



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of January 5, 2009
Approved on January 20, 2009

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held on the above date in Council Chambers with the Honorable Thomas W. Fromm presiding. All Councilmen were 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 welcomed Mrs. Gahrs and Mr. Ayers.

Mayor asked for a roll call of Council.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the minutes of December 15, 2008, regular and closed and December 18, 2008, special, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

Mayor stated that 2009 will be a busy year with great challenges and opportunities and support will be needed from a lot of people. Mayor stated that he wants to move forward on some of the following issues:

- Library expansion
- Issues with the water system, Well #2 failing
- Water storage issue
- Downtown redevelopment project
- Reduction of Municipal Aid will cause challenges on the Budget.
- Shared services with the Police Dept.
- Etc.

Mayor stated that this is an excellent Council to address the issues.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lois Stanley, 1214 Kings Hwy. an Russ Shiveler Jr., 11 Brandon Ct. Sicklerville, presented a copy of their book *Images of America, Swedesboro & Woolwich Township* to Mayor and Council.

Elaine Edwards, Auburn Ave. welcomed Mrs. Gahrs and Mr. Ayers. Mrs. Edwards asked if the signal light on Auburn Ave. could have the timing changed to allow more cars through the intersection during rush hour. Mayor to get in touch with the County.



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

Clerk went over received correspondence.

A letter was received from a resident requesting to make payment arrangements on their excess water bill and the other from a resident who already has an agreement and wanted to confirm that they would be allowed to continue. Council discussed that a decision was made last year not to allow any payment arrangements on the bills other than the 4 residents who were grandfathered in who faithfully make their payments.

Mr. Weeks moved to deny the request to make payment arrangements and to allow the resident who has an agreement to continue, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

Clerk informed Council that the contract for the cleaning service of the Borough Hall is due and the increase will be \$5 more a visit. Clerk can sign the contract.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Mr. Flaherty stated that the CFO will have preliminary 2009 Budget figures shortly.

Public Safety – Mr. Casella stated that there are leg issues with one of the officers from a recent injury.

Economic Dev. – Mrs. Hale showed Council a brochure for a survey asking residents what their vision is for the Downtown and request they be returned by 1/18/09. Mrs. Hale reported that they are moving forward with the application for the next phase of Streetscape.

Fire – Mr. Casella reported that the roof at the fire house is still ok and that he and Sam Maccherone will meet with Congressman LoBiondo to see if there are grants available to the fire company for the purchase of a fire truck.

Mayor stated that the Borough took over the lease payments on the last truck.

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Weeks stated that he has the information from Recyclebank regarding the percentage of participation in recycling and that there are quite a few residents not recycling. He stated that he will set up a meeting with Casworth over the discrepancies with the trash numbers. Mayor stated that it is a job that Mr. Teter gets paid to do and we need to come up with a consistent method.



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Parks & Recreation – Mr. Flaherty reported that he will have the names of the Swedesboro replacements before the end of the week.

Mrs. Gahrs reported that the Bowling Party was very successful and that 116 participated. Next meeting will be on 1/7/08 at the Stratton School.

Board of Health – Mr. Casella stated that they are reorganizing tonight.

School Boards – Mr. Weeks stated that he will contact the schools for updates and will try to set up a meeting to sit in on their budget meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Hale reported that the Town Wide Clean Up will be on 5/2/09. Mrs. Hale also announced that there will be a Blues night on 4/25/09 at Rode's and that there are a limited number of tickets. Mrs. Hale stated that they are also working on a Walking Tour Brochure which will be available in the early spring.

RESOLUTIONS

- Clerk read the following resolution: (Schedule of Regular Meetings).
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Mailing notice of meetings)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Cash Mgmt. Plan)
Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Temp. 2009 Budget Garbage & Trash)
Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Temp. 2009 Budget Current Fund)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Temp. 2009 Budget Utility Fund)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Risk Mgmt. Consult. Hardenbergh)



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- Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution; (Apply to Local Finance Bd. dissolve Garbage Dist.)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

ORDINANCES

Clerk read 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 16, 1976.

Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing on 1/20/09, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

Clerk read the following ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO DISSOLVING THE GARBAGE COLLECTION DISTRICT FOR THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 2/17/09, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

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

Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing on 1/20/09, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve sick pay benefits for Chris Beckett, 12/7/08, William Goodwin, 12/18/08 and Stan Kemp, 12/12/08, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Weeks reported that a Boy Scout, Sean Beatty would be earning his Eagle badge shortly and would like to present him with a proclamation. Mr. Weeks will prepare it.

Mrs. Hale announced that at the Rulon House the Historical Society will hold a Murder Mystery on 1/17/09 from 6-7 PM and dinner at 7:30 PM. The cost is \$25.00 per person.



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Mayor stated that four members, Elaine Edwards, Diane Hale, Edie Rohrman and himself will be sworn in tonight to the Tourism Committee. This will allow them to have input on the tourism in Gloucester County.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Elaine Edwards, Auburn Ave. announced that HELP will hold the 4th Annual Martin Luther King Day program at the Clifford School on 1/19/09 at 1:00 PM.

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

Mr. Flaherty 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 7:56 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk