REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
July 18, 2002

REGULAR MEETING: The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on July 18, 2002 at 8:06 P.M. with Mayor Gemma stating the meeting had been property advertised in accordance with law.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman McGann.

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

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

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 20, 2002 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, Councilwoman Gatta moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and approved by Council with the exception of Councilwoman Silkworth who abstained from voting, as she was not present at that meeting.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of JUNE, 2002 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board,
2. Raffle applications made by the Middlesex County Bar Association to be held on 8/2/02, both raffles are on premise and one is a 50/50 cash raffle and the other is for various prizes.

   The Clerk advised that the paperwork was found to be in order and the appropriate fees had been paid, after which Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the applications. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MAHON: Councilman Mahon reported that the Technological Committee has been meeting with the Borough's emergency services in an attempt to resolve the communications problems we have been experiencing and he is pleased to advise that new equipment has been ordered and should be installed in the near future. He also extended his thanks and appreciation to the members of the Council for the support on this issue.

R-02-46

COUNCILMAN APRUZZI: Councilman Apruzzi asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-02-46** regarding the authorization of an application to Green Acres for a loan for improvements to Blackberry Bay Park and Sommers Scout Park, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

Councilman Apruzzi called for the introduction of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding environmental impact statements and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE "BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT ZONING ORDINANCE" PASSED AND APPROVED ON JULY 3, 1969.**

Councilman Apruzzi moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilman Apruzzi moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on August 15, 2002 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilman Apruzzi called for the introduction of an amendment to the Uniform Construction Code with regard to the current fee schedule and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODES ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT" PASSED AND APPROVED ON MARCH 2, 1995.**

Councilman Apruzzi moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilwoman Gatta.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilman Apruzzi moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on August 15. 2002 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilwoman Gatta.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilman Apruzzi advised that Summer's End will be held on September 7th this year that is a Saturday and we have normally held this event on Sunday, so he asked everyone to mark their calendars. He also advised that they are lining up local artists who will display their work and some will be for sale and there will be music and other surprises and urged everyone to come out and enjoy this event.

Councilman Apruzzi commented that there was an article in the newspaper recently regarding a scheduled drill scheduled to be held at Fort Monmouth and it will be very realistic, so if any of our residents notice anything going on, it is the drill.

Councilman Apruzzi commended Sgt. Baldanza who solved the mystery of the 1,500 lb. Cement turtle stolen from Pan Gardens and found in Marlboro and through good detective work, found the people responsible and the turtle has been returned to Pan Gardens.

Councilman Apruzzi wished a speedy recovery to both Gloria Filippone and Sal Gentile.

COUNCILWOMAN GATTA: Councilwoman Gatta reported at the First Aid Squad meeting the Squad received 57 calls for the month of June, which included 17 mutual aid calls and totaled 951 hours. She also advised that two new members were welcomed into the Squad at the meeting and reminded our residents that the 2002 fund drive is now in progress and urged everyone to give as generously as possible.

Councilwoman Gatta also advised that the Squad will be making up laminated medical history cards for all of our Police Officers and volunteer fire department members to wear when they go out on a call so that if an emergency happens involving them, the Squad members will have the necessary medical information on each volunteer.

Councilwoman Gatta reminded everyone that on August 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Blackberry Bay Park we will again participate in National Night Out where everyone in our community is urged to come to the Park and join with our emergency services and various sports associations and this event will begin with a bike ride through the Borough at 5:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Gatta reported that last night she and Mayor Gemma, Councilman McGann and our Borough Engineer met with the residents of Wardell Circle and our Engineer, Mr. Rospos, gave an outline of the construction of the roadway and listed the trees that are to be removed and the alternates that will be in the bid specifications and everyone appeared to be pleased with the outcome.

Councilwoman Gatta also reported under education that the Board of Education has hired a new Superintendent/Principal, Mr. James DeGiovanna who will begin work on September 3 and as the Liaison to the Board of Education, she will be meeting with him in the near future.

Councilwoman Gatta commended Patrolman Frank VanBrunt who rescued someone from a burning building at the racetrack and commented that the First Aid Squad would like to come to a future Council meting and recognize his efforts.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe commented that the ordinance listed on the agenda regarding the Fire Prevention ordinance has been withdrawn for introduction this evening and is still under review by the Council He also advised that an ordinance with regard to the election of the fire chiefs is also still under review and he will be speaking with the Port-au-Peck House shortly and these two ordinances will most likely be introduced at our August meeting.

Councilman Wolfe announced that the Port-au-Peck Avenue road and drainage project is just about completed with the exception of a few minor items remaining on the punch list and Horicon Avenue is being worked on with the paving to take place early next week.

Councilman Wolfe also commented that he met with Mr. Sempkowski who had raised several questions concerning the Borough's fire prevention ordinance and after speaking with him, all issues have been resolved.

Councilman Wolfe also wished speedy recoveries to both Gloria Filippone and Sal Gentile.

COUNCILMAN MCGANN: Absent.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: No Report.

MAYOR GEMMA: Mayor Gemma echoed the get-well wishes for Gloria Filippone and Sal Gentile as well as extending the sympathies of all the members of the Governing Body to Margie Minnisch and her family over the recent loss of her husband, Frank.

Mayor Gemma also announced that he has received a letter of resignation from Elwood Baxter, who serves as the Mayor's Designee on the Planning Board and he has accepted this with much regret and extended his thanks and appreciation to Mr. Baxter for his years of service to the Borough and our Planning Board.

Mayor Gemma also commented on the zoning amendment ordinance with regard to the new requirement of an environmental impact statement, which we have never had included in our zoning ordinance and he was pleased to have this finally resolved. He continued that this will require any large developments to have environmental studies done and is a protective measure for our Borough.

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

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Margalotti stated he wanted to make a brief comment with regard to the recent passing of George Barrett. He continued that Mr. Barrett had been a member of the Borough Council for 18 years after which he worked with the Tax Assessor's Office for many years as well. Mr. Margalotti stated when he was elected to the Borough Council back in 1969, George was on the Council and was always helpful to him even though at that time, he was the only democrat on the Council. He extended the sympathy of the entire Governing Body and himself to Mrs. Barrett and their family.

Mr. Charles Boland, 42 Elizabeth Drive thanked the Mayor and Council for their efforts on Wardell Circle and stated that most of residents are pleased with the plan.

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

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the vouchers on the Bill List dated July 18, 2002. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and approved by Council. TOTAL CAPITAL TRUST ACCOUNT $71,679.35. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT $43.80. TOTAL ESCROW TRUST ACCOUNT $5,103.25. 2001 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING $92,74. 2002 VOUCHERS PAID $184,448.32. 2002 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING $1,409,742.91. TOTAL 2002 VOUCHERS $1,594,191.23. (SEE BILL LIST)

At 8:30 p.m. Councilwoman Gatta moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on August 15, 2002 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Varca

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BOROUGH CLERK