



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 3, 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 Flaherty 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 of Council.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the minutes of 10/20/08, regular, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lucille Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave., thanked Mayor Fromm for sending an officer to her home regarding the car parked illegally in front of her house. Ms. Stewart stated that the Police did ask neighbors who the car belonged to and she felt that they should have just issued a ticket because the neighbors had already tried to find out whose car it was.

Mayor asked the Police Committee to remind Police that if it's a recurring incident a ticket should be issued.

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

Mrs. Gage moved to approve the application to the NJ State Firemen's Assoc. for Donald Moul, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Vote all yes.

Committee Reports

Finance – Mr. Weeks stated that Borough CFO, Jeff Coles has asked for a meeting to start the budget process for 2009.

Mayor stated that it was unacceptable the amount of the overtime for the Police Dept. and Public Works and that there must be some accountability from the Chief and Supt.

Police – Mr. Casella reported that there was minimal mischief over the Halloween weekend.



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Fire Dept. – Mr. Casella reported that Const. Off. Jim Sabetta got in touch with Jottan Roofing regarding the roof at the Fire House and they sent a new crew who replaced the flashing again.

Economic Dev. – Mrs. Hale stated that they are putting together a plan for 2009 and will ask Council for their suggestions for objectives. Mrs. Hale stated that they are also doing research for an identity for the downtown and looking into what other towns did to make that turn around.

Shade Tree – Mrs. Gage reported that trees were trimmed on East Ave.

Planning/Zoning Board – Mayor stated that there will be an informational session on 11/6/08 at 6 PM to discuss COAH requirements.

Parks & Recreation – They will meet on 11/5/08 at 7 PM at the Stratton School.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Hale reminded all that Senior Services will be at the Borough Hall on 11/18/08.

Mrs. Hale stated that Clean Communities Day will be on 11/15/08 with a rain date of 11/22/08. Mrs. Hale suggested having groups rake leaves for seniors and will get in touch with the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Weeks told Mr. Patane that he has been unable to get in touch with Mr. Fisher regarding the dropping of the Italian class.

Clerk read the following Proclamation: November, 2008 as National Family Caregivers Month.

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

Mr. Flaherty arrived at 7:20 PM.

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

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Current Transfers)

Mrs. Hale stated that she asked the CFO to make some adjustments to the Economic Dev. line item. Mr. Coles deducted \$600.00 from the amount to transfer from Econ. Dev. and added it to the Police OE line.



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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Emer. Approp. Electric, Gas, & St. Lighting)
Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote – all yes.

Mr. Dryden moved to approve sick pay benefits for William Goodwin, 10/21/08, ½ day, Mike Sparks, 10/21/08, Joseph Hargraves Jr., 10/22/08, Charles Simmerman, 10/23/08, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dryden stated that a lot of our new residents were surprised to see the Police interacting with the children recently and he commended them for outreaching to the children.

Mrs. Hale thanked Mrs. Fromm for helping her remove the pink ribbons.

Mrs. Hale asked if a handicap parking space could be designated for a resident. She was told that they must have a handicap placard or license plate.

Mrs. Hale reported that in today's paper there is an article regarding clothing bins and that Washington Twp. has introduced an ordinance regulating them and felt that it was something that the Borough should look into. Clerk to get a copy of the introduced ordinance.

Mrs. Gage stated that there are 3 manholes loose on Kings Hwy. by the school and asked if someone could be contacted regarding them. Mayor stated that there was a meeting with the County, Westrum and our Engineer last week and that he thought that Westrum would be repairing them.

Mayor reported that the County has been given \$1,000,000 to replace the bridge on Glen Echo Ave., approval for a 4 way stop at Glen Echo and Franklin St. and they are moving forward on the traffic calming at Woodstown Rd and Center Sq. Rd.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lucille Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave. asked the status of a handicap ramp being installed for a resident in need. Mayor stated that he got in touch with a contractor but has not heard anything.



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Kim Schneider, Kings Hwy. reported that she saw on RecycleBank where you can make a donation with the points to a local school and she would like to see our schools on the list. Mayor to call them tomorrow.

Peter Patane, Franklin St. asked the status of the Police Dept. for next year. Mayor stated that they sent a letter to Woolwich stating that we were interested in discussing it but that so far no one has gotten back to us.

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

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Closed Session)

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

Mayor adjourned to closed session at 7:48 PM.

After returning from closed session, Clerk read the following ordinance: 2008 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

Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on November 17, 2008, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote- Gage, abstain, all others yes.

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk