

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
August 15, 1991

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was held on August 15, 1991 at 8:05 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons McGee, Terra, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe and Mayor Cavanagh.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Rodman.

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

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 18, 1991 had been made available previously for the Governing Body's review, Councilman Miller moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of JULY, 1991 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Application for membership to the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Co. made by Dean M. Pedoto.

Councilman Terra moved to approve said application. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee reported under Buildings & Grounds, he reported that the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Company had reported a broken water meter cover and upon checking with the water company, he was advised that we are responsible for this following its installation. He continued that he contacted Sal Lagrotteria and within two days the repairs had been completed and he offered his thanks to Mr. Lagrotteria for his responsiveness and his generosity.

Councilman McGee also reported that last month the Borough Council approved an emergency resolution to replace the heating and air conditioning system in the Court and Caucus Rooms and Concorde Heating and Air Conditioning Corp. of Ocean, NJ was contracted to remove the old system and install the new one and he is pleased to report that it was completed today and is operational. He also thanked the Borough Clerk, Patti Varca, for all her assistance in this endeavor as well as to Councilman Miller for all his help.

Councilman McGee advised under Street Lighting, he is pleased to report that JCP & L Co. has provided us with a contract for the installation of additional lighting at Evergreen Park, which was requested by the Recreation Committee and as soon as the contract is signed, the light will be installed.

Councilman McGee stated that on Sunday, July 28 he was pleased to participate in the 75th Anniversary celebration of the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company and it was a lovely afternoon and was a good time for all the members, past, present and future and they are deserving of this Community's support for all that they do. He asked Councilman Terra to thank the members for the shirt they gave the Councilpersons.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra called for the introduction of an amendment to the dog ordinance and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "DOGS" PASSED AND APPROVED ON JULY 2, 1953.**

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

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Terra, Filippone, Miller & Wolfe.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Councilman Rodman.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Terra then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on September 19, 1991 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Terra, Filippone, Miller & Wolfe.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: Councilman Rodman.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Mayor Cavanagh commented briefly that although this is only the introductory reading of this ordinance he wanted to advise the public that this ordinance is a first step in what he would term as a problem that is beginning to encompass cats as well as dogs and that is the rabies situation which is moving easterly and it is now in the western part of Monmouth County, so as a first step in response, like many other towns are doing, we are going to require that all cats within the Borough be vaccinated against rabies and hopefully, some time this fall we will be setting up some type of licensing procedure to try and keep track of the situation.

Councilman Terra moved to adopt Oceanport's Emergency Management Plan and to submit same to the Monmouth County Emergency Management Office for final approval. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh noted for the record that we have just unanimously adopted what would be the first formal Emergency Management Plan for the Borough and we will ask for the County's approval. He stated that just as some background, this plan has been developing for several years under State and County guidelines and he recalled that in March of 1984, which was when the Borough Hall was almost under water and was the worst flooding situation he can remember in the past 8 years and when he asked for a copy of the Emergency Management Plan, he was told that there was none. He stated we have had an informal plan for many years and we are formally requesting approval of this plan and there are at least nine

annexes that go with this plan and it covers all various areas from communications to toxic waste to spills, to hurricane situations, etc. He stated that the committee is comprised of people from the school district, from the Police, Fire Aid, Fire Departments, and it is a well integrated concept that we hopefully will not have to use.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone also stated that the 75th Anniversary celebration of the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Company was a great day.

Councilwoman Filippone also complimented Councilman McGee on the fine job he did with the new air conditioning system and she commended him for moving so quickly to get the matter resolved.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that we have almost 600 dogs that have been licensed in this Borough and she also stated that we have a proliferation of squirrels in this town and the basic reason for this is due to people feeding them and she is concerned because they are rodents and if the rabies gets here, we will have a severe problem and urged the residents not to feed them.

Councilwoman Filippone announced that the Monmouth County Friends of Clearwater are having their annual festival this coming Saturday and Sunday at Sandy Hook and she commented that it is a very nice event and that it commemorates the environment.

Councilwoman Filippone also advised that the Oceanport United Methodist Church will be holding their annual Peach Festival on Wednesday evening, August 21, 1991 from 6:30-8:30 P.M. and commented that it is a fine program and a nice social event for the Borough.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported under Parks & Recreation the Summer's End Festival will be held on Sunday, Sept. 8, with a rain date on Sept. 15 and the Army Band will be performing, food and games with fireworks at night. He also reported that the latest fireworks fund stands at \$3,635 and the average donation is approximately \$13 per family and we need \$1,113 to make our goal to pay for the fireworks and we are in better shape this year than we were last year at this time.

Councilman Miller advised that the Summer's End Festival Committee has available special tee shirts that will be given out to anyone donating \$50 or more to the fireworks fund and so far, we have given out ten of those shirts.

Councilman Miller reported that plans are being drawn up for the repairs at the boat ramp at Blackberry Bay Park and if all goes well, the work will begin late September or early October and it will make it a safer place to put in and take out boats, especially at low tide.

Councilman Miller informed everyone that Recreation completed a very successful Action Camp this year with 140 participants under the direction of our Recreation Director, John Kerwin.

Councilman Miller reported under Waterways our clean up sessions of the river have resumed with the purchase of a new 25 hpm motor and the money came from our Clean Communities grant and with the participation of Fred Filippone, Doug White, Phil Stein and Pete Kemmerer and Bart Boyle we are back out picking up floatables from the river.

Councilman Miller commented that last Tuesday he and two other members, Jamie Weiss and Chris Widdis went out on the river at 6:00 a.m. and took some samples of the Parker's-Creek area and the Oceanport Creek area and the two marinas in Long Branch to see how they are doing with their pump out facility. He reported that the magic number is 200 or below and the Patton Avenue Marina had a fecal coliform number of 4; the Long Branch Marina right next to it had a count of 13; highest number was at Parker's Creek by the railroad bridge near Fort Monmouth at 170; Parker's Creek at the end of Horseneck Point Road was 30; near Charles Park off of Asbury Avenue was 23; and the Oceanport Creek up near the railroad bridge was about 50, so it shows that that section of the river is in very good shape.

Councilman Miller stated that the news is not all good and commented that on July 25 the Monmouth County Board of Health Department did some sampling of the river and at two sites, the railroad bridge east of Monmouth Park was greater than 160,000 and the bridge by Casa Comida was 16,000, so that area is still a problem.

Councilman Miller reported under Water Watch, he turned over the charter to the Mayor and asked that perhaps it could be framed and hung up in the Borough Hall. He stated that 5 and 1/2 months of sampling of storm drains has just been completed by a very dedicated group of about a dozen citizens and the results have shown that as the summer goes on, and especially after rain storms, the quality of what comes out of our storm drains goes down and the animal and fertilizer numbers go up so we are not doing too well in that area. Councilman Miller commented that we are getting ourselves ready for when the infrastructure mapping takes place and we have in place, some citizens who will be willing to get some instruction from the Monmouth County Board of Health in taking samples and the Health Department will do the analyzing, which is a possible plan for the future.

Councilman Miller stated that most of the time when we think of the what goes on in a Police Department and what they have to deal with most of the time is a lot of violent crime, if one watches the evening news. He continued that the other day an elderly resident was sent to the store by his semi-invalid wife and when he failed to return after several hours, she called the Police and Chief Joyce put out a missing persons report, which goes nationwide. He stated that they found him 11 hours later on Route 13 in Delaware and Chief Joyce and Captain Budinski went down and picked him up and brought him back home and he felt this was one of the nicer things that the Police have to deal with.

Councilman McGee added to this story that the Dispatcher on duty, Joan Williams, was particularly helpful spending a lot of time on the telephone contacting the hospitals in the area and commended her for her work in this matter as well.

Councilman Miller also echoed Councilman McGee's comments about the nice event held by the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company in celebrating their 75th Anniversary.

COUNCILMAN RODMAN: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe reported that the Borough had received a call today from the project engineer of NJ Transit and he indicated that NJ Transit plans to finally install the storm water drainage pipe under Bridgewaters Drive adjacent to the railroad tracks to

ease some of the drainage problems that have been existing there for years. He stated he plans to meet with the NJ Transit representative early next week to go over details of the project and he will report back to the Council at the next work shop.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-91-56 authorizing the Borough Tax Assessor to file certain tax appeals, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council. R-91-56

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh reported he is in receipt of a letter from the County Engineer, Charles Van Benschoten, confirming in writing that the signalization of Monmouth Blvd. and Port-au-Peck Ave., which we have been pressing for over a number of years, has been finalized and it will be installed and operational by November of this year. He continued that since we are all aware of what a dangerous intersection this is and while he is very pleased that we were able to get this approved and thankful for the light, he admitted that he wrote back today and reminded them that school starts in September and we would like to have the light as soon as possible because we have many children crossing that intersection.

Mayor Cavanagh advised that as everyone is probably aware of, there is going to be a public referendum on the ballot this November about the incinerator and everyone has been jockeying for position on what the wording of that statement will be and he read the following, which was received today: "Do you approve of Monmouth County's solid waste plans to construct a facility capable of recovering recyclables, removing hazardous waste and incinerating the remainder for electric generation at the existing County Disposal site in Tinton Falls" and wondered with the way this question is worded, he has a problem wondering if people are going to understand that if they do not want an incinerator they also have to vote against plans to construct a facility to recover recyclables.

Mayor Cavanagh joined with everyone else in congratulating the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Co. on their 75th Anniversary celebration and he also commented that he had to correct one problem and stated that it is not true as he had indicated at the celebration, that Al Weigel was ruled out of order at the first meeting 75 years ago and stated that he just sat through the meeting and said nothing.

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any comments they would care to make.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Richard Barnes, 95 Paddock Court stated that all adults carry identification cards, but he would like to see the Borough establish an identification card program for our children because in the worse case, if a child is injured and unconscious and no one knows the child, there could be some agonizing times trying to find out who the child is and notifying the parents. He continued that there are surrounding towns including Atlantic Highlands, who have established programs of this type and he thinks it would be an excellent idea for the Borough to undertake.

Mayor Cavanagh stated he felt we should start with speaking to the Chief because several years ago we had instituted a fingerprinting type of program for the younger children and possibly the Board of Education.

Mayor Cavanagh asked Councilman Terra to speak with the Chief about this suggestion and have him look into it further.

Mr. Barnes suggested that the Chief contact the Borough of Atlantic Highlands since they have this program in operation and he had heard that they had received assistance from JCP & L Co. in setting up this program and would be happy to volunteer his time to help this program get started.

Mr. Charles Caparn, 34 Wardell Circle stated in reference to Councilman Miller's earlier comments about the debris that gets into the river, he wanted to point out that there are drains in this town with large piles of leaves sitting on top of them that it would be hard to find the drains. He stated that all the leaves eventually get washed down the storm drains and he hesitates to bring this up because the Street Department does such a fantastic time in keeping everything going and they are overworked, but there are leaves on the top of the drains and mentioned one in particular at the bottom of Wardell Circle and that portion of the roadway is always flooded when it rains heavy.

Councilman Wolfe commented that he felt that was something that we can address with the assistance of Mike Giordano, Superintendent of Public Works possibly when he has a light schedule.

Councilman Terra advised Mr. Caparn that we have had several inserts in the Bulletin about the proper recycling of leaves and proper placement at curbside, etc. and although most of the public has been very cooperative, occasionally this type of thing evolves, to which Mr. Caparn suggested that he felt that there should be something in the Bulletin about what the residents should do with limbs and branches in order to get them picked up and many people have questioned this. Councilman Terra stated he will place another article in the Bulletin about this.

As no one else from the public wished to be heard from the public, Mayor Cavanagh closed the public portion.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills listed on the Voucher Register dated August 15, 1991. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1991 VOUCHERS \$141,488.21. TOTAL 1991 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$83,511.88. TOTAL 1991 OPERATING FUND \$225,000.09. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$618.26. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$651.00. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$2,207.47. TOTAL FIREWORKS TRUST ACCOUNT \$175.25. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST ACCOUNT \$420.00. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$35.40. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER OPEN SPACE TAX \$11,228.24. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER COUNTY TAX \$454,413.15. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER COUNTY LIBRARY TAX \$19,325.65. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$519,488.06. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER TAX OVERPAYMENT \$787.94. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER FIRE PREVENTION \$9.75. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER REDEMPTION \$256.51. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER SEWER LIENS \$1,175.66. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:35 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on September 5, 1991 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Varca
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BOROUGH CLERK