



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 3, 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. All Councilmen were 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.

Mrs. Gage moved to approve the minutes of 9/19/05, regular, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Adams, 1605 Kings Hwy. stated that he was there regarding the Pay to Play ordinance and that he supports the proposed wording changes submitted by Don Dryden and Darlene Gage. Mr. Adams stated that while the present Mayor would allow the resumes submitted to be viewed by residents the wording change would guarantee that a future Mayor could not allow resumes to be public and asked that the paragraph be added.

Lucille Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave. commented that the paragraph to be inserted does not state that the positions would be advertised in a newspaper.

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

Committee Reports

Economic Deve. – Mr. Murray reported that he video is 95% completed and within 2-3 weeks the final product will be available.

Streetscape – Ms. Churchville reported that exact prices will be received shortly and she will present them to the streetscape committee on Thursday.

Mayor reported that he submitted to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning an application for a \$60,000 grant to cover items for the streetscape that had to be cut due to lack of funds. Mayor stated that we should hear by 12/2/05.

Mayor asked Ms. Churchville to check the status of removal of the tree on Thompson.



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Finance – Mr. Daley stated that there will be a meeting on Wed. 10/5/05 at 7PM to begin the Corrective Action Plan as required from the Audit.

Police – Mr. Flaherty that at the location of Glen Echo and Styvestant there are no children crossing due to the parents driving their children to school and that the crossing guard will be removed at the end of October and if in the future there is a walker a guard will be placed.

Mr. Flaherty reported that the traffic signal at Glen Echo and Kings Hwy. is almost complete.

Garbage & Recycling – Mrs. Gage announced that leaf pick up will begin 10/12/05 and continue through November.

Mr. Dryden reported that there will be a working meeting on Thurs. 10/6/05 at 7 PM to complete the final touches on the recycling newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Dryden stated that he met with the Conrail representative and asked if we should make an offer for the property. Mayor stated that he just received information he requested and they are asking too much for the property but that there are still issues worth pursuing. Mayor will get back to Conrail and let Mr. Dryden know.

Mr. Flaherty reported that East Ave. will be paved tomorrow and that Marge has not heard back from the architect regarding the expansion of the Library.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Tax Transfer)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Tax Cancellation)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Cancel Ct. Cks.)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Fuel Cap Exception)

Mr. Daley moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Audit 2004)



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

Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS.

Mr. Flaherty stated that he does not feel that it is correct that the public has access to the resumes. Mayor to check with Solicitor to see if they can be made public.

Mr. Dryden motioned to adopt the ordinance with the inclusion of the paragraph discussed and with a public hearing on October 17, 2005, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Roll Call Vote- Murray, abstain, Flaherty no, all others yes.

Mr. Daley moved to approve sick pay benefits to D. Hause, 9/15/05, Mike Sparks, 9/16/05, and Angie Michener, 9/28-9/29/05, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Daley reported that he met with Mike Warner, Zoning & Planning Officer and he would like to establish an email address so that residents with questions could get in touch with him during the week and he also requested copies of zoning variances that are approved.

Mr. Daley stated that the Historical Committee meeting went well and they are looking for a Council representative for the committee to meet with them and also the Planning Board. Mr. Daley stated that he will take the position.

Ms. Churchville moved to appoint Patrick Daley as Council liaison for the Historical Committee, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

Mrs. Gage stated that there are still some trucks using the jake brake and she has reported them to Chief Dupper.

Mayor stated that the NJ Transit bus is jake braking in front of Mike Daley's on Kings Hwy. Chief to get in touch with them.

Mayor asked Chief Dupper why he was doing police traffic control for a contractor. Chief stated that no one else wanted to do it. Mayor stated that he felt that the Chief should not be out there. Mr. Flaherty stated that he and the Chief have discussed that.

Mayor reported that Westrum Dev. does not have all their permits from the State to do the infrastructure upgrades for water and sewer and are now deciding if they can get in



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done before Kings Hwy. is overlaid. Mayor stated that the paving may have to be delayed and the County would have to agree to that.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lucille Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave. asked if the meeting is for the public of just for Council and that all should speak loudly for all to hear instead of whispering.

Ms. Stewart stated that Fun & Game Night will be held 10/28/05 from 8 PM to 11 PM \$8.00 per ticket to benefit the Restoration of the Richardson Ave. School.

Mayor reported that the Borough did get a grant to tie the gas station on Glen Echo & Kings Hwy. into the sewer system and will use money left from previous loans and grant monies to tie in the rest of Glen Echo Ave.

Mayor stated that we are having trouble getting contractors to bid on the curb cut project.

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

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

Ms.Churchville moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM.

Dolores M .Connors
Borough Clerk