



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 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. Councilwoman 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.

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the minutes of 8/20/07, regular, seconded by Mr. Murray. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Diane Hale, Economic Dev. Ch. announced that the Jazz Festival is moving along and that the Firemen were going to hang the banner announcing S/W Day. Mr. Casella offered to have Comcast hang the banner.

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

Committee Reports

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Dryden stated that he spoke to Casworth regarding the trash cans not being placed upside down after being emptied and also paper being picked up as trash. Frank to look into this.

Mr. Murray stated that the cans were turned upside down on his street last week.

Mr. Dryden suggested placing a sticker on a can so that it can be used for paper. Mrs. Gage stated that it was her understanding that paper was to be placed in a brown paper bag or tied into a bundle. Mr. Dryden stated that as long as it is separated it can be in a can.

Fire – Mr. Flaherty reported that he has no new info on the roof at the fire house. Mayor stated that he spoke to the Chief and the President of the fire company and they understand what is going on and that the bid process would start over and only requests bids on work that absolutely has to be done.



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Parks & Rec. – Mrs. Gage stated that the committee would meet on Wed. at 7 PM at the Stratton School.

Shade Tree – Mrs. Gage reported that they will meet he 3rd week of this month.

Police – Mr. Casella stated that he has noticed that people are being pulled over for not stopping at the crosswalks and for speeding.

Mr. Casella reported the following:

There will be four officers on duty for the first day of school.

The new Durango will be here this Thursday.

That they want the Class II officers hired before S/W Day and it has been turned over to Lt. Kemp to do the background checks and will have names by the end of this week and will present names at the next council meeting.

Report for August with the breakdown of the number of tickets for speeding and crosswalks will be received by the end of the week.

Mr. Dryden stated that he has not seen a difference in the cars not stopping at the crosswalks and suggested a form of publicity like Zero Tolerance for Speeders to get the word out to people.

Mayor asked that the Police budget be looked at because he heard that there is still extensive overtime.

Mr. Murray asked about the traffic control through the County for the traffic light installation. Mayor stated that they should have been in contact regarding this and that there was money in the contract for this service.

Mayor stated that there is a notice on the front door of Borough Hall that the installation of the traffic light will begin on 9/4/07 and should be completed by 10/19/07.

Mayor reported that he spoke to Recycle Bank and they have a contract with FCR for recyclables but will let him know if we could work something out so that we could continue to go to Omni. Mayor felt that there is a good chance that it will work.

OLD BUSINESS

No one had any old business.

PUBLIC HEARING



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

No one spoke for or against the ordinance.

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Municipal Alliance Grant)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (S/W Day Wine Tasting & Beer Garden)

Mrs. Gage moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote – Churchville, all others yes.

Mr. Dryden moved to approve sick pay benefits for William Goodwin for ½ day on both 8/20 and 8/21/07, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Gage reported that a lot of dump trucks are taking Bridgeport Ave. to Kings Hwy. and asked that "4 ton weight limit" signs be placed on Bridgeport.

Mr. Flaherty stated that residents have asked where the street sweeper is and will check with Chuck.

Mr. Flaherty reported that the settlement of the Police contract will wrap up by next week.

Mr. Flaherty stated that he has seen a container that attaches to a dogs lease which has plastic bags in it to use to pick up after the dog and suggests we show residents this when they come in to get a dog license so that they are aware that they must pick up after their dogs.

Mayor reported that we got the final permit to do the handicap ramps at different locations and we are proceeding with the grant to tie in the gas station to our sewer in the fall.

Mayor gave an update of the Streetscape Phase II which is going through the process and will proceed.



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Mayor to speak to Dr. Magazu regarding the request to tie into our sewer system. Mayor stated that it is very complicated and will check with Woolwich Planning Board. Mrs. Gage expressed concern that there would not be enough capacity. Mayor stated that we are very close to capacity. Mayor stated that they would have to establish an escrow account and then have their engineer speak to our engineer to do a feasibility study.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Diane Hale stated that she heard a rumor that Dr. Magazu is building Phase I and then there will be additional buildings in Phase II.

Mrs. Hale stated that trucks have been speeding every night through town. Mayor stated that Chief Dupper previously visited Erdner and Pierson and needs to talk to them again.

Mrs. Hale reported that she was recently at a function at Riverwinds and that the EMS were needed and it took over a half hour for them to get there and in our town they are there within minutes and hopes that the County wide EMS will benefit other towns.

George Weeks, 111 Helms Ave. stated that the stop signs at RR & Second are too small and it is a cluttered area.

Mayor stated that he knows which signs Mr. Weeks is referring to and they are huge and that we have signs and reflectors up and the law needs to be enforced.

Mr. Weeks asked that is anyone has anything that they want placed on the website to get in touch with him.

Robert Kunkle, Merklng St. asked if the pot holes on the street could be filled in. Mr. Flaherty stated that it is a private road. Mr. Kunkle stated that he has a letter that states that the Borough maintains the road. Mayor stated that his concern is the liability issue since it is a private road. Mrs. Gage stated that previously the holes were filled in with millings. Mayor stated that he is worried about legal and insurance issues and on paper it is a driveway and wants to see a copy of the letter.

Denise Kues, Park Ave. stated that she likes the web site and complained about a neighbors grass.

Mayor advised that she call the Borough Hall and report the high grass.



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Mayor stated that he would like Public Works to come to a meeting and be commended. Carl Bagby and Bill Goodwin are getting certified and Chuck is grandfathered in as a CPWM and would like them to be acknowledged.

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

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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk