

REGULAR MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
September 3, 1992

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oceanport was called to order on September 3, 1992 at 8:10 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Clark, Terra, Filippone, Taylor, Wolfe and Mayor Cavanagh.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Miller.

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

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on August 20, 1992 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 Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of AUGUST, 1992 and a copy of same will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN CLARK: Councilman Clark commended the residents of the Borough for their continued recycling efforts over the last several years but he must also chastise the residents who have become complacent and lax in the fact that we have people who are mixing the recyclables together and putting them in the dumpster improperly and this costs the Borough money if we send a dumpster to the recycling center and the recyclables are not properly separated and reminded everyone to separate their recycling correctly so that we receive the proper credit and financial aid for those items.

Councilman Clark stated that at a recent meeting, the Monmouth County Recycling representatives advised that as early as November, the County will begin a junk mail recycling program, which is something we look forward to and will pass that information along once it is received.

Councilman Clark advised that he is in receipt of two flyers which give locations for disposal of propane tanks and the nearest one for Oceanport is at Red Bank Recycling, Central Avenue in Red Bank so if you need to dispose of an old propane tank, which is empty, please take it to that location and they require you to remove the valve from the tank and there is no fee involved.

Councilman Clark reported he has just received a copy of the amended solid waste plan for the County, which is primarily about recycling and must review same to see how Oceanport will be impacted.

Councilman Clark informed the residents that Monmouth County will be sponsoring Hazardous Waste Days on Saturday, Sept. 12 at Tinton Falls, Saturday, October 3 at Freehold Township and on October 24 at Upper Freehold Township and he will be posting the notice on the front doors to the Municipal Building.

Councilman Clark advised that the Cub Scout sign up for registration will be held at the Wolfhill School Library on September 11 between 7:00-9:00 P.M. and any parent who has a child between first and fifth grades are urged to come out and commented that we had an outstanding year last year and he looks forward to another great year again.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra reminded everyone that the Bulletin Deadline is September 15 and anyone who has some material should make sure to get it in prior to the deadline.

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Councilman Terra called for the second reading and public hearing of an amendment to the Substance Abuse Committee 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 "THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE ORDINANCE" OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT PASSED AND APPROVED ON OCTOBER 20, 1988.

Mayor Cavanagh explained that this ordinance merely changes the number of members that may be on the Committee and then opened the meeting to the public for any comments on this subject only.

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

Councilman Terra then moved to adopt this ordinance on second and final reading and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Clark, Terra, Filippone, Taylor & Wolfe.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Councilman Miller.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Terra commented that Councilman Miller was not present this evening and had asked him to read the results of the latest water sampling and Councilman Terra advised that one test was done by the County and the other was done by Councilmen Miller and Wolfe and Eric Wolfe just recently. He reported that the County sampling was done August 20 and at every site in the Branchport Area from Remaley's marina over to Casa Comida, the numbers were off the scale for the coliform count, which was not very good. He continued that the most recent readings taken on September 1 were excellent and showed a decline in the number of organisms with the greatest number being at Casa Comida and the subsequent readings were much lower as they were tested further out toward the main part of the river. Councilman Terra advised that it was over 1600 at Casa Comida, dropped down to 300 at the Oceanport Marina, went up to 500 at Seneca Place and dropped to 110 at the Atlantic Avenue bridge, 70 at Wardell Circle, 50 at Remaley's marina and down to 30 off Pocano and he commented that it would be great if we could get these types of readings all the time.

Councilman Terra stated that he and Councilman Miller will be going out on Saturday canvassing boaters over at the boat ramp which has been reconstructed recently, to find out how it is working out.

Councilman Terra stated he has a copy of the Police Report for the month of August and once again, the Chief and his Department have logged over 10,000 miles of patrol, and is just another example of what a great job the Department does and asked the Chief to commend his Department.

Councilman Terra reported under the Fire Department that the Council has approved getting an estimate on the ladder truck and hopefully we will be able to shortly determine what the status of that truck will be after many months.

Councilman Terra commented that the Emergency Management headed by Jim Slattery deserves a pat on the back and went on to state that Diane Cook had an idea to begin collecting some food and necessities for the hurricane victims and within less than 48 hours, Diane and Jim got into action and an emergency management vehicle was parked out front of Borough Hall for almost two days and collected over 4,000 pounds of food, water, diapers, etc. and he congratulated both Diane Cook and Jim Slattery.

Councilman Terra announced that he and Councilman Wolfe have volunteered to head the Committee to implement the Americans With Disabilities Act and this is an Act which was passed to provide disabled people general access to public services and he and Councilman Wolfe and hopefully some interested volunteers will be going around town and doing a survey of what needs to be done where in order to make sure we are in compliance and anyone interested in being on this Committee should contact either Councilman Wolfe or him for more information.

Councilman Terra extended his condolences to several families in Oceanport who have recently suffered losses and expressed his sympathies to the Dilger, McGinn, Walling and Condone families.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone also expressed her condolences to the Condone family and stated that Mr. Condone had worked for the Borough for many years and was an excellent employee and had retired several years ago and had done a fine job for the Borough. She also wanted to express her sympathy to Sharon Walling who lost her dad, Chick Walling, earlier in the week. She commented that Chick was very active in the Fire Companies and was a Charter member of the First Aid Squad and he will be sorely missed because he was always there for all of us and commended the Mayor on the fine eulogy he gave at the services for Chick.

Councilwoman Filippone offered her congratulations to Marsha Thompson, who is a resident on Shrewsbury Avenue and stated she participated in the United States National Masters Diving Championships in Pasadena, CA last week and won three gold medals and one silver and she is to be commended on her achievements.

Councilwoman Filippone noted the fact that we have had 632 dog licenses issued in 1992 and again reminded everyone that the rabies problem is very close to us and urged parents to instruct their children to stay away from stray animals.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor thanked Councilman Wolfe for attending a meeting in his absence with regard to the Substance Abuse Committee application for funding this past Tuesday in Freehold and Councilman Wolfe has advised that the hearing went very well and we should be hearing if we will receive funding in the near future.

Councilman Taylor also advised that the Alliance Committee's first activity will be coming up on Saturday with the opening of the soccer season and the Committee will have a table near the snack area and will be giving out pamphlets as well as a sign up sheet to help with awareness.

Councilman Taylor offered thanks to Diane Cook and Jim Slattery for their quick response to the hurricane victims and coordinating that project so quickly.

Councilman Taylor stated the Drug Alliance Committee is meeting this evening at Maple Place School and we are looking at the possibility of taking over the Lions Club calendar as a fundraiser.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe reported on the hearing he attended for Councilman Taylor and commented that the Committee in Freehold that was representing various organizations throughout Monmouth County, were very impressed with the programs that Councilman Taylor has put together and the projects that would be instituted if the grant is approved and there were no negative comments about any of the programs.

Councilman Wolfe moved to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare plans and specifications to go out for bid on the road improvement project under the Monmouth County Community Development Program for Summerfield, Springfield and Fairfield Avenues and Woodbine Way. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe reminded all the citizens of the Borough that school is back in session and that the Police Chief and his Department are strictly enforcing the speed limits because of all the children going to and from school, as well as many after school activities going on throughout the Borough.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh joined with the other Council members in expressing condolences to the families that have been spoken about this evening and commented that Tom Condone was at one time the Superintendent of Public Works and served here for many years and retired back in 1987 and he had many good experiences with Tom and he was a fine gentleman. He continued that Chick Walling was a Charter Member of the First Aid Squad and a fireman as well and it is very difficult in this day and age to replace people like that.

Mayor Cavanagh also mentioned that former Freeholder Ray Kramer died during the week and Ray had sat as a Freeholder during the time that the Mayor was first elected to that position and they had a number of projects they had discussed and he had always received help from Ray Kramer during that time and we acknowledge his passing and send our condolences to his wife and children.

Mayor Cavanagh announced that a week from Sunday is the annual Summer's End Festival and there will be a variety of events going on during the day with the Army Band and tail gate picnicing ending with the fireworks at dark and invited everyone to come out and attend.

Mayor Cavanagh offered his gratitude to both Diane Cook and Jim Slattery for their quick and efficient job in putting together two tons of material that will be very helpful to the hurricane victims. He added that when you live in a shore community, you have some real sensitivity for the people who have experienced such tremendous problems.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments they might care to make.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Charles Caparn, 34 Wardell Circle commented that he has been complaining for the past three years about residents on his street who put out limbs and branches to the curb that are not properly tied and bundled and questioned what he can do at this point, since there are now three residents on his street who have this type of debris in the curb. He also stated as he has on prior occasions, that Councilman Miller is doing a great job in cleaning up the river, but he informed him that much of this debris winds up in the river, so he posted a No Swimming sign on Wardell. He stated he does not know what to do at this point and also commented that he has spoken with Councilman Wolfe and received no satisfaction.

Councilman Terra answered the part of Mr. Caparn's statement with regard to the installation of No Swimming signs and stated that they were posted in response to the County Water Testing results, which showed it was not safe to swim in those waters, which was totally unrelated to the walk some of the Council made around Wardell Circle to check on the limbs and leaves.

Councilman Wolfe stated that this has been an on going problem on Wardell Circle and he does not know what else we can do and commented that the Public Works Department leaves the residents who put things out improperly, notices on how to bundle and tie the branches and limbs, etc., but the problem continues.

Mr. Caparn stated that this condition he is speaking of has existing since April of this year when he returned from Florida.

Mayor Cavanagh questioned if Councilman Wolfe had been to the sites, to which Councilman Wolfe stated Mr. Caparn has not contacted him about this particular situation, but he is going back several years.

Mayor Cavanagh questioned if anyone has contacted the Zoning Officer about this situation that has been going on since April, to which Mr. Caparn asked if Mr. Kirk drives around the town to look for violations, which Mayor Cavanagh stated that on a part time basis, which is what this position is, and the salary that he is paid, no he does not, but he does investigate complaints when he receives them.

Mayor Cavanagh again asked Mr. Caparn if he has informed Mr. Kirk of this problem, to which he said no he has not made him aware of the problem since April.

Councilman Taylor stated he spoke with Mr. Caparn and took a look at the complaints he is speaking of and passed it along to the Public Works, but he did not follow up after that.

Mayor Cavanagh asked Mr. Caparn what the addresses where the debris was to which Mr. Caparn stated it was not his business to report the addresses, since anyone can ride around Wardell Circle and see the complaints.

Mayor Cavanagh asked the Clerk to advise Mr. Kirk of the situation and ask him to go over to Wardell Circle and check out the problems and he will probably be there some time next week, due to the holiday weekend.

Mayor Cavanagh also advised Mr. Caparn that in the future, if he sees something that is a violation, to just contact Mr. Kirk and leave a message for him and if he does not respond, the Mayor will question him why he is not doing his job, but if no one advises him of the complaint, no one can fault him.

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 September 3, 1992. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Terra who abstained from voting on vouchers due Ed Brister and Councilman Wolfe who abstained from voting on vouchers due Oceanport Soccer, since he is the President. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS \$184,474.45. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$11,799.07. TOTAL 1992 OPERATING FUND \$196,273.52. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$205.20. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$1,798.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$100.00. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$103.95. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$175,000.00. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II TRUST \$582.60. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-TAX OVERPAYMENT \$713.71. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-THIRD PARTY REDEMPTION \$2,558.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:43 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on September 17, 1992 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK