

Merchantville, NJ

March 9, 2009

A Budget Workshop was held at 6:00 PM. All attended but Mr. Alloway. Mr. Perno joined later. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:32 PM, Monday, March 9, 2009. 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: Brennan, Perno, Brunton, Waldron and Fields.

Borough Clerk Brouse, Attorney Higgins and Denise Moules were present.

PUBLIC:

Kevin Barnett, 121 Browning Road, spoke regarding speed humps. He lives in bad area for street traffic. Can we make the street one way rather than a speed hump? Four residents on street are in agreement.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Brickley reported on the costs of the projects.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion of Mr. Brunton and second of Mr. Waldron, council approved the regular meeting minutes for 12/22/08 and 2/23/09.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Brunton read a letter from the State stating that they are considering rescinding requirement for recycling coordinator.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mrs. Fields stated that time clocks were okay. EMS report from Pennsauken. Records were filed and stored in Borough Hall. Six members completed Planning Board training. Code Enforcement-24 W End abandoned. Three other letters to abandoned properties went out. NPP-copy of work plan to council. Would like to set up Riversharks game. Drug alliance \$8,718 awarded. We had an Open Society meeting and would like to consider the Workshop.

Mr. Waldron delivered the Public Events report and Shade Tree Cool Cities initiative. There will not be a car show this year.

Mr. Brunton gave the Public Works report. 23 stumps were removed, leaf pick up is complete. Vehicles are having DOT inspections. Hired Mr. Penn & Mr. Hill. Also a new hot water heater was installed. The County ran out of salt during the last snow storm. The licensing report was presented.

Mr. Perno gave the fire report. There is a roof leak over the kitchen. The Borough did not get NJHT grant.

Mr. Brennan delivered the Court report. There were fewer cases this year but more money brought in.

CLERK'S REPORT: Flag box is completed. If any one is interested in donating please let her know. Reported on budget meeting, newsletter and records destruction.

OLD BUSINESS: CFO shared service. Mr. Brunton said he now has a better understanding of resolution and proposal but wonders about the reaction of other employees.

On a motion of Mr. Perno and second of Mrs. Fields, the following resolution was removed from the table.

RESOLUTION 09-36 Shared Service Agreement with Barrington for CFO: On a motion by Mr. Perno and second of Mr. Brennan, Council approved the following Resolution:

09-36

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE AND BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON RELATIVE TO THE SERVICES OF A CHIEF MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville (hereinafter "Merchantville") is a municipal entity organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey and located in Camden County; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barrington (hereinafter "Barrington") is a municipal entity organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey and located in Camden County; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Barrington has in its employ a certain individual known as Denise P. Moules who has been appointed by Barrington as the Chief Municipal Finance Officer for the Borough of Barrington; and

WHEREAS, Denise P. Moules (hereinafter "Moules") is a licensed Chief Municipal Finance Officer in the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140-10 ("Statutes") and the regulations promulgated thereunder ("Regulations"); and

WHEREAS, Barrington has agreed to permit Moules to act as the Chief Municipal Finance Officer in the Borough of Merchantville, in addition to the duties assigned by Barrington to Moules as an employee of Barrington; and

WHEREAS, Merchantville has agreed to pay Barrington the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$38,000.00) in the calendar year 2009, to be paid in accordance with the payment schedule set forth below; and

WHEREAS, Merchantville and Barrington intend by virtue of this document to set forth the terms and conditions of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the proper and respective municipal officials were authorized to execute this Interlocal Services Agreement pursuant to Resolutions of their respective Councils, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that Frank M. North, Mayor of the Borough of Merchantville and Denise L. Brouse, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Merchantville be and hereby are authorized to execute the Interlocal Services Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," providing for the services of Denise P. Moules to act as the Chief Municipal Finance Officer in Merchantville in addition to the duties assigned by Barrington to Moules as an employee of Barrington.

On a motion of Mr. Perno and second of Mr. Brunton, the following resolution was removed from the table:

RESOLUTION 09-39 SHARE Grant with Cherry Hill: On a motion of Mr. Perno and second of Mr. Brennan, Council approved the following resolution:

R09-39

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION BY THE BOROUGH OF
MERCHANTVILLE FOR THE SHARING AVAILABLE
RESOURCES EFFICIENTLY (SHARE) GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville and the Governing Body of Cherry Hill Township have agreed to apply for *SHARE* (Sharing Available Resources Efficiently) assistance through the State of New Jersey Local REDI Program in the amount of \$20,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the grant includes a local matching requirement in an amount equal to 10% of the amount of the grant, and,

WHEREAS, the Cherry Hill Township has agreed to be the lead agency in this endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has made *SHARE* assistance available to assist local units study, develop and implement new shared and regional services; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this grant is to promote shared services between our local units through the consolidation of the respective Public Works Departments, that would be beneficial to all local units; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville agrees to execute an Shared Services Agreement with Cherry Hill Township in order to implement a Public Works Departments Consolidation Feasibility Study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville that the Borough of Merchantville does hereby join with the Township of Cherry Hill in applying for a grant for the purpose of conducting a Public Works Departments Consolidation Feasibility Study, and agrees to provide its required share of the local match in the amount of \$2,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS to be approved by consent agenda: On the motion of Mrs. Fields and second of Mr. Brennan, Council approved the following resolutions to be read and approved by Consent Agenda:

R09-43

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO JOIN SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL EMPLOYEE
BENEFITS FUND**

WHEREAS, a number of local units in the State of New Jersey have joined together to form the **SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND** hereafter referred to as "FUND", as permitted 40A:10-36 et seq., and;

WHEREAS, the FUND was approved to become operational by the Departments of Insurance and Community Affairs on April 6, 1995 and has been operational since that date, and;

WHEREAS, the statutes and regulations governing the creation and operation of a joint insurance fund, contain certain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a FUND;

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Merchantville, hereinafter referred to as "LOCAL UNIT" has determined that membership in the FUND is in the best interest of said LOCAL UNIT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the LOCAL UNIT hereby agrees as follows:

- i. LOCAL UNIT shall become a member of the FUND for the period outlined in the LOCAL UNIT's Indemnity and Trust Agreement.
- ii. LOCAL UNIT will participate in the following type (s) of coverage (s):
 - a.) Health Insurance as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17B:17-4, the FUND's Bylaws, and the FUND's Plan of Risk Management.
- iii. LOCAL UNIT accepts and approves the FUND's Bylaws and agrees to be bound by the terms thereof.
- iv. LOCAL UNIT shall execute an application for membership and any accompanying certifications.
- v. LOCAL UNIT agrees to commit to the four principles of the FUND which are:
 - a.) A long term philosophy on rates.
 - b.) A willingness to work with bargaining units to achieve plan design changes.
 - c.) Professional management with stability and commitment.
 - d.) Rating structure based on actuarial numbers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the LOCAL UNIT is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the FUND as required by the FUND's Bylaws, and to deliver these documents to the FUND's Executive Director with the express reservation that these documents shall become effective only upon:

- i. Approval of the LOCAL UNIT by the FUND.
- ii. Receipt from the LOCAL UNIT of a Resolution accepting assessment.
- iii. Approval by the New Jersey Department of Insurance and Department of Community Affairs.

R09-44

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville is required to establish a Fund Commissioner for matters of Health Insurance and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Merchantville that John Alloway be and is hereby appointed as Fund Commissioner to the Southern New Jersey Regional Employee Benefits Fund, effective May 1, 2009, to represent the Borough of Merchantville and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Patricia Fields be and is Name of Alternate Fund Commissioner (if applicable) appointed as Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Southern New Jersey Regional Employee Benefits Fund effective May 1, 2009.

R09-45

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE WORK PLAN FOR THE GATEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville by resolution authorized the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the State of New Jersey to obtain Neighborhood Preservation Program funds from the Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of that grant, the Department of Community Affairs requires the

Borough of Merchantville to develop a Work Plan that will delineate the activities of the program and will describe the manner in which the grant funds are to be expended; and
WHEREAS, the Gateway Neighborhood Program Assistant Coordinator of the Borough of Merchantville has developed such a work plan; and
WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey is in receipt of said plan; and
WHEREAS, approval of the Governing Body is required for the final approval of the Work Plan by the Department of Community Affairs; and
WHEREAS, final approval of said Work Plan will permit the Borough of Merchantville/Gateway Neighborhood Preservation Office to proceed with the required activities to fulfill the stipulations of the Gateway Neighborhood Preservation Grant.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville that they have reviewed the particulars of the Work Plan of said grant; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said plan is approved to be enacted, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville.

R09-46

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SELECTING AN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville has properly solicited and advertised for statements of qualifications for Consulting Environmental Engineers; and
WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough Council to contract with Environmental Resolutions, Inc., 525 Fellowship Road, Suite 300, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 for such services;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville does hereby select Environmental Resolutions to provide the services as detailed in their February 13, 2009 request for proposal.

DISCUSSION-Borough Hall furniture and carpet

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

R09-47

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	March 9, 2009
Current Fund		
Checks Current Fund	2008 Budget	\$13,863.50
	2009 Budget	\$89,031.16
	State / Federal Grants	\$1,141.36
	Debt Service	
	Board of Education	
Revenue Current Fund	Checks Delivered	\$67,830.30
		Total Current
		\$171,866.32
Sewer Utility Fund	2008 Budget	

	2009 Budget	\$87.50
	Debt Service	
	Checks Delivered	
Total Sewer		\$87.50
Recreation Commission		
	2008 Budget	
	2009 Budget	\$750.00
	Checks Delivered	
Total Recreation		\$750.00
General Capital Fund		
	2008 Budget	
	2009 Budget	\$4,013.79
	Checks Delivered	
Total Capital		\$4,013.79
Trust-Other Fund		
	2009 Budget	\$4,059.60
	Checks Delivered	
Total Trust		\$4,059.60
Animal Trust		
Unemployment		
	2009 Budget	
	2009 Budget	\$11,583.50
	Checks Delivered	
Total		\$11,583.50
Total Bill list		\$192,360.71

DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS & AUDITING
 PATRICIA FIELDS

PRIVATE SESSION: On the motion of Mr. Perno and second of Mr. Brunton, council voted to adjourn to private session at 8:35 PM.

DISCUSSION: Norse update-they are at a stand still. Should we set a contract with a time limit? They have not responded in reasonable time.

On a motion of Mr. Brennan and second of Mr. Perno, council approved the following resolutions:

R09-49

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF APPRAISAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville wish to have an appraisal completed on 24 West Maple Avenue, a property located in the Borough of Merchantville;

WHEREAS, the property at 24 West End Avenue has been officially listed and advertised as an abandoned property in the Borough of Merchantville;

R09-50
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF
CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SET
TIME LIMIT ON CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville wish to have a time limit set on the contract between the Borough of Merchantville and NJ Norse;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville and NJ Norse have the existing contract dated November 18, 2008 and wish to set a time limit of six months from that date as the date of expiring;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that Frank M. North, Mayor of the Borough of Merchantville, be and hereby is authorized to execute the agreement to set a time limit on the existing contract with NJ Norse for 606 West Maple Avenue, Merchantville, NJ.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that Frank M. North, Mayor of the Borough of Merchantville, be and hereby is authorized to execute the agreement with the selected appraiser

ADJOURNMENT:

On the motion of Mr. Waldron and second of Mrs. Fields the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

DENISE BROUSE
BOROUGH CLERK