



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 1, 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. Councilwoman Churchville was available by telephone and all other 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.

Mr. Dryden moved to approve the minutes of April 24, 2006, regular, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor reported that the Azzari Family was donating a tree to be placed outside the Borough Hall for former Mayor Dave Azzari. Mrs. Gage stated that it is a Japanese Lilac.

Mrs. Gage motioned to accept the donation in memory of former Mayor Dave Azzari and it will be planted outside the Borough Hall, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.

Andy Lovell, Logan EMS, submitted the 3/06 report and spoke about the Knox Box program and reported that the Swedesboro-Woolwich Business Assoc. donated \$1500 to purchase 10 residential boxes. Mr. Lovell stated that they would be forwarded to the newly formed Swedesboro-Woolwich senior citizen group and they will choose who the boxes would go to. Both the seniors and the Rotary have asked for a presentation and if anyone knows anyone who needs one of the Knox boxes to let them know.

Mr. Lovell informed Mayor and Council that the flat line heroin from Camden is also in Gloucester County and that they have treated 8 patients in the past 9 days.

Mr. Dryden asked who will retain ownership of the boxes. Mr. Lovell stated that the senior citizen will own the box.

Mr. Dryden stated that he spoke to Craig Borrie and he is trying to make this an Eagle Scout program.

Mayor asked if only Swedesboro/Woolwich senior citizens group will handle distribution of the 10 Knox boxes. Mr. Lovell stated yes.



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Dan Orbanus, thanked Mr. Lovell for attending the senior citizen meetings and checking everyone's blood pressure once a month.

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

Committee Reports

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Dryden stated that he spoke to Frank Casworth and the problem regarding the late payment is that it was only 3 days late and there was no problem.

Library – Mr. Flaherty reported that there will be a meeting with the Borough Engineer and Architect to finalize the plans for the library expansion.

Mr. Flaherty reported that the road construction is moving along and Auburn Ave. will be open by the end of this week.

Mayor stated that the storm drain that runs down Lake Ave. needs to be replaced.

Mrs. Gage asked about the sidewalk project for the streetscape. Diane Hale stated that Ashton up to Franklin on the Old Swedes Inn side will be done first and then the other side would be done. Mrs. Gage stated that the sidewalk on the other side of the Old Swedes Inn is really bad.

Police – Mr. Murray reported that there was a meeting that was attended by Chief Dupper, Mr. Flaherty and the local businesses. The discussion was asking for input to make Swedesboro more pedestrian friendly. Six or seven businesses attended and it was a good meeting. Topics that were discussed were the crosswalks, jaywalking, traffic speeds and truck traffic. Mr. Murray stated that there will be another meeting within a few months.

Mr. Murray reported that there will be a Swedesboro-Woolwich Day meeting on Thursday and that the Mayor is meeting tomorrow regarding finances.

Diane Hale stated that there will be a meeting with the Borough Engineer to finalize the plans for the streetscape so that it can be presented to the State and get the go ahead hopefully by the beginning of June.

Mr. Daley stated that the Historic Preservation Advisory Board is compiling a list of historic properties in town and each member takes a house and finding the history of the house.



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Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage stated that they will meet on Wednesday, 7:30 PM at the Stratton school and announced the upcoming events:

Movie Night 5/12
St. Judes Walk 5/20
Fun Day 6/10
Bus trip 5/13

Mrs. Gage stated that a Thank You note was received from Donna Parento regarding the Lake Park and how beautiful it is.

Mrs. Gage reminded all that the Memorial Day Program will be held on May 29 at 10:30 AM at the Woolwich Fire House.

Mayor reported that he met with Mr. Leech the Landlord Property Inspector and is making excellent progress and that residents are thanking him because the landlords are fixing up the rentals before Mr. Leech gets there and that Mr. Leech is identifying unsafe conditions. Mayor stated that he will set up a meeting with Mr. Leech, Mr. Orbanus, and the Board of Health.

Mr. Daley left the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Assessor to amend Blk.5, Lot 2)
Mr. Dryden moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote – Daley absent, all others yes.

Mr. Dryden moved to approve sick pay benefits to John Gangemi, 4/12/06, William Goodwin, ½ day 4/13/06, and Dominick Colavita, 4/19/06, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Clerk brought up the letter from Swedesboro-Woolwich Business Assoc. request to close Broad St. from Second – Third St. on 9/16/06.

Mr. Flaherty asked that the request be tabled until the next meeting. Mrs. Gage stated that they are only asking the street be closed between Second and Third. Mr. Flaherty stated that he has a few questions and that it is very close to hold two big events. Mrs. Gage asked that a decision be made ASAP so that it can be advertised. Mr. Dryden stated that it is not unreasonable to hold off. Mrs. Gage suggested that Joanna Gahrs attend our next meeting. Mayor stated that they will have a format of questions to be asked. Ms. Churchville asked that they should question what they are doing and does not want to vote on the request until we find out. Mayor stated that a representative from the Bus. Assoc. attend the 5/15/06 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS



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Mr. Dryden asked if the Shade Tree Commission looked at the tree on Mayhew Ave. Mrs. Gage stated that Mrs. Homan and Mr. Price were going to look at the tree.

Mr. Dryden asked Mr. Orbanus if he had a meeting with the Police and the other housing officials yet. Mr. Orbanus stated not yet.

Mr. Flaherty stated that Borough Engineer will get in touch with all residents in the streetscape area to make sure that there are no oil tanks or gas tanks out front of their residence.

Mr. Flaherty stated that he spoke to Mr. Conley regarding an inspection of the St. Joe's School and to have it done ASAP. Mr. Flaherty reported that there is a lot of bat dung on the top floor and that the issues need to be addressed due to health reasons for the children.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Gage asked if flowers could be planted outside the Borough Hall for the Memorial Day Program. Clerk to ask Public Works.

Mr. Dryden asked if the Road Closed sign was placed on Merkling St. to stop the through traffic. Mrs. Gage stated that it is a private road. Mrs. Kunkle stated that her neighbor was walking her child and a car sped down the street. She asked him to slow down and he took off and threw stones up. She took the tag number and called the police and they said they can't do anything.

Mr. Murray stated that he had an incident and told the Police that he wanted to press charges and action was taken. Mr. Flaherty to speak to the Borough Engineer to put a sign up.

Mr. Dryden asked to have former Mayor Dave Azzari's picture hung. Clerk stated that she has the picture and needs to get it framed.

Mayor thanked Bill Ross Jr., public works and the police for doing a great job during the funeral.

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

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Peter Patane, Franklin St. reminded Mayor and Council of the St. Alfio's Day celebration on Sunday and that they will be marching through the streets after mass and there will be food, a beer garden and fireworks.

Mayor asked who lines up the fireworks display and the cost.

Mr. Patane stated John Grasso and the cost is \$5000.

Mr. Dryden reported that he, Mayor, and Mrs. Gage attended the 100th Birthday Party for Mrs. Rieger and all went very well.

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

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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:52 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk