



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 3, 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 Dryden 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 3/21/06, regular and closed, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Andy Lovell, Logan EMS, went over the department activity report for February, 2006.

Mr. Flaherty asked on behalf of a resident who received a bill after being transported to hospital, if indeed the resident had to pay it. Mr. Lovell went over the procedure for billing and stated that if the bill was from Underwood Mem. Directly then they will have to pay it.

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

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation - Mrs. Gage announced that the Easter Egg Hunt is on 4/15/06 at Locke Ave. Park at 11:30 AM.

Mr. Murray reported that the Chairperson of the Town Wide Yard Sale asked if the yard sale fee could be raised from \$5 to \$10 and have the town decided where the money should go. Mr. Murray suggested having balloons instead of signs to mark who is having the sales.

Mr. Dryden arrived at 7:18 PM.

Mayor stated that if the fee is raised the proceeds should go to Economic Dev., Shade Tree Com. or another Borough Committee so that no questions are raised where the money goes. Ms. Churchville stated that she felt the fee should stay at \$5. Mr. Murray



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stated that they plan on using the Auction property rather than the school for people to set up if they do not live in town.

Mr. Murray stated that he spoke to Chief Dupper to get a meeting set up with the businesses in the downtown area to discuss the issues that they have. It will be held on Thursday, 4/13/06 at Borough Hall.

Mr. Dryden asked about the payment timetable for Casworth. Clerk stated that it is being processed and will be mailed out this week.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Flaherty announced that the construction work is proceeding as planned. Mrs. Gage asked when the horse trough will be moved. Mr. Flaherty stated shortly.

Mayor announced that he attended a meeting at the Stratton School and the schools will have an increase in funding which will lower the proposed tax increase for both S/W School District and Kingsway District.

Mayor stated that he spoke to Mr. Crowley regarding the way the tax levy is assessed and the Borough can request to have it by enrollment rather than assessment. All four sending districts would have to agree to all do it the same way. Mayor stated that he also looked into becoming a sending district rather than a member but the contribution would be much higher.

Mayor stated that he met with the Teamster Union and that the contract will be settled within the next two weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Dryden asked Mayor about the request for a street light on Mayhew Ave. Mayor stated that he will get in touch with Public Works Supt. Clerk stated that she has a contact at Atlantic Electric to get a price. Clerk to call.

Mr. Dryden asked about the request to have a tree removed from Borough property on Mayhew Ave. Mrs. Gage will get in touch with Mrs. Homan.

Mr. Dryden reported that the Boy Scouts will distribute the Vials of Life to residents in the Borough.

Mr. Flaherty reported that the Library will receive the final plans for the expansion sometime this week and he will speak to Woolwich.



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Mr. Murray reported that the S/W Day Committee liaisons are getting in place and committee members and helpers are needed. Meetings will start within a couple of weeks. Ted Otten has been named the Woolwich representative.

Mrs. Gage asked Mrs. Kunkle if the traffic has slowed down on Merkling. Mrs. Kunkle stated no they are still flying through. Mr. Flaherty will speak to Chief Dupper.

Mayor asked Mr. Murray to inform the Chief that the situation is not getting any better on Merkling and that it needs to be enforced. Mayor asked Pierson to place a Road Closed sign at that location.

Mrs. Gage asked if the cars on Richardson have been removed. Mrs. Stewart stated one car was moved into their yard. Mr. Flaherty stated that Mr. Orbanus has spoken to the Chief and they are working together.

Mrs. Gage asked the status of the cut through at St. Josephs School. Mayor reported that he met with Father and that we will not be able to use their parking lot.

Mr. Flaherty remarked that he did not realize how many children attended CCD classes and that he wants to make sure that the fire inspections have been done or it will be closed down. Mayor stated that he had met before with the former Pastor and the building was going to be for sale but now it is not for sale. Mr. Flaherty stated that if the building is not being sold then it has to be fixed and meet codes. Mayor stated that he feels it is turning into an eyesore and told Father that we could help them get grants to do repairs. Mr. Flaherty stated that his concern is the safety of the children.

Mr. Flaherty asked if the school building is being rented. Mr. Dryden stated that the Head Start Program is there and they pay a minimum amount of rent enough to cover expenses. Mr. Flaherty asked if the church pays taxes on that property and that if they are renting out the building they should not be making a profit. Clerk to look up. Mayor wants the building to be safe and not an eyesore.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S. 40A:4-45.14)

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

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Sup. Freeholders Solid Waste Plan. Initiative)



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Mayor explained the resolution that by adopting we are joining as a group to devise and implement a county-wide solid waste mgmt. plan.

Mr. Dryden stated that we are forced to go to Wheelabrator at a high cost and that there are alternative sites for much less money and asked that Council think long and hard before going with the County and spend possibly \$20-\$30 more a ton at Wheelabrator. Mayor stated that we will not commit until we see figures.

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

Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 66 OF THE SWEDESBORO BODE ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION"

Mr. Murray moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 4/17/06, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Roll Call Vote- Daley absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following ordinance: 2006 SALARY ORDINANCE, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "SALARY ORDINANCE 1976 BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO" WHICH WAS ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL ON MARCH 15, 1976.

Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 4/17/06, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Roll Call Vote – Daley absent, all others yes.

Clerk read letter received from the S/W Seniors Club requesting the Borough to include in their budget a \$2000 line for them. Council reviewed the request and it was determined that since our budget has already been introduced, if and when there may be an amendment to the introduced budget, their request would be considered at that time.

Mrs. Gage moved to approve sick pay benefits for Carl Bagby, 3/20/06 and Mike Sparks, 3/20/06-3/24/06, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

Mr. Murray motioned to accept the resignation of Royce Hayes, effective 4/30/06, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

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

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Frank Lusch, Clean Comm. Coor. reported that he met with Jeff Hamilton, County Clean Com. Coor. who gave Mr. Lusch suggestions for the program. Mr. Lusch stated that he needs to know how much money we have to use. Clerk to check.

Edie Rohrman, Historic Preservation Adv. Com. reported that the forms were filed to the Local Government Services to open the way for grants and training for the commission.

Lucille Steward, Richardson Ave. reported that the windows are finishes at the Richardson Avenue School. Mrs. Gage asked if the churches are doing the sun rise service at Lake Park. Ms. Stewart stated that she is trying to find out and Mrs. Rohrman stated that she has heard nothing.

Mr. Murray asked Mrs. Williams if the concert sponsored by the SWBA will be held on 5/13/06. Mrs. Williams did not know.

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

Mr. Dryden reported that Margaret Rieger will be 100 years old on 4/16/06 and proclaimed her an exemplary citizen of the Borough since 1921, seconded by Mrs. .Gage. Vote all yes.

Mayor reported that John Leech, Landlord Registration Inspector is on board and moving along on the inspections.

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

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

Mayor adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Dolores M. Connors,
Borough Clerk