



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 6, 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 Churchville was 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 motioned to approve the minutes of 7/16/07, regular and closed, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Chief Dupper and Lt. Kemp announced that National Night Out would be held at the Borough Hall from 5-9 PM on 8/7/07 and the purpose of this Night Out is to promote safety and get communities involved to prevent crime. Lt. Kemp stated that Heritages is providing the soda, water, tastycakes and a hot dog machine and asked Council to hold this in Council Chambers due to the extremely hot weather. Also in attendance will be apparatus from the Woolwich Fire Co., the Logan EMS and a representative from the County Prosecutors Office.

Mr. Casella thanked them for organizing this event.

Mr. Flaherty asked that next year to lets get back to the roots of the National Night Out where as the Chief explained is for residents to sit on their porch with the light on and meeting their neighbors and the police department.

Mr. Dryden stated that he stopped for a person crossing Kings Hwy. and that 6 other cars going the opposite direction did not stop.

Mayor introduced Stephanie Lea and Bob Mulligan, representatives for Recycle Bank who went over their program for recycling. Frank Hollingsworth from Casworth was in attendance and stated that it is a good program.

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

No one spoke from the audience.

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

Committee Reports



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Fire – Mr. Flaherty stated that the notice has been advertised for the receipt of bids for the replacement of the roof at the Fire House. Clerk stated that she received a request of the specs from a non-profit agency who requested that the charge for the specs be waived. Council discussed and decided that they would not waive the cost.

Police – Mr. Casella reported that he met with the Chief and Lt. and the resumes for the Class I & II officers will be given to the committee. Mr. Casella stated that Ptl. Gregory is doing well and the two new officers are doing well and moving forward.

Mr. Murray stated that the Durango will be put into the fleet once the new Durango is received.

Mr. Casella stated that Chief Dupper will be on vacation 8/15/07 and the Lt. will have a vehicle 24/7 and be the officer in charge.

Mr. Casella motioned to accept the changes as recommended by Chief Sullivan, Prosecutors Office, Borough Solicitor, and Borough Council for the Rules and Regulations for the Swedesboro Police Dept., seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

Mrs. Gage stated that Parks & Recreation and the Shade Tree will be meeting next month.

Mayor reported the following:

That there was an accident in South Harrison involving a Logan EMS vehicle but that no one was seriously injured.

That the traffic light bids have been awarded and a pre-construction meeting will be held on 8/15/07 at 10 AM.

That there has been an issue with the Federal funding for the Streetscape Project and it is estimated that the work will begin the beginning of October.

That there are certain parts of the Borough Hall that the Carpenters Union was not comfortable in doing so an architect has been hired to prepare the plans to go to bid.

The bids for the Public Works truck will be opened on 8/14/07.

That Taylor Design has been selected to prepare the Housing Element for the Affordable Housing requirement of COAH and that \$17,000 has been budgeted and their bid came in at \$12,000.

That bids will be gotten for the Parking Study Grant.



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Spoke to four Planners regarding the Master Plan.

Demolition Grant moving forward for approval to remove some homes.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Casella stated that he received correspondence from JIF regarding the joint EMS service through the County and that a letter was sent from the JIF attorney, Guy Killen to the County addresses the language changes.

Mr. Casella spoke to Chief regarding a CD that was received for training of the crossing guards.

Mr. Dryden stated that there is a problem with cars not stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalks.

Mayor stated that at the safety meeting it was discussed that regarding jaywalking it can only be enforced if the person is walking at a certain angle to the crosswalk.

Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FIVE YEAR REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTIONS AND ABATEMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENT TO CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES PURSUANT TO NJSA 40a:21-1, ET SEQ.

Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the ordinance, with a public hearing to be held on 8/20/07, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Roll Call Vote- Churchville absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 110 OF THE SWEDESBORO CODE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the ordinance, with a public hearing to be held on 8/20/07, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Roll Call Vote- Churchville absent, all others yes.

Mr. Dryden moved to designate a parking space in front of 415 Broad St. as a handicap space for the owner of the property, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Boro accept pump sta. at Blk. 48.01, lot 14)
Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote- Churchville absent, all others yes.



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Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor to sign Transportation Community Development Initiative Grant)

Mr. Murray moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Roll call Vote-Churchville absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the request from the owner of 309 Guest to turn off water at that location. Discussion followed. Council agreed to shut the water off but that the balance of the billing period must be paid. Clerk was asked to get in touch with other water companies to see how they handle these requests.

Mayor asked if a person owns a rental unit and the water bill is estimated does it show on their bill that it was an estimated bill. Clerk stated that on the old bills it did state that it was estimated but wasn't familiar with the new bills but felt that it would state that. Mayor asked that a stamp be purchased that the estimated bills could be stamped to show they were estimated.

Clerk asked Council to review the 2006 Audit and to accept the Audit at the next meeting.

Dan Orbanus reported that a cess pool was backing up at 506-508 Second St. and asked why they were not connected to the public sewer system. Mayor stated that the Police have to go to that house and tell them they have to connect and they have to site those people for discharging into the storm drain. Mayor stated that we have the leverage to do that. Discussion followed regarding the unsewered areas in town.

A resident on Kings Hwy. sent a note of thanks to the Public Works Dept. for their help with the drainage problem in her back yard.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Flaherty suggested that once the new traffic signal is in place to not allow left turns onto Park Ave. from Lake between the hours of 7-9 AM.

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

Lucille Stewart, Richardson Ave. thanked the Mayor and Diane Hale for attending the check presentation to HELP.

Ms. Stewart reminded everyone of the Bar B Que to be held on 8/18/07 from 11 AM – 5 PM.

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



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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:14 PM.

Dolores M. Connors,
Borough Clerk