



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 7, 2008

APPROVED MINUTES

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

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

Mayor Fromm advised that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the minutes of 7/7/08, 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

Victoria Hess-310 Weatherby Avenue-asked Mayor and Council for approval in regards to a block party to benefit the American Cancer Society. She had with her signatures of other residents agreeing to the block party as requested by borough hall. She would like to have the event on 8/2/08 from 1:00-7:00 pm. Mayor Fromm stated that the police department, solicitor, and risk manager would need to be contacted for further guidelines. Mayor Fromm advised her to e-mail him all the information she has and he will get back to her. Council had some safety concerns, insurance concerns, etc. It was decided that Council would approve the block party conditioned on approval from the police department, EMS, insurance company and solicitor. Mrs. Gage moved to approve the block party pending approval, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

Jeff Hale-506 Park Avenue complained about truck violations on Lake Avenue and asked if the trucks could be detoured or if anything could be done. Mrs. Gage stated that this was a county road. Mr. Hale asked if the police could enforce the laws. Mayor Fromm stated that he talked with the county and was informed that the bridge on Glen Echo Avenue will hopefully be repaired and divert some of the trucks.

Mr. Hale also complained about other residents cats in his yard and the fact that he has to keep cleaning up after them. Mr. Hale was informed that Chuck Simmerman from public works has ordered signs instructing pet owners to clean up after their animals. Mr. Hale was advised that there is an ordinance that cat's are to be licensed and that owners are to clean up after their pets. Mr. Hale asked that the police enforce these laws and he was advised to call police with the complaints. Mrs. Gage asked about possibly running an ad



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in the local newspaper. It was decided that Mr. Weeks would put the information on the town website.

Mr. Orbanus also suggested called the SPCA.

Lucille Stewart 4 Richardson Avenue asked about a driveway that in the past was shared between two neighbors and now is being blocked to the other resident. Ms. Stewart was advised to check the deed to see whose driveway it actually is and who has the right to it. Mayor Fromm stated that he would look at the tax map to see if he could get any information and Mr. Flaherty stated that the owner would have had to get permits to put up any kind of shed, etc.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Dev. - Mrs. Hale stated that a meeting was held on ideas for getting people into the town.

Mrs. Hale commented in regards to the streetscape the trash cans and benches will be here next week. The contractor will be meeting with Stan Bitgood to see what needs to be done to complete the project.

Mrs. Hale thanked the fire department for their help with the gas leak on Kings Highway.

Mayor Fromm stated that he received numerous compliments about the streetscape and flowers on Kings Highway.

Library - Mr. Flaherty stated that he hoped to hear from Woolwich this week as to if they are in or not. Mr. Flaherty again went over some statistics about the library and also stated that the summer reading program has to be held at the Methodist Church because the library is past the capacity.

Mayor Fromm stated that he spoke with Mayor Chila from Woolwich twice and he was told that he would get the discussions going.

Parks and Recreation - Mr. Flaherty stated that the golf program, kayak and canoe programs have been very successful.

Mr. Flaherty commented that Fun Day was held on 6/14/08.

Police - Mr. Flaherty commented that he wants the police department to decrease their fleet by approximately 4 cars. He would like to sell the vehicles. He stated that we



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currently have 8 vehicles, several of them have over 150,000 miles. Mr. Flaherty asked the Chief Dupper to give him the information on what cars to get rid of, but stated that it is ultimately council's decision as to how many cars the police department can have.

Mayor Fromm will check with the solicitor to see if a memo can go out to the Chief something to the affect that all cars with over 125,000 miles are to be sold.

Mayor Fromm also commented that the new vehicles are to be used for active patrol.

Mr. Weeks and Mr. Casella did talk with Chief Dupper and he will get the information together.

The superintendent of Public Works will also be asked if he has anything that could be sold.

Shade Tree - Mrs. Gage wanted clarification if the trees that shade tree planted were going to be watered by the borough. Mayor Fromm stated that shade tree was asked for a list of the residents who received the new trees, but all that was provided was an address, no name. Mayor Fromm stated that he would like the names as well and he would like to talk to the residents and ask them if they would water the trees. Mrs. Gage stated that the residents were approached by shade tree and they are still not watering them. Mayor Fromm stated that it would require approximately 50 gallons of water on a weekly basis to take care of the trees. Mrs. Gage and Mr. Price stated that as a condition of the grant, the borough agreed to take care of the trees. Mayor Fromm stated that the town would take care of the trees, but will again ask the residents for there help.

Trash and Recycling - It was reported that approximately 541 tons of garbage has been collected from January to June and recycling approximately about 175 tons. The recycling rate is at approximately 24.4%. Mr. Weeks would like to see last year invoices to try and get an accurate idea of how much trash/recycling was collected and how many units were collected from.

Mayor Fromm got a call from recycle bank and was told that we are up approximately 35% in recycling and he is not happy with that rate and feels that it should be higher.

Fire Department - Mr. Flaherty stated that the roof on the firehouse is almost finished.

Police - Mr. Casella spoke with Chief Dupper about preparing a list of vehicles to be sold and the chief told him he would have the report by 7/11/08. Mr. Casella also stated that Christian Gregory will be graduating from the academy in July and Wilbert Thomas will be starting the program in August.



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Officer Borden spoke with Mr. Casella about possibly starting a town watch program and Officer Borden was advised to speak with Chief Dupper. Mr. Casella feels that it is a good idea and that resident participation would be good for the town.

A discussion was held in regards to the community service program. It is felt that this program should be supervised by the police department, not the public works department. Chuck Simmerman and Chief Dupper are discussing this matter.

Mr. Casella also discussed the possibility of putting a surcharge on traffic tickets as this is done in other towns. He will look into this further and check with the solicitor.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Hale commented on the jazz fest, applying for two grants, and is speaking with the Holiday Inn about possibly putting together a package to go along with the Jazz fest.

Deputy clerk read the following resolution: (award bid for the construction of handicap ramps for 2008 to Diamond Construction)

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

Mr. Dryden arrived at 8:02 p.m.

Deputy clerk read the following resolution: (approve change order #3 with Knapp Masonry for repairs to Borough Hall)

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

Deputy clerk read the following resolution: (cancel outstanding checks)

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: AMEND ORDINANCE ENTITLED "SALARY ORDINANCE 1976 BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO" WHICH WAS ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL ON MARCH 15, 1976.

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



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No one spoke for or against the ordinance.

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

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

Deputy clerk read the following ordinance: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "SALARY ORDINANCE 1976 BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO" WHICH WAS 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 7/21/08, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Roll Call Vote-all yes.

Mr. Casella moved to approve an application for Cameron Overby for the N.J. State Firemen's Association Membership application, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

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

Angelina Michener	6/18/08
Ken Hunt	6/24/08 ½ day
Ptl. Chris Beckett	6/25/08
Stanley Kemp	6/27/08

Seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Trash and recycling- Mr. Dryden brought up the fact that residents can request either a small or large recycling can, but residents are encouraged to use a larger can. Residents can also request two small cans.

Mrs. Hale complained that residents are leaving their trash cans out all weekend and also residents are putting their trash out early.

Mayor Fromm asked that the police give out a copy of the ordinance to those who are not abiding by this ordinance.

Mrs. Hale also stated that she is looking into getting the pay phone outside of Pat's Pizza removed, as well as the payphone in front of the Heritage store.

Mrs. Hale commented that the tree in front of the library will be okay. Shade Tree was informed that there is a dead tree in front of where the new pharmacy will be and there is



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a tree that is leaning into the street at 512-514 Park Avenue. Mr. Price from Shade Tree will look into this. Apparently the tree was struck by lightning and is dead.

Mrs. Hale complained about an apparent ongoing yard sale at 1324 Kings Highway and that the sign is still up from the weekend. Mr. Orbanus will look into it.

Mrs. Hale stated that there will be a senior service meeting scheduled for July 24, 2008 at Borough Hall for seniors to receive free vouchers for local farmers markets.

Mrs. Gage asked about the tall grass ordinance and feels that it needs to be more defined as to how far the Borough can take it.

Mayor Fromm stated that there is an ordinance and after the steps have been followed the Borough can go in and clean up the property. Mr. Orbanus stated that Mr. Simmerman wanted a letter from Mayor and council authorizing his department to clean up these properties. Mayor Fromm asked for Dan Orbanus and Chuck Simmerman to provide him a list every two weeks of those properties in violation of the ordinance.

Mayor Fromm asked council for their support in response to a letter that he received from Mayor Chila asking for a contribution from each municipality in the amount of \$500.00 to be used in the effort to appeal the COAH rules (round 3). After a discussion Mr. Casella moved to contribute \$500.00 to the league of municipalities, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.

Mayor Fromm asked council for help with the manuscripts of our code book. He is asking council for permission to break up the manuscript and have each committee/commission review their portion and make recommended changes. This is something that General Code gave to him for completion.

The water leak on Auburn Avenue is scheduled to be repaired this week as per Chuck Simmerman.

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

No one from the audience spoke.

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

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

Deputy clerk read the following resolution:(Closed Session).



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

Prior to going into close session a 5 minute break was taken at 8:42 p.m.

Mayor Fromm adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Tanya L. Goodwin
Deputy Clerk