



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting  
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 7, 2005

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**APPROVED MINUTES**

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held on the above date in Council Chambers with the Honorable Thomas W. Fromm presiding. Councilman Daley was absent, all others present.

A moment of silent prayer was followed by the flag salute.

Mayor advised that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law.

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the minutes of January 18, 2005, regular, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

Mayor stated that the Woolwich EMTs and Logan EMTs would give a presentation on a paid EMT program.

Jim Shew, Carmen Simonelli, Cindy Phillips, and Don Maul gave a presentation and went over the benefits to keeping the service within Swedesboro and Woolwich.

Mayor and Council asked questions regarding the following:

Education certification costs, procedure of renewing applications, minimum age requirements, 3<sup>rd</sup> party billing, % recouped through billing, response times, job description for administrator, and relationship with fire company.

Mr. Shew stated that right now they have 14 EMT's that are ready to apply for the positions and they could be ready to begin within 8 weeks.

Mayor and Council thanked them for their presentation.

**BID OPENING**

Clerk asked for any bids for Sludge Removal for the year 2005. No more bids were forthcoming.

Clerk opened the following bids:

Russell Reid	\$107.00 per 1000 gallons
Onyx Waste Service	\$ 79.90 per 1000 gallons.

Mrs. Gage moved to accept the bids and forward them to the Borough Solicitor for review, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.



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Andy Lovell, Logan EMS, gave a presentation of the paid EMS program already in place in Logan Twp. Mr. Lovell went over the program and the benefits of consolidation with Swedesboro and Woolwich.

Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Lovell for his presentation.

Mr. Dryden moved to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Grover Price, 122 East Ave., Shade Tree Commission Member, explained the grants received to remove hazardous trees and maintaining the trees in the downtown area. Mr. Price stated that there is a Catawba tree on Park Ave. that needs to be removed and the cost is normally approx. \$1000 to remove a tree that size, but that the contractor is willing to do it for \$550. It is the responsibility of the resident to remove the tree but the Shade Tree Commission is proposing that they pay \$300 towards the removal of the tree and the resident pay the balance of \$250. Mr. Price stated that this does not include the removal of the stump but that it is a very good price for the removal of the tree and if Council approves then hopefully the resident will agree to pay the balance. Council agreed to the proposal.

Mr. Dryden moved to close the public portion, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

Committee Reports

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Dryden reported that there are no recyclable containers in the Business District and gave Council a sample of containers that are available. Discussion followed.

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage gave a list of the upcoming events:

- 2/12 Bowling Party
- 3/6 Phila. Soul Game
- 3/25 Phila. Phantoms
- 3/26 Egg Hunt
- 4/23 Theater play in New York
- 3/12 or 3/19 Lake Park Clean up

Mrs. Gage reported that Woolwich Twp. is purchasing lights for the Locke Ave. Park and at their next meeting on 3/2 they will have the plans for the extension of the park.

Mr. Flaherty stated that the Borough will be changing their health carrier from AmeriHealth to US Healthcare. Plan to remain the same except for one co-pay on prescriptions.



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Mr. Flaherty motioned to change the health insurance carrier to U S Healthcare, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

Library - Mr. Flaherty reported that everything is in order to begin the ordering for the computes for the Library.

Economic Development – Mr. Murray stated that he attended the Woolwich Economic Development meeting and spoke to them regarding a joint venture for the video. Mr. Murray stated that they were receptive and he will also go to the Business Assoc. meeting on Wed. and also ask them for their help.

Ms. Churchville reported that she attended the NJ State League of Municipalities seminar for newly elected officials and that it was very informative.

Mayor reported that activity is beginning from the development denied by the Planning Board and that they have been contacting, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Mucci, Mr. Spratt, Borough Clerk etc. and that there is to be no contact with them directly and that Jim Spratt will be the point of contact for all inquiries.

Mayor stated that there has been a suggestion to have all paid employees fill out employment forms so that there is a file.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Dryden asked if a pre-employment physical which was discussed previously was agreed upon. Mayor stated that no decision was made but that it may be incorporated into this employment form.

Mr. Dryden asked about getting copies of the Borough Code book for all of Council. Discussion followed regarding the ordinances being put on line.

Mr. Dryden asked about the Borough limit signs.



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PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Dryden moved to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: 2005 SALARY ORDINANCE, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "SALARY ORDINANCE 1976 BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO WHICH WAS ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL ON MARCH 15, 1976.

No one spoke for or against the ordinance.

Mr. Dryden moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

Mr. Dryden moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote – Daley absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Agreement for 2004 CDBG)

Mrs. Gage moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Roll Call Vote- Daley absent, all others yes.

Clerk read request from resident to borrow an old ledger book to be used as a prop for a home school play. Mrs. Gage moved to approve the request to borrow the ledger book, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.

Clerk asked Mayor and Council if they would like to continue the program in place regarding all bills for Parks & Recreation and the Fire Co. are paid through Woolwich Twp. They agreed and formal documents will be prepared for the next meeting.

Mrs. Gage moved to approve sick pay benefits for the following:

John Gangemi, 1/7 – 1/10/05, Anna Giammarino, 1/10 & 1/11/05, Chuck Simmerman Jr. 1/17 & 1/18/05, Dolores Connors, 1/24 & 1/25/05, Ron Borden, 1/28, 1/29 & 1/30/05, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.

Mr. Dryden moved to pay all duly authorized bills, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

Mr. Dryden moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:18 PM.

Dolores M. Connors  
Borough Clerk