

Merchantville, NJ January 9, 2017

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, January 9, 2017. 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: Kidd, Sperrazza, McLoone and Perno (arrived 7:45). Attorney Higgins, Clerk Brouse, CFO Moules were present.

**PUBLIC**-122 Gilmore-issue on road, keeping water in area. Not standing water shouldn't be an issue, but will monitor.

**ENGINEER REPORT-attached** 2017 W. Cedar and Poplar.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Mr. McLoone**-HPC re organization meeting, alternate Daniel is not able to attend that evening. PW snow storm on Saturday, DPW out-plowed town twice. Will have about 10 tons of salt, 48 trees collected, brush will be picked up tomorrow, collection 136 tons in 2016, 195 tons in 2015, 845 yards of brush in 2016, 885 in 2015, 1 sewer call.

**Mr. Sperrazza**-Code 69 resale, 300 fees collected, 126 violations, 3 abandon properties, Court-330 rental inspections, late fees and 1 new business. 15 new businesses 2016 fees. St. Joseph Carpenter update, Volan service for non served properties. Thursday meeting on Abandoned/vacant properties. Fire truck-\$6500 credit is best they can offer. Mayor is ok to move forward. Dan will work with Kevin to obtain documents.

**Mr. Kidd**-BOE re organization meeting, 5 positions filled, including Perno, Bell, Adams and Stocker. Planning Board-one meeting per month. January 24<sup>th</sup> next meeting. School funding-watch at BOE level.

**Mr. Perno**-Conference call regarding potential grants, no other at this time, Bills list 509,725

**CLERK'S REPORT**

**OLD BUSINESS**-sign ordinance-focus first ¼ of year (next meeting)

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**R17-19**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE ABANDONED PROPERTIES PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Merchantville and the Camden County Improvement Authority, desire to enter into a Shared Services Agreement for the participation in the County-wide registration program for abandoned properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Merchantville has determined that it is in the best interests of the Borough to participate in a shared services agreement to manage the consequences of property vacancies and abandoned real properties within the Borough of Merchantville.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville that the Borough be and is hereby authorized to enter into a shared services agreement that the Mayor will execute and the Borough Clerk will attest.

**R17-21**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN  
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE AND VOORHEES ANIMAL ORPHANAGE**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville wish to provide animal shelter services for the residents of the Borough of Merchantville; and

**WHEREAS**, a contract has been offered to the Borough of Merchantville from Voorhees Animal Orphanage, 419 Cooper Road, Voorhees, New Jersey to provide animal control services for 12 months, commencing on January 27, 2017 through January 27, 2018;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that Edward F. Brennan, Mayor of the Borough of Merchantville, be and hereby is authorized to execute the 2017 contract, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," providing for animal shelter services from Voorhees Animal Orphanage.

**R17-22**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY  
OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING  
SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR MUNICIPAL AID**

**WHEREAS** the New Jersey Department of Transportation has an allotment of funding available to municipalities in the Local Aid Infrastructure Fund; and

**WHEREAS** the Borough of Merchantville desires to apply for discretionary aid for the improvements of reconstruction on the roads as indicated on the application, attachment "A";

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Borough Engineer is hereby authorized to prepare an application and the Borough Clerk is authorized to sign and execute the application to NJ DOT District 4, One executive Campus, Route 70 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002.

**R17-24**

**BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON  
ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE  
Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014-June 2019  
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 Merchantville 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 Merchantville 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, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

The Merchantville Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Merchantville Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2018 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$7,966.61
Cash Match	\$1,991.65
In-Kind	\$5,974.96

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

On a motion of Mr. McLoone and second of Mr. Kidd, Council approved the following resolution:

**R17-23**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH THE MERCHANTVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE NO. 3, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SAID CONTRACT**

**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**, after negotiations, Merchantville, the Police department of the Borough of Merchantville and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No.3 wish to enter into an contract with the Police department covering the period of time commencing January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Merchantville, the Police Department and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 3 have agreed to the terms and conditions of this Contract; as so stated in the document attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intention of the Borough Council of Merchantville to authorize the Mayor to execute the attached Contract and the Borough Clerk to attest on behalf of the Borough of Merchantville;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the Contract, by and between the Borough of Merchantville, the Police Department and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 3, be and hereby is approved; and

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Edward F. Brennan, Mayor of the Borough of Merchantville, and Denise Brouse, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Merchantville be and hereby are authorized to execute the Contract, and all other documents necessary to implement said Contract on behalf of the Borough of Merchantville.

**Ordinance for introduction.** This ordinance will be considered for adoption at the public hearing to be held during the January 23<sup>rd</sup> council Meeting.

**2017-01****AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES FOR THE YEARS 2016-2019 FOR FULL TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The maximum annual salaries of the employees of the Borough of Merchantville are hereby established, in accordance with the following schedule for services performed as of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2019. Officers hires before January 1, 2016:

<b>Title</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Detective Sergeant	\$90,870	\$93,369	\$95,470	\$97,379
Sergeant	\$85,978	\$88,342	\$90,330	\$92,137
Corporal	\$81,626	\$83,871	\$85,758	\$87,473
Police Officer 49 months and above	\$78,359	\$80,514	\$82,326	\$83,972
Police Officer 37-48 mos. Service	\$69,291	\$71,197	\$72,798	\$74,254
Police Officer 25-36 mos. Service	\$60,056	\$61,707	\$63,096	\$64,358
Police Officer 13-24 mos. Service	\$52,665	\$54,113	\$55,330	\$56,437
Police Officer 7-12 mos. Service	\$46,199	\$47,469	\$48,537	\$49,508
Police Officer 0-6 mos. Service	\$42,501	\$43,669	\$44,652	\$45,545

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Police Officer 97-108 mos. Service	\$73,233	\$75,247	\$76,940	\$78,479
Police Officer 79-96 mos. Service	\$68,111	\$69,984	\$71,559	\$72,990
Police Officer 61-78 mos. Service	\$62,989	\$64,721	\$66,177	\$67,501
Police Officer 49-60 mos. Service	\$57,867	\$59,458	\$60,796	\$62,012
Police Officer 31-48 mos. Service	\$52,745	\$54,195	\$55,415	\$56,523
Police Officer 13-30 mos. Service	\$47,623	\$48,933	\$50,034	\$51,034

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The salary schedule reflects a two and a half (2.5%) percent increase for calendar year 2016; a two and three-quarter (2.75%) percent increase for calendar years 2017, a two and a quarter (2.25%) percent increase for calendar year 2018, and a two (2.0%) percent increase for calendar year 2019. The increase for 2016 is retroactive to January 1, 2016 and for the remaining years, is effective January 1 of each year.

**SECTION 2.** Police Experience Pay – Additional compensation paid to each police officer based upon years of police experience with the Borough.

<u>Start of Year</u>	<u>End of Year</u>	<u>% of Base Pay</u>
6 <sup>th</sup> year police experience until	10 <sup>th</sup> year	2%
11 <sup>th</sup> year police experience until	15 <sup>th</sup> year	3%
16 <sup>th</sup> year police experience until	20 <sup>th</sup> year	4%
21 <sup>st</sup> year police experience until	24 <sup>th</sup> year	5%
25 <sup>th</sup> year police experience until	retirement	6%

Any employee hired after January 1, 2016 is ineligible for police experience pay.

**SECTION 3.** All the employees of the patrol division will work twelve (12) hour shifts. All employees assigned to work 7:00pm to 7:00am shall be paid at an additional rate of 2% above their hourly base salary; officers assigned to the power shift shall be paid at an additional 1.75% above their hourly base salary for all hours worked.

**SECTION 4.** A police officer designated as the officer-in-charge (OIC) shall receive quarterly (April, August, and December) an additional 12 hours of compensatory time as compensation for the performance of OIC duties.

**SECTION 5.** The increase in salaries herein shall be in effect during the year(s) as indicated and shall not be changed unless it has been changed as provided by law.

**SECTION 6.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies only.

**SECTION 7.** This ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after publication thereof following final passage, and all salaries and compensation shall be retroactive to January 1, 2016.

**Payment of Bills-**On a motion of Mr. McLoone and second of Mr. Sperrazza, Council approved the payment of bills.

**R17-26  
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.**

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>		<b>REVENUE</b>		<b>BUDGET</b>
CHECKS CURRENT FUND	2016 BUDGET		\$	41,927.35
	2017 BUDGET	\$ 5,284.90	\$	149,622.05
	GRANTS		\$	2,351.02
	PFRS			
	PERS			
	DEBT SERVICE			\$0.00
	BOARD OF EDUCATION*			
	CAMDEN COUNTY			
WIRE TRANSFERS PAYROLL	12/23/16-1/06/17		\$	149,687.70

WIRES / MANUAL CHECKS		\$	42,376.60
	TOTAL CURRENT	\$ 5,284.90	\$ 385,964.72
<b>SEWER UTILITY</b>			
CHECKS SEWER FUND	2016 BUDGET		
	2017 BUDGET	\$	2,932.00
	DEBT SERVICE	\$	43,062.77
WIRE TRANSFERS PAYROLL	12/23/16-1/06/17	\$	2,910.77
WIRE NJEIT LOAN			
WIRES /MANUAL CHECKS			
	TOTAL SEWER	\$ -	\$ 48,905.54
<b>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</b>			
CHECK CAPITAL FUND		\$	20,154.69
MANUAL CHECK			
WIRE TRANSFERS PAYROLL	12/23/16-1/06/17		
	TOTAL CAPITAL	\$ -	\$ 20,154.69
<b>TRUST FUND</b>			
CHECK TRUST OTHER FUND		\$	8,464.72
WIRE TRANSFERS PAYROLL	12/23/16-1/06/17	\$	5,525.99
WIRES / MANUAL CHECKS		\$	34,900.00
	TOTAL TRUST	\$ -	\$ 48,890.71
<b>SEWER CAPITAL FUND</b>			
CHECK SEWER CAPITAL			
MANUAL CHECKS			
WIRE TRANSFERS PAYROLL	12/23/16-1/06/17		
	TOTAL SEWER CAPITAL	\$ -	\$ -
<b>ANIMAL TRUST FUND</b>			
ANIMAL TRUST CHECK		\$	525.00
	TOTAL ANIMAL TRUST	\$ -	\$ 525.00
<b>TOTAL BILL LIST &amp; MANUAL CHECKS/WIRE</b>			
		\$ 5,284.90	\$ 504,440.66
	GRAND TOTAL	\$	<b>509,725.56</b>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**-Task Force, Ice Skating event

**PRIVATE SESSION**-On a motion of Mr. Perno & second of Mr. Sperrazza, council adjourned to private session

**ADJOURNMENT:** On the motion of Mr. Perno and second of Mr. McLoone the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Denise Brouse, Borough Clerk