

Merchantville, NJ

July 23, 2007

A special meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, 23, 2007. Mayor Frank M. North 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, Volkert, and Zeiders

Council Absent: Waldron and Finnegan

Administrator Fry, substituting for the Borough Clerk, and Solicitor Higgins were present.

BID RESULTS:

Mayor North presented the recommendation of Remington & Vernick Engineers based on the bid results for the handicap curb ramps. The low bid of \$26,300 to complete 15 curb cuts was provided by Sullivan & Pigliacelli. **Mr. Fry** presented the recommendation of Remington & Vernick Engineers based on the bid results for the Senior/Community Center drainage improvements. Mr. Fry pointed out that the low base bid from TSB Associates of \$40,100 had a \$300 arithmetic error in the total bid (less than the sum of the units) and the low Alternate 1 bid of \$44,700 had a \$400 arithmetic error in the total bid (less than the sum of the units). The Certification of Funds Available was not complete because the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds did not have final approval. **Mr. Zeiders** clarified that the alternate bid included the replacement of a door to the storage room and cosmetic work on the inside basement walls. This bid approval will be on the agenda for the August 13 meeting.

PUBLIC:

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 5/29/07 REGULAR & 6/11/07 REGULAR & PRIVATE:

On the motion of Mrs. Fields and second of Mr. Volkert, Council unanimously approved the 5/29/07 regular and the 6/11/07 regular and private session minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION – AWARD CONTRACT FOR HANDICAP CURB CUT RAMP INSTALLATION : On the motion of Mr. Zeiders and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R07-88**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AWARDING CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY RAMPS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville is desirous of contracting for the Handicapped Accessible Ramp Installation at various locations; and

WHEREAS, bids were received for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds in the amount of \$26,400.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that approval has been granted to award a contract to the lowest bidder, Sullivan & Pigliacelli, Bellmawr, NJ for the purpose of installation of handicapped accessible ramps at various locations for the base bid of \$26,400.00.

RESOLUTION – AWARD CONTRACT FOR SENIOR CENTER DRAINAGE: The award of a contract for Senior Center Drainage Improvements was tabled until the CDBG funds are officially approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMUNITY CENTER BASEBALL FIELD: On the motion of Mr. Zeiders, second of Mr. Alloway and a unanimous roll call vote, Council approved the installation of new sod and other changes to the Community Center ball field by the Merchantville Little League. The Little League would be able to start work by August 1, if they get a letter to Mr. Higgins for his review indicating they will perform this work while naming the Borough as an additional insured on their liability policy.

EMPLOYEE EDUCATION REIMBURSEMENT: **Mayor North** commented he would like the Borough to be reimbursed for educational expenses of employees who leave Borough employ shortly after the Borough has paid for their education. **Mr. Higgins** said a model is available in the police policy which requires a sliding scale re-imbursement by the hiring municipality based on the number of years of employment after the education.

PRIVATE SESSION:

On the motion of Mr. Alloway, second of Mr. Volkert and a unanimous roll call vote, council adjourned into private session to discuss matters of personnel.

ADJOURNMENT:

When Council reconvened, on the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Volkert, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

OREN R. THOMAS IV
BOROUGH CLERK