

Merchantville, NJ

May 24, 2004

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, May 24, 2004. Mayor Patrick J. Brennan presided.

Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer were observed. Mayor Brennan asked those in attendance to remember all of America's troops that are currently in harms way.

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: Zeiders, Madden, North, and Finnegan

Council Absent: Pagano and Alloway

Solicitor Higgins and Borough Clerk Thomas were present.

PUBLIC HEARING:

RESOLUTION – READ BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY: On the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. North, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-65

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-8, as amended by Chapter 259, P.L. 1995, provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the budget has been made available for public inspection in the free public library, if any, located within our municipality and a county library. If there is no county library located within the municipality, then it must be provided to any county library in the county wherein the municipality is located. Further, the public office delegated the responsibility for delivery of the copies to said libraries has completed a certification forwarded to the governing body that such deliveries were made and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requiring them; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Budget shall be read by title only.

RESOLUTION – 2004 BUDGET: Mayor Brennan opened the public hearing on the 2004 Budget.

Tami Barnett, 14 Clifton Avenue, inquired about the status of equipping Police vehicles with defibrillators. **Mayor Brennan** has contacted the Borough's insurance carrier regarding liability of use of defibrillators by untrained personnel. Grant information was provided to Mayor and Council for purchase and installation of defibrillators in Police vehicles. Mr. Higgins will contact the Borough's insurance carrier to expedite their response.

There being no further public comment, Mayor Brennan closed the hearing.

PUBLIC:

Gail Ford, 135 North Centre Street, witnessed the May 21 police chase that traveled down Centre Street and ended just outside of town in Pennsauken. **Mayor Brennan** commented that the chase began outside of town, finished outside of town, and no Merchantville residents were injured when it

passed through town.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION – LOCAL BUDGET EXAMINATION: On the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. North, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

**R04-66
RESOLUTION
LOCAL BUDGET EXAMINATION**

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination, and

WHEREAS, NJAC 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NJAC 5:30-7.2 thru 7.5 the Borough of Merchantville has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Borough of Merchantville meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2004 budget year, so now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville that in accordance with NJAC 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met. (Complies with the "CAP" law)
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement and content as required by the Local Budget Law and NJAC 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated;
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised, and, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of NJSA 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION – 2004 BUDGET ADOPTION: On the motion of Mrs. Madden, second of Mr. North and a unanimous roll call vote, Council approved the following resolution:

R04-67
RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2004 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN IN THE STATE OF NEW
JERSEY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden that the budget hereinafter set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$1,581,675.88 for municipal purposes, and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations:

SUMMARY OF REVENUES:

General Revenues:	
Surplus Anticipated	\$ 635,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	1,342,624.12
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	165,000.00
Amount to be Raised by Taxation for	
Municipal Purposes	<u>1,581,675.88</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,723,300.00

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:

WITHIN "CAPS":	
Operations including Contingent	\$2,214,761.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory	
Expenditures – Municipal	139,300.00
EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS":	
Operations – Total Operations Excluded	
From "CAPS"	725,636.26
Capital Improvements	40,000.00
Municipal Debt Service	286,772.48
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>316,830.26</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$3,723,300.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the utility budget hereinafter set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$394,800.00.

SUMMARY OF REVENUES:

General Revenues:	
Surplus	\$ 144,800.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>250,000.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 394,800.00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS:

Operations	\$ 333,601.00
Debt Service	<u>61,199.00</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 394,800.00

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION – GUARANTEE DEBT OF MPWC: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mr. Zeiders, Council unanimously approved the introduction of the following ordinance:

04-10

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE GUARANTEEING PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE MERCHANTVILLE-PENNSAUKEN WATER COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2004 NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL

INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST PROGRAM

The public hearing will be held on June 14.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION – 2004 SALARIES & COMPENSATION: On the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. North, Council unanimously approved the introduction of the following ordinance:

04-11**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENTITLED "SALARIES AND COMPENSATION"**

The public hearing will be held on June 14.

RESOLUTION – CDBG YEAR XXVI GRANT AGREEMENT: On the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. Zeiders, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-68**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE YEAR 26 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, a cooperative agreement was hereto entered into between the Borough of Merchantville, and the County of Camden for the establishment of a cooperative means of conducting certain community development activities; and

WHEREAS, Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, and the Housing and Urban-Recovery Act, of 1983, provides federal funds being made available to Camden County to carry out eligible community development and affordable housing activities therein; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Services Act (NJSA 40:8A-1, et seq.) provides a mechanism through which counties and municipalities may enter into agreements for the provisions of joint services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville has proposed certain eligible activities to be carried out under the 26th Year Community Development Program; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid activities are in the best interest of the Borough of Merchantville, and the County of Camden; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body, that the Year 26 Grant Agreement be adopted between the Borough of Merchantville, and the County of Camden, a copy of the Agreement which is attached hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment as provided by law.

RESOLUTION – ABC RENEWAL APPLICATIONS: On the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. North, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-69**RESOLUTION TO RENEW ABC PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES**

WHEREAS, Michael's Liquors, Inc., 620-22 West Maple Avenue and Mitchell Z Liquors, Inc., 11 West Park Avenue, have each applied for renewal of their Plenary Retail Distribution License and JVS Limited, 2 South Centre Street has applied for renewal of their Plenary Retail Consumption License for the year ending June 30, 2005 and applications have been filed with checks to the Borough of Merchantville in the amount of \$800.00 each and checks to the State Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control in the amount of \$200.00 each; and

WHEREAS, Councilor Madden, Director of the Department of Records and Licenses, has reported that the licensed premises were inspected to ascertain that they comply with all pertinent health and safety laws and regulations, and that she recommends the granting of said licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has reported that the legal preliminaries have been strictly complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council be and is hereby authorized to issue a Plenary Retail Distribution License #0424-44-001-006 to Michael's Liquors, Inc., a Plenary Retail Distribution License #0424-44-002-008 to Mitchell Z Liquors, Inc. and Plenary Retail Consumption License #0424-33-003-004 to JVS Limited.

RESOLUTION – AMENDING RESOLUTION 01-43: Mayor Brennan explained that this resolution would expand the area covered in the previously approved Council Resolution. On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mrs. Madden, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-70

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER CERTAIN PROPERTIES AND AREAS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE ARE IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, in its December 9, 1997 Master Plan Reexamination Report, the Planning Board of the Borough of Merchantville recognized that certain areas and properties within the Borough of Merchantville might qualify as "redevelopment areas" or "areas in need of redevelopment" as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3; and

WHEREAS, the said Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville desires to commence a course of action to investigate and determine whether said areas and properties within the Borough of Merchantville are in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the said Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville recognizes that under New Jersey's Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., the Planning Board of the Borough of Merchantville must conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether said properties and areas are in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, by Resolution No. 01-43, dated April 9, 2001, authorized the Planning Board of the Borough of Merchantville to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether certain properties and areas within the Borough of Merchantville, more particularly described as Block 29, Lots 1 through 17 and Block 61, Lot 4, were areas in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville now desire to authorize the Planning Board of the Borough of Merchantville to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether additional properties and areas within the Borough of Merchantville, more particularly described as Block 33, Lots 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 and 13.01, are in need of redevelopment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, that the Planning Board of the Borough of Merchantville be and hereby is authorized to undertake a preliminary investigation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, to ascertain whether the following properties and areas located within the Borough of Merchantville, more particularly described as **Block 29, Lots 1 through 17, Block 33, Lots 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 and 13.01 and Block 61, Lot 4**, qualify as areas in need of redevelopment within the Borough of Merchantville.

BE IT FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville that the Planning Board of the Borough of Merchantville is authorized to employ a New Jersey licensed professional planner to assist the Board in undertaking any and all actions that may be necessary to accomplish the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION – REFUND PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENTS: On the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. Finnegan, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

**R04-71
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, total tax payments received for the second quarter 2004 resulted in an overpayment for the following property:

Block 43.02	Maurice Muise	\$936.16
Lot 22	206 Church Road	
	Mailing Address: 4659 Golden Spike Court	
	Jacksonville, FL 32257	

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund the overpayment as indicated above.

RESOLUTION – CAPITAL PURCHASE OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT: On the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. Finnegan, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-72

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY
AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE CAPITAL PURCHASE OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville is desirous of purchasing computer equipment in accordance with Ordinance 01-05M; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer must first certify as to the availability of funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that approval has been granted for the purchase of computer equipment from Dell Computer Corporation, Round Rock, TX, under state contract, in the total amount of \$523.50.

APPOINTMENT- DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR: Mr. Fry has ended the Borough's pursuit of Shari Phillips for the Tax Collector position. A Deputy Tax Collector will be hired and trained for the duties of the Tax Collector. An Interlocal Services Agreement with Collingswood for the employment of Keith Hastings as Tax Consultant is being discussed. On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mr. Finnegan, Council unanimously approved the appointment of Michelle McKinney, 507 New Jersey Avenue, National Park, as Deputy Tax Collector.

SCUCS RENEWAL: Mayor Brennan stated that this agreement is consistent with previous rates. On the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. Finnegan, Council unanimously approved the renewal of the SCUCS Agreement for 2004.

DISCUSSION – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: MAPLE/CHAPEL REDEVELOPMENT AREA:

Mayor Brennan appointed Mrs. Madden and Mr. Zeiders to a committee, along with himself, to review the various submissions and report back to Council at the June 14 Council meeting.

DISCUSSION – BID FOR GENERAL TREE CARE: Mr. Finnegan reported that only Paul May responded and recommended that Council reject the bid. **Mayor Brennan** added that Paul May must cease all work throughout the Borough, as no bid has been awarded. Council members should reach out to their Department Heads and have them contact Mr. Thomas to review the Borough purchasing

process.

RESOLUTION – REJECT ALL BIDS [GENERAL TREE CARE]: On the motion of Mr. Finnegan and second of Mr. North, Council approved the following resolution:

R04-73

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE
REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR GENERAL TREE WORK TO BE PERFORMED IN THE BOROUGH**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville requested bids for general tree work in the Borough of Merchantville ("Project") in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11 et seq ("Local Public Contracts Law"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville has determined that the lowest responsible bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates and budget for the contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville does hereby reject all bids because the bids were not reasonable.

APPOINTMENT – SHADE TREE COMMISSION: Mayor Brennan appointed Robert Paulson, 19 North Centre Street, to the Shade Tree Commission.

RESOLUTION – CAPITAL PURCHASE OF COURTROOM BENCHES: On the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. North, Council approved the following resolution:

R04-74

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY
AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF COURTROOM FURNITURE**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville is desirous of purchasing courtroom furniture in accordance with Ordinance 01-05E; 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 courtroom furniture from Daniel Beckett, Merchantville, NJ, in the total amount of \$400.00.

RESOLUTION – ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mr. Zeiders, Council approved the following resolution by a 5-0-1 margin (Finnegan abstain)

R04-75

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE
OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS FOR THE
COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL COURT FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF
N.J.A.C. 5:30-9.1 ET SEQ.**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services has promulgated regulations, N.J.A.C. 5:30-9.1 et seq., authorizing municipalities to accept credit card payments in accordance with the Administrative Code, and in regard to transactions related to the municipal court, pursuant to the Rules of Court promulgated by the Supreme Court of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in order for a municipality to accept credit cards, a Resolution must be adopted by the governing body authorizing same and setting forth the type of obligations which can be paid by electronic receipt and the types of electronic receipt that will be permitted; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville wishes to authorize the payment of municipal court fines and fees, costs or payments associated with the operation of the municipal court; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville to authorize the Merchantville Municipal Court Office to accept payment by credit card for those fines and fees, costs or payments associated with the Merchantville Municipal Court Office as set forth above; and

WHEREAS, the utilization of the credit cards for payment of these fines and fees, costs or payments associated with the Merchantville Municipal Court Office must be in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:30-9.1 et seq. and in compliance with the Rules of Court promulgated by the Supreme Court of New Jersey; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville that the to the Merchantville Municipal Court Office be and hereby is authorized to accept payment by credit card for those fines and fees, costs or payments associated and may be due to the Merchantville Municipal Court;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the use of the credit cards for payment of these fines and fees, costs or payments associated with the Merchantville Municipal Court Office must be in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:30-9.1 et seq. and in compliance with the Rules of Court promulgated by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – PETTY CASH: On the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. North, Council unanimously approved the following bills for payment:

R04-76

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS REPLENISHING THE BOROUGH CLERK HEALTH CO-PAY PETTY CASH FUND AND THE POLICE HEALTH CO-PAY PETTY CASH FUND

WHEREAS, the Department of Accounts and Auditing has examined the following Petty Cash vouchers amounting to \$341.94 and finds same to be correct:

CHECKS DELIVERED TO BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE CURRENT FUND:

Borough Clerk Health Co-Pay Petty Cash Fund (#04-51 – 04-54)	\$189.99
Borough Clerk Petty Cash Fund (#04-25 – 04-37)	<u>\$151.95</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$341.94</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that these Petty Cash vouchers be approved for payment.

RESOLUTION – DANIEL BECKETT COBRA PAYMENT: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mrs. Madden, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-77

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PERMITTING THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS TO THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN RELATIVE TO CERTAIN COBRA COSTS

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated April 26, 2004, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville amended the Borough Personnel Manual to permit, at Borough Council's discretion, the waiver of the ninety-day employment requirement for employee coverage under the Borough's medical insurance plan; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville exercised its discretion and waived of the ninety-day employment requirement for employee coverage the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville amended the Borough Personnel Manual to permit, at Borough Council's discretion, the waiver of the ninety-day employment requirement for employee coverage under the Borough medical insurance plan; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that, in lieu of the immediate placement of Daniel F. Beckett on the Borough medical insurance plan, it was more cost effective to tender payment of Daniel F. Beckett's COBRA charges to the County of Camden; and

WHEREAS, this payment of Daniel F. Beckett's COBRA charges to the County of Camden was both more cost effective to the Borough and within the spirit of the newly amended Merchantville Personnel Manual; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the Borough Clerk and/or Chief Financial Officer be and hereby are permitted to forward a check in the amount of \$889.02 made payable to the "Camden County Treasurer" in payment of Daniel F. Beckett's COBRA charges to the County of Camden, consistent with the revisions made to Page 93 of the Personnel Manual of the Borough of Merchantville.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BOROUGH NEWSLETTER: The recent edition has been distributed thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Madden and Mrs. Brennan.

PUBLIC:

Gail Ford, clarified that the tax increase would be approximately 3.3 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. **Mayor Brennan** stated that there would be no additional State Aid. Also, the Retrospect incorrectly reported that Oaklyn passed a mercantile licensing law based on a Merchantville Ordinance. No such law exists in the Borough.

PRIVATE SESSION: On the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. North, Council adjourned into Private Session to discuss matters of possible litigation concerning tax appeals. The minutes of this meeting will be made public when the matters are resolved.

PUBLIC II: When Council reconvened, on the motion of Mr. Zeiders and second of Mr. Finnegan, Council unanimously approved the reassessment of Block 28.01 Lot 12 to \$38,000.

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT: Mr. Finnegan met with Assemblyman Conners regarding the drainage issues on Glenwood Avenue. Mr. Beckett and the Public Works crew vacuumed 11 drains on Glenwood Avenue. Mayor Brennan stated that the Borough doesn't have the equipment needed to maintain the clogged storm drains. Collingswood cleaned the pipes in the past and a contract for future work is possible.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, on the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. North the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

OREN R. THOMAS IV
BOROUGH CLERK