

Merchantville, NJ

May 17, 2010

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, May 17, 2010. 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: Alloway, Brennan, Perno, Brunton, Brickley, Fields, Clerk Brouse.

**PUBLIC**

**Gail Ford, 135 Centre Street**-Voted yes for school budget. Council must respect the wishes of the electorate because elections matter in this country. Those who voted No on the budget represent about 1.6% more of the total voters than those who voted yes. Recommends that council cut that same proportional amount, or 1.6% of the amount to be raised by taxes, roughly \$34,000 or .02 cents on the tax rate. This would be fair and easy to do.

**Marvin Gaskill, 102 E Chestnut Avenue**-Consider changing school and base it on a special education size, also could be better organized. The school should form a committee this year to combine classes to follow the state model. Recommend looking outside the box. Mayor asked have you talked to members of school board?

**Robert Witherspoon, 16 W. Cedar Avenue**-What are the school cuts? Mr. Brickley gave an overview.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION** Street Closures for the Car Show

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 10-58 School Budget Recommendation 2010-2011:** On a motion of Mr. Brickley and second of Mr. Brennan, Council approved the following resolution:

**R10-58**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,  
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RECOMMENDATION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR 2010-  
2011 SCHOOL BUDGET OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, the proposed 2010-2011 School Budget and separate proposal of the Board of Education of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden and State of New Jersey, were defeated at the annual election held on April 20, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-37, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville has met and consulted with the Board of Education of the Borough of Merchantville at a meeting and desires to certify the amount deemed necessary to provide a through and efficient education; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville that certain revisions be made to the 2010-2011 School Budget of the Board of Education of the Borough of Merchantville; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden and State of New Jersey, as follows:

That the amounts to be included in the taxes to be assessed, levied and collected in the School Budget of the Board of Education of the Borough of Merchantville are:

**TAX LEVY**

General Fund - Original	\$ 4,089,057.50
Reduction	\$ .00
General Fund - Certified	\$ 4,089,057.50

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the revised General Fund Budget to be raised from Local Tax Levy in the amount of \$4,089,057.50 is sufficient to provide a through and efficient system of schools in the Borough of Merchantville.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Board of Education of the Borough of Merchantville, the Camden County Board of Taxation, the Merchantville Tax Assessor and two copies to the Camden County Superintendent of Schools.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On the motion of Mr. Brickley and second of Mr. Alloway the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

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DENISE BROUSE  
BOROUGH CLERK