



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 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 Daley, Gage and Dryden 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 moved to approve the minutes of 7/5/05, regular, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jim Leggoe, 1725 Kings Hwy. complained about the sidewalk situation in the Borough and stated that the town is ignoring the problem and that there are severe tripping hazards. Mr. Leggoe also referred to the recently passed zoning amendment charging \$20.00 for a zoning permit and stated that it was too low a charge. Mr. Leggoe then explained his situation where his neighbors shed is encroaching on his property and that it has been a year that he has been trying to get it removed. He stated that he has spoken to the Zoning Officer and the Construction Officer and it is still not corrected. Mayor stated that this is the first that he has heard about the problem and that he will look into it and get back to Mr. Leggoe.

Mr. Leggoe mentioned about the work being done on Kings Hwy and that the road is being cut and not repaired correctly. Mayor went over the work that is in the process of being done in town.

Lucile Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave. asked if there is an ordinance regarding the picking up after your dog at the Locke Ave. Park. Chief Dupper stated that yes they do have an ordinance.

Mayor acknowledged the honorees of the NJ State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs Inc. and Youth Clubs. Those honored were Lucile Stewart and Elaine Edwards-Dumas.

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



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Committee Reports

Library – Mr. Flaherty reported that they met with the Engineer and Architect and the Architect will be back with a proposal shortly.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Flaherty reported that Chief Dupper has been in touch with the Company that knocked down the Pedestrian Crossing sign and they will pay the cost of the sign to be replaced and the installation.

Mayor asked if a citation was issued. Chief stated no. Mayor stated that he feels that if a company comes through town and knocks down signs, wires etc. that they should be responsible. Mayor asked if there is anything on the books that they could be fined. Mr. Flaherty stated that he and the Chief will discuss it. Chief Dupper stated that the problem was that the Company did not contact the Police to let them know that they would be taking a large load through town. If they had traffic could have been stopped and they could have gotten down the middle of the street.

Mr. Murray reported that the Glen Echo school bus meeting will be on 7/26/05 at 7 PM at the Gov. Stratton School. Mayor asked if Woolwich Committee and Police will be represented. Mr. Murray will get in touch with them.

Ms. Churchville reported that the tree stumps will be taken care of and they will be removed and the tree on Thompson Ave. will be removed on 9/6/05.

Mr. Flaherty gave a Thank You to the Police Dept. from the Margaret Clifford School, Anthony's and Ptl. Borden for his aid during an accident.

Mayor reported that the DeVault house settlement did not happen and that there is a new buyer and he is getting a demolition permit and demolition will start on Thursday after settlement.

Mayor stated that the Borough Engineer attended a meeting in Trenton with DEP and DOT regarding the Smart Growth 208 Waste Management Plan and it will be at least 18 months before anything will happen.

Mayor received report from Fred Mucci that the letter sent to Woolwich residents regarding the watering of lawns was great and it is working to cut down the usage.

Mayor reported that the Swedesboro-Woolwich Business Assoc. will donate \$1500.00 to the Borough towards the cost of the Pedestrian Crossing Signs.



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Mayor stated that we are in the final stages of the inter local agreement with Logan and Woolwich for paid ambulance service and hopefully will be done by the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Flaherty reported that the reconstruction of East Ave. will be done by mid August. Mr. Flaherty stated that a trench was added so that residents can tie in their sump pumps so that they will go into the storm water drains rather than the sewer lines.

Mr. Murray stated that the resolution for the TEA 21 application will be done tonight that will extend the present streetscape project.

Mayor stated that the Borough received \$50,000 from Woolwich for the RCA Settlement which will allow low income residents to have work done to their homes.

Mayor reported that they are waiting for a grant to tie the gas station at the corner of Kings Hwy. and Glen Echo into the sewer system.

Mayor stated that Swedesboro-Woolwich Day has been changed to 9/10/05 due to the Kings Hwy. overlay and the streetscape project that will be done at the same time.

Mr. Flaherty motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Anna Giamarrino as Public Works Secretary effective 8/5/05, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

Mayor stated that they are looking for a part time position of no more than 20 hours per week.

Mayor stated that the 2005 Budget will be amended tonight and the tax rate went from a \$.23 increase to a \$.048 increase. This decrease was due to the Extraordinary Aid that the Borough applied for and will receive. The tax bills will be delayed due to possibly getting additional aid for the schools.

Mayor stated that he signed the agreement for the traffic signal at Kings Hwy. and Glen Echo Ave. and made a plea to the County to waive the \$37500.00 that the Borough is required to contribute. Mayor stated that Dist. 3 representatives are going to DOT trust fund to try to get funds to offset the Boroughs cost.

Mr. Flaherty stated that the next light will be at Kings Hwy., Auburn and Lake Ave. in 2006.

Chief Dupper thanked Mayor and Council for getting the light at the intersection.



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Clerk read the following resolution: (Adopt 2005 Garbage Budget)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Amend 2005 Budget)

Mayor reported that some of the amendments were due to the ratio to be used for charges for interlocal services (ambulance, parks & recreation, fire company) will be the same as the school ratio for taxes which for the Borough will be 13%.

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Application for TEA-21)

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

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

Helen Fromm, 402 Weatherby Ave. asked if any complaints were received regarding the growth of weeds on the property on Kings Hwy. where the building was torn down. Mayor to get in touch with the owner.

Mayor reported that there are a number of properties in town where the Borough will mow the lawn and put a lien on the property for the cost of the manpower.

Elaine Edwards, 636 Auburn Ave. asked that when the Borough does the curb cuts is the corner of Richardson and Auburn included. Clerk stated that it will be done.

Lucile Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave. asked if the trash collectors are suppose to put the cans back where they were originally after they empty them instead of in the street. Mayor stated that they need to notify the Borough of the problem.

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

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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk