at Blackberry Bay Park and will cover 100' and act as a buffer. She also advised that the Hockey Association is proposing lighting the rink and as she reported at the last meeting, they sent out letters to 80 residents and five showed up at their meeting with Roller Hockey President, Steve Tagerty presiding over the meeting and the Council is now awaiting word from the feelings of the Environmental Commission with regard to this lighting. She continued that if it is a go, then there will be a resolution adopted at the October 7th meeting, which would be drawn up by our Borough Attorney.

COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Councilwoman Johnson announced that the annual flu and pneumonia clinic will be held on Wednesday, October 13th between 10 a.m. and Noon at the Oceanport First Aid Building and there will be approximately 250 shots available and she will report on this further as she receives additional information and there will be an article in the Bulletin.

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione reported that there is nothing new to report concerning the Stake Holders group and the N.J. Sports & Exposition Authority are awaiting responses to solicitations of interest on leasing the track. He also advised that he has met with Assemblyman Panter and Senator Karcher with regard to the formation of a task force on the 2007 Breeders Cup and our desire to seek funds to assist the Borough in planning and hosting this event and he received very positive feedback.

Councilman Briscione stated he has also been in contact with the officials in Grand Praire, Texas, which is the home of Lonestar Park that will be hosting the 2004 breeders cup asking them how they went about setting up for this event and they will be sending information to him.

Councilman Briscione also advised that our OEM Coordinator has approached Monmouth Park about using some space on the 3rd floor of the grand stand for their radio system, but the track does not have sufficient power and they are presently looking into a feasibility study on this with regard to the Breeders Cup and will advise what costs are involved to upgrade the service.

Councilman Briscione advised that the Planning Board Master Plan Review Committee will be meeting this month to discuss the Borough's five-year master plan re-examination.

Councilman Briscione reported that the Finance Committee is presently working with Councilman Mahon regarding the uniform financial reporting statement for our volunteer services and this will make it easier for the Council during next year's budgeting process.

MAYOR GATTA: Mayor Gatta read a proclamation proclaiming September as National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery month.

Mayor Gatta reminded everyone about the Wall of Honor and we are still receiving photos every day of servicemen and women and she asked that anyone interested to please send over the photo, in uniform, with the person's name, the dates served, where they served, the branch of service and the relationship. She continued that this Wall of Honor will recognize not only those who have served, but those presently serving and will allow our young people to see that these heroes are their neighbors, friends and family. She stated the Wall of Honor will be un-veiled on Veteran's Day this coming November.

Mayor Gatta advised that she spoke with Monmouth Medical Center today and is happy to report that they have approved getting health screenings for our volunteer fire and first aid people and they will be receiving a questionnaire from Monmouth which needs to be filled out and returned and instructions on how to schedule this free heart screening. She continued that the purpose of this testing is to promote a healthy heart and to combat any heart disease in the future. She asked the two Council Liaisons that when they attend the next fire and first aid meetings to also remind the volunteers to submit their questionnaires in a timely manner. Mayor Gatta expressed her thanks and appreciation to Dr. Frank Vozos and Monmouth Medical Center for extending that service to Oceanport.

Mayor Gatta brought to everyone's attention that on October 2nd, 2004 there will be a training exercise demonstration at Monmouth Park and the center for Disease Control has asked the State of New Jersey to select three sites in the State and Monmouth Park being one of them, to participate in a training exercise demonstration during the week of Sept. 27th through Oct. 2nd and this exercise will be conducted with the purpose of testing the State and County readiness for the delivery of the strategic national stockpile to the County and opening a distribution site for dispensing medicine to the public. She stated that this is a very important drill and the meetings leading up to this demonstration are being held in our Borough Hall. She also commented that this will be a very busy weekend, since it's the same time as the Asbury Park Press flea market.

Mayor Gatta stated that this was the first week that the newly acquired soccer fields were open and things seemed to go smoothly and our police are patrolling the fields and there is new signage with a new designated parking area and this is being utilized while Blackberry Bay Park is undergoing the improvements and at our workshop meeting held earlier, our Borough Engineer advised that the park improvements are on schedule.

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

Steven Tagerty, 22 Hedge Drive asked what else he has to do with regard to the hockey rink light proposal, once the Environmental Commission gives their okay if they do, since he is under time constraints and needs to move on this project because we are now in danger of losing an entire year without this lighting project again, which is being completely funded by roller hockey and we are just looking for an okay.

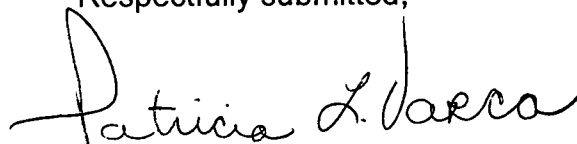
Mayor Gatta explained that Mr. Tagerty is aware that the Environmental Commission is discussing this project as we speak and the Council at workshop, agreed that if they have no concerns, they there is no objections to his going forward with this project, but we also have to run it by the Attorney because we may have to do a resolution on this because it is located in a Borough park. She also indicated that we will be going back into workshop after this meeting and hopefully we will hear from both the Environmental Commission with their thoughts and be able to run this by our Borough Attorney.

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

Councilman Mahon moved to approve the vouchers on the Bill List dated September 13, 2004. It was seconded by Councilwoman Chaump and approved by Council. TOAL CAPITAL TRUST \$17,598.10. TOTAL 2003 VOUCHERS \$69,797.91. 2004 VOUCHERS PAID \$10,012,178.97. 2004 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$1,115,006.22. TOTAL 2004 VOUCHERS \$11,127,185.19. (SEE BILL LIST)

At 8:27 p.m. Councilwoman Chaump moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on October 7, 2004 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia L. Varca". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK