



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of November 2, 2009
Approved on November 16, 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 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 10/19/09, regular, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one from the public spoke.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk went over the following correspondence:

- Woolwich Fire Co. report for 9/09
- NJ State Firemen's application for Steven Tuttle and William J. Quigley.
- Public notice from Woolwich Twp. Joint Land Use Board regarding a public hearing on 11/5/09 at 7 PM to comment on proposed Tree Removal Ordinance.

Mrs. Hale moved to approve the NJ State Firemen's Assoc. Membership for Steven Tuttle and William J. Quigley, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

COMMITTEE REPPORTS

Public Safety – Mr. Casella reported that there was a strong presence of the Woolwich Police in the Borough on Friday and Saturday nights.

Mr. Casella also reported that there have been sightings of coyotes at Locke Ave. Park.

Economic Deve. – Mrs. Hale stated that the Meet & Greet has been changed again to 11/10/09.

Fire – Mrs. Gahrs reported that the grant application has been filed for the insulation at the fire house but that nothing has been heard yet. Woolwich Twp. is going out to bid for another method of insulation for the fire house roof. They hope to get more and better bids.



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Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Weeks stated that he has received quarterly figures for trash and recycling and they are holding steady. Mr. Weeks stated that Mark Fruits wants to set up a meeting with RecyclBank and Casworth to try to get better numbers.

Mr. Weeks informed Ms. Stewart that her account has 700 points and it is under her brother's name.

Street Lighting and Public Celebrations – Mrs. Gahrs reported that the Christmas lights will be put up either on 11/14 or 11/21.

Mrs. Gahrs stated that she met with Sgt. O'Leary regarding police coverage for the Christmas Parade, he got a call and had to leave so another meeting will be set up.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Flaherty stated that he has not heard how the Halloween Fun Day went. Mr. Casella asked if they have considered having Fright Nite again at the park. Mr. Flaherty stated that they are considering it.

Library – Mr. Flaherty reported that they are ready to move forward with the expansion.

Board of Health – Mr. Casella stated that there is a shortage of swine flu vaccine.

Environmental/Shade Tree – Mr. Ayers stated that Denise Kues, Larry Phillips and himself did a clean up of Lake Narraticon this past weekend.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Weeks reported that there have been 16,000 visitors to the Borough website between 4/09 and 10/09.

Mrs. Gahrs stated that Lake Narraticon will be raised back up by 11/9/09 and if anyone asks about the height of the lake right now it is due to all the rain that we have had recently.

Mrs. Hale reported that approximately 400 people attended the Jazz Fest and that enough money was raised to cover all expenses.

RESOLUTIONS

- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. agree. of sale – Davis)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, Seconded by Mr. Flaherty
Mrs. Gahrs stated that it had previously been mentioned to move the building due to its historical value. Mayor stated that if it is determined that it has historical value it will be moved.. Roll Call Vote- all yes.



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- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. agree. of sale – Martorano)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. agree. of sale – Botto)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote – all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Approve transfer, 2009 current fund approp.)
Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Cancel Approp. 2009 current fund budget)
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 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. 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. Casella moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

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

ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTIONS

- Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO REPLACING CHAPTER 94 OF THE SWEDESBORO CODE ENTITLED “RECYCLING”
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on November 16, 2009, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote – all yes.
- Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 114 OF THE SWEDESBORO CODE ENTITLED “WATER”
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on November 16, 2009, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 96 OF THE SWEDESBORO CODE ENTITLED “SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL”



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Mr. Casella moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on November 16, 2009, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote – all yes.

Mr. Casella moved to approve sick pay benefits for William Goodwin for 10/20/09 ½ day Ken Hunt for 10/26/09, Mike Sparks for 10/27/09, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Gahrs reported that Kings Things has invited the Woolwich Police to a Thanksgiving Dinner on 11/26/09 from 1 PM – 3 PM.

Mayor asked Council for their approval to continue talks with the County and the State to find a way to divert tractor trailer traffic around the downtown business area.

Mr. Weeks moved to continue discussions with the County and State to divert tractor trailer truck traffic around downtown Swedesboro,

Mr. Casella asked if the Borough would have the final approval of the plan. Mayor stated that ultimately the County will set up the plan to divert the traffic and he only wants to know if everyone is in agreement to continue the discussions.

Seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Elaine Edwards, Auburn Ave. stated that her rental property tenant called 911 regarding a smell in the house. The response was very quick and fortunately there was nothing wrong inside the house but there was something wrong with an electrical connection that Atlantic Electric was working on earlier that day.

Lucile Stewart thanked Mr. Weeks regarding the oil situation.

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.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk