

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
June 18, 1998

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on June 18, 1998 at 8:00 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller Wolfe, McGann* Silkworth and Mayor Gemma.
*Councilman McGann entered the meeting at 8:50 P.M.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Deputy Borough Clerk Kimberly A. Jungfer and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Gemma led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.
- PUBLIC AUCTION:** **LaFrance Fire Truck**
Mr. Margalotti explained that the minimum bid accepted would be \$500.00 cash or certified check. The truck was being sold as is with no warranties. Mayor Gemma open the bidding. There were no bidders and the auction was closed on a motion from Councilman Apruzzi with a second from Councilwoman Filippone and approved by those members of Council present.
- PUBLIC HEARING: ACQUISITION OF LAND LOCATED AT HORSENECK PT. UNDER A BLUE ACRE GRANT/LOAN.**
Mr. Margalotti gave a brief description of the property. He further explained that the Borough had expressed interest in keeping it in its natural state and was able to obtain a Blue Acres Grant for that purpose. He indicated that the purchase price was \$605,000.00 receiving \$453,750.00 in grant and \$151,250 in a low interest loan.
- Public:**
James Preston, Kimberly Woods: Mr. Preston asked how many acres were involved.
Barbara Reagor, Environmental Committee and resident: Indicated she was in full support of the purchase.
Richard Gruskos, Comanche Dr.: He indicated he supported the acquisition.
Linda Gately, Cayuga Ave. and Recreation Committee: Supports acquisition.
Councilwoman Filippone commented on a recent article in Asbury Park Press whereby the Governor firmly believes in the acquisition of land for open space. She felt in keeping with the State's desire to preserve open spaces the owner could have been generous and accepted a little less for the land. There being no further comments Councilwoman Silkworth moved that the Public Hearing be closed. Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion which was unanimously accepted by those Councilpersons present.
- A copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 4, 1998 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, Councilwoman Silkworth moved to waive the reading of same and

approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by those members of Council present. There being no further comments Councilwoman Silkworth moved that the Public Hearing be closed. Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion which was unanimously accepted by those Councilpersons present.

CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Police report for the month of May, 1998 has been posted.
2. Resolutions renewing the liquor licenses for the 1998/99 licensing period for:
 - a. Old Wharf Inne, Deputy Clerk advised that paperwork was in order and fees were paid. She then read resolution **R-42-98** renewing liquor license. Councilman Wolfe moved that the resolution be accepted. Councilwoman Silkworth seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by those Councilpersons present.
 - b. Oceanport Spirits, Deputy Clerk advised that paperwork was in order and fees were paid. She then read resolution **R-43-98** renewing liquor license. Councilwoman Filippone moved that the resolution be accepted. Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by those Councilpersons present.
 - c. The Dug Out, Deputy Clerk advised that paperwork was in order and fees were paid. She then read resolution **R-44-98** renewing liquor license. Councilman Wolfe moved that the resolution be accepted. Councilwoman Silkworth seconded the motion which was unanimously accepted by those Councilpersons present.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN APRUZZI:

R-45-98 Councilman Apruzzi asked the Deputy Clerk to read resolution **R-45-98** opposing the proposed NJ American Water Co. rate increase. Councilman Apruzzi moved the resolution be accepted. Councilwoman Filippone seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by those Councilpersons present.

Councilman Apruzzi moved to reject all bides received for the Police computer and authorization to return all bid bonds to bidders and to readvertise same. Councilman Millers seconded the motion which was unanimously accepted by those Councilpersons present.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE:

Councilwoman Filippone announced that an Oceanport native, Fred Schneider, would be playing this very evening at the PNC Arts Center with the Band the B52s.

Councilwoman Filippone thanked Chief Bebout for attending the Senior Citizens meeting and bring the new patrolmen with him.

Councilwoman Filippone advised that she had attended a Comcast meeting about online, cable and television service.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the First Aid responded to 46 Emergency calls in May, totaling 319 hours with 13 of those calls being mutual aid.

COUNCILMAN MILLER:

Councilman Miller congratulated the 1998 graduates of both Shore Regional High School and Maple Place School.

Councilman Miller then reported on the water quality and stated as noted in the DEP Watershed Focus the fecal count in our area is continually going down. He noted though the phosphate and nitrate levels are not going down which is probably responsible for the algae growth. He stated the DEP is considering opening shell fish beds in Shrewsbury. He also noted that Oceanport Marina has can pump out boats for a nominal fee and Pleasure Bay Marina is applying for a pump out permit. If boaters use these facilities it will greatly help the quality of the water.

Councilman Miller read a letter from Chief Bebout regarding the handling of an emergency call from a resident to Dispatcher Jonathan Tucci. He added his commendation for Mr. Tucci's handling of the call. He further reported on continuing education for Police Officers VanBrunt, Chenoweth, Barcus, Kelly and Briskey and Sergeant Ross.

Councilman Miller reported on the progress of the new playground equipment at the Community Center being put up by the Public Works Department with some help from volunteers. He also noted that the bids for the resurfacing of the tennis courts are out with receipt July 13th and hopefully work to begin the end of August.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE:

Councilman Wolfe explained that the mapping of Pocano Ave. was complete and that after the Sewerage Authority was done with its work on the street the Borough should be ready to follow with repaving.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Deputy Clerk to read resolution R-46-98 authorizing the submission of a R-46-98 grant for reconstruction of Pocano Ave. after which he moved to approve same. Councilman Miller seconded the motion which passed unanimously by those members present.

COUNCILMAN MCGANN:

In Councilman McGann's absence Councilwoman Silkworth, as backup, asked the Deputy Clerk to read R-47-98 Resolution R-47-98, supporting the reauthorization of the recycling tax, after which she moved to approve same. Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion which passed unanimously by those members present.

In Councilman McGann's absence Councilwoman Silkworth, as backup, asked the Deputy Clerk to read

R-48-98 Resolution R-48-98, supporting the clean up of State Highway 36 median after which she moved to approve same. Councilwoman Filippone seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by those members present.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH:

Councilwoman Silkworth announced that the 1998 Directory was in the mail. She apologized for its delay but noted that in proof form the type was too small so that had to be corrected. She further advised that in 1999 the Directory would be coming out much earlier with a bulletin insert for those groups that reorganize later in the year.

Councilwoman Silkworth reported that she had met with the Court system and it appears that use of a portion of the Tax Assessor's office for the Municipal Court is acceptable to all parties.

Councilwoman Silkworth congratulated Dispatcher Jonathan Tucci for a job well done.

R-49-98 Councilwoman Silkworth asked the Deputy Clerk to read Resolution R-49-98 supporting the preservation of Open Spaces after which she moved it be approved. Councilman Miller seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by those members present.

MAYOR GEMMA:

Mayor Gemma also congratulated Dispatcher Jonathan Tucci for a job well done.

Mayor Gemma stated he was thankful for the support of the Blue Acres project on Horseneck Point..

Mayor Gemma offered the names of Doris Agaman and Laura Tagerty to fill vacant terms on the Recreation Committee. Councilman Miller moved that Ms. Agaman and Ms. Tagerty be so appointed. Councilwoman Silkworth seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by those members present.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Barbara Reagor gave a very detailed presentation on work she is doing through her company with FEMA to provide emergency warning systems to residents through a caller I.D. box. She felt that Oceanport might want to consider becoming a test community. Councilwoman Silkworth asked what was the time period for this and Ms. Reagor stated in about 6 months to one year. Mayor Gemma thanked Mrs. Reagor for the presentation.

Mr. John Deller, 46 Tecumsah Ave. stated that the problems with grass and backfill had not changed since the last meeting. Mayor Gemma said that the Engineers had the Punch List and was told recommended work had been done. Mr. Deller stated there was still asphalt under topsoil.

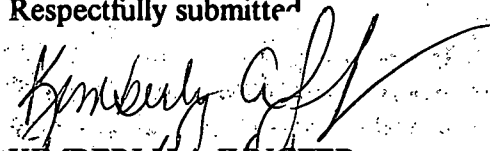
Mr. Scott Poyner, 38 Tecumseh Ave. stated that he had not been reimbursed for having his damaged sprinklers fixed and Mayor advised to provide with a copy of the bill and he would be reimbursed.

The public session was then closed.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills listed on the Voucher Register dated June 18, 1998 . It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$489.10. TOTAL 1998 VOUCHERS \$68,283.60., TOTAL 1998 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$49,111.83., TOTAL 1998 OPERATING FUND \$117,395.43., TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$31.50., TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$10,526.00., TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$1,314.50. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 9:10 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for July 16, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted



KIMBERLY A JUNGFER
Deputy Borough Clerk