



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 1, 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. Councilman Dryden, Flaherty and Murray 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.

Ms. Churchville moved to approve the minutes of 7/18/05, regular, seconded by Mr. Daley. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joe Slusar, 1850 Kings Hwy. asked the status of the drainage problem in the rear of the lot next to him. Mr. Slusar stated that the Borough Engineer was there and wanted to know when the problem will be corrected.

Mr. Dryden arrived at 7:05 PM.

Mayor stated that the variance issue is dead and he was given approval 2 years ago. Mayor went on to say that the property next to Mr. Slusar has a CO and that the Borough Engineer did a drainage plan which was approved and the work was done but it was not done correctly. Borough Solicitor sent a letter to the builder to correct the drainage problem but we did not get a favorable response from his attorney. Mayor stated that the drainage plan looked like it would work but it didn't. Mayor asked Public Works to look at it but Mr. Simmerman is not keen on doing the grading when they are not qualified. Mayor stated that the builder will not fix the problem and that the Borough is trying to settle this without litigation.

Mr. Dryden asked Mr. Slusar how the water gets past the berm. Mr. Slusar stated that it runs by the berm about 1/3 down the property line and then the water goes around the end of the berm.

Mr. Slusar stated that his fence was broken and since there is no performance bond there is no money to reimburse him for the expense. Mayor stated that Mr. Slusar must file a claim against the builder.



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Catherine Slusar, 1850 Kings Hwy. stated that she took pictures to the building inspector and he stated that the fence and drainage would be fixed before a CO was issued.

Mr. Dryden stated that evidently the ball was dropped and a CO was issued before the bill was received and that there is a tool due to the fact that the CO has not been issued for the other side of the property. Mr. Dryden asked Mr. Slusar if he had a plan to correct the problem. Mr. Slusar stated that he feels that it should be regraded.

Toni Beltz, Pres. Swedesboro-Woolwich Business Assoc. presented Mayor and Council with a check in the amount of \$1500.00 to cover the cost of the Pedestrian Crossing Signs. Mrs. Beltz stated that she has seen a big difference since the signs have been placed and everyone agreed.

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

Committee Reports

Finance – Mr. Daley stated that the Borough will be adopting the Amended 2005 Budget tonight.

Trash & Recycling – Mr. Dryden reported that through the Co-op Recycling Program we have a greater bargaining power and due to that effective 8/1/05 the cost for commingle is being reduced to \$7.50 per ton from \$15.00 per ton. And effective 1/1/06 the price for commingle will be reduced to \$.00. Mr. Dryden also stated that Mr. Teter will have the bid specs ready next week.

Mayor asked Mr. Dryden to ask Mr. Teter if it is normal to pay bills from April and May now.

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage reported that there was a Green Acres Inspection done at Locke Ave. Park.

Mrs. Gage asked Ms. Churchville to thank the Shade Tree Commission for having the large tree trunks removed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Dryden asked if the playground equipment that was damaged had been repaired. Mrs. Gage stated yes it was repaired.

Mr. Dryden motioned to hold the public hearing on the amendment to the 2005 Budget, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

Mayor stated that the amendment was to add the EMS Service of \$26000.00.



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

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

Mr. Daley motioned to adopt the amended 2005 Budget, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Roll Call Vote – Flaherty, Murray absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Approve form of Tax Anticipation Note)
Mr. Daley moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Roll Call Vote- Flaherty, Murray absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth .Sale of Tax Anti. Note.)
Mr. Daley moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Roll Call Vote- Flaherty, Murray absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Issuance of Tax Anti. Note \$300,000)
Mr. Daley moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Roll Call Vote – Flaherty, Murray absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor to sign interlocal agreement with Logan/Woolwich for EMS Service in regards to costs)
Mr. Daley moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Roll Call Vote- Flaherty, Murray absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor to sign interlocal agreement with Woolwich for EMS Service in regards to costs)
Mr. Daley moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ms. Churchville Roll Call Vote- Flaherty, Murray absent, all others yes.

Mr. Daley moved to approve sick pay benefits for Carl Bagby for ½ day 7/20/05 and Michael Sparks for 7/15/05, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Daley asked everyone to review a sample copy of a tax ordinance from Glassboro.

Mayor stated that he will give sample copies of the Rental Property Ordinance for Council to review.

Mrs. Gage asked when Kings Hwy. will be overlaid. Mayor stated anytime after 9/12/05. Mayor reported that East Ave. will be done before that and that the Borough Engineer will meet with residents on East Ave. about tying into the storm drain.



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Mrs. Gage asked that a memo be included in the tax bills to remind residents of the odd/even watering days.

Mayor stated that the Borough is advertising for a P/T Dep. Court Clerk and a Public Works Clerk. There are no benefits and will be up to 20 hrs per week.

Mayor reported that there will be no tax bills until about mid August and that the schools were given \$384,000 to offset the taxes.

Mr. Dryden motioned to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

No one spoke from the public.

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

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

Mayor reported that the Teamster contract is up 12/31/05 and that talks will begin.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Closed Session)

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

Mayor adjourned to closed session at 7:56 PM.

After returning from closed session, Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Jeff Surenian, Esq.)

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

Mrs. Gage motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Dolores M. Connors,
Borough Clerk