

Merchantville, NJ

February 28, 2011

A Budget workshop was conducted beginning at 6:30 PM, Monday, February 28, 2011. Mayor Frank M. North presided.

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Present: Fields, Volkert, Brickley, Brennan, Madden (arrived 7:10), CFO Moules, Clerk Brouse.

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, February 28, 2011. 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: Perno (arrived 8:30), Madden, Brennan, Brickley, Volkert, Fields, Clerk Brouse, CFO Moules and Attorney Higgins.

**PUBLIC HEARING****PUBLIC**

**Rich James, 130 Westminster Avenue,** has concerns regarding budget, residents have no input whatsoever. No copy of budget has been given. Why isn't the police contract in the budget? Council responded that the budget will be introduced on March 7 and the April meeting will be the public meeting. A copy of the budget will be available for free anytime between March 7<sup>th</sup> and the date of the public hearing. The police contract is still in negotiations.

**Jeanne Collins, 116 Poplar Avenue,** asked what the tonnage grant resolution was for. It is County funds and we need to do a resolution to authorize.

**Marvin Gaskill, 102 E. Chestnut Avenue,** leaf concerns. No raise, no furlough, taxes have gone up, utilities have gone up, consider requiring employees to take a hit as well. Ask council to consider reduction in time or pay to employees. A letter was sent to Mayor and Council regarding the rental Ordinance that is being considered. Consider using our fire inspector and retrain existing ordinance. Collins House pays no fees and is not inspected?

**Bob Stocker, 7 Lexington Avenue,** Great job on trash, now we need to sell trash trucks.

**NEW BUSINESS:****DISCUSSION: Request for use of Chestnut Avenue path**

On a motion of Mr. Brickley and second of Mr. Volkert, Council approved the use of the Chestnut Avenue path for 3/20/11.

**Resolution 11-38 Tonnage Grant:** On a motion of Mr. Volkert and second of Mrs. Madden, Council approved the following resolution:

**R11-38  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,  
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING  
APPLICATION FOR RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT**

**SUBJECT:** APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF A RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT

**WHEREAS**, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act Recycling Act P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent and spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and expand existing programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the recycling regulations imposed on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to making and keeping accurate, verifiable materials collected and claimed by the municipality and by setting up a dedicated recycling trust fund where funds shall be used solely for the purposes of recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and indicate the assent of the Borough of Merchantville to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the recycling act and recycling regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure that the application is properly completed and timely filed,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the Borough of Merchantville hereby endorses the submission of a municipal recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey DEP Office of Recycling and designates Bradford C. Stokes, Recycling Coordinator, to ensure that the said application is properly filed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mr. Brennan stated that DCA gave a deadline of February 28<sup>th</sup> to get the consolidation application and committee members to the State. Mayor, what update do you have from Cherry Hill? Mayor North responded that he has not gotten an update from Cherry Hill since the telephone conversation with the State, Cherry Hill and Merchantville, when the February 28<sup>th</sup> date was given. Mr. Brennan would like council to consider rescinding Merchantville's resolution.

West Maple Neighborhood meeting March 29 at 6:30 Pennsauken library, surveys are out.

JIF Award \$2450.00, 4<sup>th</sup> time in five years.

Financial disclosure statements are due.

**R11-39** On a motion of Mr. Brennan and second of Mr. Brickley, with Mrs. Madden and Mrs. Fields voting no, council approved the following resolution:

**R11-39**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,**  
**COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**RELATIVE TO THE FORMATION OF A MUNICIPAL**  
**CONSOLIDATION STUDY COMMISSION WITH THE**  
**TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.**  
**40A:65-1 ET SEQ.**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., provides for the procedure whereby the governing body of any municipality proposing to consolidate with one or more other municipalities may, by ordinance or resolution, propose the formation of a Municipal Consolidation Study Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, by Resolution No. 10-103, adopted September 27, 2010, sought the formation of a Municipal Consolidation Study Commission, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. with the Township of Cherry Hill; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the adoption of its Resolution No. 2010-8-19 on August 9, 2010, the Mayor and the Township Council of the Township of Cherry Hill has not taken the necessary steps to form a Municipal Consolidation Study Commission, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. with the Township of Cherry Hill; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that Resolution No. 10-103, adopted September 27, 2010, be and hereby is rescinded to the extent that it proposes the formation of a Municipal Consolidation Study Commission with the Township of Cherry Hill, to study the feasibility of a proposed consolidation of the Borough of Merchantville and the Township of Cherry Hill; pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Denise Brouse, Clerk of the Borough of Merchantville, shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of the Township of Cherry Hill and the Clerk of the County of Camden within five (5) days of the date of its adoption.

**PRIVATE SESSION**

On a motion of Mrs. Fields and second of Mr. Volkert, Council adjourned into private session to discuss matters of personnel and contract negotiations.

**R11-40  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,  
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AUTHORIZING A PRIVATE SESSION OF COUNCIL**

**Patricia Fields** 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 **Steve Volkert** and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Fields	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Volkert	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Brickley	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Perno	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Mrs. Madden	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Brennan	( x )	( )	( )	( )

On a motion of Mr. Volkert and second of Mr. Brennan, council voted to return to public session.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On the motion of Mr. Volkert and second of Mr. Brickley, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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DENISE BROUSE  
BOROUGH CLERK