



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 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.

Mrs. Gage motioned to approve the minutes of 11/5/07, regular, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

George Weeks, 111 Helms Ave. asked that for safety reasons to have the driveway to the Library be one way in and then exit out onto Lake Ave. Mayor stated that we do not own any property to make the exit onto Lake Ave. Mr. Flaherty stated that in the future it could be negotiated with Russo, Musumeci and the Borough.

Sgt. Casanova Geary, 106 Water St. reported that his neighbor's back yard is a jungle and asked if anything can be done with that and also that when his home was built the landscaping and grading was done incorrectly and his sump pump runs constantly. Mayor stated that the property did not come before the Planning/Zoning Board because the home was built on an existing lot where a house had been previously and all that the builder had to do was get construction permits and that the house has been an issue. Mayor assured him that he will hook him up with the proper officials and get things straightened out.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

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"



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Diane Hale, Park Ave. asked if the Police will be at the location when the traffic light first goes on to enforce this ordinance. Mayor stated that Mr. Flaherty will be in touch with the Chief.

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Ded. Trust by Rider for Snow Removal)
Mr. Dryden moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Roll Call Vote-Churchville absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Transfers)
Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Roll Call Vote-Churchville absent, all others yes.

Mr. Dryden moved to approve sick pay benefits for Ronald Borden for 10, 24, 25, 29, 30, 11/2, 3, 4, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Clerk reminded Council of the Christmas Parade to be held on Saturday, 11/24 at 1:00 PM at the Walter Hill School.

Committee Report

Mr. Flaherty reported that at the Auction for the Borough vehicles went well and all were sold.

Mayor Fromm left the meeting at 7:25 PM. Council President, Flaherty took over the meeting.

Board of Health – Mr. Casella reported that one inspection was done at Mugs and passed.

Police – Mr. Casella reported that the Chief is on vacation and Lt. Kemp is in charge. Interviews are being set up on Monday, 11/26 for the Class 1 & 2 positions.

Mr. Casella went over the Police Report for October.

Mayor asked if the Board of Health was doing anything regarding the property at 311 Second St. Mr. Casella stated that everyone was on top of it. Mayor stated that a message needs to be sent to all absentee landlords that this can not be allowed. The landlord of the property stated that he was being held up by the Construction Office because they did not issue the permit to replace the heater. Mayor stated that was not the case.



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Mr. Flaherty moved to appoint Jennifer Streitfled on the Planning/Zoning Board, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage reported that she will be participating in the Christmas Parade by helping with the picture taking and giving out the goodie bags.

Mrs. Gage stated that they will be sponsoring a Movie Night on 12/7/07 and the movie will be Elf.

Shade Tree – Mrs. Gage reported that there will be a meeting this week and that they will be planting 8 trees throughout town.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Gage asked the status of the maintenance of Merklng St. Clerk stated that she had not heard anything from the Borough Solicitor.

Mr. Flaherty reported that that fire house roof has been fixed temporarily and the Woolwich engineer is redoing the specs for the replacement and should receive them next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Casella asked about the CO's for rental properties and that he contacted Jim Sabetta and Woolwich Council is to discuss him doing the Boroughs inspections at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Dryden moved to temporarily appoint Jim Sabetta as the Borough's temporary CO inspector until 1/1/08, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

Mrs. Gage reported a problem at the apartments on Lore Dr. where the Fire Co., Police and Public Works responded when it was discovered that a pipe broke in an upstairs apartment and it leaked into the bottom apartment. It is in the process of being cleaned up. Mrs. Gage stated that the Police presence helped with the elderly residents.

Mr. Casella asked if the Board of Health could place a notice that if anyone who has a problem with their heating to contact the Board of Health.

Mr. Dryden motioned to designate December as "Shop Swedesboro Month" and support our local businesses, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

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



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Diane Hale, Economic Dev. reported that the new plants has been placed in the planters on Kings Hwy. and that they are bare small Christmas trees that the kindergarten classes will hang balls that they decorated on them and then the parents are to vote on their favorite tree.

Mrs. Hale stated that the Annual House Tour will be on 12/14/07 from 4 PM – 8 PM. Some of the local businesses will be distributing coupons for the night of the house tour.

Mrs. Hale reported that the Jazz Festival next year will be held on Saturday, 10/11/08.

Mrs. Hale stated that she had been approached by Margo Bagby who requested that the Borough do something to honor Black History Month and she submitted a proposal of what to do.

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

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

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

Mr. Flaherty adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk