

Merchantville, February 22, 2016

A Caucus meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, February 22, 2016. Mayor Edward 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, McLoone and Perno. Clerk Brouse, CFO Moules and Attorney Higgins were present.

**PUBLIC-None**

**ENGINEER REPORT:**

Report was supplied by Tom from Pennoni  
Mr. Volkert-ask Mr. Day about Glenwood update

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approval Junior Fire Member-Elizabeth Ann Krauss-On a motion of Mr. Grasso and second of Mr. Volkert, council approved Junior Fire Member Elizabeth Ann Krauss  
Approval Appoint Class 2 Officers-On a motion of Mr. Grasso and second of Ms. Swann, council approve the appointment of Class 2 Officers

**OLD BUSINESS**

Sign Ordinance update-next meeting  
See Click Fix-March resolution/Mr. Shette trial offer-Mr. McLoone? Gets job done well, seems like rep firm. Would like a trial before March 1<sup>st</sup>. Funding is available  
Sidewalk Assessments-thought? How does a loan impact us? Currently borrowing at 1.8% of our value. Hire foreman & two workers to work 6 months or so. In house, different insurances for this type of work? Overtime, workman's com? Work on this, Anthony/Ted/Steve for next meeting.  
NJ.com article-Tax increase over last 15 years, 9% inflations, boro 15% less than 1/2 of our neighboring communities, .4% a year increase.

Resolutions to be approved during the caucus meeting: On a motion of Mr. Perno and second of Mr. Grasso the following resolutions were approved by council:

**R16-43**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO PHOENIX ADVISORS**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:87-15 authorizes appointments as the Borough Council may deem necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for Continuing Disclosure Services; and

**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;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, as follows:

(1) The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Phoenix Advisors Group LLC, 4 West Park Street, Bordentown, NJ 08505, in an amount not to exceed \$650.00. The Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds;

(2) This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provision of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services to be rendered pursuant thereto are performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession;

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

**R16-44**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO APPROVE A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR ST. PETER SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, St. Peter Catholic Church has applied for and received an identification number 299-5-2697 allowing St. Peter Catholic School the ability to conduct raffle licenses with proper approval; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Peter Catholic School has properly completed the raffle license application and at least 7 days have elapsed between the time the application was 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 application to the control commission and the date the license is issued to the applicant; and

**WHEREAS**, Council person Swann council person 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 a Raffle license numbered SPS-16-04 to St. Peter Catholic School for the raffle taking place on May 13, 2016.

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

Construction Manager?

**Ordinances for adoption**-the following ordinances that 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:

**R16-45**

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

Steve Volkert 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:

**Contract Negotiations**

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 John Grasso and adopted on roll call by the following vote:**

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Volkert	( )	( )	( )	( )
M. Swann	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Grasso	( )	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Sperrazza	( )	( )	( )	( x )
Mr. McLoone	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Perno	( x )	( )	( )	( )

On a motion of Mr. Volker and second of Mr. Grasso, council returned to public session.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

On the motion of Mr. Volkert and second of Mr. Grasso, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

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DENISE BROUSE, BOROUGH CLERK