

Merchantville, NJ

March 13, 2006

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, March 13, 2006. Mayor Patrick J. Brennan presided. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer were observed. Announcement was made that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the "Open Public Meetings Act".

ROLL CALL:

Council Present: Alloway, Fields, Zeiders, North, Pagano and Finnegan

Borough Clerk Thomas and Solicitor Higgins were present.

PUBLIC:

Steve Keigleman, presented Commerce Insurance's "Most Improved" award for the year 2005 to Councilman North, the Borough's J.I.F. representative.

Marvin Gaskill, 102 East Chestnut Avenue, addressed the 2006 municipal budget. He estimated a \$2 million ratable decrease along with a 23 cent school budget increase and urged Council to "hold the line" with taxes. Would like borough computers and Shade Tree Commission budget requests reconsidered. Has the borough taken a \$200,000 loss on the Maple/ Chapel Redevelopment Area; was eminent domain used to take lots within the Town Centre East Redevelopment Area? **Mayor Brennan** corrected him, stating that was true in either case. Mr. Gaskill continued that both Verizon and PNC Bank were losing business quickly. Consider cutting one or two police positions to save salaries and pension payments.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Thomas Cundey, Remington & Vernick Engineer's, provided an update of Borough projects.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

MR. FINNEGAN delivered the Public Works report. The Shade Tree Commission has focused on the removal of dead and dying trees from throughout the Borough.

MR. ZEIDERS will inspect the Community Center to determine existing issues. **Mayor Brennan** suggested that CDBG funds be used for rehabilitation of the Community Center or possibly apply for a Historic Building Grant.

MR. PAGANO reported on the Public Events Committee.

MRS. FIELDS delivered the Planning Board report. Delivered the Code Enforcement, NPP and Recreation Commission reports. The Community Center is booked from April through June.

MR. ALLOWAY updated the CDBG application and will be meeting with Remington & Vernick to discuss potential projects. Board of Health report was delivered.

MR. NORTH delivered Court and Police reports. OEM will be holding there meeting on March 20.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: **John Fry**, Borough Administrator, provided a written report and

highlighted several points. Financial Disclosure Statements are due April 30.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION – MERCHANTVILLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELDS MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL: Dan Beckett, Public Works Supervisor, has reviewed and approved the basics of the agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL REPORTS: On the motion of Mr. Alloway, second of Mrs. Fields and a unanimous roll call vote, Council approved the Chief Financial Officer's Report of Cash Receipts for February 2006 and the Abbreviated Budget Status as of February 28, 2006.

RESOLUTION – CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING COURT CHECKS: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mr. Pagano (Finnegan abstain), Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R06-26

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING COURT CHECKS

WHEREAS, there exist numerous outstanding checks on the Merchantville Municipal Court General Account which have been outstanding for over six months; and

WHEREAS, the various checks have been investigated and have been determined to have been lost or otherwise destroyed or undeliverable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following checks be cancelled and the expenditures be cancelled to the Current Fund.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>ACCT NO</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
General Account	0123000648	1394	\$2.00
		1401	1.00
		1408	1.00
		1409	1.00

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION – RESCINDING ORDINANCE #05-09: On the motion of Mr. North second of Mr. Pagano and a unanimous roll call vote, Council introduced the following ordinance:

06-01

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 86, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

The public hearing will be held on March 27.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION – CREATING OVERLAY ZONE WITHIN TOWN CENTRE EAST

REDEVELOPMENT ZONE: On the motion of Mr. Finnegan second of Mrs. Fields and a unanimous roll call vote, Council introduced the following ordinance:

06-02

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 94, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

The public hearing will be held on March 27.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION – AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS FROM MEDICAL PETTY CASH

FUND: On the motion of Mr. North second of Mr. Pagano and a unanimous roll call vote, Council introduced the following ordinance:

06-03

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PERMITTING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN MEDICAL DEDUCTIBLES AND CO-INSURANCE PAYMENTS TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

The public hearing will be held on March 27.

MEMS APPLICATION – AUBREY LEHMAN & BARUCH JAFFE: On the motion of Mr. Pagano and second of Mr. Zeiders, Council approved the appointments of Aubrey Lehman, 147 South Centre Street, and Baruch Jaffe, 31 Maple Avenue, Cherry Hill, to the MEMS.

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER – SAMANTHA MILLER: On the motion of Mr. Zeiders and second of Mr. Pagano, Council approved the appointment of Samantha Miller, 7474 Harvey Avenue, Pennsauken, as a Junior Firefighter.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF MERCHANTVILLE ANNUAL FLEA MARKET (9/23/06): On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. North, Council approved the use of Wellwood Park on September 23 for the annual Women's Club Flea Market.

RESOLUTION – YEAR 28 CDBG AGREEMENT: On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. North, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R06-27

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE
CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY CDBG YEAR XXVIII PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville is entitled to Community Development Block Grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to submit an application for Program Year 28 (2006-2007); and

WHEREAS, the grant allocation for YEAR 28 (2006-2007) for the Borough of Merchantville is \$32,640.00; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has agreed to apply for funding for the following activities:

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| 1. Rehabilitation and Repair of Merchantville Senior Center | 30,640.00 |
| 2. Senior Transportation | 2,000.00 |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Project Description Form for Program Year 28 (2006-2007).

COMMUNITY CENTER FEES: Mrs. Fields stated that the rental fee was the cheapest in the area at \$400. Research has shown that \$600 is the next cheapest figure. Mrs. Fields would like to address updating this fee in the near future.

TENNIS COURTS: Mr. Pagano

PAYMENT OF BILLS: On the motion of Mr. Alloway, second of Mr. Finnegan and a unanimous roll call vote, Council unanimously approved the following bills for payment:

CURRENT FUND: (PER 3/13/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #11323- 11334	\$ 124,009.11
CHECK #11335- 11402	\$ 76,187.50
	<u>\$ 200,196.61</u>

DOG ACCOUNT: (PER 3/13/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECK #	\$ -
	<u>\$ -</u>

GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT: (PER 3/13/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECK #1376- 1377	\$ 1,372.16
	<u>\$ 1,372.16</u>

MERCHANTVILLE SEWER UTILITY: (PER 3/13/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #1566- 1567	\$ 6,380.94
	<u>\$ 6,380.94</u>

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND: (PER 3/13/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECK #	\$ -
	<u>\$ -</u>

RECREATION COMMISSION: (PER 3/13/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #2577- 2578	\$ 1,045.00
CHECK #2579- 2587	\$ 4,025.79
	<u>\$ 5,070.79</u>

TRUST ACCOUNT - OTHER FUNDS: (PER 3/13/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #1051- 1052	\$ 662.46
CHECK #1053- 1055	\$ 1,111.65
	<u>\$ 1,774.11</u>

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION: (PER 3/13/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECK #	\$ -
	<u>\$ -</u>

TOTAL: \$ 214,794.61

**EXAMINED AND FOUND CORRECT: (SIGNED JOHN N. ALLOWAY)
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND AUDITING**

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RESOLUTION that the Report of the Department of Accounts and Auditing be accepted and spread upon the minutes and the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay the bills therein.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Council will hold a budget session immediately following the Council meeting.

PRIVATE SESSION: On the motion of Mr. Pagano and second of Mr. Alloway, Council adjourned to a private session to discuss matters of personnel.

BUDGET: When Council reconvened, Council discussed and made recommendations for various line items in the Current Fund budget.

ADJOURNMENT: On the motion of Mr. Pagano and second of Mr. Fields the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.

OREN R. THOMAS IV
BOROUGH CLERK