

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
July 20, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on July 20, 2006 at 8:00 P.M. with Mayor Chaump stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Johnson, Briscione, Sharkey, Kahle,
Mayor Chaump

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Gallo

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

INNOCATION: Reverend Mills gave the invocation.

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

Mayor Chaump stated that they would be deviating from the agenda a little bit because Jeff Surenian, the special Council, and he was representing us on the Builder's Remedy Lawsuit and we have some very good news.

JEFF SURENIAN: Counsel who represents the Borough in the Builder's Remedy lawsuit was at the meeting to report that the case was dismissed by Judge Lehrer. A copy of comments made by Mr. Surenian on the matter is attached hereto.

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 2 Oceanport residents, Jessica McGowan and Robbie Fallon who happened to be his grandchildren. The first check was for the Oceanport PBA and the next check is to the Road Department. The next check was for the Oceanport First Aid. Next is the Port-Au-Peck Chemical Hose Co. and after that is the Oceanport Recreation Committee, Oceanport Senior Citizens, Oceanport Office of Emergency Management, Oceanport Board of Education, Oceanport Hook and Ladder, the last check was for the Oceanport Council members. What they have for the taxpayers of Oceanport is a check in the amount of \$5,400 that the Mayor and Council will use as they see fit for the taxpayers of Oceanport. They started this 2 years ago. Mr. Boneforte then passed out brochures to the residents so that they could get an idea of what exactly the Lion's Club does and how active they are in the town of Oceanport and in a small way they do their part to make this the proud community they think it is.

Mayor Chaump thanked the Lion's Club for all of their hard work and appreciated the fact that they spread the wealth around. With the \$5,300 that they received last year they still have not spent because there are so many things they would like to do with that money. They would like to replace the message board out front, which the Lion's Club gave them some while ago.

Mayor Chaump then introduced Assemblywoman Beck who asked to come and speak this evening. They have spoken many times and she has been very helpful when they were doing the bill for Fort Monmouth.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BECK: Assemblywoman Beck said good evening to everyone and then thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing her to speak. She stated that she wanted to come to talk to the citizens of Oceanport and the Governing Body about some of the things she has been working on in Trenton and also to introduce herself to the people who haven't had a chance to meet her yet. In the past 6 months she thinks that everyone has seen a lot about the property tax issue and obviously with the shut down of the State Government and the tax issue is on everyone's mind. She wanted to let everyone know that foremost in that calculation of reducing property taxes is going to be the school funding formula. In the last 6 months (she was sworn in January 9, 2006) she has introduced 41 different pieces of legislation to address the property tax issue. She looked at Oceanport and the per pupil spending and the one thing that jumped out is that Oceanport is well below the state average across the board. This town as in all 16 towns that she represents, has been flat funded by the state. That, while some of the urban centers have been getting an enormous amount of money. Frankly they have been getting 52% of all of the state dollars spent on education.

This summer on July 28th when Governor Corzine has them back to Trenton to talk about property taxes that will be an issue that they will address immediately because the school funding formula is flawed. There was a time when the school districts did not get their fair share and now in Newark they get between \$17,000 - \$22,000 per student. They have 100 administrators that all make over \$100,000 a year. They had a hearing yesterday and a Newark school board member came before them to say that of the 2200 students that graduated in their senior class 1,700 of them failed HESPA exam 3 times and had to take another alternate course of graduation. So what that says to her is that elected official is that the money they are spending there is not getting to the kids. It's not working. They have to go back and revamp that system and that is the first and foremost.

Second, the issue of Fort Monmouth, she has worked very closely with the Mayor, Lucille Chaump, and with one of the Council members in a series of meeting structuring legislation to be absolutely positive that the 3 municipalities that have a stake in Fort Monmouth are represented and that their voices are heard because originally, as that legislation was crafted that was not going to be the case. She believes that they have a good mix. They have 9 members that are looking at what will go on in that property hopefully a good bit of it will be open space and she will fight for that. She thinks that they are quite pleased to know that the 3 Mayors all have a seat and are voting members on that body and have a voice in the direction that the redevelopment plan goes. She thinks that is very important.

Lastly, she wanted to talk about the Developers Disclosure Legislation. She served on Council in the Borough of Red Bank for 6 years. She talked with Councilwoman Kahle about it and she expressed some interest in the ordinance that was passed in Red Bank. Basically, in short it requires that any developer that has an application before the Planning Board must disclose all political contributions that they have made over the course of that last 3 years. The reason for that is because in Monmouth County there is an enormous amount of redevelopment and growth. She was concerned when she was a Councilwoman in Red Bank that some of the projects were being approved not because of the merit but because of the political influence. The disclosure requires and makes public the political contributions and then therefore gave the public more confidence that all of the decisions were being made on merit. She introduced that at the State level so that it would be universal across the State of New Jersey that would just be

standard operating procedure and all of the municipalities would be advocating for Assemblymen Panter and Senator Karcher to join her in sponsoring that legislation because she thinks it is critical.

Assemblywoman Beck stated that she lives in Red Bank and she would be happy to meet with any of the residents at any time if there are any issues and not to hesitate to call. Her office is located in Marlboro. She appreciates the honor of serving in the State Legislature and being the voice of so many.

Councilman Briscione asked Assemblywoman Beck if the disclosure of contributions is built into the Fort Monmouth legislation and Assemblywoman Beck said absolutely and that Pay-to-Play was an element in the final legislation that was passed so indeed any developers that come before the Reuse Authority seeking to do a project if they have made political contribution they will not be allowed to participate in the process and that is obviously a very intelligent way to safe guard against the political process.

Mayor Chaump stated that again she would be deviating from the agenda to do the Proclamation that is at the bottom. She asked Mrs. Bell to come forward and then read the Proclamation for the retired school bus driver Barbara Bell.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of an On Premise Merchandise Raffle for the Middlesex County Bar Association to be held July 28, 2006 at Monmouth Park Race Track.
2. Approval of an On Premise 50/50 for the Middlesex County Bar Association to be held July 28, 2006 at Monmouth Park Race Track.
3. Resolution appointing a Class II Special Police Officer.
4. Resolution appointing Three (3) relief Dispatchers.
5. Resolution adopting a Cash Management Plan.
6. Resolution waiving permit fees for electrical work at Blackberry Bay Park.
7. Resolution authorizing the payment of bills.
8. Resolution awarding the Contract to JADS Construction in the amount of \$59,669.00 for the Safe Streets to School Program – Wolf Hill Avenue.
9. Resolution authorizing a tax refund due to overpayment.
10. Authorization to go out to bid for the Case Wheel Loader.
11. Authorization to go out to bid for the paving of the Port-Au-Peck driveway.
12. Authorization to go out to bid for Horseneck Point Road and Summerfield Avenue.
13. Appointment of Mark Patterson to the Fire Department.
14. Approval of the Workshop minutes of June 12, 2006
15. Approval of the Special Meeting minutes of June 12, 2006
16. Approval of the Regular minutes of June 15, 2006

The Borough Clerk stated that there were 16 items on the Consent Agenda and then asked if there were any questions to any of the items. Councilman Ibex requested that Item #7 be removed. There was a motion from Councilman Ibex to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and unanimously approved by Council.

The Borough Clerk then returned to item #7. Councilman Ibex stated that the reason for pulling it was that he would like to amend the Resolution to say something to effect of pending appropriate signatures. He's not exactly certain that all the vouchers have the appropriate

number of signatures and he just wants to be certain that they are proper, which is why he wanted it pulled for a moment.

The Borough Clerk then asked Councilman Ibex if he would move that Resolution with that amendment, which he did and then was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Borough Clerk stated the only other matter she had was the Police Report for June 2006, which she distributed and will be posted tomorrow on the bulletin board.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle stated that she would like to start with the Public Works Department. They have continued to work on the schedule for the fall leaf pickup. In order to comply with the new Storm Water Management Regulations they are going to break down the town into sections much like it's done for the garbage pickup. Residents will be able to put their leaves out for a total of 7 days at a time and when the schedule is completed by the end of this month it's going to be published in the bulletin and there will also be copies at Borough Hall for everyone to take. The Department would also like to publicly thank Captain Baldanza the head of our Office of Emergency Management for securing a generator for the Public Works building. Up until now, whenever we had a bad storm and the power went out they also lost power. There are many times during the workday or on plow duty when they do not have any power for their building making it almost impossible for them to do their jobs. Captain Baldanza, through Awareness and Surplus Supply, was able to get a \$4,000 generator for only \$50. The Borough and the Public Works Department commend him for his efforts.

Councilwoman Kahle reported on Buildings and Grounds stating about a couple months back she wanted to keep the bathrooms open at Blackberry Bay Park during the day. She did try that but it was a struggle because there is really no one to close the bathrooms at the end of the day. This is all going to be changing in the next month or so she is going to be having automatic locks installed for the bathrooms. They are going to be on a timer and will be turned on at 9:00am and automatically locked at dusk. Rumson has had this in their parks for a couple of years and it has worked very well so hopefully it will work well for us.

Councilwoman Kahle stated that the Old Wharf Senior Center is coming along. They hope to have it completed by the fall. The Senior Committee has met and picked out the carpet, wall colors and the furniture and the outside is just about completed with the windows and shutters. She knows that everyone is anxious to have it completed. She also knows that the geese problem has been getting worse and it is very apparent at the Old Wharf Park and at Blackberry Bay. She spoke with the head of the Environmental Commission at West Long Branch, our own Sergeant Steve Cioffi about the program they have introduced at West Long Branch and it would be beneficial for Oceanport to try it. He has offered to work with our Environmental Commission here so that we can reduce our geese population in all of our parks. We appreciate the offer and are going to take them up on it.

Councilwoman Kahle reported on recycling and stated that Oceanport has had some problems with unrecyclable materials being left in the recycling bins such as bicycles, propane tanks, even this past month a car hood. Even though these things are made out of metal they are not recyclable. Only aluminum cans, glass bottles, plastic containers are what's going to be

put into the recycling bins. Public Works, the Police Department and herself have all been researching the best ways to insure proper recycling. We are going to be starting an educational program and looking into hiring a part-time person to monitor the drop offs on weekends. We are also going to be meeting with representatives from Global Recycling to talk about ways to make the recycling center more efficient. There may be some changes made.

Councilwoman Kahle asked the Council to review and think about 2 Ordinances that she thinks would benefit Oceanport. One is the Builder's Disclosure Ordinance that Assemblywoman Jennifer Beck just talked about. We also have building pending with the Jockey Club Estates and the Village Center to name a few. We did get a copy of the Ordinance from Red Bank that was originally forwarded by then Councilwoman Jennifer Beck and even though she knows that the Assemblywoman has put forth that bill she doesn't know how long it's going to take to have it finalized. So she thinks that it might be too late for Oceanport by the time that is passed. She would like to have our own Ordinance and she will be looking into this. The other one is actually an amendment to the Property Management Ordinance that would allow the Public Works Supervisor and Foreman the ability to issue summonses for violations to that Ordinance. Up until this point the Public Works Department could issue a warning and that was it. They had no enforcement of any violation. This Ordinance is important for two reasons. One is with the new Storm Water Management regulations we will be fined if we are not complying with those new regulations to keep our brush, leaves and so forth out of the street. Also the amount of residents that have been complaining about the quality of life issues with property management issues is on the rise and this is an important issue for the people of Oceanport. We did have a presentation for this kind of position but the money is not there in the budget this year. This will be on a trial basis and we are going to monitor its progress and will have an ongoing discussion for alternate means for funding this kind of position.

Councilwoman Kahle stated that she attended the First Aid meeting last night and would like to report that they have been busy this month answering 72 calls with 384 personnel hours being recorded. They are making emergency plans for The Haskell and will have an ambulance on each side of the railroad tracks to handle any calls quickly. OEM and Captain Baldanza are using The Haskell this year as a trial for the Breeder's Cup in 2007 so he is coordinating with surrounding emergency services for the day in hopes of a smoother day with the crowds on the day of the Breeder's Cup. The First Aid is also finishing up the addition on their building and hope to have that completed next month. She took a tour and it really looks wonderful. They are doing a great job. When they are done they will be able to house the emergency trailer from the county as they are designated the emergency site as well as their own equipment. Our First Aid Department was also mentioned in the Trenton Times on Friday, June 30, 2006 for coming to the aid of the flood victims in Trenton during that terrible storm that we had in June. They were one of 72 ambulances from 6 outside counties that were called to help relocate 202 patients, some disabled and frail, to higher ground and they did it all within 7 hours. She is sure that the rest of the Council joins her in saying how proud they all are of the First Aid Squad. They are always ready to lend a hand and the professional caring and compassionate manner that they have represented us.

COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Councilwoman Johnson stated she met with Parks and Rec this past month and couple of issues were brought up. With regard to Blackberry Bay Park tennis courts the sidewalks and curbing have been completed. There are issues of settlement areas and also repairs to the light post that will need to be done. They have been down at Blackberry numerous times and there have been some puddles in the tennis courts so they are looking into that. Last Workshop, which was last Monday, Tom Rospos made some recommendations and they have been taken quite seriously so they are hoping to have this

taken care of some time in the near future. There will be extensive repairs to correct this problem. A phone line has been corrected with a timer and the lights should be coming on and off automatically. The parking lot has been paved and striped and the water fountain has been installed.

Councilwoman Johnson thanked Mike Minervini for his efforts as the Chairman for the Summer's End Committee and also the rest of the Parks and Rec Committee. They did give everyone on Council a flyer and they will be discussing this in detail at the next public meeting. They are doing an excellent job and hopefully it will be very nice this year on September 9th. The rain date will be September 10th and they really are putting a lot of effort into this. Also, they are looking into a 2-mile run dedicated to Kortney Gillette. This will be taken care of by Captain Baldanza from the Police Department and this will be in connection with the Summer's End Festival.

Councilwoman Johnson stated that Rutger's University was at Blackberry Bay Park today and she wanted to hand this matter over to Councilman Briscione when he does his report.

COUNCILMAN GALLO: Absent

COUNCILMAN IBEX: Councilman Ibex reported on the finance activity of the Council. One item is the adoption of the Cash Management Plan. He assured the public and the taxpayers that the cash is managed and is not at risk. By law they are required to adopt a Cash Management Plan each year. For whatever reason it did not happen in 2005. He looked through some of the minutes and notes of the Finance Committee meetings during 2005 and no Cash Management was ever adopted at any of the meetings. Why it was omitted and not adopted he does not know. It was pointed out to them by the current Borough Auditor and they already responded to that deficiency by adopting that appropriate Cash Management tonight. That leads him into the audit that was recently completed by the Borough Auditor, Fallon & Fallon and Tom Fallon in particular is the Borough Auditor. The audit was good and he received a good financial report and they are in good shape. In connection with the audit to this addition to opining to the numbers in the report, the auditor is required to produce a letter of recommendation and his management letter points out his recommendations and observations and we are required by law to submit a corrective action plan with regard as to what we are going to do. The corrective action plan has been filed and since he is the new kid on the block, he took the corrective action plan from 2005 and compared that to the corrective action plan in 2004 and he didn't see any glaring mistakes or errors or any things that create an on-going kind of problem. A lot of the things relate to book keeping, cleaning up records and things of that nature. He did note that the number of observations pointed out by the Borough Auditor on conditions that have been on-going for some time and why they were not included in the previous audit report that he read or the corrective action plan but he thinks that none of these areas are damaging in the long run. The Finance Committee will be meeting with the CFO next week and if anyone else from the administration would like to attend to discuss a number of areas. For instance if the corrective action plan is in place with the deficiencies noted he wants to be satisfied that the plan in place is going to accomplish what was set forth and there are some dates given for compliance and he wants to be satisfied that those date are aggressive enough and he also wants to follow up on the 2004 corrective action plan to be satisfied the things that were to be taken care of have in fact been taken care of and continue to be taken care of on an on-going basis. At that meeting with the CFO that is coming up will cover a couple of other areas such as shared services and some other things that he wants to get involved with the CFO and he would be happy to report the outcome of that meeting.

COUNCILMAN SHARKEY: Councilman Sharkey stated that at the Workshop meeting on Monday there was a discussion of street light power outages and the Chief of Police indicated that he had some contacts for one of the residents to resolve an issue. It seems when the power goes out in a particular part of town this one street gets hit pretty hard on a regular basis, which needs to be addressed.

Councilman Sharkey reported on Buildings and Grounds. He stated he was concerned with what Councilwoman Kahle said. In regards to the Port-Au-Peck Fire House they are looking to repave the driveway. They are going out to bid right now and he is concerned that towards the end of July the weather might be an issue, which has been an issue in the past. He thinks that we need to keep on top of that.

Councilman Sharkey stated in regards to Shared Services that back in January of this year he met with Councilman Briscione, the Chief of Police, the Police Captain, members of the First Aid and they talked about looking at Shared Services with police dispatch. He got a call from one of the residents and said that Matawan was saving a lot of money because they went to the county police dispatch. They met and talked about it and he then orchestrated a meeting with some Council members from Little Silver and West Long Branch. They put together some preliminary information on cost as in what Little Silver, West Long Branch and Oceanport were paying for dispatchers. The information given to him was based on what the CFO of each town had given to him. The information does tie back to the audit report that they just received from the auditor so he feels comfortable in the numbers for Oceanport and that they are fairly accurate. Nothing basically happened for a number of months. He understands that it went to the Public Safety Committee in the beginning of the month and they discussed and came back with a recommendation to not switch to county dispatch. Councilman Briscione shared that information with the other Council members at the Workshop meeting and that is where they are at for now. He received a letter from the Public Safety Committee chair saying that this recommendation is done. He hasn't seen any facts, figures or any other rational of why is was not. The original estimate of the savings that he anticipated was about \$225,000 and that included social security, taxes, worker comp, and a lot of overhead expenses that needed to be factored into the cost when you are running your own operation. He read in the newspaper that Little Silver, who was one of the interested parties in this discussion, is pursuing a route with Rumson Fair Haven and Shrewsbury for police dispatch and they even applied for a shared grant from the State to pursue that. So congratulations to them for saving their taxpayers some dollars.

Councilman Sharkey stated they discussed the Health Insurance issue at the Workshop on Monday. He is not happy with the service that our current health insurance broker has provided over the past year and a half that he has been involved with the health insurance. He does have experience in the health insurance arena and he expects a level of service that he does not believe the Borough is getting and there is a disagreement with some of the Council members who feel that his service is adequate and we are getting pieces of correspondence with additional information. This unfortunately has been going on for about 5 or 6 months now and it is what it is. Things can't be changed unless we have the majority of Council that want to make the change.

Councilman Sharkey reported on the audit report stating that he is concerned about it and he does not have as rosy of an outlook with the information that was presented. He specifically had asked Council and brought up on 2 occasions that he would like the Borough Auditor to come in so that Council members have the opportunity to ask questions face-to-face. The main purpose of those questions is to give the citizens of Oceanport an opportunity to see

the Governing Body actually asking questions and talking to the professionals and getting competent answers and that is the purpose so that the audience can see that type of questions. He has some serious issues that he feels needs to be out on the table. Right now what has happened is that the advertisement went out in the paper saying that we have these certain findings and he believes there should be additional findings to the list. We responded to these findings to the state and he thinks we should have responded to the additional findings and that opportunity to get that information onto the report has not been provided to the Council members. This is a disappointing situation in that we have been blocked out on that matter.

Councilman Ibex stated that he was very surprised to hear what Councilman Sharkey had to say with regard to the audit. This is the first time that he was made aware that Councilman Sharkey had some serious concerns about what is in the report or not in the report. He is surprised that he has not shared that with the Council or the Finance Committee. He spoke with Tom Fallon 2 days ago, the Borough Auditor, and the entire Council has an opportunity to call Tom and ask him any questions or issues concerning the audit and as of 2 days ago Councilman Sharkey did not have any inquiries of any kind. Councilman Sharkey is the only one from Council who said that he wanted Tom Fallon to be here. The other Council members were satisfied with the exception of Councilwoman Kahle who felt that if you wanted him here he should be here but he is here on a per hourly paid basis. Tom Fallon received no questions from Council so it was not necessary to have him here. If Councilman Sharkey has any concerns Tom Fallon will be happy to discuss them with him but it is not necessary to have show-and-tell. So if Councilman Sharkey wants to have a discussion with Tom he should give Tom a call. He stated he would give Councilman Sharkey Mr. Fallon's phone number and Councilman Sharkey said he had the phone number.

Councilman Ibex stated just for the record it is 732-888-2070 so give him a call. If Councilman Sharkey is not satisfied he would be happy to pick Tom up and have them talk. This is the first time he is hearing Councilman Sharkey is having a problem and he is shocked.

Councilman Sharkey told Councilman Ibex not to be shocked because over the past few months he has made emails and had questions on important issues dealing with the Borough's finances at various Council meetings and Workshops and they are legitimate concerns and issues. They were not addressed in the audit report and they did not have a chance to ask Mr. Fallon or hear why he put certain items in his report and not others. He feels that this is an important dialogue that needs to be in place. Again, it is for the benefit of the public to hear what is going on. So again he doesn't like the back room or the subcommittee type of approach. We paid \$25,000 and we paid him premium where we had competitive quotes that were even less. We paid an extra \$4,200 for this gentleman. In the past the previous auditor would come in to Council and answer questions and they did have an opportunity to talk to him. But now we are paying a premium and the guy won't come in for an hour? That doesn't make sense to me.

Councilman Ibex stated that it is not a question that he won't come in. He didn't ask him to come in because he didn't think it was necessary to spend Borough money and waste his time. If Councilman Sharkey had issues or concerns he should have let him know and he would be happy to approach it. This is not a back room operation. If you don't have any confidence in the people that were elected to do what they do and apply their skills and if he doesn't bring the issues to the Council he can't help him. But if Councilman Sharkey would feel better having Mr. Fallon here then he will give him a call and invite him and we will pay him. He would like to hear what Mr. Sharkey's issues are. He hasn't said anything yet. He needs substance so that he can sink his teeth into it. We've had the report for a couple of months.

We had an interview with Mr. Fallon back around Easter time and we got his report and they got the corrective action issues and we are taking action on them. Councilman Sharkey knows as well as he knows that the roll of the auditor is to review history. Mr. Fallon reviewed the history of one year in this Borough and he reported on it. He did his work and found the findings, which are disclosed in the report. He then offered his opinion to the Borough.

Councilman Sharkey stated that the issues he is concerned about were addressed under executive session and he doesn't believe it is appropriate to be bringing them up at this time.

Councilman Ibex said that they could discuss it privately. He is not aware of what the issues are but he is more than happy to sit down and discuss it and if he wants Mr. Fallon here then he will be here. He has no problem with having Mr. Fallon here in public he was just trying to save everyone some time and money. Obviously Mr. Sharkey is not satisfied with that but he invites him to talk to him about the issues.

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione stated that he thinks we are fortunate to have 2 CPA's on Council. This is also the first time he is hearing of issues that are outside the audit report. That is his opinion on that issue.

Councilman Briscione stated he had a number of Ordinances. He then called for the 2nd reading and public hearing of an Ordinance amending the Salary ordinance to add a salary range for a Special Class II Officer.

Mayor Chaump then opened the meeting up to the public for any comments on this ordinance only. There being no comments she asked for a motion to close the public hearing, which was moved by Councilman Briscione and seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

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

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilman Briscione called for a 2nd reading and public hearing of an Ordinance amending the Personnel Ordinance to allow for donated sick time.

Mayor Chaump opened the meeting up to the public for any comments on the ordinance only. There being no comments she asked for a motion to close the public hearing, which was moved by Councilman Briscione and seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilman Briscione moved to adopt the Ordinance on 2nd and final reading and to advertise same in accordance with the law, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilman Briscione called for an introduction of an Ordinance amending and supplementing a code of the Borough of Oceanport. He then made a motion to postpone the introduction of this until the next meeting so that there could be more of a discussion on it in Workshop. Personally he believes that we should strengthen our code enforcement position and not burden an understaffed Public Works Department, which was seconded by Councilman Ibex.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilwoman Kahle stated that she doesn't mind more discussion on this but she would like to say that after speaking with DPW they don't feel that this would be an over burden on them at all. In fact, they would find relief with this ordinance that they would be able to accomplish something. So, yes she wouldn't mind waiting.

Borough Clerk then said that this Ordinance is postponed until the next meeting.

Councilman Briscione called for an introduction of an Ordinance to replace the existing Personnel Ordinance and to develop a Personnel Policy. He then moved to approve the Ordinance upon first reading, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

The Clerk called to roll:

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

Councilman Briscione moved to hold the public hearing on the proposed Ordinance at the Council meeting of August 17, 2006 and to advertise same in accordance with the law, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilman Briscione called for an introduction of an Ordinance to amend the Economic Development Committee to include the Board of Education president or a board designee to sit on the committee. This is a committee that has been meeting most recently and they hadn't met in a number of years. We are dealing with the redevelopment of Fort Monmouth and he thinks that it is very important that the school board has a seat at this committee. He then moved to approve the Ordinance upon first reading, which was seconded by Councilman Ibex.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

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The Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilman Briscione reported on Planning Board stating that the Board recently approved the application of Holiday Oceanport, LLC a 27 unit, age-restricted condominium development on the site of the Old Wharf restaurant. This project was denied a waterfront development and coastal wetlands permit by the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. This denial puts this project on hold pending any resolution of this issue. The Planning Board was also advised that the denial of an application to build on an undersized lot on Hiawatha Ave by Mario Zolofra was remanded to the Planning Board by Judge Leher. As you have heard tonight that the judge dismissed the Builder's Remedy Lawsuit brought by Oceanport Holdings against the Borough of Oceanport. He then thanked the members of the Mount Laurel subcommittee including Kim Jungfer, Chris Widdis, Linda Kelly, Jim Whitson, and the professionals from Birdsell Engineering. We worked long hours in assisting and the preparation of the defense of this lawsuit and in developing a credible affordable housing plan. He also thanked the residents who headed their request for assistance in assembling exhibits and documentation utilized in this defense. He is sure this

case is not over yet however, he thinks the judge's decision reinforced their opinion and that of the Planning Board that this development was wrong for the area for many reasons. He is personally grateful to Jeff Surenian for his efforts on behalf of the Borough and for his passion and expertise in educating him of affordable housing issues and the obligations of elected officials with respect to those issues.

Councilman Briscione confirmed that the police report for June indicated that the department answered 1,219 calls and officers responded to 668 calls. There was 117 summons' issued and 165 motor vehicle stops. Jarred Murphy and Buzz Baldanza completed a course on controlling absenteeism from the Somerset County Police Academy. Detective Sergeant Murphy has also completed a Firearm's Instructors Update Course given by the Division of Criminal Justice. Patrolman Michele Perrulli has completed a course in Counterfeit Identification Training given by the Monmouth County Police Academy. As everyone has heard the emergency alarm system is operational. A press release to that effect has been issued with an explanation of the tones can be found on the Borough website. An alarm test will be conducted every Saturday at 12 o'clock and he will distribute to the members of Council financial information relative to the cost of the police dispatch services provided locally and an estimate of the potential costs and services if provided by the county. Little Silver, Shrewsbury and Fair Haven have been talking about this issue for a long time prior to the meeting that they had with the Council members and with West Long Branch. The savings in this area are probably more within the \$100,000 range. As the records clerk was included in the Oceanport Police Dispatch figures and the records clerk would have to remain even if we went to county dispatch. It will be up to this Council to decide if cost savings should be the sole criteria utilized in this decision making process.

Councilman Briscione stated that Councilwoman Johnson had mentioned he contacted Grant Park Sports, Turf, Education, and Research Coordinator from Rutgers University who was involved in a recent renovation of the turf course at Monmouth Park. Councilman Briscione asked him to look at the fields at Blackberry Bay and offer recommendations to improve any problem areas and to give them recommendations for a maintenance program in the future. Today he spent an hour and a half with him, Marc Hunter from Public Works and Mike Tober from Recreation Committee. They walked the field and took soil samples and made numerous suggestions take we could undertake immediately to improve the field conditions for the fall sports. Certain things he said that they probably wouldn't have thought of were things like seeding early at the soccer goals to promote growth and to not let those areas get worn and to adjust sprinkler systems and various other things. He's written and lectured on field maintenance, infield mix and various things like that. We are very fortunate to have the expertise at Rutgers and that they would come out here and undertake this.

Councilman Briscione stated that the last thing he had was Economic Development. The Committee is now meeting monthly in relative to the closure and redevelopment process at Fort Monmouth. On Tuesday they toured the Oceanport section of the base. The assistance of Jim Ott and Colonel Sullivan was extremely beneficial to them. The committee will look to make recommendations to Council, Planning Board and to the Local Redevelopment Authority regarding any future development of the base.

MAYOR CHAUMP: Mayor Chaump stated that the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Planning Authority had their first meeting on Friday, July 14, 2006. They picked a chairperson his name is Robert Lucky and the vice chair is Jennie Bauer. They had an overview from John Chiefo, which the 3 Mayors had heard over and over again when they were the Fort Monmouth

Reuse Committee. There are 4 committees that they set up. One is bi-laws, personnel screening, audit, and organizational structure. She was asked to serve on the bi-laws committee with Joe Coffey and she had accepted that working on the bi-laws. She also volunteered to work on the personnel screening with Mayor Tarantola and Ginny Bauer. They will be going out for an executive director once the job description is set up. There were requests to receive money from the DOD, which the Fort Monmouth Reuse Committee had originally had applied for so they were allowed by John Lee who was at their meeting and they will now take off the Fort Monmouth Reuse Committee and put on the new name to get that funding. They also had comments from the public. A resident got up and talked about transportation and the Patterson Clinic. The next meeting is July 26th at 6 o'clock. The place to be determined.

Mayor Chaump stated that there was also a meeting July 5th with Freeholder Lillian Burry who also sits on the Committee to discuss open space and recreational facilities. Three members from Tinton Falls, Eatontown and Oceanport were there along with planners from the Freeholders. Everyone has received a copy of the minutes of that meeting and there is a list of what each town should do and asked for input from Council before August 3rd. Council has also agreed the Borough Clerk, the Recreation Director and the Recreation Chairman along with herself will sit down to meet before the August 9th meeting. It should also be noted that we are the only town out of the three municipalities that has an Economic Redevelopment Committee and feels it is very important as the Mayor has said before we need input from the residents as over 400 acres is in Oceanport.

Mayor Chaump reported that she and Councilman Gallo have been working on the by-laws. Council has copies of what has been done to date and will be working on standing committees in August and ask that if there are any suggestions to forward them to the Borough Clerk.

Mayor Chaump stated that she attended the Senior Citizens meeting as Councilman Gallo was away. They have appointed two life long members, Madeline Dangler and Joe Strongoli. On November 12th the Senior Citizen Club will be celebrating 35 years.

Mayor Chaump wanted to commend to seventh graders of the Oceanport School district, Emily and Alvine Radcliff who received that Girl Scouts "President's Service Award".

Mayor Chaump reported that the Public Safety Committee met on July 10th and the Safety Officer, Frank VanBrunt, discussed recent worker's compensation claims and stated that there was a quarterly safety meeting of the JIF but he nor the Borough Clerk did not get notification of the meeting until the day before and because of this we were given credit for that meeting. He also talked about precautions that should be taken in preventing injuries. There is a tape that the police, administration and public works have seen on No Tolerance in the Work Place. She reminded Council that they are also required to view the tape.

Mayor Chaump continued with Public Safety stating that there was a discussion about a \$10,000.00 donation that the police received and they are will either be replacing firearms or radar units which was part of their Capital and the Committee agreed to that.

Mayor Chaump stated that the Public Safety Committee recommendations is a committee that is made up of Councilman Sharkey, Councilman Gallo and Councilman Briscione. Council was given a copy of their recommendations and asked that Council please

forward any comments to them and these three Councilmen will discuss these recommendation at the next workshop.

Mayor Chaump reported that as with regard to the Safe Sidewalks to School project, we received additional funds from the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund on July 14th so that the project could be done in its entirety and thanked Councilman Briscione for contacting Senator Karcher's Office, Casey Collin and Senator Karcher were very helpful in receiving additional funds, because the grant was originally for \$51, 380 and the project needed more money due to the increase costs of blacktop and cement.

Mayor Chaump continued that as Councilwoman Kahle has already reported there was a newspaper article in the Hamilton Metro about the First Aid and congratulated First Aid Captain Laura Hornung and two members, Jonathan Ryan and Curtis Dalton for helping the Trenton Emergency Medical Service Deputy Director who said in the paper "did not even where they are meaning Oceanport".

Mayor Chaump stated that she received a letter from Pat Thayer who works at Monmouth Park Racetrack thanking Sergeant Cioffi and Fort Monmouth and the Oceanport Fire Department for their help when she was stuck in an elevator on June 23rd at Monmouth Park and they were reassuring and kept her calm and secure and the Mayor thanked them all.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Ed Ryan, 24 Willow Court, expressed concern to Councilman Sharkey about going to County 911 service saving 35 or 40 thousand dollars or a life and property and peoples safety. The County takes a long time to get there and Councilman Briscione has just stated that the Police Department has answered over 700 calls. There are no businesses in Oceanport that are open around the clock and if someone needed help where would they go because the Borough Hall would be locked. He knows of two other towns that did that and they have nobody in Police Headquarters, you have to go push a button and talk to somebody out in Freehold. This is Oceanport. The Borough can go and get over \$300,000.00 in matching funds for a park, but don't want to spend 25 to 30 thousand dollars extra for safety of the residents. It is ridiculous to go to 911, because your loosing money, your loosing time and your loosing lives and property. He then told of experiences where because of call volume police and first aid get to calls before fire because fire is being dispatched from County. He stated that last year when County there was any emergency County dispatched First Aid and sent them to the wrong side of town. There was an accident on Port-Au-Peck Avenue and he called the County asking for a fire truck at Port-Au-Peck and Branchport Avenues and County told him there was no such intersection. Again his question was which is more important 25, 50 75 thousand dollars or life, property. Mr. Ryan pointed out that when there is an accident you might get 5 pone calls for the same accident and if we go to County that would be five times we pay for the same accident and when you call Oceanport you don't. The First Aid Squad had 72 calls last month times whatever each call costs is a lot of money. Mr. Ryan also stated that we have the best dispatchers because they save a lot of people because they know what they are doing. Mr. Ryan stated he has been in town a long time and knows where the streets are but when you cross Port-Au-Peck Avenue going toward the river the dispatchers know where the street are and that helps because it would never get that from the County. Things should be investigated before you bring it up.

Councilman Sharkey commented that he didn't say it was a 25 thousand dollars savings, he stated it was a 225 thousand dollars savings. He continued that his job is to bring up issue

that residents want looked at and that is what he did. He brought the people together to look at it and try to get some information on the table for a discussion and did not push one way or the other. Councilman Sharkey stated that he knows Mr. Ryan's feelings are a certain way and there are residents that feel a different way and spoke with Sheriff Oxley and did go out to see the plans for the County dispatch and there are some very good reasons why other towns have gone to County dispatch. Very good reasons which have not been brought up or discussed and felt it was only fair and appropriate for the pros and cons to be laid out on the table and everyone can hear the discussion and then everyone can make a decision and that has not been done.

Mr. Ryan stated that Councilman Sharkey keeps saying how much will be saved and never go the opposite. Councilman Sharkey stated that the Public Safety Committee rejected the proposal.

Councilman Sharkey stated that after the meeting in February with Council people from Little Silver, West Long Branch and Oceanport, the police liaisons from the towns were going to review the cost information and put together information on the issue and report back to the Councils. That has not been done, it went to the Public Safety Committee and Council got one letter and that is the only discussion on it and doesn't believe that it is fair or appropriate.

Mayor Chaump thanked Mr. Ryan for his comments and stated that it is a very emotional subject and every on Council is aware of that and Council has not made a decision and will be looking at the cost savings and plus savings lives also.

Mr. Ryan stated that life is more important than money.

Gary LaBruno, Wyandotte Avenue, stated that as someone who deals with both local dispatchers and County dispatchers on a regular basis, he stated that from personal knowledge, County dispatch is not everything it is cracked up to be. County dispatch on more than one occasion will give you the wrong address, send you to the wrong street and have in fact dispatched towns to the wrong town. Also, County dispatch right now is overworked and understaffed to the point where, in the Borough of Little Silver the police department is receiving 911 relays, not from Monmouth County but from Howell Township, because that is where their overflow goes. Personally as a resident the cost savings does not out weigh the fact that he does not want Howell dispatchers answering phone calls if he needs the police department in this town.

Councilman Briscione asked Mr. LaBruno if police man the dispatch desk and was told only in cases where they can't get a relief dispatcher and to keep the overtime costs down. Mr. LaBruno stated that with regard to shared services and the grant, the Borough of Little Silver is looking into this matter with out the consent of the Police Department, as they do not want the dispatchers taken away.

Laura Hornung, Center Street and the Oceanport First Aid Squad, the 911 is like rehashing old history from when Tom Cavanagh was here. The Oceanport First Aid Squad wrote a letter and gave it to the Mayor and Council back then with the disadvantages of 911 and going through County. Some of the things that have happened were one time First Aid was dispatched to Port-Au-Peck Avenue and Eatontown Blvd. for the river being flooded. The river is not near that intersection. Also there is a cost to the Borough for each 911 call, you do not get reimbursed for misdirected calls that are not the Borough's. Ms. Hornung continued the Squad will be preparing to regenerate that letter, the pros and cons, and mostly the negatives of

the 911 dispatch. She stated that we had one of our members who was doing security work at Monmouth Park and called 911 and it was transferred up to the Edison/Piscataway area and that dispatcher did not even know where Monmouth Park was. When you take away our dispatchers you are taking away time and somebody's life and property as Mr. Ryan was saying. County dispatches the Fire Department and many times the First Aid Squad is there before the Fire Department is dispatched because you go on a router and you have to wait your turn before they dispatch and dispatch is full you go to a different and they don't know where they are dispatching to. Also the siren system is going off, but people near the First Aid Squad do not hear it.

Sal Vecchione, Woodbine Way, wanted to talk about the First Aid. His wife passed away a few years ago and the actions of the Police Department, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Filippone. He called 911 that day and thought he was calling Oceanport. The police show up first and then First Aid. Ten minutes later MONARCH comes and sits outside the house and never did anything and got a bill for transporting when it was the Oceanport First Aid Squad that transported his wife. He doesn't really understand what is being discussed but hopes that this will be out in the public and the Chief should be here too.

Mr. Vecchione continued that many of the residents in his part of town the taxes went up about \$2,000.00 and the Council except for Ms. Johnson, all went down in their taxes and many other officials in town also had their taxes go down. You can't really speculate too much on that without getting in trouble. He stated he will not say what he heard about Mr. Arnette in Freehold but he was equated to a junk yard dog, but added his job is to fight the appeals. He also feels that someone from Oceanport should be our attorney, not from Sea Bright. With regard to the appeals, the letter from the appraisal company stated that taxes going up maybe a \$130.00, little did they realize that the example mislead people. When the bills came last week people saw \$2,000.00 increases. What can the residents do, can't appeal next year but would ask to see if there was some type of miscalculation. The same company did West Long Branch this year and all the large lots there are assessed low and would ask the Council to see the criteria Realty Appraisal used for the assessment of the land in Oceanport. This would give a whole group hope that possibly there was an error on the part of this company.

Mr. Vecchione expressed concern about children riding bikes in his neighborhood without helmets and would like the Police to reach out to the parents about the law that children wear helmets.

Councilman Briscione commented on a few of the questions Mr. Vecchione raised and stated he sat here from January and told people in the audience the procedures for appeals and the bills would come out after the notice of assessment and strongly suggested that they sit down with the revaluation people and go over their property records cards to make sure there were no errors and less than 10 percent of the population of the town took the opportunity of the town came in. The State sets the procedures and the letter that was sent out was an example and if the budget stayed the same and that is why the some may have thought the calculation was misleading. With regard to West Long Branch, every town is different and the appraisal company is going by sales that take place in the jurisdiction and values may be lower in West Long Branch therefore land values may be lower in West Long Branch. He also reported that Mr. Vecchione that a comparable sales map that the company provides the assessor and anyone can go into the Assessor's office and you can see sales from the last two years in different neighborhoods which is how the land value is determined for the neighborhoods. Different neighborhoods appreciate at different rates. There was further discussion on the assessment between Mr. Vecchione and Councilman Briscione.

Dan Barcus, Oceanport PBA, two concerns. First being the dispatch, has there been a committee looking into that and the Public Safety Committee has issued a recommendation that dispatch continue as is and the Mayor stated yes. If this is going to continue why are we wasting the Committee's time and the Council times having them review things if the Council is not going to take the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee. Why have any committees if the recommendations are not going to be accepted. The Police Department and the PBA do not want to get rid of dispatch, we do not cover dispatch, they are not part of the PBA but are Borough employees and do not want to see them go.

Mr. Barcus stated that the other issue is which has been going on for several months and will be 16 weeks tomorrow since there has been a meeting with representatives from the HIFF regarding the health insurance. 16 weeks ago yesterday a letter was issued to the Mayor and Council things that were being requested if there was going to be a change in health insurance. Councilman Sharkey has continually said he is not happy with the broker of record, he is not representing the Borough the way he should, but the gentlemen that he is trying to hire, as with last year's representative from Oxford, never will provide information. 16 weeks has gone by since that meeting where that man told us he could give us in less than a week letter guaranteeing the coverage, an example coverage booklet and if he couldn't give us a coverage booklet he would rip off the Horizon cover and put a letter on it that he was guaranteeing that for the employees and copy Horizon's. Now we are being told that they cannot do that and then a week or so ago Ms. Jungfer came to the office saying they are looking to see if they can do that. Councilman Sharkey is saying our current broker of record is not doing his job, but this man wants a quarter of a million dollars worth of business but can't make up his mind whether he can give us a coverage booklet or not. He won't give us a letter stating any of the information that was requested. The PBA requested four items as the Council is well aware, because the PBA has never changed it's stance on the health insurance issue. Councilman Sharkey has continually said that everything should be out in the open and everyone should be aware, but when Mr. Barcus speaks to different Council people about the issue, no one has an idea of what he has done. Mr. Barcus has put in an Open Public Records Request for all Councilman Sharkey's email about health insurance which have been received and some of those letters are just addressed to certain Councilpersons or to the Borough Clerk or to Mr. Wardell. The Council is not being made aware of what is going on. There are emails that are being sent that Council needs to vote tonight, to switch from our current broker to another broker. But that broker, unknown to Councilman Sharkey, cannot represent the policy. Why is this being allowed to continue, we are 20 days into a policy period of 18 months with Horizon, but can cancel with 30 days notice and so every 30 days we can cancel and go to the HIFF or go to another broker. It has become obvious to every employee of the Borough and every resident that comes to the meetings, this has nothing to do with health insurance, this has to do with an issue with the broker as with an issue with the auditor, as with an issue with the Public Safety Committee. It is one Councilman that has an issue with anything that this Council is trying to do. This has to be put to an end. The Borough employees every month are wondering what is going to happen. We are into an 18 month period where we were told it is going to be 18 months with Horizon for a 4% increase and now to find out the process is continuing that has absolutely not need to be. We are wasting time and effort especially for someone who won't give the documentation requested and this is the person we want to represent the Borough because he is going to do a better job then the guy who has been doing it for the last 10 years. This is the guy we want to put our trust in because he will receive a lower commission. A lower commission is going to mean better service, it certainly has not up to this point. The Council needs to make a decision this regardless of what one Councilperson wants to do. Decide whether we are going to stick with Horizon or move forward. We cannot allow one Councilman

to continue to bring back information and call for votes without providing anyone with any documentation.

Councilman Sharkey responded that it has been 16 weeks and has been a difficult process to get information out of the professional that we pay \$25,000.00 to and to have all the information to do the competitive analysis. Mr. Casagrande did not have access to certain information but he has addressed that in another way. All information and emails that he tried to write on this issue he tried to put through the Borough Clerk and tried to work with the Borough Clerk to be the central point of all the information which could easily be accessed by any Council member and that's the way it should work, and it is not like he is trying to send emails to any individual person or pushing a specific agenda. The process is set up so the Borough Clerk and will not specifically respond to individual requests unless it goes through the Borough Clerk so it is there and impartial, not his agenda. Councilman Sharkey stated that he has done that completely. He does have a preference and does have an opinion on what is and is not being done and he did call for a vote to try to end the issue or resolve it and those votes were called based on time frames that had been presented to Council as to when notice would have to be given and that is where the urgency comes in. The Council has to make the decision on whether we have received or the information or not and if someone can't make a decision then vote no, that is an individual decision. If the information is not adequate then you have to blame someone or hold someone responsible for not having the information.

Mr. Barcus stated that he has sat in meetings where Councilman Sharkey has been asked directly by the Mayor for a recommendation as to which way to go with all Council persons stating they have not received enough information to make a decision, but you are comfortable enough to make the decision to move away. You have made a comment that you have enough information to move to the HIFF, but all the other Council members do not have enough information, so if Councilman Sharkey is getting enough information and the rest of Council is not, why are they not getting the information as well. Or if Councilman Sharkey is not getting enough information but just want to change, what sort consultation are you giving to the Borough employees and the people of this town. If Councilman Sharkey is getting the information he is certainly not sharing with the rest of the Council and if Councilman Sharkey is not getting the information and are willing to change. It's one or the other. If Councilman Sharkey is the liaison for insurance and you are not getting information, shouldn't it be incumbent upon you to say we have not gotten the information we cannot change. Mr. Barcus stated the Councilman Sharkey does not do that, he tells the rest of the Council, maybe you don't have the information but I have enough that I can make the decision and that is not very fair especially for the rest of Council who have to make decisions that obviously cost taxpayers money.

Councilman Sharkey stated that he had 10 years experience in this field, which is why he feels comfortable, and understand what is going on and can see more clearly then someone who doesn't have 10 years experience in the field. Councilman Sharkey stated that he did feel comfortable in being able to make a decision, but he also feel that he is not withholding any information and everything that he gets goes to the Borough Clerk for distribution or try to give it to her for distribution.

Detective Barcus asked that if he has that experience why is he not sharing it with the rest of Council and giving them all the information they need to make an educated decision, because that is not being done either.

There was a back and forth between Councilman Sharkey and Detective Barcus regarding the audit.

Mayor Chaump interrupted stating that last month the Council did not have all the information and she asked Councilman Sharkey to please have the Insurance Committee sit down with the PBA to bring the PBA up to speed on what has transpired. Evidently that has not happened and again she asked Councilman Sharkey with the Insurance Committee to please sit down with the PBA and let them know where we are and where we are going. She added that it was in the minutes last month that we will be staying with Horizon but are looking at the broker.

Detective Barcus told the Mayor that the PBA will not meet with the Insurance Committee until they have substantial information to give them. If there are going to be any discussions they can contact the PBA attorney because it is to the point now where information is not being given to the rest of Council and not being give to the PBA and would recommend that anything be forwarded to the PBA Attorney.

Councilman Sharkey stated that he sent the Borough Clerk an email asking to confirm that every Council member has all the information, and the Borough Clerk stated that anything she has, has been forwarded to the entire Council.

Councilman Briscione stated that he a problem that the Council was asked to vote last month to change the broker and no one on the Council had no knowledge that the broker we were changing to didn't represent Horizon and doesn't feel that was a credible recommendation.

The Borough Clerk stated that she found out during a conversation with the broker last week that they could not directly write with Horizon and would write through another agent. Councilman Sharkey expanded on that saying it is very common practice in the industry for retail brokers to write their business through a managing general agent. It is the normal way of doing business unless you have an enormous block of business directly with a company. GRINSPEC, our current broker does have a fair amount of municipal business and they deal directly with Horizon. The majority of other brokers work through an MGA and the reason is the MGA an added value as well so that Horizon does not have to add staffing to work with many brokers. It's a processing mechanism in the insurance industry. It is not unusual or uncommon and in his opinion it is how the industry works.

Councilman Briscione stated that his problem was that he did not have that information when asked to vote at the last meeting and GRINSPEC has a block of business of 275 million dollars and they guaranteed us a 4% increase over the next 18 months. Do we know if the broker that was going to get that business could get that same 4% over the next 18 months.

Councilman Sharkey stated that the quote is what it is and the Borough is locked in for 18 months at a 4% increase, it does not matter who the broker is.

Councilman Briscione stated that we have our dental with the GRINSPEC Trust and if we change brokers we would loose the dental and the Borough Clerk stated that was correct, we would have to find other dental coverage.

William Crawford, 441 River Street, was here about unfair taxes, stating he is paying \$3000.00 more for river front property. He stated that four years ago when he put a modular

home on his property at \$215,000.00 and is now assessed at \$742,000.00 and his taxes have increased over \$3,000.00. He showed pictures of the river in the rear of his home which is dried up and he understood the Borough has money for dredging and would like it to be used there. Councilman Briscione explained that the Borough does not have money for dredging, it is done by the State but the Borough is trying to get the State to do some dredging.

Mr. Crawford felt that if that was the case his taxes should be reduced and Councilman Sharkey stated that the only way to reduce taxes is to cut expenses and have heard strong opinions about not cutting expenses on two areas. Something has to give and Councilman Sharkey is willing to hear suggestions on what should be cut so that taxes can be lowered.

Councilman Briscione asked if Mr. Crawford appealed his assessment and stated that he did, but his taxes were not lowered.

Harry Sutton, Police Chief, stated that he is expected to comment about dispatch. Councilman Briscione interrupted stating that the Chief had given him a memo on dispatch that will be distributed to Council, but will review the figures with the CFO before that is done. Chief Sutton stated that he gave Councilman Briscione the information recently and has expressed his opinion to his Council liaison and is sure that once Council reviews the information they will see what the emergency services already know, that is the value of the dispatchers far outweigh the additional cost. The value of the service for what we pay is well worth the extra expense.

Laura Hornung, Center Street, stated that she does not come to many Council meetings for the simple reason the bickering and fighting that goes on among the Council. She that that Councilman Sharkey, if it was blue sunny skies you would have a comment on no there are clouds in the sky. No matter what anyone says you have tunnel vision, one way, its your way or no way and this insurance has been going back to January cant believe that Council is still arguing about it. She is sure other residents don't come because the Council is bickering all the time and it is embarrassing. The Council should have their stuff together before the meeting, rather then trying to put each other on the spot. It's like backstabbing each other right in front of people. Ms. Hornung continued that she has lived in Oceanport her entire life and never seen Council act this way and it is really embarrassing.

Janet Surek, Pemberton Avenue. Stated that she came here just to listen and had no idea the special services. She can not tell the Council how wonderful, if you are fortunate not to have an emergency, when an emergency occurs the First Aid is there, the Police are wonderful and are there in minutes if not seconds, so unless you have really not had any of these problems. Here is everybody taxes getting hit high and low and now all of a sudden we can't afford to have dispatchers. This is crazy, she has been here her entire life and loves the town, the schools and am appalled at what she is hearing. She hopes the Council will consider this because if will be a real loss if we make the wrong decision.

Ms. Surek stated heard through the grape vine that someone wanted to make a donation for basketball courts at Blackberry and because they would not allow billboards, it was turned down. The Mayor stated that this was the first she was hearing of it.

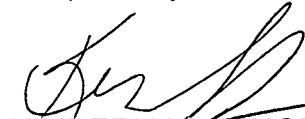
Roseann Letson: 37 Morris Place stated she lives in a house over one hundred years old, which is basically falling down. However it is not waterfront and her assessment went from \$128,000 to \$448,000.00. The taxes jumped over \$2,000.00. Her mother talked to the assessor and she wanted to make sure the information on the house was correct. The man from the assessor place was very nice, very friendly and very helpful but basically what she was

told was it was you are looking at is knock down value of the property. She stated she has a friend that lives by the yacht club in a much newer and nicer home then she does and much closer to the waterfront then she does and his taxes went from \$11,000.00 and dropped \$2,000.00 down.

Bill List: Capital Trust Total \$253,490.18. Dog Registry Total \$18.00. Open Space 24,287.73. Recreation Trust \$2,977.66. Waterwatch \$200.00. 2005 Vouchers Paid \$601,777.89 2005 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$0. TOTAL 2005 Vouchers \$601,777.89. 2006 Vouchers Paid \$8,186,816.83. 2006 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$1,155,567.13, 2006 Total Vouchers \$9,342,383.93

At 10:02 p.m. Councilwoman Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Councilman Kahle and unanimously approved by Council

Respectfully submitted,



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