

Merchantville, NJ

December 27, 2004

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, December 27, 2004.
Mayor Patrick J. Brennan 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: Madden, North, Alloway and Finnegan

Council Absent: Pagano and Zeiders

Solicitor Higgins and Borough Clerk Thomas were present.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE – SALARIES & WAGES [COMMUNITY CENTER]: Mayor Brennan opened the public hearing on the following ordinance:

04-26

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENTITLED "SALARIES AND COMPENSATION"

There being no public comment, the hearing was closed.

PUBLIC: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE – SALARIES & WAGES [COMMUNITY CENTER]: On the motion of Mr. Alloway, second of Mrs. Madden and a unanimous roll call vote, Council adopted the following ordinance:

04-26

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENTITLED "SALARIES AND COMPENSATION"

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION – AMEND 04-18: On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mrs. Madden, Council unanimously introduced the following ordinance:

04-27

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 04-18 OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY IMPLEMENTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR AREAS LOCATED WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE KNOWN AS THE "MERCHANTVILLE TOWN CENTER EAST REDEVELOPMENT PLAN"

The public hearing will be held on January 10.

RESOLUTION – SALARIES & WAGES [2005]: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mr. Finnegan, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-148**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY,
ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC SALARIES AND WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES FOR 2005**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville have established the maximum salaries of the following employees of the Borough of Merchantville by ordinance adopted December 13, 2004 for 2005; and

WHEREAS, said salaries shall be subject to the appropriation of funds in the 2005 temporary and the approved 2005 budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville hereby establishes the following specific salaries for 2005 for the following employees of the Borough of Merchantville, to be effective as of January 1, 2005:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Police Sergeant (with 25 or more years)	67,175.38
Police Sergeant (with 21- 25 years)	66,541.65
Police Sergeant (with 16- 20 years)	65,907.92
Police Officer – Corporal	62,572.64
Police Officer - Patrolman	Per the current Police contract
Community Center Custodian (Per Month)	25.00
Meeting Cleanups (Per Meeting)	60.00
Salvation Army Program (Per Week)	60.00
Public Works Foreman (Per Hour)	21.22
Public Works Journeyman IV (Per Hour)	16.99
Public Works Journeyman III (Per Hour)	15.91
Public Works Journeyman II (Per Hour)	14.85
Public Works Journeyman I (Per Hour)	13.79
Public Works Helper IV (Per Hour)	12.73
Public Works Helper III (Per Hour)	11.94
Public Works Helper II (Per Hour)	11.14
Public Works Helper I (Per Hour)	9.82
Public Works Probationary Helper (Per Hour)	9.02

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an increase of \$0.50 per hour shall be granted to employee in the job classification of "Helper I" through "Helper IV" upon acquisition of Commercial Drivers License.

RESOLUTION – STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE: BODY ARMOR: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mrs. Madden, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

**R04-149
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville is desirous of purchasing five bulletproof vests for the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds from the Bullet Proof Vest Program and from the Body Armor Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that approval has been granted for the purchase of five bulletproof vests from Ray's Sport Shop, North Plainfield, NJ, State Contract #A60531, in the total amount of \$4,195.40.

RESOLUTION – CANCEL OUTSTANDING COURT CHECKS: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mrs. Madden, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-150**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING COURT CHECKS**

WHEREAS, there exist numerous outstanding checks on the Merchantville Municipal Court General Account which have been outstanding for over six months; and

WHEREAS, there exists an outstanding check on the Merchantville Municipal Court Bail Account which has been outstanding for over six months; and

WHEREAS, the various checks have been investigated and have been determined to have been lost or otherwise destroyed or undeliverable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following checks be cancelled and the expenditures be cancelled to the Current Fund.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>ACCT NO</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
General Account	0123000648	1215	1.00
		1289	1.00
		1290	3.00
		1365	5.00
Bail Account	0123000655		

RESOLUTION – CANCEL OUTSTANDING CHECKS: On the motion of Mr. Finnegan and second of Mrs. Madden, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-151**RESOLUTION FOR CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS**

WHEREAS, there exist numerous outstanding checks on various Borough accounts which have been outstanding for over one year; and

WHEREAS, the various checks have been investigated and have been determined to have been lost or otherwise destroyed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following checks be cancelled and the expenditures be cancelled to the proper Fund.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>ACCT NO</u>	<u>CHECK NO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
CURRENT FUND	0123000275	8323	\$ 24.10
TRUST – OTHER	0123000366	898	71.97

RESOLUTION – PAYMENT OF 2005 INTEREST ON DEBT SERVICE: On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mrs. Madden, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-152**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF COMMERCE BANK DEBT SERVICE INTEREST VOUCHER**

WHEREAS, the Department of Accounts and Auditing has examined the following voucher in the amount of \$50,025.00 and finds same to be correct:

BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE CURRENT FUND:

Commerce Bank as Paying Agent \$50,025.00

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

RESOLUTION – PAYMENT OF 2005 DEBT SERVICE: On the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-153**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF 2005 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, the date of this resolution is subsequent to December 19, 2004; and

WHEREAS, principal and interest will be due January 1, 2005 on sundry bonds issued and outstanding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriation be made to cover the period from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005 inclusive:

Payment of Bond Principal	\$177,000.00
Payment of Interest on Bonds	\$100,051.00

RESOLUTION – CANCEL OUTSTANDING BALANCES: On the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R04-154

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY CANCELING 2004 TAX AND SEWER BALANCES UNDER \$10.00

WHEREAS, balances under \$10.00 remain on certain tax and sewer accounts for 2004; 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, 2004.

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

CURRENT FUND: (PER 12/27/04 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECK #10164- 10166	\$ 5,127.32
	<u>\$ 5,127.32</u>

MERCHANTVILLE SEWER UTILITY: (PER 12/27/04 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECK #1523	\$ 71,661.72
	<u>\$ 71,661.72</u>
	<u>TOTAL: \$ 76,789.04</u>

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

R04-155

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.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – PETTY CASH: On the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved the following bills for payment:

R04-156

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS REPLENISHING THE BOROUGH CLERK HEALTH CO-PAY PETTY CASH FUND AND THE POLICE HEALTH CO-PAY PETTY CASH FUND

WHEREAS, the Department of Accounts and Auditing has examined the following Petty Cash vouchers amounting to \$561.57 and finds same to be correct:

CHECKS DELIVERED TO BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE CURRENT FUND:

Borough Clerk Health Co-Pay Petty Cash Fund (#04-132 – 04-139)	\$179.99
Borough Clerk Petty Cash Fund (04-110 – 04-121)	\$167.00
Police Health Petty Cash Fund (#4-225 – 04-235)	<u>\$214.58</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$561.57</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that these Petty Cash vouchers be approved for payment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Brennan announced that the 2005 Reorganization Meeting would be held on January 3 at 7:30 PM. He thanked everyone on Council for another year of hard work and dedication.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, on the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. North the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM. SINE DIE.

OREN R. THOMAS IV
BOROUGH CLERK