



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of March 2, 2009
Approved on March 16, 2009

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

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

Mayor asked for a roll call of Council.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the minutes of 2/17/09, regular, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Vote all yes.

Mr. Weeks 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 Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

Clerk went over her request to attend the NJ Municipal Clerks Seminar in April, 2009.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the request to attend the NJ Municipal Clerks Seminar, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Vote all yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environmental/Shade Tree – Mr. Ayers stated that they are working on their budget.

Finance - Mayor stated that they are waiting on the State figures and then they will work on the budget.

Public Safety – Mr. Casella stated that Carl Bagby attended the JIF meeting and that the Borough received \$1500 for their safety budget from JIF.

Mr. Casella reported that regarding the property located on Kings Hwy. the Board of Health drafted a letter. The case was supposed to go to Court today but due to the weather it was probably postponed. Mayor stated that he sent a copy of the letter to the Judge and Prosecutor. He said that the letter sounded like the town has to do something. Mr. Casella said that the Board can recommend to Council their finds. Mayor stated that he heard from Mr. Sabetta that the owner was told they need a certification that the building was sound and that they did get it.



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Mr. Casella reported that he is keeping an eye on Lake Ave. traffic and that last week sometimes the traffic was light but other time not and they might need to extend the time of the light.

Mr. Casella stated that the Chief called regarding the light at Glen Echo and it is now no longer blinking.

Mr. Casella gave the medical updates on the following: Michener waiting for results of MRI will be out another week and Kemp has surgery last week.

Mr. Casella stated that Lt. Kemp had previously handled the reports and that the State Police will have an officer who will be here to help get the reports caught up.

Mr. Casella stated that the baseball teams want a parade in town and that the Chief told them to come to Council.

Mr. Casella stated that the Chief called him about a grant that he would like to apply for and advised him to find out how it would affect the grant if we merge, etc.

Mayor stated that the Borough attended the JIF Safety Breakfast and where we are lacking is with the Fire Co. in reports, JSO's etc. Mayor suggested a meeting with Chief Barber and Pres. Simonelli.

Economic Development – Mrs. Hale reported that they met and are coming up with goals and objectives for 2009 and will have a list for Council at the next meeting.

Fire – Mrs. Gahrs reported that she met with Jane DiBella, Sam Macherrone and Chief Barber to discuss grants. Chief Barber submitted a wish list and their budget. They got a price to insulate the interior of the fire house and it would cost approximately \$30,000 and they do not have the status of a Non-Profit and they will begin the process to file for that.

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Weeks stated that he received the reports from RecycleBank and they will attend a Council meeting in April to give a 1 year report.

Mayor stated that 35%-40% of the residents either do not recycle or recycle very little.

School Boards - Mr. Weeks reported that S/W School Dist. is 2nd to last to spend the least per student and the 5th & 6th graders didn't quite meet the State standards. Mayor asked if there was anything on the budget. Mr. Weeks said they are waiting for next week to see State aid figures.

OLD BUSINESS



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Mrs. Hale reported that she did an inventory of all the sidewalks in town and is submitting a grant for crosswalks and sidewalks and will look at the tax map to see what area to target.

Mr. Weeks stated that some streets have no sidewalks and some homes have a sidewalk and the next house does not. Mayor stated that they need to look into grants to put sidewalks in and with new construction they must put in sidewalks.

Mrs. Hale reported that there is a No Parking sign Monday – Friday on Railroad Ave. by the Bank. Mrs. Gahrs said it was put in due to cars coming out of the drive through. Mayor asked that the Chief speak to the bank and to also give thought to exiting from Ashton Ave.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Cancel grant receivable & Approp. Domestic Viol. Train. \$5000)

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Accept. Maint. Bond, Edwards 428-430 Broad)

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

Discussion followed regarding rental fees.

Mr. Ayers moved to increase the rental inspection fees to \$75.00 for the 1st and 2nd inspection and from the 3rd inspection on it will be \$75.00 each, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote- Flaherty absent, Casella abstain, all others yes.

Mayor stated that the Planning/Zoning Board has requested to increase their fees and it will be introduced at the next meeting.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve sick pay benefits to Bill Dupper for 2/24/09, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

No one had any new business.

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

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Closed Session)

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

Mayor adjourned to closed session at 8:00 PM.

After returning from closed session, Mr. Weeks moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded
by Mr. Ayers. Vote all yes.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk