REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
September 2, 1993

REGULAR MEETING: The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Governing Body was called to order on September 2, 1993 at 8:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Clark, Filippone, Miller, Taylor and Wolfe.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Terra and Mayor Cavanagh.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council President Taylor led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

Council President Taylor commented for the public that Councilman Terra was absent this evening due to illness and Mayor Cavanagh was on a well deserved vacation.

As copies of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 16, 1993 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 Clerk. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of AUGUST, 1993 and a copy of same will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN CLARK: NO REPORT.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: ABSENT.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone advised that there are 604 licensed dogs in the Borough and commented that the people who are purchasing licenses now, are doing so because of the Dog Census and have received summonses.

Councilwoman Filippone announced that the Borough will be having its first flu shot program at the Old Wharf Center on Oct. 22, 1993 between 11:30 and 12:30 and any residents interested must pre-register. She advised the cost is $5.00 and anyone over the age of eighteen years of age may take advantage of this program and if anyone has any questions, they should contact her for more information.

Councilwoman Filippone reported on the Oceanport First Aid Squad's July Captain's Report and stated there were 24 calls; 190 man/woman hours and they received 8 advanced life calls and 1 call to the trauma center. Councilwoman Filippone also stated that the Squad recently sent out 1,850 letters asking for donations to the Squad, which is the only fund drive that they do, but unfotunately they have only received approximately 600 responses, which is only 32% of the residents. She reminded the residents that these donations keep the Squad able to keep up with new equipments needs as well as training and urged anyone who has not yet sent in their donation, to please do so. She also commented that this Borough is one of the very few around who are not experiencing a major problem with volunteers and we must continue to help support our Squad.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported under Recreation, the bocce courts at Old Wharf Park are starting to be repaired; the basketball court at the Community Center has been reconstructed and is just about completed and he was pleased to report that the parts have finally been received for the repairs to the tennis court lights at Blackberry Bay Park.

Councilman Miller advised under the Cable Committee, the new law that was recently passed was supposed to decrease the costs of having cable, but in today's newspaper, the article indicated that if you have just basic type services, your bill will increase and only if you have premium channels, will you rate decrease. He advised that the Cable Committee is preparing another questionnaire about what the residents would like to have in our cable system and we will be referring to the responses when we sit down to renew our present franchise during the three years. He stated that the questionnaires will be handed out at Summer's End Festival as well as another going in the Bulletin and he urged everyone to please send in their response to the questionnaire.

Councilman Miller reported under the Water Watch Committee that they now have a 20' Sky King boat with a 50 hp motor and he pointed out that it is a used boat and offered his thanks to Steven Remaley, who is a member of the Water Watch Committee and owner of Pleasure Bay Marina and has helped us out greatly in getting everything together and hopefully, we will be using the new boat in the very near future. He also thanked Keith Seeley of Oceanport Marina for his help keeping the Litterbug afloat this season.

Councilman Miller advised that the last sampling results from August 14 showed all five sites in the main part of the Shrewsbury River were quite good and several areas had a "zero" reading, but Branchport Creek near Troutman's Creek was 504 and four days later when Sue Williams of the Monmouth County Board of Health went to take samples from Monmouth Park, the two outfalls closest to the beginning of Branchport Creek had a fecal coliform count of 90,000 at the railroad bridge and 50,000 at the Branchport Avenue Bridge. He stated until the DEPE grants Monmouth Park the required permit, they cannot begin construction on the closed system, which is the only thing that is going to clear up this situation. He is concerned that we have two State Agencies at some kind of impasse and he just hoped they would be able to get together and begin to solve this problem.

Councilman Miller asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-93-47** regarding Municipal Alliance funds in the 1993 budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

Council President Taylor commented that this is just a bookkeeping measure to keep the Alliance grant funds that we received from the County in the budget and he stated this will help continue the BABES Program for another year as well as Center State and other successful programs we have been conducting with our youth in the Community through the Drug Alliance.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe offered his thanks to the Public Works Superintendent, Mr. Giurlando and his crew for the excellent job they have done this summer undertaking the various projects that have come up and have taken on all the tasks that were assigned to his department and did a great job.

Councilman Wolfe recognized a former Public Works Department employee in the audience, Ed Mundell and wished him well in his new job.

Councilman Wolfe reminded all the residents that this is the first week of school that the children will be out and around and he urged everyone to drive carefully and obey the traffic regulations.

Councilman Wolfe moved to award a contract for the reconstruction of East Main Street, Proposal #2, to the successful low bidder, Stavola Contracting Co., Inc. in the amount of $66,440, subject to the approval of the Department of Transportation and to return the bid bonds to the unsuccessful bidders. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe called for the second reading and public hearing of a captial ordinance regarding park improvements and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING REPAIR OF TENNIS COURT LIGHTS AT BLACKBERRY BAY PARK FOR THE SUM OF $3,500. AND THE REPAIR OF THE BOCCE COURTS AT OLD WHARF PARK FOR THE SUM OF $3,000.**

Council President Taylor 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. It was seconded by Councilman Clark and approved by Council.

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

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Council President Taylor reminded everyone that the County would be sponsoring a Hazardous Waste Day on September 11 at the Reclamation Center in Tinton Falls and he has notices posted in the Borough Hall to advise the residents.

Council President Taylor stated on behalf of Mayor Cavanagh, invited all the residents to come out and join in the festivities on September 12 at the Summer's End Festival.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: ABSENT.

Council President Taylor then opened the meeting to the public for any comments anyone might have. As no one from the public wished to be heard, Council President Taylor closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Clark advised that the annual Tax Sale will be held on October 20, 1993.

Councilman Clark moved to approve the bills listed on the Voucher Register dated September 2, 1993. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council. TOTAL 1993 VOUCHERS $1,029.146.21. TOTAL 1993 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING $68,927.99. TOTAL 1993 OPERATING FUND $1,098.074.20. TOTAL WATERWATCH TRUST ACCOUNT $3,250.14. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT $430.00. TOTAL FIREWORKS TRUST ACCOUNT $214.35. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST $1,817.29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT $6,855.00. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT $48.60. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT $140.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION $359,752.60. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION $443.56. (SEE VOUCHERS REGISTER)

At 8:18 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next meeting scheduled to be held on September 13, 1993 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Clark and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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