



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting  
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
August 18, 2008

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**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 Gage 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.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the minutes of 8/4/08, regular and closed, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ben Campanella, 2 Maybrook Ave. expressed his complaints regarding the new tax bills. Mayor answered his complaint and explained the reasons for the large increase this year.

Joseph O'Shaughnessy, 4 Maybrook Ave. expressed his concerns regarding the tax bills and asked when the next reassessment would be. Mayor stated that it will probably be soon and that the County may cover the cost of the reassessment by using their resources.

Ray DeMeo, 6 Maybrook Ave. stated that he was disappointed in the increase.

Lucille Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave. asked when the grass would be cut on the property on Richardson Ave. Mayor stated that the owner was informed and it would be done by Friday.

Ms. Stewart asked if a person has to ask permission to place a sign on private property. Mayor stated yes and he will have the sign removed.

Donald Zane, 509 Lakeview Dr. asked to have the lake lowered so that he can complete repairs to his dock. Mayor stated that we will start the application process.

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

Discussion followed regarding the charging of fees for the notary public services. Mayor asked that we check with the Borough Solicitor to see if we can provide the service free for Borough residents and charge non-residents a fee. Also to do a survey of the surrounding towns to see if and what they charge for this service.



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Committee Reports

Finance – Mr. Flaherty reported that the Borough CFO will do a quarterly finance report for Council.

Police – Mr. Casella stated that he spoke to Chief Dupper and asked him to remind the officers that school will begin shortly and to be ready.

Fire – Mr. Casella reported that he spoke to Chief Barber and he stated that Jottan did the repairs to the Firehouse roof but that it leaked again and he will get in touch with the Construction Official.

Mayor stated that the fire on Park Ave. had a major impact on the family due to smoke and water damage and there will be a fundraiser for the family.

Economic Dev. – Mrs. Hale reported that there will be a meeting on 8/29/08 and that she is still working on the punch list for the Streetscape Project. Mrs. Hale also reported that we are getting new bus stop shelters. Mayor explained that the bus stop shelters will be at no cost to the Borough.

Trash & Recycling – Mayor reported that the recycling containers have been dropped off at the Fish & Calatozzo complex.

School Boards – Mr. Weeks stated that the new school will open next week.

Planning & Zoning – Mayor stated that the next meeting is 9/8/08 and the Board will be voting on the re-examination of the Master Plan.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Flaherty explained to Council that he is dividing the code book for Council to review and recommend changes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor to sign road easement for Glen Echo Ave.)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Cancelling checks – Garbage & Trash)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Cancelling checks – W & S)



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

Clerk read the following ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO DETERMING POSITIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM.

Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held 9/2/08, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote- Gage absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EASEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AND MICHAEL T. DALEY AND EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH BLOCK 28, LOT 2 (1446 KINGS HWY.)

Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 9/2/08, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote – Gage absent, all others yes.

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

Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 9/2/08, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Roll Call Vote – Gage absent, all others yes.

Mr. Dryden moved to approve sick pay benefits for William Goodwin, 8/4/08, Stanley Kemp 8/9/08 – 8/10/08, Mike Sparks ½ day 8/12/08, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

Clerk went over the registration for the League of Municipalities Conference in November and it was decided that the badges would be purchased at the door rather than ordering ahead.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Hale asked for a resolution for the next meeting to approve a Wine Tasting at S/W Day.

Mrs. Fromm gave a report of S/W Day and stated that it is progressing well.

Mayor stated that he confirmed with the County that they are waiting for final approval to make a 4 way stop at the intersection of Franklin and Glen Echo Ave. Mayor also stated that Borough Public Works Supt. has been in touch with the County for placement of Reduced Speed Ahead signs for Franklin St.



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

No one from the public spoke.

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

Mrs. Hale moved to pay all duly authorized bills, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Dolores M. Connors  
Borough Clerk