

Merchantville, November 25, 2019

A Caucus meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, November 25, 2019. 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: Fitzgerald, Kidd, Scarpa, Sperrazza, McLoone, and Brennan. CFO Moules, Clerk Brouse and Attorney Higgins were present.

Executive Session R19-125 Matters of Contract

On a motion by Mr. Kidd and a second by Mr. McLoone:

**R19-125
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING A PRIVATE SESSION OF COUNCIL**

Griffin Kidd 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:
Matters of Contract
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 Andrew McLoone and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Kidd	(x)	()	()	()
Ms. Scarpa	(x)	()	()	()
Mr. Fitzgerald	(x)	()	()	()
Mr. Sperrazza	(x)	()	()	()
Mr. McLoone	(x)	()	()	()
Mr. Perno	()	()	()	(x)

Dated: November 25, 2019

PUBLIC –

Joshua Smith 211 N. Centre Street – Sign change for Christmas like what is done for Monsterville. Consider using my design, Mayor received a letter.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS

- Redevelopment Area – hope to have more updates soon.
- Merchantville Little League Use of Facility – Meeting Tonight/Storage/Bathroom/Meeting/Events Registration
- Community Center Projects
- Holiday Public Events – Meeting Friday/Breakfast/Parade/More Volunteers
- League of Municipalities
- Master Plan Re-Examination – Set to Planning Board/Stormwater items need confirmation. Complete streets considered.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions approved by consent agenda:

On a motion by Mr. Fitzgerald and a second by Mr. Kidd council approved the following resolutions.

**R19-122
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REFUND
OF DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENT**

WHEREAS, the Merchantville Tax Collector has called to Mayor and Council’s attention a request to refund a duplicate 2019 4th qtr. tax payment due to both the homeowner making a payment on WIPP and the mortgage company making a payment on the bulk payment file.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville that the following refund be approved on this account in the amount of \$4,115.39 and the refund be forwarded to:

Cole H Mentzer
309 Plymouth Place
Merchantville, NJ 08109

YEAR	BL.	LOT	NAME & ADDRESS	AMOUNT
2019	43	20	Cole H. Mentzer 309 Plymouth Place	\$4,115.39

**R19-123
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2020-2025
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, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Merchantville Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2021 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$7966.61
Cash Match	\$1991.65
In-Kind	\$5974.96

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

R19-124
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVANCE PAYMENT TO
ERIC GOONAN FOR THE 2019 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA EVENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16.1 permits the governing body of any local unit to authorize payment in advance toward expenses for authorized expenditures for Borough programs; and

WHEREAS, Eric Goonan of the Borough of Merchantville will need funds to purchase supplies for Breakfast with Santa scheduled for December 14, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has certified that funds are available from the 2019 Current budget, not to exceed \$500.00 to provide advance expense payments; and

WHEREAS, the Borough will verify their expenses and any excess cash will be repaid to the Borough along with a detailed bill of items or demand, and the certification or affidavit required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16 shall be submitted within 10 days after the completion of the Breakfast with Santa event for which the advance was made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the treasurer is hereby instructed to make the above said payment to Eric Goonan for Breakfast with Santa expenses.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

On the motion of Mr. Kidd and second of Ms. Scarpa, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Denise Brouse, Borough Clerk