



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 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.

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the minutes of 11/6/06, regular and closed, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Clifford Dunlap, 175 Franklin St., complained about receiving a delinquent notice for his water and sewer bill that was due in March and when he came into the office, found that he did not owe this amount. Mr. Dunlap stated that the office informed him that they were switching computer programs and the notice was sent in error and he was upset that no apology was given. Mr. Dunlap stated that he has had other problems and has called the office and the office staff does not seem to care.

Mayor explained that a new computer system was being installed and that it is a mammoth project and apologized for him receiving the notice. Mayor stated that if he has any problems, he can call him.

Lucille Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave. asked when the leaves would be picked up this week. Mayor stated Wednesday and that one truck is limping along and the other truck is down and that they will try to keep to the schedule, weather and equipment permitting.

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

Committee Reports

Streets & Roads – Mr. Flaherty reported that Redrow Ave. overlay is beginning.

Library – Mr. Flaherty stated that Marge met with the architect and the project is moving along.



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Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage reported that a sub-committee met to discuss the by laws and goals.

Shade Tree – Mrs. Gage stated that Mrs. Homan has requested that no money from her OE be transferred because she has projects scheduled through the end of the year and it will all be used. Clerk stated that she inform the CFO that. Mrs. Gage reported that they will be buying a water tank so that all the trees can be watered.

Mayor thanked Ryan Homes for the top soil that they donated.

Mayor stated that the owner of Needles and Pins has requested to replace the tree in front of their store and transplant the one that is there now.

Jason Heller, Logan EMS gave his monthly report and reported that under the 9-1-1 for Kids they trained 225 kindergarten students.

Mr. Heller stated that they have been approved as a Safe Sitter training site and 7 Logan EMS staff members have completed the national Safe Sitter instructor Workshop. The first class was held on 10/29/06 and was a great success and more programs are planned for 2007. Mr. Heller recognized Elaine Zeck, owner of Watch Me Learn Preschool for allowing them the use of her facility to run the Safe Sitter training.

Mr. Heller reported that 5 staff members are working towards their American heart Assoc. CPR/AED Instructor certifications.

Mayor thanked him and Andy Lovell for aiding a resident who had a problem with a bill and the resident was impressed with the response time.

Mrs. Gage asked if they have CPR classes. Mr. Heller stated yes and for her to call the station.

BID OPENING

Clerk asked for any bids for the Removal of Sludge:

Clerk opened two bids for Sludge Removal with the following results:

Veolia Environmental Services P.O. Box 5564 Deptford, NJ 08096	\$0.122 per gallon
Russell Reid Co. P. O. Box 130 Keasbey, NJ 08832	\$0.1287 per gallon



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Mr. Daley moved to accept the bids and send them to the Borough Solicitor for review, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

Committee Reports cont.

Economic Dev. – Mr. Murray announced that the official ribbon cutting ceremony will be held and all of Council is invited. Also invited were all the business on Kings Hwy. who were affected by the construction.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Gage stated that she is glad to see the Christmas Lights up. Mr. Flaherty stated that one of the men who help hang the lights has been doing this for 50 years.

Mr. Murray reported that the PBA is putting together a wish list for the Police Contract and that negotiations will begin shortly,

Mayor stated that Economic Development will be placing lighted wreaths on each new light on Kings Hwy.

Mayor stated that in regards to the Tree Grant on Third St., the Borough will supply the dirt and the contractor the stone and we are still waiting to hear from Conrail.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor to sign agreement. w/Woolwich for Const. Dept.)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Tax Refund)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (W & S Balances)

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

Clerk read 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.

Mr. Murray moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 12/4/06, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote – Dryden absent, all others yes.



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NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Flaherty reported that he enjoyed the League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City and that all should try to attend. Mr. Flaherty distributed information on speed flashing signs, trash and recycling cans and also town decorations.

Mayor reported that the Developers Agreement is almost finalized for Westrum and that he met with the State and County at the Produce Auction.

Mayor stated that our Tax Collector has resigned as of today and he has cleared with the DCA his plan to have Bonnie Coleman stay as Dep. Tax Collector for administration duties and name Joanne Mitcho and Tanya Goodwin as Dep. Tax Collectors and that Mrs. Coleman will be here for the tax sale on 12/11/06. Mayor explained further that Joanne Mitcho is taking the Tax Collectors courses and may be certified by the 1st qt. of 2007 and that he will advertise for a Certified Tax Collector.

Mr. Flaherty moved to assign Bonnie Coleman as Dep. Tax Collector for administration duties and Tanya Goodwin and Joanne Mitcho as Dep. Tax Collectors, seconded by Mr. Daley. Vote all yes.

Mayor reported that the Borough will receive \$103,000 for the reconstruction and resurfacing of Poplar St.

Mrs. Gage reported that she attended the Swedesboro-Woolwich School Bd. Key Communication meeting at the Stratton School and that they will have a ground breaking for the new school in January, 2007.

Mayor stated that the attorney for DelMonte who owns property on Church St. would like the Borough to vacate part of the street, which is the entrance to the property, so that it will become part of the DelMonte property. It seems that they are trying to obtain a No Further Action declaration from the DCA but they also state in the letter that there are small lead deposits on the property. Mayor stated that he feels suspicious of the request and will look into it further.

Mrs. Gage moved to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one spoke.



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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Closed Session)

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting to closed session at 7:47 Pm.

After returning from closed session, Clerk read the following ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 118 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO TNEITLED "THE SWEDESBORO BOROUGH ZONING ORDINANCE" TO CREATE A NEW R3 MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO DESIGNATE AND DELINEATE THE AREA(S) WITHIN THE BOROUGH TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN SAID R3 DISTRICT, AND ESTABLISHING DISTRICT REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

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

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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:01 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk