

**WORK SHOP MEETING MINUTES
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT
June 2, 2016**

The Workshop Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on June 2, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. with the Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act given by Mayor Coffey.

"Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by notice to the Asbury Park Press and The Link News on January 4, 2016, 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, Irace, Patti and Mayor Coffey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilpersons Gallo, Kahle

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Jeanne Smith, Borough Attorney, Scott Arnette

Resolution #2016-122 authorizing the payment of bills

Mayor Coffey asked for a motion approving Resolution #2016-122 which was moved by Council President Irace and seconded by Councilman Briskey. The Clerk called roll:

AYES: Briskey, Irace, Cooper and Patti

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gallo, Kahle

The Clerk stated the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: As Mr. Poerio was on vacation, Ms. Smith summarized Mr. Poerio's report provided previously to the Governing Body including meeting with the architect for the potential new borough hall. Police vehicles are expected to be in service in the next few weeks. Applications are being accepted for the Open Space Grant Program from the County. One proposal was received for the revaluation services and is under review.

Councilman Briskey reported on the remediation of the Conrail property. He met with Congressman Pallone, Mr. Poerio and others. He advised that he and Mr. Poerio will meet with Congressman Pallone and Conrail representatives on June 13th at the site.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Coffey reported that he, Councilwoman Cooper, Mr. Poerio, Mr. Arnette and Mr. White met with the Regional Master regarding COAH obligations. There was discussion regarding property on Fort Monmouth Property and at Monmouth Park. The Borough has been granted an extension to analyze which location would be best for the affordable housing units. The Planning Board advised the Council that the Horseneck Point site was not appropriate. The Mayor stated that some residents on Pemberton asked if Pemberton could be "dead ended" on either the Main Street Ave or the Oceanport Ave end. Further discussion on that suggestion is needed. A Request for Expression of Interest for the Myrtle Ave. site will be issued. He will ask Mr. Arnette to request an extension through August to complete the decision process.

Councilman Patti extended his thanks to the Mayor, Councilman Briskey and the Borough for attending his mother's wake and for the support of his fellow Council members.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Fort Monmouth Plan Amendment #6

Mayor Coffey summarized the purpose for the amendment to allow for the Borough to put its municipal complex in the 900 area. Without the amendment, Oceanport would not be able to purchase the property and move the municipal complex. In addition, the homeless shelter will be moved from the 901 site to another location. Councilman Briskey raised a concern regarding involvement by the County. Mayor Coffey stated that would add another layer to the process.

The Clerk stated that she received responses from the fire marshal, police department and OEM. Departments have until June 8th to respond to the Amendment and more may be forthcoming. The respondents were in favor of the amendment. OEM wanted to make note that the Governing Body address the Category 2 storm surge and if the municipal complex were relocated to the 900 area, certain buildings would have to be built in order to avoid the Category 2 designation. The Mayor commented on the status of Oceanport in a Category 4 storm and the flood maps.

PUBLIC:

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

Roseann Letson, 37 Morris Place, questioned items on the bill list regarding charges from NJNG. Council members responded that all charges are for municipal buildings.

Cullin Wible, 67 Wolf Hill Ave, made personal comments regarding the Borough's COAH obligations. Regarding the Pemberton Ave. site, he expressed concerns regarding a 30 year deed restriction and its impact on the future downtown. Regarding the Myrtle Ave. site, he expressed concern regarding subdividing a potentially valuable asset. He echoed Councilman Patti's idea of a vote for none of the proposed sites. He asked if it was possible for the Borough to pass a resolution to take no action on fulfilling the agreement for affordable housing. He stated it was unfair for COAH to impose this burden on the Borough and asked if an agreement could be reached to develop COAH units for the future. Mayor Coffey stated that there is no existential fairness in the law. Discussion continued regarding COAH obligations and Oceanport's unique situation. Ft. Monmouth is newly acquired, developable property, which is going to require more affordable housing units. Neighboring communities are not going to suddenly gain newly developable property. Further discussion occurred regarding the affordable housing burden in New Jersey.

Mayor Coffey mentioned the Memorial Day Ceremony which was inspirational, despite the cancellation of the parade due to the threat of inclement weather. Councilman Briskey mentioned that there would be fire truck rides at the Strawberry Festival. Mayor Coffey reported that he spoke with Lions Club Official Pete Deller, who stated there was an increase in attendance for opening night and there were no incidents at the Strawberry Fair.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on a motion by Council President Irace seconded by Councilman Patti and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

JEANNE SMITH
BOROUGH CLERK