



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of February 2, 2009
Approved on February 17, 2009

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held on the above date in Council Chambers with the Honorable Thomas W. Fromm presiding. Councilman Weeks was absent, all others present.

A moment of silent prayer was followed by the flag salute.

Mayor asked for a roll call of Council

Mayor read a Proclamation honoring Sean Beatty who has earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pete Patane, Franklin St. asked how the traffic will be controlled when they replace the bridge on Glen Echo Ave. and was concerned that all the traffic will be using Franklin St. Mayor explained the detour route and stated that the detours will be enforced.

Elaine Edwards, Auburn Ave. thanked all who helped and supported the Martin Luther King Program and reminded all that the Black History Program will be on 2/22/09 at the Trinity Church at 3 PM.

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

Mr. Flaherty moved to accept the resignation of Dep. Tax Collector, Bonnie Coleman with regret, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Vote all yes.

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the applications to the NJ State Firemen's Assoc. for Shawn Bittmann, Henry Bittmann, and Jon Keller, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs. Vote all yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Mr. Flaherty reported that he met with our CFO and Auditor and are looking into ways to find funding and also waiting to see what the State will do. Trying to keep taxes down without cutting services. Mayor stated that there will be no extraordinary aid this year and that they are working with an excellent team this year with our new CFO.

Mayor reported that the Gloucester County Mayors Association had a presentation regarding the County Wide Tax Assessors Program. A survey was sent to all Mayors in Gloucester County for their opinion. This program is beginning in Gloucester County



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and that all towns must be willing to participate in the program. Mr. Casella asked if there was a time frame for the change to take place. Mr. Flaherty stated not yet.

Mr. Flaherty motioned to approve the County wide Tax Assessor Program, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote – Weeks absent, all others yes.

Public Safety – Mr. Casella met with the Chief and discussed the closing of Glen Echo for the bridge replacement and that the officers will be out there to help people get where they are going.

Mr. Casella reported that they are holding off repairing Car #8 due to repairs not under warranty.

Mr. Casella also reported that Weber is still out and Kemp will be out for a month, Hargraves Jr. is back and shifts are being covered. Mr. Casella stated that as he discussed with the Mayor we may have to get in touch with the County and Woolwich to help out.

Economic Dev. – Mrs. Hale reported that they had a meeting on 1/22/09 and reviewed the surveys and will continue on with the following:

- Banners for downtown with Mike Murray doing the design work
- Continuing on State Route to School Grant
- Attended County meeting on what to offer businesses and there is grant money available for businesses.

Fire – Mrs. Gahrs reported that she will meet on 2/5 with Mr. Maccherrone, Jane DiBella and Ed Barber to discuss a 5 year plan.

Parks & Recreation - Mr. Flaherty stated that they will meet on 2/4/09.

Mr. Casella asked if people can skate on the lake. Mayor suggested getting in touch with our insurance broker Chris Powell to check out the liability.

Library Expansion – Mr. Flaherty stated that he is waiting for the meeting with our CFO to get figures together.

Board of Health – Mr. Casella stated that the Board met and they want to try to make all aware of the Senior Citizens and heating assistance programs.

Mayor asked that the Board of Health look into their ordinance and see if they can condemn property as a public nuisance.

Environmental – Mr. Ayers reported that they met with the Shade Tree Com. and went over the budget but that they need to prioritize.



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OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Flaherty reported that the heaters are working at the Library.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Hale requested that we look into motion sensor lights for the restrooms at Borough Hall. Mayor also asked for programmable heating/cooling thermostats.

Mrs. Hale asked when the 4 way stop light would go in on Franklin St. Mayor stated very shortly.

Mrs. Hale stated that she and Edie Rohrman attended the South Jersey Tourism meeting and they promote all towns and get tourism into them and if anything going on in town to get them the information.

Mr. Flaherty reported that they are looking into the water meters with electronic reads and hope to replace all meters this year. Mayor stated that there is money in the capital budget and to move on that right now.

RESOLUTIONS

- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. municipal lien \$298.33, Blk. 17 Lot 6)
Mr. Casella moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote- Weeks absent, all others yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Tax overpayments)
Mr. Casella moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote – Weeks absent, all others yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Agreement, RCA Rich)
Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote- Weeks absent, all others yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Agreement, RCA-Pandorf)
Mrs. Hale moved to adopt the resolution, seconded bon Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote- Weeks absent, all others yes.

Mayor explained that the RCA program is available to residents who need help with their properties.

- Clerk read the following resolution: (transfers)
Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote – Weeks absent, all others yes.



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- Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Tax Assessor, Robyn Glocker Hammond)
Mrs. Hale moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call Vote – Weeks absent, all others yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Authorize Mayor to sign request for access – Getty Station)
Mr. Casella moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote- Weeks absent, all others yes.

ORDINANCES

Clerk read the following ordinance: (CALENDAR YEAR 2009, ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (NJSA 40A4-45.14)

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

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve sick pay benefits for

Carl Bagby	1/13/09
Chuck Simmerman	1/20, 21,22/09
Stan Kemp	1/14, 15/09
Mike Sparks	1/29/09
Bill Goodwin	1/29, 30/09

Seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Carol Gahrs, 110 Thompson, reported a serious problem with sewer back ups often onto the street and houses. Mayor stated that last year he was told that it was not a big problem. Mr. Flaherty to get in touch with Chuck.

Helen Fromm, Weatherby Ave. announced that Parks & Recreation will have a bus trip to the Flower Show and the S/W schools are looking into participation in the RecycleBank grant program.

Kim McDonough, 114 Thompson, asked about the COAH figures and Mayor explained the process.

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



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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk