

Merchantville, February 26, 2018

A Caucus meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, February 26, 2018. Council President Sperrazza 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: Swann, Kidd, Grasso, Sperrazza and McLoone. Clerk Brouse, CFO Moules and Attorney Higgins were present.

**PUBLIC-**None

**PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE for second reading and adoption**

**18-04 COLA ORDINANCE**-On a motion of Ms. Swann and second of Mr. McLoone, Council adopted the following Ordinance.

**18-04  
CALENDAR YEAR 2018  
MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
APPROPRIATION LIMITS  
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville in the County of Camden finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2018 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$38,128.00 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS** the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, in the County of Camden, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2018 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Merchantville shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$133,448.01, and that the CY 2018 municipal budget for the Borough of Merchantville be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be file with said Director within 5 days after such adoption

**DISCUSSION ITEMS****OLD BUSINESS****NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval**-Use of Facility for Memorial Walk

**Approval**-Use of Facility for St. Peter Walk

Resolutions to be approved during the caucus meeting.

**R18-34 Gilmore Avenue Reconstruction Payment Number 2:** On a motion of Mr. Grasso and second of Mr. Kidd, Council approved the following resolution:

**R18-34  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY  
OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING PAYMENT  
CERTIFICATE FOR CEDAR AND GILMORE AVENUE  
NJ DOT MUNICIPAL AID RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, a request for payment number two (2) has been received and the engineer has approved the recommendation for the Reconstruction of Gilmore and Cedar Avenues project in the Borough of Merchantville, Camden County, New Jersey;

**WHEREAS**, the payment in the amount of \$37,197.62 has been approved to be paid to Paving Plus LLC

Original contract amount	\$161,854.75
Net Change Orders	\$ -1,064.00
Total Contract to Date	\$160,790.75
Previous Payment	\$ 56,824.57
This Payment	\$ 37,197.62
Balance	\$ 66,768.56

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough of Merchantville that the following payment certification is hereby authorized and approval is hereby granted based on the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

**R18-35 Appoint Patrolman:** On a motion of Mr. Grasso and second of Mr. Kidd, Council approved the following resolution:

**R18-35  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,  
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
APPOINTING PATROLMAN, POLICE OFFICER**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, with the Mayor concurring, that John Queen, be and is hereby appointed as a patrolman, police officer of the Borough of Merchantville Police Department, effective December 27, 2017 subject to and conditioned upon his successful completion of all training required by the Statutes and certification of such.

**R18-36 Appoint Patrolman:** On a motion Mr. Grasso and second of Mr. Kidd, Council approved the following resolution:

**R18-36**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,**  
**COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**APPOINTING PATROLMAN, POLICE OFFICER**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, with the Mayor concurring, that Keith Flores, be and is hereby appointed as a patrolman, police officer of the Borough of Merchantville Police Department, effective December 28, 2017 subject to and conditioned upon his successful completion of all training required by the Statutes and certification of such.

Resolutions for agenda-the following are business resolutions that will be included on the agenda for the council meeting.

**Ordinances for a first reading to be approved during the caucus meeting**-Ordinances for introduction on first reading.

**Ordinances for adoption**-the following ordinances will be included on the agenda for the council meeting:

**Ordinance for introduction**-the following ordinances will be included on the agenda for the council meeting:

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

On the motion of Mr. Grasso and second of Mr. Kidd, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

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Denise Brouse, Borough Clerk