



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting  
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of September 21, 2009  
Approved on October 5, 2009

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

Mayor asked for a roll call of Council.

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the minutes of 9/8/09, regular, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

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

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Russ Zappala, 560 Park Ave. asked who will be paying for the new water meter reading system. Mr. Flaherty stated ultimately the residents but that it will save money by getting timely reads and bills.

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

Clerk went over the following correspondence:

Reports for the month of August, 2009 for the Woolwich Police Dept. and the Woolwich Fire Company.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety - Mr. Casella stated that there have been no major cases of swine flu reported.

Mr. Casella reported that he has been in touch with Chief Marino and he will attend the S/W Day meeting and the police and fire police will help out that day.

Mr. Casella stated that he spoke to Mr. Beltz regarding the rental property across the street who put their trash out early. Mr. Orbanus was contacted after not receiving any cooperation from the tenants and a ticket will be issued to the landlord.



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Mr. Casella reported that residents have stated that they do not see the police very often patrolling. Chief Marino will check it out and make sure that we have same coverage as before.

Economic Development – Mayor stated that the Jazz Fest is moving forward and Swedesboro/Woolwich Day is this Saturday.

Fire – Mrs. Gahrs reported that Woolwich Twp. is going to bid to have insulation put in the Fire House.

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Weeks reported that he met with Mark Fruits, Jeff Coles, and Steve Ayers to discuss changes to recycling ordinance which is required by the State and that he did receive the updated changes and will probably introduce at the next meeting.

Mr. Weeks stated that some services that we provide like collecting tires, motor oil and oil filters are mostly from commercial businesses. Commercial businesses have alternate means to dispose of these products and residents can dispose of the oil at any service station. In a three month period the Borough spent \$2300 just disposing of tires.

Mr. Casella asked if this would just be commercial businesses and not resident. Mr. Weeks responded that it would apply to everyone.

Mayor stated that it was never designed to be for commercial businesses but that it went into that.

Street Lighting and Public Celebrations - Mrs. Gahrs reported that the GSBA will be sponsoring the Annual Christmas Parade on 11/28/09, rain date of 12/5/09 at 1 PM and it will begin at Walter Hill School and also she is working with the Woolwich Police.

Mrs. Gahrs asked if there is any objection to hanging the Christmas Lights. It was mentioned that they were looking into different lights to go with the new lighting on Kings Hwy. Mayor stated that they are not ready to do that as yet.

Mayor asked that Kings Hwy. not be opened until at least 30 minutes after the end of the parade. No traffic after the last fire engine for 30 minutes just in the downtown.

Mr. Flaherty stated that a lot of people go back to the Fire House after the parade and an officer will be needed to direct traffic.

Parks & Recreation - Mr. Flaherty reported that a bench was broken at Lake Narraticon Park and will have the Borough employees fix it.

Library – Mr. Flaherty hopes that at the next meeting all the reviews of the plans will be done and will then go to bid for the expansion.



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Environmental/Shade Tree – Mr. Ayers reported that they met last week and two members attended Woolwich Economic Dev. meeting. Shade Tree will meet this Wednesday at 7 PM.

Mr. Casella asked how that flyer about trees got in the envelope with the tax bills. Clerk stated that they have been in with the tax bills for the past couple of years and that Mrs. Homan asked to have them included. Mayor asked that no more correspondence in with the tax bills unless approved by Council.

### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Casella asked about the handicap parking spot request from the Methodist church. Mr. Flaherty stated that he informed them that they do have parking in the rear and also on the side and that if a handicap parking spot is designated it would not be limited to just the parishioners but to all.

Mr. Weeks stated that the Jazz Fest tickets are \$20.00 and that Mugs and Swedes Inn have tickets. Tickets are \$25.00 the day of the event.

Mrs. Gahrs reported that letters regarding the lowering of the lake were delivered to the residents around the lake who were very appreciative.

Mr. Ayers asked if we received approval from the State. Mayor stated yes.

Mayor reported that he followed up with the County regarding the manholes and they will get addressed. They are doing them between jobs and they will be back shortly.

### RESOLUTIONS

- Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Ron Conklin as MHL)  
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote- Hale absent, all others yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Wine Tasting – Jazz Fest)  
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers.  
Mr. Casella asked if there is insurance coverage. Mayor stated that the Vineyards provide that.  
Roll Call Vote- Hale absent, all others yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (go to bid for water meters)  
Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote – Hale absent, all others yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (go to bid for water meter installation)  
Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote- Hale absent, all others yes.



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- Mr. Weeks asked what the schedule was for the bids received etc. Clerk read the schedule. Mr. Casella stated that they would not be used this year. Mr. Flaherty stated that they will be in service as soon as possible.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Emer. Approp. Cap. Imp. Fd. \$22500.00)  
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call Vote – Hale absent, all others yes.
  - Clerk read the following resolution: (changes in tire, oil filter and motor oil recycling)  
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call Vote- Hale absent, all others yes.
  - Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor to sign revised proposal for inspections at library by Fed. & Akin)  
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote- Hale absent, all others yes.

#### ORDINANCES

Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-13-2009 OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY

Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 10/19/09, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote – Hale absent, all others yes.

Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 118 – TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR ZONING APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS

Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 10/5/09, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote- Hale absent, all others yes.

#### OTHER VOTES

Mr. Casella moved to approve sick pay benefits for Mike Sparks for 9/15, 16, 17, 2009, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

#### NEW BUSINESS

No one had any new business.

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

Russ Zappala, 560 Park Ave. stated that his mother passed away this past spring and that the family would like to have a bench for his parents and asked how to go about doing



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that. Mayor stated that the front of Borough Hall is being redesigned and there would be a possibility to do a bench out there.

Carol Gahrs, 110 Thompson Ave. asked about the hearing on 10/19 and asked if the Borough is still going into a 10 year lease with the County for the library. Mayor stated yes and that the Bond Counsel and the CFO made a mistake which would have resulted in a shortfall of cash for the Borough if the ordinance had not been amended.

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

Mayor reported an incident that had occurred that day on Second St. with a couple of young people with weapons. There is an investigation going on from the prosecutor's office.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Closed Session)

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

Mayor adjourned to closed session at 7:47 PM.

After returning from closed session, Mr. Weeks 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 7:56 PM.

Dolores M. Connors,  
Borough Clerk