

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
August 20, 1998

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on August 20, 1998 at 8:00 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller Wolfe, McGann* Silkworth and Mayor Gemma.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Deputy Borough Clerk Kimberly A. Jungfer and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Gemma led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

A copy of the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 16, 1998 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, therefore Councilman Wolfe moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and approved by Council with Councilwoman Silkworth abstaining.

PUBLIC AUCTION: **LaFrance Fire Truck**

Mr. Margalotti explained that the minimum bid accepted would be \$500.00 cash or certified check. The truck was being sold as is with no warranties. Mayor Gemma open the bidding. A gentleman bid \$500.00. Mr. Sickler bidding for George Reagor offered \$550.00. There were no further bids. Mr. Sickler on behalf of George Reagor was the highest bidder paying \$550.00 cash to the Borough Clerk for same.

CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Police report for the month of June, 1998 has been posted and copies distributed to Council.
2. Raffle application made by the Brookdale Trust Foundation to be held 9/26/98, prize a weekend in Martha's Vineyard. Councilman Wolfe moved the license be granted. Councilman Apruzzi seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN APRUZZI: Councilman Apruzzi announced that the dedication of the Kiddy Park at the Community Center would be Saturday, August 22nd at 10:00 a.m. He noted that a few volunteers helped with the park and Public Works spent about 500 man hours on the park. He thanked all those involved.

Councilman Apruzzi said the Summer's End Festival would be September 13th with Scerpico doing the fireworks and promising at least a 20 minute presentation. He further announced that the Mayor's Trophy game would be held with two groups the Police and First Aid already signed up to play. The Mayor has pledged his last two salaries to the winner.

Councilman Apruzzi said the work on the tennis courts is scheduled to begin around September 14th and thanked the Little Silver resident who informed us that the lines on the courts were not the right size and this would be corrected.

Councilman Apruzzi announced that Roller Hockey would be holding its Casino Night September 12th at the Port-Au-Peck Firehouse. He said it is a fun night and all proceeds support the league so try to come out

Councilman Apruzzi said that new benches and a picnic table have been placed at Old Wharf Park by Planned Residential Communities. This firm developed the Wood Hollow area and it was decided that instead of putting the table and benches on the old railroad right of way as planned Old Wharf Park was more suitable and PRC was agreeable.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE:

Councilwoman Filippone announce that the next Historical Society meeting would be October 12th with Glen Vogel, a noted historian from Eatontown speaking.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the First Aid responded to 31 Emergency calls in July, with 4 motor vehicle calls, 9 mutual aid calls, 3 calls to Monmouth Park for a total of 231 man hours. Councilwoman Filippone noted as a point of interest the floral arraignments on Route 36 near Oceanport Ave. are in memory of the 3 horses killed last year.

COUNCILMAN MILLER:

Councilman Miller urged residents to walk their dogs in Old Wharf Park. He further stated that a non toxic spray that Geese dislike will be tested in Old Wharf. He stated if this is not successful the Borough may consider a low fence or shrubbery along the water line.

Councilman Miller announced that Sergeant John Connor will be retiring effective October 1st therefore at our September 17th meeting promotion to Sergeant, Detective and Probationary Patrolmen will take place. He added that there will be a retirement dinner October 11th, 7 p.m. at the Fairway Manor for Sergeant Conner.

Councilman Miller announced that the new computers are in place in the Police Department and the entire building is now linked through E-Mail. He added the Street Guard program will be in place shortly.

Councilman Miller then reported that we have received the Water Watch Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 and are presently working on the shoreline survey. Councilman Miller stated volunteers are being sought for September 26th to help with the Rip Rap work at Charles Park.

Councilman Miller explained his Water Watch package of information which he previously submitted and noted the fecal coliform levels and bacteria levels are both down. He noted that the turbidity makes the water look like ice tea but noted the water is safe for swimming and crabbing.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE:

Councilman Wolfe asked the Deputy Clerk to read resolution R-56-98 approving senior citizen tax deductions after which he moved to approve same. Councilman Apruzzi seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Deputy Clerk to read resolution R-57-98 approving veterans tax deductions, after which he moved to approve same. Councilman Apruzzi seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Councilman Wolfe moved to return \$1,000.00 bond to William Rudolph of Block 93, Lot 16 at the recommendation of the Borough Engineer. Councilman McGann seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Councilman Wolfe reported that Chief Schneider would be giving a demonstration of fire apparatus on August 28th at 10:00 a.m. at the Hook and Ladder.

Councilman Wolfe read into the record a letter received from the Monmouth Park Fire Marshal giving his appreciation and praises the Oceanport Volunteers who took the time to come over to the Track and learn its layout in case of an emergency.

COUNCILMAN MCGANN: Councilman McGann called for the 2nd reading and public hearing the bond ordinance for the acquisition of Horseneck property and asked the Deputy Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only, as follows: **BOND ORDINANCE. ORD. #706. APPROPRIATING \$151,250. AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$143,650. BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY.**

Mayor Gemma opened the meeting to the public on this subject only.

As no one from the public wished to be heard on this matter Councilman Wolfe moved to close the public hearing. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman McGann 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 Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, McGann and Silkworth
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth reported on a visit from ICOR Systems Inc. on July 24th. This is in connection with Worker's Compensation. The Public Works Department participated in a training seminar in the morning and in the afternoon representatives from the volunteer emergency services and representative from each of the Borough offices attended a safety seminar.

MAYOR GEMMA: Mayor Gemma thanked everyone for their well wishes regarding his recent illness.

Mayor Gemma offered thank and prayers to the armed forces serving overseas that they remain safe.

Mayor Gemma reported that there will be a public hearing to be held by the Monmouth County Parks Commission scheduled for Oct. 6, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Hall Meeting Room regarding the 90 acres at Wolf Hill Farms.

Mayor Gemma reported that the results were in on the questionnaires sent to Burnt Mill Circle and Evergreen Lane residents. He indicated that the Council would discuss it at their next meeting and report back to the residents of that area.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

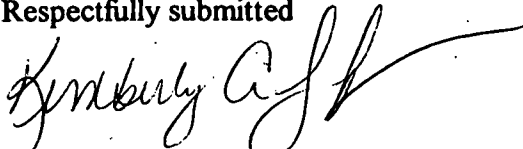
Jim Gallo wished to thank the Mayor and Council for the new floor at the Port-Au-Peck Firehouse and invited anyone who wished to come and see it.

As no one else from the public came forward the public session was then closed.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills listed on the Voucher Register dated August 20, 1998 with the withdrawal of the voucher to John Kerwin in the amount of \$150.00. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1998 VOUCHERS \$1,251,911.34, TOTAL 1998 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$87,535.17, TOTAL 1998 OPERATING FUND \$1,339,446.51, TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$119.20, TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$7,712.36, TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER- TAX OVERPAYMENT \$214.87, TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$467,771.67 (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER) Councilman Apruzzi abstain vouchers for Lucent Technologies and Councilman McGann abstained from voucher for Atlantic Coast Communications.

At 8:30 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for September 3, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted



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Deputy Borough Clerk