

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
May 6, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on May 6, 2010 at 8:04 p.m. with Mayor Mahon stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Bertekap, Briscione, Gallo, Irace, Johnson, Kahle, Mayor Mahon

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Kimberly A. Jungfer and Borough Attorney, John O. Bennett, III

INVOCATION: Borough Chaplain Robert Mills gave the invocation.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution authorizing the payment of bills. **R-10-68**
2. Resolution authorizing a tax refund for overpayment **R-10-69**
3. Resolution approving Games of Chance for the Strawberry Festival. **R-10-70**
4. Resolution requesting restoration of Energy Tax Receipts. **R-10-71**
5. Resolution awarding a contract for flooring at Old Wharf House. **R-10-72**
6. Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement for County 911 for Fire Dispatching. **R-10-73**
7. Resolution authorizing the sale of Borough property. **R-10-74**
8. Approval of the workshop meeting minutes of April 15, 2010
9. Approval of the regular meeting minutes of April 15, 2010.
10. Resolution authorizing a contract for fertilization of Borough Parks. **R-10-75**

The Clerk stated there were 9 items on the Consent Agenda and then described a 10th item added from the Workshop then asked for a motion. Councilwoman Kahle made a motion to approve the Consent agenda which was seconded by Councilman Irace and approved by Council.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: No report

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN BERTEKAP: Councilman Bertekap thanked all the volunteers and residents that came out for the NJ Marathon and the support for Oceanport and also those residents that attended the public meeting regarding Fort Monmouth held by our state legislators and stated that it was important that they continue to express their concerns on the issue.

Councilman Bertekap reported on a meeting with the Oceanport Board of Education along with Councilpersons Irace and Gallo and that they were moving ahead to reflect the vote that came down from the residents regarding the school budget and looking at ways to the lower the tax burden on Oceanport residents.

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione reported the monthly data for police, fire and first aid calls and reminded residents that as of April 1, 2010 that motorists are required to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. Councilman Briscione also thanked the state legislative delegation for hosting the forum at Shore Regional on Senate Bill S-917 and that it was encouraging to see so many residents attend. Councilman Briscione continued that although progress was being made with proposed amendments he remained concerned that the legislation would still have a financial impact on Oceanport residents and that the plan in place upon build-out would increase the number of units in Oceanport by more than 30%. Councilman Briscione also stated that the forum did not alleviate his concerns about the State's Economic Development Authority involvement with the project. Councilman Briscione thanked the Mayor for his efforts on behalf of Oceanport residents and though they did not always agree on everything their end game was the same.

COUNCILMAN GALLO: Councilman Gallo advised everyone with the details for the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony at Borough Hall and invited everyone to attend.

COUNCILMAN IRACE:

1. Resolution authorizing the reading of the 2010 Municipal Budget by title only **R-10-76**

Councilman Irace made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the reading of the 2010 Municipal Budget by title only which was seconded by Councilman Irace.

The Clerk called roll:

AYES: Bertekap, Briscione, Gallo, Irace, Johnson, Kahle
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:

1. 2nd reading and public hearing of the Extra Duty Ordinance **#881**
2. Resolution setting fees for Extra Duty Assignments. **R-10-77**

Councilman Johnson called for the 2nd reading and public hearing of the **“EXTRA DUTY ASSIGNMENTS” OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY** and then asked the Clerk to read the affidavit of publication by title only.

Mayor Mahon then opened the meeting to the public for anyone who wished to be heard.

As no one else from the public wished to be heard Mayor Mahon closed the public portion of the hearing on a motion for Councilwoman Kahle which was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Johnson then made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on second and final reading and advertise same in accordance with the law, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle.

The Clerk called roll:

AYES: Bertekap, Briscione, Gallo, Irace, Johnson, Kahle
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Councilman Johnson made a motion to adopt a resolution setting fees for Extra Duty Assignments which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle.

The Clerk called roll:

AYES: Bertekap, Briscione, Gallo, Irace, Johnson, Kahle
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Councilman Johnson wished to publicly thank those teachers of Oceanport and Shore Regional who voted yes to a one year pay freeze due to the economic conditions.

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle reported that she along with Councilman Johnson and Councilman Briscione met with the Shore Regional Board of Education to discuss the defeated school

budget along with representatives from Sea Bright and Monmouth Beach. Councilwoman Kahle reported that the budget had initially been cut \$872,000 prior to the budget's introduction and gave the details on additional cuts that the Board had made including reductions in teachers and a study on the declining enrollments. Councilwoman Kahle stated that all the towns were in agreement with a wage freeze for the association members and that they had been concerned about the contributions towards health care. She continued that they looked at each of the budget line items, salaries and that one concern was that Shore's Administration had not taken a wage freeze but raises. She also reported on services that Shore Regional does provide for Oceanport and the dollar value of each one including busing and handicapped summer preschool. Councilwoman Kahle summarized by stating that they advised the Board that they would like to see the budget cut by \$90,000 – the value of one administrator as they have 7 administrator and the consensus was that based on the number of students they could perform the same services with 6 administrators. Councilwoman Kahle also advised that the teachers' contract was up for renewal after the State's deadline and would automatically require the 1.5% contribution towards health care costs. Councilwoman Kahle also reported on some of the programs that had been cut such as music, golf and bowling as well as what teachers had been cut and hall monitors.

Councilwoman Kahle lastly stated that the group agreed that there should be regionalization of the business administrator for each of the participating towns as presently each town had their own administrator with their own office and the child study team could also be shared and that there should be further discussions on services that could be shared.

Councilman Briscione added that they had not heard the other side of the story such as how those services were offered or what mechanisms were in place but that everyone appeared interested in trying to share in the interest of saving money.

Councilwoman Kahle added that Shore Regional also offered to provide a Curriculum Coordinator to each of the towns so that all students would follow the same curriculum prior to going to Shore Regional.

There was additional discussion on the pursuit of shared services which Oceanport's Council has actively sought.

MAYOR MAHON: Mayor Mahon commented on two articles published in local newspapers regarding the McAfee Center on Fort Monmouth and its importance as a ratable and that he was pursuing meetings with appropriate officials to gain a better understanding of why certain properties on Fort Monmouth were being considered for homeland security and that once that had been accomplished he would report back to Council.

Mayor Mahon also reported on correspondence that the Council had sent to the Governor's office opposing legislation concerning the Time of Decision that impacts applications before a municipality's zoning board and the limit of putting in place zoning that might impact that application and that it had been approved.

Mayor Mahon updated everyone on the last meeting of the Monmouth Park Task Force including an upcoming meeting with the representative from the Governor's Advisory Committee on Gaming, Wagering and Horseracing in New Jersey, twilight racing at Monmouth Park in July and several upcoming events at Monmouth Park such as the Warp Tour, the Jazz and Blues Festival, Steeplechase Festival and the Oceanport Stakes race. Mayor Mahon asked residents to come out and support the track - a vital part of our community.

Mayor Mahon thanked everyone for the support for the NJ Marathon and the efforts by the Police Department and Chief Sutton for a great job done and that he had received many compliments regarding Oceanport's policeman and the effort by firefighters and first aiders on standby and in advance of the race the effort of Public Works to clean up potholes and maintenance on roads of the course and a big shout to residents that staffed and used personal water sprinklers to keep runners cool. Mayor Mahon continued that the Marathon's purpose was for fundraising and that contributions would be made to Oceanport's

Kortney Rose Foundation as well as the Borough's emergency services and the Recreation Trust for Summer's End.

PUBLIC:

The Mayor then opened the meeting for anyone from the public who wished to be heard.

Tom Cox, 18 Hunters Run, expressed the appreciation of the taxpayers to those non-union employees foregoing a raise this year.

Councilman Johnson asked with cynicism that when Mayor Mahon sits down with Congressman Pallone and Holt that he thank them on his behalf for their interest in the Borough's prime piece of real estate on Fort Monmouth property as he hadn't heard from them since 2005 when they announced the closing of the Fort.

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

Mayor Mahon added that he had been working with Congressman Holt's office along with Ms. Jungfer and Mr. White to try to obtain funding for dredging associated with the back creeks closest to Monmouth Park and apologized for not reporting that earlier;

Bill List: Capital Trust \$150,543.36 Dog Registry \$621.40. Off Duty Trust \$380.00. Open Space Trust \$315.00 Other Trust \$1,509.50. Water Watch Trust \$162.00 2009 Vouchers Paid \$373,540.74. 2009 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$.00 Total 2009 Vouchers Paid \$373,540.74 2010 Vouchers Paid \$7,402,187.03 2010 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$1,348,204.55 Total 2010 Vouchers Paid \$8,750,391.58

At 8:32 p.m. the Clerk read a Resolution authorizing the meeting to enter Executive Session for the purposes of negotiations and litigation on a motion made by Councilwoman Kahle and seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by Council.

At 9:34 p.m. the Council returned from Executive Session and re-opened the Regular Meeting on a motion by Councilman Johnson which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by Council.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. on a motion by Councilwoman Kahle, which was seconded by Councilman Briscione and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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BOROUGH CLERK