

Merchantville, NJ

October 13, 2004

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, October 13, 2004. Council President Robert H. Zeiders presided in Mayor Brennan's absence.

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: Madden, North, Pagano, Zeiders and Finnegan

Council Absent: Alloway

Solicitor Higgins and Borough Clerk Thomas were present.

PUBLIC HEARING:**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – PLANNING BOARD/ HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

COMMISSION/ ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE: Council President Zeiders opened the public hearing on the following ordinance:

04-19

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 94, ZONING, AND CHAPTER 20, DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE AND REPEALING CHAPTER 39A, HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

There being no public comment, the hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - PARKING FINES: Mayor Brennan opened the public hearing on the following ordinance:

04-20

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 86, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

There being no public comment, the hearing was closed.

PUBLIC: None

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Thomas Cundey, Remington & Vernick Engineer's, provided an update of Borough projects.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. North, Council approved the minutes from the 1/12/04 regular and 1/26/04 regular and private meetings were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

FIRE DEPARTMENT SIREN: Citizens have expressed concern regarding the hours of use. Mr. Higgins stated that its use is regulated by the N.J.A.C. Mr. Zeiders will contact the County to clarify.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

MRS. MADDEN announced that committee assignments would be given at tonight's BID advisory board meeting. Department meetings will now be held on Wednesdays at 8:00 AM with the Safety Meeting to follow.

MR. PAGANO delivered the Public Events report. Planning for the tree lighting and Christmas parade has begun. The MEMS report was given.

MR. FINNEGAN stated that Public Works would soon begin collecting leaves throughout town. Cleaning has been undertaken around Borough Hall and the Community Center.

MR. NORTH delivered the Police report. Bicycle theft is again a problem and Mr. North would like to involve the Neighborhood Watch. Attended the OEM meeting this week. The Police Board interviewed six applicants for Patrolman and has decided on one. His appointment will be presented to Council at a future meeting. The court was successfully audited on September 28.

MR. ZEIDERS delivered the Fire Department report. William Walker will begin at the end of the month as Borough Handi-man. Joseph Brickley examined the possibility of converting the basketball courts to a tennis court. The existing blacktop would need to be extended to allow for a tennis court. Mr. North inquired to the possibility of a roller hockey rink.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Mr. Fry announced that the annual Borough Tax Sale was held this morning and 22 properties were sold. That number is reduced from previous years. The December M.S.U. bills have been mailed out. The Tax Office is experiencing several computer related issues. Mr. Fry will begin searching for a new Information Technology worker, as the Borough is unable to get proper response with the current set up. The updating of the minutes is coming along. Attended the County Redeveloper's Program with Planning Board Chairmen William Walker. Also attended a Public Relations class at Drexel University with Mayor Brennan regarding Business Improvement Districts and redevelopment.

OLD BUSINESS:**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ADOPTION – PLANNING BOARD/ HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

COMMISSION/ ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE: On the motion of Mrs. Madden, second of Mr. Pagano and a unanimous roll call vote, Council adopted the following ordinance:

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ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ADOPTION - PARKING FINES: On the motion of Mr. North, second of Mrs. Madden and a unanimous roll call vote, Council adopted the following ordinance:

04-20**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 86, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE****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 September 2004 and the Abbreviated Budget Status as of September 30, 2004.

RESOLUTION – CAPITAL PURCHASE (MEMS PAGERS): On the motion of Mr. Pagano and second of Mrs. Madden, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

**R04-115
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville is desirous of purchasing pagers for the Merchantville Emergency Medical Squad in accordance with Ordinances #61499D, #01-05 and #04-12; and

WHEREAS, three quotes have been received; 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 ten pagers from Jan Communications, Pennsauken, NJ at a total cost of \$4,150.00.

RESOLUTION – CAPITAL PURCHASE (PUBLIC WORKS LIGHTING): On the motion of Mr. Finnegan and second of Mrs. Madden, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-116**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO UPGRADE THE LIGHTING SYSTEM AT THE PUBLIC WORKS
GARAGE**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville is desirous of upgrading the lighting system in the Public Works garage in accordance with Ordinance 04-12; and

WHEREAS, three quotes have been received for this project; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract be awarded to G.E. Smith Electrical Inc., Pennsauken, New Jersey in the total amount of \$950.00, the lowest quote received.

RESOLUTION – TRANSFER MSU OVERPAYMENTS: On the motion of Mr. Finnegan and second of Mr. North, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-117**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE
OF NEW JERSEY TRANSFER OVERPAYMENTS TO OUTSTANDING BALANCES**

WHEREAS, total sewer payments for the year of 2002 have resulted in overpayments and are being applied to outstanding balances in 2004 as follows:

Block	28	James & Valerie Fischer	\$71.00
Lot	3	225 Victoria Avenue	
Block	21	Stephen & Linda Beherns	\$00.23
Lot	18.02	50 W. Chestnut Street	

WHEREAS, total sewer payments for the year of 2003 have resulted in overpayments and are being applied to outstanding balances in 2004 as follows:

Block 28	James & Valerie Fischer	\$ 7.00
Lot 3	225 Victoria Avenue	

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 – AWARD OF ENGINEERING CONTRACT: On the motion of Mr. Zeiders and second of Mr. Finnegan, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-118

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SELECTING CONSULTING ENGINEER SERVICES TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NATURAL GAS HEATING AND VENTILATION SYSTEM AT PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville selected Joseph Brickley, PE, of Consulting Engineer Services, as the Borough Special Projects Engineer by resolution dated January 5, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville desires to contract with Consulting Engineer Services for the preparation of planning, design and bidding documents, procurement of applicable permits and the inspection and construction management services for the installation of a natural gas heating and ventilation system for the Public Works Garage; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville does hereby select Consulting Engineer Services to provide the services as detailed in their October 12, 2004 proposal letter in an amount not to exceed \$5,300.00.

RESOLUTION – AWARD OF ENGINEERING CONTRACT [CDBG]: On the motion of Mr. Madden and second of Mr. Pagano, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-119

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SELECTING REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT YEAR 26 PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville selected Edward Vernick, PE, of Remington & Vernick Engineers, as the Borough Engineer by resolution dated January 5, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville desires to contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers for the preparation of planning, design and bidding documents, procurement of applicable permits and the inspection and construction management services for the CDBG Year 26 Project of Handicapped Accessible Ramp Installation at Various Locations; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville does hereby select Remington & Vernick Engineers to provide the services for the installation of handicapped accessible ramps at various locations in an amount not to exceed \$3,960.00 as detailed in their August 20, 2004 proposal letter.

APPOINTMENT – PUBLIC WORKS HELPER: On the motion of Mr. Finnegan and second of Mr. Pagano, Council approved the change of status of Casey Fort, 409 Cherry Street, Camden from

Probationary Helper to Public Works Helper I and the appointment of Ryan Nelligan, 9 Smethwycke Drive, Cinnaminson as part-time Probationary Helper.

APPOINTMENT – CROSSING GUARD: Tabled until later date.

APPOINTMENT – POLICE OFFICER: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mrs. Madden, Council unanimously approved the appointment of Robert Roseboro, 1103 Grant Avenue, Haddon Township, as Patrolman.

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

CURRENT FUND: (PER 10/13/04 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #9908- 9919	\$ 121,274.89
CHECK #9920- 9982	\$ 116,489.88
	<u>\$ 237,764.77</u>

DOG ACCOUNT: (PER 10/13/04 CHECK REGISTER)

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

GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT: (PER 10/13/04 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECK #1288- 1292	\$ 6,793.35
	<u>\$ 6,793.35</u>

MERCHANTVILLE SEWER UTILITY: (PER 10/13/04 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #1510-1513	\$ 8,626.61
	<u>\$ 8,626.61</u>

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND: (PER 10/13/04 CHECK REGISTER)

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

RECREATION COMMISSION: (PER 10/13/04 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #2401- 2403	\$ 560.92
CHECK #2404- 2412	\$ 1,821.47
	<u>\$ 2,382.39</u>

TRUST ACCOUNT - OTHER FUNDS: (PER 10/13/04 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #973- 975	\$ 662.46
CHECK #976- 978	\$ 2,184.83
	<u>\$ 2,847.29</u>

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION: (PER 10/13/04 CHECK REGISTER)

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

TOTAL: \$ 258,414.41

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

R04-120

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:

RECREATION COMMISSION: Mrs. Madden inquired to the status of the Recreation Commission. Mr. Pagano stated that only two meetings have been held this year. This matter will be revisited at a later date.

TRASH ORDINANCE: Mr. Beckett stated that single-family homes have no restrictions on the amount of trash that can be placed on the curb after new residents have moved in. Mr. Higgins will examine prototypical trash ordinances from neighboring municipalities and how they address this issue.

PRIVATE SESSION: On the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. North, Council adjourned to a private session to discuss personnel matters. The minutes of this meeting will be made public when the matters are resolved.

PUBLIC II: When Council reconvened, on the motion of Mr. North and second of Mrs. Madden, Council unanimously approved the execution of a contract between the Borough and Chief Robert Ward.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, on the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. North the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

OREN R. THOMAS IV
BOROUGH CLERK