



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2005

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 were 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.

Mrs. Gage moved to approve the minutes of February 22, 2005, regular and closed, and March 1, 2005, special, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Mr. Flaherty motioned to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Eric Voight, Emergency Mgmt. stated that he received a request from Landmark Builders to name the street in their new development, Chestnut Hill Drive.

Mrs. Gage motioned to accept the name of Chestnut Hill Drive for the Chestnut Hill development, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Gretchen Kunkle, Merklng St. asked a question for her son who could not attend and lives on Redrow Ave. when the street would be paved. Mayor stated that it is at the top of the list but that there had been a major problem on another street and needed to submit that street to complete it and that Redrow has the next highest priority for paving.

Jason Nothdurft, rep. Environment Commission reported that the Commission needs a chairman and that they need 7 people to join ANJEC. Mayor to make the appointments.

Lucile Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave. asked if there is an ordinance regarding dogs running loose and bothering children at the bus stops. Mrs. Gage stated that no dogs are to be unleashed. Chief Dupper stated that there had been a problem with a dog running loose and it is being taken care of.

Carmen Simonelli, VP Woolwich Fire Co. read letter (which he asked to be included in the minutes) to Mayor and Council regarding issues of concern regarding the regionalization of Swedesboro Woolwich and Logan for EMS service.



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Mr. Dryden asked if the ambulance now goes out on fire calls. Mr. Simonelli stated yes. Mr. Simonelli stated that need an ambulance in the building, not to go on emergency calls but to go on calls to cover their own men at a scene.

Mayor stated that alot of details need to be worked out that will be the best for the people of Swedesboro. We'll have a paid EMS, if another truck available we will figure it out. Everything will be considered.

Mrs. Gage stated that the Logan proposal was not presented true to form. Mr. Simonelli reported that the proposal Woolwich Fire Co. gave was a proposal with figures that were given to them from Woolwich Twp. Mayor stated that Woolwich Fire Co. will be at the table when everything will be worked on and that there is no question that our people will get a fair chance for hiring. Mayor stated that they are in the negotiation stage and that nothing has been signed.

Ms. Churchville moved to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

Committee Reports

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Dryden reported that Chief Dupper got information from the prison regarding the trash/recycling containers and that they are an open top and we do not want the open containers. Mr. Dryden stated that he heard that Gloucester County Institute of Technology will build them if we design them. Mr. Dryden will order 6, soda can style trash cans to be used for special events.

Mr. Murray asked the number of cans needed. Mr. Dryden stated that it depends on the cost. Mr. Murray stated that maybe the Business Assoc. could offset some of the cost.

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage reported that there are still tickets available for the New York Trip on 4/23/05.

Lake Park Clean Up on 3/19/05, Vaulting Vision doing the clean up.

Egg Hunt 3/26/05 11:30 AM

Golf outing cancelled until Sept. or Oct.

4/16/05 opening day for Baseball.

New Locke Ave. Park - will begin grading shortly and Phase I will be 5 soccer field and 4 T-ball fields. Clinics will be held for various sports in the summer.

Police – Mr. Flaherty reported that he has gotten information from 2 vendors and waiting for the third regarding the purchase of a police car.

Mr. Flaherty stated that he, Mr. Murray and Ms. Churchville attended a meeting at school and the school is waiting for the final figures for the budget.



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Library – Mr. Flaherty reported that they have been in contact with the architect and engineer and will set up a meeting regarding the expansion to the Library.

Mr. Flaherty reported that he has tried to contact Joan Adams regarding the Historic Ordinance and that he has been in contract with Margaret Westfield and that they are going to make the changes and then present it to Council.

Economic Development – Mr. Murray stated that the meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM and Diane Hale is the Chairperson. Mr. Murray stated that Joseph Hennigan has produced the web site and it is Historic Swedesboro.com.

Mr. Murray stated that there are new businesses opening in town, Secane Pizza, Verizon Wireless and Alphabet Corner. Mr. Murray reminded everyone of the Business Association meeting on Wednesday 3/9/05 at 7:00 PM. It is the Meet and Greet meeting to try to get new members to join.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Murray asked about the enforcement of having traffic stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. Chief Dupper stated that he needs to sit down with a proposal on how to educate and enforce it. Mr. Murray stated that it was supposed to be, educate in November and ticket in December. Mayor to call Mr. Lovell regarding the application for the signs. Mayor asked Chief and Mr. Flaherty to work it out because we need to slow down the traffic. It was mentioned about the Business Assoc. helping out with the cost of a banner. Clerk stated that the Business Assoc. did agree a while ago to help out with the cost.

Mr. Dryden reported that previously it was mentioned to prepare an ordinance to ban jake brakes but no action was taken. Clerk to get in touch with Borough Solicitor.

Mrs. Gage asked about the award to be given to Dave Hause, Safety Coor. for all his hard work. Mayor stated that he had a discussion with Mr.Hause and we went from a few jackets to 65 jackets and it was decided that the money will be divided between the departments. Mayor stated that Dave Hause is the force behind the safety program and will look to prepare a document.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Gage asked if on 4/11/05 the planning board will discuss the redevelopment plan. Mayor stated that 4/11/05 is the target date for the public meeting and hope to have it ready by then.



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Mrs. Gage asked about the shelves for Parks & Recreation for the basement. Clerk stated that we are looking into purchasing shelving to house the supplies from Parks & Recreation and also the Business Assoc. and will let her know when they are installed.

Mr. Murray announced three community events:

African Mask Making Event – 3/12, 3/19, 4/9, and 4/16/05 at the Richardson Ave. School.

Womans Progressive Club – Hat Show, 3/20/05 4 PM at the Richardson Ave. School.

Beef & Beer to raise fund to fight Leukemia and Lymphoma – 4/1/05 at St. Josephs Hall.

Mr. Murray reported that Rev. Tom Woodley from the Hope Lutheran Church in Logan is looking for properties in Swedesboro, Woolwich and Logan to fix up. Seeking volunteers to go out on 4/30/05 to fix up houses of the elderly or disabled persons. Mr. Murray stated that he would like to have them focus on Swedesboro as much as possible. Mayor asked that they ask the churches or organizations to give names to Mr. Murray.

Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S. 40A:4-45.14)

Mr. Dryden moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 3/21/05, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Roll Call Vote- Daley absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Introduce 2005 Budget)

Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, with a public hearing to be held on 4/18/05, seconded by Mrs. Gage.

Mayor reported that there is a tentative increase of \$.225 increase but that the Borough is applying for extraordinary aid and other grants to apply for aid to offset the increase.

Roll Call Vote – Daley absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPER 48 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO ENTITLED “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES”

Mrs. Gage moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held 3/21/05, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote – Daley absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Call for full & fair funding in the TEA-21 reauthor.)

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

Mrs. Gage moved to approve the applications for membership into the NJ State Firemen’s Assoc. for Jason Phillips and Shaun Enright, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.



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Mr. Dryden moved to approve sick pay benefits for Chuck Simmerman Jr. for 2/23/05 – 2/25/05, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lucile Stewart, Richardson Ave. asked if the Economic Development meeting is open to the public. Mr. Murray stated yes.

Mayor reported that Judy London from South Jersey Tourism was in town a week ago and offered to come and chair a meeting and is very anxious to do things in Swedesboro.

Ms. Churchville moved to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

Mr. Murray moved to pay all duly authorized bills, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

Mr. Murray moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:34 PM.

Dolores M .Connors
Borough Clerk