



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2006

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.

Mrs. Gage moved to approve the minutes of 3/6/06 regular, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jessica Klein, Newtown Press introduced herself to Mayor and Council.

Joanna Gahrs, Park Ave. asked the status of the road between Schoeners and St. Josephs School. Mayor reported that the Borough is negotiating with the Diocese to use the parking lot. Mayor stated that he has a meeting with Father on Friday. The negotiations are being handled between the Borough solicitor and their Real Estate people and are trying to get a resolution.

Gretchen Kunkle, Mer kling St. asked if anything could be done with the traffic flying through on Mer kling St. which is not a dedicated street, since the construction on Kings Hwy. began. Mr. Flaherty stated he will get a hold of Chief Dupper to have the Police sit there tomorrow to prevent the flow of non owners. Mayor asked about the non-dedicated status. Mrs. Kunkle stated she has a letter from the Borough.

Lucille Stewart, Richardson Ave. reported that there are still cars parked on the street. Mr. Dryden to speak to Mr. Orbanus to check out the cars and if their tags and registration are current there is nothing to be done. Mr. Flaherty will speak to Chief Dupper.

Mayor stated that not all the duties have been turned over to Mr. Orbanus and they are done between the Police and Mr. Orbanus.

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

Committee Reports



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Mr. Murray reported that he and Mr. Flaherty met with Mr. Fisher to review the school budget. There will be a 17% increase in the budget which will mean that for Swedesboro residents with an average assessment of \$87700 will see an increase of \$8.42 per month.

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage motioned to appoint Robert Kunkle Jr. and Mandy Kunkle, 515 Redrow Ave. to the Parks & Recreation Com., seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.

Mrs. Gage reported that Mrs. Homan, Chairman of the Shade Tree Commission, stated that there will be a meeting on Thursday, at the Borough Hall at 7 PM. William Camper a Certified Tree Expert will discuss the eligibility requirements for a grant.

Police – Mr. Flaherty reported he met with Chief Dupper regarding the traffic rerouting and he will address the problem with Merklng St. with the Chief.

Mr. Flaherty stated that the construction will progress through town in an orderly fashion. Mayor reported that they have made great progress. Mayor stated that they will sign a “Hold Harmless Agreement with Mr. Russo for the use of his lot for parking during the construction. Bottos and Bank of America have agreed to let the public use their parking lot also.

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Dryden went over the recycling report. Mr. Flaherty stated that the recycling is increasing due to the collection of trash and recyclables on the same day.

Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S. 40A:4-45.14)

Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on April 3, 2006, seconded by Mr. Murray. Roll call Vote- Daley, Churchville absent, all others yes.

Mayor introduced the 2006 Budget and 2006 Garbage & Trash Budget. Mayor stated that the bottom line is that there is an 11.9 cent increase and went over the budget particulars. Mayor reported that the Borough will apply for Extraordinary Aid due to unanticipated legal fees. Mayor thanked CFO Joanne Mitcho and Borough Auditor, Carol McAllister for doing a great job.

Mr. Dryden moved to adopt the 2006 Budget and 2006 Garbage & Trash Budget with a public hearing to be held on 4/17/06, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll call Vote- Daley, Churchville absent, all others yes.

NEW BUSINESS



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Mr. Murray reported that he met with the Swedesboro-Woolwich Day Committee and the Chairman for Swedesboro will be Dave Montgomery and the Council Rep. for Swedesboro will be Mike Murray and for Woolwich it will be Jennifer Cavallero. The Board will consist of 4 Swedesboro residents and 4 Woolwich residents and all local groups will be contacted to contribute.

Mr. Dryden stated that he received an email from Robert Johnson, 760 Mayhew Ave. requesting a street light. Mr. Dryden reported that there are no street lights in that area and Mr. Johnson also asked that a pine tree be removed from a Borough lot.

Mr. Dryden announced that the County will take up to 25 tires per person all month at the South Harrison landfill.

Mr. Dryden stated that we should consider donating money for the Knox Boxes for senior citizens. Mayor asked that he put the proposal in writing.

Mr. Dryden asked Bill Teter, Recyc. Coor. if we take tire with rims. Mr. Teter stated that our literature regarding recycling states that we take tires but not on rims.

Mayor stated that the Borough has an ongoing tire program and Mr. Teter stated that Public Works monitors the program.

Mayor asked everyone to submit the Financial Disclosure Statements to the Clerk.

Mayor reported that there will be a public hearing on 3/27/06 at 9:00 AM on the Kingsway Budget and the increase or Swedesboro is projected to be \$.14.

Mayor stated that the horse trough needs to be moved and it will be moved by Westrum and Pierson and the location will be at the corner of Borough Hall. Mrs. Rohrman stated that Jack Adams has pictures that it was previously at Borough Hall and we may have to remove one ornamental tree.

Mayor announced that the County is offering a program to help towns with fire inspections and has a fire official to do the inspections in towns and is available all the time. Mayor spoke to the Fire Co. and they are fine with going with the County and it will save \$.01 off the tax rate.

Mayor stated that we will need to amend our ordinance and it will be introduced at the 4/3/06 meeting. William Rieger, Fire Official will cover during the interim and hope to have it over to the County by 7/1/06. Mayor stated that our Budget will maintain one position in town, a Fire Prevention Coor. and will check to see if Dennis Conley will stay on.



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Mayor spoke to Robert Kunkle of Woodbury to be our Landlord Registration Inspector but he stated that he is too busy but recommended John Leech who he works with. Mayor spoke to Mr. Leech and asked him to submit a proposal which he did asking for a base salary of \$2000.00 and \$35.00 per inspection.

Mr. Dryden moved to appoint John Leech as Landlord Registration Inspector effective 4/1/06 with a base salary of \$2000 and \$35.00 per inspection, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Dryden reported he tried to get in touch with Craig Borrie to see if the Boy Scouts could distribute the Vials of Life.

Mr. Dryden stated that George Harris was at the last meeting and inquired about properties on Water St. Mr. Orbanus looked at the properties and some are in the process of being torn down.

Mr. Flaherty reported that he met with Chief Dupper and Mr. Orbanus to resolve some problems and communication will be ongoing.

Mr. Flaherty reported that he met with Mayor Chila regarding the Library expansion and he will be on board with the project.

Mrs. Gage expressed gratitude for the Annual Love Tea and all they honored. It was a wonderful, joyous occasion.

Mr. Murray reported that Judy Daley is running the yard sale to be held on 5/13/06 and asked if the Borough would consider raising the fee from \$5 to \$10 for 1 day and that the money will go to charity.

Mr. Flaherty asked if when the Auction property is used for the town wide yard sale if it would be at a higher fee and Mr. Murray stated yes. Mr. Dryden asked if the Yard Sale is advertised. Mr. Murray stated that they are thinking about having signs made up "Yard Sale Here Today".

Mr. Murray stated that Anthony Granato wants to do a classical concert the night of 5/13/06 at Trinity Church and the street may have to be closed.

Mayor stated that he is putting a list together of all Borough owned properties that we will be disposing of. The Borough owns about 20 properties and at least 9-10 that we own and maintain and are not needed and we will sell them.



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Mr. Lusch, Clean Communities Coor. stated that he will meet with County Coor. Jeff Hamilton on 4/3/06 at 10:00 AM.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Closed Session)

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

Mayor adjourned to closed session at 8:08 PM.

After returning from closed session, Clerk read the following resolution: (Paris Grant)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Dev. Agreemt. W/Rodes)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Rider for Snow removal)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Temp. Budget)

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

Mrs. Gage motioned to accept the proposal by Swedesboro Auction to pay \$959.80 and waive the interest, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve sick pay benefits for John Gangemi, 2/28-3/1/06, Chuck Simmerman Jr, 3/10/06, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.

Mr. Dryden motioned to accept the appointments for the Boards and Commissions for 2006, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Mayor reported that he met with the County regarding the Community Development Block Grant and that there are balances from previous years to pay engineering bills and sewer tie in for the gas station.

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

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Diane Hale, Economic Dev. Stated that there will be a meeting on Thursday and the streetscape plan will be reviewed.

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

Mrs. Gage moved to pay all duly authorized bills and adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:03 PM.

Dolores M. Connors, Borough Clerk