

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
September 4, 1997

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on September 4, 1997 at 8:00 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Gemma, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca, Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti and Borough Engineer, Thomas K. Rospos.
- INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Borough Chaplain Berry.
- 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 21, 1997 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, Councilman Miller moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of AUGUST, 1997 and a copy will be posted on the bulletin board.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN GEMMA: Councilman Gemma advised that we have received an insurance claim with regard to a woman who fell off a pony and cart ride, but since this was not a Borough function, our insurance agent will advise the claimant.

Councilman Gemma also reported that the Cable Committee had received a complaint from a resident, which has been resolved and he thanked Councilwoman Silkworth for her input in this matter.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone congratulated the Oceanport Pirates on another championship season.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that on November 13 at the Old Wharf House, both flu and pneumonia shots will be given between the hours of 9-11 AM and the cost will be \$5 for the flu shot and \$10 for the pneumonia shots, unless you have Medicare B in which case they would be free. She also advised that this is done through the Monmouth County Health Department and she attempted to have this program set on a Saturday, but the County cannot provide the personnel.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded all Borough residents that Don Ross, Oceanport's Blood Bank Director, will be conducting a blood drive on Monday, September 15 at the Oceanport First Aid Building between the hours of 6:30-8:30 PM and she urged anyone who is able to donate.

Councilwoman Filippone called for the introduction of an amendment to the traffic and vehicle ordinance and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE "BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC ORDINANCE" PASSED AND APPROVED APRIL 1, 1993.**

Councilwoman Filippone moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Gemma.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilwoman Filippone then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the Council meeting scheduled to be held on September 18, 1997 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

R-97-57 COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-57** authorizing the fireworks at the Summers' End Festival, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Miller reported under the Recreation Committee, that once again Addie Nelson was running a bus trip to Radio City for the Christmas Show and tickets are \$55 and going fast, so anyone interested in going should contact her as soon as possible.

Councilman Miller reminded everyone that this Sunday is the Summer's End Festival and the weather forecast projected for this weekend looks great and there will be tailgating, ball games, music, food for sale, etc. and hoped everyone would come out and enjoy the day with fireworks at dark. He also stated that the volunteer groups would be having a softball game at 11:00 AM at Blackberry and the Mayor would be presenting a trophy to the winning team.

Councilman Miller stated that at the last meeting he reported that the PBA would be conducting a Casino Night, but it is, in fact, being run by the Roller Hockey Committee and it will be on September 20 at the Shrewsbury Sailing Club and the cost is \$25 per person and it will be from 7-11 P.M.

Councilman Miller advised that he was in receipt of a letter from a Borough resident commending the work of Detective Steve Cioffi who handled a case involving harassing phone calls and vandalism and the matter has been resolved and the resident was very thankful for Detective Cioffi's efforts.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor moved to re-advertise the revised garbage and trash bids to be returned on November 12, 1997. Councilman Wolfe seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-58** refunding electrical fees for work at Maple Place and Wolfhill Schools, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council. R-97-58

Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-59** refunding overpayments of property taxes to property owners in the Borough, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council. R-97-59

Councilman Wolfe moved to reject all bids received for the reconstruction of Tecumseh Ave. and return the bid bonds to the unsuccessful bidders, as well as authorizing the Borough Engineer to re-advertise for bids, including several alternates. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe stated the reason for rejecting the bids was due to the fact that the bids came in higher than the grant monies available from the DOT for this project.

Councilman Wolfe reminded all residents that school is open again and Soccer Season is in progress, with 25 Oceanport teams and over 320 players of all ages, so he asked that everyone drive carefully with all the activities going on with our children.

Councilman Wolfe welcomed back Tom Crochet, Superintendent of Public Works, who underwent surgery recently and wished him well in the future.

Councilman Wolfe advised that the Public Works Department has been informed of what needs to be done at Blackberry Bay Park for the Summers' End Festival and the snow fence will be going up shortly and all the requirements will be handled.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth advised that due to recent reports received from Chief Joyce who had raised the issue about the recurring flooding on Eatontown Boulevard near Crescent Place, she has spoken with Freeholder Narazanick and asked him to check into this matter for the Borough.

Councilwoman Silkworth also stated that she has also requested to be kept informed of what type of equipment the County has available in used vehicles, that they may be thinking about replacing and they have asked that we advise them of what equipment we might need and they will keep it on record. Councilman Wolfe commented that he had spoken with the County six months ago in which he informed them that the Borough needs a mason dump, but has heard nothing from them.

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MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-60** authorizing a lease agreement between the Borough of Oceanport and the County of Monmouth regarding the Wolfhill Farm property, after which he wanted to make several comments prior to voting on this issue.

Mayor Cavanagh stated for the record, on behalf of all the members of the Governing Body, he wanted to thank all of the people who have contributed to this effort, including the people in Freehold who worked with us, the Sports Authority for working with us and he truly thinks that this is something that we can develop into a situation that we can be very proud of in the years to come. He continued as everyone is probably aware of, the Board of Chosen Freeholders passed a resolution in Oceanport, last week, authorizing the expenditure of 4-1/2 million dollars to purchase the entire tract and they are going to lease us back 3.5 acres for the annual rental fee of \$10.00, for which we are grateful to them and this will work out, as we discuss our plans over the next several months as to how we are going to use the building and we hope to create a Library facility there for people to use and we will work our other ideas out as well. He also advised that we are now going to be setting up an Executive Committee in the next few weeks, so that we can begin to consider all of the various items that we will have to deal with before we really take over and make use of the premises.

Councilwoman Silkworth moved to approve resolution **R-97-60**. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

John Carroll, 483 Branchport Ave., stated as Fire Chief, he wanted to thank Connie Savarese for all her efforts in taking care of the Blood Pathogen Program which we recently participated with the Fire and First Aid Squad, as well as with members of the Public Works Department and he is very appreciative of her help.

Councilwoman Filippone added in regard to the Blood Pathogen Program, Connie Savarese did a really good job and we decided this time, rather than asking the individuals what was convenient for them, as we tried to do in the past and very few people showed up, we just set up a night and it turned out well with eleven people showing up, so we had an excellent turn out and just about everyone who is required to do this has been taken care of and we are all very pleased with this and with the cooperation from the Fire Company, Councilman Wolfe and the First Aid Squad.

Chief Carroll stated since he was not present for the beginning of the meeting, he wanted to know if Michael Marra was approved for Associate Membership in the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Co., to which the Clerk advised that her office has not received any paperwork back from the Police Department regarding the required criminal background check. Chief Carroll stated he had a copy in his car and Mayor Cavanagh asked him to go out and get the document and if it was found to be in order, the Council could approve the membership this evening.

Following a review of the document provided by Chief Carroll, Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the application for Associate Membership made by Michael Marra. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

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

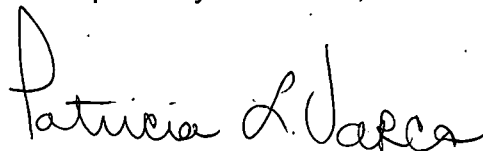
Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills listed on the Voucher Register dated Sept. 4, 1997. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS \$70,145.01. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$25,468.92. TOTAL 1997 OPERATING FUND \$95,613.93. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$79.20. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$1,780.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-TAX OVERPAYMENT \$484.88. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \$413,956.13. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:25 P.M. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

At 9:12 P.M. Mayor Cavanagh reconvened the public meeting stating for the record that everyone was present on the dais and there was no formal action being taken by the Governing Body.

At 9:13 P.M. Councilman Miller moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on September 18, 1997 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK