



BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT

MAYOR & COUNCIL

MINUTES • JUNE 16, 2022

Regular Meeting

Clement V. Sommers Municipal Building

7:00 PM

910 Oceanport Way, Oceanport, NJ 07757

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Coffey called the meeting to order at 7:16 PM
- II. **Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act:** This meeting complies with the Open Public Meetings Act by adequate and electronic notification on January 5, 2022 of this meeting and its location, date and time to the Asbury Park Press and Two River Times and by the posting of same on the municipal bulletin board and Borough's Web Site.
- III. **Flag Salute:** Members of the U10 Knights Championship Basketball Team led attendees and the Mayor & Borough Council in the flag salute.
- IV. **Roll Call:**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jay Coffey	Mayor	Present	
William Deerin	Councilman	Absent	
Richard Gallo	Councilman	Present	
Bryan Keeshen	Councilman	Present	
Michael O'Brien	Councilman	Present	
Thomas Tvrdik	Councilman	Present	
Meghan Walker	Councilwoman	Present	
Jeanne Smith	Borough Clerk	Present	
Scott Arnette	Board Attorney	Present	
Donna M. Phelps	Administrator	Present	
Catherine D. LaPorta	Chief Financial Officer	Present	

Mayor Coffey read a Proclamation recognizing and congratulating the U10 Knights Championship Basketball Team and proclaiming June 17, 2022 as Oceanport Knights U10 Girls Day in Oceanport.

- V. **Administrators Report:** Ms. Phelps reported on items including COVID19 reimbursement applications to FEMA, second round of FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) being reviewed, kick off meeting, and individual meeting for Oceanport representatives to discuss back flooding issues and what can be done to reduce the surge that Oceanport experiences during tidal events; discussions with OEM to relocate the temporary debris management area from the parcel next to Maria Gatta Park – considered sites include leaf compost area, parking lot owned by NJSEA, Monmouth County property off Crescent Place, property owned by FMERA, ultimately discussed how to keep at Maria Gatta Park which is owned by the Borough where the other sites are not; other sites suggested but not an option are the field for the community garden and parking lot owned by NJSEA. Ms. Phelps asked for Council input on using the compost site, discussion ensued concerning suitability of the site – size, area, access. She has requested Mr. White to review for any wetland buffer issues. OEM Director Buzz Baldanza needs to seek NJDEP approval for the new location. Mayor Coffey offered to discuss with FMERA Director for options on an emergent basis should something happen while the work at Gatta Park being done. He expects FMERA to be hesitant but in the case of a severe emergency it may be an option.

Ms. Phelps also advised that Monmouth County has announced funding for the 2022 Open Space Grant is open; she has reached out to the County to determine if Oceanport would be eligible having 2 open projects currently (Community Center and pickleball courts); the deadline to apply is September 15th. Ms. Phelps announced that the Maria Gatta Park fields would be closed from July 1 to Oct. 1. Mayor Coffey asked if leagues that normally utilize had been noticed. Ms. Smith responded that the Clerk's Office would be notifying those parties once the official start date was provided and would also be put up on the website.

Ms. Phelps reported a successful launch of the Borough's new payroll system and employee time off request system; and congratulated Steve Briskey on achieving his Certified Public Works Manager certification.

VI. Clerk's Report:

1. Fort Monmouth Plan Amendment #19 (Eatontown) – Ms. Smith advised that the Borough was in receipt of the plan amendment with 45 days for the host communities to provide comment; she provided brief summary of the amendment that impacts a section of Eatontown near the golf course not in the vicinity of Oceanport and asked if the Council wanted to continue with the distribution of the plan amendments to the Borough's professionals and the costs incurred thereof. Councilman Keeshen stated he didn't believe comment was necessary for the Eatontown amendment. Mayor Coffey agreed that the amendment did not need further review. Consensus was no need to review and the Clerk was directed to respond to FMERA with no comments.

VII. Consent Agenda:

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| #2022-118 | 1. | Resolution authorizing payment of BILL LIST 06-16-2022 |
| #2022-119 | 2. | Resolution Setting Compensation for Action Camp 2022 Employees |
| #2022-120 | 3. | Resolution Approving 2022-2023 Liquor Licenses |
| #2022-121 | 4. | Resolution awarding Contract to Colliers Engineering & Design - 2022 Road Program |
| #2022-122 | 5. | Resolution Authorizing 3rd Quarter Estimated Tax Bills |
| #2022-123 | 6. | Resolution authorizing an extension of the 3rd QTR Grace Period |
| #2022-124 | 7. | Resolution appointments to Boards & Committees, Recreation |
| #2022-125 | 8. | Resolution awarding contract to Coastal Refrigeration for 2022 services |
| | 9. | Receipt & Acceptance of Minutes, Recreation Committee, 04/13/2022 |
| | 10. | Receipt & Acceptance of Minutes, Historical Committee, 03/10/2022 |

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Meghan Walker, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
AYES:	Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdek, Walker
ABSENT:	Deerin

VIII. Minutes:

1. Mayor & Council - Workshop - May 5, 2022 7:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael O'Brien, Councilman
SECONDER:	Richard Gallo, Councilman
AYES:	Gallo, O'Brien, Tvrdek, Walker
ABSTAIN:	Keeshen
ABSENT:	Deerin

2. Mayor & Council - Regular Meeting - May 19, 2022 7:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Thomas Tvrdek, Councilman
SECONDER:	Meghan Walker, Councilwoman
AYES:	Gallo, O'Brien, Tvrdek, Walker
ABSTAIN:	Keeshen
ABSENT:	Deerin

IX. Second Reading & Public Hearing Ordinances:**#1056 An Ordinance Amending Salary Ranges**

Councilman Tvrdek called for the 2nd reading and Public Hearing of an ordinance creating an Environmental Commission and asked the Clerk to read the affidavit of publication of the proposed ordinance by title only **"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SETTING THE SALARY RANGES OF CERTAIN BOROUGH OFFICERS AND BOROUGH EMPLOYEES PASSED AND APPROVED MARCH 16, 1939 AND LAST REVISED AND APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2021"** was published one time in the Two River Times on June 9, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Coffey opened the meeting for public comment for this ordinance. As no one from the public presented to be heard, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman O'Brien and seconded by Councilman Keeshen.

Councilman Tvrdek made a motion to adopt the ordinance and advertise in accordance with law, which was seconded by Councilman O'Brien.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Thomas Tvrdik, Councilman
SECONDER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
AYES: Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker
ABSENT: Deerin

X. Resolutions:

#2022-126 Resolution fixing compensation for employees & officials for 2022

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
SECONDER: Meghan Walker, Councilwoman
AYES: Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker
ABSENT: Deerin

#2022-127 Resolution authorizing submittal of NJDOT Grant Application - Comanche Dr Phase 4

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Richard Gallo, Councilman
SECONDER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
AYES: Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker
ABSENT: Deerin

#2022-128 Resolution awarding contract to Colliers Engineering & Design - Pickle Ball Courts

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
SECONDER: Thomas Tvrdik, Councilman
AYES: Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker
ABSENT: Deerin

#2022-129 Resolution authorizing MOU with FMERA for Engineering Services - Demolition of Bldgs

RESULT: ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER: Thomas Tvrdik, Councilman
SECONDER: Meghan Walker, Councilwoman
AYES: Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker
ABSTAIN: Gallo
ABSENT: Deerin

#2022-130 Resolution authorizing purchase of various DPW equipment - *Added on Late*

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
SECONDER: Richard Gallo, Councilman
AYES: Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker
ABSENT: Deerin

#2022-131 Resolution authorizing purchase of leaf vacuum for DPW - *Added on Late*

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Richard Gallo, Councilman
SECONDER: Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
AYES: Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker
ABSENT: Deerin

#2022-132 Resolution authorizing the sale of general obligation bonds - *Added on Late*

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael O'Brien, Councilman
SECONDER:	Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
AYES:	Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker
ABSENT:	Deerin

XI. Committee Reports:

1. Councilman Deerin, Parks & Recreation - Absent
2. Councilman Gallo, Public Works & Engineering – Provided an update on the 2021 Road Program, sharp increases in material costs will increase by up to \$100,000 which may be covered by contingencies in part, however, an change order for the contract is forthcoming; Pocano, Seawaneka, Pemberton and Fairfield have had curbs and storm drains completed and paving next; Shore Road and Gooseneck Point Road will be next with work expected to be completed by end of July. Councilman O'Brien asked if the Council's previous approval to extend window of acceptable working hours was still in effect or did it need to be done again. Ms. Smith responded that the resolution was for the length of the project and was also done for the 2022 Road Program.
3. Councilman Keeshen, Public Safety – Reminded everyone to keep doors and cars locked; reduce speeds; meeting with police, fire official and code enforcement regarding brush in the street, problems arising from that, reminded residents to keep brush out of the street and remind their landscapers to take it with them to avoid any court summons. He also advised that First Aid and Fire Department were looking for new members – encouraged residents with the time to volunteer.
4. Councilman O'Brien, Finance & Administration – Bond ordinance for Maria Gatta Park improvements has been completed and next steps for the project are being started for this project that all have been looking forward to; wished Gary Tvrdik, long-time resident, a Happy Birthday
5. Councilman Tvrdik, Planning & Development – Planning Board has had a nice break with the summer schedule, provided updates on the new townhomes at the Fort, Allison Hall parcel closed last month and look to begin demolition soon; four bids received for the Fort mega-parcel and looking forward to seeing what comes with that.
6. Councilwoman Walker, Health & Human Services – Provided updates on the schools – privilege of attending the 8th grade graduation and giving the commencement speech on behalf of the Mayor; Shore Regional graduation is next week; Water Watch and Environmental watching suspicious findings with the water testing and possibly adding a second vendor; wished a Happy Father's Day to all the dads.

XII. Mayor Coffey's Report: Mayor Coffey commented further on the mega-parcel bids, 4 received, Netflix being one of them, will take 60-90 days for FMERA to analyze the bid submissions and circulate with state and federal government agencies for review. With the exception of the Nurse's Quarters, the mega-parcel completes the sale of Fort Monmouth parcels in Oceanport. The State has provided incentives for production companies that use New Jersey as their home. The Mayor stated that the Borough's position has been that the Borough will not provide any local assistance via PILOTs which was communicated to the Bureau and developers.

Mayor Coffey also commented on other local developments nearing completion including the bakery/apartments building across from the post office. Councilman Tvrdik commented that there were 7,000 applicants for the affordable units lottery. Mayor Coffey announced the Music in the Park at Blackberry Bay Park on June 30th, arranging for bus transportation for the seniors to attend. Next month will discuss renewal with the Board of Education for shared service for groundskeeping and snowplowing.

Mayor Coffey lastly discussed the potential "storm" coming with the proposal by Sea Bright to leave the Shore Regional School District which could have tremendous financial impact on the Borough, West Long Branch and Monmouth Beach. The Oceanport BOE has been active in monitoring, legislation that was passed provides an end-around of the existing system. A full report should be ready by July/August and recommends picking a liaison or two to start sending to these meetings to represent the municipality.

XIII. Petitions from the public: Mayor Coffey opened the meeting to petitions from the public. As no one from the public appeared, Mayor Coffey closed that portion of the meeting.

XIV. Adjournment: As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM on a motion by Councilman Keeshen, seconded by Councilman O'Brien and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Smith
BOROUGH CLERK