



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

SPECIAL JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 2008

APPROVED MINUTES

A special meeting was held with the Borough of Swedesboro Council, Woolwich Township Committee and the Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education on May 8, 2008 at the Gov. Charles Stratton School in Woolwich. From Swedesboro Dryden absent, all others present.

Matt Cunningham advised that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Laws.

Matt Cunningham introduced Richard Fisher, Mike Griggel, and Jane DiBella.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Fisher for a power point presentation outlining the 2008-2009 Swedesboro-Woolwich School budget.

Mr. Fisher thanked Woolwich Twp and Swedesboro and especially the District Three Legislators for their support.

Highlights of the presentation included a 35-37 cent Swedesboro increase in debt service already approved.

The current budget is 2.2 million below the adequate level developed by the State.

Under the new formula the district should have received \$10,840.154, but only received \$5,850.894, leaving a \$4,989.260 shortfall.

Mayor Chila and Mayor Fromm made brief comments and then the meeting was turned over to the public.

The majority of comments were residents from the over 55 complex and all opposed the budget, while some acknowledged the good job that the school district does with the cost per pupil.

Most complaints were with the way schools are funded or under funded by the State of New Jersey.

Residents were encouraged to contact the governor, Department of Education, Commission, and their legislators.

A small number of people who have children in the schools who spoke were not happy with the increases, but did not want the educational programs and class sizes to suffer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Tanya Goodwin
Deputy Borough Clerk