

Merchantville, NJ

February 9, 2004

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, February 9, 2004. 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: North, Zeiders, Pagano, Alloway and Finnegan

Council Absent: Madden

Solicitor Higgins and Borough Clerk Thomas were present.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – CHAPTER 94, ZONING: Mayor Brennan opened the public hearing on the following Ordinance:

04-01

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 95, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

JEAN COLLINS, 16 Poplar Avenue, clarified that the ordinance amended the zoning code regarding the use of storage trailers in the Borough.

There being no further public comment, the hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE – CHAPTER 50: Mayor Brennan opened the public hearing on the following Ordinance:

04—02

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 50, OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

There being no public comment, the hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE – SALARIES & WAGES: Mayor Brennan opened the public hearing on the following Ordinance:

04-03

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENTITLED SALARIES & COMPENSATION

There being no public comment, the hearing was closed.

PUBLIC:

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Thomas Cundey, Remington & Vernick Engineers, provided an update of Borough projects. A resolution is needed for the allotment of the CDBG funds. A Stormwater Management Plan must be

completed and filed with the State by the end of the year. **Mr. Zeiders** asked about the icing over of the basketball courts at the Community Center. **Mayor Brennan** responded that the courts were designed to pond during the winter months.

John Scholtz, President of the MBPA, presented a letter to Council regarding the creation of a Business Improvement District. Mayor Brennan stated that in today's business world a Business Improvement District is a must have in order to succeed. A request must be made to the Department of Community Affairs in order to have a district declared. **Mr. North** would like the opportunity to examine the outline before deciding. **Mayor Brennan** stated that the sign in Collingswood for the Ben Franklin Bridge was paid for by the Business Improvement District. Dues are being collected from approximately 80 businesses under the auspices of the Merchantville Business and Professional Association.

Mayor Brennan introduced John Fry, the new Borough Administrator. Mr. Fry thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity in Merchantville.

Jean Collins, 16 Poplar Avenue, and **Jeremiah Williams**, 718 West Maple Avenue, discussed the situation at the apartment buildings in the West End. **Mayor Brennan** will notify the Camden County Board of Health. If they do not provide guidance, the Merchantville Board of Health should get involved.

Wally Hussong, 33 Franklin Avenue, stated that Chestnut Station looks excellent; kudos to Mayor and Council.

Henry Kabel, will leaves be collected one more time? Mayor Brennan responded that the weather hasn't permitted it.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Saint Peter's provided a letter including proposed parades for the year.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

MR. ZEIDERS delivered the Buildings and Grounds report. The boiler in Borough Hall needs to be repaired. Kurk Roofing will repair the Community Center roof once the weather improves. He will look into replacing the windows at Borough Hall. Delivered the Fire Department report.

MR. PAGANO delivered the MEMS report. They have 22 active members and a target rate of 70% was presented as the Squad's goal. The transformer has blown at the MEMS building and the heat is not working. Public Events Committee is waiting on passing of budget before discussing any plans.

Mayor Brennan stated that Mrs. Madden will be assisting with the Public Events Committee.

MR. FINNEGAN announced that the Public Works Department did an excellent job with the problems caused by recent foul weather. **Mr. North** stated that Fred Koehler was looking into a salt shed in a centralized position to store rock salt. **Mayor Brennan** will contact Dominic Vespers of the Camden County Public Works Department. Sump Pumps throughout town are causing icing of roads.

Councilor Finnegan called Assemblyman Jack Connors regarding the drainage on Glenwood Avenue

and New Jersey Transit's failure to respond. **Mr. Higgins** has sent a letter to New Jersey Transit and will forward a copy to Mayor Brennan. The Shade Tree Commission is meeting Wednesday night.

MR. ALLOWAY reported on the Board of Health. There are no changes. They are looking into pool inspections for the summer. Fred Koehler is giving a class on bloodborne pathogens tomorrow night. The police have been checking and there are 15 street lights out throughout town. **Mayor Brennan** would like PSE&G notified so situation can be rectified. Several people have offered assistance with the Newsletter and Mr. Alloway is open to ideas.

MR. NORTH will examine PSE&G bills regarding discount for high energy lights. The Borough received a banner application from a local church. **Mayor Brennan** stated that Moorestown experienced problems with a similar situation; guidelines must be set regarding banners. For now only Borough functions will be permitted. Mr. North has been attending JIF meetings for the Borough.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ADOPTION – CH 94, ZONING: On the motion of Mr. North, second of Mr. Finnegan and a unanimous roll call vote, Council adopted the following ordinance:

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RESOLUTION – CONFIRMATION OF POLICE VEHICLE BID AWARD: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-24

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONFIRMING THE SALE OF 1997 FORD EXPLORER

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville authorized by resolution on January 12, 2004 the sale of the 1997 Ford Explorer, VIN# 1FMDU34E9VUC01744, on eBay, an on-line auction website; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville received approval from the Division of Local Government Services to sell the Ford Explorer under the E-Procurement Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, the winning bidder on 2004 was Loran Hector, Newark, New Jersey in the amount of \$3,300.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville does hereby confirm the bid award to Loran Hector, Newark, New Jersey in the amount of \$3,300.00.

PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mr. Finnegan, Council unanimously approved the Public Works contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL REPORTS: On the motion of Mr. North, second of Mr. Finnegan and a unanimous roll call vote, Council approved the Chief Financial Officer's Report of Cash Receipts for January 2004 and the Abbreviated Budget Status as of January 31, 2004.

RESOLUTION – EXTEND OFFICE BASICS CONTRACT: On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. North, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF A CONTRACT WITH OFFICE BASICS FOR A PRICE ONLY CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF OFFICE SUPPLIES UNDER THE CAMDEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted November 8, 2001, the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders awarded a contract for Camden County's needs under bid A-27, Purchase Of Office Supplies Under the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System, to Office Basics, 22 Creek Circle, Boothwyn, PA 19061 as the lowest responsible bidder and declared that participating municipalities in the Cooperative are authorized to enter into a contract directly with Office Basics pursuant to the terms and conditions of the bid after award by its governing body in accordance with applicable law for the provision of office supplies for a term of two (2) years commencing February 1, 2002;

WHEREAS, said bid provided for two (2) additional one-year extensions as authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds that Office Basics has performed the services required under Bid A-27 in an effective and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to exercise the first one-year extension;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville that the proper officials be and are hereby authorized to extend the contract with Office Basics, 22 Creek Circle, Boothwyn, PA pursuant to the terms and conditions of this bid for a period of one-year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for this purpose for the Borough of Merchantville shall not exceed the maximum line items for office supplies in the Borough's 2004 temporary and/or permanent budget and shall be encumbered prior to incurring the obligation pursuant to NJAC 5:30-5.3(b)(2)

APPOINTMENT – MEMS MEMBER: On the motion of Mr. Pagano and second of Mr. North, Council unanimously approved the appointment of Shaun O'Brien to the MEMS.

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

CURRENT FUND: (PER 2/9/04 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #9252- 9265	\$ 141,688.21
CHECK #9266- 9341	\$ 1,446,262.51
	<u>\$ 1,587,950.72</u>

DOG ACCOUNT: (PER 2/9/04 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECK #737- 738	\$ 133.20
	<u>\$ 133.20</u>

GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT: (PER 2/9/04 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECK #1247- 1249	\$ 3,742.62
	<u>\$ 3,742.62</u>

MERCHANTVILLE SEWER UTILITY: (PER 2/9/04 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED	
CHECK #1473- 1474	\$ 4,302.50
	<u>\$ 4,302.50</u>

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND: (PER 2/9/04 CHECK REGISTER)

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

RECREATION COMMISSION: (PER 2/9/04 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED	
CHECK #2297- 2299	\$ 365.00
CHECK #2300- 2311	\$ 2,581.73
	<u>\$ 2,946.73</u>

TRUST ACCOUNT - OTHER FUNDS: (PER 2/9/04 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED	
CHECK #927- 930	\$ 589.86
CHECK #931- 935	\$ 19,482.24
	<u>\$ 20,072.10</u>

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION: (PER 2/9/04 CHECK REGISTER)

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

TOTAL: \$ 1,619,147.87

EXAMINED AND FOUND CORRECT: (SIGNED AGNES A. MADDEN)
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND AUDITING

R04-26

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: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, on the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Pagano the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

OREN R. THOMAS IV
BOROUGH CLERK