



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of October 19, 2009
Approved on November 2, 2009

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held on the above date 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 Law.

Mayor asked for a Roll Call of Council.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the minutes of October 5, 2009, regular, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Carol Gahrs, 110 Thompson, stated she was concerned that when the Library is closed for the expansion that a lot of children do not have access to computers at home and that they often use the computers at the Library. She asked if possible that when the Library is closed if the computer labs at the Walter Hill School could be used. Mr. Flaherty stated that they do not know how long the Library will be closed. Mr. Weeks stated that the Library would have to make application to the School Board and that they usually do not charge for the use if it is for the children. Mayor stated that they will work with Marge and speak to the School Board.

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

Clerk went over the following correspondence:

Clerk read letter from Joseph Musumeci regarding zoning violations. Mr. Casella asked if a letter will go to Mr. Musumeci regarding the status of his request and if our Zoning Officer looking into it.

Thank You note from Dr. & Mrs. Brady.
Police Report for 9/09
Memo from CFO regarding OUS Rest.

Mr. Weeks moved to authorize Borough Solicitor to send letter to OUS Restaurant regarding the deficit in their escrow account, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.



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Clerk went over conversation she had with General Code regarding the updating of our ordinances. It was decided that right after the first of the year the in house editorial analysis would be completed and move forward with getting our new code books.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety – Mr. Casella stated that the Police Report has a breakdown for Swedesboro and Woolwich calls and that the Chief will attend one of our meetings a month.

Mr. Casella stated that during the Jazz Fest there were three police cars on Kings Hwy.

Halloween curfew was suggested to be 8 PM for the weekend. Mr. Ayers stated that he would like it later than that.

The speed limit on Kings Hwy by South Ave. is 40 MPH and Chief Marino will consult with the County about doing a survey to lower the speed to 25 MPH.

Corner of South & Horner residents have requested a Child At Play sign be posted.

Economic Development – Mrs. Hale thanked everyone who attended the Jazz Fest which was a huge success. Volunteers were also thanked and the police were a great asset.

Mrs. Hale reported that she will meet with a new business owner on Thursday and next Wednesday is the Meet & Greet at Old Swedes Inn at 7 PM.

Mayor thanked all who put this event together and appreciates all that was done. Mayor stated that for a lot of people it was their first time in town and they thought it was great.

Fire – Mrs. Gahrs reported that only one bid was received for the insulation at the Fire house and it was \$91,080.00. It will not be accepted.

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Weeks asked Council to review the suggested changes to the Recycling Ordinance and it will go to the Borough Solicitor to prepare the amendment for the next meeting.

Mr. Weeks stated that he is waiting to hear from RecyclBank regarding Mrs. Stewart's account and that he looked into disposing of cooking oil and found that the Old Swedes is a closed system and will not accept it but that Mama Franchesca will accept it.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Flaherty reported that Halloween Fun Day will be 10/31/09 from 1-5 PM and that they are setting up the schedule of events for 2010.



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Mayor asked another town what their guidelines were for Halloween Trick or Treating and suggested that we should ask Chief Marino if we should send out a notice of the times for Trick or Treating.

Environmental/Shade Tree - Mr. Ayers stated that the Environmental Commission is organizing a lake clean up during the period that the lake is lowered. Mayor stated that they will pull out some of the debris.

School Districts – Mr. Weeks reported the following:

Kingsway has approximately 2000 students in grades 7-12.

Boards are starting their budget process.

Renovations are under way from the referendum last year.

Stimulus money will be used to create two classrooms from one shop room for handicap students.

Public Works – Mayor reported that the Borough will receive \$175,000 for the resurfacing of Turner & Mayhew.

Mayor stated that the County did a good job on repairing the manholes on Kings Hwy.

Mayor reported that we are finalizing the process of foreclosure on vacant buildings in town and they will be demolished and we have received an additional \$70,000 to demolish others as well.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Casella reported that Chuck measured the distance for the drug free school zones and gave Chief Marino the information who will decide where the signs will be placed.

Mrs. Gahrs stated that due to cutting back costs for the Christmas Parade, there will be no Santa Secret Shop this year and she will meet with Chief Marino regarding coverage for that day. Mr. Flaherty stated that Parks & Recreation will not be taking pictures with Santa. Mrs. Gahrs stated that most parents took their own pictures. Mrs. Hale reminded all about no parking on Kings Hwy. between Church and Bridgeport Ave. Mayor also stated that Kings Hwy. is to be kept closed for at least 30 minutes after the parade.

Mrs. Gahrs asked regarding the acquisition of property if it reduces the businesses parking spaces how does that comply with the ordinance. Mayor stated that there are no issues regarding parking and it will be memorialized.

Mrs. Hale reported that Municipal Alliance purchased two computers for the Library. Mrs. Hale stated that Clean Communities will have 6th graders going on a sailboat and then will hold a program telling of their experience. Clean Communities will sponsor a puppet show at the Library.



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The Jazz Fest put on an assembly for the 6th graders and it was a huge success.

RESOLUTIONS

- Clerk read the following resolution: (Apply for grant for Police consolidation)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call Vote – all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Execute Agree. For RCA – Boone)
Mr. Casella moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Reject bids for water meters)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. go to bid – water meters)
Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (2008 Corrective Action Plan)
Mr. Casella moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote – all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Architectural plans – Library – Compass Arch. Design)
Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote – all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Specifications – Library – Conspectus Inc.)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Electrical Plans – Library – Schooley Electric)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote – all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Mechanical Plans – Library – Summit Engineers)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

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

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



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

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

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 96-2, SECTION C OF THE SWEDESBORO CODE ENTITLED "PAYMENT DUE DATES; DELINQUENT CHARGES; DISCONNECTION FOR NONPAYMENT"

Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on November 2, 2009, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve sick pay benefits to Carl Bagby for 10/6, 10/7, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Hale stated that Cathy Goehringer is looking into a sidewalk sweeper for downtown and would like to use Clean Community money to purchase.

Mrs. Hale reported that four new trash cans were purchased.

Mayor stated that we received a notice of violation from DEP for failure to have the dam inspected. Mayor stated that it was inspected last year and is looking into this matter.

Mayor thanked the people in town who did the ribbon and the pink ribbon banners were made by Mrs. Hale and her husband.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Juan Martinez stated that he received 2 tickets for peddling with no vendor's license. He stated that he had the same issue last year and was told that the paperwork was being revised and wanted to know if the paperwork is ready. Mayor stated that we are revising our ordinances. Mr. Martinez asked if there were any other options to do their business which is to sell produce and canned foods. Mr. Casella advised that they cease operating in Swedesboro until the ordinance is revised. Mayor stated that right now we are



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amending our ordinance and what happens in the mean time will be referred to our Solicitor.

Lucille Stewart, Richardson Ave. asked why the flags in the downtown were turned in towards the sidewalk that than towards the street. Mayor stated that the arms were hit and broken when they were towards the street.

Karen Murray, Weatherby Ave. thanked Council for painting the town pink and everyone made comments about how great the town looked.

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. Casella motioned to approve the recommendation by Chief Marino that the curfew for the Halloween weekend would be 8 PM, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote – Ayers no, all others yes.

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk