

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
June 6, 2002

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on June 6, 2002 at 8:05 P.M. with Mayor Gemma stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with law.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Apruzzi, Gatta, Wolfe, McGann, Silkworth and Mayor Gemma.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilman Mahon.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** Borough Chaplain Berry gave the invocation.
- 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 May 16, 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 Wolfe and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilman McGann who abstained from voting because he was absent.

Mayor Gemma stated he had to leave the meeting early because of a prior commitment, but wanted to read a letter from Peter A. Dellera, Jr. of the Oceanport Lions Club which contained donations to the Oceanport First Aid Squad in the amount of \$2,000; Oceanport Fire Department in the amount of \$1,500 and to the Oceanport Roller Hockey League in the amount of \$500 from the proceeds of the recent Lions Club Fair. Mayor Gemma also advise that Mr. Dellera expressed the efforts of Jim Gallo with his assistance during the running of the Fair.

Council President Apruzzi then took over chairing the meeting.

CLERK'S REPORTS: No Reports.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MAHON: Absent.

COUNCILWOMAN GATTA: Councilwoman Gatta reported under the Board of Education, 20 students were recently honored from the 7th and 8th grades on their test scores from the SATs taken and 12 students were honored by being put in the John Hopkins Talent Search and scoring on their test results on a par with college bound students. She commented that this was a great experience for our students and last year she wrote congratulation letters to the students on behalf of the Mayor and Council and will do the same this year and stated this was a wonderful contribution from our children.

Councilwoman Gatta urged everyone to take care to reduce any standing water that may be around their homes including cleaning out gutters, turning over empty flower pots, etc., since any water that stands for 7 days, can breed thousands of mosquitoes and she wanted everyone to be pro active in this regard, since West Nile Virus will be with us again.

Councilwoman Gatta acknowledged residents in the audience from Wardell Circle and advised that the Borough Engineer is still working on the plan for the street and hopefully, it will be presented to the Governing Body at our next work shop and the meeting with the residents of that street will follow shortly thereafter and everyone will be advised of the date and time.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-02-35** waiving the building permit fees for the new roof for the Maple Place School, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Gatta and approved by Council.

R-02-35

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-02-36** requesting the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to allow the insertion of an item of revenue into the 2002 budget from Clean Communities in the amount of \$1,537.45, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman McGann and approved by Council.

R-02-36

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-02-37** authorizing the refund of an overpayment of property taxes, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Gatta and approved by Council.

R-02-37

Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-02-38** authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with the County of Monmouth regarding the traffic light installation at Monmouth Boulevard and Myrtle Ave., after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council.

R-02-38

Councilman Wolfe moved to return the balance of a maintenance bond in the amount of \$22,447.55 for the River Bend project, Block 61, Lots 7 through 23. It was seconded by Councilman McGann and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe reported that at our workshop meeting held earlier, the Borough Engineer reported that the roadwork in front of Mr. Briskey's home on Manitto Place would be done by Fiore Paving on Friday, June 14, 2002.

COUNCILMAN MCGANN: Councilman McGann read resolution **R-02-39** regarding possible recycling tonnage grant funds, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

R-02-39

Councilman McGann then called for the second reading and public hearing of a bond ordinance to pay for the engineering fees related to the alleviation of the flooding problems at both Cayuga Avenue and Gooseneck Point Road, for which the Borough is receiving \$300,000 in federal funds for this purpose, but we must be able to pay for the engineering. He then asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed bond ordinance, by title only, as follows: **BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$40,000. AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$38,000. BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY.**

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Council President Apruzzi opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions on this subject only.

As no one wished to be heard on this matter, Councilman McGann moved to close the public hearing on this bond ordinance. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

Councilman McGann moved to adopt this bond ordinance on second and final reading and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilman McGann advised that he has been in contact with the DEP with regard to Blue Acres funding and has been informed that the Borough will be receiving approximately \$60,000, which will be placed in to our open space fund.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: No Report.

MAYOR GEMMA: Absent.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APRUZZI: Council President Apruzzi expressed his thanks and appreciation to all the organizations and volunteers who assisted with the Memorial Day Parade.

Council President Apruzzi announced that Summer's End, which is normally held on the Sunday after Labor Day, will held on Saturday evening this year, September 7th, which has been approved by the Governing Body and a telephone survey was done through Recreation and the Saturday date was preferred by the majority of our residents, so we are going to try it this year.

Council President Apruzzi also reported that we have been experiencing some vandalism at Blackberry Bay Park with damage to lights on the buildings as well as at Old Wharf Park, where someone has cut the fencing used to keep the geese from getting into the Park. He explained that the fencing does not harm the geese, but just keeps them out of the park and if anyone has been by that location, you can see the improvement in just several weeks to the grass when the geese are kept out of the area.

Council President Apruzzi then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might wish to make.

Mr. Charles Boland, 32 Elizabeth Drive stated he just wanted to state for the record that there are many residents here tonight from Wardell Circle and stated that the trees on Wardell do help to absorb the moisture and he hoped that the trees would be allowed to remain.

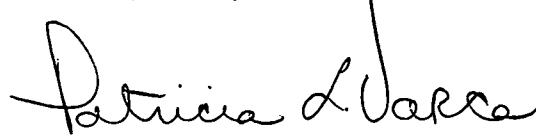
Council President Apruzzi noted that Mrs. Boland has requested a sign posted at the entrance to Wardell to have no parking near the corner and it has been approved by the Police Chief and the sign should be up in the very near future.

As no one else from the public wished to be heard, Council President Apruzzi moved to close the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the vouchers on the Bill List dated June 6, 2002. It was seconded by Councilwoman Gatta and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL CAPITAL TRUST \$98,891.75. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY \$45.00. TOTAL ESCROW TRUST ACCOUNT \$11,033.50. 2001 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$1,053.61. TOTAL 2001 VOUCHERS \$1,053.61. TOTAL 2002 VOUCHERS PAID \$188,558.40. TOTAL 2002 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$89,526.85. TOTAL 2002 VOUCHERS \$278,085.25. (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 June 20, 2002 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman McGann and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia L. Varca".

PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK