

January 23, 2006

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, January 23, 2006. 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: Fields, Alloway, Zeiders, North, Pagano and Finnegan

Council Absent: None

Borough Clerk Thomas and Solicitor Higgins were present.

PUBLIC: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 12/27/05 REGULAR & 1/3/06 REORGANIZATION: On the motion of Mr. Pagano and second of Mr. North, Council unanimously approved the 12/27/05 regular and the 1/3/06 reorganization meetings.

ANNUAL COUNCIL REPORTS:

MR. FINNEGAN provided a written report of Public Works activities for 2005 and highlighted some points.

MR. ZEIDERS delivered the 2005 Fire Department report. Mayor Brennan expressed thanks on behalf of the Borough to the entire Fire Department for their efforts regarding tree work following last week wind storm.

MR. PAGANO delivered yearly reports for the MEMS and Public Events Committee. MRS. FIELDS will supply yearly numbers from Mr. Sikorski, Code Enforcement, and Mr. Joseph, Building Inspection, after meeting with them.

MR. ALLOWAY delivered the yearly report for the Board of Health. The Borough has appointed a new Animal Control Officer and Animal Shelter.

MR. NORTH reported on the Court for 2005. A Spanish Night has been instituted where an interpreter is available to the public on the first Wednesday of every month. The yearly Police report was delivered. The department is back to full strength. Michael Haigh is currently out with a medical issue.

ANNUAL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: John Fry, Borough Administrator, provided a written report of 2005 activities and outlined the highlighted material.

OLD BUSINESS:

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS SHADE TREE COMMISSION [PAULSON]: Mayor Brennan reappointed Robert Paulson, 19 North Centre Street, to the Shade Tree Commission for a five year term ending 12/31/10.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT [SENESKI]: On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Pagano, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R06-19

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO GERALD C. SENESKI**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:87-15 authorizes appointments as the Borough Council may deem necessary; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for certain financial consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, as follows:

(1) The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Gerald C. Seneski in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. The Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds;

(2) This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service ☐ under the provision of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services to be rendered pursuant thereto are performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession;

(3) A copy of this resolution shall be published in the Retrospect as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

RESOLUTION - FIREHOUSE BOILER REPLACEMENT: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mr. Zeiders, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R06-20

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY AWARDING A CONTRACT TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL A BOILER AT THE FIREHOUSE

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville is desirous of replacing the boiler in the firehouse in accordance with Ordinance 05-07; and

WHEREAS, quotes have been solicited and received for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract be awarded to Richard Reustle Plumbing and Heating, Pennsauken, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$10,750.00, the lowest quote received.

PAYMENT OF BILLS APPROVAL OF BILLS: On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mr. Pagano, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

R06-21

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 \$210.00 and finds same to be correct:

CHECKS DELIVERED TO BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE CURRENT FUND:

Police Health Petty Cash Fund (#06-01 - 06-06) 210.00

TOTAL: \$210.00

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Budget Sessions: Mayor Brennan announced that Budget Sessions would be held on February 13 & 27 and March 13 & 27 following the regularly scheduled Council meetings.

Newsletter: Mayor Brennan suggested a want ad ☐ be placed in the next volume of the Borough newsletter regarding volunteer positions currently available in town.

Fire Company: Joseph Brickley, Niagara Fire Company, announced that Roy Adair was the newly elected Chief, serving a two year term ending on 12/31/07. Roy Adair thanked Council for their past support and provided an update of Fire activities.

ADJOURNMENT: On the motion of Mr. Pagano and second of Mr. Alloway the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

OREN R. THOMAS IV
BOROUGH CLERK