



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 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. All Councilmen were 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.

Mayor swore in Christian Gregory to the position of Full Time Police Officer.

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the minutes of June 18, 2007, regular and July 2, 2007, regular and closed, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

Joe Ward, Logan EMS, submitted the EMS report for 6/07.

Mayor asked for a list of seniors so that they can be checked on during extremely hot weather.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lucille Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave. stated that the tree cuttings are still at the curb and have not been picked up and they are still putting their trash out over the weekend and it sits all week. Clerk to get in touch with Police Dept.

George Weeks, 111 Helms Ave. stated that a neighbor put trash and a refrigerator out and it was not picked up on Friday. Mayor stated that they must call the Borough Hall if they have a large metal item for pick up and also if their trash was not picked up.

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

Committee Reports

Police – Mr. Casella reported that he met with the Chief and Lt. regarding a couple of issues. Mr. Casella stated that they are still waiting for the car to come in and once it is in the other Durango will go into the fleet and the Chief will drive the new Durango for the first 500 miles and then that will go into the fleet.

Mr. Casella stated that National Night Out will be done jointly with Woolwich Twp. at the Stratton School. Mr. Casella felt that a lot of Swedesboro residents will miss out on



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the activities due to it being held at the Stratton School. Mayor stated that he spoke to Sam Macceroni and they felt that it should be back to what it was originally designed to do which was for neighbors to communicate with each other and build community relations with their local police departments instead of turning it into a Fun Day. Mr. Dryden suggested going to the neighborhoods and distributing the give-a-ways. Mayor stated that it is not about give-a-ways, it's about neighbors taking back their neighborhoods.

Mr. Casella stated that he will speak to Sam Macceroni and if the consensus is for us to do it alone he will tell him. Mr. Dryden stated that the purpose is for neighbors to sit on their porches and communicate.

Mr. Casella stated that he discussed the structure of the department now that there is a full staff and that all the officers are thankful that they now have a full staff. Mr. Casella asked that they move forward and to also start their budget for next year.

Mr. Casella stated that the applications for Class I and Class II officers need to be discussed in closed session.

Mr. Casella stated that with Officer Gregory they have a good officer who has been here as part time and the other two officers will possibly be on their own next week. Mrs. Gage stated that since the force has increased, their visibility is quite noticeable.

Mr. Casella reported that Chief Dupper is having an officer from Woolwich to certify the officers on the radar equipment.

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Dryden reported that he met with Clean Community Coor. Frank Lusch to see if he had any excess funding that could be used for recycling containers. Mr. Lusch to get back to him.

Mr. Dryden stated that he spoke to Borough Auditor, Carol McAllister regarding funds in reserve in the Garbage and Trash Budget and she will get back to him.

Mayor stated that he ran into Fred Grant who stated that he spoke to Mr. Dryden and that all he wanted to talk about was the Pay to Throw Program. Mr. Dryden stated that he did listen to what he had to say. Mayor stated that Woolwich is extremely happy with Recycle Bank. Mr. Dryden stated that the problem with Recycle Bank is that they take a portion of the proceeds from the recycling and if we increase our recycling we would not have to split any money with anyone. Mr. Dryden stated that he did learn from Fred about the single stream trash and feel it will increase our recycling. Mayor stated that it may increase recycling somewhat but Recycle Bank knocks it up even further.

Mr. Dryden went over the Recycling Report for 6/07.



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Mayor told Council that he would like to initiate the process to make Second & Railroad Sts. a four way stop and that he had spoken to Tim to look into the procedure and Chuck to install signs. Mayor stated that we can proceed with an ordinance and once adopted it would be sent to the State and they will review. Mr. Dryden stated that the stop sign on Third is routinely ignored and enforcement of the stop signs is needed. Mr. Casella stated that you can have a four way stop but not necessarily enforce it if it is not approved by the State. Mayor stated that he would like to get the process moving and have something for the next meeting.

Mr. Dryden stated that he did an unofficial survey on trash day and found that not much paper is being recycled.

Mr. Flaherty reported he is working with Marge and getting paperwork ready for Woolwich.

Mayor stated that the bids for the traffic signal for Kings Hwy., Auburn and Lake will be opened on 7/18/07 and hope to have the light installed prior to school opening.

Mayor explained that part of the settlement for COAH is that there are 90 days from the signing of the lawsuit settlement to adopt a Housing Element/Fair Share Plan which is part of the Master Plan and would like to sign this as soon as possible. There are three companies who have submitted bids to handle this and suggests that we take the recommendation of our attorneys. Mayor stated he is also talking to some people to actually revamp our whole master plan.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor to sign COAH Housing Element/Fair Share Plan)

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

Mayor stated that we have received the contract to sign for the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission grant to do a parking study on Kings Hwy.

Mayor stated that he met with the carpenters regarding the repairs for the Borough Hall and they can do some of the work but we will have to get someone to repair the clock tower. Mayor stated that he has asked for advice from different professionals and an architect will prepare the specs for the clock tower repairs and we will go to bid.

Mayor stated that Poplar Street is in the process of a complete reconstruction and that the article in the newspaper stated that Second St. funds were withdrawn is wrong. It was on the wish list and knew that it would not be done. Mayor stated that Second St. will be added to the 2008 request for road overlay and that it needs more than just resurfacing it needs reconstruction.



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OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Gage reported that Matt Rieger will attend the next meeting with a proposal for the Golf Tour.

Mr. Flaherty asked the Clerk to check with the Borough Solicitor the status of the Verizon Contract.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 35 OF THE SWEDESBORO CODE ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT"

No one from the public spoke for or against the ordinance.

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

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 69 OF THE SWEDESBORO CODE ENTITLED "GARAGE SALES"

George Weeks, Helms Ave. asked the number of days that a permit must be applied for before the sale. Clerk stated that the amendment was to reduce the number of days from seven to one.

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

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

Clerk asked if anyone else has decided to attend and stay overnight the NJ League of Municipalities Conference in November.

NEW BUSINESS



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Mayor went over the Recodification Change Order Form in the amount of \$1800.00 which would include the Historic Preservation Ordinance, the storm Water Ordinance and the Tattoo Parlor ordinance.

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the change order, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.

Mayor stated that George Weeks has scanned the whole code book and it is now on the web page.

Mayor reminded everyone of the meeting at Woolwich on Wednesday night for the TDR Plan. Mayor stated that the correspondence he received stated that the meeting would be between the petition committee and the Mayors of the neighboring towns and that he sent an email to see who can attend.

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

Helen Fromm, Weatherby Ave. stated that she thought the Mayors might meet after the meeting.

George Weeks, Helms Ave. stated that regarding recycling, most people who don't do it need to be educated and by recycling more it may reduce taxes but not what a resident sees right away.

Mr. Weeks stated that he agrees with the four way stop signs and that a lot of times goes up Church and almost gets hit by cars coming down Second St.

Diane Hale, Econ. Deve. reported that the notice in the newspaper for the TDR meeting stated residents could attend not just Mayors.

Mayor stated that he would like to get the Borough newsletter out.

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

Mr. Dryden moved to pay all duly authorized bills, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: Closed Session

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

Mayor adjourned to closed session at 8:28 PM.



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After returning from closed session, Mr. Flaherty moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:02 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk