



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of January 20, 2009
Approved on February 2, 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.

Mrs. Hale moved to approve the minutes of January 5, 2009, reorganization and regular, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

Mayor asked for a roll call of Council.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one from the public spoke.

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

Clerk went over received correspondence.

Mr. Weeks moved to accept the resignation of Horace Spoto as Tax Assessor with regret, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Mr. Casella moved to have the Borough Solicitor send a letter to owner of 113 Railroad Ave. try to collect outstanding debt of \$5303.50, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Mr. Flaherty reported that he met with our CFO and he hopes to have a report by Friday and then he can put together our 2009 budget.

Public Safety – Mr. Casella stated that he spoke to Chief Dupper and there were a few domestics in town over the weekend.

Christian Gregory helped out with the MLK Celebration.

Mr. Casella reported that there are engine issues with one of the Police newer vehicles and it will be going to the Ford dealer.



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Mr. Casella stated that they are continuing talks with Woolwich regarding the Police Dept. and requested a closed session.

JIF – Mr. Casella stated that there will be a meeting on 1/26/09 and they will be discussing Weber & Hargraves incident of 12/10/08.

Mayor asked if the police car out in the parking lot could be moved and also asked the status of Weber. Clerk stated that she will get in touch with our insurance company for an update on his condition.

Mayor stated that we are down officers and we need more than one officer on duty at a time. Mr. Casella stated that we need Class II officers.

Economic Development – Mrs. Hale stated that they will have a kick off meeting on 1/22/09 at 7 PM and they will review the surveys and also discuss expanding the kids' activities at the Outdoor Garden Show.

Fire – Mrs. Gahrs reported that the Fire Company received 14 radios which were programmed incorrectly and a representative is coming to reprogram them.

Mrs. Gahrs stated that the heating bill at the Fire Company was \$2000 for the month. Sam Maccherone is comparing the bills and they seem to be running the same.

They are looking for grant money to insulate the Fire House roof.

Recycling – Mr. Weeks went over the report of 12/08 and stated that he received the annual summary report from ReycleBank and will meet next week with Casworth and ReycleBank.

Mr. Weeks stated that the schools looked into the ReycleBank points and S/W is signed up for the residents to give them their points.

Street Lighting – Mrs. Gahrs reported that the Christmas Lights would be taken down on 1/24/09.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Flaherty reported that at their first meeting they will be doing assignments for Fun day and will have a list of activities planned for the year at the next meeting.

Environmental Committee – Mr. Ayers stated that he met with Deborah & Larry Phillips to discuss when to meet.



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School Boards – Mr. Weeks stated that Kingsway is ready to start the internal budget review and will be in touch to get together for an early review. They are also looking for land for future expansion.

Mr. Weeks reported the following:

S/W has a 65 student increase over last year

The YMCA has cancelled 1-4 grades after school swimming lesson program

Architects are reviewing to place 2 more bldgs. on site of Harker School.

S/W reviewing their budget process and expect flat funding

District scheduled 1/27 meeting for mediation between the school board and teachers union to settle contract disputes.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Flaherty reported that the oil burner was fixed at the Library.

Mrs. Hale stated that Clean Community Day will be on 5/2 and rain date of 5/9.

RESOLUTIONS

- Clerk read the following resolution: (CDL Drug Testing)
Mr. Casella moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Surenian, COAH Counsel)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Taylor Design, COAH Planner)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Maley, Redev. Counsel)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Tambussi, Labor Counsel)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Parker McCay, Bond Counsel)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Transfers Current Fund)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Rescind Petty Cash Funds)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.



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- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor to sign engineering design for Guest Ave.)
Mr. Casella moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor to sign engineering services for CDBG Demolition of Buildings)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
Mayor stated that we need to spend this money or lose it. The homes are on General Harker Lane.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

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 MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL ON MARCH 15, 1976

No one spoke for or against the ordinance.

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- all yes.

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

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FEE ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO

No one spoke for or against the ordinance.

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

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

Mr. Casella moved to approve sick pay benefits for Ken Hunt, 1/8/09 ½ day, Chris Beckett, 1/13/09, and John Gangemi, 1/15, 1/16/09, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS



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Mrs. Hale stated that the meeting for the Jazz Festival will be on 1/28/09 at 6:30 PM.

Mrs. Hale reported that she attending meeting for Invest In NJ Grant Programs and reached out to business owners and have them contact Bonnie.

South Jersey Tourism meeting 1/27/09 and Gloucester County Tourism meeting on 2/3/09.

Mrs. Hale stated that she and Mr. Weeks are looking into the Safe Passage to School Grants.

Mr. Weeks asked Mayor to get in touch with Bruno to hire him to look for grants and his fee would come from the grant money.

Mrs. Hale stated that she is getting prices for banners and they also need new flags.

Mrs. Gahrs reported that she registered for the Elected Official Seminar through JIF on 1/29/09.

Mayor stated that there is money out there for projects that are "Shovel Ready" and he has compiled the following list so far:

- Library Expansion
- Streetscape
- Well # 2 replacement
- Water storage
- Bike path
- Priority Streets for overlay:

Turner, Ashton, Thompson, Mayhew

Mayor asked Council to come up with other projects and let him know.

Mayor reported that the bridge on Glen Echo will be replaced and the contract has been awarded and it will begin in 2-3 weeks. Chief Dupper and Stan Bitgood will attend a meeting on 1/22/09. Mayor stated that there will be no detours through town.

Mayor stated that there will be a 4 way stop at Franklin and Glen Echo. It will be blinking lights.

Mayor stated that the State passed a law giving towns the authority of Pedestrian Safety in town without State approval. Mayor asked Council to think where else we need 4 way stops only on Borough roads and to bring their list to the next meeting.

Mayor stated that they are beginning negotiations for the Teamster contract and would likely complete by the end of February.



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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Helen Fromm, Weatherby Ave. reported that the Christmas Lights are off.

Mrs. Fromm stated that she spoke to the Principal of the Walter Hill and Margaret Clifford Schools and they do not think that they are on the list for RecycleBank. Mr. Weeks to check with RecycleBank.

Mr. Casella expressed concern that RecycleBank is not doing much to notify or inform the residents. Mayor stated that it is a joint effort and we have to get together with them and tell them what you want. Mayor suggested having them come back with a one year review.

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

Mr. Weeks moved to pay all duly authorized bills, seconded by Mr. Casella. 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 8:23 PM.

After returning from closed session, Mr. Weeks motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk