



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting  
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
April 24, 2006

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**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, Murray and Churchville were absent, all others yes. In accordance with NJSA 40A:9-132 the Mayor will be voting on all issues because of the absence of three Councilmen.

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 4/3/06, regular, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Mayor opened the meeting to the public.

No one from the public spoke.

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

Committee Reports

Shade Tree – Mrs. Gage reported that the meeting time was changing to 8:15 PM and grants would be discussed.

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success and that 374 children participated.

Streets & Roads – Mr. Flaherty stated that the construction was moving along on schedule and within another week they will be past the intersection.

Mrs. Gage asked how the traffic will be diverted. Mr. Flaherty went over the projected traffic flow.

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Dryden went over the recycling report. Mr. Dryden reported that Casworth suggested that the Borough men pick up year waste and put it in a dumpster and then it would be taken to a recycling facility and the cost would be less.

Mayor requested last years total tonnage figures for trash collected for a survey from the County.

PUBLIC HEARING

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Public hearing was held on the 2006 Budget. Mayor explained that there would be an 11.9 cent increase.

Public hearing was held on the 2006 Garbage & Trash Budget.

Margo Bagby, 27 Turner Ave. complained about her cardboard not being picked up. Mr. Dryden gave her his telephone number and told her to call him when that occurs.

Mayor announced that the Borough applied for \$80,000 in extraordinary aid and were waiting to hear if we will be awarded that amount.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held for the following ordinance: 2006 SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO 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.

No one spoke for or against the ordinance.

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

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 66 OF THE SWEDESBORO CODE ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION"

Dennis Conley, Fire Safety Inspec. stated that he felt communication has been handled poorly and is glad that it is over.

Mayor stated that it goes back to the Fire Dept. Mr. Conley stated that the Fire Co. has nothing to do with the Fire Safety office. Mayor stated that there was communication and that he had spoken to him. Mayor reported that the County approached the Borough and Mayor stated that he felt that he had a good conversation with Mr. Conley. Mr. Conley stated that he hopes that Council realizes that all money generated will go to the County now not the Borough. Mayor stated that there will be a cost saving and the County personnel is available any time.

Mayor stated that he offered Mr. Conley the position of Fire Safety Inspec. and the offer is still on the table.



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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Renewal of BAN's \$406,750.00)  
Mrs. Gage moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote-Daley, Murray, Churchville absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Assessor to amend records on Blk. 55, Lot 2)  
Tabled until next meeting.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Bond Reduction, Chestnut Hill, Blk.48, Lot 24.01 & 26)  
Mr. Dryden moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote-Daley, Murray, Churchville absent, all others yes.

Mrs. Gage moved to approve sick Stan Kemp, 3/20, 3/21/06, William Goodwin, 3/30, 3/31/06, and Carl Bagby, 4/3/06, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Clerk read the Thank You letter from Old Swedes Inn regarding a recurring sewer problem which has been corrected.

Mr. Dryden motioned to approve the installation of a street light on Mayhew Ave. to the cost of \$625.00, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

#### NEW AND OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Dryden explained that he required the services of the Police over the weekend and that Ptl. Colavita responded and was very professional beyond the bounds of police work  
Mr. Dryden stated that he appreciated how he handled the situation.

Mayor reported that he met with Marge and the County Library representative to put the finishing touches on the final draft for the Library expansion.

Mayor asked Mr. Conley why the fire siren is still used. Mr. Conley stated that the pagers do not work in some areas of the Borough.

Mrs. Gage motioned to appoint Gretchen Kunkle to the Shade Tree Commission, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.

Mr. Dryden stated that he had the occasion to use the Vial of Life for his parents this past weekend on two occasions.



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Mayor reported that John Leech the Landlord Registration Inspector has done 40 inspections and he is doing an excellent job. Mr. Leech has found potential unsafe situation and has gotten the Construction Official and Borough Engineer involved.

Mayor read the proclamation for Margaret Rieger who will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mr. Dryden motioned to accept the proclamation, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Margo Bagby, Turner Ave. asked how long the town would be torn up. Mayor stated 2-3 months. Mayor stated that the north end of town is open to Ashton Ave. and will be open to Railroad by the weekend. The center of Auburn and Kings Hwy. will take 7 – 10 days and then they will proceed south.

Mrs. Bagby asked what improvements they were doing. Mr. Flaherty stated that they were laying new water and sewer lines.

Edie Rohrman, Trinity Church stated that the Inquirer has an article about Joe Laughlin and his Eagle Scout Award. Mrs. Rohrman announced that the 4<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents were coming to the church on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Rohrman thanked all involved in the moving of the bowl from the center island over to the Borough Hall. Mrs. Rohrman asked if the town had considered at the Historical Society expense some signage telling the history of the bowl. Mayor suggested removing the names of the Borough officials and posting them inside the Borough Hall and placing history of the bowl at the kiosk.

Mr. Conley stated that earlier in the meeting a resolution was done to lower the TLAM bond and asked if given that the builder is suppose to rebuild Chestnut St. and with asphalt being expensive if the amount the bond was lower to was sufficient. Mayor stated that he has faith in those who reviewed it and would not sign off until all was finalized.

Mr. Conley thanked the past and present members of Council for having himself and Jeremy Selb responsible for the Fire Safety Dept.

Mayor stated that he appreciates the work that they did.

Mrs. Gage reported that she attended the Sun Rise Service at the Lake Park on Easter morning and it was very nice.



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Mrs. Gage announced that the Shade Tree Commission will celebrate Arbor Day on Thursday at the Stratton School and Friday at Walter Hill School.

Mayor thanked Mrs. Rohrman, Westrum Dev. and Pierson Construction and all involved in moving the bowl. Mr. Flaherty suggested having lunch for the workers, public works etc. to show our appreciation.

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

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

Mayor adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Dolores M. Connors  
Borough Clerk