



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 6, 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, Churchville were absent, all others present.

A moment of silent pray was followed by the flag salute.

Mayor advised that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law.

Mr. Daley moved to approve the minutes of 10/16/06, regular & closed, 10/20/06, special and 10/28/06, special, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one from the public spoke.

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

Committee Reports

Streets & Roads - Mr. Flaherty reported that Redrow Ave. has been marked out and the road should be completely overlaid by the end of the month.

Mayor stated that there will be a preconstruction meeting on 11/9/06.

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage reported the following events

- Halloween Fun Day – 241 children attended
- Locke Ave. Day – 100 children attended
- NYC Bus Trip – sold out
- Christmas Parade – pictures will be taken with Santa.
- Movie Night – 12/1/06
- Locke Ave. Tree Lighting – 12/2/06
- Bowling Party – 12/27/06

Shade Tree – Mrs. Gage reported that the 2006 budget will allow all projects planned to be completed and the 5 year management plan has been revised and sent to the State.

Mr. Dryden arrived at 7:06 PM.



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Comments were then made regarding political correspondence that went to the residents which the Clerk informed Mayor and Council that they could not discuss that at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Clerk read the following resolution: (Cancel Ct. Cks. Gen. Acct.)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Cancel Ct. Cks. Bail Acct.)

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

Clerk went over letter from TLAM regarding their receiving their tax bills late due to a problem with the zip code and the interest that they paid. After discussion, Mr. Dryden motioned to waive the interest if the amount was under \$250.00 and if the interest was more than \$250.00 it will be discussed further, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

Mr. Murray moved to approve sick pay benefits for Dominick Colavita, 10/13/06 and Carl Bagby for ½ day on 10/19/06, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

Clerk brought up the request that was tabled from a previous meeting regarding the shut off of one unit of W & S. Mr. Flaherty stated again that he felt that they should pay for the water and sewer whether the unit is rented or not. Clerk stated that at the next meeting there will be a resolution of previously approved cancellations. Mr. Flaherty stated that from now on they should have to pay or make the residence back to a single family dwelling. Mayor stated that he agrees with Mr. Flaherty. Mr. Flaherty stated that we have to stop this practice and that it is not fair to the other residents. Clerk suggested amending the ordinance to state that there will be no cancellations of unit billing due to vacancies of a property. Mayor asked that the Borough Solicitor be contacted regarding this.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Daley announced that there will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Swedesboro Sidewalk Project on 11/22/06 at 7 PM in front of the Old Swedes Inn. Invites will be sent out.

Mayor reported that one of the new lights globe was vandalized in front of Bottos and asked that if anyone sees anything to report it to the Police.

Mrs. Gage asked if the Christmas Lights will be put up. Mayor said that last year he wanted to find another way to have the lights installed and removed to try to cut the cost.



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Mayor stated that he hopes the lights can be put up and will check with Chuck to try to figure it out.

Mrs. Gage stated that Leaf Pick Up will end on 12/21/06.

Mrs. Gage commended the Police for the Crosswalk Program which stopped vehicles for not stopping to allow pedestrians to cross the street.

Mrs. Gage stated that when the special officers were appointed Alfred Worrell was not included. Mrs. Gage pointed out that the other Special Officers work full time jobs and that Mr. Worrell is the most accessible to fill in immediately if the occasion arises and felt that it would be a good idea to appoint him on an as need basis.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

George Weeks, 111 Helms Ave. stated that he worked in the Adirondacks and residents could disconnect their phones on the off season but still had to pay a minimum fee to keep the line available.

Mr. Flaherty stated that tax payers do not pay for telephones.

Lucille Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave. informed Mayor and Council that former Councilman Henry Payne was back in the hospital.

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Closed Session)

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

Mayor adjourned to closed session at 7:44 PM.

After returning from closed session, Mayor Chila stated that Woolwich Twp. signed off on the Redrow Ave. overlay and also the Construction Code Office.

Mayor Chila stated that a rumor was heard that Woolwich would take over the Swedesboro Police Dept. Mayor Chila stated that he felt that it made sense if services are improved and money is saved, but not now and that there has been no discussions.

Mayor asked Mayor Chila to pass on his thanks to Woolwich Construction Code Officer, Jim Sabetta for picking up the Swedesboro Construction Code Office on short notice and



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that the developers are really happy. Mayor Chila stated that Woolwich fees are lower and the Swedesboro residents will save money.

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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk