

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
August 18, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Mahon on August 18, 2011 at 7:55 P.M. with Mayor Mahon stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Bertekap, Ibex, Irace, Gallo, Johnson, Kahle and Mayor Mahon

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Kimberly A. Jungfer and Borough Attorney, John O. Bennett, III.

INVOCATION: Borough Chaplain Robert Mills gave the invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Mahon led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

At 7:57 p.m. the Clerk read a Resolution authorizing the meeting to enter Executive Session for the purposes of matters required by law to be confidential, matters of land acquisition and litigation on a motion made by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by Council.

At 8:15 p.m. the Council returned from Executive Session and re-opened the Regular Meeting on a motion by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution authorizing the payment of bills.
2. Resolution authorizing the Fire Work display at Summer's End.
3. Resolution granting temporary permission for alcohol consumption at Summer's End.
4. Resolution authorizing submission of Prevention of Substance Abuse Municipal Alliance Grant.
5. Resolution authorizing field usage.
6. Approval of the Workshop meeting minutes of July 21 2011.
7. Approval of the Regular meeting minutes of July 21, 2011.
8. Approval of the Executive Session minutes of July 21, 2011
9. Approval of Fire Application by Michael Lippolis
10. Resolution Authorizing application to NJDOT Safe Streets to Transit Grant Program
11. Resolution supporting FMERA's resolution requesting the Commissary of Fort Monmouth remain open

The Clerk stated there were 8 items on the consent agenda and described 3 items that were being added from the Workshop Meeting and asked for a motion. Councilman Gallo made a motion to approve the Consent agenda which was seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by the Council.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Ms. Jungfer stated she was in receipt of the Police Reports for June and July 2011, which had been distributed and would be posted.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN BERTEKAP: Councilman Bertekap stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee had made a recommendation to appoint Jay Silverman to fill a vacancy on the Committee and asked for a motion which was seconded by Councilman Irace.

The Clerk called roll:

AYES: Bertekap, Ibex, Irace, Gallo, Irace, Johnson, Kahle
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

The Clerk stated that the motion carried.

Councilman Bertekap also reported that the REC Committee was busy getting ready for Summer's End with fliers out advertising the

COUNCILMAN IBEX: Councilman Ibex offered comments concerning the 19,000 retirees that will be affected by the closing of the Fort Monmouth Commissary and stated that he hoped that the resolution that they had just passed would bring more responsive attention to the issue.

COUNCILMAN IRACE: Councilman Irace gave a statement regarding the closing of Perretti Farms and its impact on the horsing industry, what would be developed in its place, the loss of jobs, the refusal by State officials to install VLTs at the Meadowlands and urged the State's elected officials to bring the matter of VLTs to a vote in the Assembly and Senate as every day they waste hurts our farms, our racetracks, our horsemen and most importantly the taxpayers of the State of New Jersey.

COUNCILMAN GALLO: No report

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:

1. 2nd reading and public hearing of an Ordinance for Guaranty for payment of Capital Equipment

Councilman Johnson called for the 2nd reading and public hearing of **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GUARANTY BY THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, NEW JERSEY OR PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2011 (SHORE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROJECT) OF THE MONMOUTH COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY** and then asked the Clerk to read the affidavit of publication by title only.

Mayor Mahon then opened the meeting to the public for anyone who wished to be heard. As no one from the public wished to be heard Mayor Mahon closed the public portion.

Councilman Johnson then made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on second and final reading and advertise same in accordance with the law, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle.

The Clerk called roll:

AYES:	Bertekap, Ibex, Irace, Gallo, Johnson, Kahle
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

The Clerk stated that the motion carried.

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle reported that the Community Garden was up and running with a lot of activity and encouraged people to join. Councilwoman Kahle continued that an Eagle Scout project was underway to construct a small shed for the garden and if anyone had any materials or expertise to offer to contact her.

MAYOR MAHON: Mayor Mahon reported on several issues including assisting Monmouth Park with staffing for special events, his membership on FMERA which was experiencing a lot of activity with housing issues and thanked Beth McManus of the Borough's planning firm Clarke Caton Hintz for her assistance in prepping for difficult issues that were important for several FMERA meetings that would impact the area for years to come, work involving the business plan and the economic redevelopment application and an MOA between FMERA and the U.S. Army for the transition of the Fort Monmouth property and thanked Ted Ibex for his assistance with the evaluation of that information. Mayor Mahon also thanked Morris Bailey who is the new lease operator of Monmouth Park and for his openness in supporting local activities such as the circus. Mayor Mahon also reported that they were in receipt of a report from the Borough Engineer regarding the boundary issues between the Borough of Oceanport and Borough of Eatontown and in depth research back to when Oceanport separated from Eatontown and that they would be continuing to meet and work with Eatontown to resolve issues of jurisdiction and boundary lines that go through buildings.

Mayor Mahon also reported that the FMERA Transition Team was very interested in something they were watching from afar going on in New York City and that was the New Jersey Economic Development Authority had solicited for institutions of higher education, universities around the nation and around the world, to create a satellite campus with facilities in locations in the 5 boroughs of Manhattan and had received 26 or so top universities in Europe and the U.S. and that there was real interest in establishing something similar at Fort Monmouth although it was not a part of the approved redevelopment plan. However if the conditions were right modifications could be made if interest was there and subject to a super-majority agreeing to modify the plan.

Mayor Mahon continued his report stating that The Tomato Festival Committee was seeking to have hosted next year either in Fort Monmouth or at Monmouth Park and for the benefit of the Sergeant Pat King Foundation and would continue to see support for it.

Mayor Mahon discussed issues related to fire and emergency response to Fort Monmouth once it was officially closed on September 13, 2011 and that a committee had been established to deal with those matters and that pre-fire documents were being provided in binders and that digital format large scale maps would be available for the Borough's fire and police departments – and commented aside to Chief Sutton and Captain Barcus present in order to get formats provided that would work with their Enforcys software, so that the costs would be born by the agency closing the Fort and not be born by the local taxpayers.

Mayor Mahon further addressed the question concerning patrol/security for the Commissary if it were to remain open and any other areas on the Fort and that those needs would be not be supplied by the Borough's Police Department but by a private security force.

Mayor Mahon advised that there had been changes in staffing over the summer for the Recycling Center and that based on input from Council hours open would be reduced.

Mayor Mahon discussed another matter concerning a parking issue with attendees of Monmouth Park parking on the 3 residential streets located next to the park including enforcement of an ordinance in place to address such issues, its impact on the residents on those streets and thanked the Police Department for balancing enforcement so well to get through the summer thus far.

Mayor Mahon next reported on a meeting with the School Board President regarding a joint meeting earlier in the year at which it was decided to create a Joint Shared Services Committee between the Borough Council and the Board of Education and advised her that the members from Council would be Councilpersons Ibex, Johnson and Kahle. Other matters discussed were the conflict in same meeting dates every month by each agency where the Borough Council would meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month and the Board of Education would meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month so that the public can be at both meetings which also allows for a Council liaison to attend the Board of Education meeting for important matters being discussed and hopefully have that set up soon.

Mayor Mahon also advised of several resident deaths that occurred over the summer one of whom being Council President Gallo's wife and asked for a moment of silence for those 9 members of the Oceanport family.

Mayor Mahon lastly reported that the Borough shares a Joint Public Safety Committee with West Long Branch and though they had not met in the last couple of weeks, however, a meeting was scheduled for the following week and the topic of discussion was joint public safety between the 2 communities. He continued that there was a joint dispatch arrangement in progress some with some glitches with Verizon interruptions resulting in a change to Comcast service and that he conveyed the information in his Mayor's message in the community Bulletin.

Mr. Bennett asked who would respond to a fire call on Fort Monmouth on September 15th.

Mayor Mahon responded that it would continue to be mutual aid model Oceanport and other departments would respond just as they have normally had backed up Fort Monmouth. There was additional discussion about equipment, vacant buildings, those buildings intended for re-use are in the Borough's interest to protect as some of those buildings are future ratables.

Councilwoman Kahle asked the Mayor if there had been any discussion on shared services for the vacancies for Shore Regional's Superintended and the ones at Monmouth Beach and West Long Branch.

Mayor Mahon answered they did not speak about items outside of the district – only those items between the Board of Education and the Borough but that they did indicate they were looking to have a substantial discussion about a variety of issues.

Mayor Mahon opened the meeting for anyone from the public who wished to be heard.

PUBLIC:

Michael Deutsch, 85 Monmouth Blvd., stated that he ran a travel baseball town and that they had asked to use the field at the Community Center Park and made statements concerning the change in the Facility Usage Ordinance that increased fees and increased the requirement for resident status and asked for consideration to be considered a resident and gave his reasons to support that request.

There was discussion amongst the Mayor, Council, Administrator and Mr. Deutsch as to how to address the request, a review of their roster, the costs associated, be referred back to the Council Committee for Parks and Recreation and the Borough Administrator whose office collected those fees to evaluate the request and make a final decision. Mr. Deutsch responded that his season was starting and that he was supposed to be starting practices the next day. It was decided that Mr. Deutsch would meet with the Council Committee to discuss a solution.

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

Bill List: Capital Trust \$13,089.75 Dog Registry \$400.20 Escrow Trust \$3,549.50 Fireworks Trust \$3,750.00 Open Space Trust \$9,472.96 POAA Trust \$89.31 Recreation Trust \$1,368.41 Water Watch Trust \$177.00 **2010 Vouchers Paid \$344,516.17 2010 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$.00 Total 2010 Vouchers Paid \$344,516.17 2011 Vouchers Paid \$12,445,130.28 2011 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$1,528,202.36 Total 2011 Vouchers Paid \$13,973,332.64.**

Mr. Bennett acknowledged Brian Russell, new resident in attendance who was very involved in his former community including President of Board of Education in the City of Linden and a graduate of Monmouth University. Mayor and Council welcomed him to town.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Ibex, which was seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

KIMBERLY A JUNGFER
BOROUGH CLERK