Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 21, 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.

Mrs. Gage moved to approve the minutes of 5/7/07, regular and 5/14/07, special, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote – Casella abstain, all others yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joe Ward, Logan EMS, submitted the 4/07 report.

Chief Dupper thanked Council for the hiring of the two police officers and that they are working out well.

Mr. Casella on behalf of his family, thanked Mayor and Council, for making him feel like part of the family and expressed his thanks for all that was done for he and his family.

Mr. Dryden arrived at 7:05 PM.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk read the following resolution: (Amendment to the 2007 Budget)

Public hearing was held on the amendment to the 2007 Budget. Mayor explained the amendment and Mrs. Gage asked if there will be any change to the tax increase. Clerk stated that there will be no change.

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Adopt the 2007 Budget)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Adopt the Garbage & Trash Dist. 2007 Budget)
Mr. Casella moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Roll Call Vote – Flaherty absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Click It and Ticket)
Mr. Murray moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Roll Call Vote – Flaherty absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Renew Liquor Licenses)
Tabled to next meeting.

Clerk read the following resolution: (2007-08 Kingsway Budget)
Mr. Murray moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Roll Call Vote – Flaherty absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OPERATION OF A TATTOO PARLOR

Mrs. Gage moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on June 4, 2007, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote- Flaherty absent, all others yes.

Clerk advised Council that the State has passed a law raising the dog license fees up to $21.00. Discussion followed and Clerk was asked to do a survey of other towns to see if they are raising their fees.

Mr. Dryden gave a recycling report.

Mrs. Gage moved to approve sick pay benefits to Ken Hunt for 5/14/07, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

Committee Reports

Garbage & Trash – Mr. Dryden using visual aids showed Council the amount of paper that could be recycled in a 33 gal. container.

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage reminded everyone of Fun Day on 6/9/07 at the Locke Ave. Park.

Police – Mr. Murray reported that Officer Worrell returned to work and that Ptl. Weber is back out on workman's comp. The two new officers have started work. Mr. Murray asked Chief Dupper when they will be on the street. Chief stated once they have completed their ride along.

Mr. Murray reported that he and Mr. Casella met regarding the hiring of the third officer and will report more later.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Gage stated that Shade Tree will meet on 5/22/07 at 7:30 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dryden asked if a hybrid car has been considered for Police use. Chief Dupper stated that usually the State Police or the California Police do the research on new vehicles.

Mayor stated that they have been used for fleet vehicles but not emergency vehicles and does not feel that they are appropriate right now.

Mrs. Gage showed a picture of the Library with the proposed addition.

Mrs. Gage reminded everyone of the Memorial Day Program on May 25, 2007 at 10:30 AM rain or shine.

Mayor reported that the Borough will receive a grant in the amount of $40,800 for a parking study which would focus the central business district.

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

Elaine Edwards, Auburn Ave. reported that Mrs. Bundy thanks Council for fixing the pot hole in front of her property.

Lucile Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave. Stated that there used to be a No Parking sign near the corner of Richardson and Auburn and that it needs to be replaced.

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

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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk