

Merchantville, NJ

January 11, 2016

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, January 11, 2016. Mayor Ted 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: Volkert, Swann, Grasso and McLoone. Clerk Brouse, CFO Moules and Attorney Higgins were present.

PUBLIC

Marvin Gaskill-102 E Chestnut Avenue-Questions at last meeting, PNC building disrepair. Have engineer prepare report. Chapel/Maple Av valuation not at 100%, Solicitor Higgins checked & John Dymond 1.9 vs 3.9, difference, great loss? Mayor-we will look into this. Mayor/Higgins report back on next meeting. 30 yr, did the sale pass as assignment to the property. EMS property showing in map as on NJ Transit property. Incorrect on tax map, doesn't appear to be a problem with the deed and documents. ?'s about agreement for EMS. Liability to property owner for EMS building Lot 9? Sidewalk needs to be replaced. Borough replace sidewalk? Planning Board would need to determine. Council decision to enter into this agreement. Is this a deviation from the goal of the Master Plan?

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-On a motion of Mr. Volkert and second of Ms. Swann, council approved the regular meeting minutes of 12/14/15.

ENGINEER REPORT- attached

CORRESPONDENCE**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mr. Volkert-Public works report December and year end

Ms. Swann-Nothing to report. Cats and dogs need to be licensed

Mr. Grasso-No Fire report, Court \$11,794 revenue, Police-handicap placards for space, body camera resolution, December 519 calls, 135 traffic (75 parking, 3 ordinance, 1 DWI, 6 criminal it was a great year. Video cameras in Borough Hall, audio and video, police car, reduced main costs, bullet proof vest grant, parking meter attendant, looking into E-ticketing for 2016, sides work \$86,000. Public Events-Council increased involvement, will have a calendar by next meeting.

Mr. McLoone-HPC-2 applications approved, toy store and Mitchell Z, Rec committee February 4 @ Station, tennis program this summer (Bordi) Reading program, Sustainable NJ-Merchantville Green team.

OLD BUSINESS

Sign Ordinance Update-in front of Planning Board and revisions maybe considered, small commonsense changes for now

Downtown Redevelopment-January 25 @ 6:00PM

Glenwood Avenue Project-waiting for approval from NJ Transit, sometime in February

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL-Handicap Parking Space on Hamilton-On a motion of Mr. Grasso and second of Mr. Volkert, council approved the handicap parking space on Hamilton.

Merchantville Winterfest Event at Cooper River
 Marketing-Website-internship-info for February Council meeting.

Mayor' Report-February 6th realtor's round table breakfast meeting, Feb 3rd 9:00 am business meeting.
 Honorable Frank M. North award for Volunteer of the year.

Clerk's Report

Mrs. Moules-2016 budget @ caucus and dates

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

**R16-19
 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY
 OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING CHANGE
 ORDER, FINAL FOR WEST MAPLE AVENUE FY2012 NJ DOT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, it was necessary to make changes in the scope of work to be done in completing the West Maple Avenue project in the Borough of Merchantville, Camden County, New Jersey;

WHEREAS, a change Order was developed to itemize and authorize those changes;
 Addition of sod installed at the walkway area within the original project;

WHEREAS, the effectiveness of this resolution is contingent upon the approval of the project by the New Jersey Department of Transportation and subsequent related appropriations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Merchantville that the following Change Order which is considered to be the final change order is hereby authorized and approval is hereby granted based on the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation to revise the original contract amount from \$43,179.36 to the change order amount of \$325.00 for a total contract of \$43,504.36.

Description	Quantity (+/-)	Unit Price	Amount
EXTRAS:			
Install Kentucky Bluegrass sod	100	3.25	\$ 325.00
Total new contract amount			\$43,504.36

**R16-20
 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
 FOR THE MILLING AND RESURFACING OF MAPLE AVENUE
 BETWEEN POPLAR AVENUE AND WESTMINSTER AVENUE IN THE
 BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, Camden County Department of Public Works, Engineering Division has prepared preliminary plans and specifications for the milling and resurfacing of Maple Avenue between Poplar Avenue and Westminster Avenue in the Borough of Merchantville;

WHEREAS, the roadwork will also include minor storm sewer resets and installation of ADA compliant curb ramps, signage and striping throughout the roadway project. All improvements for the West Maple Avenue (CR 537) Streetscape Improvement Project will be within the County right-of-way and no additional right-of-way will be required;

WHEREAS, Camden County is applying for Federal Transportation Funding for the Maple Avenue proposed improvements. Our office respectfully requests a Resolution of Support from Borough of Merchantville and Township of Pennsauken, to be included in the Categorical Exclusion Document (CED) submitted to NJDOT/FHWA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Merchantville, support is hereby provided.

**R16-21
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BODY CAMERAS AND
EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville desires to purchase police body camera's and equipment under state contract; and

WHEREAS, Watch Guard Video has been selected to provide under state contract number #A81300-21817-82 at the amount of \$13,820.00 to provide these cameras; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that approval has been granted for the purchase of, Camera systems from Watch Guard Video, 415 Century Parkway, Allen, TX 75013;

**R16-22
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO
APPROVE A 50/50 RAFFLE LICENSE FOR MERCHANTVILLE PTA**

WHEREAS, Merchantville School PTA has applied for and received an identification number 299-5-39871 allowing Merchantville School PTA the ability to conduct raffle licenses with proper approval; and

WHEREAS, Merchantville School PTA has properly completed the raffle license application and at least 7 days have elapsed between the time the applications were filed and the time that the Borough Council made their findings and determination with checks to the Borough of Merchantville in the amount of \$20.00 each and checks to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission in the amount of \$20.00 each and that 15 days will elapse between the time the municipality forwards the applications to the control commission and the date the licenses are issued to the applicant ; and

WHEREAS, Council person Swann, Director of the Department of Records and Licenses, has reported that the laws and regulations have been met, and that she recommends the granting of said license; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has reported that the legal preliminaries have been strictly complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council be and is hereby authorized to issue 50/50 license number 16-01MPTA to Merchantville School PTA for the 50/50 taking place on January 29, 2016.

**R16-23
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO
APPROVE A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR MERCHANTVILLE PTA**

WHEREAS, Merchantville School PTA has applied for and received an identification number 299-5-39871 allowing Merchantville School PTA the ability to conduct raffle licenses with proper approval; and

WHEREAS, Merchantville School PTA has properly completed the raffle license application and at least 7 days have elapsed between the time the applications were filed and the time that the Borough Council made their findings and determination with checks to the Borough of Merchantville in the amount of \$20.00 each and checks to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission in the amount of

\$20.00 each and that 15 days will elapse between the time the municipality forwards the applications to the control commission and the date the licenses are issued to the applicant ; and

WHEREAS, Council person Swann, Director of the Department of Records and Licenses, has reported that the laws and regulations have been met, and that she recommends the granting of said license; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has reported that the legal preliminaries have been strictly complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council be and is hereby authorized to issue Raffle license number 16-02MPTA to Merchantville School PTA for the raffle taking place on January 29, 2016.

R16-24
BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT
FORM 1B

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Camden;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Merchantville Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2016-2017 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$8,213.00
Cash Match	\$2,053.25
In-Kind	\$6,159.75

2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

R16-25
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURE

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to needed chimney repairs at the Merchantville Municipal building; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Borough of Merchantville, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville and the Borough engineer deem it necessary that immediate repairs be made to said chimneys; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is satisfied that such a condition does exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough council of the Borough of Merchantville, that an emergency contract be awarded to Masonry Preservation Group, 706 W. Maple Avenue, Merchantville, NJ 08109-1822 in the amount not to exceed \$18,700.00 for the purpose of masonry repair to the chimneys.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Governing body of the Borough of Merchantville that since additional quotes are not immediately available, the requirement for three quotes be waived for this emergency situation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6; and

R16-26
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY
OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING
APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH SPECIAL PROJECT ENGINEER

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:87-15 authorizes the appointment of a Borough Engineer and such other officers as the Borough Council may deem necessary, and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the following:

- (1) Special Project Engineer for 606 West Maple Avenue litigation.

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "professional services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded pursuant to a "fair and open" process, pursuant to the requirements of New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq; and that payment of for the services to be rendered will be made in accordance with the Redevelopment Agreement by and between the Borough and Citadel Wellwood LLC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the agreements with:

Bach Associates, Special Project Engineer for 606 West Maple Avenue litigation.

- (2) A copy of this resolution shall be published in the Retrospect as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

R16-27
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY
OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING
APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH SPECIAL COUNSEL

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:87-15 authorizes the appointment of a Borough Engineer and such other officers as the Borough Council may deem necessary, and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the following:

- (2) Special Counsel for 606 West Maple Avenue litigation.

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "professional services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded pursuant to a "fair and open" process, pursuant to the requirements of New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq; and that payment of for the services to be rendered will be made in accordance with the Redevelopment Agreement by and between the Borough and Citadel Wellwood LLC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the agreements with:

Paul V. Fernicola, Esquire, 219 Broad Street, Red Bank, NJ 07701,

Special Counsel for 606 West Maple Avenue litigation.

- (2) A copy of this resolution shall be published in the Retrospect as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

R16-28
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY
OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING
APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH APPRAISER

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:87-15 authorizes the appointment of a Borough Engineer and such other officers as the Borough Council may deem necessary, and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the following:

(3) Appraiser for 606 West Maple Avenue litigation.

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contract for "professional services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded pursuant to a "fair and open" process, pursuant to the requirements of New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq; and that payment of for the services to be rendered will be made in accordance with the Redevelopment Agreement by and between the Borough and Citadel Wellwood LLC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the agreements with:

Jon P. Brody, MAI Appraisal Consultants Corp., 219 Eisenhower Parkway-Suite 200, Livingston, NJ 07039,

Appraiser for 606 West Maple Avenue litigation.

(2) A copy of this resolution shall be published in the Retrospect as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

**R16-29
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO APPROVE
CONTRACTOR FOR THE MORRISSEY PARK FENCE**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville desires to complete various renovations at Morrissey Park in Merchantville; and

WHEREAS, quotes were received for this project and Audubon Fencing, Inc. was selected to complete the installation of the fence around the park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that approval has been granted for Audubon Fencing Inc. 412 Crescent Blvd., Route 130, Brooklawn, NJ 08030 at a cost of \$10,308.00, not to exceed \$10,308.00 for total project.

PAYMENT OF BILLS-On a motion of Mr. McLoone and second of Mr. Grasso, Council approved the payment of the following bills:

**R16-30
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 bill approved therein.

CURRENT FUND	REVENUE	BUDGET
CHECKS CURRENT FUND	2015 BUDGET	\$ 42,929.55
	2016 BUDGET	\$ 131,913.09
	GRANTS	\$ 44,425.61
	PFRS	
	PERS	
	DEBT SERVICE	\$1,239.75
	BOARD OF	
	EDUCATION*	
	CAMDEN COUNTY	

WIRE TRANSFERS				
PAYROLL	12/23/15-1/8/16		\$	132,855.80
WIRES / MANUAL CHECKS			\$	52,798.84
TOTAL CURRENT		\$	200.00	\$ 406,162.64
SEWER UTILITY				
CHECKS SEWER FUND	2015 BUDGET		\$	2,530.62
	2016 BUDGET		\$	704.00
	DEBT SERVICE		\$	44,935.10
WIRE TRANSFERS				
PAYROLL	12/23/15-1/8/16		\$	5,381.57
WIRE NJEIT LOAN				
WIRES /MANUAL CHECKS				
TOTAL SEWER		\$	-	\$ 53,551.29
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND				
CHECK CAPITAL FUND			\$	6,100.06
MANUAL CHECK				
WIRE TRANSFERS				
PAYROLL	12/23/15-1/8/16			
TOTAL CAPITAL		\$	-	\$ 6,100.06
TRUST FUND				
CHECK TRUST OTHER FUND			\$	1,870.00
WIRE TRANSFERS				
PAYROLL	12/23/15-1/8/16		\$	32,812.34
WIRES / MANUAL CHECKS			\$	24,898.97
TOTAL TRUST		\$	-	\$ 59,581.31
SEWER CAPITAL FUND				
CHECK SEWER CAPITAL				
MANUAL CHECKS				
WIRE TRANSFERS				
PAYROLL	12/23/15-1/8/16			
TOTAL SEWER CAPITAL		\$	-	\$ -
ANIMAL TRUST FUND				
ANIMAL TRUST CHECK			\$	4.20
TOTAL ANIMAL TRUST		\$	-	\$ 4.20
TOTAL BILL LIST & MANUAL CHECKS/WIRE		\$	200.00	\$ 525,399.50
GRAND TOTAL			\$	525,599.50

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Snow Ball January 29th

ADJOURNMENT: On the motion of Mr. Grasso and second of Mr. Volkert, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Denise Brouse, Borough Clerk