



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 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. Councilmen Flaherty, Gage and Dryden were absent, all others present. In accordance with NJSA 40A:9-132 the Mayor will be voting on all issues because of the absence of three Councilmen.

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.

Mayor asked for a Roll Call.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the minutes of 9/2/08, regular, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Vote all yes.

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

No one spoke.

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

Mayor went over the correspondence that was received:

- Letter from Woolwich declining to participate in the expansion of the Library.
- Thank you note from Deptford Board of Fire Commissioners for the donation of the ambulance.
- Invite to Youth Photo Exhibit at the Swedesboro Library, 9/20/08 12-2 pm.
- Letter regarding the rental inspection on Franklin St. would be discussed by the Mayor and Clerk.
- Letter from Chief recommending that Ptl. Gregory be promoted.
- Notice from JIF for the Elected Officials Seminar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety – Mr. Casella reported that the Chief informed him that the school openings went well and he is purchasing some new vests and hand held stop signs for the crossing guards.

Mr. Casella stated that the Chief met with the Swedesboro/Woolwich Day Committee.



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Mr. Casella motioned to promote Ptl. Christian Gregory from Probationary officer to 4th Class officer retroactive back to 7/14/08, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote- Flaherty, Gage, Dryden absent, all others yes.

Fire – Mr. Casella stated that he and Sam Maccherone from Woolwich are still working on getting the roof at the firehouse completed and that we may have to get our attorneys involved.

Board of Health – Mr. Casella stated that the Red Cross is involved with helping the families from the fire last week. Mr. Casella stated that he had questioned why the Public Works men were called in to the fire and found that the Dispatcher calls them in when it is a house fire to make sure that there is sufficient water available to fight the fire.

Mr. Casella stated that Ptl .Ron Borden was on duty the night of the fire and actually called it in because he saw the flames.

Economic Dev. – Mrs. Hale reported that she is still going over the punch list for the Streetscape project.

Shade Tree - Mr. Weeks motioned to appoint Mike Hill to the Shade Tree Commission, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote – Flaherty, Gage, Dryden absent, all others yes.

School Boards – Mr. Weeks reported that the General Harker School opened on 9/8/08 and all was ok.

Planning/Zoning Board – Mayor Fromm stated that the Board approved the re-examination of the Master Plan and it should come to Council shortly.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Weeks asked about the ordinance review. Mayor told him to speak to Mr. Flaherty.

Mrs. Hale reported that the Jazz Festival is moving along and there will be tickets for sale and can be gotten at the Borough Hall. Mrs. Hale stated that she completed a grant application to help with the Jazz Festival.

Mrs. Hale reported that she has received a few calls from people interested in purchasing property in the Borough and they have asked if there is money available to redevelopment. She is trying to get the answers to their inquiries. One person is interested in having a photography studio at 1919 Kings Hwy. but they need information regarding the zoning of the property.



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Mrs. Hale stated that she spoke to the County Senior Services and they will be in Swedesboro on 12/16/08 to help seniors with wills, applications or any other forms that they need filled out. They can also help with heating assistance if needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Casella stated that the S/W Day committee asked Comcast to hang the banner but it is not in the same place due to the cameras on the traffic lights.

Mayor reported that we have a new rental/housing inspector and he is going strong to get all the inspections completed. Right now he is concentrating on mostly safety issues and is hoping to have them completed by November.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Parker McCay, Bond Counsel)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Emer. Approp. Current Acct.)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Req. Approval of Items of Revenue-Tonnage Grant)

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on 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.

Elaine Edwards, Auburn Ave. asked what the salary figures were for the Zoning Officer/Housing Inspector/Rental Inspector. Clerk gave the figures.

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

Mr. Weeks moved to approve sick pay benefits for John Gangemi, 9/4/08, Carl Bagby, 9/8/08 and William Goodwin, 9/11/08, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

Clerk went over correspondence regarding an additional representative for the Boroughs 457 program. Discussion followed. Mayor stated that we are not looking to make a change but they can submit a formal proposal.



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

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lucille Stewart, Richardson Ave. asked what was said about the banner. Mayor explained that it cannot be hung where it was previously because it would interfere with the traffic lights and that maybe next year it could be in a different place.

Ms. Stewart complained about the cars that are parked in the driveways of the church on Richardson Ave.

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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk