

Merchantville, NJ

January 14, 2008

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, January 14, 2008. 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".

**OFFICIAL SWEARING TO OATHS OF OFFICE: MARK A. BRUNTON, ANTHONY J. PERNO, III and STEVEN VOLKERT were sworn in.**

### **ROLL CALL:**

Council Present: Alloway, Fields, Volkert, Waldron, Perno and Brunton.

Borough Clerk Fry, Deputy Clerk Brouse and Solicitor Higgins were present.

### **PUBLIC:**

**Ryan Hammond** announced changes at the Firehouse. Mr. Hammond will be president and assured cooperation from Niagra.

**Gail Ford, 135 N. Centre Street**, had asked a question on the purchase of PNC and the parking lots. **Mr. Higgins** stated that an agreement of sale was signed and closing should be at the end of January. Ms. Ford asked will we bond? Mr. Higgins replied in all likelihood.

**Mayor North** said we intend to resell anything we buy. Sent letter on historical significance at 28 W. Maple. Received no answer to letter. Asking that record be corrected Historical Preservation Committee attorney it could not be changed.

**Mr. Waldron** said a plaque would be appropriate and will talk to Historical Preservation Committee attorney.

**Mr. Perno** agreed the record can't be changed but the Historical Preservation Committee could reopen the fact finding and amend their findings. Mayor North asked Mr. Perno to reach out the Historical Preservation Committee.

**Marvin Gaskill, 102 E Chestnut Avenue**, asked for update on Maple & Chestnut. Waiting for redevelopment agreement and agreement of sale to be signed. Closing projected February 28.

**Jim Moore, 19 Springfield Ave.**, chairs donated by Camden Catholic to school. Contractor has provided a quote not a prevailing wage. Mayor North stated that this was a school issue.

**Paul Sohler, 5 Clifton Ave.**, stated he was disappointed that Walt Sikorski is discharged. Looks political. Mayor replied that it is not.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** CE Joe Brickley will coordinate with Remington & Vernick for transition.

### **COUNCIIL REPORTS:**

**Mrs. Fields** reported on Planning Board reorganization, Code Enforcement, MEMS reports NPP grant startup.

**Mr. Waldron** reported on Shade Tree Commission reorganization and tree removal. This is the 30<sup>th</sup> year as Tree City USA community. **Public Events**-all under budget will be updating lighting on a maintenance basis. **Communications**-No decision yet on buy out. Will put alternative costs together. **Parks & Rec.**-\$29,000 in rental last year. **Historical Preservation Committee**-re org. **MPBA**-not meeting. Mayor North will be sending letter to businesses about the parking study.

**Mr. Brunton-Department of Public Works** – We had an increase in tipping fees. Expanded

parking at Community Center. There is concern with aging equipment. Discussed current leaf schedule. **Board of Health** met 3 times, rabies clinic held. All satisfactory health inspections

**Mr. Volkert** stated the **Fire Department** had 16 calls, 2007 had 171 calls, 1,357 man hours. **Recycle** will sponsor a poem contest.

**Mr. Alloway** delivered the Police Report. Rotating shifts were implemented and there was auction of vehicles. There were 3,213 calls for service. January there were 277 calls for services. **Court** report- \$15,356 for January. Credit cards ready, will activate in February. Brett Wiltsey started last week.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** On the motion of Mr. Waldron, second of Mrs. Fields and a unanimous roll call vote, Council approved the Chief Financial Officer's Report for December 2007.

**APPROVE HIRE OF COURT REPORTER-**On the motion of Mr. Alloway second of Mr. Volkert, Council unanimously approved the Hiring of ELENA BENEDETTI as Court Reporter.

**RESOLUTION-APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COORDINATOR FOR 2008-WAYNE BAUER:** On the motion of Mr. Alloway, second of Mrs. Fields, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

#### **R08-21**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING WAYNE K. BAUER AS THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COORDINATOR OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville desires to continue Municipal Alliance Program because its benefits for the young residents of Merchantville ; and

**WHEREAS**, Wayne K. Bauer has served well in this capacity in the past;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville that Wayne K. Bauer be and is hereby appointed to the position of Municipal Alliance Coordinator for the year of 2008.

**RESOLUTION-APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS-JOHN FRY:** On the motion of Mr. Alloway, second of Mr. Brunton, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

#### **R08-18**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING JOHN C. FRY AS THE REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 26:8-11 requires the Municipal Clerk be appointed as the local registrar in any district having a population of less than 5,000 ; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 26:8-13 requires the term of office of the registrar to be concurrent with the term of office of the Municipal Clerk if the local registrar is the Municipal Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 3, 2008 the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville amended the appointment of John C. Fry to the position of Municipal Clerk for an annual term commencing August 15, 2007 and concluding on August 14, 2008;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville that John C. Fry be and is hereby appointed to the position of Registrar of Vital Statistics for an annual term commencing August 15, 2007 and concluding on August 14, 2008.

**MAYORAL APPOINTMENT-DR. ADAM GILLIS-BOARD OF HEALTH:** On the motion of Mr. Alloway, second of Mr. Brunton, Council unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Adam Gillis to the Board of Health.

**RESOLUTION-AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM CONTRACT:** On the motion of Mr. Alloway, second of Mr. Volkert, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

**R08-19**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville wish to continue the Camden County Nutrition Program for the Elderly; and

**WHEREAS**, Camden County Division of Senior and Disabled Services has contracted with Senior Citizens United Community Services of Camden County, Inc. (SCUCS), to operate the program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that Frank M. North, Mayor of the Borough of Merchantville, be and hereby is authorized to execute the 2008 Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," providing for the services of SCUCS.

**RESOLUTION-ADOPT HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2008:** On the motion of Mr. Waldron, second of Mrs. Fields, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

**R08-22**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE 2008 OFFICIAL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville desire to provide appropriate holiday time for employees of the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the personnel manual of the Borough of Merchantville authorizes fourteen days each year as holiday or personal days;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the 2008 holiday scheduled attached as Exhibit "A" be adopted.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

On the motion of Mrs. Fields, second of Mr. Alloway and a unanimous roll call vote, Council approved the following bills for payment:

**R08-20  
RESOLUTION**

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

January 14,2008

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND AUDITING HAS EXAMINED THE FOLLOWING BILLS  
AMOUNTING TO \$192,450.22 AND FINDS SAME TO BE CORRECT:

CURRENT FUND: (PER 1/14/08 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK # 10 CHECK # 013216 VOIDED

\$37,823.25

CHECK # 013217-013310

\$146,019.74

\$183,842.99

DOG ACCOUNT: (PER 1/14/08 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECK #

GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT: (PER 1/14/08 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECK # 001430-001432

\$4,406.05

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MERCHANTVILLE SEWER UTILITY: (PER 1/14/08 CHECK  
REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED CHECK # 11

\$10,247.88

CHECK

CHECK #

\$10,247.88

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND: (PER 1/14/08 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECK #

RECREATION COMMISSION: (PER 1/14/08 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK

CHECK # 002801-002805

\$2,356.18

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TRUST ACCOUNT - OTHER FUNDS: (PER 1/14/08 CHECK  
REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK

CHECK # 1150-1151

\$1,845.00

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UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION: (PER 1/14/08 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECK #

TOTAL: -----  
\$192,450.22

**EXAMINED AND FOUND CORRECT: (SIGNED PATRICIA FIELDS)  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND AUDITING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

JIF Seminar in Collingswood on 1/23 @5:00 PM.

Bowman Seminar is Tuesday 1/29 @6:00 or Wednesday 1/30 @ 6:00.

**PRIVATE SESSION:**

On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Perno, Council adjourned into a private session to discuss matters of personnel.

**APPROVAL OF PROSECUTOR BRETT WILTSEY SALARY:** On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Perno, the council unanimously approved the salary of the Prosecutor to be \$7,000.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mrs. Fields, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

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JOHN C. FRY  
BOROUGH CLERK