



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2007

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 Murray was absent, all others present.

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the minutes of January 2, 2007, reorganization and regular, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joe Ward, Logan EMS, distributed the report of 12/06. Mr. Ward reported that the new ambulance was going into service tomorrow.

Diane Hale, 506 Park Ave. asked Mr. Dryden if the Borough was getting new recycling cans. Mr. Dryden stated that they would be in addition to the ones the residents already have and this would be for paper. Mr. Dryden stated that when the residents were given the recycling cans our recycling figures increased but they are not recycling a lot of paper and hopes that if we get the containers for paper that to will increase.

Mrs. Hale asked if our Collector was set up with the voucher plan. Mr. Dryden stated no and that he was not in favor of that method because any money that is saved over a certain percentage that is split 50/50. Mr. Dryden stated that other methods are not as easy to sell like the Pay to Throw. Mayor stated that he went to a presentation for the Recycle Bank and the system works and is accepted. Mayor stated that they will come and talk to us about the program.

Mr. Murray arrived at 7:14 PM.

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

Committee Reports

Mayor asked Council to submit their Committee Reports on the Friday before the meeting so that they can be copied and placed in everyone's folder.

Garbage & Trash – Mr. Dryden went over the trash and recycling report for 12/06.



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Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage reported that 100 adults and children attended the Bowling Party at the end of December. She also stated that there would be a Sleeping Bag Movie on 1/19/07, Bowling Party on 2/10/07 and a Phantoms Game on 3/25/07.

Mrs. Gage stated that there will be a new list of members for Parks & Rec. Mayor stated that he had a conversation with Mr. Otten and Mayor Chila and as opposed as he was for the change in the number of representatives from Swedesboro, they did have a good argument that more from Woolwich attend the meetings and want to be involved and the total membership went from 14 to 9 members and they are trying to get the ratio the same as the school ratio. Mrs. Gage stated that she hopes that they will agree to do the Golf Disc for Lake Narraticon Park. Mr. Casella asked if the activities were only open to Swedesboro or Woolwich residents. Mrs. Gage it is only open to Swedesboro and Woolwich residents. Mr. Casella suggested maybe renting the whole Bowling Alley for this activity since so many attend.

Mr. Murray stated that Woolwich recently rezoned the PNC property and asked what the chances were to having sidewalks on Locke Ave. so that Swedesboro residents could walk there safely. Mrs. Gage stated that she will inquire. Mr. Dryden agreed with Mr. Murray about the lack of sidewalks. Discussion followed. Mayor stated that there are grants out there and someone should look into it.

Shade Tree – Mrs. Gage asked if all okay with the grant money to be received. Mayor stated that we don't have the grant yet and that we will pay it up front this time and then send for the reimbursement.

Board of Health – Mr. Casella reported that the Board of Health met and reorganized but that the members had a concern as to who are still on the Board and that if anyone would like to be a member to get in touch with Steve Spithaler the Chairman.

Police – Mr. Murray reported that he and Mr. Flaherty met with Chief Dupper who submitted the stats for the last 3 years and also a list of vehicles and it is being analyzed. Mr. Murray asked Clerk if we had received the check for the Police car. Clerk stated that the paper work had been signed and we are awaiting the check. Mayor asked what the hold up was on replacing the vehicle and that it had been over 3 months and have not asked for a vehicle. Mr. Dryden asked Mr. Murray if the Police can do a cross walk enforcement again. Mr. Murray stated that since they are short on personnel some things go by the wayside and that it does need to be done more frequently. Mayor stated that lets just enforce what we have and if people don't stop then we give them a ticket. Mr. Casella asked to have a car sitting on Franklin and Kings Hwy. due to speeders. Mr. Flaherty stated that very few are qualified to operate the radar machine and that the Chief needs to get a class schedule for them to get certified and that Lt. Kemp is pushing for this. Chief Dupper stated that the computers in the cars are not worth having because it is easier to have the County look up information when needed. Mayor stated that he has



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had this discussion before and he is wrong. Mayor stated that we need to have a class schedule and get everyone certified or sell the equipment if it is not being used.

Mr. Murray reported that the Chief has some minor changes to the Rules and Regulations and they will be reviewed with the Borough Solicitor and the Chief is working on the Standard Operating Procedure manual. Mayor stated that we have to have the SOP and we can't operate without it.

Mayor went over some of the changes that Licensed Operate Mike D. has implemented in just the last two weeks. Lower prices for the water meters and readers, lower prices for chemicals, saving gallons of water each day by changing sequence of filters, Chuck Simmerman will be grandfathered in to be the Public Works Mgr., will have men trained to do the backwash and we will see a huge difference in our costs.

Mayor asked Mike D. to get in touch with other municipalities to get a list of equipment that they have to see if we can all share the equipment when needed. Mayor also stated that they are negotiating the lease for the water tower with Verizon and any money we receive will go into a separate account to be used for maintenance on the water tower. Mayor stated that the Public Works employees are very excited that things are getting done.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Gage asked if Bill Teter is still the Recycling Coor. Mayor stated that the position is open right now and is looking for someone to take his place. Mrs. Gage stated that she read in the paper that the Borough gave the Fire Co. for the rescue truck and asked if we had done a resolution approving that. Mayor stated that it was an appropriation in the budget last year.

Mr. Flaherty reported that the concrete on Redrow was picked up. He had a meeting with Marge and the architect regarding the library expansion.

Mr. Murray reported that Fire Safety Insp., Ed Johnson found that the churches in town had not previously been inspected and that they are being done now.

Mayor stated that the County will fix the water problem on Franklin and that Pierson was in town to fix the manholes that were incorrect.

Public Hearing

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH



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OF SWEDESBORO AMENDING ORDINANCE O-2005-16 (DEVELOPMENT FEE
ORDINACNE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO)

No one spoke for or against the ordinance.

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

Clerk read the following ordinance: PERSONNEL PRACTICES ORDINANCE

Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 2/5/07,
seconded by Mr. Murray.

Mr. Casella stated that he felt Section 3 should be with consent of Council. Mayor stated
that in essence the Mayor is the CEO of the Borough and someone has to be responsible
and that is the Mayor. Mr. Casella stated that he felt it should be more than one person.
Mr. Dryden stated that he felt it was best to have one person running things and it would
be the Mayor. Mayor stated that this is a standard Personnel Manuel and a person has to
be responsible and it is not giving power but giving responsibility. Mayor stated that he
highly recommends leaving it as it is and move on. Ms. Churchville explained the
procedures that she has to follow at her job. Mayor explained that it is saying that as a
group we will adopt these procedures and policies and that there has to be someone who
is responsible and accountable. Mr. Casella stated that he felt that it should be as a group
and not just one person.

Roll Call Vote- Gage, Casella, no, all others yes.

Clerk read the following ordinance: INDEMNIFICATION ORDINACE

Mrs. Gage moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 2/5/07,
seconded by Mr. Dryden. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

Clerk read the following ordinance: 2007 SALARY ORDINANCE, AN ORDINACNE
TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "SALARY ORDINACNE 1976
BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO" WHICH WAS ADOPTED AT A REGULAR
MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL ON MARCH 15, 1976.

Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 2/5/07,
seconded by Mr. Dryden. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Emerg. Mgmt. Coord. & Dep.)

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



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Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Risk Mgmt. Consul)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Fund Comm. And Alt. for JIF)

Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Roll Call Vote – all yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Des. Agent for NJPDES Permit Renewal)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Temp. Bud. Cur. Fd)

Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Roll Call Vote – all yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Temp. Bud. W & S)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Temp. Bud. Gar. & Trash)

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

Mr. Dryden moved to approve sick pay benefits for Alfred Worrell, 1/1/07, Mike Sparks, 12/20/06, John Gangemi, 1/4, 5/07, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

Mayor stated that in the code book it states that with the exception of the Borough Clerk and her Deputy, in order for any employee to receive benefits they must work a 40 hour week. Mayor asked if the Police clerk received vacation and sick days and how many hours the Police clerk worked. Clerk stated that yes he does get vacation and sick time and that he is scheduled to work 30 hours per week but that he puts in more hours than that. Mayor also stated that he does not feel that the Police Chief should be paid overtime and that he gets a lot of overtime. Mayor went over the old Personnel Policy and pointed out discrepancies as to what is stated and what has been followed. Mayor to look into the overtime hours and regular hours of some of the employees. Mayor stated that he wants everyone to have the same benefits.

Mr. Flaherty stated that some departments are doing their time cards electronically and some are done manually and they all need to be done the same way which is electronically.

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



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Diane Hale, Park Ave. reported that 3 benches, 4 trash cans and a bike rack have been installed as part of the Streetscape project. Ms. Hale stated that the Borough Engineer has the plans for Phase II and the Historic Pres. Com. will determine the next area to do.

Ms. Hale stated that the next Economic Dev . meeting will be Thurs. 1/25/07 and they will decide on a fundraiser and apply for grants.

Ms. Hale stated that she is setting up a meeting with the new owner of DelMonte which the property will be used as a furniture warehouse. She also stated that Rosario Liccardello has ideas for his property on Guest Ave.

Toni Beltz, Kings Hwy. reminded Council that Village Viking is leaving and that will leave a huge hole on the main street.

Ms. Churchville moved to pay all duly authorized bills, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:28 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk