

Merchantville, April 27, 2020

A Caucus meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, April 27, 2020 as a virtual ZOOM meeting. Mayor Ted Brennan presided. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer for these times lost and the struggling. 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, McLoone, Perno, Scarpa, Sperrazza, Woods, and Brennan. CFO Moules were present.

Virtual meeting Rules and guidelines were read. List is attached, place in record.

**PUBLIC** – none

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Merchantville During the Coronavirus – 17 cases in Merchantville, 100 deaths in Camden County. Governor Murphy Update – Stay home and practice social distancing. ASPA replenished to small business again. Residents are receiving information by social media. Trying to purchase PPE items. OEM meetings are hold on almost a daily basis. State Level – Understanding that State will run out of money soon.
- Taxes are still due May 1. Many are paid through Mortgage Companies. Next ¼ would become an issue and future. Meetings with school/faith based organizations are happening through Zoom.
- Downtown Redevelopment Area – will be meeting in a week. Street sweeper on hold at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- Borough Brief – New addition next week interview of front line medical worker. Someone will write stories from town resident.
- 606 W Maple Avenue – email 3-4 weeks ago regarding sale of property. Requested information Borough must approve potential buyer’s solicitor and CFO working on finance and agreement. Tim talked with attorney regarding purchase and have not received an update yet. PILOT in 2011-12 specific to Citadell Wellwood and cancellable by sale unless council approves sale.
- Public events through the end of May cancelled. Car show probably cancelled. Memorial Day ceremony virtual live stream. Mendez/Cassidy Bill state aid? Greater size towns? No Bill has been passed yet. FEMA pays 75% at this time. Mayor has been on calls with Congressman and are trying to get funds into Municipal government. Mr. Perno Zoning codes modifications, abandoned properties, Tim and Kevin work together probably at the next meeting.

Resolutions to be approved during the caucus meeting by consent agenda:

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

**R20-58**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,**  
**COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**TO APPROVE DISINFECTING SERVICE FOR MUNICIPAL**  
**BUILDINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville desires to provide disinfectant services to municipal facilities in response to the Covid 19 virus within the Borough of Merchantville; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough received quotes to provide such services and Superior Disinfecting LLC provided the lowest price at .15 cents per square foot for disinfecting only service or .25 cents per square foot not to exceed \$5,000 for disinfecting and cleaning services for the public municipal buildings within the Borough of Merchantville;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that approval has been granted for Superior Disinfecting LLC., 5327 Baker Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08109

I, Denise Moules, Finance Officer for the Borough of Merchantville hereby certify that funds are available for award of this contract in \_\_\_\_\_ account:

**R20-59**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,**  
**COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**DECLARING INTENT TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES**  
**AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND THE**  
**TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN FOR THE PURPOSE OF**  
**ENHASEMENT OF MULTI USE TRAIL FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Merchantville partnered with Pennsauken on a Camden County Open Space Trail Grant Application in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Camden approved the Grant for Borough of Merchantville and the Township of Pennsauken as provided in the shared services agreement in attachment "A";

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville authorize the Mayor to sign and the Borough clerk to attest to the shared services agreement for the Trail Realignment to move the on-road portion of the trail near the Gazebo and Station in Merchantville as well as the Trail Extension from Euclid Avenue to the former 130 Railroad bridge in Pennsauken;

**R20-60**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY**  
**OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO APPROVE A DATE**  
**CHANGE FOR THE RAFFLE LICENSE FOR ST. PETER CHURCH**

**WHEREAS**, St. Peter Catholic Church has applied for and received an identification number 299-1- 34957 allowing St. Peter Catholic Church the ability to conduct raffle licenses with proper approval; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Peter Catholic Church properly completed the raffle license application and Borough Council authorized a Raffle license numbered SPS-19-03 to St. Peter Catholic Church for the Raffle taking place on April 25, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the COVID 19 virus St. Peter Church had decided to postpone the raffle scheduled for April 25, 202 to be changed to October 17, 2020 ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Clerk has reported that the legal preliminaries have been strictly complied with this request;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville herby approve the postponed raffle number SPS-19-03 to October 17, 2020.

#### **R20-61**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE ACCEPTING OF THE SETTLEMENT OFFER FROM GOLD MEDAL ENVIRONMENTAL OF NEW JERSEY, INC., A NEW JERSEY CORPORATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SOLICITOR AND/OR BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE SETTLEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville authorized the presentation of a Claim pursuant to the letter dated September 23, 2019 (attached) against Gold Medal Environmental of New Jersey, Inc., a New Jersey corporation (“Gold Medal”), relative to the demand for liquidated damages for allegations of certain infractions occurring during the course of the performance of Gold Medal’s contractual obligations as per the solid waste and recycling contract entered into by the parties on December 14, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Gold Medal has offered the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), plus other good and valuable consideration, in full and final settlement of any and all claims as specified in this lawsuit, payable to the Borough of Merchantville; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville deems it in the best interest of the Borough of Merchantville to accept this settlement offer and conclude this lawsuit;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, that the offer tendered in this matter by Gold Medal Environmental of New Jersey, Inc., a New Jersey corporation, in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), plus other good and valuable consideration, in full and final settlement of any and all claims as stated herein be and hereby is accepted; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville that Edward F. Brennan, the Mayor of the Borough of Merchantville, Timothy J. Higgins, Esquire, Borough Solicitor of the Borough of Merchantville and/or Denise Brouse, Borough Clerk, be and are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effect the terms and conditions of this settlement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville that payment of the agreed-to settlement amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) shall be made from funds presently in escrow with the Borough, representing the monthly payments due to Gold Medal under the Contract for the months of February, March, April, May, June, July, August, and part of September of 2019, in an amount totaling One Hundred, Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$128,000.00), with the balance of the escrowed funds totaling One Hundred, Eight Thousand Dollars (\$108,000.00) being paid to Gold Medal in satisfaction of work performed and payments due to Gold Medal under the Contract for the months of February, March, April, May, June, July, August, and part of September of 2019.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

On the motion of Mr. Perno and second of Mr. Sperrazza, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

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Denise Brouse, Borough Clerk