

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
August 17, 1995

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on August 17, 1995 at 8:00 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Taylor, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilman Miller.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** Reverend Tavener gave the invocation.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cavanagh led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 20, 1995 had been made available to the Mayor and Council for their review, Councilman Wolfe moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of JULY, 1995 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Application for membership to the Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Co. made by Joseph C. Wolf.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve this application. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee moved to reject all bids received on August 14, 1995 for a police car and to return the bid bonds to the said bidders. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman McGee moved to authorize the Clerk to re-advertise for bids for a car for the Police Department, which bids will be opened on September 5, 1995 at 10:00 A.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman McGee reported under insurance, that our dental premium has increased 33% and he has requested some proposals be sent to him, which he will review and hopefully be able to save some money on the program without reducing benefits to our employees.

Councilman McGee advised that he will be attending a Loss Prevention Seminar on August 23 and 31, 1995 as part of the Borough's participation in the Statewide Workers' Compensation Fund.

Councilman McGee stated he has received a thank you note from Anita McLean, Manager of the Oceanport Gardens and she thanked both he and Ricky Gallo for assisting her in picking up Government Surplus Commodities, which are surplus food, for distribution to needy residents at Oceanport Gardens. He also offered his personal thanks to Rick Gallo for his help in this effort.

Councilman McGee advised that Patrolman Steven Cioffi recently completed a Basic Course for Juvenile Officers through the Division of Criminal Justice Academy and he congratulated Chief Joyce on the continuing training that the men in his Department receive.

Councilman McGee offered his condolences to the Dziedzic family.

Mayor Cavanagh asked Councilman McGee to keep an eye on the dental insurance situation in light of this large increase in the premiums and shop around a bit to see what else is available, to which Councilman McGee indicated that he has been in touch with Warren McManus of Boynton & Boynton, who seems to feel that there are some plans available which are comparable to the present coverage at lower costs.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone called for the introduction of an amendment to the salary ordinance and asked the Clerk to read same by title only: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX AND DETERMINE THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN BOROUGH OFFICIALS" PASSED AND APPROVED ON MARCH 16, 1939.**

Councilwoman Filippone moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Councilman Miller.
ABSTAIN: None.

Councilwoman Filippone moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on September 7, 1995 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Councilman Miller.
ABSTAIN: None.

Councilwoman Filippone then gave the Oceanport Volunteer First Aid & Rescue Squad's Captain's Report for June and July, advising that during the month of June they received 25 calls: 1 mutual aid; 1 transportation; 19 emergencies; 6 other for 190 man/woman hours and 100 miles. She

continued that in July, they received 47 calls: 42 emergencies; 3 motor vehicle accidents; 3 mutual aid calls; 2 fire; 1 transportation and 7 other for a total of 527 man/woman hours and 125 miles. She also advised that in June there were 5 advanced life support calls and 12 during the month of July and stated that the Squad has been really busy during the past two months and she offered a special thanks to all the volunteers in the First Aid Squad for the excellent job they perform for this Borough.

Mayor Cavanagh asked how they are doing with their fund raising, to which Councilwoman Filippone stated it is at a stand still and what seems to happen is that people wind up giving a donation after they have had to call the Squad in an emergency and she urged anyone who has yet to donate this year, to please do so since very bit helps them run the Squad.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that if we tried to come up with an hourly figure for the numbers Councilwoman Filippone just reported on for June and July, the cost to run this type of service would be thousands of dollars and this goes for all of our volunteer services.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor offered his condolences to the Dziedzic family.

Councilman Taylor advised that under the Drug and Alcohol Alliance Program, they have submitted the 1996 grant application, which is for over \$12,000 for various activities such as the BABES Program, an aerobic/step program; Rodeo Day; Project Youths; Centra State trips; Poster Contests and we are attempting to hire a Speaker in connection with programs sponsored by the PTO. He commented that hopefully the funding will continue and allow us to go forward with these programs which have been very successful.

Councilman Taylor reminded all residents that at Summer's End, which is scheduled for September 10, 1995, the Alliance will have a table there selling our calendars and looking for new subscribers.

Councilman Taylor reported under Recycling that we have received our first check in the amount of \$380 from our junk mail, which is a new program and this money will be reinvested in our Recycling Program and hopefully, our junk mail program will continue to grow.

R-95-48 Councilman Taylor asked the Clerk to read resolution **#R-95-48** accepting the amendments to the Wastewater Management Plan from the Northeast Monmouth County Regional Sewerage Authority, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe moved to appoint Michael Balzarano to the position of Superintendent of Public Works, retroactive to August 9, 1995. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh offered congratulations on behalf of the Governing Body to Mr. Balzarano and welcomed him to the Borough and hoped he would be happy here and looked forward to working with him in the future. Mayor Cavanagh also advised that if anyone on the Council can assist him in any way, to just ask us and we will all do what we can to help out during this period.

Councilman Wolfe commented that he just wanted to offer his thanks to Mike Giordano who has officially retired, now for the second time, and he came back to help us out and stayed to acquaint Mr.

Balzarano with the workings of the Borough and familiarize himself with the town and everything seems to be running smoothly and he felt that this will be a smooth transition of the position of Superintendent. Councilman Wolfe again thanked Mike Giordano for all his years of service that he has given to this Borough and he is still coming around and taking care of some of the plantings around the Borough Hall and if we need any assistance in the future, he has offered to come in and help out whenever needed.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **#R-95-49** authorizing the submission of an application for grant monies to the DOT Trust Fund for the reconstruction of Seneca Place, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and approved by Council. R-95-49

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **#R-95-50** authorizing the submission of an application for grant monies to the DOT Trust Fund for the reconstruction of Tecumseh Avenue, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and approved by Council. R-95-50

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **#R-95-51** authorizing the submission of an application for grant monies to the DOT Trust Fund for the reconstruction of Pocano Avenue, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and approved by Council. R-95-51

Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution **#R-95-52** granting a veteran's tax deduction, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council. R-95-52

Councilman Wolfe moved to return a bond in the amount of \$500 to George Karpus for Block 40, Lot 20 upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Thomas Rospos. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe reported that over the last several months, the Borough, the Baseball Association and the Recreation Committee have discussed and worked out a way to purchase a piece of equipment to maintain the various ballfields, with everyone contributing to the cost of the machinery. Councilman Wolfe advised that we have many more teams using the fields then in the past and they are being used through the summer months on a continuous basis. He advised that in cooperation with the Borough, the Recreation Committee and the Baseball Association purchased a Toro Sand Pro 5000 and was delivered to the Borough yesterday and was used already this afternoon at Blackberry Bay Park and it did a terrific job on the field and the baseball players were quite pleased with the condition of the field and it is a one man operation and takes approximately 10-15 minutes to soften and level the field.

Councilman Wolfe also offered his condolences to Barbara Dziedzic on the loss of her husband, Bernie and he will be sorely missed by this Borough and he was a very active member in the Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Company.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that as far back as he can remember, this is the first time the Borough has ever purchased a piece of equipment dedicated for this purpose of maintaining the baseball fields and should make a great improvement in the future.

Councilman Wolfe stated that in the past, individual organizations brought over their own machinery, if it was available, but this is a piece of equipment that took more of an investment, since the cost is approximately \$10,000, so the Recreation Committee through donations it receives through

their Trust Fund and Baseball through the fees they collect and sponsorships, all chipped in equally with the Borough and we were able to purchase the equipment. He advised the Public Works will now be in charge of maintaining the fields, but he has already discussed this with the new Superintendent and does not feel there will be any adverse effect on their work schedule.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth advised that copies of the Oceanport Bulletin were placed in Post Office Boxes this month, which will enable those residents who do not have door to door delivery, to keep up with Borough news.

Councilwoman Silkworth reported that the replacement windows for the front of Borough Hall are due to be delivered some time next week and installation will be scheduled shortly thereafter and the wallpapering of the hallways in Borough Hall should take place mid September, with the Public Works employees doing the necessary trim painting the hallways.

Councilwoman Silkworth echoed Councilman Wolfe's comments on thanking Mike Giordano for his efforts and welcomed Michael Balzarano to the Borough of Oceanport.

Councilwoman Silkworth also extended her condolences to the Dziedzic family.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh advised that we have been formally notified by Green Acres that if we wish to file an application for a grant under the 1995 Green Trust Loan/Grant Program, which he commented are now mostly all loans and very few grants, are due postmarked not later than December 15, 1995, if the bond issue is passed in November. He stated that there has never been a Green Acres bond issue that has not passed and a great deal of money will become available throughout the State for a variety of considerations and we will be watching that bond issue. He requested the Clerk advise the Borough Engineer of the filing deadline so that we are prepared, if in fact, the bond issue is successful.

Mayor Cavanagh commented on a personal note that he wished to publicly acknowledge Mike Giordano's contribution to this Borough and to everyone on the Dais for the most recent period of time as well as for past years. He stated over his twelve years as Mayor, he had come to rely greatly on Mike and was never disappointed on any issue that needed his assistance. He will miss Mike deeply, but also looked forward to working with Mr. Balzarano in the future.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that the passing of Bernie Dziedzic is not only tragic in that he was a good person, but that he was a young person and it is always more difficult to understand and adjust to that when someone his age passes away, particularly someone of his quality and to his family from the entire Governing Body, he extended condolences.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they may have, and seeing no one, closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated August 17, 1995. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council. TOTAL 1994 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$175.00. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS \$710,508.08. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$52,784.44. TOTAL 1995 OPERATING FUND \$763,292.52. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$12.00. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$4,012.61. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$2,866.39. TOTAL FIREWORKS TRUST ACCOUNT \$116.00. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$2,077,329.93. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$239.11.

TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MIDDLE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AGENCY \$628.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SEWAGE INFRASTRUCTURE \$2,486.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER).

Mayor Cavanagh stated he hoped that Hurricane Felix continues in an easterly direction and does not come inland, but if it should decide to do so, he wanted everyone to know that our Emergency Management Director, Jim Slattery, has been plotting the coordinates for the past several days and has discussed what measures should be taken with his Emergency Management Team if the Hurricane's course should change, so we are ready.

At 8:25 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on September 7, 1995 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Varca

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BOROUGH CLERK

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