



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 7, 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 approve the minutes of October 17, 2005, regular, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dennis Conley, 1700 Kings Hwy. asked who will pay for the damage to his property by the developer. Mr. Conley stated that his curb is sinking and the sidewalk needs to be replaced and trucks are entering between 5:00 AM and 5:30 AM. Mayor reported that the contractor will replace the street and make any repairs when the project is completed. Mrs. Gage stated that there is an ordinance that construction work cannot begin until 7 AM. Mayor asked that he let him know when it is happening and we will enforce the laws. Mayor stated that this is the first time that he had heard of a problem.

Mr. Conley also asked about the pay per bag of trash and stated that he is paying about \$4 a week in taxes for one bag of trash and other residents are putting out many bags of trash and are paying the same in taxes.

Mr. Dryden stated that the Borough has gone out to bid for trash and recycling collection and that one of the options is the "Pay as you Throw" option. Once bids are received a decision will be made with option to go with.

Joe Pino, Chestnut St. reported that there is no soil fence at the new development. Mayor stated that there is one in place now.

Jim Leggoe, 1705 Kings Hwy. stated that he has been a resident for many years and is upset regarding the letter that was distributed by the Democratic party that they would stoop so low.

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



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Committee Reports

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Dryden reported that Bill Teter is looking into the “three cans in the kitchen” program.

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage reported that the Commission will purchase a projector and movie screen for the movie nights and that the Pictures with Santa will be taken on 11/26/05 at the Stratton School at the Christmas Celebration sponsored by the Business Assoc.

Streets & Roads – Mrs. Gage reported that leaf pick up is continuing.

Police – Mr. Flaherty reported that Chief Dupper and Supt. Simmerman did a survey of where speed limit signs are needed and that in regards to the speed limit signs on Redrow Ave. the Borough is working with Woolwich due to the fact that part of the intersection is in Woolwich.

Mr. Flaherty stated that the Chief has ordered the new vehicle for the department.

Library – Mr. Flaherty reported that there will be a meeting to finalize the drawings for the Library.

Mr. Murray stated that there will be a \$35 million referendum on 12/13/05 to purchase 65 acre parcel and a 40 acre parcel. Mr. Murray stated that the tax impact on the residents of Swedesboro will be \$20 - \$25 a month. Mr. Murray reported that the 65 acre parcel was donated by Summit and they are looking to purchase an additional 40 acres.

Mr. Flaherty stated that the ratio for the Borough is 12% with Woolwich paying 88%.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Flaherty reported that the overlay of East Ave. has been completed and the next street to be done will be Redrow Ave.

Mr. Dryden asked about the alternate parking for residents on Kings Hwy by the Westrum Development who will lose parking spaces due to the turning lane into the new development. Mayor stated that he is not familiar with the problem and will look into it.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: ORDINANCE ADOPTED AN ANTI-NEPOTISM POLICY FOR THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO.

No one from the public commented on the ordinance.



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Mr. Dryden asked if someone was on Council would it affect the Police or Fire Co. Mayor stated not now but maybe in the future. Mr. Dryden asked if in the future would it prohibit any relative of an employee of the Borough from running for Council and asked that the ordinance be tabled until it could be checked by the Borough Solicitor.

Mayor read Section C, Relatives of Elected Officials.

Mr. Dryden asked if Council agrees that it was not Council's intention to keep anyone from running for an elected position if a relative is already an employee of the Borough. Council agreed.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: **ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO REGULATING THE USE OF OUTDOOR FURNACES IN THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO**

Mark Laterza, 1606 Kings Hwy. stated that after his discussion with the Mayor on Sunday he feels that if the ordinance is passed it will be illegal and he will have to get a lawyer. He explained that he read the articles that the Mayor emailed to him and that the Oregon EPA stated that there is not more output from the outdoor furnace than there is from any other wood burning device. Mayor stated that there is very clear scientific evidence that they are not clean burning and that they are not designed for residential areas and that they have 3 – 7 times the pollutants of one gas burner. Mayor stated that they can work out arrangements and time to comply would be at the end of this winter. Mr. Laterza stated that he doesn't care if it is passed as long as it doesn't affect him this year. Mr. Dryden stated that the Mayor has every intention of working with him.

James Elwell, 1930 Kings Hwy. stated that anyone with a fireplace is polluting the air. Mayor stated that most people do not use their fireplace to heat their homes.

Jeremy Selb, Fire Marshall, stated that he would do the inspections but before he can enforce the ordinance it must be approved by the Div. of Fire Safety. Mayor stated that once it is adopted it will be sent to them for approval.

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Lease Agrmt. Bet. Swedes/Wool/Logan for emer. Vehicles)



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Mayor stated that JIF recommended to have this lease to insurance purposes.

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

Clerk read the following ordinance: BOND ORDINACNE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2006 FORD SUPER DUTY F-450 FOR THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$50,000 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 \$47,500 TO BORROW WITH A DOWN PAYMENT OF \$2,500, MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Mrs. Gage moved to adopt the ordinance, with a public hearing to be held on November 21, 2005, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Roll Call Vote- Daley, Churchville absent, all others yes.

Mr. Dryden moved to solicit bids for Sludge Removal, seconded by Mrs. .Gage. Vote all yes.

Mrs. Gage moved to approve the request to discontinue water service to account #96 due to property being vacant, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Mr. Dryden moved to approve sick pay benefits for Tanya Goodwin for 10/27/05, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

Clerk brought up the quote received from General Code regarding the Borough Code book being put on line for all to access. Clerk stated that a web site would be needed. Mayor to look into it.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

James Elwell, Kings Hwy. expressed concern regarding the parking on Kings Hwy. that there is no room to park and taking away his right and privileges if unable to park in front of his house and it would be a hardship to him and his neighbors. Mayor stated that he is not familiar with the plans and will look into it.



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Lucille Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave. asked how you get a handicap parking space in front of your home? Mr. Flaherty told her to check with Chief Dupper.

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

Lucille Stewart thanked Mayor Fromm and all who attended the Fun Night last week.

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 the meeting to closed session at 8:08 PM.

After returning from closed session, Mrs. Gage moved to pay all duly authorized bills, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.

Mr. Flaherty moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:42 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk