



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 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. Councilmen, Dryden, Gage and Flaherty were absent, all others present. In accordance with NJSA 40A:9-132 the Mayor will be voting on all issues because of the absence of three Councilmen.

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.

Ms. Churchville motioned to approve the minutes of April 4, 2005, regular, seconded by Mr. Daley. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Loren Roweder, 12 Olympia Ct., expressed concern for the children that are bused to school and that the bus stops on Glen Echo Ave., a very heavily traveled road and asked if the bus could stop on a residential road off of Glen Echo that is less traveled.

Mayor stated that it is an issue that has been going on for months and stated that he feels that all the children should be bused. Mayor stated that it would take about 2 minutes for the bus to do a loop into the development and announced that a police officer will be there and stay there until all the children are crossed. Mayor stated that he attended a school budget meeting and it would cost a taxpayer less than \$.01 to have a bus for all the children. Mayor urged people to approve the need for a bus and to get a permanent crossing guard at that location and we need to tell the Kingsway School Board to take a 2 minute detour to protect our children. Mayor stated that the problem cannot go on and we need to all coordinate and let it be known that the situation is no acceptable and if we need to pay more taxes then we must pay. In the interim, Mayor stated that a police officer will be there and we will find a permanent crossing guard.

Mr. Murray stated that Swedes-Woolwich Board of Ed hands are tied by Kingsway doing the busing and the only way to get it changed is to make it an emergency situation due to the dangerous situation.

Katherine Slusar, 1850 Kings Hwy. stated that in December she received a letter regarding Block 48, Lot 4 that suggested that a grading plan be submitted from SUDS and asked if it had been done. Mrs. Slusar stated that she does not appreciate what has been done and that her back yard still floods. Mayor spoke to Borough Engineer and the



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Planning Board Engineer and they both accepted the solution. Mrs. Slusar stated that it worked in one part of her yard but not the other. Mayor to meeting with Planning Board and engineers. Mayor stated that he wished the Slusars had spoken up sooner and that he will look into it and get back to them.

Constance Brooks, 40 Franklin St. complained about the heavy trucks on Franklin St. and that the trash truck route used to be on Glen Echo Ave. but are now coming down Franklin St. and asked if it is possible to contact the contractor and tell them what route to take.

Chief Dupper stated that the trucks are coming from Pierson Pit and coming down Franklin and going out Auburn and out towards Logan Twp. Mayor asked Chief to call the pit and ask them to take a different route.

Edith Rohrman, 1424 Kings Hwy reported that there will be another walking tour of Swedesboro on 5/21/05. They will meet at the Borough Hall and go down Lake and over Park Ave.

Diane Hall, 506 Park Ave. asked about a recycling program called Recycling Bank. Jason Nothdurft, Chairman Environmental Commission stated that he has looked into the program and will be talking to Don Dryden and Bill Teter.

Lucile Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave. stated that contractors are only concerned with putting up buildings and not concerned with other peoples property.

Mayor reported that there will be a joint meeting with our Planning/Zoning Board and Woolwich Planning/Zoning Board and that no approvals will be given to Westrum Development until all improvements are made down stream of the development.

Ms.Churchville motioned to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Daley. Vote all yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Read by title only the Budget for the public hearing) Mr. Daley moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ms.Churchville. Roll Call Vote-Dryden, Gage, Flaherty absent, all others yes.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the 2005 Budget. No one from the public spoke for or against the budget.

Mr. Daley motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Ms.Churchville. Vote all yes.



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Ms. Churchville motioned to open the public hearing on the 2005 Garbage Dist. Budget. Seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the 2005 Garbage District Budget. Mayor stated that there is no increase in the Garbage Budget.

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

Mr. Daley motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

Mayor stated that action to adopt would be tabled until the 2005 Budget is adopted.

Mr. Daley motioned to open the public hearing to Amend the Historic Preservation Ordinance., seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

Mayor went over the amendments to the ordinance.

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

Mr. Daley motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

Ms. Churchville motioned to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Daley. Roll Call Vote- Dryden, Gage, Flaherty absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Amending Redevelopment Area)

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

Clerk read letter from Tax Collector regarding Blk. 48, Lot 11, regarding bankruptcy being dismissed and asking for approval to hold another tax sale for delinquent water and sewer charges of over \$5600.00.

Mr. Murray motioned to approve the request to hold a second tax sale, seconded by Mr. Daley. Vote all yes.

Mr. Daley motioned to approve sick pay benefits to Carl Bagby, for 3/28/05 – 4/1/05, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.



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Mr. Daley motioned to approve the application to the NJ State Firemen's Assoc. for Anthony Pirolli, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Murray reported that Movie Night will be on 5/13/05 and Fund Day will be held on 6/11/05.

Mr. Murray announced that the Community Yard Sale will be held on 5/14/05 and the \$5 fee can be paid at the Borough Hall and if any Woolwich Twp. residents would like to participate they will be located at the horseshoe at Walter Hill School.

Mr. Murray stated that police traffic control may be needed for Fun Day and the Yard Sale.

Economic Development – Mr. Murray reported that the Commission is working on the TEA-21 Grant application. Mr. Murray stated that they are trying to get a liaison from Woolwich Economic Dev. and a liaison from Swedesboro to attend each others meetings.

Mr. Murray reported that the public hearing on the Redevelopment Zone will be on 5/17/05 at the Margaret Clifford School.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor asked for old business. No one had anything to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor reported that he is going to Trenton on 4/25/05 to state our case for asking for \$130,000 for extraordinary aid.

Mayor stated that the Community Development Block Grant application was submitted today and the funds will be used to extend the sewer on Glen Echo Ave. and will eventually have all of Glen Echo with public sewer. Mayor stated that there are other areas in town that are now sewerred and that Public Works is making a map of those areas.

Mayor reported that we will receive \$250,000 from Woolwich Twp. under the RCA to rehab 10 owner occupied units in town.

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Chief Dupper reported that the Swedesboro Police hosted a meeting of the Gloucester County Criminal Investigator's meeting on 4/13/05 and thanked Ms. Rohrman for the use of the Parish Hall.

Chief Dupper reported that the SPCA was to meet with him on Thursday but received a call from the person and they stated that they would be late. Chief could not meet with him at the later time due to a training course that they were attending. Chief is waiting to hear from them again and he will accompany them to the residence and see if they will be allowed to enter and inspect. Mayor asked the Chief to get in touch with the Borough Solicitor regarding this that it was his understanding that the resident would be issued a summons and Chief was to speak to Dawn Yates who did the previous inspection.

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

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

Ms. Churchville motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Daley. Vote all yes.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:39 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk