



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2005

APPROVED MINUTES

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held on the above date in Council Chambers with Council President, Patrick Daley presiding. Mayor Fromm and Councilman Dryden were absent, all others present.

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

Council President Daley advised that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law.

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the minutes of 5/2/05, regular and closed, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mildred Leneker, 24 East Ave. asked if when they overlay East Ave. would it be graded properly so that the water would not be running in the street and down Thompson Ave. Mr. Flaherty stated that it will go into a below the road pipe and will discharge into the lake.

Ms. Leneker also stated concern for two (2) oak trees in front of her house that are breaking up the curbing and the road. Mr. Daley stated that it should be referred to Mrs. Homan, Shade Tree Chairman.

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

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage motioned to appoint Kelly Poole, 515 Park Ave. to the Parks & Recreation Commission, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Mrs. Gage reported that the Annual Fun Day will be held at the Locke Ave. Park on 6/11/05, rain date 6/12/05 from 4 – 7 PM. There will be a lot of activities and volunteers are needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Flaherty reported that the Library has had a lot of activity on the new computers.



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Mrs. Gage reminded everyone of the Memorial Day Service on 5/30/05 at 10:30 AM and asking Mayor and Council to respond by 5/24/05.

Mr. Daley reported that the auction was held on the 2003 Dodge Van and that it was sold for \$13600.00.

Mr. Daley stated that the town wide yard sale was a great success and that 57 residents participated and raised \$335.00 for Troop 13 Boy Scouts.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING OF EAST AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$205,000 THEREFORE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$19,000; MAKEIN CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECITON WITH THE FOREGOING.

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

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Renew Liquor Licenses)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Tonnage Grant)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Ded. By Rider, Fire Safety)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Ded.by Rider, Forfeited Prop)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Ded. By Rider, POAA Fees)



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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Ded. By Rider, Pub. Def.Fees)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Dispose of Tax Balances)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Cancel Tax O/P)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor to sign Traffic Signal Agree. Glen Echo & Kings Hwy.)

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

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the request to cancel one unit of W & S at 103 East Ave. due to the property changing from a duplex to a single family home, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

Mr. Dryden arrived at 7:22 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Murray reported that the public hearing on the Redevelopment Plan will be held 5/17/05 at the Margaret Clifford School at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Flaherty stated that they are still working on the traffic signal at Kings Hwy., Lake and Auburn.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bill Rode, 60 Glen Echo Ave. gave Council a copy of a letter that was written to both the New Town Press and the Gloucester County Times regarding an article that they printed regarding the bus stop on Glen Echo Ave. Mr. Rode stated that the Rohweders never spoke to any of the other parents regarding the bus stop and that there are now 7 children



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who must still cross busy Glen Echo Ave. without the additional safety of the bus stopping on Glen Echo with lights flashing and stop sign extended.

Mr. Rode stated that the situation is not corrected and that it is now more dangerous than before and asked to have the bus route reversed for next years schedule so that no child has to cross this road.

Lucille Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave. advised Mr. Rode to get in touch with the Board of Education. Mr. Rode stated that he has been there and was told that nothing can be done.

Mark Reynolds, 11 Styvestant Dr. stated that he was there to correct the falsehoods that were brought to Council on 4/18/05. He stated that Council was led to believe that the majority of the children come from Valley Glen but in reality only 2 of 9 children come from there and that also there has never been more than 2 trucks backed up on Glen Echo Ave.

Isabella O'Mahoney, 8 Styvestant stated that she walks her grandson every day to the bus stop and that she has never seen the Rohweders who are complaining.

Gretchen Kunkle, Merklng St. stated that when she lived in Woolwich Twp. she called Kingsway School Dist. and their transportation department regarding what she felt was a dangerous situation for the bus children and they came out and observed the situation and changed the route.

Mr. Dryden asked what the residents wanted specifically.

Mrs. O'Mahoney said that she wants the bus to stop on both sides of Glen Echo Ave.

Mrs. Rode said that she wants the change for next year.

Mr. Murray stated that if Chief Dupper deems it an unsafe route the school will listen.

Mrs. Rode feels that the Rohweders stated alot of untruths.

Mr. Daley left at 7:49 PM.

Mr. Murray stated that he will speak to Chief Dupper and have him determine if the children are in an unsafe situation.

Mrs. .Rode asked to have the bus rote reversed and everyone would be picked up safely.

Mrs. Gage reported that Mr. Flaherty will meet with Chief Dupper.

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



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

Mrs. Gage adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM.

Dolores M. Connors,
Borough Clerk