REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
August 15, 2002

REGULAR MEETING: The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on August 15, 2002 at 8:03 P.M. with Mayor Gemma stating the meeting had been property advertised in accordance with law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Mahon, Apruzzi, Gatta, Wolfe, McGann, Silkworth and Mayor Gemma.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.

INVOCATION: Borough Chaplain Berry gave the invocation.

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

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 18, 2002 and the emergency meeting of August 5, 2002 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, Councilwoman Silkworth 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 the exceptions of Councilman McGann who abstained from voting on the minutes of July 18, 2002 and Councilman Mahon who abstained from voting on the minutes of August 5, 2002.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Raffle applications made by the Oceanport PTO, both 50/50 cash raffles, on premise, to be held on September 20 and December 7, 2002.

The Clerk reported that the paperwork was found to be in order after which Councilman Wolfe moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MAHON: Councilman Mahon reported under the Technology Committee that a meeting was held on August 7th to discuss the request of the Fire Chief to go over to County Dispatch and there was a good discussion with the other emergency services and the plan should go into effect October 1, 2002 and the Council will be asked to approve a resolution authorizing this change over as well as executing the agreement which will be coming from the County and there is no cost involved to the Borough. He also noted that it will give the Borough Dispatchers to take care of other calls during a fire emergency.

Councilman Mahon commented on the storm last Friday and advised that on Saturday morning the firemen were quite busy with downed wires and he commended them and the Fire Chief for the fine job they did during this emergency.

COUNCILMAN APRUZZI: Councilman Apruzzi asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-02-49** R-02-49 authorizing the fireworks for the Summers' End Festival, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

Councilman Apruzzi announced that Summers' End will be held on Saturday, September 21st this year and asked everyone to help spread the word to their neighbors. He stated there will be new events this year with some air type devices for the children, music, 50-yard dash contests and other surprises.

Councilman Apruzzi advised everyone that according to our Fire Marshal who issues the fireworks permit for Summers' End, if we don't get ample rainfall by the beginning of September, we may have to call off the fireworks and possible all the events.

Councilman Apruzzi reported that the Borough has submitted an application to Green Acres through the Council and Recreation for funds to renovate the fields at Blackberry Bay Park including an irrigation system, grading, replacing the tennis courts and installing new lighting, since the lighting presently there is quite old and parts are no longer manufactured and also some grading and fill work at Sommers Scout Park.

Councilman Apruzzi stated he was away the weekend of the storm and came home to find trees downed on his property as well as all over the Borough and thanked the Public Works Department for the fine job they did over the weekend as well as being out bright and early on Monday.

COUNCILWOMAN GATTA: Councilwoman Gatta reminded everyone that the First Aid Fund Drive was now in progress and urged everyone to give as generously as possible and also advised that their letter in the mail is the only solicitation you will receive from them.

Councilwoman Gatta commented on the storm emergency we experienced on August 2 and commended all of our emergency services and Public Works who all pitched in to assist our community

Councilwoman Gatta stated it was with deep regret that she accepted the resignation of Arlene Mullen from the Shade Tree Committee due to her family moving out of the Borough.

Councilwoman Gatta reported that regarding the West Nile Virus, in speaking with the County today, this is the first time that Oceanport has not received any positive test results for this virus but urged all residents to contact the Monmouth County Board of Health if they observe a dead bird.

Councilwoman Gatta congratulated the Police Department on another very successful National Night Out with lots of events going on at Blackberry Bay Park and a bike ride through the Borough just before and she commended the efforts of Sgt. Tagerty and Patrolman Kelly for all their hard work.

Councilwoman Gatta also advised that she received an e-mail recently from a Boy Scout from Troop 58 who informed her of all the things they were doing at the summer camp during the week of July 13th and the fact that there were a total of 85 boy scout troops at the camp and only four troops received the honor award and Troop 58 was one of the four, so she wanted to offer her congratulations.

R-02-50

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-02-50** authorizing a veteran's tax deduction, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman

McGann and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilwoman Silkworth abstaining from voting on the exemption for her husband.

R-02-51 Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-02-51** authorizing a senior citizen's tax deduction after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

R-02-52 Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-02-52** authorizing a disabled person's tax deduction after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Gatta and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe moved to release a cash bond in the amount of $1,900 to Mr. Lomberto for Block 12, Lot 30.01 upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineer. It was seconded by Councilwoman Gatta and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe moved to authorize the Borough Engineer to advertise and receive bids for the 2002 Road Program, which will include Wardell Circle, Mohican and Wyandotte Avenues. It was seconded by Councilman McGann and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe explained that Wardell Circle is being reconstructed through a grant received from the NJ DOT and we have found that go out for bid for more than one roadway often gives us a better price for the overall work that needs to be done.

Councilman Wolfe reported on the recent storm of August 2nd commenting that there is a long list of volunteers and employees to thank, but that is an everyday occurrence in this Borough with people stepping forward from Police, Public Works, Fire and First Aid and Emergency Management. He continued that Public Works was out immediately after the storm passed clearing roadways and in eight days following the storm, with the help of a private contractor hired, they have cleared debris from Pocano to Monmouth Blvd. and are moving in a westerly direction across the Borough. Councilman Wolfe advised while cleaning up the debris from this storm, there was still a crew of men during the last two week period taking care of the parks and making them safe and accessible to our residents. He also advised that once we go through the town and clear out the heavy debris, we will go through again and try and assist the residents as much as possible in taking away the smaller branches left from the storm since everyone may not have been able to get everything to the curb right away.

Councilman Wolfe commented that this storm felled more trees than the 1992 storm and this is a major clean up project. He reported that he has been in contact with Mr. Conover, the County Emergency Management Coordinator, trying to find out if there are going to be disaster funds available to reimburse the municipalities for these major expenditures and he was advised that it has been estimated that this disaster has cost $10.5 million dollars worth of damages in the Council and this information has been forwarded to President Bush and FEMA and we are hoping that we will be reimbursed in the near future.

Councilman Wolfe thanked Tom Crochet, Superintendent of Public Works and his crew for all their hard work and efforts and commented that they have done an excellent job.

Councilman Wolfe reminded residents that the Hook & Ladder Fire Company is just finishing up their annual fund drive and Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose is beginning their drive and urged all residents to give generously to these volunteer organizations.

Councilman Wolfe also thanked the Fire Department for their participation in National Night Out and both companies were well represented and ran some very interesting programs for the children in town.

ORD.# 754A

COUNCILMAN MCGANN: Councilman McGann called for the 2nd reading and public hearing of an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance with regard to requiring environmental impact statements and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE "BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT ZONING ORDINANCE" PASSED AND APPROVED ON JULY 3, 1969.**

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

As no one from the public wished to be heard, Councilman McGann moved to close the public hearing on this matter. It was seconded by Councilwoman Gatta and approved by Council.

Councilman McGann 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 Mahon, Apruzzi, Gatta, Wolfe, McGann and Silkworth.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

ORD.# 755

Councilman McGann called for the second reading and public hearing on an amendment to the uniform construction code ordinance regarding fees and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODES ORDINANCE OF THE BOROGH OF OCEANPORT" PASSED AND APPROVED ON MARCH 2, 1995.**

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

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

Councilman McGann 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 Mahon, Apruzzi, Gatta, Wolfe, McGann and Silkworth.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

Councilman McGann thanked all the volunteers for their swift action taken during and after the storm and our Public Works Department for a remarkable job with the clean up.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth reported that a while back the Council had received a request from Sgt. Tagerty to place bins for used clothing in the vicinity of the newspaper drop off, which would benefit the DARE Program in town and it was approved and the bins are now available and should be in place in the near future.

Councilwoman Silkworth echoed the sentiments given this evening to our volunteers and Public Works employees during and after the storm and she added her appreciation to the Front Offices who have fielded many phone calls during this time.

MAYOR GEMMA: Mayor Gemma thanked all the volunteers of the emergency services, Police, Public Works and the members of the Council who showed up at Borough Hall following the storm on Friday night to see what they could do to assist the Borough. He stated the real problems involved the lack of information from GPU as to what was happening and some type of estimate on when the power would be back, which following the 1999 blackout, we had been assured by GPU that they would have a representative available to municipalities for the purpose of giving out this type of information. He stated the other problem was not being able to get the list of residents outside of the senior building, who were dependent on electric power and that was not received until Monday morning.

Mayor Gemma commented that this lack of communication is unacceptable and he is composing a letter to GPU requesting their presence at the next Two Rivers Council of Mayors.

Councilman Apruzzi commented that the Mayor was in the hospital on Monday following the storm and he was the Acting Mayor for those several days and in regard to the Mayor's comments about having a problem getting a GPU contact person on Saturday and Sunday, he wanted to state that on Monday he was able to secure a contact throughout Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, to which Mayor Gemma stated that does not take care of the lack of communication on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Mayor Gemma thanked the employees who work for GPU for all their help in terrible conditions trying to get power restored to this Borough.

Mayor Gemma commented with regard to the costs involved with this clean up Congressman Holt has forwarded a letter to President Bush requesting not only reimbursement to municipalities but also to private citizens for their losses that are not covered by their individual homeowners insurance.

Mayor Gemma reported that several weeks ago a resident attended the Council meeting to discuss the dredging of Bridge Creek and he has been informed that the Army Corps of Engineers has agreed that they will dredge this creek to stop the build up of siltation and we are requesting some type of time frame as to when this work will be accomplished.

Mayor Gemma offered the name of Michael Tober to fill a vacancy on the Shade Tree Committee which term expires on December 31, 2002.

Councilwoman Gatta moved to approve this appointment. It was seconded by Councilman McGann and unanimously approved by Council.

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

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Larry Taylor, Turf Drive stated his concern was the ban on the baseball field and two weeks ago he was notified that his team was no longer allowed to play on this field via a decision from the Council although there was no Council meeting prior to this decision. He felt that this all could have [redacted]en avoided this evening if someone had let him or Lee Poole know and he also contacted some [redacted]uncil members who were not aware of what happened. Mr. Taylor asked for clarification as to why [redacted]ey cannot use that field and what was the issue and how can this be resolved.

Mayor Gemma responded that he will take responsibility as Chief Executive Officer in this Borough on the ban and as to why, there were concerns raised by residents that there was a safety matter with balls going onto their property and out into the street. He continued that when investigated as to the length of the field and whether it was or was not safe, it was determined by measuring the field from the home plate to the middle of the parking lot is approximately 300 feet and the length of a regulation field should be a minimum of 315 feet for men's softball fields.

Mayor Gemma stated there have been some balls that have hit the street and issue now becomes one of public safety and since we in the Borough now have knowledge that this is creating an unsafe event, we cannot be allowed to have this continue.

Mr. Taylor pointed out that they have been playing on this field for the past ten years and asked what could be done, to which Mayor Gemma explained he is aware that there is a concern about using the other field because of the mound and one of the suggestions is looking into a fiberglass mound that could be used for baseball and removed for softball. Mayor Gemma also advised that there are other fields in the Borough that can be used that don't create an unsafe condition.

[redacted]Mayor Gemma stated that now that we have the knowledge of this unsafe condition and even [redacted]hough over the past ten years it has not taken place, but if someone is hurt, the Borough will be [redacted]sued and he is trying to avoid the potential for injury first, liability second and try and work out an acceptable place so that everyone has the ability to utilize fields. He continued that in speaking with other residents, there are concerns with almost all of the other fields, since each one creates its own different problems. He felt that one of the possibilities is the use of the County fields, which are very large fields located in the new County park and are regulation fields and he does understand there is a cost involved with using those fields, but perhaps we can either have the fee waived or help subsidize the fees involved.

Mr. Taylor suggested one way to eliminate the safety factor is to have snow fence installed along the outfield fence so that balls cannot roll through that area into the street and very few balls are hit into the air out of the field area and then we can finish our season with all of this hoopla and he again felt that this was done without speaking to any of the players or teams and there are approximately fifty tax paying residents that play on these fields.

Mr. Lee Poole, Center Street commented that here in New Jersey land is at a premium and it is hard to find the perfect field: the left field is short at the softball field; the Community Center right field is even shorter; you go to Monmouth Beach and they have a left field where you can hit the ball out and a center field there is a basketball court and it becomes a ground rule double because you can get hurt running on asphalt with their cleats; Rumson, left field is a short field; Little Silver right [redacted]field, you hit the ball out and it goes into the gazebo; Shrewsbury left field balls are hit out and goes bouncing in the street; but his point is that in the other towns they find a way to make it work so people can enjoy the fields and that is what we are asking for, just to have the Council talk to us and work out a solution and don't just say we can't play on the fields any more and they are not happy with that type of treatment.

Mayor Gemma commented that he understood and asked Mr. Poole, recognizing the danger of a fly ball going out into a major road, does he have a proposed alternative that would avoid that, to which Mr. Poole responded that they could put a fence up. Mayor Gemma asked how high a fence would be needed to stop a fly ball from going into the roadway, to which Mr. Poole advised that if it were his team, which is an over 40 league and there is an A and B division and his team is a B division and if his team hits one into the street, they celebrate for several weeks since it is a very rare occurrence.

Mayor Gemma stated he is willing to work out some type of compromise and not make this an issue but he feels obligated, as the Chief Executive Officer of this community to not allow something to go on that is not safe. He asked Mr. Poole if there is another level down of older players who would not experience these types of problems playing on that field.

Mr. Poole commented that he wants to work out a solution that is good for both teams and stated that he has an injured out fielder from playing at the Community Center and there are players who don't want to play in left field for fear of running into the basketball court and the softball field at that location if you are playing when the sun is going down, you can't see and we have been trying for years to rectify this problem on the Recreation Committee going through proper channels, but he advised that the Mayor just hit the teams right in the middle of their season where they have been playing on the same field for many years and it makes it very difficult. He also commented that at the Community Center, it's a lot more risk and safety issues since a lot more balls get hit into the street there where there is a lot more traffic than at Blackberry.

Mayor Gemma asked what the problem would be with changing the mound at the baseball field to which Mr. Poole explained that it is not a soft ball field and the dimensions are off, which doesn't raise a safety concern, but its not fun playing on that type of field and left field there are soccer nets and things dug out due to soccer play and the outfielders have come up to him complaining about the possibility of injury because of the holes and soccer nets and there are other problems.

Mr. Poole stated that most of the surrounding towns face the same type of problems with balls going out into the street either rolling or on a fly ball, as does our own Community Center field.

Mayor Gemma asked if the County fields are an option, to which Mr. Poole commented that there is the fee to play on them and the conditions of the fields several years ago was not good and it was one of the reasons they left there from a different league.

Councilman McGann suggested that Mr. Poole get a couple of people from each of the teams to form a small group and sit down and work this out, since it appears this situation got blown out of proportion and he is sure this issue can easily be resolved.

Mr. Poole ended by stating that he likes playing on this field and has done so for many years and hopefully we can work out this problem as well as the sun problem by using some type of screening, since this is a serious problem as well.

Mayor Gemma asked if Mr. Poole felt there is anyway we can get a regulation men's softball field on one of the properties we have in the Borough such as over at the Wolfhill Farm or the property we will be purchasing from the Sports Authority, to which Mr. Poole stated if there is enough acreage, we would be happy to review the options.

John Feiter, 231 Monmouth Blvd., commented that he felt that this is not just about one field in the Borough, but all the fields and felt that they are all in poor shape and stated that these problems

should have been addressed years ago by the Governing Body. Mr. Feiter pointed out some of the problems with the fields in the Borough such as holes in the fields, lack of batter's boxes, general safety issues, lack of maintenance and felt that the fields are in no better shape then when he first moved here 21 years ago. Mr. Feiter also felt that the mix being used on the fields in not of the proper quality and stated that it is used because it is the cheapest mix.

Councilman Apruzzi responded to Mr. Feiter's comments stating that the Borough has, in fact, improved the fields over the years and it was the Baseball Association and not the Council, that chose the mix for the fields, since they are the experts in this area.

Mr. Feiter suggested that the members of the Governing Body and Recreation Committee should go out and take a walk over the fields to see the problems the people who use these fields experience on a regular basis.

Mayor Gemma asked Mr. Feiter to try and work with the Recreation Committee and make sure that the fields receive the proper treatments in order to improve them for everyone.

John O'Connell, 42 Genesse Ave. and also the President of the Soccer Association, commented that he disagreed with the Mayor and felt that a snow fence should be installed immediately across the Blackberry on the Port-au-Peck side because more balls roll out into the street than fly balls and with the soccer season getting ready to begin, he can he can guarantee that soccer balls will be rolling out into the street so it would definitely help from a safety standpoint. Mr. O'Connell pointed out that there are safety issues at the fields at the Community Center with fly balls going into the street as well as tennis balls being hit out of the courts and into the streets.

Mr. O'Connell also pointed out that the sad part of looking at trying to play at Wolfhill Farm, is that the teams are all people who live mostly in the Port-au-Peck area and hang out at Blackberry with their children and this is where we enjoy playing and it is important to all of us who use this field and he hoped that some solution could be worked out.

Mr. O'Connell stated that Mr. Poole was told his team could not use the field, but the next night, which was National Night Out and events were being held at Blackberry Bay Park with the Police present, their team was playing on the field and no one said a word to them about getting off the field and felt that was not fair.

Councilman Apruzzi stated most likely because no one knew you and your team were on the field.

Mayor Gemma stated that the decision had been made previously and he did not know why it was not enforced the evening of National Night Out and it was wrong to allow his team to play that night.

Frank Bersterman, Turf Drive felt that the condition of the fields is more a concern for the children, since as adults, they can always find a place to play ball and work out a solution and we have to learn to communicate with one another because otherwise it just stirs up a lot of bad feelings. He advised the Council that this year he did not sign his son up to play baseball in Oceanport because of the poor field conditions. Mr. Bersterman commented that the most important resource we have is our children and we are sending them out onto fields that are unsafe and increasing the chance of them being injured.

Mr. Bersterman also stated that when he plays on these fields, he always wears a knee brace, not because he has to, but for safety reasons because if he gets hurt, he loses money because he

can't go to work. He also mentioned other men who play on the teams who have injured themselves playing on these fields and he wanted to impress on the Council to take a hard look at improving the condition of the fields in order to keep our kids safe and close to home and he felt that organized sports give discipline that require our kids to be certain places at certain times and practice, exercise etc. and they will take these principles with them throughout their entire life and make them better adults. He commented that the Council has reported that they are applying for approximately one-quarter of a million dollars and he asked that some of these funds be used to improve these fields and do so getting expert, professional advice.

Jay Coffee, 39 Oneida Ave. asked for a short term solution, will the snow fence be approved tonight by the Council, to which Mayor Gemma responded that yes, the snow fence is an easy solution, but his question is how do you stop the ball in the air and that is his concern and he does not want to have someone positioned out near the road to try and catch the ball and become injured.

Ken Koenig, 40 Morris Place wanted to ask what was said about the field at the Community Center and has play been prohibited there, to which the Mayor stated he has not banned play there.

Mr. Koenig stated he then needed to question the sincerity of the safety issue because very few people hit the street at Blackberry Bay Park and yet, Little Leaguers, lower division Girl's Softball and every single person in this room can hit the street at the Community Center, which has a lot more traffic flow than by Blackberry. He continued that if it is a safety issue, then he felt that play should be stopped at the Community Center now.

Mayor Gemma advised that the question was does the softball field at Blackberry meet the regulations for men's adult softball play and he has not banned play there for girls or children.

Mr. Koenig stated that he had heard this evening that no one on the Council had ever heard that a ball hit the street at Blackberry and the Mayor stated that was not correct and we are all aware of this as well as hitting the street at the Community Center.

Mr. Ed Ryan, Willow Court asked what is going on with the old gas station which site looks terrible with overgrown weeds, graffiti on the building and Councilman Wolfe advised that approval was given by the Planning Board for a new gas station and convenience store and the site is under our Borough Code Enforcement and we will have someone go over and address the matter.

Councilman Mahon advised that he had spoken with Ron Kirk yesterday about this situation because he had also received complaints on this property and Mr. Kirk is in the process of citing them for lack of property maintenance and he has no information on the progress of the project.

Mayor Gemma advised that we can only cite the property owner for non-compliance of property maintenance.

Mr. Ryan stated that approximately two years ago the Council and the emergency services discussed a new alarm system in the Borough which would allow us to give notice to our residents about incoming storms and at that time he was also told that the sirens would be fixed and would work. He advised that the siren at the Hook & Ladder does not work all the time and the siren at Wolfhill School did not work the other day and asked what is being done to upgrade and replace the current siren system.

Mayor Gemma responded that as he and Mr. Ryan are aware, that some of the sirens, particularly the ones at the Hook & Ladder and Wolfhill have been repeatedly vandalized and we have repeatedly have them repaired and this is only a stop gap measure. He continued that we do

realize that some type of public address system is necessary and needed and asked Councilman Mahon to report on this matter.

Councilman Mahon advised that we have requested Mr. Slattery, the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator, to research this and has been doing so since early February and at our last meeting of the Technology Committee that he and Councilman Apruzzi conducted, Mr. Slattery came back with a proposal which has been included in the 2004 capital plan as part of the overall communications upgrade for the Borough. Councilman Mahon continued the cost was approximately $65,000 for the present estimate to replace the existing Borough siren system with a voice capable system similar to some of our neighboring communities and it includes two locations rather than the four or five that we have now and would have less of an impact on the adjacent neighbors and this has been included in the capital plan. He stated that as part of that process, Mr. Slattery is seeking grant money, which is available through FEMA on a very selective basis for a community alerting siren system such as the one he just discussed. He stated we feel we have a bit of an edge on this because of our close proximity to Fort Monmouth and the problems we encounter with flooding during storms. Councilman Mahon also reported that this will be presented to the Capital Improvement Committee in September so that it can be included in their overall spreadsheet going forward for the Borough.

Stu Briskey, 46 Werah Place commented that in light of what Mr. Ryan had been saying about the siren which he agreed with, he wanted to bring up the fact that Monmouth Beach has their own AM radio station that they use to alert residents of emergency storm situations and what they do when there isn't emergency situations, they run the weather channel on it and then when there is an emergency like last Friday, they come on live give out information to the residents. He felt that this might be a good idea for us to look into until we get the new system.

Councilwoman Silkworth suggested that this might be a good area for sharing services and Mayor Gemma agreed and asked the Clerk to contact Monmouth Beach and find out about this service.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the vouchers on the Bill List dated August 15, 2002. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL CAPITAL TRUST $141,344.76. ESCROW TRUST OTHER $1,025.00. AD HOC RUST $11.63. TOTAL 2001 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING $1,694.98. 2002 VOUCHERS PAID $188,167.14. 2002 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING $947,940.95. TOTAL 2002 VOUCHERS $1,136,108.09. (SEE BILL LIST)

At 9:25 p.m. Councilwoman Gatta moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on September 5, 2002 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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