



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 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. 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.

Mayor asked for a Roll Call.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the minutes of September 15, 2008, regular, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one spoke.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from resident regarding connecting to the Boroughs sewer system. Mayor to speak to Chuck Simmerman

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the membership applications for Jeremy F. Koscielecki and Mark D. Lemke Jr. to the NJ State Firemen's Assoc., seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.

Ron Borden, Swedesboro Police Officer and Frank Ellis, Deptford Fire Police presented Mayor and Council with a plaque of appreciation for their donation of an ambulance to them.

Recycling reports for August and September, 2008.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS



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Finance – Mr. Flaherty reported that bonding for towns is becoming a tough issue right now. Mayor stated that any towns having a problem getting bonding can get help from the County.

Public Safety Committees

Police - Mr. Casella recognized the Police Dept. for all their help during S/W Day. He also thanked the Woolwich Police Dept. for their help.

Mr. Casella stated that Woolwich Police Chief Marino stated that there is no problem with them helping out with the Jazz Festival.

Fire - Mr. Casella reported that the Fire House roof is still leaking and that money is being held back until the problem is fixed.

Board of Health – Mr. Casella stated that the Board met last Monday and asked that the County Heating Assistance be put on the Boroughs web site. Mrs. Hale stated that it will not be available until November.

Mr. Casella stated that the Borough must place Wilbert Thomas back to a Class I officer. Mayor stated that it would be done by resolution later.

Economic Dev. – Mrs. Hale reported that they met last Thursday and are preparing their mission statement for 2009 and they are concentrating on bringing new businesses to town.

Mrs. Hale reported that they are still working on the punch list for the streetscape.

Mrs. Hale thanked the S/W Day Committee for doing an awesome job. Mr. Casella stated that the banners will be removed after the Jazz Festival.

Trash/Recycling – Mr. Dryden reported that recycling is at 27 ½ % which is about half of what RecycleBank predicted. Mr. Dryden stated that it is better but not as much as anticipated. Mayor stated that they suggested that we recycle vegetative waste and he will speak to Casworth. Mayor stated that we can request a print out of each house and how much is being recycled.

Mr. Dryden contacted Casworth and the collectors will be getting better regarding the placement of cans.

Mrs. Hale stated that there is a grant available in the amount of \$100 - \$5000 called Green Schools Program which is due 10/15/08 but could be considered for next year.



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Shade Tree – Mr. Casella reported that they will meet on Thursday and they are sending 4 members to the conference this month.

RESOLUTIONS

Clerk read the following resolution: (W & S balances)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Donate 1989 Ambulance)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Items of Revenue-\$2188.30 Safety Inc. Prog.)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Accept. TRICO JIF Loss Control Prog.)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Reduce Perf. Bone #4 Swedes Dev. Blk. 50 Lot 1)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor to sign mutual aid for Forest Grove Fire Co.)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (auth. Mayor to sign mutual aid for Paulsboro Fire Co.)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (2009 Municipal Alliance Grant)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Change Order #2 Streetscape Phase II, Marandino Concrete)

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



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Clerk read the following resolution: (Wine Tasting)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Taylor Design Group, COAH)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Wilbert Thomas Class I)

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

Mr. Weeks moved to approve sick pay benefits for Ron Borden, for 9/16/08, and Ken
Hunt for 8/25/08 – 9/26/08, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Weeks asked Mayor and Council their permission to increase our traffic tracker on
our web site and also to see if they want to extend the Borough email. Mrs. Hale
suggested pulling it all together and presenting it.

Mrs. Hale showed everyone the magazine that was in the Sunday Gloucester County
Times which had quite a few articles in it about Swedesboro.

Mrs. Hale reminded everyone about the Jazz Fest on October 11, 2008.

Mayor stated that there is a young man, Chris Beck who at the next meeting will conduct
the meeting as Mayor.

Mayor stated that in regards to the vendors permit application from Sosa Groceries he is
not in favor of approving the permit due to there being another business in town that sells
the same wares. Mayor asked that it be tabled and to ask the Borough Solicitor if we
have the right to deny the application.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lucille Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave., stated that she cannot hear Council when they speak
and asked that they speak up. Mayor suggested that there are plenty of seats up front that
are open.



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Ms. Stewart stated that there is a resident in need of a handicap ramp at their house. Mayor stated that he spoke to them and he will call around to see if anyone would donate the service.

Ms. Stewart asked when the handicap curb cuts will be installed in town. Mayor stated that there was a pre-construction meeting last week and they will be starting soon.

Helen Fromm, 402 Weatherby Ave. asked if the stop signs at the Margaret Clifford School are replaced by the Borough. Mayor stated that it is the school responsibility.

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

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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM.

Dolores M. Connors,
Borough Clerk