



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2007

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 Gage was 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.

Ms. Churchville moved to approve the minutes of September 5, 2006 open and closed, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joseph Slusar-1850 Kings Highway complained about ongoing drainage ditch problems around the new home constructed by Pino. Mayor advised that the engineer is looking into the problem and that the builder was presented with three options. The mayor stated that a CO will not be issued for this property until they resolve this drainage problem.

Mr. Slusar also complained about his driveway being torn out during the construction and during the process they broke his water line. He called Chuck and the borough employees fixed the problem. Mr. Slusar stated that Pierson should have fixed this since it was them who broke it. Mr. Slusar is concerned about Pierson repairing the driveway and not doing the prep work. Mr. Slusar also stated that he is not satisfied with the curb. The mayor assured him that Pierson will be repairing his driveway.

Mr. Dryden asked him if he was happy with the boroughs response to the broken line and Mr. Slusar stated that he was.

Eddie Rohrman-Trinity Church

Eddie wanted to thank everyone for their support during the 911 service. She specifically thanked chuck for keeping the church informed during the construction. She also thanked the police and Fire Company, as well as the boy scouts. She stated that there were approximately 80 people in attendance.

Eddie also spoke on behalf of Diane Hale who sent Eddie a letter and asked her to read it at tonight's meeting. Eddie read the letter and emphasized that it was not her opinion or the



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opinion of Trinity Church . Diane states in the letter that this was a service to honor 911 and that a councilman spoke out of line.

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

Committee Reports

No committee reports were presented at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Murray stated that Swedesboro Day was progressing well. There are approximately 190 booths, 7 bands, and 3 local acts. He also stated that the fire company was going to put together a display.

Mr. Flaherty stated that he needs to get together with the assessor to see if the back road of the library is an access road.

A motion was made by Mr. Dryden to appoint Meghan Ettore as the new Deputy Municipal Court Administrator seconded by Mr. Daley. Vote all yes.

Mr. Dryden moved to approve sick pay benefits for Angelina Michener for 8/25/06, 8/26/06, and 8/27/06, William Goodwin ½ day 8/23 and full day on 8/24/06 and Kenneth Hunt 8/31/06, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dryden thanked Mr. Flaherty for all his work during the road construction.

The mayor asked for a motion to allow Thinkpavers to install pavers in the bump out. The mayor stated that this would give continuity and if not done would be just dirt. He stated that the cost would be between \$13,000 and \$14,000.00. Mr. Dryden asked if there would be a portion left open for the traffic light, so that when ready it would not have to be dug out. The mayor stated that a portion would be left open. Mr. Dryden motioned to allow Thinkpavers to pave the bump out, seconded by Mr. Murray. Role Call Vote Mrs. Gage absent, all others yes.

Don motioned to open the meeting up to the public, seconded by Mr. Daley.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jim Lovegrove-108 Franklin Street . Mr. Lovegrove asked how the paving was going to be paid for. The mayor stated that a bond ordinance was taken out initially and that



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money will have to be bonded for additional projects. The mayor stated that he will discuss this with the CFO.

Margo Bagby-27 Turner-Complaining about the sidewalks being too high.

Mayor explained that when the road is complete the sidewalks will be at the height they are supposed to be.

Ms. Bagby also complained about the uneven streets and the lack of signage. She was informed that there are signs out there that indicate the uneven roads. She also complained about overall poor signage during the construction work. The mayor stated that he has been in contact with the county and everything is being done to make this a smooth process. The mayor stated that letters were passed out to residents along Kings Highway informing them of the road openings/closings.

Mr. Dryden commented that when complete this will be an overall improvement to the town.

Mr. Dryden asked her to submit written complaints to borough hall.

Joseph Slusar-1850 Kings Highway-Said that signs need to be posted. The mayor stated that the signs will be replaced as soon as possible.

Edie Rohrman-Trinity Church-Asked when Glen Echo to Church is going to be closed. The mayor stated for tomorrow only weather permitting.

Mayor stated that tomorrow night all of Kings Highway should be reopened pending the weather.

Ms. Churchville motioned to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Ms. Churchville moved to pay all duly authorized bills, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

The mayor stated that he has been approached by Chief Hubbs of Deptford Police in regards to donating one of our vehicles that is going to be auctioned. The vehicle will be donated to a youth program run through the local fire company. The mayor stated that he will check into this with the CFO before proceeding.

Chief Dupper asked about the promotion of PTL. Hargraves Jr. Mr. Murray read the letter by Chief Dupper requesting that PTL. Hargraves Jr. be elevated to the rank of First Class Patrolman effective August 19, 2006. Mr. Murray motioned to elevate PTL Hargraves to the rank of First Class Patrolman, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.



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Ms Churchville motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:50.

Tanya Goodwin on behalf of Dolores Connors, Borough Clerk