

Merchantville, NJ

August 14, 2006

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, August 14, 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: Finnegan, Alloway, Fields, Zeiders and North

Council Absent: Pagano

Borough Clerk Thomas and Solicitor Higgins were present.

PUBLIC:

Alice Diamond, 105 Westminster Avenue, asked Council if any financing reports had been filed with the Borough, claiming they were required by the redeveloper's agreement. Inquired if Council had any tax revenue figures for the proposed construction, citing a figure in a previous issue of the borough newsletter. **Mayor Brennan** stated that no reports had been filed to date; and there was no yearly tax revenue amount yet since there was no assessed value to the project. Mrs. Diamond then pointed out that this project was not the equivalent of a deck addition or a bathroom renovation and that financing reports should be received prior to Planning Board approval. **Monica Sohler**, 5 Clifton Avenue, presented to Council petitions containing signatures opposing the 60 foot height proposal and parking situation in the Town Centre East Redevelopment Zone. **Marvin Gaskill**, 102 East Chestnut Avenue, asked if Mayor Brennan still communicated with AST in any manner and if so was the correspondence available through an OPRA request? Mayor Brennan responded that he did still have contact with representatives of AST but only phone conversations, which were not covered under OPRA. Mr. Gaskill also asked if the Borough has asked AST to comply with the redeveloper's agreement by provided either financial or progress reports. Mayor Brennan will review the agreement to see if indeed those specific reports were required, as well as when they were due. Mr. Gaskill then asked Mrs. Fields several questions regarding the razing of the MEMS building. **Mrs. Fields** stated that Merchantville desperately needed redevelopment downtown which required the moving of the EMS squad. In the past the MEMS was a much larger organization and needed its own building; that is no longer the case. Regionalization of MEMS services is a possibility. Mr. Gaskill then openly suggested that MEMS members were promised potential paid positions within a new squad if they did not oppose the redevelopment project. Mayor Brennan responded that was completely false; the Borough is looking at all options with regards to the future of the MEMS but could not afford a paid MEMS staff.

Jonathon Rogers, 126 Saint James Avenue, stated that there is a hole in the street directly in front of 102 St. James Avenue. Police have stopped drivers who attempt to drive around the hole and Mr. Rogers is concerned for the safety of the vehicles and their operators who attempt to avoid the "irregularity".

Mayor Brennan asked Mr. Finnegan to have Daniel Beckett repair the hole with some cold patch.

Mark Brunton, 28 South Cove Road, asked if any decisions regarding shared parking services had been made. Will any further approval be required after the Planning Board concludes its process? **Mayor Brennan** responded that Council was waiting for site plan approval before they made any decisions regarding shared parking services; with regard to Council involvement in the redevelopment plan after Planning Board approval, he does not believe further involvement will take place. Mr. Brunton continued that as a past member of the Wenonah Fire Company he believes that combining the MEMS and Fire Company could be a benefit to both organizations as they would potentially feed off of each other.

Gail Ford, 135 North Centre Street, asked if there were any plans for tax abatements to be given to AST for The Park Avenue condominiums. **Mayor Brennan** stated that AST has not approached Council and asked for any type of tax relief. Mrs. Ford continued that according to Smart Growth principles abatements would be offered and that was required in Collingswood to help with the slow sales of their redevelopment properties within the Lumberyard Zone. Mayor Brennan quickly corrected Mrs. Ford, citing first-hand knowledge through his business that sales were doing "extraordinarily" well in Collingswood.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Thomas Cundey, Remington & Vernick Engineer's, provided an update of borough projects.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 5/15/06 SPECIAL, 5/22/06 REGULAR & 6/12/06 REGULAR AND PRIVATE MEETINGS: On the motion of Mr. Finnegan and second of Mrs. Fields, Council unanimously approved the 5/15/06 special, 5/22/06 regular and 6/12/06 regular and private session minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Heather Chapman, 129 Ivins Avenue: Thanked Mayor and Council for the removal of a large tree stump in front of her home.

Camden County Open Space Preservation Trust Fund: Notified the Borough that their request to amend a previous grant for Community Center improvements had been approved.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

MR. FINNEGAN delivered the Public Works report; they fought through the extreme heat over the past two weeks and did a great job. Delivered Shade Tree Commission report.

MR. ZEIDERS updated Council on progress of fire inspections. Delivered the Buildings & Grounds report. Would like to apply for a historical grant and form a small task force (possible members: Lynn North, Maureen McCloone and John Fry). Also asked about progress of painting the front door at Borough Hall. Mr. Fry stated that it should be finished by the end of the month.

MRS. FIELDS stated that the Planning Board has met three times since the last Council meeting. Delivered the Code Enforcement and Public Events reports.

MR. ALLOWAY announced that there were additional CDBG monies, approximately \$35,000 according to John Fry, and Council needed to decide how to allocate these funds. An agreement nine years ago

bound the Borough to performing curb cuts throughout town to comply with handicap regulations. SCUCS will be billing the Borough \$8,000 (with \$2,000 already encumbered) requiring \$6,000 to be allocated from the \$35,000. Mr. Alloway would like to look into where curb cuts are needed and then decide how to allocate the balance.

MR. NORTH delivered the Court report. The Wal-Mart Grant will be used to upgrade the police bicycle patrol. Briefed Council on the Morris Street street-light situation.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: John Fry, Borough Administrator, delivered a written report to Mayor and Council, highlighting some significant points.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION – PERSON-TO-PERSON LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER: On the motion of Mr. North, second of Mr. Alloway and a unanimous roll call vote, Council approved the following resolution:

R06-66A

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING PERSON-TO-PERSON PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE TRANSFER FROM NIKET INC., TO SHIVANI BEVERAGE CORPORATION

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License Number 0424-44-001-006, heretofore issued to Shivani Beverage Corporation, for premises located at 620-622 West Maple Avenue, Merchantville, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the license business;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville does hereby approve, effective August 31, 2006, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Distribution License to Shivani Beverage Corporation, and does hereby direct the Borough Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Shivani Beverage Corporation effective August 31, 2006".

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL REPORTS: On the motion of Mr. Alloway, second of Mr. Finnegan and a unanimous roll call vote, Council approved the Chief Financial Officer's Report of Cash Receipts for July 2006 and the Abbreviated Budget Status as of July 31, 2006.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE 2005 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R06-67

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING 2005 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Corrective Action Plan for the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, was filed with the Borough Clerk's office on June 21, 2006 and soon thereafter copies were provided to Mayor and Borough Council; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville that Borough Council approves the findings and recommendations listed on the 2005 Corrective Action Plan.

RESOLUTION – PURCHASE OF NEW POLICE RADIO SYSTEM: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R06-68

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN,
NEW JERSEY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE RADIO SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville is desirous of purchasing a Police Radio System in accordance with Ordinance #06-07; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that approval has been granted for the purchase of a Police Radio System from Tektron, Inc. 6845 Westfield Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ, State Contract #A53752, in the total amount of \$73,822.80.

RESOLUTION – OFFICE BASICS CONTRACT FOR PAPER/ ENVELOPES: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mr. Alloway (Finnegan abstain), Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R06-69

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD CONTRACTS WITH OFFICE BASICS AND
PAPER MART INC. FOR PRICE ONLY CONTRACTS FOR BID A-36, COPY AND
COMPUTER PAPER AND ENVELOPES UNDER THE CAMDEN COUNTY
COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM, SYSTEM IDENTIFIER #57-CCCPS**

WHEREAS, the County of Camden, as the Lead Agency for the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier #57-CCCPS (Cooperative), received and opened bids at its Division of Purchasing on July 11, 2006 at 11:00 AM, Prevailing Time, for Bid A-17, Copy and Computer Paper and Envelopes for various Camden County Departments and municipalities under The Camden County Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier #57-CCCPS, the receipt of which bids were duly advertised in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, the only responsible bidder who complied with the bid specifications is Office Basics, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Chosen Freeholders to award contracts to the lowest responsible bidders, for items listed herein for the needs of the County of Camden and other Cooperative Purchasing Members; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville to award contracts to the lowest responsible bidders, for the items listed herein for the needs of the Borough of Merchantville; and

WHEREAS, funding for this purpose for the Borough of Merchantville shall not exceed the maximum line items for office supplies in the Borough's 2006 permanent budget and shall be encumbered prior to incurring the obligation pursuant to NJAC 5:30-5.3(b)(2); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville that, contingent upon funding as described herein, the aforementioned Bid A-36, be and is hereby awarded to Office Basics, Inc., 22 Creek Circle, Boothwyn, PA 19061 for Bid A-36, Copy and Computer Paper and Envelopes for term ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the proper Borough officials be and are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to effect this award.

RESOLUTION – CH 159: JIF SAFETY INCENTIVE AWARD: On the motion of Mrs. Fields and second of Mr. North, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R06-70

**RESOLUTION INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN
THE BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY
OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87
(CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville in the County of Camden, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2006 in the sum of \$700.00 which is now available from a JIF Safety Incentive Program Award in the amount of \$700.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$700.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption JIF Safety Incentive Program Award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from the JIF Safety Incentive Program Award in the amount of \$700.00.

RESOLUTION - CH 159: WALMART SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD HEROES GRANT: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R06-71

**RESOLUTION INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN
THE BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY
OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87
(CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville in the County of Camden, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2006 in the sum of \$1,000.00 which is now available from a Walmart Safe Neighborhood Heroes Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$1,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption Walmart Safe Neighborhood Heroes Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from the Walmart Safe Neighborhood Heroes Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00.

RESOLUTION – CANCELLING RESIDUAL BALANCES FROM VARIOUS BOND ORDINANCES: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mrs. Fields, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R06-72

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY CANCELING \$202,336.48 OF RESIDUAL BALANCES FROM VARIOUS BOND ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, there exists \$202,336.48 in unencumbered balances remaining in various capital improvement authorizations that are no longer required for their original purposes,

Ord #	Description	Deferred Charge	Authorization Balance
42296B4	Police Radios	559.33	559.33
41497-5	Fire Turnout Gear		128.00
41497-2	Police Vests/Radio Batteries		587.27
51198G	South Chestnut Avenue	12,000.00	40,368.29
51198H	Purchase Traffic Lights		2,178.62
51198A	Purchase Police Vehicle		1,150.28
060898	Wellwood Park		4,354.88
102698	Town Ctr Transport & Pedestrian Project		6,339.79
061499A	Police Vehicle	177.21	177.21
061499G	Leaf Machine	500.00	500.00
061499H	Fire Diesel Exhaust	20,000.00	20,000.00
061499I	Fire Pagers	.07	.07
061499N	Night Deposit Box	690.00	690.00
061499O	Wellwood Park Sidewalks	119.50	119.50
99-06	Clifton Court Redevelopment	46,058.03	46,058.03
99-07	East Chestnut Property		2,971.51
00-02	Intersection Improvements	7,907.06	7,907.06
00-04H	Bike Path	2,907.95	2,907.95
01-11	Traffic Signal Improvements		33,916.60
02-09	Improvements to Myrtle Ave		4,381.14
03-09	Improvements to Euclid Ave	4,959.88	27,040.95
TOTAL		95,879.03	202,336.48

AND WHEREAS, it is now the desire of the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville to cancel said \$202,336.48 of above listed capital improvement authorization balances, thereby also reducing the Borough's net debt authorized by \$95,879.03 also as listed above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, New Jersey, that the \$202,336.48 of capital improvement authorization balances and the \$95,879.03 of authorized debt are hereby canceled.

RESOLUTION – TRANSFER OVERPAYMENTS TO OUTSTANDING BALANCES: On the motion of Mrs. Fields and second of Mr. Finnegan, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R06-73

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TRANSFER OVERPAYMENTS TO OUTSTANDING
BALANCES**

WHEREAS, total tax payments for the year of 2005 have resulted in overpayments and are being applied to outstanding balances in 2006 as attached:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville to adjust the amounts as stated above.

RESOLUTION – TRANSFER OVERPAYMENTS TO OUTSTANDING BALANCES: On the motion of Mrs. Fields and second of Mr. Finnegan, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R06-73A

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TRANSFER OVERPAYMENTS TO OUTSTANDING
BALANCES**

WHEREAS, total tax payments for the year of 2006 have resulted in overpayments and are being applied to outstanding balances in 2006 as attached:

Blk/Lt	Address	Amount
33/5	16 E Park Ave	\$ 80.76
33/6	E Park Ave	83.12
33/12	15 E Maple Ave	5,662.42

WHEREAS, total tax payments for the year of 2006 have resulted in overpayments and are being applied to outstanding balances in 2007 as attached:

Blk/Lt	Address	Amount
33/5	16 E Park Ave	\$ 229.68
33/6	E Park Ave	755.02
33/12	15 E Maple Ave	11,814.15

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville to adjust the amounts as stated above.

RESOLUTION – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LIEN: On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mrs. Fields, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R06-74

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY IMPOSING A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON CERTAIN**

PROPERTIES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 14 AND CHAPTER 60B OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

WHEREAS, Chapter 14 of the Code of Borough of Merchantville indicates that should the Borough incur a cost for the removal of brush, grass, weeds, and other obnoxious growths as defined in section 14-1 of the Code, that the amount so charged shall forthwith become a lien upon such lands and shall be added to and become part of and form a part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon such lands; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 60B of the Code of the Borough of Merchantville, in adopting the BOCA standards, also provides for the similar relief in terms of a municipal lien,

WHEREAS, The Borough has expended such funds as set forth in Exhibit A attached here to this lien, and

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville hereby desires to state, by Resolution, that these funds be and shall become a lien against the property pursuant to the aforesaid Borough Ordinances and New Jersey State Statutes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville that the following municipal liens in the following amounts shall be placed on the properties so listed below:

Block 7, Lot 12 (318 W End Ave): \$138.8770

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector of the Borough of Merchantville be and hereby is directed to place upon these properties a municipal lien in like amounts, with the same bearing interest at the same rate as taxes and shall be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as taxes.

RESOLUTION – D.A.R.E. GRANT APPLICATION: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mrs. Fields, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

**R06-75
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Camden;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. Merchantville Mayor and Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of an application for the Merchantville Municipal Drug Alliance for the calendar year 2006 in the amount of \$7,713.00.
2. Merchantville Mayor and Borough Council also acknowledge the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

RESOLUTION – YOU DRINK YOU DRIVE YOU LOSE 2006: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mr. Finnegan, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R06-76

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING THE 2006 YOU DRINK AND DRIVE
YOU LOSE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, impaired drivers on our nation's roads kill someone every 30 minutes, 50 people per day, and almost 18,000 people each year; and

WHEREAS, 31% of motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey are alcohol-related; and

WHEREAS, a national enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, the summer season is traditionally a time of social gatherings which often include alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the State to participate in the *You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2006 Enforcement Project*; and

WHEREAS, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from August 18 – September 4, 2006; and

WHEREAS, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, be it resolved that the Borough of Merchantville declares its support for the *You Drink and Drive You Lose 2005 Enforcement Project* from August 18 – September 4, 2006 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

RESOLUTION – SID CHALLENGE GRANT: On the motion of Mr. Finnegan and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R06-77

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY
OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE
FILING FOR A SID GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$4,400.00 to carry out a project to evaluate the feasibility of implementing a Special Improvement District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville that the Borough of Merchantville hereby authorizes the application for such a grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville that the Borough of Merchantville recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement, and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of agreement between the Borough of Merchantville and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville that the Borough of Merchantville hereby authorizes Mayor Patrick J. Brennan and Oren R. Thomas, IV, Municipal Clerk, to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and other documents necessary in connection therewith.

COMMUNITY CENTER FEE AMOUNT: **Mrs. Fields** suggested that rental fees be raised in accordance with other local recreation centers; possibly adjusting the deposit from \$250 to \$150 and the rental from \$400 to \$500. **Dawn Schmidt** stated that the increased deposit has not had the desired affect and requested an increase in the rental rate. **Mayor Brennan** stated that the rental contract needs to be

examined and made to reflect Council's wishes regarding renter's responsibilities. The property should be clean when the party leaves the premises. Mrs. Fields and Mr. Higgins will review the rental agreement.

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS CLEAN-UP FEES: Mrs. Fields stated that Dawn Schmidt has not billed the Borough in recent years for Parks & Playgrounds clean up but did this year; would like permission to pay Mrs. Schmidt for the clean up. Mayor Brennan stated that Mrs. Schmidt should be paid for the work she performed and encouraged her to bill the Borough in a timely manner in the future. On the motion of Mrs. Fields and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved paying Mrs. Schmidt Parks & Playgrounds clean-up fees.

TRASH DUMPSTERS: On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mrs. Fields, Council unanimously approved the purchase of new trash dumpsters for the Community Center.

CAMDEN COUNTY NUTRITION PROJECT: On the motion of Mrs. Fields and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved notifying the Salvation Army of the Borough's intent to host the Camden County Nutrition Project in 2007.

MEMS APPLICATIONS - ROBERT KANAUSS & DAISEY REYES: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mr. Zeiders, Council approved the MEMS application of Robert Kanauss, 106 Locust Street. Ms. Reyes application was tabled until further notice.

DISCUSSION – PHONE EXTENNSIONS: COUNCIL MEMBERS & VOLUNTEER GROUPS: John Fry gave background information to Mayor and Council. Mayor Brennan stated that Council members should be checking there own voicemails.

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

CURRENT FUND: (PER 8/14/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #11730- 11746	\$ 161,263.32
CHECK #11747- 11828	\$ 1,605,935.98
	<u>\$ 1,767,199.30</u>

DOG ACCOUNT: (PER 8/14/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECK #

\$	-
\$	-

GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT: (PER 8/14/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #	\$	-
CHECK #1391	\$	675.00
	\$	<u>675.00</u>

MERCHANTVILLE SEWER UTILITY: (PER 8/14/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #1580- 1581	\$	4,747.86
CHECK #	\$	-
	\$	<u>4,747.86</u>

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND: (PER 8/14/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECK #

\$	-
\$	-

RECREATION COMMISSION: (PER 8/14/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #2631- 2633

CHECK #2644- 2653

\$	8,088.89
\$	2,971.10
\$	11,059.99

TRUST ACCOUNT - OTHER FUNDS: (PER 8/14/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #1076- 1077

CHECK #1079

\$	496.84
\$	8,465.14
\$	8,961.98

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION: (PER 8/14/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECK #335- 336

\$	1,333.55
\$	1,333.55

TOTAL: \$ 1,793,977.68

EXAMINED AND FOUND CORRECT: (SIGNED JOHN N. ALLOWAY)
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND AUDITING
R06-78

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:

GAZEBO: TNT Pest Service will be performing pest control services at the gazebo as a free service to the borough.

STREET LIGHT: Mr. North would like to look into placing a street light at near the gazebo at Chestnut Avenue and Centre Street.

PROCUREMENT CARDS: Mr. Thomas delivered a memo to Mayor and Council briefly outlining proposed Procurement Card control and procedures. Mayor Brennan stressed that there would be a very stringent control policy that would be strictly enforced.

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

PUBLIC II: Mr. Zeiders asked if the financial reports for The Park Avenue project would be submitted when the site plan is approved. Who is the official liaison from the Borough to the redeveloper? **Mayor Brennan** responded that the Borough did not have an official liaison. He added that the final decision regarding parking should be up to Council. Alice Diamond earlier lectured Council about their lack of experience with redevelopment; Mayor Brennan asked what experience Mrs. Diamond had with New Jersey redevelopment as a United States Treasury Attorney. Continuing, Mayor Brennan stated he was shocked that a candidate for Council would present a petition to Mayor and Council which signatures

were obtained under false pretenses with blatant misleading of the public that signed it. **Mr. Alloway** added that he was disheartened that the public left before the majority of the meeting took place; this group of residents clearly has one issue and is not interested in the business of the town.

ADJOURNMENT: On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Zeiders the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 PM.

OREN R. THOMAS IV
BOROUGH CLERK