

Merchantville, NJ

October 22, 2007

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, October 22, 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, Finnegan, Waldron and Zeiders

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

PUBLIC HEARING:**CAMDEN COUNTY PRESENTATION OF ROUNDABOUT CONCEPT:**

The presentation was re-scheduled due to death of engineer.

There being no public comment the hearing was closed.

PUBLIC:

Gail Ford, 135 North Centre Street, asked questions about the round about and PNC property?

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the motion of Mr. Finnegan and a second of Mr. Zeiders, Council unanimously approved the 8.13.2007 minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROCLAMATION: HONORING SUSAN B. WALKER: Read aloud by **Mayor North:**

SUSAN B. WALKER

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville to honor those employees of the Borough of Merchantville whose service has enhanced the quality of life of the Borough of Merchantville; and

WHEREAS, SUSAN B. WALKER has dedicated many years serving the Borough of Merchantville in various capacities, including Borough Clerk, Chief Finance Officer, and Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, SUSAN B. WALKER has served the Borough of Merchantville with utmost loyalty and a paramount concern for the good of the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, on this 22nd Day of October, 2007, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville do hereby recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of **SUSAN B.WALKER** and urge the citizens of the Borough of Merchantville to join in wishing her the best in her retirement.

PROCLAMATION: Honoring REVEREND C. EDWARD PRITTS: Read aloud by Mayor North:

REVEREND C. EDWARD PRITTS

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville to honor those citizens of the Borough of Merchantville whose accomplishments have enhanced the community life of the Borough of Merchantville; and

WHEREAS, Reverend C. Edward Pritts has dedicated the past 12 years to serving the congregation of the Grace Episcopal Church and a total of 23 years as a priest; the Borough of Merchantville wishes to extend heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of your retirement on November 4, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Pritts has willingly extended a caring hand to those in need in a humble, honest dedicated manner; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Pritts serves his congregation and surrounding community without regard for awards or recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, on this 22nd Day of October, 2007, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville do hereby recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of Reverend C. Edward Pritts and urge the citizens of the Borough of Merchantville to join in congratulating this outstanding citizen of the Borough of Merchantville.

RESOLUTION- DESIGNATING JOHN FRY AS CUSTODIAN OF HEALTH CO-PAY PETTY

CASH FUNDS: On a motion of Mr. Zeiders, second of Mrs. Fields and a unanimous roll call, vote, Council approved the following resolution:

R07-121

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN,
NEW JERSEY, CHANGING THE CUSTODIAN OF THE ADMINISTRATION
HEALTH CO-PAY PETTY CASH FUND**

WHEREAS, Susan B. Walker was the custodian of the Administration – Health Co-Pay Petty Cash Fund; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:5-21, the Borough of Merchantville is changing custodians to John C. Fry; and

WHEREAS, John C. Fry is bonded in the amount of \$1,000,000 by virtue of a surety bond;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

RESOLUTION- DESIGNATING JOHN FRY AS CUSTODIAN OF PETTY CASH FUNDS:

On a motion of Mr. Zeiders, second of Mr. Alloway and a unanimous roll call, vote, Council approved the following resolution:

R07-122

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, CHANGING THE CUSTODIAN OF THE BOROUGH CLERK PETTY CASH FUND

WHEREAS, Susan B. Walker was the custodian of the Borough Clerk Petty Cash Fund; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:5-21, the Borough of Merchantville is changing custodians to John C. Fry; and

WHEREAS, John C. Fry is bonded in the amount of \$1,000,000 by virtue of a surety bond;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

RESOLUTION- ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC SALARY OF THE BOROUGH CLERK: On a motion of Mr. Zeiders, second of Mr. Alloway and a unanimous roll call, vote, Council approved the following resolution:

R07-123

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC SALARIES AND WAGES FOR ALL EMPLOYEES FOR 2007

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville have established the maximum salaries of the employees of the Borough of Merchantville by ordinance adopted May 29, 2007, effective as of June 21, 2007 and retroactive to January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, funds have been made available in the 2007 budget as adopted; and

WHEREAS, the full-time Borough Clerk resigned and the Administrator is assuming the duties of Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville wishes to re-establish a specific salary for the position of Borough Clerk, effective August 20, 2007;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville amends Resolution #R07-73 of the Borough of Merchantville for the specific salary of Borough Clerk for 2007, effective as of and retroactive to August 20, 2007 as follows:

POSITION

Borough Clerk

SALARY

\$7,760.11

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION-RESTRICT DOGS IN PARKS: On a motion of Mr. Alloway, second of Mr. Finnegan and a unanimous roll call, vote, Council introduced the following ordinance.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

EXAMINED AND FOUND CORRECT: (SIGNED ROBERT H. ZEIDERS)

DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND AUDITING

R07-77

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:

Halloween curfew will be 7:00 PM on October 30 and 31

Master Plan meeting is scheduled for October 23

Borough will receive State Police – FEMA funds

PRIVATE SESSION:

On the motion of Mr. Zeiders and second of Mr. Waldron, Council adjourned into a private session to discuss matters of personnel and litigation.

ADJOURNMENT:

On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mrs. Fields, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

JOHN C. FRY

BOROUGH CLERK