

Merchantville, NJ January 9, 2006

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, January 9, 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: Madden, Alloway, Zeiders and North
Council Absent: Pagano and Finnegan
Borough Clerk Thomas and Solicitor Higgins were present.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE APPROVING SALE OF 19/21 S. CENTRE ST: Mayor Brennan opened the public hearing on the following ordinance:

05-19

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN LANDS BY HAPPY HOUR INVESTMENTS, LLC FROM THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SAID PURCHASE

Gail Ford, 135 North Centre Street, inquired to the properties included in 19/21 South Centre Street. Mayor Brennan stated that the Merchant Cafe and Coar Jewelers were included. The final sale price was \$235,000. Happy Hour Investments consists of Joseph Cuzzupe and Joseph Vodges. The parking meters are not covered throughout town during the holiday season at the request of the M.B.P.A.

There being no further public comment, the hearing was closed.

PUBLIC:

ENGINEER REPORT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 12/12/05 REGULAR: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mr. Alloway, Council approved the minutes from the 12/12/05 regular session.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

MR. NORTH delivered the Police and Court reports.

MR. ALLOWAY stated that the Board of Health lost two members in 2005. The Reorganization Meeting will be held on January 12.

MRS. FIELDS has spoken with the heads of her departments. The Planning Board will be holding a meeting on January 10.

MR. ZEIDERS delivered the Fire Report. Would like to compile a "master list" of building issues covering all borough properties to be addressed by the next borough handyman.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Tabled.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE ADOPTION APPROVING SALE OF 19/21 S. CENTRE ST: On the motion of Mr. Alloway, second of Mr. North and a unanimous roll call vote, Council adopted the following ordinance:

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NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL REPORTS: On the motion of Mr. Alloway, second of Mrs. Fields and a unanimous roll call vote, Council approved the Chief Financial Officers Report of Cash Receipts for December 2005 and the Abbreviated Budget Status for the year of 2005.

MEMS APPLICATION JAMES TYKWINSKI: On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mrs. Fields, Council unanimously approved the application of James Tykwinski, 510 Austin Avenue, Barrington, to the MEMS.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT BOARD OF HEALTH: On the motion of Mr. Alloway and second of Mrs. Fields, Council unanimously approved the appointment of Joanna Ellis, 119 Glenwood Avenue, to the Board of Health for a term expiring 12/31/08.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: On the motion of Mr. North and second of Mr. Alloway, Council approved the publication of a Request for Proposals for the Maple/ Chapel Redevelopment Zone.

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

CURRENT FUND: (PER 1/9/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #11152- 11157 \$ 137,980.41

CHECK #11158- 11218 \$ 122,159.45

\$ 260,139.86

DOG ACCOUNT: (PER 1/9/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECK # \$ -

\$ -

GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT: (PER 1/9/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECK #1369- 1371 \$ 21,346.83

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MERCHANTVILLE SEWER UTILITY: (PER 1/9/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #1558- 1559 \$ 7,089.99

CHECK #1560- 1561 \$ 78,792.46

\$ 85,882.45

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND: (PER 1/9/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECK # \$ -

\$ -

RECREATION COMMISSION: (PER 1/9/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #2548- 2550 \$ 545.00

CHECK #2551- 2563 \$ 2,667.28

\$ 3,212.28

TRUST ACCOUNT - OTHER FUNDS: (PER 1/9/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECKS DELIVERED

CHECK #1045 \$ 331.23

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\$ 331.23

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION: (PER 1/9/06 CHECK REGISTER)

CHECK # \$ -

\$ -

TOTAL: \$ 370,912.65

EXAMINED AND FOUND CORRECT: (SIGNED JOHN N. ALLOWAY)

DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND AUDITING

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Volan Street Parking Discussion: Mr. North will distribute flyers notifying residents that the meeting will be held January 23.

Budget Sessions: Will be held February 13 & 27 and March 13 & 27.

PUBLIC:

Gail Ford, inquired to the perceived conflict Mr. Zeiders believed he had regarding 19/21 South Centre Street. Mr. Zeiders had a desire to purchase the property.

James Tykwinski, thanked Council for the opportunity to serve on the MEMS.

ADJOURNMENT: On the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. Pagano the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

OREN R. THOMAS IV
BOROUGH CLERK