



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 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 Daley and Churchville 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. Flaherty moved to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Carolyn Dupper, Weatherby Ave. stated that she is concerned about her property located at the south end of town. They have owned the property for 30 years and their intention was for it to be made into a 2 bedroom rancher if they found as they grew older that they would not be able to live at their present address. Her concern is that the property is now part of the redevelopment area and that if they wanted to build a rancher they would not be allowed and wanted to know if there would be any consideration that it could be grandfathered in so they would be able to build.

Mr. Murray stated that they could do anything that they wanted as long as it was zoned to allow a rancher to be built. Mayor stated that the redevelopment plan was just turned over to Council and Council has not approved it yet.

Mrs. Dupper stated that they want to plan ahead and if they could not build then they have to make other plans. Mrs. Dupper stated that she was told that when the plan goes through that it will be zoned commercial and no homes will be built in that zone. Mayor stated that the Planning Board approved the plan and now it goes to Council who can then agree with the planning board recommendations or not agree. Nothing has been decided as yet. Mayor stated that it will be an ordinance that will be introduced and then a public hearing would be held.

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

Committee Reports

Garbage & Trash – Mr. Dryden stated that there will be a meeting regarding trash on Wednesday, 6/22/05 at 7 PM. Mr. Dryden reported that the recycling collection is up.



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Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage reported that Fun Day was a success with over 1000 people attending and thanked everyone who helped.

Police – Mr. Flaherty read letters of promotion for two officers from Chief Dupper. For Nicholas Colavita to be promoted to 4th class and Gregory Weber to skip 4th class and move up to 3rd class due to his previous experience and job performance. Mayor questioned setting a precedence by skipping levels of promotion. Mr. Flaherty stated that this is an exception.

Mr. Flaherty motioned to promote Nicholas Colavita to 4th class, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.

Mr. Flaherty motioned to promote Gregory Weber to 3rd class, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.

Economic Development – Mr. Murray reported that he attended the school district long range meeting and that they are looking at 4-8 properties in Woolwich. One has 60 acres and the other has 48 acres. Their intention is to purchase the property now that they it is available when it is needed for the growth of the district.

Mr. Murray stated that Chairperson Diane Hale is working on the TEA grant and also a special project. Mr. Murray stated that they are setting up a procedure of steps to go through when possible new businesses call for information. Mr. Murray stated that there will be an Economic Summit in the fall to meet local or potential businesses to discuss the advantages of being in a redevelopment area.

Mr. Murray stated that he spoke to Mr. Fisher, Mayor, and Mr. Flaherty regarding the bus stops and that everyone's input will be heard before a decision is made.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Flaherty stated that the Library will receive the final survey plan on Wednesday and Mrs. Dombrosky is setting up a meeting with the architect and the County.

Mrs. Gage reported that Mrs. Kunkle had purchased a bench at the Locke Ave. Park and had asked when the marker would be placed. Mrs. Gage stated that the marker will be in place within a week or two.

Mr. Dryden reported that Republic will pick up the paper first to avoid it blowing all over and also do Kings Hwy. first. Mr. Dryden stated that the County does have a dumpster for electronics but that residents do not have to separate it and it can go in the trash. Mr. Dryden stated that we could have a separate hazardous waste pick up but that the County does that a few times a year and it is not feasible to pick electronics up separately.



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Mayor stated that we need to educate the residents to take their hazardous waste to the County.

Mr. Murray reported that the Pedestrian Crosswalk signs have been ordered.

Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE SWEDESBORO CODE ENTITLED "LAND USE PROCEDURES"

Mrs. Gage moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on July 5, 2005, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote – Daley, Churchville absent, all others yes.

Mrs. Gage moved to approve sick pay benefits for William Goodwin for 5/24/05, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Gage thanked Chief Dupper for having the officers more visible on certain streets that residents had complained about due to cars racing down their streets.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one from the public spoke.

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

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Closed Session)

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

Mayor adjourned to closed session at 7:42 PM.

After returning from closed session, Mr. Murray asked about the tenant on Kings Hwy. who is having her children in a kiddie pool right in the middle of the business district. Discussion followed. Mr. Dryden to give her a copy of the Loitering ordinance.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Foreclosure of Tax Sale Cert. 123 Hoertter)



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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM.

Dolores M .Connors, Borough Clerk