



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting  
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
January 2, 2007

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**APPROVED MINUTES**

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A regular meeting of Borough Council was held on the above date in Council Chambers with the Honorable Thomas W. Fromm presiding. All Councilmen were present and Councilman Flaherty was available by telephone.

Mrs. Gage moved to approve the minutes of December 18, 2006, regular, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Casella abstain, all others yes.

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

Mayor welcomed Mr. Casella to council and stated that he was hoping to say that he is looking forward for all to work together in a bi-partisan way for the good of the town but that it was just demonstrated that it will be a problem. Mayor stated that he is sorry to see that. Mayor stated that there was only one proposal for each of the categories requested and there were no other choices. The people that have been in place have great experience in town and that by voting no there was not other thought process given other than it was proposed by us.

Mr. Casella stated that he would not vote for someone that he does not know. Mr. Dryden stated that he was never consulted about anything and there was no discussion of who was to be appointed where and that is characterized by almost all of this that has come before Council. Mr. Dryden stated that they do not get the opportunity to discuss it so he doesn't feel like he is doing his job.

Mayor stated that the resumes came in and all had a chance to review them and no one did.

Mr. Dryden stated that he hopes that from this point on that they will use all the talents of Council members and not expect all documents to be rubbers stamped that are put before them.

Mrs. Gage stated that she does not come in and ruffle through papers that aren't earmarked for Council to look at. She stated that she did not receive an email that the resumes were here for review. Mrs. Gage stated that she is not saying that she doesn't trust your vote but would like to have some input.

Mayor stated that they are all aware of the Fair and Open Process and specific dates of when they would be received. They came in and no one looked at them. Mrs. Gage stated that she was not aware that they had been received. Mr. Dryden asked that from this point on to include all members of Council.



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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bob Kunkle, 515 Redrow Ave. reported that the roadwork has been completed and that a stop sign was placed on Lakeview Dr. Mr. Kunkle stated that the contractor came back and did a cut in but left a pile of concrete. Mayor told him to call public works so that they can call Pierson.

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Lacovara-Judge 2007-2009)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Scheduling meetings)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Mail Not. Of Mtgs.)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Cash Mgmt.)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor to execute agreement lawsuit of Valley View)

Mrs. Gage asked if they could have a copy of the settlement. Mayor stated that it is at least 37 pages long and briefly went over the agreement. Clerk stated that this was approved by a motion at the last meeting and that the resolution was memorializing the action taken then.

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

Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AMENDING ORDINANCE O-2005-16 (DEVELOPMENT FEE ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO)



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Ms. Churchville moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 1/16/07, seconded by Mr. Murray. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

Committee Reports

Police – Mr. Murray reported that police contract negotiations have begun and that Chief Dupper is putting together an analysis of calls and vehicles.

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage stated that they will meet Wed. night at 7:00 PM at the Stratton School.

Mrs. Gage moved to approve sick pay benefits for Carl Bagby, 12/8/06, ½ day, and Alfred Worrell, 12/20/06, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

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

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

No one spoke.

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

Mayor thanked Bill Fredericks, who installed the Christmas lights, for replacing bulbs that were out.

Mayor also thanked the public works for their help in laying the sod on the bump out on Kings Hwy. and also fixing the sink hole on Park Ave.

Mr. Casella thanked the residents of Swedesboro for allowing him to service them and for their support.

Mrs. Gage moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM.

Dolores M. Connors,  
Borough Clerk