



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 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. Councilman Dryden 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 9/18/06, regular, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Linda Stackhouse, 101 Franklin St., stated that she has a problem with the owner of 101 Franklin St. with him burning things and campfires. She stated that he is cutting down trees to burn for the last 2 years.

Mr. Dryden arrived at 7:03 PM.

Mrs. Stackhouse stated that her husband has lung disease and it bothers him and asked what they can do.

Ralph Verdieck, 107 Franklin St. reported that his fire pit is approx. 8"-10" across and that he brings home and burns pallets, trash and cardboard.

Mayor asked if he is using it for recreation. Mr. Verdieck stated sometimes and that he has a permit to burn that is good for a year. Clerk stated that the permits are issued from the Fire Safety Officials office.

Mayor stated that no one allows any open burning, and that a campfire is different but that he will look into it.

Lucille Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave. stated that she is glad to see the lot off of Second St. being cleared off.

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Closed Session)

Mr. Dryden moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Roll Call Vote- all yes.



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Mayor adjourned to closed session at 7:14 PM.

After returning from closed session, Mayor asked for Committee Reports.

Committee Reports

Library – Mr. Flaherty waiting for the contracts for the Library.

Police – Mr. Murray reported that he was contacted by the PBA to initiate contract negotiations.

Mr. Murray reported that Swedesboro/Woolwich Day was a phenomenal success and that all had a good time with very few complaints. He stated that the food court was great and was very happy with it all.

Mrs. Gage stated that many parents commented about the Kids Zone and thought it was great.

Mr. Murray commended Helen Fromm for all her help and especially with the Interact kids.

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage announced that the Parks & Recreation meeting will be on Wed. 10/4/06 at 7:00 PM instead of 7:30 PM.

Mrs. Gage stated that there will be a Halloween Fun Day on 10/14/06 at Stechers and that there may be a Halloween parade in conjunction with the Moms Club.

Mrs. Gage reminded all about the NYC Theater Bus Trip on 11/11/06.

Mrs. Gage reported that they will discuss the Frisbee Golf Course at the next Parks & Recreation meeting.

Mayor announced that he will appoint Corp. Stanley Kemp to the position of Lieutenant for the Swedesboro Police Dept.

Mr. Dryden moved to approve the Mayors appointment of Corp. Stanley Kemp to the position of Lieutenant effective 10/2/06, seconded by Mr. Daley. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

Mayor swore in Stanley Kemp as Lieutenant.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor to sign agreement with GC Lib. Commission)



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Mr. Daley moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Roll Call Vote – Dryden no, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution; (Munic. Alliance Grant)

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

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

Mr. Daley moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 10/16/06, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Roll Call Vote – all yes.

Clerk read the following ordinance: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 35 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO ENTITLED POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Murray. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

Mr. Daley moved to approve sick pay benefits for John Gangemi, 9/11/06, and Michael Sparks, 9/12/06, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dryden stated that although he was not in favor of the Borough taking over Swedesboro Day, he appreciated all the hard work and it was a great day.

Mr. Daley thanked the Mayor for being in the dunk tank and that \$916.00 was raised for the Senior Citizen Club.

Mayor stated that the Public Works employees did a great job at Swedesboro/Woolwich Day and also Swedesboro Police Dept. and also the Woolwich Public Works and Police Dept.

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

George Weeks, Helms Ave. stated that the street looks great but that most people do not know that they are to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks and asked if signs could be posted.



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Mayor stated that the signs will go up again and they will be slowing traffic through town.

Helen Fromm, Weatherby Ave. stated that the Public Works men did a great job on Kings Hwy. and asked who was responsible to clean up the other areas from Swedesboro Day.

Mrs. Gage suggested a group which could be paid through the Clean Community Grant. Mayor stated that he will get in touch with Frank Lusch.

Mr. Weeks asked when the front door will be replaced. Mayor stated that they are working on it.

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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk