

Merchantville, NJ

December 13, 2010

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, December 13, 2010. Mayor Frank 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: Brennan, Perno, Brunton, Brickley, Fields, Clerk Brouse, Attorney Higgins.

PUBLIC HEARING**PUBLIC**

Marvin Gaskill, 120 E. Chestnut Avenue, Proposal to rent to buildings at last council meeting, modify to not consider 9 E. Park Avenue at this time. Please consider including EMS building with a 6 month lease to Marvin alone and will not sublet. It would be a winter lease and consider Marvin moving the building to his lot. Have you contacted Mr. Corsini? Lease would have to go out to bid. Make determination before Council and determine the rental fee. Insurance would be covered.

Alex Woschenko, 8 Morris Street, Questions regarding election law. Engineering costs in 09 line item and total budget paid out was a different amount. Trust pays out for several projects. Alstate power vac award and costs have a gap. Engineer, Bond Council, design and advertising are all part of costs.

ENGINEERS REPORT: a written project status report was given.

Mr. Brickley asked Charles to have the contractor plant the three trees on Morris Street. A letter needs to be sent to Contractor re lien status. Holes in street from testing need to be filled.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion of Mrs. Fields and second of Mr. Brennan, with Mr. Brunton abstaining, Council approved the regular meeting minutes for 10/18/10.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion of Mr. Brennan and second of Mrs. Fields, Council approved the regular meeting minutes for 11/8/10.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was sent to council from the Merchantville PTA regarding the parade. Councilperson Brennan will respond to PTA president.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mrs. Fields-evaluations need to be completed. Community Center mulch installed, need to replace trim around frame of play box.

Planning Board is working on redevelopment at W Maple Avenue. Two court cases for Code Enforcement. Abandon properties have been looking at between two and three years to complete process. NPP project is complete, last day is December 23rd.

Mr. Brickley-second crew started today for leaves for four weeks. Have a temporary driver, replacing two employees. Entire town will be reposted.

Mr. Brunton no report

Mr. Perno reported Community Center window repaired. CDBG funds will be a 60% allocation in some municipalities but will not affect Merchantville.

Mr. Brennan-Thanks to the Public Events committee for the parade and holiday decorations. The parade was very well attended. Saturday will be the Breakfast with Santa Claus, Court \$11,974 about the same dollars as last year. Fire Prevention, have ten non life hazards left to be inspected. Fire Company had twenty two calls for month.

Mayor's Report-Many people were pleased we had a well attended parade. Ask more people to come out and participate on the events committee next year.

CLERK'S REPORT-Clean up day & parade/tree lighting were a success. RFP's were received on Thursday. Orientation for newly elected Public Officials is on June 22 or 29, let me know if you would like to attend. Borough Christmas party is tomorrow immediately after work at the Blue Monkey. Best Practice results for the Borough has been reviewed and we did not lose any State aid.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion-Prohibit smoking in specific public places. Have police check for ID.

Resolutions to be read by consent agenda: On a motion of Mr. Brickley and second of Mr. Brunton, Council approved the following resolutions to be read consent agenda:

**R10-124
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
FOR REFUND OF TAX PAYMENT**

WHEREAS, the Merchantville Tax Collector has called to Mayor and Council's attention a request to refund to Conifer for Tax Payments made on Station Lane after they made settlement:
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville that the following refund be approved on the following accounts and be forwarded to Conifer, 20000 Horizon Way, Suite 180, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054:

BL.	LOT	NAME & ADDRESS	AMOUNT
22	18.07	Seiler, Michael 16 Station Lane	\$1,669.91 (balance)
22	18.01	Barbour, Crystal 4 Station Lane	\$684.14 (balance)
22	18.02	Pendola, Amy 6 Station Lane	\$1,368.68

**R10-125
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW
JERSEY, ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC SALARIES AND WAGES FOR ALL EMPLOYEES FOR
2010**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville have established the maximum salaries of the employees of the Borough of Merchantville by ordinance adopted September 13, 2010, effective as of October 3, 2010 and retroactive to January 1, 2010; and **WHEREAS**, funds have been made available in the 2010 budget as adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville wishes to establish a specific salary for temporary public works drivers holding a CDL license;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville amends Ordinance 10-11 of the Borough of Merchantville to add the following salary to those specific salaries for employees of the Borough of Merchantville for 2010, effective as of December 1, 2010:

POSITION	SALARY
Temporary Public works employees with a CDL license	\$ 20.00 per hour

R10-126

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING SEWER PAYMENT DUE DATE EXTENSION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville has billed its property owners for the second half of 2010 sewer billing cycle; and

WHEREAS, The due date that was originally set for December 3, 2010 with a grace period of 10 days or December 13, 2010; and

WHEREAS, council recommends extending the grace period to December 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, any and all sewer bills that are not paid to the Borough and received by December 31, 2010 will have the interest rate retro back to December 1, 2010

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville to adjust the amounts as stated above.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On the motion of Mrs. Fields and second of Mr. Brickley, Council approved the following bills for payment:

**R10-127
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.

Borough of Merchantville	Bill List Summary	December 13, 2010	
		Revenue fund	Current Fund
Checks Current Fund			
	2010 Budget		\$112,772.17
	State / Federal Grants		\$3,205.15
	Debt Service		
	Board of Education		\$1,178,098.63
	Revenue Current	\$6,231.99	
	Checks Delivered		\$128,341.72
	Total	\$6,231.99	\$1,422,417.67
Sewer Utility Fund			
	2010 Budget		\$91,096.81
	Debt Service		
	Checks Delivered		
	Total Sewer		\$91,096.81
Recreation Commission			
	2010 Budget		
	Revenue Rec	\$900.00	
	Checks Delivered		
	Total Recreation	\$900.00	
General Capital Fund			
	2010 Budget		\$8,175.00
Sewer Capital Fund			
	2010 Budget		\$3,449.40
	Checks Delivered		\$1,185,508.16
	Total Capital		\$1,197,132.56
Trust-Other Fund			
	2010 Budget		\$4,619.00
	Checks Delivered		\$15,979.06
	Total Trust		\$20,598.06
Animal Trust			
	2010 Budget		
Unemployment			
	2010 Budget		
	Checks Delivered		
		Total	
Total Bill list	Revenue	\$7,131.99	\$2,731,245.10
	Budget		

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor's overview of consolidation on web site & waiting on Cherry Hill.

PRIVATE SESSION

On a motion of Mr. Brickley and second of Mr. Brunton, Council adjourned into private session to discuss matters of personnel.

**R10-128B
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING A PRIVATE SESSION OF COUNCIL**

Mr. Brickley offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

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:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
Matters of personnel
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter shall be made public.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Mr. Brunton and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Alloway	()	()	()	(y)
Mr. Brennan	(y)	()	()	()
Mr. Perno	(y)	()	()	()
Mr. Brunton	(y)	()	()	()
Mr. Waldron	(y)	()	()	()
Mrs. Fields	(y)	()	()	()

Back into public session

On a motion of Mr. Brickley and second of Mr. Brunton, council returned to public session.

ADJOURNMENT:

On the motion of Mr. Brickley and second of Mr. Perno the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

DENISE BROUSE
BOROUGH CLERK