



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 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 Dryden and Daley were absent, Councilwoman Churchville available on telephone and 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 August 21, 2006, regular, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Audit 2005)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor to Sign Team. 676 Contract)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Approve Change Order – ThinkPavers)

Mrs. Gage asked for clarification of change order. Mayor explained.

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Emer. Resol. Rep. sewer main Kings Hwy.)

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AMENDING PLANNING/ZONING FEES AND ESCROWS

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

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

Ms. Churchville left at 7:12 PM.



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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joanna Gahrs, SWBA Vice Pres. stated that at the last meeting it was asked if the Borough intended to run the Christmas Parade which is held 11/25/06 the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Mayor stated that it was never discussed that the SWBA would not do it.

Lucille Stewart, Richardson Ave. complained about residents putting trash out on Sunday. Mayor stated that on Weatherby and Railroad there is a big pile of trash and he will have Mr. Murray get in touch with the police.

Mr. Murray stated that there are a lot of renters and they move out and clean out and put their trash out early. Mayor stated that he would like to see the ordinance enforced. Mrs. Gage stated that sometimes people who are moving will get in touch with the Police to let them know that they are putting it out early.

Ms. Stewart also asked if there was Clean Community money available for a clean up. Clerk to give Mr. Lusch her phone number.

Mayor asked that if any group is interested in doing a clean up to get in touch with Mr. Lusch there is money available.

Ms. Stewart asked about the handicap curb cut at Richardson and Auburn and was concerned that school is opening and the curb cut has not been done yet. Mayor stated that they have been trying to repair the Borough Hall and it will be done.

Pete Patane, Franklin St. announced the Italian Festival on 9/24/06.

Sam Casella, Vanneman Ave. expressed concern about the stop sign at Auburn and Kings Hwy. which is missing. Mr. Murray to look into.

Bob Kunkle, 515 Redrow stated that there were no recycling containers at Woolwich Family Fun Day and brought it up so that Council is aware of this. Mayor stated that he would have to ask Woolwich because they run that day.

Mr. Kunkle also asked when the paving would begin on Redrow Ave. Mr. Flaherty stated that there is no drawing as yet because they are waiting for Woolwich because they are doing some of the paving at the end of Redrow which is in Woolwich Twp.

Mr. Dryden arrived at 7:24 PM.



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Mr. Kunkle asks if the specs show the road to be the same width etc. Mr. Flaherty stated that when the specs are prepared a meeting will be set up so that residents can attend.

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

Committee Reports

Police – Mr. Murray reported that he needed a closed session to discuss personnel.

Mr. Murray reported that S/W Day is progressing that there are 50 sponsors, 40-50 handmade crafters, 40 entries for car & motorcycle show and 4 vendors for the food court. Mr. Murray stated that more food vendors are needed and that a shuttle bus will run that day.

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage reported that they will meet Wed. night at the Stratton School and will be going over the by-laws and scheduling for 2007.

Library – Mr. Flaherty reported that they will be meeting with Mr. Russo regarding the driveway by the Library and will work out the parking issues.

Mrs. Gage asked how the plans for expansion of the Library going and Mr. Flaherty stated that he has a set of plans from the architect if anyone would like to look at them and he will be going over them with the Borough Engineer.

Mayor reported that he will sign the Teamster contract on Thursday or Friday and it is a 3 year contract.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Flaherty reported that the roadwork will begin on 9/11/06 and they will start the paving process at the south end of town and it will take several days. Mr. Flaherty explained the bump out at Auburn & Kings Hwy. which will look nice and slow traffic down.

Joanna Gahrs expressed concern for the 1900 block of Kings Hwy. due to no curbing in the area and was told that curbing needed to be installed. Mayor stated that he was told that if there was no curbing then none would be put in.

Mrs. Gage brought up an ongoing problem regarding the drainage near 1850 Kings Hwy. where there is a new house being built and the drainage ditch was filled in and the pipe went from 22" to 16". Mrs. Gage stated that during the last storm water was in the road from one side to the other. Mayor stated that they are aware of the problem and that they will have to dig up the line and replace it with the proper size.



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Mr. Dryden moved to approve sick pay benefits for Angelina Michener for 8/25, 26, 27/06, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Mr. Dryden moved to accept the resignation with regret of George Davis who will be retiring from all positions with the Borough effective 10/31/06, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Gage asked Council to consider appropriating money to install a Frisbee Golf course at the Lake Park. Mrs. Gage explained that there are 2 people interested in doing the conceptual plan and maintaining the course. The approximate cost is \$18000.00 for 18 holes. Mrs. Gage felt that we need to utilize and put the focus back onto Lake Narraticon Park. Mayor asked what the Borough budget for Parks & Rec. was. Mrs. Gage stated \$6000 and Woolwich gives \$16000. Mayor asked if Parks & Rec. give any money to the Senior Citizen group. Mrs. Gage stated no.

Mrs. Gage informed Council that at their next meeting it will probably come up about Woolwich increasing their number of members due to them contributing more money than Swedesboro. Mayor stated that he doesn't want to see Swedesboro's number of members minimized and wants it to stay 50/50 members in this joint venture.

Mrs. Gage motioned to have now and in the future the Swedesboro-Woolwich Parks & Recreation Commission maintain the current 50/50 equal representation on the commission, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.

Mr. Flaherty reported that Lake Narraticon is muddy and that the Borough Engineer has checked it out and there is no run off from the new construction and the Engineer is looking into it further to see where it is coming from. Mrs. Gage stated that repairs are needed in the area by the pipe. Mayor stated that the dam is due for an inspection and the engineer is looking at the old pipe to see if soil erosion on the outside is the cause.

Mr. Dryden asked about the overhanging tree in a neighbors yard had been settled. Mrs. Gage stated that the Shade Tree Commission has no jurisdiction over a tree on private property. Mayor asked to have the Shade Tree Commission look into a half dead tree between 506-510 Park Ave.

Mrs. Gage thanked Mr. Orbanus for going over and beyond to correct a problem in the neighborhood.

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Sam Casella, Vanneman Ave. asked if environmental study was done for the new developments. Mayor stated yes but it only goes to their property line.

Lucille Stewart, Richardson Ave. complained about the trash collectors are taking the lids off the recycling cans and then throwing them in the street.

Mr. Dryden stated that bottles and cans go in the green containers and that we need a larger one for paper. The collector is looking to see if there is paper in the green can. Ms. Stewart stated that most people either put their paper in brown bags or tie them up. Mr. Dryden stated that he will call the collector.

Joanna Gahrs reminded Council of the 9/11 Service at the Trinity Sq. on Monday at 7:00 PM. Mayor asked that they make sure Chief Dupper knows.

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Closed Session)

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

Mayor adjourned to closed session at 8:12 PM.

After returning from closed session discussion followed regarding business signs on Kings Hwy.

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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:53 PM.

Dolores M. Connors,
Borough Clerk