



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting  
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of July 20, 2009  
Approved on August 3, 2009

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A regular meeting of Borough Council was held on the above date in Council Chambers with Council President, David Flaherty presiding in the absence of Mayor Fromm. All Councilmen were present.

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

Mr. Flaherty asked for a roll call of Council.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the minutes of 7/6/09, regular, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Vote all yes.

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

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joe Figliola, Recycle Bank, went over the recycling program and figures of recycling in Swedesboro.

Edie Rohrman, 1428 Kings Hwy., stated that the Swedesboro Historical Society is cataloging the original hitching posts located throughout town and if residents have one in front of their property and don't want it the Historical Society is interested in it. Ms. Rohrman also stated that some of them are metal and some are concrete. There is also the original slate curbing in front of 1215 Kings Hwy.

Lois Stanley, 1215 Kings Hwy. stated that they need to make people aware of the historical value of these items.

Ms. Rohrman reported that the Historical Society did participate in the Tomato Festival in Woolwich on Saturday.

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

Clerk went over the correspondence received.

Letter from a Landlord asking Council to waive the late fee for registration. After some discussion it was unanimous that his request be denied.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety – Mr. Casella introduced Chief Marino of the Woolwich Police Dept. Chief Marino went over reports of activity and list of calls for June, 2009. Mr. Casella

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asked what feedback he has received from the officers and also residents. Chief stated that everything was very positive.

Mr. Weeks thanked Chief Marino for assigning Officer Lewis to the Neighborhood Watch Program and asked what they are doing for the National Night Out. Chief stated that Officer Lewis is in charge of it and will be held at the Locke Ave. Park.

Mr. Casella stated that he is concerned about children having no helmets while riding their bikes and asked if they can stop the kids and tell them. Chief stated that they will be holding a Bike Rodeo for the children.

Chief went over a few questions he had and was directed to the person he needed to speak to.

Fire – Mrs. Gahrs reported that due to not having sufficient funds to insulate the fire house, Woolwich Clerk has applied for a grant to cover the cost of that.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Flaherty reported that Chris Beck has requested a kick ball league to be started and he will pass this on to Parks & Rec.

Library Expansion - Mr. Flaherty reported that they are in the final stages and will go to bid the beginning of August.

Environment/Shade Tree – Mr. Ayers reported that there was no meeting of Shade Tree this month and Environmental will meet on 7/23/09.

Mr. Weeks stated that there are some trees that the branches are very low and the residents need to be notified. Mr. Ayers to get in touch with Shade Tree.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Hale asked who repairs the benches and tables at the Lake Naraticon Park. Mr. Flaherty stated that the Boro workers do the repairs and to meet with Chuck.

Mrs. Hale stated that she had brought it up before regarding the timers for the heater/AC at Boro Hall and also the lights outside Boro Hall being on all the time.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Read Budget by title only)

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

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the 2009 budget and amendments.

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

No one from the public spoke.

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

RESOLUTIONS

- Clerk read the following resolution: (Amend Budget)Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Extend Due Date for Taxes)  
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote – all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Change Order - Jerry & Sons, Fow Ave.)  
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote – all yes.

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the following: AN ORDINANCE RE-APPOINTING CERTAIN BALANCES WITHIN THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIO EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6000.

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

No one from the public spoke.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

- Clerk read the following resolution: (2009 Budget)  
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs. Roll Call Vote –all yes.

Mr. Weeks moved to pay sick pay benefits to:  
Mike Sparks 7/7/09 ½ day, 7/8/09  
Carl Bagby 7/8/09  
Charles Simmerman 7/15/09 – 7/16/09



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NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Casella stated that he received an email regarding some ordinances and wanted to know if Mr. Schmid responded. Clerk stated that he did not mention anything to her. Mr. Flaherty stated that he will need to check with Mr. Schmid. Discussion followed regarding the applications to the Planning/Zoning Board also be given to Mr. Schmid to review for his input. Clerk stated that previously the Planning/Zoning Officer attended the Plan/Zone meetings. Clerk to have Plan/Zone Sec. give a copy of application and plans to Mr. Schmid.

Mrs. Hale stated that residents have put out concrete and trees and it has not been picked up and that they need to be notified that they need to dispose of it themselves. Clerk to get in touch with Mr. Orbanus, Property Maint. Off.

Mrs. Hale reported that she handed out three (3) more applications for the RCA grant money.

Mrs. Hale stated that our ordinance reads No Parking from 1 AM – 5 AM on Kings Hwy. from Glen Echo to the Post Office and it is not being enforced. She will get in touch with Public Works for the signs to be posted. It was determined that it referred to the location of the old Post Office which would not be all of Kings Hwy. Mr. Casella suggested holding off until the ordinance can be amended.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Russ Zappala, 560 Park Ave. stated that when he was Chairman of the Zoning Board the Plan/Zone officer attended the meetings and feels that they should be there.

Lucille Stewart, Richardson Ave. suggested speed bumps on Second St. Mr. Casella stated that he will ask that the electronic speed signs be put there.

Elaine Edwards, Auburn Ave. asked if there are width requirements to allow parking on both sides of a street.

Russ Zappala, Park Ave. stated that Park Ave., Thompson and East are becoming a raceway to avoid the light on Kings Hwy.

Mr. Flaherty reported that the concrete is almost ready to be poured at the bridge on Glen Echo Ave.



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

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

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

Mr. Flaherty adjourned the meeting at 8:49 PM.

Dolores M. Connors  
Borough Clerk