



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 1, 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 asked for a roll call of Council.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the minutes of 11/17/08, regular, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ave Altersitz, Supt. of Kingsway Regional School, went over the programs that are available at the school and explained the increase in enrollments and that there is talk of possible consolidation with Delsea and Clearview. Ms. Altersitz went over the school budget process.

Joanna Gahrs, Chairperson of the GSBA Christmas Parade, asked about the decision that Council made regarding the no parking on Kings Hwy. during the parade and neither the Chief nor the committee was notified. Mr. Flaherty stated that the Chief was aware of the decision and it was a safety factor. Mayor stated that the Chief was informed and thought that it would make it safer. Mr. Weeks stated that it was discussed after last year's parade. Mrs. Gahrs asked that for future reference should a group come to Council first rather than the Police. Mayor stated that Council makes the decision for temporary no parking not the Police. Mr. Weeks suggested that next year to make the downtown no parking but to have some temporary handicap parking at the other end of town. Mr. Casella stated that there was no intent to keep anyone from the parade that it was a safety issue.

Elaine Edwards, Auburn Ave. asked why the schools are only a single story. Discussion followed regarding multi-storied schools.

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

CORRESPONDENCE



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Clerk read the resignation letter from Grover Price from the Shade Tree Commission. Mrs. Gage asked that the letter be tabled until the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Mr. Flaherty stated that the committee will meet with our CFO to discuss the 2009 Budget.

Mayor stated that there is \$44,000 in OT for the police so far this year and it is an unprecedented rate. Mayor asked the Police Committee to tell them to cut down on the OT. Mayor stated that the Borough is already \$.07 in the hole for taxes next year.

Mr. Casella stated that he spoke to Ptl. Ron Borden and the Deptford Fire Police were suppose to help out at the parade on Saturday and they were unable to, so Ptl. Borden donated his time that he worked.

Board of Health - Mr. Casella reported that they met last week.

Fire Dept. – Mr. Casella stated that Jottan was down regarding the roof and that it did not leak over the weekend with the rain but that we were still holding payment until we are sure that the roof has been repaired.

Economic Dev. – Mrs. Hale reported that they will meet on 12/11/08.

Trash & Recycling – Mr. Weeks stated that he is waiting from Reyclebank to provide the information he requested.

Mr. Weeks reported that he has asked the Police to check rental properties for excess trash. Mrs. Hale stated that some towns require that rental properties have a dumpster. Mayor suggested having a meeting with Casworth.

Shade Tree – Mrs. Gage reported that they will meet before the end of the year.

Planning/Zoning – Mayor reminded everyone that there will be a special meeting on 12/18/08 at 6 PM.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Flaherty stated that they will meet next week.

OLD BUSINESS



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Mr. Weeks gave copies of three samples of vendor's ordinances from other towns and remarked that some charge \$200 - \$500 per year for the license and there are also additional charges for fingerprinting. Council to review and send the comments to Mr. Weeks.

Mr. Flaherty reported that the County Library did pass a resolution to support our Library addition up to 50%.

Mrs. Hale brought up the clothes bin ordinance. Clerk to email the sample ordinance to all of Council.

Mayor reported that two residents have qualified for the RCA program and stated that there is money available for home repairs and to let people know that this is available.

RESOLUTIONS

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

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.Approv. Solid Waste Contractual Serv. \$7140.00)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Transfer 2008 Solid Waste Dist.)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Req. Approv. Items of Revenue \$158,000 Guest Ave.)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Req. Approv. Items of Revenue \$789.74, Body Armor)

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

Clerk read the following resolution:(Auth. Interlocal agree. w/Woolwich-Fire Co. Radios)

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



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PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS CAPTIAL EQUIPMENT

Mr. Casella opened the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

No one spoke for or against the ordinance.

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

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

Clerk read the following ordinance: AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FEE ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO

Mr. Casella moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 12/15/08, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote- Dryden absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following ordinance: AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE TH EPOSITION OF MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING SWEDESBORO BOROUGH'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE FAIR HOUSING ACT.

Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 12/15/08, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote – Dryden absent, all others yes.

Mrs. Gage moved to approve sick pay benefits for Ronald Borden, 11/15/08, John Gangemi, 11/26/08, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

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

Elaine Edwards, Auburn Ave. suggested giving the Police comp time rather than overtime pay. Mr. Weeks explained that the reason for the overtime was due to covering a shift since another patrolman is out for sick, vacation, etc.

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

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Closed Session)



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

Mayor adjourned to closed session at 8:32 PM.

After returning from closed session, Clerk read the following ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO DETERMINING REGULATIONS FOR FENCES AND WALLS.

Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 12/15/08, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote – Dryden, Gage absent, all others yes.

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk