



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of August 19, 2009
Approved on September 8, 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 asked for a roll call of Council.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the minutes of 8/3/09, regular, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Elaine Edwards, 636 Auburn Ave. thanked Council for attending the Children's Summers Recital and the Bar-B-Que.

Mayor stated that it was an awesome event and it was great to see the young people involved.

Harry Ake, 553 Jefferson, Mullica Hill, NJ, stated that he is looking to rent a storefront in town and that the Zoning Officer stated that he must go through the Planning Board. Mayor stated that an ordinance was being introduced tonight to streamline the process and if it is a change of use from what was there previously they must make application to the Planning Board.

Michael Funk, Chief of Security at Rowan Univ. concurred that there is a relationship between the Borough of Swedesboro, Twp. of Woolwich and Rowan Univ. and that 29 Swedesboro students and 21 Woolwich students were currently enrolled. Mr. Funk requested a meeting with Mayor after our meeting.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk went over the following correspondence.

- Letter from Wellshire Farms requesting permission to hold the First Annual Breast Cancer Transportation Walk on 10/3/09. Mrs. Hale moved to approve the request conditional it being cleared by Woolwich Police, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.
- Woolwich Twp. Police Activity Report for 7/09.
- Woolwich Fire Co. report for 7/09.
- Invite from Gloucester County to attend the Gloucester County Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony on 9/11/09.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety – Mr. Casella reported that he received a thank you for support of the joint venture of National Night Out with Woolwich.

Mr. Casella stated that the police will be in attendance for the beginning of school to help with the traffic and the crossing guards' applications have been submitted and are being reviewed and they will be on their posts the first day of school.

Economic Development – Mrs. Hale reported that she is working on a green house gas reduction grant and it will be submitted by 9/4/09.

Mayor stated that Mrs. Hale found this grant for energy efficiency.

Fire – Mrs. Gahrs reported that the Woolwich Fire Co. is selling their 28' boat and will purchase a smaller one with the proceeds.

Mrs. Gahrs stated that the dive team consists of 5 certified divers and 3 will go to Malaga and we will keep 2 to cut back on expenses.

Mr. Casella suggested borrowing the County boat. Mayor stated that it is moored at Valero and it would be needed for quick response.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Flaherty reported that there will be a Fall Fun Day for Halloween.

Library – Mr. Flaherty reported that the specs are done for the expansion of the library.

Environmental/Shade Tree – Mr. Ayers reported that they will meet on Thursday at 7 PM and that Paul Beister, Tree Awareness has a couple of trees to donate to the Borough and has agreed to plant them for free and there are multiple trees to pick from.

Mayor stated that there is an issue about a tree on Glen Echo which is unresolved. The tree in question overhangs into the neighbor's yard and it is a danger that needs to be taken down.

Mayor stated that when you look at our new tax bills at the municipal rate it shows a \$.32 increase but it is due to the disbanding of the Garbage District and that cost is now under the municipal local tax. The local tax only increased by \$.029.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Hale thanked the Borough workers who replaced the bench and cleaned up after the traffic accident on Kings Hwy.



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Mrs. Hale asked when the paving of Lake Ave. would begin and asked the Mayor to contact the County and make them aware of the condition of water draining onto Lake from Park Ave.

Mayor reported that the bridge is open on Glen Echo and it is now safer for pedestrians and the water supply that runs by it. Mayor to look into continuing the sidewalk up to Kings Hwy.

RESOLUTIONS

- Clerk read the following resolution: (Cancel Tax balance & Lien, Blk.34, Lot 4)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote – all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Refund Overpayment of taxes – Blk. 52.01, Lot 23)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote – all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. execution of RCA agreement. Faux, 237 East Ave.)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. execution of Agree. W/Woolwich for fire co. radios)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call Vote – all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Approve application to apply for discretionary aid for Streetscape III)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: 2009 SALARY ORDINANCE, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “SALARY ORDINACNE 1976 BORU GH OF SWEDESBORO” WHICH WAS ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF BORUHG COUNCIL ON MARCH 15, 1976.

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

No one spoke for or against the ordinance.

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



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

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION

Clerk read the following ordinance: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED SITE PLAN REVIEW

Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on September 8, 2009, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote – all yes.

OTHER MOTIONS

Mr. Weeks moved to approve sick pay benefits for John Gangemi for 7/24, 7/28, ½ day 8/13, Ken Hunt for ½ day 7/27/09, and William Goodwin for ½, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor stated that he has heard that comments by one of our business owners were being made regarding the parking study in the business district and that the Borough is taking property for a parking lot. This information was told from one of our Councilmen. Mayor stated that people are being told things that are not true and they are hurting the town and hurting Council. It has to stop that the town is coming in to take their property. Mayor stated he is asking them to stop and put the town in front of politics.

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

No one spoke

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

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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:51 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk