

Merchantville, NJ

February 11, 2008

A Budget Workshop was held at 5:30 PM. All attended but Mr. Alloway & Mr. Brunton who joined at 5:55 PM. Current budget line items were discussed. On the motion of Mr. Volkert and second of Mr. Perno, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, February 11, 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, Perno and Brunton.

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

PUBLIC:

Deborah Binder. 57 Chapel Ave., is frustrated by lack of agreement. Wants 6 foot fence. She is concerned that Mr. Higgins held it up.

Rudy Celli of RLC III, frustrated also. Willing to extend the fence as originally agreed.

Mayor North stated that you did not see all the correspondence including the discussion of reversion. RLC does not compete. Get Ms. Binders cell. Higgins & Barron should get together & resolve.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Joe Brickley, of Remington & Vernick Engineer's provided a written and oral report on 606 W. Maple Ave., analysis of need W. Chestnut resurfacing.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mrs. Fields reported that Planning Board meeting will be tomorrow. Enforcement meeting will be Wednesday @ 3:00 PM. NPP started.

Mr. Waldron reported that the Shade Tree Commission was working on top priority trees. There were 72 last year. Public Events committee will have a volunteer night on April 14 @ Community Center. **Communications**-Duplicator is okay. **Parks & Recs** need to address fees. Historical Preservation Committee approved awning on News Nooks.

Mr. Brunton reported on Dept of Public Works leaf collection will be done when Wellwood is complete. They are still 1 man short. Board of Health/Office of Emergency Management meeting planned.

Mr. Perno reported on CDBG, attended meeting \$25,707 allocated to Merchantville which is determined by % of low/mod units compared to country.

Mr. Volkert reported on fire department, sewer and school report.

Mr. Alloway reported on Police. Chapel Avenue Bridge is closed. Maple Bridge closed on February 15. Starting March 1, 2008 it is a primary offense to drive while on cell phone. Court will start credit cards. Attended swearing in of Judge John Kelly.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

The administrator provided Council with a report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Perno stated we should apply for federal funding for the Community Center & noted that there may be a problem getting same because we didn't spend the funds in the past. Purchase of Duplicator was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL REPORTS: On the motion of Mrs. Fields, second of Mr. Alloway and a unanimous roll call vote, Council approved the Chief Financial Officer's Report for January 2008.

Mrs. Fields gave the financial report.

PROCLAMATION-WILLIAM B. HOWELL-Mayor North read a proclamation aloud to Mr. Howell and then presented Mr. Howell with a sealed copy.

PROCLAMATION-ARBOR DAY-Mayor North read a proclamation proclaiming April 27, 2007 as Arbor Day.

APPROVAL OF JOANNE LEWIS AS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-On the motion of Mr. Alloway second of Mr. Perno, council unanimously approved the hiring of JoAnne Lewis as Administrative Assistant.

DISCUSSION-AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO SCHOOL OF CHESTNUT STATION PILOT PORTION-We intend to do so

DISCUSSION-EXTENSION OF DATES FOR PNC PURCHASE-No need to discuss

DISCUSSION-COAH CERTIFICATION-rules are changing, waiting for letter

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

R08-26 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.

11-Feb-08

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

CURRENT FUND: (PER 2/11/08 CHECK
REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK # 013311-013315 (013316 VOIDED) 013317-013320

\$134,653.44

CHECK # 013321-013372

\$1,675,803.97

\$1,810,457.41

DOG ACCOUNT: (PER 2/11/08 CHECK
REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #

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GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT: (PER 2/11/08 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #

CHECK# 001433-001434

14,806.63

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MERCHANTVILLE SEWER UTILITY: (PER 2/11/08 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED CHECK # 11

CHECK#

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND: (PER 2/11/08 CHECK REGISTER)

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RECREATION COMMISSION: (PER 2/11/08 CHECK
REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK# 002807

\$360.00

CHECK # 002808-002813

2,061.71

\$2,421.71

TRUST ACCOUNT - OTHER FUNDS: (PER 2/11/08 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #

CHECK # 1153

248.42

\$248.42

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION: (PER 2/11/08 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

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TOTAL:

\$1,827,934.17

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

Mr. Volkert stated that the Fire dept will run Wine & Beer concession at Arts Fair.

PRIVATE:

On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Volkert and a unanimous roll call vote, council adjourned into private session to discuss matters of personnel, contract negotiations & possible litigation.

ADJOURNMENT:

On the motion of Mr. Waldron and second of Mr. Volkert, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.

JOHN C. FRY
BOROUGH CLERK