



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting  
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
October 16, 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. 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.

Mrs. Gage moved to approve the minutes of 10/2/06, regular, seconded by Mr. Daley. Vote all yes.

Mayor swore in Officer Kemp to the position of Lieutenant of the Swedesboro Police Dept. with friends and family in attendance.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mike Cameli, 110 Franklin St. stated that he was here to discuss his burn permit. He stated that he has had one for 4-5 years and it is an open permit. He said that he has not had trouble until lately and that it is not used often and he uses it to get rid of brush and cuttings. Mr. Cameli stated that he knows that his neighbor has a lung problem and has made every effort to not bother him. Mr. Cameli stated that he never burned trash and uses cardboard to start the fire. Mayor asked him if he only burns items from his house and Mr. Cameli stated pretty much but sometimes burns pallets from work. Mayor stated that he is not allowed to burn pallets and is looking into the rules regarding open burning. Mayor stated that if it affects someone's quality of life it is something that has to be looked into. Mr. Flaherty stated that our Fire Marshall is now the County and he does not know if they will issue a yearly permit and that the County will make the decision. Mr. Cameli stated that regarding bothering people and quality of life, the person who has complained is the one who lives the greatest distance from his house. Mayor stated that there have been others who have complained and just to let us look into it. Mr. Cameli stated that he just wanted to make his statement.

Andy Lovell, Logan EMS submitted the monthly reports from June, 2006 and also copies of letters received. Mr. Lovell reported that the new ambulance funded by Woolwich will be in service in November and the oldest ambulance will be retired and will set up a meeting with both towns regarding this.



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Lucille Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave., announced that there will be a Family Game Night on 10/27/06 at the Richardson Ave. School and that all were invited.

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

Committee Reports

Mayor reported that George Davis, Construction Official was retiring as of 10/31/06 and Joe Conboy, Electrical Sub Code Off. had resigned as of 10/26/06 and that he had reached out to Woolwich Twp. to enter into an interlocal agreement to take over all the sub code officials positions and also the Planning & Zoning Officer position. Mayor stated that Woolwich will take over everything and the Borough would get a percentage of the permits. It would be a 4 year agreement and the Borough can get out of the agreement with 60 days notice. DCA requires that inspections be done within 72 hours and with the new construction in the Borough we can't do it with part time positions. Mayor asked Council to move forward with the preparation of the interlocal agreement and Woolwich will cover us from when Mr. Davis and Mr. Conboy leave until the agreement is finalized.

Mrs. Gage asked how available will they be for residents to get permits if the operation is moved to Woolwich. Mayor stated that it is just down the road and the residents will actually save money since Woolwich permits cost less than Swedesboro's. Mr. Flaherty stated that all permits will be issued and inspected faster than before. Mrs. Gage asked if it was considered to hire someone part time to be in the office a few hours every day.

Mr. Daley motioned to move forward on the non-binding interlocal agreement with Woolwich, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote- Gage, no, all others yes.

Mrs. Gage stated that she voted no due to the fact that this had not been discussed previously and that this is the first she has heard that we would join with Woolwich and feels that more discussion is needed.

Streets & Roads – Mr. Flaherty reported that Redrow Ave. overlay is out for bid and bids will be received on 10/26/06.

Mr. Daley left at 7:38 PM.

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage announced that Halloween Fun Day at Stechers had 250 children attending and it was a great success.

Shade Tree – Mrs. Gage stated that she will have a report on the Grant at the next meeting.



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Mayor stated that he met with Mrs. Homan, Mr. Price and the contractor who will plant trees by the railroad tracks and parking lot by the pallet company and asked the Borough to help out with dirt and stone. This project is paid through the grant. Mayor stated that Eric Voight got approval from Conrail for the project.

Economic Development – Mr. Murray reported that a Ribbon Cutting is being planned for the Streetscape Project Phase I.

Mr. Murray stated that the finishing touches are being done on the video and that Kphat got a request from the SWBA for a copy of the video. Mr. Murray to call Mr. Di Franco regarding that.

Mr. Murray stated that Economic Development is looking into making some zoning changes on Kings Hwy.

Mr. Murray reported that the Swedesboro/Woolwich Day Committee will hold a wrap up meeting and they are also working on their by-laws and 9/29/07 will be the next S/W Day.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Kemp to Lt.)

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

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: 2006 SALARY ORDINANCE, AN ORDINANCE 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.

Sam Casella, 224 Vanneman asked if Council would not approve this ordinance what would happen to the contract. Mayor stated that the contract has already been approved. Mr. Casella asked if the salary change had been included in the budget. Mayor stated yes and that actually they had budgeted ½ % more that what the total came to.

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

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTEDING AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 35 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO ENTITLED POLICE DEPARTMENT

No one spoke for or against the ordinance.



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

Mrs. Gage motioned to go to bid for Sludge Removal for a 5 year contract, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

Clerk went over request from resident to shut off water from one unit of a two unit property. Mr. Flaherty stated that he feels that if a resident has a rental unit and it is vacant that they should either make it a single family unit or continue to pay for the water and sewer for that unit. Mayor suggested that they table the request and look into it.

Clerk went over the letter from J & J Staffing to use the Council Chambers on 10/23/06. After discussion, Mayor and Council decided to refuse the request due to insurance liability and setting a precedent.

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve sick pay benefits for John Gangemi, 10/2/06, and Mike Sparks, 10/4,5/06, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Gage reported that at the last Parks & Rec. meeting Woolwich would like to change the number of members from 14 which is a 7/7 split to 9 with a 6-Woolwich and 3-Swedesboro split. Mrs. Gage stated that she understands that the Borough budgets \$3500 while Woolwich budgets \$20,000 but that at the last meeting Swedesboro did a motion not to lower the number of their representatives. Mrs. Gage stated that she wanted to give everyone a heads up and that this is the direction they are going. Mr. Murray asked if there are any options. Mr. Flaherty stated that most of the funding goes to Locke Ave. Park instead of Lake Narraticon and if the numbers are lowered we will have no leverage to do anything. Mrs. Gage stated that they want members who do help and do things and that they have 1-2 activities scheduled every month. Mr. Murray stated that he is more concerned that the Borough having no representation on the school board.

Mayor stated that it simplifies everything to pay our share based on the number of children in school and they are using something that was financial fairness into something else and asked if it is just a few people urging this. Mr. Patane stated that it was brought up to have a 5-4 ratio and Woolwich would not vote on that. Mayor stated that we need to find out Mayor Chila's feelings. Mrs. Gage stated that according to Ted Ott the Twp. Committee wants it 7-2.

Mrs. Gage also stated that the new High Hill Park and PNC Park is being done by Woolwich Twp. and Parks & Recreation has nothing to do with that. Mayor stated that they will have to have a discussion with Woolwich.



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Mayor went over the approved Public Works Contract and outlined the differences between the old and new contract.

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

George Weeks, 111 Helms, asked where they can review the ordinances that are having a public hearing. Mayor stated that they are advertised in the Times and also can be seen in the Borough Clerks office.

Mrs. Gage motioned to pay all duly authorized bills, seconded by Mr. Murray. 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, Dryden absent, all others yes.

Mayor adjourned to closed session at 8:27 PM.

After returning from closed session, Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the closed session meeting minutes of 10/2/06, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

Ms. Churchville moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM.

Dolores M. Connors  
Borough Clerk