



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting  
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
August 20, 2006

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**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 Gage 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.

Mr. Casella moved to approve the minutes of 8/6/07, regular, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

George Weeks, 111 Helms Ave. stated that while it was nice to see the extra police officers enforcing the traffic laws there are still people stuck at the crosswalks and going through stop signs at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Railroad. Mr. Weeks stated that he has not seen any police on the weekends and that they are needed to protect the public.

Mr. Dryden stated that he was standing in a crosswalk and four cars went by him and did not stop and he is considering signing a citizen's complaint.

Mr. Murray stated that the Police are out every day and there has been an increase in police presence in the downtown.

Mr. Casella stated that they are out there and it is getting better.

Mayor asked what the status was of the officers using the radar. Mr. Casella stated that half of the department is certified.

Mr. Dryden asked if the Borough prosecutor is aware of how important it is to enforce the crosswalks. Mayor stated yes she is but will re-emphasize it.

Mayor stated that if we have to ask for outside help we will to enforce our laws and it is important to control the speeding in town. Mayor stated that he appreciates what the Police Committee is doing. Mr. Murray will get an update of what the 52 tickets were written for.



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Bill Ross Jr., Pres. Woolwich Fire Co. stated that he felt that the new traffic light will improve traffic problems and that you can sit at the fire house and write a lot of tickets from 3-6 PM because cars cut through there all the time.

Mayor stated that in his opinion that within approximately two months they should get people to know that we are going to enforce laws.

Pete Patane, Franklin St. asked when the traffic light will be going up. Mayor stated that he had hoped before school started but it will be within the next month.

Lucile Stewart, Richardson Ave. stated that Woolwich Police speed through town all the time. Mayor stated that the laws should still be enforced with them and that it needs to be addressed and suggested a letter to Woolwich regarding their police speeding through town.

Elaine Edwards, 636 Auburn Ave. thanked all who attended the Bar-B-Que and made it a success.

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

#### Committee Reports

Police – Mr. Casella thanked all of the officers who participated in the National Night Out and Lt. Kemp did a fine job of organizing it. Mr. Murray stated that Lt. Kemp did a great job.

Fire - Mayor thanked the Woolwich Fire Dept. who went above and beyond the call of duty that night during the fire at the Borough Hall. Mayor reported that he is in the process of getting prices to hardwire the smoke detectors and alarm system.

Mayor explained that the bid received in the amount of \$232,448.00 for the replacement of the fire house roof will be rejected and it will be rebid to just replace the roof. Bill Ross Jr. stated that more was added by the Twp. Engineer.

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Dryden stated that he spoke to Fred Neary, the Recycling Receiver for Recycle Bank and we need to look over the Omni contract and speak to Casworth.

Mr. Dryden thanked Heritages for supplying food for National Night Out. Mayor stated that he would like to do something for Mary at Heritages at the next meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS



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Mr. Flaherty reported that he will have a meeting with Marge within the next two weeks.

Public Hearing

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FIVE YEAR REAL ESTATE TAX EMEMPTIONS AND ABATEMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:21-1, ET SEQ.

George Weeks, 111 Helms Ave. asked if the ordinance was targeted for certain types of businesses. Mayor stated that Council would approve what Economic Development and the Boroughs Master Plan calls for.

Frank Lusch, Clean Comm. asked if there is a criteria set for the abatements and if it can be reviewed. Mr. Casella stated that he can get a copy of the ordinance from the Clerk.

Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Murray. Roll Call Vote-Gage absent, all others yes.

Public Hearing was held on the following ordinance: ORDINACNE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 110 OF THE SWEDESBORO CODE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

George Weeks, 111 Helms Ave. stated that he felt that the stop sign at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Railroad is a great idea and suggested making the stop signs larger. Mayor stated that there will be new striping and reflecting red on the post of the stop sign.

Pete Patane, Franklin St. asked if stop signs could be placed on Kings Hwy. Mayor stated that the County has stated that we are responsible for our pedestrian safety and he is more than willing to consider anything.

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Accept 2006 Audit)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Supporting Over the Limit, Under Arrest 2007)

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



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Clerk read the following resolution: (Award Bid for ¾ ton pick up for W&S-Motors Fleet)

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

Mayor stated that the Borough saved over \$6000 by going to bid than taking the state contract price.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Reject bid for Fire Co. roof replacement)

Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Roll Call Vote-Gage 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. Casella moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 9/4/07, seconded by Mr. Murray. Roll Call Vote- Gage absent, all others yes.

Mr. Flaherty moved to accept with regrets the resignation of Bonnie Coleman as Dep. Tax Collector effective 9/4/07, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

Clerk read the Thank You card from the Simmerman Family.

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve sick pay benefits for William Goodwin for 8/17/07 ½ day, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

Clerk read letter received from Woolwich Twp. regarding the termination of our Interlocal agreement with them for the EMS services since they are joining the County EMS Program. Clerk to get in touch with the Borough Solicitor.

Clerk read the letter from Borough CFO requesting to cancel the Building Inspectors Account.

Mr. Murray moved to cancel the Building Inspectors account, seconded by Ms. Churchville. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dryden stated that he did another informal survey on recycling and he feels that we are missing a lot of paper because it is being put in the trash and not being recycled and our collector is picking it up. Mr. Dryden suggested a sticker or tag to be placed on trash bags that have recyclables in it.



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Mr. Murray reported that he walked around the duplex on Second St. and did not smell or see an overflowing cesspool and if anyone does see something to let him know.

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

George Weeks, 111 Helms Ave. stated that he has noticed that the trash cans are being tossed around and that sometimes they are not being completely emptied.

Diane Hale, 506 Park Ave. asked that when the traffic light is installed if have a No Turn Sign placed at Park Ave. to state that no turns can be made during certain times of the day to eliminate the traffic that will cut down that way to avoid the light.

Ms. Hale reported that the Borough Engineer is waiting for Federal approval for the next phase of Streetscape.

Ms. Hale stated that she, George Weeks, and Edie Rohrman attended a meeting in Trenton regarding a Main Street Program. This program helps you get free architectural drawings and façade work done for free but that it takes a lot of commitment but it could be a good project.

Ms. Hale stated that at the last meeting Mr. Dryden asked about recycling containers to go with the Streetscape project and that she is getting a price for 6 containers which will be the same as we have for trash but just smaller.

Frank Lusch, Clean Com. Coor. asked if the proposal from Recycle Bank has been received. Mayor stated yes and it is being reviewed.

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

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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM.

Dolores M. Connors  
Borough Clerk