



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 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.

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the minutes with the appointment of Carol Dupper to the Shade Tree Committee being rescinded, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one from the public spoke.

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

Committee Reports

Streets & Roads – Mr. Flaherty stated that he met with the engineer and the traffic light will be blinking by the end of the week.

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage reported that they will submit their 2008 Budget the first of the year.

Mrs. Gage stated that they are considering having a kayak and canoe safety course and incorporate water safety and water conservation also. Other events being considered are a ski trip and an aerobics class.

Shade Tree – Mrs. Gage stated that she would like to submit Carol Dupper's name as a member for Shade Tree and that Mrs. Homan feels she will be a real asset. Mayor stated that he will consider the recommendation.

Mrs. Gage reported that two trees were planted in front of the St. Joes Community Center and thanked Chuck Simmerman for all his help. Mrs. Gage also stated that the stump has been removed from in front of 1327 Kings Hwy. and a tree will be planted in the spring. Mrs. Gage stated that the Commission is reviewing their ordinance for any revisions that may be needed.



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Police – Mr. Casella stated that he spoke to Chief Dupper and he would like to meet with him and Mr. Murray about the 2008 Budget request.

Mayor asked that the appropriated and expended figures from 2007 to be shown on the 2008 budget request.

Mr. Casella submitted the Police Report for 11/07.

Mr. Casella reported that the Class I and Class II officers would not be appointed until the beginning of the year and asked for a closed session.

Mr. Casella stated that the radar signs were removed from the streets due to the high winds and they should be back tomorrow.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Gage reported that the proposed billboard in Woolwich was voted down and that it was a rather tense meeting. Mrs. Gage stated that their main concern was that there was no letter from our Mayor and Council opposing the project.

Mr. Flaherty reported that the fire house roof is going through the bid process.

Mr. Dryden stated that the Recycle Bank program is to begin on 1/1/08 and asked if the public has been educated as yet. Mayor stated that the program is not set to go yet and they will notify the residents when the time comes and all paperwork is in order.

Mr. Dryden asked if Recycle Bank notifies the residents. Mayor stated yes with some help from us.

Clerk read the following resolution: (BAN \$70,000)

Mr. Casella asked what the \$70,000 was for. Clerk stated that our note due in April was overpaid by \$70,000 and that we are now borrowing the money. Mayor confirmed this. Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Roll Call Vote – all yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor to sign Omni agree.)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Drug & Alcohol testing)

Mr. Casella asked the cost of the contract. Clerk to get the information.

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



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Clerk read the following resolution: (Transfer Funds)

Mayor asked the Police Committee if they have the figures for S & W because there have been a lot of transfers into their S & W and they should have been able to get to the end of the year with a little of over-expenditure but not a lot. Mr. Casella to check out. Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Murray. Roll Call Vote – all yes.

Clerk went over the letter from Signature Information Solutions regarding tax searches for the year. Mayor to speak to Tax Collector.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Gage announced that there will be a Bowling Party on 12/27/07 in Deptford from 11-1 and it is \$4 per person.

Mrs. Gage stated that the jack brake signs are very small and residents have asked for larger signs or more signs. Mayor asked if any tickets have been issued to trucks and stated that he agrees the signs are small but that we need to enforce it.

Mrs. Gage reminded everyone of the Martin Luther King Day Celebration on 1/21/08 at 1 PM at the Margaret Clifford School.

Ms. Churchville thanked Mayor, Council and the public for allowing her to serve on Council.

Mr. Dryden stated that the gas tanks and oil tank at the Borough Hall and the Firehouse need to be removed ASAP. He stated that he realizes it is an unbudgeted item but there could be possible contamination and it is not worth the risk and the situation needs to be resolved. Mayor stated he will address it ASAP and that it is a capital item and has a couple of names who do the removal and it will be addressed in 2008. Mr. Dryden asked if it would be early in 2008. Mr. Casella asked when the tanks were last used. Clerk stated approximately 10 – 15 years ago.

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

George Weeks, 111 Helms Ave. stated that there are several Boy Scouts who will soon obtain the rank of Eagle Scout and have asked for ideas for projects.

Mr. Dryden suggested they deliver the Vials of Life containers door to door. Mrs. Gage stated that Lore Dr. is covered.



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Margo Bagby, Turner Ave. asked if Council has approved the proposal that she gave to Diane Hale regarding Black History. Ms. Bagby was told that it was approved at the last meeting and Mr. Weeks stated that Mrs. Hale is contacting the school.

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

Ms. Churchville moved to pay all duly authorized bills, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

Mayor presented proclamations to Ms. Churchville and Mr. Murray for serving on Council the past three years.

Mr. Dryden motioned to thank them for service on Council, seconded by Mr. Casella. 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 7:55 PM.

After returning from closed session. Mr. Casella motioned not to pay the expenses submitted by Mr. Teter for the League conference due to no prior approval by Council, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Mrs. Gage motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk