

## REORGANIZATION MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey  
January 1, 2010

**REORGANIZATION MEETING:** The Reorganization Meeting of the Oceanport Governing Body was called to order on January 1, 2010 at 12:00 P.M.

Mayor Mahon stated for the record that the Reorganization Meeting had been advertised in the LINK News and the Asbury Park Press in accordance with the Open Public Meetings regulations.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Briscione, Gallo, Irace and Mayor Mahon

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilperson Kahle

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Kimberly A. Jungfer

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Mayor Mahon as Chaplain Robert Mills was ill.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Mahon asked everyone to remain standing as Alfred DeSantis, Sr. led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

Mayor Mahon asked the Clerk to read the Certificate of Election from the Board of County Canvassers of Monmouth County, New Jersey certifying **WILLIAM J. JOHNSON** and **GERALD R. BERTEKAP** were duly elected Councilpersons.

The Oaths of Office were administered to:

**WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, COUNCILMAN, FULL THREE-YEAR TERM**  
**GERALD R. BERTEKAP, COUNCILMAN, FULL THREE-YEAR TERM**

The Council is now composed of the following members:

Mayor Michael J. Mahon	Term expiring 12/31/11
Councilpersons Briscione & Irace	Terms expiring 12/31/10
Councilpersons Kahle & Gallo	Terms expiring 12/31/11
Councilpersons Johnson & Bertekap	Terms expiring 12/31/12

Mayor Mahon stated for the record the **BOROUGH CLERK** was **KIMBERLY A. JUNGFER**, was tenured and would continue serving as Borough Clerk for 2010 and that **KIMBERLY A. JUNGFER** was also serving contemporaneously as Borough Administrator.

Mayor Mahon asked for a motion to appoint **John O. Bennett, III** as **Borough Attorney for 2010**. Councilman Irace so moved, which was seconded by Councilman Johnson. The Clerk called the roll with all in favor.

The Oath of Office was administered to John O. Bennett, III as **Borough Attorney**.

Mayor Mahon requested a motion appointing Scott C. Arnette to serve as **Special Litigation/ Employment / Labor Attorney for 2010**. Councilman Briscione moved the motion with a second from Councilman Gallo. The Clerk called the roll, which was unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Mahon asked for a motion appointing **Joseph A. Irace** as **President of the Council** for 2010. Councilman Gallo moved to approve the same and was seconded by Councilman Johnson. The Clerk called the roll with all in favor.

Mayor Mahon offered the **COUNCIL COMMITTEE** appointments for 2010:

<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	Councilpersons Briscione, Kahle, and Gallo
<b>FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION</b>	Councilpersons Irace, Johnson and Bertekap
<b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT</b>	Councilpersons Johnson, Irace and Briscione
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	Councilpersons Bertekap, Gallo and Briscione
<b>PARKS AND RECREATION</b>	Councilpersons Gallo, Kahle and Irace
<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>	Councilpersons Kahle, Bertekap and Johnson

Mayor Mahon asked for a motion to approve the Committee appointments for 2010. It was moved by Councilman Irace and seconded by Councilman Johnson. The Clerk called the roll with all with all in favor.

Mayor Mahon offers the following appointments to **BOROUGH POSITIONS** for 2010:

Borough Chaplain	Reverend Robert Mills
Court Administrator	Carol Smith
Construction Official/Zoning Officer	Salvatore Massaro
Zoning Code Enforcement Officer	Ron Kirk
Building Subcode Official	Salvatore Massaro
Housing Inspector	Allen Parker
Plumbing SubCode Official	John Palmer
Electrical SubCode Official	Paul Vitale
Fire Prevention SubCode Official	Fred Migliaccio
Searcher of Tax Liens	Mary Jane Yorg
Searcher of Assessment Liens	Kimberly A. Jungfer

Mayor Mahon asked for a motion appointing Mary Jane Yorg to a full term as Tax Collector for a term beginning January 1, 2010, which term expires 12/31/2013. Councilman Irace moved the motion which was seconded by Councilman Johnson. The Clerk called the roll with all in favor. **R-10-01**

Mayor Mahon stated for the record that Helen Ward was tenured and will continue serving as the Borough Tax Assessor in 2010.

Mayor Mahon stated for the record that Gregory S. Mayor was serving a four-year term as the Borough's Chief Financial Officer, which term expires 12/31/10.

Mayor Mahon requested a motion appointing William White of Maser Consulting to serve as the Borough Engineer for 2010. Councilman Briscione so moved with Councilman Gallo seconding the motion which was unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Mahon requested a motion appointing T & M Associates as Special Projects Engineer for 2010. Councilman Irace so moved with Councilman Johnson seconding the motion which was unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Mahon then requested a motion appointing Robert S. Oliwa Borough Auditor for 2010. Councilman Irace so moved with Councilman Johnson seconding the motion which was unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Mahon then requested a motion appointing Clarke Caton Hintz as Borough Planners for 2010. Councilman Briscione so moved with Councilman Johnson seconding the motion which was unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Mahon then requested a motion appointing Surenian and Associates as Special Counsel for Builders Remedy Litigation for 2010. There was no action on the item.

Mayor Mahon then made the following re-appointments and appointments to the **PLANNING BOARD for 2010:**

John W. Ibex	Regular One year term	Class I (Mayor's Designee)
James Whitson	Regular four year term	Class IV
Michael Savarese	Regular four year term	Class IV
James Gervolino	Regular four year term	Class IV (unexpired term)
Vacant	Regular two year term	Alternate #2

Mayor Mahon offered the name of Councilman Bertekap to serve as the Council Liaison to the Planning Board for a regular 1-year term, Class III.

The **PLANNING BOARD** is now composed of the following members:

John W. Ibex, , Mayor's Designee	Class I	Term expiring 12/31/10
Gerald R. Bertekap	Class III	Term expiring 12/31/10
Joseph McCarthy	Class II	Term expiring 12/31/10
Chris Widdis	Class IV	Term expiring 12/31/11
Robert Kleiberg	Class IV	Term expiring 12/31/12
William Sullivan	Class IV	Term expiring 12/31/12
James Gervolino	Class IV	Term expiring 12/31/12
James Whitson	Class IV	Term expiring 12/31/13
Michael Savarese	Class IV	Term expiring 12/31/13
Jaclyn Flor	Alternate #1	Term expiring 12/31/10
Vacant	Alternate #2	Term expiring 12/31/11

Mayor Mahon offered the following re-appointments and appointments to the **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

John Patti	Term expiring 12/31/12
Vacant	Term expiring 12/31/12
Steve Molnar	Term expiring 12/31/12
Michael J. Tuffuri	Term expiring 12/31/12

Mayor Mahon asked for a motion to approve. It was moved by Councilman Irace and seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Bertekap whom abstained.

The **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** is now composed of the following members:

Board of Education member	Appointed by BOE annually
Christopher Widdis, Jr.	Term expiring 12/31/10
H. Alan Schnieder	Term expiring 12/31/10
Alfred DeSantis, Sr.	Term expiring 12/31/10
Nancy Stokes	Term expiring 12/31/11
Andrews Judkis	Term expiring 12/31/11
Gerald Bertekap	Term expiring 12/31/11
Michael Anderson	Term expiring 12/31/11
Steve Molnar	Term expiring 12/31/12
John Patti	Term expiring 12/31/12
Michael J. Tuffuri	Term expiring 12/31/12
Vacant	Term expiring 12/31/12

Mayor Mahon offered the following re-appointments and appointments to the **SHADE TREE COMMITTEE** for 2010:

Charles Boland	Regular five-year term
Jaye Morton	Unexpired term ending 12/31/12
Joan Cox	Unexpired term ending 12/31/11

Mayor Mahon asked for a motion to approve. It was moved by Councilwoman Kahle and seconded by Councilman Gallo and was unanimously approved by Council.

The **SHADE TREE COMMITTEE** is now composed of the following members:

Ed Miller	Term expiring 12/31/10
Joan Cox	Term expiring 12/31/11
William Sullivan	Term expiring 12/31/11
Michael Tober	Term expiring 12/31/12
Jaye Morton	Term expiring 12/31/12
Emily Tomaine	Term expiring 12/31/13
Charles Boland	Term expiring 12/31/14

Mayor Mahon offered the following re-appointments to the **WATER WATCH COMMITTEE** for 2010:

Richard Gruskos  
Kevin Kubik  
William Kaloss  
Kathleen Devine  
Edward Miller  
Thomas Cox

Mayor Mahon asked for a motion to approve. It was moved by Councilman Gallo and seconded by Councilman Irace and was unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Mahon offered the following appointments to the **CABLE/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE** for 2010:

Joseph Foster, Philip Heinle, Peter Jawarski, James Whitson, Chris McCrae and Patricia Cooper.

Mayor Mahon asked for a motion to approve. It was moved by Councilman Briscione and seconded by Councilman Irace and was unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Mahon offered the following re-appointments to the **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** for 2010:

Richard McKenna	Board of Education
Christopher Widdis, Jr.	Planning Board
David LaPorta	Recreation Committee
Vacant	Fire Marshal
Leland Wersinger	Senior Citizens Club
Marie Quackenbush	Citizen member
Alfred DeSantis, Sr.	Citizen member

Mayor Mahon offers the following re-appointment to the **BOARD OF HEALTH** for 2010:

Carol Apicelli Term expiring 12/31/13

Mayor Mahon asked for a motion to approve. It was moved by Councilman Briscione and seconded by Councilman Irace and was unanimously approved by Council.

The **BOARD OF HEALTH** is now composed of the following members:

Carole Conner	Term expiring 12/31/11
David LaPorta	Term expiring 12/31/11
William Kaloss	Term-expiring 12/31/12
Constance Savarese	Term expiring 12/31/12
Carol Apicelli	Term expiring 12/31/13

Mayor Mahon stated the following for the record that **MAURO BALDANZA** is serving as the Borough's **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR**, for a regular three-year term, which expires February 20, 2012.

Mayor Mahon stated the following for the record that **CHRIS BAGGOT**, is serving as the Borough's **1<sup>st</sup> ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR**, for a regular three-year term, which expires December 31, 2010.

Mayor Mahon stated the following for the record that **VITO MARRA**, is serving as the Borough's **2<sup>nd</sup> ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR** for a regular three-year term, which expires December 31, 2010.

Mayor Mahon offered the following re-appointments to the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** for 2010:

David LaPorta	Regular three-year term
Lee Poole	Regular three-year term
Jeff Bottger	Regular three-year term
Alfred DeSantis, Jr.	Regular three-year term

Mayor Mahon asked for a motion to approve. It was moved by Councilman Irace and seconded by Councilman Briscione and was unanimously approved by Council

The **RECREATION COMMITTEE** is now composed of the following members:

Thomas Crochet	Term expiring 12/31/10
Michael MacStudy	Term expiring 12/31/10
Therese Wollman	Term expiring 12/31/10
Vacant	Term expiring 12/31/10
Sheri Amador	Term expiring 12/31/10
Lisa Aromondo	Term expiring 12/31/11
John Amador	Term expiring 12/31/11
Edward Miller	Term expiring 12/31/11
Michael Minervini	Term expiring 12/31/11
David LaPorta	Term expiring 12/31/12
Lee Poole	Term expiring 12/31/12
Jeff Bottger	Term expiring 12/31/12
Alfred DeSantis, Jr.	Term expiring 12/31/12

Mayor Mahon offered the following re-appointments to the **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION** for 2010:

Robert Broege	Regular three-year term
Bruce Lane	Regular three-year term
Thomas Cox	Regular three-year term

The **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION** is now composed of the following members:

Joseph McCarthy	Term expiring 12/31/10
Robert Kelly	Term expiring 12/31/10
Dr. William A. Kaloss	Term expiring 12/31/11
Karen D'Agostino	Term expiring 12/31/11
Robert Broege	Term expiring 12/31/12
Bruce Lane	Term expiring 12/31/12
Thomas Cox	Term expiring 12/31/12

Mayor Mahon offered the following appointments and re-appointments to the **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE** for 2010:

Debra Schlipf	Regular two-year term
Scott Poyner	Regular two-year term
Paul Rollerli	Regular two-year term

Councilman Irace moved to approve the appointments, which was seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by Council.

The **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE** is now composed of the following members:

James Gervolino	Term expiring 12/31/10
Hunter Brown	Term expiring 12/31/10
Debra Schlipf	Term expiring 12/31/11
Scott Poyner	Term expiring 12/31/11
Paul Rollerli	Term expiring 12/31/11

Mayor Mahon offered the following re-appointments to the **FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE** for 2010:

Rick Karinja, Steve Remaley, Kevin Kubic and Robert Kelly

Mayor Mahon stated that in addition to those members the Committee is comprised of the Superintendent of Public Works, the Construction Official, the Director of Emergency Management and a member of the Public Safety Council Committee.

Mayor Mahon stated for the record that John Bonforte and Ward Coles are serving as the **OCEANPORT REPRESENTATIVES** to the **TWO RIVERS WATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY**:

John Bonforte	Term expiring 01/31/14
Ward Coles	Term expiring 01/31/10

Mayor Mahon stated for the record that **RICHARD THOMPSON** will continue serving as **MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**, for a three-year term which will expire 12/31/10.

Mayor Mahon offered the name of **JAMES BUTLER** to serve as **MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR** for 2010. Councilman Briscione moved to approve the appointment and was seconded by Councilman Gallo and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Mahon offered the name of **HELEN STONE AND DAVID GARDNER** to serve as **MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER** for 2010. Councilman Irace moved to approve the appointment and was seconded by Councilman Gallo and approved by Council.

Mayor Mahon offers the following re-appointments for **SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS** for 2010.

Patricia Scaduto, Edgar Caffyn, Maggie Lippolis, Brenda McNish, Elizabeth Datasch, Dale Burd, Clarence Brocklebank, Al DeSantis, Frank Lippolis, Nancy Ferrante, Bill McNish and Kathleen Britton.

Councilman Irace moved to approve the appointments and was seconded by Councilman Briscione and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Mahon stated for the record, the members currently serving as **FIRE POLICE**:

**PORT-AU-PECK CHEMICAL HOSE CO.**

**OCEANPORT HOOK & LADDER FIRE CO.**

Bart Boyle, Dale Burd, Bill McNish  
Bob D'Agostino, George Ottino,  
Paul Hanisch, Alred DeSantis, Clarence Brocklebank  
Frank Lippolis & Joseph Sherman.

Gregory Widmaier, Robert Howie

Mayor Mahon offers the following re-appointments for **CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR 2010**:

James Fisher and Daniel Petrucelli

Councilman Irace moved to approve the appointments and was seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Mahon offers the following re-appointments from **CLASS I SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR 2010**:

Cristi Mazzarella, Joseph Ward, Patrick Shaffery, Thomas Pullaro

Councilman Briscione moved to approve the appointments and was seconded by Councilman Irace and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Mahon announced the officers of the **FIRST AID SQUAD** for 2010:

**CAPTAIN**  
**1<sup>st</sup> LIEUTENANT**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> LIEUTENANT**

Laura Hornung  
Carl Ceralde  
Richard Eng

The Clerk administered the Oaths of Office to the new officers and Mayor Mahon presented the badges to the new officers.

Mayor Mahon asked the Clerk to read the results of the election of the **OCEANPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT** for 2010:

**Chief**  
**1<sup>st</sup>. Assistant Chief**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>. Assistant Chief**

Thomas Crochet  
Patrick Shaffery  
Richard Art

The Clerk administered the Oaths of Office to the new officers and Mayor Mahon presented the badges to the new officers.

Mayor Mahon presented the Ex-Chief's badge to out going Chief, Thomas Gallo.

Mayor Mahon acknowledged Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrand.

Mayor Mahon stated that he had an item that did not appear on the agenda and with no objections proceeded to the Mayor's Life Time Achievement Award. Mayor Mahon stated that it was his privilege to recognize John Bonforte for his lifetime of service to the people of Oceanport and Monmouth County.

**WHEREAS** John Bonforte, Sr. is an Oceanport representative to the Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority and played a key role in removing the sewer moratorium and permitting increased flow from Monmouth Park Racetrack. This additional capacity significantly reduced the amount of bypass discharged into Branchport Creek both in the summer of 2008 and again the summer of 2009. This single action benefited our environment, and residents on both sides of the river, and

**WHEREAS** John Bonforte, Sr. is a member of the Oceanport Lions Club and his work with the Lions Club has enriched the lives of many as recipients of the charitable works the Lions perform. It has also improved the lives of Oceanport residents through contributions to Borough fire companies and the first aid squad; and to borough hall. Funds contributed by the Lions from the proceeds of their annual Strawberry Fair have been earmarked for a new electronic message board to replace the current one in front of borough hall. The sign was originally constructed with the support of the Lions Club, and

**WHEREAS** John Bonforte, Sr. has worked as an advocate for his neighbors as a member of the Horseneck Point Property Owners Association; John was part of the "Fort Monmouth Redevelopment Contingency" and advocated for changes to the Fort Monmouth Vision Plan, making others sensitive to a variety of concerns with rail stops, temporary housing and shelters; and security in a post 9-11 world. John's advocacy resulted in changes that will preserve and respect this neighborhood in the face of great upheaval. Outside of Oceanport John has found time to be a member of the Catholic Men's Breakfast group and stay involved with the Long Branch Chamber of Commerce, and

**WHEREAS** John Bonforte, Sr. has been a resident of Oceanport since 1965, residing for all that time on Horseneck Pt. Rd. and before marriage & living in Oceanport, John served in the National Guard, and

**WHEREAS** at 68 years old John is a father of 4 children and 11 grandchildren and married to Barbara. And, three of your children still live in Oceanport today along with 9 of the 11 grandchildren;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Mayor Michael J. Mahon, on behalf of the governing body and the entire Borough of Oceanport recognize your lifetime of service and achievement; and further, present you with the Mayor's Lifetime Achievement Award and hereby proclaim

**JANUARY 1, 2010**  
**JOHN BONFORTE, SR. DAY**  
In the Borough of Oceanport.

Mr. Boneforte commented that many, many people, past and present are what have contributed to make Oceanport a really special place and expressed his appreciation.

Mayor Mahon continued that at their last Council meeting they had acknowledged outgoing Councilman Ted Ibex and as he was present that day asked for a round of applause for Ted.

The Clerk stated that there were 13 items listed on the Consent Agenda for approval and asked for a motion.

1. Resolution fixing date, time and place of the Borough Council meetings. **R-10-002**
2. Resolution designating official bank depositories for all Borough funds. **R-10-003**
3. Resolution designating the official newspapers of the Borough advertising. **R-10-004**
4. Resolution approving the Borough Cash Management Plan. **R-10-005**
5. Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to charge interest on delinquent taxes. **R-10-006**
6. Resolution authorizing a year end tax penalty. **R-10-007**
7. Resolution authorizing the annual tax sale. **R-10-008**
8. Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector cancel small balances **R-10-009**
9. Resolution authorizing the signature of checks. **R-10-010**
10. Resolution approving the 2010 temporary budget. **R-10-011**
11. Resolution appointing United Cleaning to clean Borough buildings in 2010. **R-10-012**
12. Resolution appointing Atlantic Printing for the 2010 Borough Bulletins. **R-10-013**
13. Resolution appointing Brown Heating and Cooling for HVAC maintenance for 2010. **R-10-014**

Councilman Irace moved the Consent Agenda be approved. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by Council.

#### **COMMITTEES:**

**COUNCILMAN BERTEKAP:** Councilman Bertekap extended thanks to his family and wife for their support and to all those who serve and make Oceanport a great community and pledged that he would stay informed and strive to make positive decisions for Oceanport and continue with transparency in their government and challenged everyone to keep on doing what they're doing because it was the people that make Oceanport the great community that it is.

**COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE:** Councilman Briscione congratulated Councilman Bertekap on his election and welcomed him to Council and welcomed back Councilman Johnson and looks forward to working with them in 2010 and thanked Ted for his service. Councilman Briscione also commented that the Award to Mr. Bonforte was well deserved.

Councilman Briscione continued that he wished to thank the Borough's employees and their ability to adapt in the ever-changing situations in the workplace, the volunteers, emergency service volunteers and asked that all would remember our service men and women throughout the world and their sacrifices.

Councilman Briscione continued that there have been a number of challenging issues in recent years including Fort Monmouth, the economic times, a water quality act and improvement plan with the NJSEA for Branchport Creek and changes in the Borough's Affordable Housing Plan. Councilman Briscione also stated that the Council had authorized last year a reassessment and advised that although it would not lower taxes but would minimize the amount of tax appeals and reduce costs related to defending assessments and advised where parties could go for more information after the assessment letters go out later in the month.

Councilman Briscione also discussed difficult upcoming issues that would impact the Borough including the State's budget crisis, a likely reduction in State aid, decline in available grant money, increases in insurance and pension costs, the deferment of pension payments, Legislative Bill S-10 addressing the authority to oversee the implementation of the planning for Fort Monmouth and the cost impacts on the Borough, the failure of the State to protect the horse racing industry and the need to take measures to sustain the industry which was vital.

**COUNCILMAN GALLO:** Councilman Gallo congratulated Councilman Johnson on his re-election and Councilman Bertekap for his first term in office and that he looked forward to working with them along with the rest of Council in 2010. Councilman Gallo also congratulated new Chief Tom Crochet, assistants, outgoing Chief Tom Gallo and to the First Aid Captain and Lieutenants.

Councilman Gallo continued that he was looking forward to working with his Committees and moving forward with the updating of the Borough's parks.

**COUNCILWOMAN IRACE:** Councilman Irace offered congratulations to Councilman Johnson and Councilman Bertekap and to Ted Ibex for his service, the officers of the Fire Department and First Aid Squad and to John Bonforte for his well-deserved award.

Councilman Irace offered comments concerning the work that the Council has made and the issues the Borough would continue to face such as the closure of Fort Monmouth, Monmouth Park Racetrack issues, the economy and a State government that penalizes smaller, efficient towns like Oceanport. Councilman Irace continued by reporting some of the Borough's achievements including a flat-funded municipal budget, continuation of the 10-year Park Improvement Plan, finalization and collaborative efforts to solve the pollution issues with Branchport Creek and an infrastructure trust with the NJSEA enabling work to begin, restructuring of non-aligned municipal employee health care program which included for the first time required employee contributions to health care premiums, continuance of shared services with neighboring towns, reassessment of property values, placement of Welcome to Oceanport signs and banners along East Main Street all paid for by sponsors, construction of sidewalks along Port Au Peck Avenue from Blackberry Bay Park to Maple Place school to ensure safety of our children, continuation of the fight to save Fort Monmouth, the Warp Tour at Monmouth Park, honoring Oceanport Veterans at Haskell Day at Monmouth Park, becoming one of only 28 towns in the State to be named a Sustainable New Jersey town and a reimbursement check of \$195,723.19 for planning expenses related to the closure of Fort Monmouth and the pursuit of other qualifying reimbursements for public safety, planning and development and the new Fort Monmouth Redevelopment bill.

Councilman Irace continued with an explanation of the process, amendments and policy of the Senate's S-10 bill affecting the redevelopment of Fort Monmouth and some of the items of concern that Oceanport was pursuing inclusion with the bill and concerns with the State's EDA involvement.

**COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:** Councilman Johnson welcomed incoming Fire Department and First Aid officers and congratulated outgoing Chief Tom Gallo and outgoing Captain John Connor for jobs well done. Councilman Johnson also thanked outgoing Councilman Ibex for his time and dedication to the Borough, that he looks forward to working with his replacement Councilman Bertekap and congratulations to incoming Council President Irace and John Bonforte for his work with the sewerage authority and the Lions Club.

Councilman Johnson offered his comments regarding the issues the Borough faces each day and that under the leadership of Mayor Mahon, Council would continue to tackle those issues head on. Councilman Johnson also thanked his family for their continued support and that it was his honor and privilege to serve the community of Oceanport.

**MAYOR MAHON:** Mayor Mahon thanked everyone for coming out along with extinguished guests and how important resident involvement was to the community. Mayor Mahon offered general comments concerning the new year and its resolutions to continue to work united and the keeping of past resolutions to do same and the focuses of the coming year along with his pledge to continue to serve the residents.

**PUBLIC:**

The Mayor then opened the meeting for anyone from the public who wished to be heard. As no one from the public wished to be heard Mayor Mahon closed the public portion of the meeting.

There being no further business Councilman Briscione moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:58 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gallo and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

KIMBERLY A. JUNGFER  
BOROUGH CLERK