

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
August 16, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on August 16, 2007 at 8:00 P.M. with Mayor Chaump stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Ibex, Briscione and Mayor Chaump

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilperson Sharkey

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Kimberly A. Jungfer and Borough Attorney, Scott Arnette

INVOCATION: Pastor Bob Mills gave the Invocation

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

Mayor Chaump stated they had a guest this evening from the Oceanport Lions Club: Mr. John Boneforte.

JOHN BONEFORTE: John Boneforte, Oceanport Lions Club, stated that they were there tonight to give their donations as they do each year and he brought a special Oceanport resident, Allison McGowan who happens to be his granddaughter to stress the importance of children and be able to participate in the process involving the receipt of the gifts. He presented a brochure to the Council and then presented a check to the Council for the taxpayers of Oceanport in the amount of \$5,000 that the Mayor and Council will use as they see fit for the taxpayers of Oceanport. Mr. Boneforte also thanked Peter Dellera Jr. and his family for the tireless efforts in making the fair a success and also acknowledged Joe Bucceri who tends to the parking lot.

The Mayor thanked the Lions Club and stated that they took the monies from the past two years and purchased a new copy machine that was dearly needed and used by every organization in town for their use. She also invited the Lions Club to use the copier at anytime.

The Borough Clerk stated there were 17 items on the Consent Agenda. Councilman Ibex asked that Items 6 and 13 be removed. Councilwoman Kahle asked that Item #14 and Item #16 be removed.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution for disabled veteran's tax exemption. **R-07-88**
2. Resolution for an insertion of an item of revenue. **R-07-89**
3. Resolution for an insertion of an item of revenue. **R-07-90**
4. Resolution waiving building fees for Blackberry Bay Park and Maria Gatta Park. **R-07-91**
5. Resolution taking ownership of 2 street lights on Horseneck Point Road. **R-07-92**
6. Resolution changing the meeting schedule of the Mayor and Council.
7. Resolution approving the DOT Grant Application for Port Au Peck Avenue from Branchport to Myrtle Aves. **R-07-93**
8. Resolution approving the DOT Grant Application for Port Au Peck Avenue from Oceanport to Wolf Hill Ave. **R-07-94**

9. Resolution authorizing the payment of bills. **R-07-95**

10. Resolution accepting the proposal from Maser Consulting for Old Wharf Park Phase II.
R-07-96

11. Raffle Application, Oceanport PTO, On premise 50/50 October 12, 2007.

12. Raffle Application, Oceanport PTO, On premise 50/50 December 1, 2007

13. Minutes: Regular meeting July 19, 2007

14. Minutes: Regular meeting June 21, 2007

15. Minutes: Special meeting May 10, 2007

16. Minutes: Special meeting June 25, 2007

17. Minutes: Workshop meeting July 16, 2007

Councilman Johnson moved to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilman Ibex and approved by the Council members present.

The Clerk asked for a motion on Item #6. Councilman Ibex asked for discussion on the Item and stated he had not been present when the Item was first presented and understands that there was no second. He stated that he thought it a reasonable thing to do and would streamline the meetings and would like to hear the Council input. Councilwoman Kahle stated that policy is that this type of item is to be discussed at Workshop meetings and thought this should be carried to the next Workshop meeting. Mayor Chaump responded that the order that was proposed at the Workshop was reversed to address concerns that some Council members that had questions and concerns if the Workshop ran over into the public meeting, which was why it was reversed. Councilman Johnson asked why this wasn't discussed at Monday's Workshop meeting as it was on the Agenda provided Tuesday morning. Mayor Chaump stated it was discussed not at Monday's meeting but at a previous meeting and stated put it to a vote. Councilman Briscione stated he thought this was a compromise between the first and the second and was not aware of any other issues. Councilwoman Kahle stated that's because it wasn't discussed at the Workshop meeting. Councilman Ibex asked if there is an objection to it or the forum in which it's being discussed because it seems like it would streamline the meetings to some degree and be somewhat beneficial to the public. Councilman Johnson stated he thought it a good idea to wait for the Blue Ribbon panel's final presentation to see how it might affect their meeting schedule. Councilman Ibex responded that yes, but he still thinks the resolution on the table is something that makes sense to do.

Councilman Ibex moved to approve item #6, which was seconded by Councilman Briscione with Councilwoman Kahle, Councilman Johnson and Councilman Gallo voting no, the motion was defeated.

Mayor Chaump reminded everyone that the first Workshop meeting in September is a Special Meeting and if this resolution had been passed it would not have been a Special Meeting but just a Regular Meeting.

The Clerk asked for a motion on Item #13. Councilman Briscione moved to approve item #13, which was seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by Council members present with the exception of Councilman Ibex who abstained.

The Clerk asked for a motion on Item #14. Councilman Ibex moved to approve item #14, which was seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by Council members present with the exception of Councilman Briscione and Councilwoman Kahle who abstained.

The Clerk asked for a motion on Item #16. Councilman Briscione moved to approve item #16, which was seconded by Councilman Ibex and approved by Council members present with the exception of Councilman Johnson and Councilwoman Kahle who abstained.

CLERK'S REPORT: None

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE:

Councilwoman Kahle reported that the Fire Department for July had 11 calls for a call total of 7 hours 25 minutes with the average response time being 3 minutes 40 seconds. There were 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 cover assignment to Fort Monmouth, 3 false alarms, 3 calls for carbon monoxide and 1 power line down. Oceanport Hook and Ladder Fund Drive is now in progress and asked that everyone please be generous with your donations. Port-au-Peck Fund Drive is also going to be following so please be aware for those fund drives. The new fire trucks bids are being completed for town review by the Borough attorney. The Haskell Emergency Operations Center worked out well. Preparations for the Breeder's Cup, fire, EMS, police department, OEM, county, state officials and FBI all worked well together for a smooth operation. She also reported that the Oceanport Fire took a field trip to tour and visit the Tribute Memorial Center on July 21st.

Councilwoman Kahle reported on the Police Department. She did not receive a report this month. The report will be given next month. They are going to be changing the colors on the police cars and she showed a rendering of the new design. It is all being paid for out of the police budget and notice they are going with a tricolor police logo and the blue and the yellow.

Councilwoman Kahle stated that the Code Enforcement Officer has been working out well. She worked with Chief of Police to hire a Code Enforcement Officer and they have the Special Officer Chenoweth who has been doing a great job. There was a smooth transition with Public Works and the Police Department. The Police Department is going to be putting more in the Bulletin for September. As of Monday August 13th, they had 14 calls which have been for debris in the roadway. There was a Property Maintenance Ordinance that was introduced last meeting for 1st reading and was to be read this night for 2nd reading but since that time there has been some discussion about a couple of things and the proposal is going to be tabled and work continuing from the old lot maintenance ordinance that's only 2 pages. Council hopes to get the revisions completed for the next public meeting to introduce as a new ordinance. The Code Enforcement Officer has been a long time coming. There have been a lot of quality of life issues from people in town and hopefully they are going to be addressed in a timely manner.

Councilwoman Kahle reported that the First Aid had a total of 69 calls with 337 totals for the year. The Mutual Aid assisted West Long Branch once and Fort Monmouth twice and a standby. They also had Little Silver in twice for mutual aid. There are signs around town for the Circus that they are having September 1st – 3rd at Gatta Park and she urged everyone to attend the circus and support the local first aid squad. Councilwoman Kahle also extended best wishes to Joe Lombardo who had bypass surgery a couple of weeks ago and will be out for a couple of months. He is home now from the surgery if anyone would like to drop him a card. Kathy Kennedy is filling in for him as Sergeant.

Councilwoman Kahle stated lastly she'd like to discuss and call publicly for email address for public officials. Right now in the Borough they have to use their own emails at home. Council members do not have emails and every other employee has emails here. If one wants to address anyone you just address them at Borough Hall. If one wants to email a Councilperson it has to be sent to their email at home or give them a call. There are two reasons she is addressing this. One is that the website is finally put together and she did introduce a couple months ago the Electronic Public Records for Tinton Falls taxpayers and would like to try and

follow that as it opens up public records for all our residents. Secondly, for the past year or so, most of the Republican's on this Council have been inundated with Open Public Records Act requests from Allan Johnson in town who is working on the campaign of our Democratic counterparts. Normally she would say that is fine and that anyone has the right to file an Open Public Records Act for anything that we have and that is all open public records and that's why she's not going there. Even though it is partisan politics and has been going on and on and she has not said anything about it because he is entitled to any emails that we have. Mayor Chaump asked Councilwoman Kahle if this could please discussed at Workshop Meeting because it was nothing that was discussed at Workshop. Councilwoman Kahle replied no, it can't. The reason she is mentioning this now is because now it has escalated and is costing the taxpayers money and not only is costing the taxpayers money but lawyer fees and is may be costing the Borough Clerk personal money if she is fined and also the possibility of her position. She thinks its gone way too far with these open public records requests. Mr. Arnette interrupted and cautioned her to speak about facts that are in the complaint as opposed to supposition or assertion. Mr. Arnette continued that the complaint has been filed is a public record. The fact that public records request may or may have not be filed, and she can discuss that which she has received, but what she may have heard about other things is supposition. Councilwoman Kahle stated that the end result of this is to whom is this going to be benefiting. She had to get a personal laptop computer because she was using email from her family's computer and because as this issue escalated and escalated, her computer could be seized from her home and that would cause a hardship on her family. Councilwoman Kahle stated she wants to have email addresses at Borough Hall to protect this Borough Council and to protect the taxpayer. She does not want taxpayer money spent on legal matters from, based on in her opinion, political partisan politics and it has to stop. She just received another OPRA request which she is happy to comply with but she doesn't like the fact that if she complies with it and there are emails that one tries to be diligent with copying to the Clerk but in the event that the Clerk was not copied and the email is from 6 months ago it may not still be on her computer. So if that requestor, Allan Johnson, goes to look for that email from another source and finds that you did not give it to him he can file a complaint against you and the Borough Clerk and then get our Attorney involved. She is sick about what is going on with the Council and does not know what to do about it other than to publicly call for it to stop. She stated again that she wants to get a public email at Borough Hall for the Borough Council and protect the Council and the taxpayers. She continued that not only is it affecting Oceanport but anytime a Republican Councilperson mentions that they are looking to share services or that they spoke to anyone, for instance Assemblywoman Beck, they too are getting public requests. She doesn't think its right and that she believes it's impeding the shared services that they would like to be looking in to and why would people want to be dealing with them when they are subject to this kind of political partisan politics here in Oceanport.

Councilwoman Kahle concluded her report by congratulating Pastor Bob on completing his Doctorate in pastoral studies.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:

Councilman Johnson stated he had four readings; two are 2nd readings and two introductions. As Councilwoman Kahle stated before there was supposed to be 2nd reading and public hearing for an ordinance about Property Maintenance. Councilwoman Kahle made a motion to withdraw the proposed ordinance, which was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

The Clerk called roll:

AYES: Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Ibex, Briscione
NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Sharkey

Councilman Johnson provided an explanation as to why the ordinance was being withdrawn and that the same template was going to be used but with substantial changes and it will be introduced at the next public meeting. Councilman Briscione also offered his comments and that the ordinance he objected to last time was introduced and that when they met with the person who provided the ordinance he said the template should never have been introduced as a public ordinance and that it was not ready for that. Since then he has provided the complete ordinance that the Borough of West Long Branch used which is why he objected to it in the first place and that rushing into things doesn't make any sense.

Councilman Johnson called for the 2nd reading and public hearing of the Dog and Other Animal ordinance and then asked the Clerk to read the proposed Ordinance by title only.

Mayor Chaump then opened the meeting to the public for anyone who wished to be heard. As no one from the public wished to be heard, a motion was made by Councilman Johnson to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by Council.

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: Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Ibex, Briscione
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Sharkey

Councilman Johnson called for the introduction of an Amendment to the 2007 Salary Ordinance, and then asked the Clerk to read the proposed Ordinance by title only, after which he moved to approve the Ordinance upon first reading, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle.

The Clerk called roll:

AYES: Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Ibex, Briscione
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Sharkey

Councilman Johnson made a motion to hold the public hearing on the proposed ordinance at the Council meeting of September 20, 2007 and to advertise same in accordance with the law and was seconded by Councilman Ibex.

The Clerk called roll:

AYES: Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Ibex, Briscione
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Sharkey

Councilman Johnson called for the introduction of an Amendment to the Fee Ordinance, and then asked the Clerk to read the proposed Ordinance by title only, after which he moved to approve the Ordinance upon first reading, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle.

Councilwoman Kahle stated she wanted to clarify what the amendment does and that it provides for the tax map revisions to be paid by anyone building in town. At this time the Borough is paying the fees for the revisions like for Jockey Club Estates. This amendment will place the burden of the fees on the developers.

The Clerk called roll:

AYES: Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Ibex, Briscione
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Sharkey

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The Clerk called roll:

AYES: Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Ibex, Briscione
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Sharkey

COUNCILMAN GALLO: Councilman Gallo reported that Oceanport Recreation's summer program went well this summer. There were a total of 125 kids attending this year. The Recreation Bench Program is almost complete. A total of 24 benches have been installed around the community and the next step will be to place plaques on the benches to show who donated each bench. The basketball court at the Community Center is now complete. The court has been color coated and the lines painted. This was paid for by a 75% matching grant from the Oceanport Sports Foundation and the Recreation Department funded the remainder. He thanked Public Works who put in the topsoil and seeding around the basketball court and for installing a number of the benches from the Bench Program and their help was much appreciated.

COUNCILMAN IBEX: Councilman Ibex reported that the Blue Ribbon Panel made the first half of its presentation at Monday night's meeting. It's indicative that this group of people did an in-depth study of the Borough and the administrative office. There was a PowerPoint presentation of which copies were made available to everyone on Council for the opportunity to re-read it and looking forward to hearing the rest of their presentation which is coming up shortly.

Councilman Ibex stated that we are going to be going into a budget cycle fairly soon and he had spoken with the CFO about beginning to gear up for that so those who contribute to that process should be receiving notices within the next month or so as that process will be beginning soon. We have a CFO in place that has a lot of experience putting together budgets. He is expecting a very nice budget procedure and season. With regard to the budget process, includes the capital improvements. He sees some members from the Capital Improvement Committee and other contributors talking to Mr. Johnson and we'll soon be hearing from that even though they are running a little behind as that was supposed to have it done sometime in July but hopefully it can still be done in some reasonable amount of time.

COUNCILMAN SHARKEY: Absent

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione reported on the Planning Board, which began hearing the application of the Monmouth Housing Alliance on a plan for adding 6 affordable units to a multi-family property located at 25 Main Street. The application will continue into September.

Councilman Briscione then reported on Community Development. On Wednesday, August 1st, he presented the Borough's application for a community development grant for a streetscape and pedestrian road improvements to East Main Street in front of Oceanport Gardens. The Grant request was for \$215,000.00 and included paver walkways, depressed curb cuts for handicapped accessibility, safety crosswalk and a grass median that will provide a safety area for those crossing the street to neighborhood shopping. As part of the application process they were required to present a video presentation. Jonathan Grimm and John Carlo Fiorentini, young Oceanport residents and film students at NYU agreed to take part in the project and produced an effective and informative video. Councilman Briscione thanked them for their responsiveness and service to the community and it was nice to see young people volunteer for this kind of service.

Councilman Briscione stated that they are continuing to plan for the Breeder's Cup Fan Fest, which is a series of community events leading up to the 2007 Breeder's Cup. There will be a sailing regatta on September 29th, on October 14th a polo match held by Colts Neck Polo, on October 19th, 20th & 21st there will be a street fair in the racetrack parking lot with amusement, vendors, Enjoy which is a taste of New Jersey restaurants and a farmers market highlighting NJ produce. On October 20th there will also be a 5K road race coordinated by the Jersey Shore Roadrunners Club.

Councilman Briscione reported on the Economic Development Committee, which is reviewing draft revisions in the Draft Vision Plan for Fort Monmouth. Once this plan is reviewed, the final charrette will be scheduled and the Vision Plan for Fort Monmouth will be presented. In regards to Fort Monmouth and Recreation, the County through the Park System and in conjunction with Oceanport, Eatontown and Tinton Falls, filed a formal Federal Lands Parks Program application on July 17th to the National Park Service for public conveyance of approximately 351 acres and various buildings including the Parade grounds, the marina, the fitness center and Lane Hall. He was happy to say that the National Park Service has sent a letter to the Department of the Army and FMERPA requesting the assignment of all property requested to the Park Service for conveyance to Monmouth County for public park and recreation use. The Park Service has accepted our application in full and has advised that they will grant a public benefit allowance of 100% of fair market value in conveying the property to the County. The Department of Army and FMERPA have the option of objecting to the transfer or deferring any decision until the Base plan has been developed. This is a very positive development and the County and three towns worked cooperatively to achieve this result.

Councilman Briscione stated lastly he was not going to allow Councilman Kahle's comments go unanswered. He objects to the holier than thou attitude. It was ok when her Republican counterpart filed an ethics complaint against him that was found to have no substance. The Republican party went so far as to call him on literature their "watchdog". So, to accuse people of doing what she did he doesn't understand. Councilwoman Kahle responded that she had no knowledge of that complaint against Councilman Briscione and she wouldn't condone that behavior and she believes it's a different story what is happening here. Councilman Briscione stated its part of the problem and it's the main part of the problem.

MAYOR CHAUMP: Mayor Chaump reported that tonight Council approved and she will be signing a NJDOT grant application where they are applying for two improvements and hopefully will receive one. One improvement is Port-Au-Peck Avenue from Branchport Avenue to Myrtle Avenue, which includes sidewalks and the other is Port-Au-Peck from Oceanport Avenue to Wolf Hill Avenue, which includes sidewalks where there are no sidewalks. They will have to apply by August and will probably know if any funds for next year will be received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Mayor Chaump stated that in late July she attended a Monmouth County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning Project kickoff meeting in Howell. The Mayors and OEM Directors were invited. This plan rests now with the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management. The County received a grant from the federal government of \$345,375.00 from FEMA with in kind contribution of \$115,125.00 from the 56 municipalities. This will enable them to hire a consultant to prepare the countywide plan that will enable us to apply for grant money. This plan will be a living document and will require updates on a 5-year cycle. As the municipality will be required to participate, contribute and formally adopt the final plan through meetings and questionnaire. This process will take about 18 months and within the next couple of months there will probably be a town meeting on this plan.

In August she attended a roundtable discussion with Congressman Holt on hazardous mitigation, which is preventing disasters. FEMA and the NJ Department of Environmental Protection gave presentations along with the Small Business Administration, which is the Office of Disaster Assistance. Discussed were available grants and other available resources to assist in mitigation planning as well as disaster prevention. Each agency provides different assistance and flooding is the number one hazard in Monmouth County. Out of 21 counties, 3 are almost done and 19 counties are underway. According to FEMA you need good planning with 3 basic programs; the local and the county, the state and then FEMA in order to make it work. There are 5 FEMA grant programs administrated by the NJ Office of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation but we can only get those grants if we participate at the county level and get that done first.

Mayor Chaump reported that Assemblyman Panter hosted a discussion with the mayors to discuss affordable regional contribution agreements. Legislation has been introduced to eliminate the RCAs. The Assemblyman wanted the mayors views on whether they supported, opposed or had no opposition on the Assembly Bill # 3857. As you may remember, this Council adopted a Resolution on January 25, 2007 opposing this bill, which she faxed to Assemblyman Panter. The Assemblymen that are sponsoring this bill are Joe Roberts and Thomas Giblin.

Mayor Chaump stated as an update oral arguments on the appeal of the Builder's Remedy lawsuit is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11th before the Superior Court of New Jersey.

On August 1st there was a conference call with the NJ DEP Commissioner Lisa Jackson, the Monmouth County Board of Health Bill Simmons, Senator Karcher, Assemblywoman Beck, Assemblyman Panter and herself on the issues of Monmouth Park Racetrack. The Commissioner reported first on her meeting with the NJ Sports & Exposition Authority which took place on July 31st stating that the track recognizes that there is an ongoing problem with their stormwater system. It is an antiquated system and needs to be reconfigured. The long-term solution requires funding which the Commissioner asked the State Legislatures to support. As they are a public entity, the NJ Sports & Exposition Authority must follow the bidding laws for anything over \$21,000.00 The Authority would have to develop a plan and then schedule design services and then they would need funding. The Commissioner also explained the fact that the Monmouth Park Racetrack was the landlord and the stable hands, owner and trainers are the

tenants. She used the same analogy as if she rented her house out for a fee or no fee, she would expect her tenants to keep her house the way she did and not infringe on her neighbors. The Commissioner agreed and said that the short term solution would be that the track be made to enforce their best management practices and that they be monitored. A weekly or bi-monthly inspection will be done of these practices and the Commissioner will be sending a list of items that the NJ Sports & Exposition Authority has underway to our State Legislators.

Mayor Chaump then reported on last night's meeting of FMERPA. The advisory committees had been meeting and gave an update on their committees. The EDAW team finally got on post to review the buildings and due to the delay, they are behind in planning about 4-6 weeks. They discussed asking for an extension and a letter will be sent to Patrick O'Brien at the OEA requesting approval for an extension for at a minimum of 270 days which will bring us to September 8, 2007. At the next FMERPA meeting in September they will be passing a resolution because they need 6 votes and there were only 5 people there last night to vote. As Councilman Briscione reported, they received a letter from Faith Hahn and the BRAC council that we hired had a phone meeting with EDAW and the county discussing 4 ways to obtain these 351 acres. They are an economic development conveyance, environmental conveyance, a direct conveyance or a developers conveyance which EDAW and the authority will be discussing.

Mayor Chaump stated as Councilman Ibex said earlier, the Blue Ribbon Panel gave their PowerPoint presentation. They presented goals and objectives, methodology, Borough employee interview observation, Council interview observations, symptoms and causes and Council structure recommendations and benefits along with information needs for some of the departments. The second part of their presentation will be at the September 6th Workshop.

The Monmouth County Board of Freeholders held their meeting here in Oceanport on July 26th and she accepted the county flag on behalf of the Borough, which she has and will gladly be flown as soon as they get a flag holder.

Mayor Chaump reported that at the Monday night Workshop meeting, Ward Coles presented the Borough with 3 American flags to be used at the new flag pole at Blackberry Bay Park. One flag, which was donated by Martin McGann, is already flying. The other 3 flags, one was from the Police Department and the other 2 were from Steve Briskey, one from the Briskey family and one in memory of Al Weigel and she thanked everyone for the flags.

BILL LIST: Ad Hoc \$561.81. Capital Trust \$20,900.00. Dog Registry \$ 92.60. Escrow Trust \$29,903.75. Fireworks Trust \$4,212.43. Open Space \$2778.42. Recreation Trust: \$2,156.21. Trust (Other) \$100.00. Waterwatch \$450.00. 2005 Vouchers Paid \$7,800.00. 2006 Voucher Paid \$285,434.06. 2006 Vouchers Paid This Meeting \$990.95. Total 2006 \$286,425.01 2007 Vouchers Paid \$9,993,310.69. 2007 Vouchers Paid This Meeting \$1,072,043.30. Total 2007 \$11,065,353.99

PUBLIC:

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

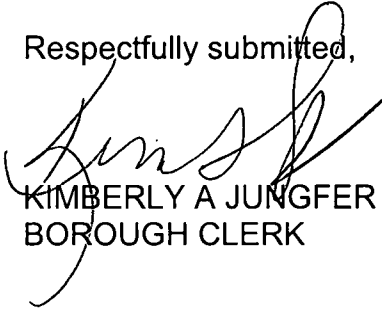
Mary Ann Houschild, Cayuga Avenue, stated first of all, the mailbox that was moved, small thing, but she's used it twice since it moved. It rained two days and each time she had to use it, it had rained the day before and there was an enormous puddle in front of the mailbox, but because it had been moved she didn't have to think of a way to get around it or go through it or jump over it. She was able to step on the sidewalk and it was very nice. If it had been winter time the puddle would have been frozen and someone was going to fall sooner or later. She

also wanted to mention another site in town that just drives her crazy and that is Sommers Park. She mentioned this once before at a Council meeting quite a few months ago. She said the split rail fence, which she doesn't think is necessary, is cracked and broken and the landscape ties are all rotten and it's a very small passive park. She sees people sitting on the 2 benches and young boys fishing and it's lovely. She also sees mother with small children trying to walk on those landscape ties and she's concerned that some child is going to fall and get a piece of wood right through their leg. The other thing she wanted to mention is that if we get Fort Monmouth what, if their needs to be a cleanup of spilled oil, gasoline, whatever, are we going to be responsible for and have to pay for the cleanup. Mayor Chaump responded that right now there is a restoration advisory board and it was started by Fort Monmouth, the Colonel at Fort Monmouth and each town was asked to send a representative. Frank Baricelli sits on that Board. They are in the process of seeing what sites have to be cleaned up and on the FMERPA there is an environmental committee that they will be looking at also. They will be having a public meeting on September 4th which will be her Mayor's message when it comes out in another week and they are going to be having another meeting which they put October 27th which she knows is wrong as it was moved to November because of the Breeder's Cup. That's when there will be public participation. But the Authority is very aware that there needs to be a cleanup and they are working on it. Ms. Houschild stated she knows there is and it's going to cost a lot of money. Councilman Briscione commented that when the property is transferred there will Negative Declarations from the Department of Environmental Protection Agency. That property will either be delivered clean or money be provided for cleanup.

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

At 8:50 p.m. there was a motion to adjourn from Councilman Ibex, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved by Council members present.

Respectfully submitted,



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BOROUGH CLERK