

Merchantville, September 26, 2016

A Caucus meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, September 26, 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: Swann, Grasso and McLoone. Clerk Brouse and Attorney Higgins were present.

**PUBLIC-NONE**

**Michael Saraceni, MPWC**-spoke regarding the recent article on chromium 6 in other areas. We are proactive and do testing, also have a capital plan of \$2 million on infrastructure. Strive for transparency and report on Reverse 911 and facebook to keep the public informed. Water Quality meets or exceeds requirements, we license staff as well.

**Rich Stafford**-T6 or T3 form of chromium naturally occurring elements in ground water. Water tested-daily-monthly-yearly depending of type of test. Woodbine-no hits on levels, Marian-state of the art testing.

**Shawn Fitzgerald-24 Volan**-1-2-3 TCP issues in Moorestown. Cloraform detected as well while using NJ water.

**Agnes Madden-115 Lexington Ave**-Merchantville Garden Club-gazebo replaced, stage at corner of Centre and Park is dangerous. Consider getting rid of stage and do concrete work, line with boxwoods? Cost? 100's of people pass this area every day.

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

16-14 Amend Chapter 25, Fees-none

**ADOPT ORDINANCE 16-14 Amend Chapter 25, Fees**-On a motion of Mr. McLoone and second of Ms. Swann, Council adopted the following Ordinance:

**16-14**

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ARTICLE III. IN CHAPTER 25, FEES, IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey, that Article III., Miscellaneous Fees, in Chapter 25, Fees, in the Code of the Borough of Merchantville, be and hereby is amended, as follows:

**ARTICLE I. ARTICLE III. SECTION 25-15 License required; fee; expiration; class.**

A. Consistent with the provisions of Chapter 9 of the Code of the Borough of Merchantville, no person shall keep chickens on his/her property without first obtaining a license from the Borough Clerk's office and paying the required fee therefor. No license shall be issued unless the applicant therefor has demonstrated compliance with all criteria set forth in this Article.

1. An annual fee of \$25.00 shall be paid for each license issued under this Section for one (1) to four (4) chickens. Licenses shall be renewed annually and shall expire on December 31st of the calendar year.

2. The applicant must reside on the property in which the chickens subject to the license are to be housed. If applicant is a renter and/or tenant and/or occupier of the property where chickens are to be housed, the applicant must have the complete the "Property Owner/Landlord Permission Affidavit" portion of the license application, properly executed by the property owner or landlord and duly notarized.

3. A new licensee, who was maintaining chickens at the time of the passage of the within Ordinance, may be issued a license for more than the permitted number of chickens to allow such person(s) to come into compliance with this Ordinance through the natural expiration of their chickens.

B. No license shall be issued unless the applicant desiring to keep backyard chickens has taken a class on the basics of raising backyard chickens acceptable to the Chicken Advisory Board. Proof of completion of such class must be presented with the completed application. The Chicken Advisory Board will provide a class or refer the applicant to an acceptable backyard chicken keeping class as needed. A member of the Chicken Advisory Board will review the application with the applicant prior to final submission.

#### **ARTICLE II.**

All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

#### **ARTICLE III.**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Personnel Manual for Borough Employees

Appoint Joshua Treusch as Police Officer-interview-stood over & above

Appoint Chicken Advisory Board

Approval-Use of Facility for Music Fest

Approval-Use of Facility for Party @ Community Center

Wellwood Park Memorial-Shawn Waldron-Improvements sponsored by boy scouts, Mayor/Council, American Legion & Task Force/Draft concept-commitments.

Car show Committee is in support as well, work with higher office as well, takes money, time effort.

Shawn Waldron-Eagle Scout projects rededicate for all serviceman at 100 years. Bronze plaque, brick patio, benches-connecting walkway. Make it a partnership.

Mayor-Maybe two phases, may need engineering for ADA standards for Veterans. Would like to make a Wellwood Park Task Force. American Legion, Task Force. Meetings to discuss how it going. Get meeting organized.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Update on Glenwood Avenue-Appraisal received-didn't take a number of items into consideration, need extension.

Resolutions to be approved during the caucus meeting

**R16-119 Approve Changes to Personnel Manual**-On a Motion of Mr. Grasso and second of Mrs. Swann Council approved the following resolution:

#### **R16-119 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,**

**COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING  
THE BOROUGH EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MANUAL**

**WHEREAS**, the personnel committee of the Borough of Merchantville along with the Joint Insurance Fund has revised the Employee Personnel Manual; and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Insurance Fund has required the Borough to approve said Manual; and

**WHEREAS**, approval of the Governing Body is required for the final approval of the Personnel Manual by the Joint Insurance Fund of New Jersey; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville that they have reviewed the particulars of the Personnel Manual and approved same, effective October 1, 2016.

**R16-120 Temporary Change to Borough Name**—On a motion of Ms. Swann and second of Mr. Grasso Council approved the following resolution:

**R16-120  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,  
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
AMENDING CHAPTER 19 CURFEW FOR 2016 AND  
RENAME THE BOROUGH FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville have established the curfew in the Borough of Merchantville by ordinance Chapter 19 adopted October 15, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, council desires to amend the ordinance for the 2016 Halloween curfew on October 29, 30 and 31, 2016 to extend curfew to 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, until 6:00 a.m.;

**WHEREAS**, council also desires to rename the Borough of Merchantville to Monsterville For the month of October, 2016

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville hereby establishes that the curfew be extended for October 31, 2016 for the Borough of Merchantville for 2016 and change the name to Monsterville:

**R16-121 Appoint Josh Treusch**—On a motion of Mr. Grasso and second of Ms. Swann, Council approved the following resolution:

**R16-121  
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 JOSHUA TREUSCH be and is hereby appointed as a patrolman, police officer of the Borough of Merchantville Police Department, effective OCTOBER 1, 2016 subject to and conditioned upon his successful completion of all training required by the Statutes and certification of such.

**R16-122 Chicken Advisory Board**—On a motion of Mr. Grasso and second of Ms. Swann, Council approved the following Resolution:

**R16-122  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY  
OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELATIVE TO THE  
FORMATION OF A CHICKEN ADVISORY BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council has adopted ordinance 16-12 Amending Chapter 9, Animals, in the code of the Borough of Merchantville and as part of the requirement, establishing a chicken advisory board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has named the advisory board members as follows:

Jaelyn Ricci  
Michael Ricci  
Matthew Gaskill  
Ryan Middleton  
Barbara Fegley  
Katherine Swann, Council Liaison  
Monica Sohler, Alternate  
Nicole Eiland, Alternate

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville has established, by this Resolution, the Chicken Advisory Commission, pursuant to the Borough ordinance 16-12 for the term to begin on October 1, 2016 and end on December 31, 2016;

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

**Ordinances for adoption-**

**Ordinance for introduction-**

Amend Chapter 7 Animals, Fees

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

On the motion of John Grasso and second of Mr. McLoone, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

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DENISE BROUSE, BOROUGH CLERK