

Merchantville, NJ December 22, 2008

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, December 22, 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".

ROLL CALL:

Council Present: Alloway, Fields, Volkert, Waldron and Brunton
Borough Clerk Denise Brouse and Tim Higgins were present.

PUBLIC

Tom Evaul, 125 St. James, thanks to Public Works Department for great job this year. PNC Bank is to be purchased at \$950,000, bank is 40 days away from moving, is this the time that we will be purchasing? Where will funds come from? Mayor North responded that we are looking into a bridge loan. Mr. Evaul asked are we doing a brew pub? Mayor North responded we have not confirmed use at this point. MR. Evaul asked will it costs the residents, will the town be obligated to purchase PNC. Do all Council members know about this? Some residents would like to know more about this type of info on website and newsletter.

Bob Disch, 23 E Chestnut, was at meeting and was told that a panel will look at plans and look at qualifications. Qualification panel will be CFO, Mayor and Council president. Will proposals be open to public? Mayor North replied that 2 members of council, planning board and Historic Preservation Committee will probably make up the committee.

Kevin Barnett, 121 Browning Road, regarding speed humps, where are we? Mayor North responded we will be doing a street survey and report back in the March meeting. Mr. Barnett asked will speed be decided for the streets at this time? Mayor North responded that this hasn't been discussed yet.

Bill Walker, 23 W. Cedar, will we have 2 committees for redevelopment? With new year we will have many questions. We want to make sure we are kept informed and the public as well. Keep this project open.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-On the motion of Mr. Brunton and a second of Mr. Volkert, Council unanimously approved the September 22, 2008 regular meeting minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS: On the motion of Mr. Volkert and second of Mr. Brunton, Council approved the following resolutions by consent agenda:

R08-130

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY CANCELLING 2008 TAX AND SEWER BALANCES UNDER
\$10.00**

WHEREAS, balances under \$10.00 remain on certain tax and sewer accounts for 2007, and,

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey permits the cancellation of either overpayment or past due balances under \$10.00,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the attached list of small tax and sewer balances remaining as of December 31, 2008.

R08-131

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS

WHEREAS, there exists an outstanding check for a court summons which has been outstanding for over one year; and

WHEREAS, the check has been investigated and have been determined to have been lost or otherwise destroyed;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following check be cancelled and the expenditure be deposited into the proper fund:

FOR AMOUNT	RELATING TO	CHECK NO.	CHECK DATE
Patrick K. Byrnes \$111.00	Summons #H66186	2412	1/30/08

R08-132

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF TD WEALTH MANAGEMENT DEBT SERVICE INTEREST VOUCHER

WHEREAS, the Department of Accounts and Auditing has examined the following voucher in the amount of \$33,429.75 and finds same to be correct:

BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE CURRENT FUND:

TD BANK, National Association as Paying Agent \$33,429.75

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this voucher be approved for payment.

R08-133

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF 2009 DEBT SERVICE

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a temporary resolution the permanent debt service requirements for the coming fiscal year providing that such resolution is not made earlier than December 20 of the year preceding the beginning of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, principal and interest will be due January 1, 2009 on sundry bonds issued and outstanding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriation be made to cover the period from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 inclusive:

Payment of Bond Principal	\$214,000.00
Payment of Interest on Bonds	\$ 66,859.50
	\$280,859.50

R08-134

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING 2008 BUDGET TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, there are certain 2008 Budget Appropriations of the Borough of Merchantville with balances insufficient to meet requirements for operating Borough Affairs as indicated on the attached schedule; and

WHEREAS, there are 2008 Budget Appropriations with unexpended balances that are not needed for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, Revised Statutes 40A:4-59 provides for Transfers to those accounts having insufficient balances:

<u>Budget Description</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>	<u>Transfer In</u>
Electricity/Natural Gas	8-01-31-430-000	2,000.00	
Telecom	8-01-31-450-000		1,295.00
Utilities – Other (CCMUA)	8-01-31-455-000		705.00
Recycling Other Expense	8-01-26-771-290	900.00	
Streets/Roads-Street Signs	8-01-26-765-200		900.00
Administration S&W	8-01-20-701-100	4,720.08	
Municipal Clerk S&W	8-01-20-704-100		700.00
Revenue Administration S&W	8-01-20-708-100		4,000.00
Legal Services S&W	8-01-20-712-100		.08
Prosecutor S&W	8-01-25-757-100		20.00
Public Works Tree Maintenance	8-01-26-775-251	7,000.00	
Streets/Roads Maintenance S&W	8-01-26-765-100	7,500.00	
Bldg/Grds – Municipal Bldg Maint	8-01-26-772-260	2,500.00	
Solid Waste Collection S&W	8-01-26-770-100		15,000.00
Recycling S&W	8-01-26-771-100		500.00
Public Works Dept S&W	8-01-26-775-100		1,500.00
TOTAL		24,620.08	24,620.08

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Barrington that the following transfers are hereby approved as indicated on the above schedule.

R08-135

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an appropriation for the equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Merchantville, in the county of Camden, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget of the year 2008 in the sum of \$ 450.00, which is now available as a revenue from the State Pursuant to the provision of the statute, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$ 450.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption Special items of General Revenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of a State grants of \$ 450.00 from:

Bulletproof Vest Partnership FY 2008 Grant
TOTAL

450.00
450.00

R08-136

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF
 CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CANCEL CAPITAL
 APPROPRIATION BALANCES OF COMPLETED PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, certain General Capital Improvement appropriation balances remain dedicated to projects now completed; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be returned to each respective Capital Improvement Fund or credited to Surplus, and unused debt authorizations may be canceled;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the council of the Borough of Merchantville, that the following unexpended and dedicated balances of General Capital Appropriations be canceled:

C-04-55-821-906	ADMINISTRATION OFFICES FURNITURE	15,736.82
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R08-137

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

WHEREAS, total tax payments for the year of 2008 have resulted in overpayments and are being applied to outstanding balances in 2008/9 as attached:

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

APPROVAL-On a motion of Mr. Volkert and second of Mr. Waldron, Council approved Firefighter membership for Joe Skodzinski.

DISCUSSION-On a motion of Mrs. Fields and second of Mr. Alloway, Council discussed payroll service company options, with a resolution to be prepared in 2009.

PAYMENT OF BILLS- On the motion of Mrs. Fields and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

**R08-139
 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.

**Borough of
 Merchantville
 Current Fund**

Bill List Summary

December 22, 2008

Checks Current Fund

2007 Budget	\$7,632.00
2008 Budget	\$37,006.33
State / Federal Grants	\$8,462.65
Debt Service	
Board of Education	
Checks Delivered	

Total Current	\$53,100.98
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Sewer Utility Fund

2008 Budget	\$1,620.43
Debt Service	
Checks Delivered	
Total Sewer	\$1,620.43

Recreation Commission

2008 Budget	\$10.41
Checks Delivered	
Total Recreation	\$10.41

General Capital Fund

2008 Budget	\$23,206.30
Checks Delivered	
Total Capital	\$23,206.30

Trust-Other Fund

2008 Budget	\$750.00
Checks Delivered	
Total Trust	\$750.00

**Animal Trust
Unemployment**

2008 Budget	
2008 Budget	
Checks Delivered	
Total	
Total Bill list	\$76,688.12

DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS & AUDITING
PATRICIA FIELDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Alloway said that is was and an honor and he was proud to have worked with Steve Volkert on Council. Thank you.
Mr. Volkert said thank you for your patience and for working with me.
Mayor North said you've done more than most and I will truly miss you. You have been an asset.

CORRESPONENCE: Mr. Brunton read thank you for E. Chestnut green space clean up from Disch family.

PRIVATE SESSION: On the motion of Mr. Volkert and second of Mrs. Fields, council voted to adjourn to private session regarding matters of contract negotiations, benefits and matter of personnel.

On a Motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr.Volkert, Council voted to return to public session.

ADJOURNMENT: On the motion of Mr. Volkert and second of Mr. Waldron, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

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