

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
August 26, 2004

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on August 26, 2004 at 8:00 P.M. with Mayor Gatta stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with law.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Kahle, Mahon, Holden, Chaump, Johnson, Briscione and Mayor Gatta.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Deputy Borough Clerk, Kimberly A. Jungfer and A/Borough Attorney, Martin A. McGann.
- INVOCATION:** Borough Chaplain Berry gave the invocation.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Gatta led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

Mayor Gatta asked that the minutes reflect that the Council went into Executive Session at the Workshop Meeting of August 23, 2004 to discuss possible litigation and contract negotiations.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 22, 2004 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, Councilwoman Chaump moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Mahon and approved by Council.

Mayor Gatta stated she was going to deviate from the agenda because of a very special guest Oceanport resident, Nancy Steadman-Martin, who successfully swam the English Channel. The Mayor continued that she and the Council wanted to acknowledge that feat, offer their congratulations to Ms. Steadman Martin and present her with a Proclamation from the Borough of Oceanport.

Mayor Gatta said she had done some research on swimming the English Channel and wanted to share that with everyone before she read the proclamation. The Mayor stated that the distance of the English Channel is 23.69 land miles across from Shakespeare Beach in England to Cape Resneis in France, but a swimmer would most likely end up swimming between 30 to 40 miles because tides will push a swimmer from side to side making the path look like the letter S or the number 2 or any combination. There is an escort boat with the swimmer from which the crew will give you hot liquids and encouragement. The water is about 60 degrees and the swim can take anywhere from 7 hours 17 minutes to 26 hours and 50 minutes. Ms. Steadman Martin completed the swim in 11 hours, 20 minutes. Through 1997 there have been 819 successful crossing by 511 individuals, 353 and 173 woman from 44 different countries. From 1875 to the year 2003, 692 swimmers have been successful.

Mayor Gatta continued that the first person to swim the Channel was Matthew Webb in 1875. The crossing took 21 hours and 45 minutes and he occasionally sipped warm brandy while swimming the breaststroke the whole way. In 1926 American, Gertrude Ederly became the first woman to swim

the Channel in a then world record time of 14 hours 39 minutes. The only way one qualifies for the swim is at least a 6-hour swim in 60-degree water.

Mayor Gatta said she read an article on Ms. Steadman Martin's swim stating the water temperature was 60 to 62 degrees when she started and when she hit the French side the water went to 68 to 70 degrees. The Mayor continued that Ms. Steadman Martin's brother was on the escort boat and at times swam with her which was allowed and also Nancy's mom, Doris Steadman, who is an excellent swimmer in her own right was with her.

Ms. Steadman was called up and stated that if she had done the research on the swim the Mayor had done she might not have tried the swim. She stated she worked on this goal as a long distance swimmer for a few years and said a lot of her training was done in the Shrewsbury River with her training partner and moved to the Ocean as it got warmer. The English Channel was quite an experience and was nice to share with her brother and mother. It has been so nice to be honored by her town and to see the sign in front of Borough Hall and she thanked everyone for that adding it was quite an experience and something she will never forget.

Mayor Gatta asked if she felt she was going to make it and Ms. Steadman Martin said her worst time is always the first few hours and during this swim she was thinking she had to go another ten or twelve hours, but it went by and after feeding number 5, swimming five hours and then her brother told her after six hours she had passed the halfway point and then when she started to see the cliffs of France it helped her to realize she might be able to make it there. Ms. Steadman Martin stated she did not want to do this again with all the training involved, so she was determined to finish. She stated she did not think she wanted to do the swim again but the oldest woman to swim the Channel is 58 years old so she is thinking to herself she's 50 and if no one does it again maybe at 59 she will have to make the swim again.

Ms. Steadman Martin added that Gertrude Ederly, herself and her partner Michelle are the only three women from Monmouth County ever to swim the English Channel.

Mayor Gatta read a proclamation to Nancy Steadman Martin from the Mayor and Council and Borough residents.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

The Deputy Clerk stated the Police Report for July, 2004 was received and would be posted.

The Deputy Clerk reported that the Clerk's Office received a raffle application made by the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company for an off-premise 50/50 cash raffle to be drawn on December 13, 2004. She added that all the paperwork was in order and the appropriate fees have been paid. Councilman Mahon moved the application be accepted. Councilwoman Kahle seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle reported on Buildings and Grounds stating this month we have been focusing on a face-lift for the Community Center. The lighting will be updated to more energy efficient lighting and also replacement of the facing that is on top of the lights. The Public Works Department painted the walls and the trim. The curtains were made and donated by Oceanport resident Karen Judkis and look wonderful. The bathroom vanities are going to be donated by an Oceanport resident and will be installed sometime later this month. There was about

\$4,000.00 in capital budgeted to pay for this project and the estimates for the new floor are coming in between \$4,000. 00 and \$8,000.00 so this may be something that has to wait until next year.

Councilwoman Kahle reported on the Fire Department announcing that the Oceanport Hook and Ladder will be having a fundraiser September 22nd thru the 26th, a fall festival and car show on the grounds at Monmouth Park. There will be a high wire act, rides, foods and many other attractions. This is a major fundraiser for the Hook and Ladder and is be organized by Peter Deller, Sr. and she hopes the residents will go and support the Fire Department.

Councilwoman Kahle asked the Deputy Clerk to read resolution **R-04-68** allowing Marpal to dispose of garbage collected on 12/24/04 at an alternate site because the Monmouth County Reclamation Center will be closed on that day after which she moved to approve same. Councilman Mahon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN MAHON: Councilman Mahon asked the Deputy Clerk to read resolution **R-04-69** refunding property taxes due to demolition of homes after which he moved to approve same. Councilwoman Kahle seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Mahon asked the Deputy Clerk to read resolution **R-04-70** refunding property taxes due to a subdivision after which he moved to approve same. Councilwoman Kahle seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by Council

Councilman Mahon asked the Deputy Clerk to read resolution **R-04-71** authorizing a senior citizens tax deductions after which he moved to approve same. Councilman Holden seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Mahon asked the Deputy Clerk to read resolution **R-04-72** authorizing veterans tax deductions after which he moved to approve same. Councilman Holden seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Mahon asked the Deputy Clerk to read resolution **R-04-73** by title only authorizing the sale and issuance of bond anticipation notes after which he moved to approve same. Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Mahon announced that Daniel Finucan of the Public Works Department has resigned and accepted a position in Holmdel and in the short time he was with the Borough he made a very positive impression and he wished him good luck. Another resignation was Paul Desiderio, a part time employee who has completed his college studies and has taken a position in his field and he wished him well in his new position.

Councilman Mahon stated that during the monthly inspection of the Borough and one particular complaint that was worth noting on Brookview Drive. There are some headwalls there that lead from creek to creek under a roadway across some private properties and after inspection the Borough will be purchasing and installing protective gates and hopefully these will go a long way in keeping the children who happen into the creeks safe.

Councilman Mahon reported that with regard to the Municipal Building Committee, the Committee received a second floor report from the Borough Engineering firm and have learned two things, yes the building can support a second floor and no it can't support it without some help. The Committee has also received three quotes from architectural firms for a feasibility study and will be

seeking two additional quotes from some people who have had an interest in helping the Borough before and they should be back shortly.

Councilman Mahon reported on the Gooseneck Point Road and Cayuga Avenue projects stating additional curbing was being done on Gooseneck Point Road and will be followed up shortly with milling and paving of both roads with completion of the paving within the next two weeks. He reminded everyone at the meeting of July 22, 2004 the engineer was authorized to advertise for bids for the 2004 Road Program and expect that between now and the next public meeting on the 13th that those bids should be advertised in the newspaper with an award at the first public meeting in October.

COUNCILMAN HOLDEN: Councilman Holden reported that Chief Bebout who has served Oceanport very well has tendered his resignation in anticipation of his retirement and asked the Deputy Clerk to read such letter after which he moved to accept his letter of resignation. Councilman Mahon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Holden stated that the LOSAP resolution has been forwarded to the County Clerk of Elections so it will be on the ballot in November. The ordinance itself is in the final stages before it can be introduced and the final steps will take place after the election depending on what voters decide.

COUNCILWOMAN CHAUMP: Councilwoman Chaump reported on First Aid that in July they responded to 27 calls, their circus last week was very, very successful and they have applied for a Community Development Grant, which was presented the previous day at Brookdale Community College by President Ray Ciani.

Councilwoman Chaump stated that renovations to Blackberry Bay Park started the first week in August and the Borough Engineer informed the Council at the Workshop Meeting that the project is on schedule.

Councilwoman Chaump reported that Roller Hockey had a meeting with residents in the area of Blackberry Bay Park on August 18th where the league President, Steve Tagerty, discussed the lights they would like to install. There were approximately 80 residents notified of the meeting as requested by Council and about 5 residents came to the meeting. Mr. Tagerty answered all questions they had and this will be discussed by the Council at their September 13th meeting. She added that one resident requested that the Environmental Commission review the matter and they will be discussing it the first week of September and Councilwoman Kahle will be reporting back to Council on that review.

Councilwoman Chaump said she attended the Monmouth County Community Development meetings on August 18^h, 25th and the make up session on August 20th to listen to 32 grant application, one of which was the Oceanport First Aid. The Committee will rank the 32 proposals and vote at the next meeting scheduled for September 15th to pass a resolution awarding the money.

Councilwoman stated she had mentioned at the last town meeting and a Council meeting that she would be contacting the water company to respond to a request concerning water on Shrewsbury Avenue for four residents. Gloria Gledhill of the water company contacted her with a copy of letter that went out to the four residents that the cost to hook up to the water system would be \$21,141.00 and if the four properties were to run lines to the curb, the water company would refund the anticipated revenue up front of \$2,100.00 per property to bring the estimate to \$13,041.00, meaning the four residents would have to pay \$3,260 to run the water line from where in ends at 65

Shrewsbury Avenue all the way to 77 Shrewsbury Avenue. The residents must now respond to the water company as to what they want to do

COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Councilwoman Johnson announced that the Flu and Pneumonia Clinic will be held on October 13th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at the Oceanport First Aid Building. It is on a first come first serve basis and at this time there are approximately 250 flu shots available. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Councilwoman Johnson wanted to remind residents to pick up the medical cards available in the front hallway and to fill them out and put them on your refrigerator, as they are very important.

Councilwoman Johnson asked residents to try to refrain from blowing leaves and grass clippings into storm drains as they are becoming clogged.

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione called for the second reading of an ordinance renewing the lease between the Lions Swim Club and the Borough and asked the Deputy Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the ordinance by title only as follows **"AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT TO RENEW A LEASE WITH THE OCENAPORT LIONS SWIM CLUB, INC."**

Mayor Gatta opened the meeting for any comments on this subject only, but hearing none, Councilwoman Chaump moved to close the public hearing on this matter. It was seconded by Councilman Briscione and approved by Council.

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

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Kahle, Mahon, Holden Chaump, Johnson and Briscione.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Councilman Briscione asked the Deputy Clerk to read resolution **R-04-74**, authorizing the acceptance of a Smart Future Grant Agreement regarding Fort Monmouth after which he moved to approved same. Councilman Mahon seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Briscione reported that the Stake Holders group is waiting to hear back from the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority relative to the RFP's for the leasing of Monmouth Park and the Meadowlands.

Councilman Briscione stated that the with regard to the Planning Board, the Master Plan Review Committee will meet in September to discuss the initial report of the planner with regard to the Master Plan Reexamination.

Councilman Briscione referred to Councilwoman Chaump's mention of the Community Development Grant applied for by the First Aid for their building. He wanted to recognize two Borough residents who helped in that process. A video was required for the presentation and Jonathan Grimm and Giancarlo Fiorentini, though leaving for college in a few weeks, were asked to

prepare the video which they did and Councilman Briscione wanted to thank them for all their help. He continued that one of the great things about Oceanport are the wonderful volunteers that we have and it is nice to see the tradition continue in the efforts of these two young men.

MAYOR GATTA: Mayor Gatta asked for a motion to appoint Rolf Doelling as a member of the Fire Police for a five-year term, which term would expire August 26, 2009. Councilman Holden moved the appointment, Councilwoman Kahle seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Gatta announced that the Regular meeting scheduled for September 2, 2004 has been cancelled and the next Workshop and Regular meeting will be held on September 13, 2004 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Gatta wanted to publicly thank members of the Borough Council for their outstanding presentations at the Town Meeting. It was the second Town Meeting and there was a nice representation from the Borough. There were some concerns that were given that were not really matters that belonged in a public forum however, those concerns have been referred to the individual Council liaisons so they can be acted upon.

Mayor Gatta also reported that a few weeks ago she read in the paper where Monmouth Medical Center was offering to the volunteer firemen in Long Branch free heart screening. The Mayor then contacted Dr. Frank Vozos of Monmouth Medical Center and asked if that offer could be extended to Oceanport volunteer fireman and first aiders and she was happy to report that word was received that the heart screening will be offered to Oceanport volunteer firemen and first aid. This screening estimates your personal risk for developing heart disease and she encouraged all volunteers to take advantage of this free screening.

Mayor Gatta said she received a letter from the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority extending thanks to all departments that helped make this year's Haskell a resounding success, the police, fire, first aid and public works staff made significant contributions to the days success. They also thanked Detective Sergeant Buzzy Buldanza and Chief Kip Bebout of the Police Department for their preplanning and operational meetings prior to the Haskell.

Mayor Gatta stated she received a phone call from someone right after the Haskell thanking the police for the fine work they did the day of the Haskell.

Mayor Gatta commented that as stated the Borough Council will be authorizing the Borough Clerk to go out for professional quotes for 2005 in September for the positions of Borough Engineer, Borough Attorney and Borough Auditor. With regard to the Pay to Play Ordinance, the Committee has been working on the ordinance and it is currently being reviewed by the Borough Attorney and it will be brought to the Council for discussion.

Mayor Gatta reminded everyone about the Wall of Honor that we are hoping to have ready for Veteran's Day and reminded everyone it will recognize all the men and women who have served who are either from Oceanport or related to an Oceanport family. It is asked that the pictures be in uniform with information regarding the person, their years and branch of service and relationship to Oceanport. Mayor Gatta continued that this week she received a photo of father of a resident who served in World War I. She encouraged all residents to participate because not only is it meaningful, but it is an effective tool for our children to really understand the heroes that they recognize on Veterans Day who are their neighbors, friends and just regular everyday people who have served their country.

Mayor Gatta offered her thanks for all the hard work in getting the circus off the ground to Peter Deller, Sr. and the First Aid Squad.

Mayor Gatta reported that this past week she attended yet another Eagle Scout Award and the gentleman that received his Eagle Scout achievement was Richard Fuller. It was a standing room only ceremony and Richard will be leaving for the Marines in September. It should also be noted that Richard's older brother, also a Marine, has received order that he will be going to Iraq in the beginning of next year. Obviously, we congratulate Richard Fuller on this wonderful achievement. His Eagle Scout project was to paint a maltase cross in front of every fire hydrant in Oceanport so the Fire Department can easily recognize the location of a fire hydrant especially when it is dark.

Mayor Gatta wanted to recognize an Oceanport resident who turned 103 years olds on August 16th, Dora Cook and as always the Mayor called her on her birthday and wanted to go visit and as always Mrs. Cook said the Mayor could come and visit but she was also going to the Molly Pitcher for lunch. Mrs. Cook is an outstanding woman, she remembers everything about Oceanport and the Mayor marveled at what she remembers and wished her well from all of us.

Mayor Gatta wanted to publicly thank Jonathan Grimm and Giancarlo Fiorentini for their work in preparing the video for the Community Development Grant for the First Aid. These two young men worked very hard and they were very patient because they had to do takes and retakes. They are an asset to our community, both young men will be going off to college and Mayor Gatta stated she will be writing a letter to them but wanted to acknowledge their talent and giving of themselves to hopefully help secure a grant for the First Aid.

Mayor Gatta then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might wish to make.

Ed Ryan, 24 Willow Court, stated that when the contractors were building the bridge they used the Borough parking lot across for the Old Wharf House and they left a nice big hole there stating that Senior Citizens using the lot at night could fall there and it is very dangerous.

Mr. Ryan stated that there was a rash of robberies in his neighborhood a few weeks ago and he wanted to compliment the Oceanport Police Officers for apprehending the robbers within 24 hours. Mr. Ryan continued with regard to the Police Department, back in February the Council promised the Borough would get a new patrolman in January. Now with the Chief retiring Mr. Ryan wanted to know if two patrolmen would be hired.

Mr. Lee Poole, as Chairman of the Oceanport Parks and Recreation Committee wanted to thank the Sports Foundation for their generous donation of \$5,000.00 to the Recreation Committee for the purchase of drinking fountains at the Community Center and Old Wharf Park. He thanked Councilman Mahon who has done a great job with the Foundation.

Mr. Ed Miller, 94 Hiawatha Avenue, read in the newspaper an article regarding the Stake Holders and knows everyone in Oceanport is interested in what is going to happen to the track, not only people in Oceanport, but outside of Oceanport. He continued that he went to the track today, and there was conversation about what happened to the Arts Center when it was leased to a private entity with regard to costs for everything from tickets to parking. He stated he would hope that in addition to making sure the tax situation will be exactly the same as it is now or better, that there will be some discussion on the cost of things like parking, food and so forth.

Councilman Briscione responded that in his opinion this is different from the Arts Center because they have a captive audience where you can charge more, but with the racetrack, every effort is made to generate more business and he has not seen any track around the country raise parking or concessions.

Mr. Miller stated on a more personal note, this past January he had an angina attack and within minutes of calling the dispatcher Patrolman Briskey was there and put an oxygen mask on his face. A couple of minutes later the First Aid was there. For nine years he sat on Council and would listen to the letters of congratulations as to the conduct of our Police force and First Aid not thinking that some day he would be on the receiving end. Mr. Miller just wanted to thank Patrolmen Briskey and Ciani and the Sergeant on duty, Ed Ryan and Laura Hornung from the First Aid and would hope that a copy of the minutes would go out to them.

Mr. Peter Deller, Sr., 1252 Turf Drive, thanked the Mayor for her kind words regarding the circus and Councilwoman Kahle for her comments regarding the Firemen's Festival. He wanted to report on the circus stating it was started fourteen months ago and made \$14,500.00 at that point in time. He then gave a break down of the funds received from the circus stating this year it brought in \$7,710.22 with the only expense being \$94.00 for a State permit concluding that approximately \$22,000.00 was realized in fourteen months and felt it would go a long way towards the building fund.

Councilman Holden wanted to comment that he has been sitting here for a number of months and Mr. Deller is coming and always seems he is reporting on where he is going to find some more money for the various organizations in Oceanport and he felt the Borough owes Mr. Deller a thanks.

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

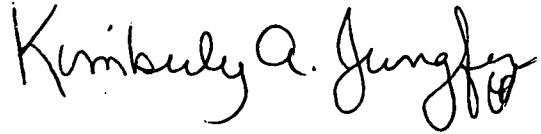
Councilman Mahon stated he wanted to touch on one thing that Lee Poole had mentioned. On August 1, 2004 he, Mayor Gatta, Councilwoman Kahle and many others were in attendance at Monmouth Park Race where the Oceanport Sports Foundation gave out grants totaling \$10,000.00. One to the Recreation Committee for the fountains, another for a scoreboard to the Shore Wrestling Club and to the Oceanport Board of Education for gymnasium equipment. Each of the grants required a 25% match. He wanted to thank the Sports Foundation headed by Dave Chachko for their efforts. Also on that day a raffle was drawn which made \$15,750.00 for the next grant program. The Foundation is also planning jointly with one of the fire companies a first annual golf outing on October 11, 2004 and they are looking for sponsors for that. The event will take place at the Old Orchard, with dinner following a day of golf.

Councilman Mahon gave a finance report stating at this point in time the Borough is on average, at about 65% of budget on all the major operation items which is consistent because the departments typically run a tight ship.

Councilman Mahon moved to approve the vouchers on the Bill List dated August 26, 2004. It was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by Council. Councilman Holden abstained on vouchers from John Guire Co., Scott Basen, Esq. and Pasquale Menna, Esq. 2004 Capital Trust Total \$52,428.94. 2004 Dog Registry Total \$32.30. 2004 Escrow Trust Total \$2,482.80. 2004 Ad Hoc, \$13.80. 2003 Vouchers Paid \$69,797.91. Total 2003 Vouchers \$69,797.91. 2004 Voucher Paid \$8,827,721.65. 2004 Voucher paid this Meeting \$1,093,337.77. Total 2004 Vouchers \$9,921,059.42. (SEE BILL LIST)

At 9:00 p.m. Councilman Mahon moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on September 13, 2004 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kimberly A. Jungfer".

KIMBERLY A. JUNGFER
DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK