



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting  
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
April 4, 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 and Dryden were 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. Murray moved to approve the minutes of March 21, 2005, regular, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Karen Murray, 423 Weatherby Ave. asked for Council's support to object to Kingsway Regional School District plan to outsource the food program. Ms. Murray stated that there will be a school board meeting on April 12, 2005 and asked that they attend to support the lunch ladies.

Mr. Daley arrived at 7:10 PM.

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

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success and that 380 children participated.

Streets & Roads – Mr. Flaherty reported that two of the three requested street lights have been approved and they will be placed at Kings Hwy. and Glen Echo in 2005 and Kings Hwy., Lake, and Auburn. in 2006.

Mr. Flaherty stated that he spoke to Chief Dupper regarding a radar sign and the cost is approx. \$7500.00 and will not be able to purchase this year. Mayor suggested approaching the Business Assoc. for funds.

Economic Dev. - Mr. Murray reported that they were pursuing two grants, TEA Street Scapes and Historical Alternative Transportation Grants. Mayor stated that if anyone wants to help to attend the meetings held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.



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Shade Tree – Ms. Churchville stated that she attended the Shade Tree meeting and Arbor Day is 4/29/05 and the three schools will have ceremonies, book readings and/or planting a tree.

Mayor reported that the Borough has been designated Tree City for the third year.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Flaherty stated that the auction for the 2003 Dodge Van will be held on April 18, 2005 at 6:30 PM at the Borough Hall.

Mrs. Gage stated that if calls are received regarding park benches at Locke Ave. Park to call her and put them in touch with Jim Lovegrove.

Mrs. Gage thanked the Shade Tree Commission for removing the dead trees and asked who gets rid of the large pieces. Clerk stated that they are usually left for residents to take and use.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Daley moved to open the public hearing, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: **ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO PROHIBITING ENGINE BRAKING**

Mayor asked Chief Dupper about putting signs at major roads. Chief felt that would be a good idea.

No one spoke for or against the ordinance.

Mrs. Gage moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

Mrs. Gage moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Roll Call Vote- Dryden absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following ordinance: **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ORDINANCE.**

Ms. Churchville moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on April 18, 2005, seconded by Mr. Daley.

Mrs. Gage stated that three people were assigned to review and the appropriate changes have been made.

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Roll Call Vote- Dryden absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Renew BAN's)

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

Mrs. Gage motioned to approve the request to hold the annual St. Alfio Parade on 5/1/05, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

Mr. Flaherty motioned to approve sick pay benefits to John Gangemi for 3/16 and 3/23/05 and Gregory Weber for 3/24/05, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

Clerk reminded everyone about the Memorial Day Service to be held on May 20, 2005 at 10:30 AM.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor reported that the paving of Kings Hwy. has been delayed due to the replacement of the sewer lines at the south end of town and that Spring of 2006 will be the earliest for the overlay and the Glen Echo bridge is due for replacement in 2006.

Mayor stated that temporary repairs were made to the sewer line on Glen Echo Ave.

Mayor reported that he and Mr. Dryden attended a meeting at Kingsway regarding their budget and asked everyone to show their support for the cafeteria workers and stated that Mr. Dryden and Mr. Hampton, Committeeman of Woolwich Twp. brought up some good ideas.

Mayor stated that it was asked if Swedesboro pulled out and became a sending district if it would save money. Mayor stated that he confirmed that we pay less now than if we were a sending district.

Mr. Murray reported that the public hearing on the redevelopment zone will be on Thursday 5/12/05 which was the best time due to scheduling conflicts.

Mrs. Gage motioned to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lucille Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave. stated that she could not attend the Economic Development meeting because that is when HELP meets.

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Elaine Edwards, Auburn Ave. reported that the road is sinking in front of Mechanic St. where the road was cut for the sewer line. Mayor to check out.

Pam Young, 315 Weatherby Ave. stated that she looked at the Boroughs code regarding animals running at large and that since 1/05 she has trapped 11 stray or feral cats and has the animal shelter come and pick them up. She stated that only 12 cats have been licensed so far in the Borough and we need to enforce the codes.

Mrs. Gage asked is the cats that are trapped if they have any tags on them. Ms. Young stated no and that she is concerned about a home on Vanneman Ave. that the shelter cannot gain access to. Mayor stated that alot of cats have been around his house and asked Chief Dupper if we can observe the number of cats in the windows of this residence.

Dan Orbanus, Board of Health, stated that the Board is working on the problem. Chief Dupper stated that it must be cleared through the Solicitor regarding search and seizure on private property.

Mayor stated he is of the opinion that we need to solve the problem on Vanneman and Mr. Flaherty will speak to Chief Dupper and call the Borough Solicitor.

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

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

Mr. Murray moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM.

Dolores M .Connors,  
Borough Clerk