



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 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.

Mayor announced that the Borough will received \$158,000 from the Transportation Trust Fund Municipal Aid from NJ DOT for the reconstruction improvements to Guest Ave.

Mayor asked for a roll call of Council.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the minutes of 11/3/08, regular and closed, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Elaine Edwards, 636 Auburn Ave. announced that HELP will hold a check presentation from Esco Corp. at Richardson Ave. School, 11/20/08 at 2 PM.

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

Clerk went over the following correspondence:

Annual Christmas Parade, 11/29/08 at 1 PM, Rain date 12/6/08. Mayor and Council will attend.

Vendors permits requests received. Council in the process of amending ordinance. Mr. Weeks will review. Carlos Berrios stated that he appreciates what Council is doing and that these vendors hurt the local businesses.

Council went over the Recycling Report for 10/08 and the Woolwich Fire Co. reports for 9/08 and 10/08.

COMMITTEE REPORTS



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Finance – Mr. Flaherty stated that he and the Mayor will meet with our CFO regarding revenue producing items and the Finance Committee will meet before the end of the year to do a line by line for the 2009 Budget.

Mayor stated that Mr. Coles is doing an excellent job of cleaning up the previous mess.

Board of Health – Mr. Casella stated that they did not meet this month.

Fire – Mr. Casella reported that the fire house roof is still leaking and asked Council to give Jottan until the end of the week to correct the problems and if not to refer the matter to our Solicitor.

Mr. Casella motioned to give Jottan until the end of the week to repair the fire house roof as contracted or else refer the matter to our Solicitor, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

Police – Mr. Casella to ask Chief to begin to prepare his 2009 budget.

Mr. Casella reported the Borough lost power on Saturday night and the Lt. brought in one hour early, Officer Gregory and Spec. Officer Spithaler.

Mr. Casella stated that the Chief will meet with Joanna Gahr regarding the Christmas Parade and additional police. Mayor stated that Deptford Fire Police will help out for free. Mayor requested that the main portion of Kings Hwy. remain closed until 15-20 minutes after the end of the parade. Mr. Flaherty suggested not having any cars parked on Kings Hwy. Mayor stated that he would like to see that from Bridgeport Ave. to Church St. but at a minimum from Lake to Church.

Mr. Casella motioned to prohibit parking from Bridgeport to Church St. from 12 noon to 3 PM for the Christmas Parade on 11/29 or rain date of 12/6, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Economic Dev. – Mrs. Hale reported that she met with two representatives from Taylor Design to discuss the downtown area.

Mrs. Hale stated that she received the parking study from Federici & Akin and she will set up meeting to discuss.

Clean Communities – Mrs. Hale reported that the Town Wide Clean Up was very successful. Mayor thanked the Coordinator for a job well done.

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Weeks went over the trash and recycling report for 10/08.



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Shade Tree – Mrs. Gage stated that they met and reviewed the 2006 grant. Some trees will be replaced and they are working on the 2009 Budget. Mr. Price is working on new grant application.

School Boards – Mr. Weeks reported that the Swedesboro-Woolwich School Dist. is still running a modified language program and Kingsway Supt., Ave Altersitz will attend our next meeting to discuss their budget.

Planning/Zoning Board – Mayor reported that there was a joint meeting with Council, the Planning/Zoning Board and Taylor Design who went over the Boroughs obligations regarding COAH which must be approved by the end of the year.

Mr. Weeks stated that it was a good meeting and we need to approve the plan that states that we accommodate the COAH plan. Mayor stated that affordable housing is around \$120,000 - \$140,000 and Swedesboro always has been a place where a young couple could afford a house.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Flaherty stated that they are starting to prepare their 2009 Budget. Mayor stated that he feels we need to revisit the inter-local agreement regarding Parks & Recreation.

Mrs. Gage reported that Parks & Recreation will participate in the Christmas Parade but their will be no pictures.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Weeks stated that he attended the inaugural Neighborhood Watch meeting and they are looking for volunteers.

Mrs. Gage asked about the noisy manhole covers on Kings Hwy. Mayor stated that Chuck, Westrum, Stan and County met regarding this and that it is Westrum is accountable for the problems.

Mr. Flaherty reminded all that there are green trash cans available for the Borough residents.

Mrs. Hale stated that Gloucester County Senior Services will be at Borough Hall tomorrow.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Items of Rev. \$42,677.50 Second St.)

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



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Clerk read the following resolution: (Cancelling grant receivables \$200.00 Buckle Up)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote-
Dryden absent, all others yes

Clerk read the following resolution: (Cancel Grant receivables \$75,127.52 for COPS
grant)
Mrs. Gage moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote-
Dryden absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Insert item of revenue \$6,822.00 Storm water grant)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Roll Call Vote –
Dryden absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Cash Mgmt.)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote –
Dryden absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (2008 Current Fund transfers)
Mrs. Gage moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote –
Dryden absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (2008 W & S Fund transfers)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote-
Dryden absent, all others yes.

PUBLIC HEARING

A 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
MEEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL ON MARCH 15, 1976

Mr. Flaherty moved to open the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

No one from the public spoke.

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

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

Clerk read the following ordinance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
APPROPRIATION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND CAPITAL FUND
BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT



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Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on December 1, 2008, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote- Dryden absent, all others yes.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve sick pay benefits for Ron Borden, 11/5/08, William Goodwin, 11/7/08, and Carl Bagby, 11/13/08, ½ day, seconded by Mrs. Gage. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor distributed a sample fence ordinance to Council and asked them to review it. We do not have a fence ordinance and it is needed. Mayor stated that he would like this to be introduced on 12/1/08.

Mr. Flaherty stated that the Bob Weatheral is looking to introduce a resolution that would state that the County would contribute 50% of the cost of the expansion of the Library.

Mrs. Hale stated that there is heating assistance available for people who have lost their jobs.

Mrs. Hale asked about the white stuff on the railroad tracks. Mayor stated that we have had this before and it is non-toxic but that it can cause minor burning. Mayor suggested that DEP be called or the County Health Dept.

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

Lucille Stewart, Richardson Ave. thanked all for the handicap curb cuts being completed.

Mayor reported that Chestnut St. overlay will be this week and that Fow Ave. is completed and the millings from Chestnut St. will be placed on Guest Ave.

Elaine Edwards, Auburn Ave. asked that if the Borough is doing patching, it is needed at the corner of Auburn and Mechanic. Mayor stated that they are trying to get the County to repair the corner of Auburn & Locke.

Helen Fromm, Weatherby Ave. asked if there are any talks about sidewalks on Second St. Mayor stated that that the Borough applied for grants but were turned down.

Elaine Edwards, Auburn Ave. asked if a fence can be placed on the road with no set backs. Mayor stated that he does not know how that was approved but was told that it is legal.

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



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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Dolores M. Connors,
Borough Clerk