



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of May 4, 2009
Approved on May 18, 2009

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held on the above date at the Margaret Clifford School 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 Act.

Mayor asked for a roll call of Council.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the minutes of 4/20/09, regular and 4/23/09 special, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Vote all yes.

Mayor thanked all for coming and stated that they will be taking important steps for the future of Swedesboro and will ask Council to allow him to approve and sign off on the agreement with Woolwich regarding the Police. An ordinance will be introduced to dissolve the Police Dept. which will increase public safety and reduce taxes. Mayor stated that there will also be two Bond Ordinances introduced tonight which will cover a new well, new water storage, radio read water meters, expanding the library, streetscape III, downtown redevelopment and sidewalks.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following people spoke:

- Rick S., 2517 Kings Hwy. asked if Woolwich was contributing to the expansion of the Library. Mayor stated no.
- Kurt Goehringer, 403 Second St., supports the interlocal with Woolwich and asked the locations of the sidewalks. Mayor stated the sidewalks would be placed first the way the children walk to school and then other areas.
- Marge Dombrosky, Branch Manager of Library, thanked Mayor and Council and especially Councilman Flaherty for their support.
- Jennifer Streitfeld, 401 Second St., supports interlocal.
- Kathy Goehringer, 403 Second St., supports interlocal.
- Dan Orbanus, 1529 Kings Hwy., surprised at the number of people in attendance and stated that the people elect Mayor and Council to do what they feel is best and if they don't like it, do not to re-elect them.
- Judy Daley, 1518 Kings Hwy., supports library plan.
- Russ Zappala, 560 Park Ave. asked what is to be done with the equipment that the Police have. Mayor stated that they will turn over whatever Woolwich can use



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- and there will be at least 3 vehicles and the traffic radar signs. Sent study to the DCA and are eligible for \$200,000 from the Share Grant. Agreed to early retirement plan for the Chief and may be severance depending on years of service for other officers.
- Ann Zayak, 100 East Ave., favor of the library expansion.
 - Peg Lafferty, 403 Second St., felt police officers are being eliminated. Mayor stated that Woolwich will conduct interviews to hire 2 full time officers and hope to have all placed if they choose to apply
 - Theresa Carlton, 147 Franklin St. favor of Library addition and expressed concern that we don't lose Swedesboro a historic town and become part of Woolwich. Mayor stated that they have to do things in the most efficient way to keep Swedesboro viable and an affordable place to live.
 - Elaine Edwards, Auburn Ave. supports library expansion and police merger but concerned about losing Swedesboro identity
 - Kim Schneider, 1522 Kings Hwy., favor of Library expansion and feels everyone should take advantage of what the Library has to offer.
 - Anna Harris, 214 Weatherby Ave., supports the Library and expressed concern regarding the sidewalks for a handicap person and also asked for better bus service for residents who don't drive especially a bus to Pureland. Mayor stated that he will pass this on to Assemblyman Burchelli to look into the routes and frequency and will look to have our Property Maintenance Officer talk to residents to fix their sidewalks.
 - Natalie Mathias, 26 Natalie Dr., supports Library expansion.

Mr. Casella thanked Marge and staff who were the leaders of the expansion program. Mr. Flaherty also thanked Robert Weatherill from the County Library. Mayor stated that they have an excellent staff and friends of the Library and he thanked them all.

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

Clerk read the Thank You from Holy Redeemer Home Care for the donation in the memory of Doris Drager.

RESOLUTIONS

- Clerk read the following resolution: (Economic Deve. Wine Tasting)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Emer. Temp.Current fund approp.)
Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote – all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. prep. & submission of app. to NJ Environ. Infrastructure Trust) Mayor explained that it allows the Borough to apply for grants and low interest loans to fund the water storage and the radio meters.



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- Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. execution of interlocal agree. w/Woolwich for police services)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote- Gahrs, no due to just receiving the agreement and asked to table to next meeting to have time to review the agreement. All others yes.
 - Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor & CFO to sign early retirement incentive grant for Chief)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
 - Clerk read the following resolution: (Employers agree to pay SHBP coverage of certain retirees)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO, REFUSE CONTAINERS/DUMPSTERS

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

No one from the public spoke for or against the ordinance.

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

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

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO, FERTILIZER APPLICATION

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

Russ Zappala, 560 Park Ave. asked if the 25" width was from the water back. Mr. Weeks stated 25" from edge of water cannot apply fertilizer. Mr. Zappala asked how it would be policed. Mr. Weeks stated that someone would have to make a complaint.

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

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



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Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO, PRIVATE STORM DRAIN INLET RETROFITTING

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

No one from the public 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. Ayers. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE SWEDESBORO CODE ENTITLED "LAND USE PROCEDURES"

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

No one from the public spoke for or against the ordinance.

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

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

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCED

O13-2009

Clerk read the following ordinance: BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF EQUIPMENT AND COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,110,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,577,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.

Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on May 18, 2009, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote – all yes.

O14-2009

Clerk read the following ordinance: BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS



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WATER & SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,100,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$2,100,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND CONVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Mr. Casella moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on May 18, 2009, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

O15-2009

Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO REPEALING CHAPTER 35 OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO ENTITLED POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Casella moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on May 18, 2009, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote – all yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Health – Mr. Casella reported that they met last week and discussed the swine flu. Mr. Casella asked for a copy of the video “The Rights and Duties of a Volunteer in Local Government” so that the Board may watch it and be in compliance as per JIF.

Police - Mr. Casella moved to promote Ptl. Chris Beckett to 3rd class effective 5/14/09, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

Mr. Casella reported that Lt. Kemp is still out.

Economic Development – Mrs. Hale reported that they will be putting brochures in the rack cards at the bus stops and rest stops. It will be a brochure to promote Swedesboro. There will be a Meet and Greet in June for the businesses and a notice will be mailed.

Garbage & Recycling - Mr. Weeks stated that he will ask RecycleBank to come to our meeting in June and that the last figures show that only 65% of the residents are participating in recycling. RecycleBank will be at a booth at the Garden Show on 5/16/09.

Fire – Mrs. Gahrs reported that the Fire Co. is still working on the non-profit status. The Easter flower sale broke even and they are looking for other fund raisers.



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Parks & Recreation – Mr. Flaherty stated that Fun Day is 5/30/09 and discount tickets are still available.

Library - Mr. Flaherty stated that the public hearing would be in two weeks for the bonding for the Library expansion and once approved we will be set to move.

Environmental Commission/Shade Tree – Mr. Ayers stated that they will have a booth at the Garden Show.

Mr. Casella asked about appoint Darlene Gage to the Shade Tree Com. Mr. Ayers stated that Mike Hill was the liaison and it was mentioned.

School Boards – Mr. Weeks stated that nothing has been received since the budgets were passed.

Mayor stated that there was a discussion amongst the Mayors that Kingsway is asking if the towns would have an interest to recoup the programs that were eliminated by the 5 towns.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Gahrs asked if the parking study is available to the public. Mayor stated yes.

Mrs. Hale stated that there will be a Town Wide Yard Sale on 6/6/09 from 8 AM – 2 PM. Sign up forms will be at the Borough Hall and any Woolwich residents who want to participate they will be located in the horseshoe at the Walter Hill School.

Mrs. Hale asked about donating the ReyclBank points to the schools. Mr. Weeks stated that there is a cap as to how many can be donated and he will check to see if the Library can receive them also.

Mr. Flaherty stated that the radio read meters will show the true use of water.

Mr. Weeks stated that there had been 10 hits a day to the web site when first began and now we are averaging 75 hits a day.

Mr. Casella stated that he likes seeing so many people at a Council meeting and that this is how you find out what is going on in town.

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

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Lucile Stewart, Richardson Ave. asked where the Garden Show was located. Mrs. Hale stated downtown between the Trinity Church and Dunn Dr.

Carol Gahrs, 110 Thompson Ave. asked if there was a breakdown of the bond ordinances. Clerk stated that it is advertised in its entirety in the Times on Thursday or Friday. Mayor went over the items and amounts in the bond.

Theresa Carlton, Franklin St., stated that there are rumors that Woolwich is going to give the Historical Society the trailers that they had previously used for the town hall and asked the Mayor if there are any plans in the future to find a place for them. Mayor stated that there is no money in the budget for the Historical Society. Will have to try and see if a developer could help us out.

Mr. Casella suggested that they contact our local legislators and see if there is any grant money out there.

Russ Zappala, 560 Park Ave. asked if the Borough was purchasing property in the redevelopment zone. Mayor stated that in the ordinance and the resolution that was passed it listed the Blocks and Lots of the properties and is hoping that the owners will agree to the proposal.

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.

Mr. Weeks moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Vote all yes.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk