

REGULAR MEETING

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Oceanport, New Jersey
September 6, 1990

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oceanport was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on September 6, 1990.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons McGee, Terra, Filippone, Miller, Rodman, Wolfe and Mayor Cavanagh.

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

INVOCATION: Rabbi Daina gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Cavanagh led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the Special Meeting held on August 13, 1990 and the Regular Meeting held on August 16, 1990 were given to the Governing Body for their review, Councilman Rodman moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of AUGUST, 1990 and a copy will be put on the Bulletin Board.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee stated that at a previous Council meeting Councilwoman Filippone had made a request on behalf of the Oceanport First Aid Squad for stuffed animals which are used to soothe children who are involved in accidents either themselves or with their parents. Councilman McGee presented a box of stuffed animals from his children and hoped they would help the First Aid Squad with their goal and stated that this has been used in other communities and has been very successful.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra moved to approve the appointment of Patrick Shaffery to the position of Dispatcher, Level II in the Police Department effective September 27, 1990. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Terra then asked the Clerk to read resolution R-90-54 regarding an emergency appropriation under the Supplement Safe Neighborhood Program grant in the amount of \$2,526, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

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Councilman Terra asked the Clerk to read resolution R-90-55 concerning the insertion of an item of revenue from the Supplemental Safe Neighborhood Program grant, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

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Councilman Terra reminded the businesses in town that the 2nd quarter recycling reports are overdue and requested that they send in as soon as possible.

Councilman Terra reported that the next hazardous waste day is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 1990 at Tinton Falls and he suggested that our residents check the newspapers to see what types of materials will be accepted.

Councilman Terra commented that the Monmouth County Recycling Coordinator has made available some plastic receptacles available for used household batteries and there will be one left in the foyer of the Borough Hall and we will place some of the containers in local businesses for people to get rid of their dead batteries. Councilman Terra offered his thanks to Councilman Rodman for picking up the containers for him in Freehold.

Councilman Terra offered his thanks to a resident of a neighboring community, Donna Baginsky, who was jogging along Bridgewaters Drive near the railroad tracks and noticed some debris which seems to have come from the workmen on the track and she took it upon herself to clean up the area and he publicly thanked her for bringing this situation to his attention and we have taken the necessary steps to inform the workers that this type of behavior will not be tolerated in the future and we will be placing a trash can in that area. He commented that it is always nice to know there are such nice people who will come in and do the work themselves and again thanked Donna Baginsky for her efforts.

Councilman Terra commented under the subject of Emergency Management, Jim Slattery who is our Director, has made arrangements for the Borough to have four new fire hydrants installed along where the new water main is going in on Myrtle Avenue and there were several streets off Myrtle who did not have adequate hydrants and Jim took advantage of this opportunity to secure extra hydrants to help protect the homes in that area and thanked him for securing these extra hydrants.

Councilman Terra reminded everyone that the deadline for the Bulletin is September 15 and also requested that all articles submitted be typed.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone stated that Lester Jargowsky, Director of the Monmouth County Board of Health feels that the short term solutions that the Monmouth Park Race Track have undertaken have been effective and he is now working on long term solutions to the manure problems that the race track is encountering.

Councilwoman Filippone also made note of the fact that we are aware that there was a major problem in the river today and she had received several calls from residents and she also observed some of the problems and the County Board of Health has been notified and hopefully will be tracking it down.

Councilwoman Filippone offered her thanks to the McGee children publicly, for their support of the First Aid Squad's drive for stuffed animals and it is not only gratifying to receive stuffed animals, but gratifying to receive the stuffed animals from children themselves who recognize that other children may be comforted by them as well.

Councilwoman Filippone wished all our Jewish residents and friends a Happy New Year.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller stated that although our Waterways Committee has slowed down as far as the river is concerned since he is back to work at his full time job at Shore Regional, we will be out this weekend and will be responding to a request from a resident on Horseneck Point to pick up debris, but we are also about to put together a group with representatives from the Waterways Committee, local Board of Health and the Environmental Commission to begin an overall look at what can be done about all of our environmental problems on the river and Monmouth Race Track is the paramount one. He continued we also have problems with people who live on their boats all summer long in the local marinas which have no pump outs and it is a problem as to whether they pump out into the river or at one of the pump stations which are located at Marine Park in Red Bank and in Atlantic Highlands. He stated there is also an infrastructure problem somewhere in Long Branch that has to be addressed since that contributes to the problems on the river as well as non point source pollution. He commented we are going to get involved with a Water Watch program and hopefully it will be in place next summer.

Councilman Miller stated that the track has been working on the manure problem as Councilwoman Filippone reported earlier, but unfortunately he received a report from Bill Simmons last week when he went through the track several days before and both parties were a bit unsatisfied because they felt the track had been back sliding a little bit and there were a lot of hoses being used in the early morning, hosing down the horses and water was going into some of the manure piles and septic water was lying in quite a few places and there is a long way to go in solving this problem.

Councilman Miller reported under Parks & Recreation there is new evidence of landscaping in front of the Lions Swim Club at Blackberry Bay Park and it was done by our Public Works Department under the guidance of Councilman Wolfe and we had received three bids which ranged from \$7,400 to \$5,600 and the job was done for under \$2,500 which is a \$3,000 saving for the Borough. Councilman Miller thanked Councilman Wolfe and the employees of the Public Works Department for their efforts.

Councilman Miller reported that the restrooms at Blackberry Bay Park are completed just in time for Summer's End.

Councilman Miller stated that the fireworks fund has only approximately \$1,800 received in donations and we have a long ways to go to the cost of \$4,200 and envelopes were sent out to everyone in the community as well as all the businesses and none of the 52 businesses responded. He stated that this is rather sad, but it is also a commentary on the present economic state today.

Councilman Miller reported that the Soccer program is underway with over 250 youngsters and their coaches, who are all volunteers and there are 16 teams for this coming season.

Councilman Miller stated that on October 5 and 6 there will be a bocce tournament at Old Wharf Park and anyone interested in entering their team in this competition should contact Sal Gentile.

Councilman Miller reported under Buildings & Grounds we will shortly be starting the waterproofing on the Port-au-Peck Fire House, Public Works Garage and the Borough Hall.

COUNCILMAN RODMAN: Councilman Rodman stated in regard to the situation at Monmouth Park, he had a brief discussion with Lester Jargowsky and he has some very interesting ideas in terms of long term solutions and the short term temporary solutions have not been that great and one of his ideas entails the use of a lot of drainage situation which would create what Councilman Rodman feels would be an attractive addition to some of the grounds at Monmouth Park.

Councilman Rodman stated that yesterday he had a lengthy conversation with the Assistant General Manager of Hollywood Park in Inglewood, Ca. because we had heard that they had a rather innovative situation dealing with their horse manure. He continued that unfortunately this is not the case and they purchased a \$300,000 baling machine and make 1,800 lb. blocks of manure, send them 235 miles to a co-generation facility on the edge of the Mojave Desert one way and the truck returns empty. He stated that if they are lucky, they can send a truck filled with the bales of manure to mushroom farms in Utah which is some 800 miles away, unlike here where we can ship the manure to Pennsylvania. He commented that they are facing the same type of situation as we are being hemmed in on all sides by Los Angeles and the airport, but what he thought was going to be a nifty idea, has turned out to be terrible and he was informed that they spend well over one million dollars a year just in labor, and does not include anything that had to do with the purchasing of the \$300,000 baler.

Councilman Rodman reported that at the work shop meeting on Tuesday evening there was a discussion with regard to a skateboard ordinance with one idea being to possibly ban skateboarding and another idea was to possibly identify the prohibitive uses of wheeled vehicles of many different kinds on the roads of Oceanport and he wanted to publicly state that he would oppose any ordinance that would ban skateboarding and feels that the laws of the State of New Jersey as they pertain to people utilizing public roadways are sufficient to enforce the law and he certainly does not condone anyone recklessly or dangerously using anything in the roadways, but he did not feel the way to go was to ban the skateboards. He would be willing to look at other proposals, but would not be in favor of banning the use of skateboards in the Borough.

R-90-56 Councilman Rodman stated the next item was a resolution which continues the agreement that Oceanport has had with Shore Regional for the provision of courtesy busing, which is basically the busing of those students who live less than the two and one-half mile distance from the school and in this situation we have to deal with the students crossing Route 36 and we feel that it continues to present a potentially hazardous situation for high school students and therefore with the passage of this resolution we will continue the provision of courtesy busing. He then asked the Clerk to read resolution R-90-56, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that as Councilman Rodman pointed out there is a rather short distance involved, but there is also Route 36 involved and we made a philosophical decision last year that we were not going to have children walking across Route 36 and we have solidified this matter again this year by approving this resolution.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe called for the approval of a resolution providing for certain issues for a bond sale and asked the Borough Attorney to explain this lengthy document prior to voting on same.

The Borough Attorney stated that this resolution authorizes the combination of pre-existing bond issues, current indebtedness that have been issued and are currently in effect going back as far as 1976 for various public improvements and purposes and the resolution authorizes the combination of all of these outstanding balances into one current bond issue in the total sum of \$1,065,000 and would provide for the current issuance of general obligation bonds to pay off the prior notes and bonds and to re-issue that total sum all with uniform payment and maturity bids. R-90-57

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve resolution R-90-57. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

The Borough Attorney stated the second resolution with regard to determining the form and other details for the bond sale, he explained that now that the Borough Council has authorized the issuance of bonds, this resolution will authorize and fix certain aspects of the bond issue such as the interest rate, the issuance date, the maturity date, the payment dates for the interest payments and specifically approve the particular form of the bond that will be used in connection with this issuance and he informed the public that copies of both resolutions are available to the public in back of the room. R-90-58

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve resolution R-90-58. It was seconded by Councilman Rodman and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe reminded Borough residents that school is officially open and asked them to drive carefully and obey both the speed limits and traffic signals, since the Police Department will be out patrolling to make sure the children are getting to and from school safely.

Councilman Wolfe publicly thanked Sal Lagrotteria and Lagrotteria Utilities Co. from Oceanport for donating his time and equipment in assisting the Borough in the preparation of the site before our employees from Public Works could build the berm by the Lions Swim Club at Blackberry Bay Park. He stated Mr. Lagrotteria went over with a back hoe and spent several hours digging down and removing some unstable soil and debris and helped the Public Works crew install the timbers.

Councilman Wolfe stated as a follow up to what Councilman Terra mentioned earlier, the water company is doing a project on Myrtle Avenue and that project will be underway for 4-5 weeks at least and the project is going to entail almost the entire length of Myrtle Avenue to Monmouth Boulevard and then it will go around Monmouth Boulevard and head down to Shrewsbury Avenue. He stated there will be some short term inconvenience but the long term benefits of this project will be that there will be four additional fire hydrants in the area and a 16" water main servicing this section of the Borough and connecting in with Gooseneck Point to give uniform pressure throughout this area.

Councilman Wolfe wished all Jewish residents a happy and healthy New Year.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh asked the reporters in the audience to be good enough to point out to the residents that the fireworks fund, as Councilman Miller reported on earlier, is quite short this year and he is aware that West Long Branch and some other towns have had to come to grips with the problem of tax payers dollars for this type of

celebration. He continued we have never been put in this position, thankfully and the fund has always been adequate to take care of this event, but in times such as we are in, tax payers are legitimately concerned about the money that is being spent and the tax implications are staggering from the State on down and although it does not seem like a lot of money, he is hopeful that we are not put in a position of having to consider integrating it into our budget as an additional expense. He commented that if every household in the Borough donated \$3.00, there would be more than enough money and he hoped that it is only the problem of people overlooking the donation and that following the display, which hundreds of people enjoy, the donations will be received to the amount we need for this celebration. He advised that he would hate to see this annual event cancelled because of the lack of funding and it has become a tradition for many years now and is enjoyed by many, many people.

Mayor Cavanagh reported that during the week he noted that there is a new cap law for municipalities and the State Legislature, as it always does, is strident in enforcing a cap law on us, but not on the State of NJ in order to help curtail the spending that goes on in Trenton. He stated that he does not understand how year after year the State can enforce a cap on local governing bodies and allow themselves since 1983 to go unchartered in their spending and he does not understand it and does not feel the tax payers understand it and perhaps there would not have been a 12% budget increase on the State level last year had there been a cap in place. He commented that he sees no reason for the State to exempt themselves from something they feel is worthwhile for municipalities.

Mayor Cavanagh wished Rabbi Daina and all our Jewish residents a very happy New Year.

Mayor Cavanagh offered the name of Carol Pierson to fill a vacancy on the Recreation Committee, which term expires on December 31, 1992.

Councilman Terra moved to approve this appointment. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

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 6, 1990. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Wolfe who abstained from voting on the vouchers due Clayton Block Co. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS \$139,460.87. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$57,443.11. TOTAL 1990 OPERATING FUND \$196,903.98. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$603,386.75. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST ACCOUNT \$100.00. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$28.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$2,054.00. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$636.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER DWI FUND \$60.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT \$2,648.29. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:35 P.M. Councilman Miller moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on September 24, 1990 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK

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