



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2008

APPROVED MINUTES

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held on the above date in Council Chambers with the Honorable Thomas w. Fromm presiding. Councilman Dryden 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 8/18/08, regular, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lucille Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave. thanked all who helped and participated at the Bar-B-Que and their patronage was appreciated.

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

Mr. Weeks moved to accept the resignation of Jennifer Fratto, effective 7/31/08, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

Mr. Casella apologized to Council for the delay in them receiving this resignation letter.

Mr. Casella stated that a request was received for a vendors permit from Sosa Groceries and that the Borough does not have an application form for a vendor permit. Mr. Weeks stated that the ordinance states what has to be submitted to apply for the permit.

Mr. Casella motioned to refund Sosa Groceries their \$50 Vendors Permit Fee and send a letter to them with a copy of the ordinance outlining the procedure for making application, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Ptl. Ron Borden explained that the Deptford Fire Police was started 2 years ago by him and at that time they were given an old police car when they started but they now have a need for a bigger vehicle to carry their equipment. The old ambulance would be used to haul equipment.

Mr. Flaherty motioned to donate the 1989 ambulance to the Deptford Twp. Board of Fire Commissioners, seconded by Mrs. Gage.



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Mr. Casella asked if Deptford Twp. has a budget and why can't they fund this vehicle. Ptl. Borden stated that they only fund their equipment.

Vote all yes.

Committee Reports

Fire – Mr. Casella stated that he and Mr. Maccerone met regarding the roof at the Fire House.

Mr. Casella reported that the firemen need new radios and that he spoke to Woolwich and they will budget ½ this year and ½ next year. Chief Barber is getting prices.

Mayor stated that the Borough took over the truck payment of \$14,000 a year and that they used to make that payment with the coin drop proceeds and why can't they use that money to purchase radios. Mr. Casella stated that they have a very limited amount of money. Mayor asked that our CFO be able to look at their books like Woolwich CFO is doing. Mr. Casella stated that within 2 years they will need to purchase a new fire truck.

Mr. Casella stated that at the next meeting Chief Barber will have a mutual aid resolution for all the towns.

Police – Mr. Casella reported that all the crossing guards will attend a training session on Wednesday.

Mr. Casella commended Ptl. Hargraves and Ptl. Weber who caught the suspects for the arson on Gen. Harker La. Mayor stated that Public Works helped out also.

Mr. Casella stated that Buddy Thomas has decided to withdraw from the academy at this time but would like to remain in the department. He is now a Class II officer but would have to go back to a Class I officer.

Mr. Casella stated that Christian Gregory will send a letter to Chief Dupper to request that he move up a rank from probationary to 4th class.

Economic Dev. – Mrs. Hale stated that they met on 8/22/08 and discussed the new businesses coming to town, signs in town, streetscape, walking tour and also a business directory.

Mr. Weeks stated that the SWBA is doing a business directory. Mrs. Hale stated that a lot of their businesses are not in town and this directory would be the businesses in Swedesboro.



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Mr. Casella stated that he has received a lot of accolades regarding our Public Works watering the trees and flowers and that they look beautiful.

School Boards – Mr. Weeks reported the following for Kingsway Regional – Class enrollments, after school programs, new technology at the high school and community events being done by the Kingsway Community Connection.

For S/W Schools – Delay opening until 9/8/08 with a walk thru/dedication of the General Harker School on Thus. 9/4/08.

Planning/Zoning Board – Mr. Weeks stated that the Board will vote on the Master Plan.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Flaherty reported that they will meet on 9/3/08 and will have a fall schedule at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Gage asked if Gretchen Kunkle and Carolyn Dupper were on the Shade Tree Commission and that Mike Hill was interested in being a member. Mayor stated that yes they were on the Board and he will check with Mr. Hill.

Mr. Flaherty stated he feels that Woolwich Twp. will contribute to the Library expansion but does not know what percentage and the County will also contribute.

Mrs. Hale will email Borough Engineer for the punch list repairs. Bus shelters are ordered and the park benches will be placed after the bus shelters are in.

Mrs. Hale asked for a few RCA loan applications to distribute to a few people.

Mrs. Hale thanked whoever cut the grass at 1829 Kings Hwy. and reported that someone dismantled a trailer and put the trash out but it is still there. Mayor stated that they were told to remove the bags.

Mrs. Hale stated that Marilyn Williams has a store and is selling items on her porch. Mayor stated that she needs to go through the correct process.

Mrs. Hale reported that Clean Community Coor. is in touch with Chuck for the placement of the dog signs.

Mrs. Hale stated that there are 3 trees on Kings Hwy. that the branches are broken and that Shade Tree Commission needs to keep an eye on them. Mrs. Gage got the locations of the trees.

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



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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Emer. Approp. Court OE)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Robert Schmid-Rental Housing Inspec. Zoning Offi.)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Amend. To the RCA Bet. Wool and Swedes)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Approve Adm. Plan and Procedure manual for RCA Program)

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO DETERMINING POSITIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM

No one spoke for or against the ordinance.

Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Roll Call Vote-Dryden absent, Casella, no, all others yes.

Public hearing was held on 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.)

No one spoke for or against the ordinance.

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

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: SALARY ORDINANCE, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "SALARY ORDINACNE



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No one spoke for or against the ordinance.

Mr. Casella moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote-
Dryden 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 MEETING OF
BOROUGH COUNCIL ON MARCH 15, 1976.

Mrs. Gage moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on September
15, 2008, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote- Dryden absent, all others yes.

Mrs. Gage moved to approve sick pay benefits for the following:

Greg Weber 8/17/08
Ken Hunt 8/18/08, 8/21/08, 8/22/08
Bill Goodwin 8/22/08 ½ day
Mike Sparks 8/27/08

seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Gage asked if there could be a tonnage limit on Bridgeport Ave. due to the horse
trailers coming down from Logan. Mayor stated that there is a tonnage sign posted.

Mrs. Gage asked if electric is discontinued at a property is it a Board of Health issue. It
was discussed that it could be a County Board of Health issue.

Mrs. Gage thanked the Police Dept. for responding quickly to an incident on Broad St.

Mrs. Hale stated that the Diner should be open in December, a bead shop opening on
Kings Hwy. and an Art Studio and Gallery on Kings Hwy. on Swedesboro Day.

Mrs. Hale reported that a grant application is being filled out for a Blues Night and we
need an ADA plan. Mrs. Hale also reported that they have received \$5000 for the Jazz
Festival from the Delaware River Bay Auth.

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



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Lucille Stewart, 4 Richardson stated that St. Paul Church asked why they couldn't open their block party until 12 noon. No one knew why that was not allowed.

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

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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk