



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 5, 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 Flaherty and Dryden were 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.

Ms. Churchville moved to approve the minutes of 1/16/07, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bill Ross Jr., Pres. of Woolwich Fire Co. and Brian Slusar, Fire Chief of Woolwich Fire Co. submitted the 2006 Fire report. Mr. Slusar stated that he wants the Fire Co. and the Borough to have an open door policy. Mayor stated that he did not have any problem previously with communication with the Fire Co. Mrs. Gage stated that it was nice to get this report.

Dan Orbanus, Property Maintenance Officer stated that if he gets complaints about a property he will check it out but that he has heard that there are some properties that the Fire Co. will not let their men go into due to the condition of the property. Mr. Orbanus asked for a list of the properties that are very unsafe. Mr. Slusar stated that last summer at 124 Broad St. the property was very unsafe and that he has to protect his men. Mayor stated that we need to improve our communication and to share any information. Mayor stated that he has found out that the Construction Office can inspect and condemn if necessary.

Mr. Slusar asked if street signs can be erected in the new developments. Clerk to call developer.

Elaine Edwards, Auburn Ave. thanked everyone who supported the Martin Luther King program on 1/15/07 and announced that there will be a Black History Month Program at the Trinity Church on 2/25/07 at 3 PM.

Lucile Stewart, Richardson Ave. wanted to know if the tenants of the rental properties are being told when trash is to go out. Mayor stated that he assumes that the landlords would



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tell them. Mayor suggested a bulk mailing to notify all residents. Ms. Stewart stated that it does not look nice to have the trash out early.

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

Mayor got Mr. Flaherty on the phone.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: PERSONNEL PRACTICES ORDINANCE, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PRECEDURES TO ADOPT PERSONNEL PRACTICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF SWEDESBORO TO IMPLEMENT SAID PRACTICES WITH ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, AND INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO.

Mayor explained the ordinance and stated that it is part of the requirements for our JIF insurance.

Karen Murray, Weatherby Ave. asked what JIF stands for. Mayor stated that it stands for Joint Insurance Fund.

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

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: INDEMNIFICATION ORDINANCE, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO TO PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL AND INDEMNIFICATION FOR OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTEES OF THE BOROUGH IN CERTAIN ACTIONS BROUGHT AGAINST SAID OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTEES.

No one spoke for or against the ordinance.

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

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: 2007 SALARY ORDINANCE, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED ‘SALARY ORDINANCE L976 BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO’ WHICH WAS ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL ON MARCH 15, 1976.

No one spoke for or against the ordinance.



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

Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AMENDING ORDINANCE ENTITLED "RENTAL PROPERTY"

Mrs. Gage moved to adopt the resolution with a public hearing to be held on 2/20/07, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Roll Call Vote – Dryden absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO TO RELEASE, VACATE, AND EXTINGUISH ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AND TO A PORTION OF CHURCH STREET.

Mr. Murray moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 2/20/07, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Roll Call Vote – Dryden absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO CODE ENTITLED "BOARD OF HEALTH"

Mr. Casella moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 2/20/07, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Roll Call Vote – Dryden absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Westrum-reduce bond Blk. 52 Lot 6)
Mrs. Gage moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote – Dryden absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Westrum-reduce bond Blk. 48 Lot 8)
Mr. Casella moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Murray. Roll Call Vote- Dryden absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth.Delmonte submit deed notice to NJDEP)
Mr. Murray moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Roll Call Vote- Dryden absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Support App. For Open Space for Blk. 4, Lot 1 & Blk 6, Lot 1 Swedesboro Auction)
Mrs. Gage moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Roll Call Vote- Dryden absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Contact person for JIF Emplmt. Liability)
Mrs. Gage moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote- Dryden absent, all others yes.



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Clerk read the following ordinances:

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO TO ESTABLISH
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROPER HANDLING OF YARD WASTE

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO TO PROHIBIT ILLICIT
CONNECTIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO TO PROHIBIT THE
SPILLING, DUMPING, OR DISPOSAL OF MATERIALS OTHER THAN
STORMWATER TO THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO TO ESTABLISH
REQUIREMENTS TO CONTROL LITTERING IN THE BOROUGH OF
SWEDESBORO

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO TO ESTABLISH
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF PET SOLID WASTE

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO TO PROHIBIT THE
FEEDING OF THE UNCONFINED WILDLIFE

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO TO ESTABLISH A YARD
WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL PROGRAM

Mrs. Gage moved to adopt the ordinances with a public hearing to be held 2/20/07,
seconded by Ms. Churchville. Roll Call Vote- Dryden absent, all others yes.

Mr. Murray moved to approve the request of the CFO to submit the final close out
settlement to the State of NJ for Public Asst. funds in the amount of \$3140.00, transfer
the balances in the Pub. Asst. I & II to the current account in the amount of \$3201.36, and
to close out the Pub. Asst. I & II accounts, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

Mrs. Gage moved to pay sick pay benefits to William Dupper, 1/18/07, Carl Bagby for
1/12/07 and ½ day on 2/2/07, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

Mrs. Gage moved to approve the NJ State Firemen's Assoc. Membership application for
Mike Royer, Donald Moul, and Martin Shurr III, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

Clerk read the thank you note from HELP Inc. for the assistance for the clean up.

Committee Reports



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Library – Mayor reported that the library has received the revised plans and are awaiting final cost estimate and the artist rendering.

Mayor stated that we are negotiating the Verizon lease and looking to have them pay for 10 years up front so that the repairs to the water tower can be done and if not have the money go into a separate account to do the much needed repairs. Mr. Flaherty stated that they are willing to pay the 10 years up front.

Mayor stated that the Fire Dept. is having roof issues and that also there is a full oil tank and we will help them remove the oil and then the removal of the tank.

Mayor went over figures for the proposed health insurance plan. He stated that the previous plan would have a 16% increase in rates over last year and that a comparison was done and if a switch is made to Horizon the money that will be saved would enable the Borough to offer a dental and eyeglass plan to all employees and all employees would enroll into this plan including the public works employees.

Ms. Churchville moved to approve the new Horizon health insurance plan and the Met Life 1 plan for dental insurance, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

Mr. Flaherty signed off at 8:05 PM.

Police – Mr. Murray reported that he met with Chief Dupper regarding all the issues from 1/16/07 meeting. Mr. Murray went over the issues.

Mr. Murray stated that the Borough received a check in the amount of \$21359.00 for the Durango which does not include the deductible and the stealth package and that our insurance company is going after the other insurance company for those charges.

Mr. Murray stated that regarding the crosswalk enforcement that a schedule must begin. Mayor stated that public awareness and education was done and that they need to enforce the ordinance.

Mr. Murray stated that Chief Dupper will send a letter to Chief Marino regarding the Woolwich police cars speeding through town and that he will also speak to Mayor Chila.

Mr. Murray reported that all the police officers have been certified on the radar guns except Lt. Kemp and that they are being used and also in Court as evidence. They are considering more foot patrols in the downtown area and maybe reinstating the bike patrol.

Mr. Murray stated that the new rules and regulations will be done ASAP. Mayor asked that he set a deadline because we can't go another month without it. Mayor stated that he asked the Prosecutors Office to do a management review.



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Mr. Murray stated that the Police dept. has 20-30 bicycles that they would like to include in the auction. Mayor stated that they can have a bike sale at a later date.

Mr. Murray stated that the Chief is at an impasse on what to do with the on board computers and that they will be used in the future. Mayor asked Mr. Murray to have the Chief get everyone certified with the computers. Mr. Murray stated that a lot of departments do not use them and there are a few that do use them. Mr. Casella stated that Chief Marino feels that they are the biggest asset in the car for an officer.

Mayor stated that so far in 2007 no specials have been used for overtime and the overtime is over the top. Mayor stated that instead of using the special officers for overtime at \$12 per hour we are paying our officers 1 ½ times that for the overtime. Mayor stated that we need to hire a full time officer and that we have spent enough in overtime to cover the salary of a full time officer.

Mrs. Gage stated that she is concerned if the specials are certified to carry guns and can they do all that a regular officer does. Mayor stated that we have 1 Class II officer and they can carry and 2 specials that can't carry a gun but that they would be useful to be able to provide support to the full time officer that is on duty. Mayor stated that we need to get fully staffed and use the special officers.

Mr. Murray motioned to hire a full time officer, seconded

Mr. Casella suggested seeing if we can use who we have first. Mayor suggested that Mr. Casella get with Mr. Murray and that the special supplement they don't replace. Mayor stated that the consensus with all involved is that we need to hire another officer.

Seconded by Mr. Casella, if officer is warranted, Roll Call Vote – Dryden, Flaherty absent, all others yes.

Mr. Casella motioned to appoint Rosemarie Bellace and Kim Kinnarney to the Board of Health, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

Mr. Casella thanked Jean Meddick, Board of Health secretary for getting those residents to become members.

Shade Tree Com. – Mrs. Gage presented the 2007 Budget which is \$6000.00. Mrs. Gage reported that Grover Price was sworn in for another term.

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage asked that the Parks & Rec. by-laws be forwarded to Borough Solicitor, Tim Chell.



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Mrs. Gage announced the following events coming up: Bowling Party and a Phantoms Game on 3/25/07.

Mayor stated that he really would like to pursue the single stream recycling program and that East Greenwich has a new recycling coordinator and their recycling has increased 18-22%.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Michelle Blair asked approval to hold the second annual Swedesboro/Woolwich St. Jude Walk-A-Thon. Mrs. Gage motioned to support the St. Jude Walk-A-Thon, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

Ms. Blair stated that they are looking to hold a raffle and that maybe the bikes that the Police Dept. has could be used. Mayor asked Clerk to call the Borough Solicitor to see if that can be done.

Diane Hale, Economic Deve. gave the following report:

County has hired TRIAD to help towns who submit projects that they can possibly get funding for them.

County meeting with the Bankers/Brokers and Investors to be held on 3/23 from 8:30 AM -10:30 AM and asked Swedesboro to have a booth displaying our assets.

Public meeting of Streetscape Phase 2 to be held on 2/22/07 at 7:00 PM.

Met with Rosario Licciardello and Joe Maccherone at the old ice house on Guest Ave., they want to turn the building into offices or light manufacturing and asked for our help to find occupants.

EDC was approved by the Auction Board of Directors to use their property on 5/5/07 for a Garden Show and that Judy Daley will be the Chairperson. Also the County may help with the cost of advertising and the brochures. Edie Rohrman stated that Trinity Church will have tours that day and suggested asking Shade Tree Com. to do an Arbor Day Program.

EDC working with the County to hold a Jazz Festival down town in the fall. County presented to Gloucester County Federal Savings Bank as a potential site at the south end of town in the new development.



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Frank Lurch, Clean Community Coor. reported that there were a few clean ups and there should be a lot more this year. Mr. Lurch will be in touch with the schools to do a program on recycling in the schools.

Karen Murray, Weatherby Ave. asked where the bikes that the Police have come from. Mrs. Gage replied that they were confiscated and unclaimed.

Mrs. Murray stated that she has noticed that little things keep showing up in town, planters, benches etc. Mayor asked Mrs. Hale if there is any money left to get more of the new trash containers.

Mrs. Murray stated that Ms. Stewart wanted to know more about the Knox Boxes. Mayor stated that they should get in touch with the Business Assoc. Clerk stated that they are to get in touch with the Logan EMS.

Mayor reported that he signed the Valley View settlement agreement and that Westrum will be getting a reduction of connection fees since they paid for additional work and we agreed to reduce the connection fees for compensation.

Pat Daley, 26 Chestnut Hill Ct. stated that he supports the Mayor in issuing the many tickets for crosswalks.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Murray stated that Officer Lewis is the DARE officer for Woolwich.

Mayor stated that he will email the revised figures for the public works property for the auction.

Mayor reported the following:

There is a \$9100.00 EMS budget refund from 2005.

He has looked into a web site for the Borough and we can use Swedesboro-nj.com as our address with the cost of \$75.00 for 10 years.

CDBG has expanded and named some projects available.

Spoke to General Code representative, Earl Babb and we need to do a recodification and has a proposal for \$11,000.

Mayor also reported that he is on the EMS Regionalization Committee, and the Southern GCMUA Committee and the Board of Directors for partnership for Delaware Estuary.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Closed Session)



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

Mayor adjourned to closed at 9:25 PM.

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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:43 PM.

Dolores M. Connors,
Borough Clerk