

Merchantville, NJ

May 27, 2008

A Budget Workshop was conducted beginning at 6:30 PM, including council presentations of their public committee recommendations.

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:33 PM, Monday, May 27, 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 CFO Denise Moules were present.

PUBLIC:

Tom Evaul, 25 St. James Place, asked about PNC financing. Mayor North replied it was under negotiation.

Gail Ford, 135 N. Centre Street asked about traffic calming speed humps. Lexington is not a cut through street. Mayor North stated that because of resident requests, they will evaluate all the streets. Mr. Perno stated that humps have many advantages over bumps. Gail Ford asked about NJHT. Mr. Perno explained the grant match and Boro attempts to obtain the matching funds. Gail Ford asked what is resolution for private session. Mayor North replied that it was discovered as the way to do it by Denise Brouse.

Bob Disch, 23 E. Chestnut Avenue, wanted to say thanks for Memorial Day Service.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION-BULLETIN BOARD POLICY-Draft is acceptable as modified, remove political party item.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION – AMENDED TO ORDINANCE 53-2 Night use of park and community center restricted: On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Perno, Council unanimously approved the introduction of the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 08-04**BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 53, PARKS, OF THE CODE OF
THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey that Chapter 53, Parks, of the Code of the Borough of Merchantville, is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE I. SECTION 53-2 Night use of park and community center restricted.

It shall be unlawful for any person to enter or remain upon the grounds of Wellwood Park or the Merchantville Community Center for any purpose between 5:00 pm and 8:00 am during the time period in which Eastern Standard Time (EST) is being utilized, and between 8:00 pm and 8:00 am during the time period in which Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) is being utilized, except during the time such person is

attending or participating in an event, program or other activity for which permission has been obtained from the appropriate authority.

ARTICLE II.

All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

ARTICLE III.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

AMEND RESOLUTION-R-08-44C Correction of typographical error within document:

On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Perno, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R08-44C

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AWARDED CONTRACT FOR RESURFACING WEST CHESTNUT AVENUE

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville has received a grant award for the resurfacing of portions of West Chestnut Avenue; and

WHEREAS, bids were received for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds in the amount of \$50,021.75 from account C-04-55-824-902;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that approval has been granted to award a contract to the lowest bidder, Paramount Enterprises, Cherry Hill, NJ, for the purpose of resurfacing West Chestnut Avenue for the amount of \$50,021.75.

RESOLUTION-PURCHASE STEP VAN FROM COLLINGSWOOD FOR \$1.00-On the motion of Mr. Volkert and second of Mr. Brunton, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R08-59

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A STEP VAN VEHICLE

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville is desirous of purchasing a van for use by the Department of Public Works for the storage and distribution of barricades and signs used to support public events; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Collingswood possesses a step van that they have determined to be of no further use; and

WHEREAS, this purchase is exempt from New Jersey State bidding requirements because the transaction is between two local government entities in the State of New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that approval has been granted for the purchase of a step van from the Borough of Collingswood for the amount of \$1.00.

RESOLUTION-AUTHORIZE BOROUGH ENGINEER TO DO STUDY AND PLAN FOR TRAFFIC CALMING-On the motion of Mr. Perno and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R08-60

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SELECTING CONSULTING ENGINEER SERVICES TO DESIGN AND INSTALL SPEED HUMPS

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville selected Consulting Engineer Services as our Municipal Engineer by resolution dated January 2, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville desires to contract with Consulting Engineer Services to design and install speed humps along selected streets in Merchantville; 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 May 16, 2008 proposal letter (Exhibit A) in an amount not to exceed \$3,800.00.

DISCUSSION-Authorization to apply for NJHT grant application and provide matching funds-It was determined that there needs to be Cert for NJHT match. Ask Mr. Perno if he wants to do this through intro a bond ordinance.

RESOLUTION-AUTHORIZE WESTFIELD ARCHITECT TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR NJHT GRANT APPLICATION: On the motion of Mr. Perno and second of Mr. Waldron, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R08-61

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING WESTFIELD ARCHITECTS & PRESERVATION CONSULTANTS TO SUPPORT AND CONSULT TO THE BOROUGH WHILE PREPARING THE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville desires to contract with Westfield Architects & Preservation Consultants, Haddon Heights, NJ for support and consultation while the Borough of Merchantville prepares the New Jersey Historic Trust Grant Application for the Merchantville Community/ Senior Center; 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 Westfield Architects & Preservation Consultants to provide the support and consultation services in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.

DISCUSSION-Meeting Schedules within Borough Hall-Mayor North describe use of bulletin board for scheduling.

DISCUSSION-Shared Service Survey-All council members were asked to review their areas.

APPROVAL OF ADAM DAVID STUHLEMMER-JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER MEMBERSHIP-On the motion of Mr. Volkert and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved Adam David Stuhlemmer for Junior Firefighter membership.

APPROVAL OF JAKE CUZZUPE-JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER MEMBERSHIP-On the motion of Mr. Volkert and second of Mr. Alloway, Council unanimously approved Jake Cuzzupe for Junior Firefighter membership.

PAYMENT OF PETTY CASH BILLS: On the motion of Mrs. Fields and second of Mr. Volkert, Council approved the following bills for payment:

R08-65

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 \$264.34 and finds same to be correct:

CHECKS DELIVERED TO BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE CURRENT FUND:

Borough Clerk Petty Cash Fund (#08-21/ 08-28-08-41)	\$197.15
Police Health Petty Cash Fund (#08-88 – 08-93)	\$ 67.19
TOTAL:	\$264.34

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

EXAMINED AND FOUND CORRECT: _____

PATRICIA A. FIELDS, DIRECTOR
DEPT. OF ACCOUNTS AND AUDITING

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Parking meter meeting will be on May 29, 2008. Birthday celebration will be on June 7, 2008.

RESOLUTION-ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF TAX COLLECTOR: On the motion of Mr. Perno and second of Mrs. Fields (Mr. Brunton abstained), Council approved the following resolution:

R08-63

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JOHN C. FRY AS THE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

WHEREAS, John C. Fry is the Municipal Tax Collector of the Borough of Merchantville;
and

WHEREAS, John C. Fry has decided to resign from his position as Municipal Tax Collector as of June 1, 2008;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville that the resignation of John C. Fry as Municipal Tax Collector be accepted and effective as of June 1, 2008.

RESOLUTION-APPOINT MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR: On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mrs. Fields, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R08-64

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING MICHELLE L. MCKINNEY AS THE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR

**AND TAX SEARCH OFFICER OF THE BOROUGH OF
MERCHANTVILLE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville have accepted the resignation of John C. Fry as the Municipal Tax Collector and Tax Search Officer of the Borough of Merchantville; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-141 and N.J.S.A. 40A:9-142 require the appointment of a Municipal Tax Collector;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville that Michelle L. McKinney be and is hereby appointed to the position of Municipal Tax Collector and Tax Search Officer for the four year term commencing June 1, 2008 and concluding on May 31, 2012.

RESOLUTION-PRIVATE SESSION: On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Volkert, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R08-62

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF
CAMDEN, AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

Matters of personnel

Potential Litigation

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADJOURNMENT:

On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Volkert, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

JOHN C. FRY
BOROUGH CLERK