

**WORK SHOP MEETING MINUTES
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT
February 4, 2016**

The Workshop Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on February 4, 2016 at 7:02 P.M. with the Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act given by Mayor Coffey. *This meeting complies with the Open Public Meeting Act by notification on January 4, 2016 of this location, date and time to the Asbury Park Press and the LINK News, publication on January 7, 2016 and by the posting of same on the municipal bulletin board and Borough Web Site.*

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

INVOCATION: Borough Chaplain Stacy Deerin gave the invocation.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Briskey, Cooper, Gallo, Irace, Patti and Mayor Coffey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilperson Kahle

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Administrator, John Bennett, Borough Clerk, Jeanne Smith, and Borough Attorney, Scott Arnette

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mr. Bennett summarized his report provided previously. Copy of report attached hereto.

Mayor Coffey advised that the Clerk had 2 items that had come up this afternoon and asked for a motion to allow the Clerk to report which was moved by Councilman Patti, seconded by Councilman Irace and approved by the Council.

CLERK'S REPORT: Ms. Smith brought to the Council's attention a request from the Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority for an announcement on the Borough's website concerning a construction project underway to install a bypass at their pump station on Ausable Ave; resident questions and concerns for permits and noise. Discussion ensued on what project entailed, the need for the work and includes 1 overnight to limit impacts to service to residents. Afterwards it was decided to hold off on notice up on the website and the Clerk to draft a resolution to address noise ordinance issue for Council's consideration at the next regular meeting.

Ms. Smith next asked about the Freeholder seminar for elected officials and if anyone wished to attend with responses from Councilwoman Cooper and Councilman Patti.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Coffey reported on announcement by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) concerning the NJ FRAMES Grant that has been awarded to Oceanport and surrounding municipalities to develop a regional impact plan to for impacts to coastal areas; reported that Borough Administrator Interviews proceeding, interviews should be completed by end of next week; reported that Borough Hall rebuild discussions ongoing including police station status; FMERA for other available sites; public meetings to be held to discuss at length all alternatives, what services should be provided in new location; discussed FEMA funds and what it can be used for; State Board of Education notification to Oceanport Board of Education not supportive of building a K-8 and why; options of where to rebuild school(s) to be discussed at 2 town halls/council meetings and meeting with FEMA scheduled for next week.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Police Negotiations - Councilman Briskey advised that the Committee had met with the PBA and received their proposal; Administration preparing data for the Committee; not sufficient time prior to meeting to review; Councilwoman Kahle not able to attend and so meeting wasn't continued and

would be rescheduled. Because health employee benefits which are also on the Agenda are part of the negotiations, Councilman Briskey requested that Councilman Irace hold off on that subject.

2. Fire Department Capital Expense for Scott Air Packs - Councilman Briskey advised that issues had been brought up whether the Borough's equipment was compliant; brought out to County where it was rejected; our Department follows the PEOSHA standard and it is being researched if the current equipment will comply with that standard and wanted Council to know that if it were not there would be the necessity to replace the equipment at an approximate cost of \$100,000. Discussion ensued on what the air packs were for; 2 candidates at Academy with 2 of Oceanport's packs which the Academy failed; packs to be sent to testing service; men have to be safe; Councilman Patti commented that our men have to be safe; was important matter to address quickly

Councilman Briskey also reported John Carrol, John Carroll III and Shane Carroll graduated from the Academy last week.

3. Conrail Remediation - Councilman Briskey brought up the Conrail remediation, dealing with Federal government, slow process, gave brief history of issue, location, soil contamination; remediation completed but drainage not working; concern about the Zika virus from mosquitoes which this site potentially could breed; Monmouth County Mosquito Commission would not treat the property as it was private – but needs to confirm. Discussion ensued concerning Federal aspect and involvement of legislators. Afterwards Councilman Briskey asked if Council approved of him reaching out to Congressman Pallone with no objections.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:

1. Employee Manual – Council President Irace asked for the last revised manual be sent again to Council along with the Clerk's recommendations for additional policies following the Sewerage Authority's policies as a basis and schedule for next Workshop for discussion. Councilman Patti asked if he had his recommendations which Councilmen Briskey and Irace acknowledged.

Council President Irace also offered remarks on the cardiac event, life-saving actions of First Aid, Police, Fire and Public Works departments and volunteer team work.

Council President Irace reported on efforts being made to bring the Post Office workers back to Oceanport.

2. Borough Box at Monmouth Park – A request made by the Oceanport PTO to use for an auction; any day can be scheduled with exception of Haskell Day which had no objections. Also available to residents for use.

PUBLIC:

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

Debra Sharkey, River Street, on TRWRA matter requested that River Ave be notified as well; brought up the mosquito treatment that was supposed to be done back there that was never done. Councilman Briskey stated he would follow up with Congressman Pallone. Councilwoman Cooper asked about hearing the pump at night; Ms. Sharkey answered yes, it echoes.

Roseanne Letson, 37 Morris Place, asked questions about the Board of Education meeting and did not see a representative from Council, would like to see regular reports at Council meetings on this as there were items discussed at the last meeting that were important; Mayor Coffey commented that Board of Education members were present at Council meetings and they could report to Council as well as Councilwoman Kahle can attend the Board of Education's meetings.

Ms. Letson asked about Mr. Lower's "1-man" report at last town hall and that was the last heard on the

issue and asked where that was at. Mayor Coffey advised that would be ramping up over the next month.

Ms. Letson requested a review of the Borough's "knock" ordinance, issues of recent, and would like to make sure the Ordinance is strong enough. Council President Irace responded that was something being discussed. Ms. Letson also commented that her friend Mary Beth brought up the fact that the regular guys from Future are no longer in town. Ms. Letson liked Joe from last company.

Michael MacStudy, 110 Oceanport Ave, asked about website, went through the Call to Service, can't site be updated every year. Mayor Coffey responded they agreed, was on the list of items to be worked on and would be addressed by Technology Committee. Mayor Coffey added that a new format being worked, not all Committees have met yet but goal was to have agendas up a week in advance.

John Gasparini, 114 S. Pemberton Ave, asked what the difference was between Workshop and Regular; Mayor responded no voting at Workshop, discussion only for items to be on Agenda for regular meeting. Mr. Gasparini asked questions and commented about the ordinance requiring sidewalks to be cleared within 48 hours, sidewalks on Pemberton near Wolf Hill School remain un-cleared; what's the point of the ordinance if it's not going to be enforced. Discussion ensued including code enforcement, complaints from seniors that can't do sidewalk, the liability if the Borough coordinates Boy Scouts, etc., whether sidewalks were police or code enforcement, ordinance only about 3 years old and there was an education period.

Mr. Gasparini asked for website for boxes on home page with latest issues of planning board, board of education, etc. so that there's one place for information; not use Facebook. A lengthy discussion ensued about best resource to get information out to the public; Borough's website; Facebook, public notification to Borough officials.

Mr. Gasparini, asked about the Committees; was there no Committee for cost control and tax abatement and was told Finance & Administration covers that. Mr. Gasparini asked if there was a citizen's committee for cost controls. Mayor Coffey stated that would be one of the Committees they would get to and Mr. Gasparini would be asked to be on it.

Mike MacStudy, Oceanport Avenue, commented on the snow thing, that lady in Freehold received a letter that if not done next time then there would be fine and maybe that's a solution to send letters to people. Council President Irace responded that's one thing but we also need to find a way to help out the seniors.

Diane Mackenrodt, 233 Port Au Peck Avenue, was in touch with Guidance at Shore Regional; saw a posting about kids being connected with people that need shoveling; Shore has volunteer groups such as Adopt a Senior but she'll continue to look into it.

Christina Ellam, 18 Belmar Ave, commented that the Facebook page for Oceanport should be positive; stated that the 2500 people on the Residents page were not all residents; commented that there should be an official resource and have it tagged to those other sites; suggested looking into internship for technology stuff; discussion continued on what should be posted by officials and what should be official.

Mayor Coffey asked Council for consent to prepare a resolution to allow temporary housing in front of house requested by Mr. Judkis for next regular meeting with no objections by Council.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Patti seconded by Councilman Irace and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

JEANNE SMITH
BOROUGH CLERK