

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
July 20, 1995

REGULAR MEETING: The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on July 20, 1995 at 8:05 P.M.

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

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

INVOCATION: Reverend Tavener gave the invocation.

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

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 15, 1995 had been made available for review by the Governing Body, Councilwoman Filippone moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of JUNE, 1995 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Raffle license application made by the Monmouth Park Charity Fund, Inc., to be held on 8/20/95, prize: NY Giants Road Trip for Two.

The Clerk advised that the required fee had been paid and the paperwork submitted was found to be in order, after which Councilwoman Silkworth moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee reported that certificates were awarded to the following Police Officers in the Department: Patrolman VanBrunt who completed a course in Civil Disturbance/Mutual Aid Response and Captain Bebout completed a course on Post Shooting Trauma Counseling.

Councilman McGee advised that the Police Department was recently cited with a commendation for its participation in the NJ State Safety Council and they received a letter thanking the Department for participating in the Department of the Year Awards Program for Police Achievement Traffic Control Management.

Councilman McGee moved to authorize the Chief of Police to advertise for bids for one police car for the Department, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone advised that the Oceanport First Aid Squad fund drive has started, but to date they have only received \$15,518 which is only 584 responses out of 1,822 that were sent out and this is not too good and urged anyone who has not as yet donated to the Squad, to please do so shortly. She also reminded everyone that we never know when we will need their help and they are always there for the residents of this Borough.

Councilwoman Filippone stated she had received a copy of the Captain's Report from the First Aid Squad and they answered 25 calls in June and they have a new member, Wes Sherman, who is also in the Fire Department and they are pleased to have him in the Squad and there are several more members pending. She commented that we are very lucky that our Squad does not have many problems with membership as other towns around us do and because of that, they also do a lot of mutual aid calls.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported under the environment of our River, Chris Widdis and Steve Briskey took water samples on July 11 in Branchport Creek and found them to be not very good, although we had experienced a heavy rain storm several nights before, so the numbers may have been better. He also commented that the rest of the river quality, it is quite good and those people who enjoy going crabbing, do it off Sommers Park, because the water quality off that point is fantastic.

Councilman Miller advised that he and Councilman Wolfe have posted Pollution Signs in three or four different areas relative to Branchport Creek and we hope that they are not removed, so the people will know to stay clear of those areas for fishing or swimming.

Councilman Miller reported that we have completed the beautification project in Old Wharf Park with some grant monies from the water company and it was done as a cooperative project with some outside help to augment our summer crew and Mike Giordano supported him with a piece of equipment and one of his men and the Park looks great with very little cost to the Borough.

Councilman Miller commented that a request had been received for handicapped parking near the Lions Swim Club and he and Councilman Wolfe also surveyed some of the other parks to see if they could use some handicapped parking areas as well, and found some areas where the Public Works Department will be able to take care of that matter.

Councilman Miller congratulated Councilman Wolfe on celebrating his 20th Wedding Anniversary this week.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor reported that he had recently attended a recycling meeting in Manalapan and wanted to express his thanks to the residents of this Borough for their recycling efforts regarding the 1993 tonnage grant, in which we have received approximately \$9,100 and it works out to a \$1.49 pay out per capita and in the County, for recycling, we are number 10 out of 53 and he appreciated the support of our residents, when the County average for other towns is \$1.05 we are doing an excellent job.

Councilman Taylor reminded the residents that next week we will take away the trailer for phone book recycling and urged anyone who has not as yet gotten rid of their old phone books, to do so by the end of this week.

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R-95-45 COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-95-45** regarding the appointment of a Professional Planner, which is exempt from bidding under the Public Contracts Law, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

R-95-46 Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-95-46** regarding items of revenue into the 1995 municipal budget concerning the 1993 recycling grant and a grant from the Division of Fire Safety, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe offered his congratulations to Councilman Taylor on the excellent job he is doing as Recycling Coordinator and the amount of the grant from 1993 is almost twice what we had been receiving in the past, although it did contain some credits due to the storm in 1992 and he hoped we would continue to receive increased amounts in the recycling grants.

R-95-47 Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-95-47** authorizing a Deed of Easement and Right of Way to the Sewer Authority for the development known as Wood Hollow Subdivision, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe thanked Mike Giordano and his Public Works crew for the outstanding job they have been doing during the extreme heat during the last two weeks and they have done a great job with the project at Old Wharf Park while still completing their other duties.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth reported that a replacement range will be installed in the Community Center tomorrow to replace the one that broke down several weeks ago.

Councilwoman Silkworth advised that we have received our third quote for the replacement of the wallpaper in the halls of Borough Hall and they will be reviewed and hopefully be able to proceed with that project in the near future.

Councilwoman Silkworth also wanted to offer her compliments to the Public Works Department employees on how great our buildings and our grounds look during this summer season.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh offered the name of Stanley Walsh to fill a vacancy on the Shade Tree Committee, which term expires December 31, 1995.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve this appointment. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh stated he had a letter which is addressed to the Oceanport Municipal Court Judge, Richard Thompson, from the Assistant Court Administrator of the State and he explained that most do not realize that the Borough has no control over the Municipal Court, although it is a function of the Borough, the Superior Court of NJ Office of the Court Administrator controls pretty much everything that goes on in the Court although we do appoint the people who work in the Court as well as the Judge. Mayor Cavanagh stated it is always nice when the efforts of the people who are supervising that operation are recognized for the excellent job they perform.

Mayor Cavanagh read the letter addressed to Judge Thompson from Mr. Barba who is the Assistant Court Administrator dated June 19, 1995 in which he complimented the Court for their on

time and early filing of mandated statistical monthly reports and expressed his appreciation for the special efforts made by the Borough Court Administrator, Deanne Sole in this regard. Mayor Cavanagh also offered the appreciation of the entire Governing Body for her efforts and contributions in maintaining an extremely administratively well run Municipal Court and he wanted the record to reflect that we acknowledge and appreciate what she does on a daily basis to keep our Court running smoothly. Mayor Cavanagh stated normally, the only time you hear about a Municipal Court is when there is a problem, so it is nice when people take the time to acknowledge just how well our Court is being handled and thanked Judge Thompson and Deanne Sole for the excellent job they perform.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments anyone may have.

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

Councilman McGee wanted to just comment that in Councilwoman Silkworth's report, she mentioned that the Community Center would be getting a new range and he wanted to mention that this was being done with a donation from our insurance agency, Boynton & Boynton, in the amount of \$400 and he wanted to thank them for their donation.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills listed on the Voucher Register dated July 20, 1995. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1994 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$124.71. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS \$559,087.05. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$82,101.16. TOTAL 1995 OPERATING FUND \$641,188.21. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$1,298.90. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$196.60. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$763.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$1,660.98. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$773,446.16. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$291,302.20. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$409,585.06. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \$379,698.60. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$60.28. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MARRIAGE LICENSES \$325.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER).

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At 8:25 P.M. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on August 17, 1995 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK