

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
September 7, 1995

- REGULAR MEETING:** The meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was held on September 7, 1995 at 8:02 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
- OFFICERS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Reverend 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 August 17, 1995 had been made available for review by the Governing Body, Councilman Wolfe moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilman Miller who abstained from voting because he was not present at that meeting.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of August, 1995 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Raffle license applications made by the following:
 - a) Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary, to be held 11/26/95, 50/50 cash raffle.
 - b) Family Resource Associates, Inc., to be held 9/17/95, 50/50 cash raffle.
 - c) Oceanport PTO, to be held 12/2/95, 50/50 cash raffle.

The Clerk reported that all fees had been paid and the paperwork was found to be in order, after which Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the above raffle licenses. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee wished to alert parents who have children attending either Wolfhill or Maple Place Schools, that there are new No Parking signs in front of both schools. He urged everyone to please heed these signs and explained that they have been installed for the safety of the children.

Councilman McGee advised that we are in receipt of three letters of commendation to Officers in the Police Department and stated the first was from the Police Chief of Eatontown, William Barnshaw who commended the outstanding police work of Patrolman Steven Cioffi in connection

with a break in at HiTech Stereo in Eatontown; the second letter was from a resident of Hoboken who was in attendance at Monmouth Park on Haskell Day and experienced a loss of a personal item, which was very valuable to her and it was recovered by Sgt. Hendley and she was very appreciate of the Officer's assistance to her and Monmouth Park; and the third letter received from Mrs. Iamello and wanted to thank and commend the Police Department in the quick response to a barbecue grill which had caught fire and to compliment how well the Fire, First Aid and Police work so well together.

Councilman McGee asked both Councilwoman Filippone and Councilman Wolfe to pass on these commendations to the First Aid Squad and Fire Department.

Councilman McGee advised that the School Crossing Guards have been requalified for school year 95/96 after attending an eight hour refresher course. In this regard, Councilman McGee also urged everyone to drive carefully because school is back in session.

Councilman McGee reported that Patrolman Steven Cioffi has completed a basic course for Juvenile Officers given by the Department of Law and Public Safety.

Councilman McGee moved to award a bid for one police car to the low bidder, Winner Group Inc., Wilmington, Delaware in the amount of \$17,365 and to return the bid bonds to the unsuccessful bidders. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone called for the second reading and public hearing of an amendment to the 1995 salary ordinance and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and 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.**

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Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments on this subject only.

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

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

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilwoman Filippone announced that Monmouth County Middletown Township is having a one day only, first come/first serve home composting bin sale on Saturday, September 9 from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. in Parking Lot #1 at Brookdale Community College and she advised that they are selling them for \$35 which retails for \$99 and is called the Earth Machine.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported that the Waterways activities are just about completed for the summer and under the guidance of Bill Stine, Chairman of this Committee, we had a group go out almost every Saturday all summer long and we found that the surface of our River and streams in the area have been pretty clean of any floatables, which says something about our boaters and citizens in the area and the fact that education must be working.

Councilman Miller advised that the Water Watch Committee, which continues their sampling on a bi-monthly schedule during the summer, found that the quality of the Shrewsbury was generally good, except for the clarity, which is due to algae and silt and both were caused by the unusual weather conditions we experienced this summer. He continued in speaking with Sue Williams of the Monmouth County Board of Health stated that we have been one of the least effected rivers in the area with regard to algae blooms, fish kills, etc. so we have been lucky in that area. Councilman Miller reported that the fecal coliform numbers were down quite low and off Blackberry Bay Park the count was zero, which is again due in part to the efforts of our residents as well as to the fact that we have not had any rain to clear out the storm drains.

Councilman Miller stated that the Oceanport Cable Committee will be forwarding a report of the Cable Advisory Committee to ComCast and to the Office of Cable Television and it is basically the next step in the renewal process. He advised that this report states that there is not enough evidence of a negative nature to deny ComCast from renewing their franchise with the Borough and they recommend that we negotiate to have emergency access when we do have storms or other emergency situations, for the Borough to have statements broadcast over Channel 8; to wire up the schools and presently there is only one drop at each school and we will be looking for ten more at no cost to the Borough and possibly do the same for Shore Regional High School; we would like to receive a cash grant to purchase audio/visual equipment for the Borough and possibly the students at Maple Place School.

Mayor Cavanagh commented on behalf of everyone on the Governing Body, asked Councilman Miller to take back to the Oceanport Cable Committee the Council's appreciation for all their hard work. Councilman Miller stated that he appreciated the Mayor's thanks because the Committee is made up of Joe Lyons as the Chairman and Diane Jablonski and Arlene Mullen as the members. Mayor Cavanagh asked the reporter to please mention in his article that the Committee is looking for new members to help out and Councilwoman Silkworth will include another note in the next Bulletin.

Mayor Cavanagh stated there is also some good news in that we have been advised by ComCast that effective September 30, 1995 we will be receiving additional channels including the American Movie Classics, the FX channel, the History Channel and several others and a golf channel which you must pay for if you want that special channel.

Councilman Miller advised that the Water Watch Committee will receive a grant from the Two Rivers Times as a result of their fund-raiser and AT&T has agreed to match same and this money will be used for needed repairs to some of the boats at no cost to the taxpayers.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor invited all Borough residents to attend the second annual Fun for Life Fair being held on Sunday, September 10 from Noon to 5 PM at the Monmouth Mall in the Community Room and it is being sponsored by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency and it is a way to show children and adults that you can have fun without drugs and there will be hands on activities, exhibits, live entertainment and prizes and he hoped everyone would stop there on their way to the Summer's End Festival.

Councilman Taylor reported that under Clean Communities functions, Myra's Amazing Puppets will be coming to the Wolfhill School on Friday, September 15 at 1 PM and a show will be put on for the younger children regarding recycling and keeping the environment clean.

Councilman Taylor announced that the next Hazardous Household Waste Day is scheduled to be held on Saturday, Sept. 9 in Tinton Falls; Oct. 21 at Hazlet Township and Nov. 4 at Upper Freehold Township and he is posting a copy in the front entrance to Borough Hall.

Councilman Taylor offered his thanks to Betty Hulick who attended our last work shop meeting and brought to our attention that recycling in the Borough of Oceanport started in 1975 and this is the 20th anniversary and it was begun with a Committee comprised of Betty Hulick; Beverly Sirianni; Marilyn Regan; Mary Beth Nadler and Judy Bramble and she gave a copy of the first recycling flyer that was used. Councilman Taylor advised that he will be bringing this flyer to the next County Recycling meeting and make them aware of our recycling efforts over the past 20 years.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that he will send a letter to those people congratulating them on being the visionaries who got the Borough in the recycling direction and really created the awareness of what we should be doing and the program has grown and expanded, but it may not have been as easy as it has been if not for their efforts some 20 years ago.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe offered his thanks to the Public Works Department, who in conjunction with Chief Joyce, repainted the street crossing areas at both Maple Place and Wolfhill Schools. He stated that in the past we have used outside contractors to perform this service but this year, we were able to handle this job and it looks very professional.

Councilman Wolfe stated that he is in receipt of a letter of thanks from Mr. & Mrs. Hulick for the job done cleaning up the end of Nicholson Place, which was recently undertaken by the Public Works Department.

Councilman Wolfe reported he has the six month Captain's Report from the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company which shows they have performed 489 hours of service responding to fires and other emergent type calls and does not include any type of schooling or training courses and he thanked them for all of their efforts.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth advised that she and Councilman McGee have been working on the replacement of the windows in front of Borough Hall and they have been installed and hopefully this will eliminate the drafts that our employees have experienced during the winter months and much better insulated from the temperature and outside noise. She stated that the employees have already commented on how much brighter the rooms are and these units are also very low maintenance and will not require painting.

Councilwoman Silkworth offered her thanks to Architect Eric Wagner who volunteered his services to complete the window project.

Councilwoman Silkworth reported that painting and wallpapering will begin next week in the corridors of Borough Hall and she asked that everyone bear with us during this redecorating period.

Councilwoman Silkworth reminded all residents that Bulletin material should be typed or printed in its final form and explained that our Editor is a volunteer and while Rosemarie Terra is

willing and able to edit articles that are submitted, she should not have to write a particular article from just notes and hoped that all future material be submitted in its final form.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh read a letter from Agent Bill Cunningham of Monmouth Park expressing his thanks and appreciation to Chief Joyce and his Department for their cooperation during the summer months.

Mayor Cavanagh also advised that he is in receipt of a letter of resignation from Lewis Nelson from both the Planning and Zoning Boards after many, many years of service to both Boards and Mr. Nelson thanks two previous Mayors, besides himself, which would take him back to 1970, so he has served for over 20 years at least and it must add up to thousands of meetings he has attended. Mayor Cavanagh stated he is sorry to see him resign because he always felt that those Boards in particular, should have a continuity factor with the past as well as with new people in the Borough and with Mr. Wilcox resigning last year, these two gentlemen represent an awful lot of history in this Borough. Mayor Cavanagh stated he wanted the minutes to reflect that we are accepting Mr. Nelson's letter of resignation with regret and thank him for the countless hours of effort he put forth to this community.

Mayor Cavanagh recognized a Scout in the audience this evening, which usually means he has some civic requirements for one of his badges and invited him to come back to future meetings.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they may wish 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 7, 1995. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Wolfe who abstained from voting on the vouchers due Haggerty & Sons. TOTAL 1994 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$272.30. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS \$135,081.53. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$56,964.83. TOTAL 1995 OPERATING FUND \$192,046.36. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$545,539.04. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$725.57. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$350.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$163,834.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \$379,698.60. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER - FIRE PREVENTION \$22.11. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:28 P.M. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on September 21, 1995 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK