



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 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. All Councilmen 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 3/7/05, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Ms. Churchville moved to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Daley. Vote all yes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one spoke.

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

Committee Reports

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Dryden reported that he will be sending a letter to Gloucester County Technology School to request if the students can build recycling containers to match our trash containers in town.

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage reported that Vaulting Visions did the Lake Park Clean Up on 3/19/05 and that there will be a Sunrise Service on Easter at 6 AM.

Mrs. Gage reported the following:

Water line broke at the soccer field and public works repaired it.

Easter Egg Hunt 3/26/05

Shelves have been installed in the basement for storage.

Streets & Roads – Mrs. Gage stated that Leaf Pick Up will begin 4/6 for Dist. 1 and 4/7/05 for Dist. 2 through June.

Mrs. Gage stated that Mr. Simmerman and Mr. Hause will attend the Storm Water Workshop on 3/24/05.

Police – Mr. Flaherty reported that Chief Dupper is in the process of making residents aware of the crosswalks and is giving out hand outs to make the public aware.



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2005

Mr. Flaherty reported that the 2003 Dodge Van will be sold at auction on 4/18/05 with a minimum bid of \$12,000.

Library – Mr. Flaherty announced that the Library will hold an Open House on April 15, 2005 to show everyone their new equipment.

Mr. Flaherty stated that he has been in touch with the County to check the status of installing traffic lights in town at the following intersections: Center Sq. and Kings Hwy., Auburn and Kings Hwy. and Glen Echo and Kings Hwy.

Mayor Fromm reported that he received a request from Supt. Simmerman to have the Public Works Dept. go to summer hours which would be 6:00 AM to 2:30 PM and asked Council if they are in agreement. Council agreed.

Mayor stated that Conrail did a clean up by the Pallet Co. and a call must be made to Conrail that the powder falling out of the cars is not acceptable. The powdery substance is not necessarily a hazardous material but it is soda ash and can cause some burns. Mayor stated he is concerned about the children walking to school by the tracks.

Mayor reported that he and Mr. Flaherty went to Bank of America on Kings Hwy. and requested the use of their parking lot for off street public parking. They are okay with the proposal and our insurance broker, Chris Powell is looking into it so that the bank is held harmless.

Mayor stated that he spoke to St. Josephs Church regarding using their school property for off street parking and that is also in the hands of our insurance broker to make sure all is okay. Mayor also informed St. Josephs that he wants to be informed and involved in the sale of the St. Josephs School.

Mayor reported that one of the new sewer lines that was run on Glen Echo Ave. has collapsed and that temporarily a hookup to another line has been done. Mayor wants to get in touch with the contractor who did the job to have him make the repairs.

Mayor stated that he is in the process to get public sewer to the west end of Glen Echo Ave. and will use unused ordinance funds from previous public works projects to fund the project.

Mayor announced that Jason Nothdurft will be the Chairman for the Environmental Commission.

Mayor stated that there will be a sewer hook up for Rode's Fireside which will be a tap into the line that Kingsway Regional uses and that Kingsway Regional School District



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2005

was unaware that upon completion of the job the ownership of the line reverts back to the Borough.

Mayor announced that the Borough will received a \$150,000 grant for the Borough Hall Renovations from the Statewide Livable Communities Capital Improvement program.

Mayor reported that there are two underground storage tanks at the Borough Hall and one at the Fire house and JIF will be doing an environmental assessment regarding the removing of the tanks.

Mayor stated that he has nominated two people for the program "Rebuilding Together in Gloucester County".

Mayor reported that we are in the final preparations for the developer agreement between the Borough and Westrum Development. Mayor stated that there will be alot of new improvements to our current water & sewer system.

Mayor stated that Kings Hwy. will be overlayed in 2006.

Mrs. .Gage asked about properties at the south end of town regarding drainage and they have no curbs. Mayor stated that the Borough Engineer will be involved and will speak to the developer and all problems will be engineered in the final plans.

Mayor stated that we would be adopting a resolution to modify the Redevelopment Plan and the engineer will redo the plan with the new amendments.

Mayor also stated that there will be a recommendation from the Planning Board to modify the Master Plan.

Mayor announced that there will be a meeting at Kingsway regarding their budget on Tuesday and Thursday at 8 AM.

Mayor stated that the Storm water Regulation is behind schedule and the County is the lead and they are working with the DEP.

Mayor announced that the Delaware Estuary Group that he is a member has a program regarding dog droppings pick up. Information and supplies are available.

Mrs. Gage stated that she stopped in Borough Hall in the early AM on her way to work to see if there was anything to review for tonight's meeting and there was nothing but then when she came in tonight there is a whole folder of information. Mrs. .Gage asked that there be time for Council to go over items that will be discussed prior to the meeting. Mayor stated that the Redevelopment resolution is just to amend the original resolution



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2005

and then it goes to the Planning Board and then back to Council. Mayor stated that no one checks their mail between meetings and a working meeting should be considered.

Mike Homan, Chairman, Planning Board stated that the purpose is to have Council authorize the Committee to make changes and then go back to the Planning Board to discuss and then the Planning Board would make a recommendation to Council.

Mr. Dryden remarked that it is a great idea regarding the off street parking for the Borough and would do alot for the business community. Mr. Dryden suggested limiting the length of time a person would be allowed to park. Mayor stated that they are working out the details.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Gage asked the status of the award for Dave Hause. Mr. Murray to prepare it.

Mr. Daley stated that in addition to the south end of Kings Hwy. something must be done in the 1500 block of Kings Hwy. regarding the flooding due to storm water. Mr. Daley stated that you can't pump it onto Kings Hwy. to go into the storm drains because in the winter the water freezes and causes a problem. Mayor suggested having the Borough Engineer come to a meeting and speak to Council.

Mr. Murray announced that the first Economic Development meeting will be held on Thursday, 3/24 at 7:00 PM.

Mayor asked Council to review the budget and that the budget needs to be cut and that Extraordinary Aid has been applied for.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Introduce Garbage & Trash 2005 Budget)

Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the budget with a public hearing on 4/18/05, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S. 40A:4-45.14)

No one from the public spoke for or against the ordinance.

Mr. Dryden moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Daley. Roll Call Vote- all yes.



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2005

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 48 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES"

Bob Kunkle, 515 Redrow Ave. asked if this is a yearly fee to maintain their license or is this the cost to get a liquor license. Mayor stated that it is to renew the existing license.

Mrs. Gage moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Murray. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Public Sale 2003 Dodge Van)

Mr. Dryden moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Murray. Roll Call Vote – all yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Contract for random drug & alcohol testing)

Mr. Dryden moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Murray. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Planning Bd. to conduct prelim. Investigation of Redevelopment area)

Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor to sign Stmt. Of Consent for DEP re: Rodes)

Mr. Daley moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Murray. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO PROHIBITING ENGINE BRAKING)

Mr. Dryden moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing on 4/4/05, seconded by Mr. Daley. Roll Call Vote – all yes.

Mrs. Gage moved to approve the request of St. Joseph Church to hold their annual procession through the Borough on 3/25/05, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

Mr. Dryden moved to approve the request to discontinue water & sewer service to the following accounts: #127, 1085, and 469 due to the properties being vacant, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

Mr. Daley moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board to move forward to change the Master Plan and add new classifications and to rezone certain areas and authorize the Solicitor to make changes to the Zoning Ordinances, seconded by Mr. Murray. Roll Call Vote – Gage no, all others yes.



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2005

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Murray reported that Logan EMS will be offering free CPR classes to all Swedesboro and Woolwich residents on 4/15/05 at the Logan Library. Mayor asked for a print out to post in other places.

Mr. Flaherty stated that the Police go to Yi's Karate who is certified and gives the CPR and AED training free to the Police.

Mrs. Gage stated that she attended the Meet & Greet at the Swedes Inn sponsored by the S/W Business Assoc. and that it was a very informative evening and met alot of the owners of the new businesses.

Mr. Dryden asked if the Public Works employees needed CPR training. Chief Dupper stated that they could have been included with them but that they had already been recertified.

Mayor reported that he met with Fire Chief Barber and Woolwich Mayor and had a good meeting or thought that it was good until he went home and read the newspaper and saw the half page ad that the Fire Co. had placed. Mayor stated that they are working through the issues and will do what's best for the town and thinks that they now regret that they placed the ad.

Mr. Murray stated that donations are given to the Fire Co. in good faith for equipment and it is wrong to use the donations for ads.

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

Jason Nothdurft, 1527 Kings Hwy. stated that he did not see the ad and asked what it said.

Mayor gave Mr. Nothdurft a brief synopsis of the ad. Mr.Nothdurft stated that as a member of the Fire Co. he has tried to stay out of the issues but he does not approve of the ad either.

Mrs. Gage stated that she did not read the ad but said that she does know that there were underlying factors and cost, in fairness to the Fire Co., that were left out of the presentation and maybe they felt that they needed to make their views public. Mayor asked Mrs. Gage if she was okay with using donations for a political ad instead of a difibulator.



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2005

Mr. Dryden stated that he was discouraged with the discussion that night but that the level of the discussion was very adult.

Mayor stated that the Borough had two options either have a paid service alone or have a paid regionalized service. Mayor stated that the ad was an embarrassment to the Borough and that discussions have been going on for four (4) years and felt that the decision that was made was right.

Mr. Dryden stated that he felt that we should have tried a little harder but that a decision, that he did not agree with, was made and is prepared to live with it.

Mayor also stated that he felt that it was absurd that the Fire Co. has to pay \$14,000 a year on a loan that is towards a part of the total cost of the new rescue truck and depend on the turnpike funds to cover that loan payment.

Mayor asked Mr. Dryden and Mrs. Gage to help by talking to their friends at the Fire Co. and telling them that an ad is not the way to do business.

Mr. Daley moved to approve the membership application to the NJ State Firemen's Assoc. for Daniel Rumaker and Joshua Rowand, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Mr. Dryden moved to approve sick pay benefits for Chief Dupper for 2/15 and 2/16 and Gregory Weber for 3/1/05, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

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

Mr. Daley moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:42 PM.

Dolores M .Connors,
Borough Clerk