

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
September 5, 2002

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on September 5, 2002 at 8:00 P.M. with Councilman Wolfe stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with law.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Mahon, Gatta, Wolfe, McGann and Silkworth.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilman Apruzzi and Mayor Gemma.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Deputy Borough Clerk, Kimberly A. Jungfer and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** Borough Chaplain Berry gave the invocation.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilman Wolfe led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on August 15, 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 Councilwoman Gatta and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

The Deputy Clerk indicated that the Police Reports for July and August 2002 were received and will be posted in the Borough Hall.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MAHON: Councilman Mahon had no report.

COUNCILMAN APRUZZI: Councilman Apruzzi was absent

COUNCILWOMAN GATTA: Councilwoman Gatta reported that the Summer's End Festival will be on Saturday, September 21, 2002 with a rain date of September 22, 2002 at Blackberry Bay Park. The day's activities include the annual Mayor's Trophy Softball Tournament, Art Show, and Music in the Park, The Moon Walk and Castle Slide for children, food by Enzo's and Fireworks at dusk.

Councilwoman Gatta reminded all residents of the Public Hearing on the Green Acres Application for Blackberry Bay and Sommers Parks on September 19, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. at Borough Hall.

Councilwoman Gatta reported that for the month of August, First Aid answered 61 calls, which equated to 861 man hours. She continued that their annual fund drive is in progress and is getting a good response and is appreciative of this. Councilwoman Gatta indicated that the First Aid also needs wheel chairs, because they supply them to residents, so if anyone knows anyone that has one that would like to donate it to the First Aid it would be appreciated.

Councilwoman Gatta welcomed new First Aid member Joe Grey.

Councilwoman Gatta talked about Patriots Day, an act signed into law designating September 11th as such. On this day the American Flag will fly at half-mast and everyone is encouraged to pause and observe a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. one year to the minute after the American Airlines Flight 11 flew into the North Tower of the World Trade Center to honor those who lost their lives. This bill was signed into law on December 18, 2001.

Councilwoman Gatta wished residents who will be celebrating a happy Rosh Hashanah.

COUNCILMAN MCGANN: Councilman McGann asked the Deputy Borough Clerk to read Resolution R-02-54 authorizing a refund for overpayment of property taxes after which he moved to approve same. Councilman Mahon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by those Council members present.

R-02-54

Councilman McGann moved to authorize the Borough Engineer, to prepare and receive bids for Wardell Circle, subject of a DOT Grant of \$150,000, Wyandotte and Mohican Avenues road program. Councilwoman Silkworth seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by those Council members present.

Councilman McGann called for the introduction of an amendment to the Fire Prevention Ordinance regarding appointment and term of the Fire Official and Rapid-entry systems and asked the Deputy Clerk to read it 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.**

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

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilman McGann moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on September 19, 2002 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilwoman Gatta.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

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

ABSTAIN: None

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth announced that on September 17, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. there will be an opportunity for residents of Gooseneck Point to discuss the pending road construction at that location and on October 15, 2002 residents of Cayuga Avenue will have the opportunity to discuss the improvements to their road. All involved will be notified by mail by the Borough Clerk's office with the date and time.

MAYOR GEMMA: Mayor Gemma was absent.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe followed up on comments regarding September 11th. He added that October 6th has been a day set for National Fallen Firefighters and this is also a day when the Borough flags will be lowered and is something that comes at a difficult time when we are approaching the first anniversary of September 11th.

Councilman Wolfe stated that Councilman Apruzzi was charged with putting together a lasting monument to honor the fallen resident of Oceanport and all people who passed away on September 11th and in doing so was approached by individual who lives in town that owns a monument company and he plans to donate a monument to the Borough for this purpose, similar in size as to what it in the front of the Municipal Building. He stated that Councilman Apruzzi will be coming to Council with a design, an initial draft of wording and the Council will review it and he will then get back to the person who will be supplying the monument and doing the lettering and they will all meet at a workshop meeting and then get feedback from the public at a meeting and at Borough Hall prior to officially accepting the design.

Councilman Wolfe wished all our Jewish residents a Happy New Year.

Councilman Wolfe reminded everyone to please drive carefully now that school is open and children are busy getting off to school.

Councilman Wolfe stated that in light of Councilman Apruzzi, back up on the Finance Committee, not being in attendance he asked for a motion to appoint Councilwoman Gatta as the second representative of the Finance Committee to review and approve payment of the bills. Councilman McGann moved the motion. Councilman Mahon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by those Council members present.

Councilman Wolfe opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might wish to make.

Ed Ryan, 24 Willow Court, asked if anything had been done about the Shell Station since the last meeting when he raised the problems. Councilman Wolfe stated that the Code Enforcement Officer has contacted the owner who has painted over the graffiti this very day and assurances that within 4 or 5 days the weeds will be cut and the site will be brought into compliance or a summons will be issued.

Councilman Wolfe followed up on Mr. Ryan's concerns expressed last month regarding the sirens at the Hook and Ladder and Wolf Hill School. He stated that the siren at Hook and Ladder is working and they are looking into the problem with the siren at Wolf Hill.

Stuart Briskey, 46 Werah Place, asked why the crosswalks at Branchport and Port-Au-Peck Avenues were allowed to deteriorate to the point where they cannot be seen. He was concerned about this since, as pointed out earlier, school is open. He further stated that the lines on Port-Au-Peck Avenue are so bad such as they cannot be seen during a rainstorm. He stated that this was a hazard situation to everyone.

Councilman Wolfe stated that when it was brought to his attention he referred it to the Superintendent of Public Works who will see what he can do to correct the problems.

Councilman McGann explained one of the reasons the crosswalks have not been completed is because the Public Works Department has been involved in the massive clean up from the August 2nd storm and they will be done this year and should be done within the next two weeks.

Gary LaBruno, 478 Adrian Avenue, expressed concern over the condition the bulk head and the roadway at the bottom of the cul de sac at Driveway. There are big holes, the street is in disrepair and water sits in the street after a rainstorm. He added that no one empties the garbage can that is at the end of the cul de sac and it smells disgusting.

Councilman Wolfe stated that the County is responsible for the bulkhead and a letter can be sent from the Borough regarding your concerns as well as the condition of the road. Councilman Wolfe continued that he was not sure about the garbage can, if the County put it there or not, but he would have Public Works take care of the matter.

Councilman McGann stated he sent a letter to the County Engineer about the horrible conditions underneath the bridge and did not receive a reply but stated he would follow up with the County Engineer about the problems addressed this evening.

Ed Ryan, 24 Willow Court, asked if there was any word on when the work on the bridge on East Main Street would begin.

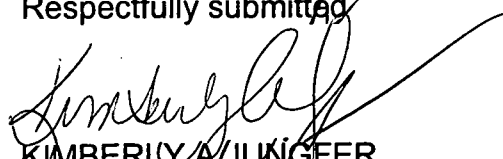
Councilman Wolfe stated that the Borough Engineer brought them up to date at the Workshop meeting. He indicated that it appears that it is a least six months from start date, which would put it some time in March which means work would continue through the summer. Councilman Wolfe further explained that the Borough would be sending a letter to the County requesting that since work has already been delayed, if the start date could be pushed to September of 03 to minimize the impact to the Borough during the summer months.

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

Councilwoman Gatta moved to approve the vouchers on the Bill List dated September 6, 2002. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL CAPTIAL TRUST \$13,187.50, TOTAL DOG REGISTRY \$51.80, TOTAL ESCROW TRUST \$2,886.00, TOTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST \$3,206.00, 2001 VOUCHER PAID THIS MEETING \$629.33, TOTAL 2001 VOUCHERS \$629.33, 2002 VOUCHER PAID, \$93,616.38, 2002 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$615,860.46, TOTAL 2002 VOUCHERS \$709,476.84. (SEE BILL LIST)

At 8:25 p.m. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on September 19, 2002 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Gatta and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted



KIMBERLY A. JUNGFER
DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK