



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2008

APPROVED MINUTES

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held on the above date in Council Chambers with Council President, David Flaherty presiding. Mayor Fromm was absent, all others present.

A moment of silent prayer was followed by the flag salute.

Mr. Flaherty read a letter from Mayor Fromm addressing an incident he was involved in.

Mr. Flaherty advised that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the minutes of 6/2/08, regular, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

George Harris, Water St. expressed his concern regarding buildings in the Borough at 114-116 Water St. and that the properties are a hazard for the safety, health and safety of children. Mr. Flaherty stated he will look into the status of the demolition. Clerk to get in touch with the Borough Engineer.

Sharon Young, 127-129 Church St. complained about 131 Church St. that it is overgrown and wants the area cleaned up. Mr. Flaherty stated that he will get in touch with Mr. Russo.

Rev. Young, St. Pauls Church, 2nd & Richardson asked permission to close a portion of Richardson Ave. to hold a youth service on 8/23/08. The resident and the owner of the pallet co. are ok with the closing. Council agreed. Mr. Flaherty asked that Chief Dupper be informed of the dates.

Ms. Young also stated that the Church would like to hold a yard sale on 7/12/08 and asked if there is a fee. Clerk stated that the fee is \$5.00 but would check to see if that applied to churches.

Joanna Gahrs, 550 Park Ave. asked if they would be required to have a Cert. of Ins. to close the street. Clerk stated that she would inform Ms. Young.

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



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Committee Reports

Board of Health – Mr. Casella reported that their meeting was cancelled for May.

Fire – Mr. Casella reported that the Fire House roof is being replaced and spoke to the Chief regarding the purchase of new pagers for the firemen. The cost is approximately \$22,000 and will look to see if funds are available.

Police – Mr. Casella stated that Christian Gregory will finish the academy in July.

School Boards – Mr. Weeks reported that the S/W Board accepted the \$700,000 in cuts and are proceeding to finalize their budget.

Shade Tree – Mrs. Gage stated that Joe Bennett from the State came and inspected the trees that were planted and we received an excellent rating and that the Borough will be receiving money from the grant.

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Gage reported that Fun Day was a huge success and thanked Mr. Weeks and Mrs. Hale for judging the bike decorating contest. Mrs. Gage stated that she spoke to Natalie Mathias and she said that it was the best year ever. Fireworks were on Sunday due to the rain out on Saturday. Mrs. Gage thanked all the police, both Swedesboro and Woolwich and also the Woolwich Fire Co.

Mr. Flaherty stated that there were classes in golf held in May and will possibly do it again in the fall.

Trash & Recycling – Mr. Dryden reported that RecycleBank is doing very well and he will look into how many residents are receiving their coupons. Mr. Dryden stated that he called RecycleBank and was told that residents can have no more than one recycling container. Mr. Dryden stated that he did not remember them saying we could only have one can and will look into this. Mrs. Hale stated that there are two cans on Kings Hwy. that no one has taken in and used and they need to be picked up. Mrs. Hale also asked that the Fun Day signs be removed.

Economic Deve. – Mrs. Hale reported that she attended a meeting on 6/12/08 regarding Streetscape progress. Pavers started today and will be done by Friday. There are two new trees in front of the Library and one in front of the bank.

Mrs. Hale stated that she was told by the Contractor that the street lights would not be in until end of Sept. but she got in touch with the Company directly and they will be delivered on 7/16/08 and ready for installation on 7/21/08.

Mrs. Hale stated that the next Economic Dev. meeting will be on 6/26/08.



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Mrs. Hale reported that the Town Wide Yard Sale went very well and there were 36 vendors.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Cancel Court Checks)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor to sign app. for resurfacing of Guest Ave.)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Change Order #2, Knapp Masonry-Rep. to Boro Hall)

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: CALENDAR YEAR 2008, ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (NJSA 40a:4-45.14)

No one spoke for or against the ordinance.

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

Clerk read the following ordinance: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “SALARY ORDINANCE 1976 BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO” WHICH WA ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL ON MARCH 15, 1976.

Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 7/7/08, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote – all yes.

Mr. Casella moved to approve sick pay for the following:

J. Hargraves Jr.	5/20/08
S. Kemp	5/27, 28, 29, 30/08
C. Bagby	6/4/08
M. Sparks	6/6/08
K. Hunt	6/6/08
W. Goodwin	6/13/08 ½ day

Seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.



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OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Hale reported that the Jazz Festival is moving along and that they have received \$4000 towards the entertainment from the County Cultural & Arts funds.

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

Lucille Stewart, 4 Richardson, asked a question about the income tax refund.

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

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

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

Mr. Flaherty adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk