



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of November 16, 2009
Approved on December 7, 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. Casella moved to approve the minutes of November 2, 2009, regular, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councilman Ayers introduced Mary Ann Homan, Chairperson of the Shade Tree Committee. Mrs. Homan stated that the Borough was recognized by the New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry and was awarded the 2009 Green Community Achievement Award. Mrs. Homan introduced the members of the Shade Tree and stated that Swedesboro was the only South Jersey town to be acknowledged.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk went over the following correspondence:

Woolwich Fire Co. report for 10/09
NJ Firemen's Membership App. for Michael Franklin.
Woolwich Police report for 10/09

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the NJ Firemen's Membership application for Michael Franklin, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs. Vote all yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Health – Mr. Casella stated that the locations of the vaccinations for swine flu will be placed on the web site.

Police – Mr. Casella reported the following:



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An incident involving the Woolwich Police and the NJ State Police.

Spoke to Chief Marino regarding a traffic study for the south end of town and he will be in touch with the County to do the study.

Working with Police regarding the closing of Kings Hwy. for the Christmas Parade.

Mayor asked if notification would be given to the residents. Mr. Casella stated yes. Mrs. Gahrs reported that several people approached her about people with special needs and that they park on Kings Hwy. to watch the parade. Mr. Flaherty asked about how many people it involves. Mrs. Gahrs stated 5-10. Mr. Flaherty suggested that they use Adams and DaleyS parking lot to park and watch the parade. Mayor asked that Mr. Casella make sure that the No Parking signs are up on Kings Hwy.

Mr. Casella motioned to have no parking on Kings Hwy. from Bridgeport Ave. to Church St. from 10 AM – 4 PM on 11/28/09, rain date 12/5/09 and to close Kings Hwy. to all traffic from 12:30 PM – 5 PM (with discretion), seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Vote all yes.

Economic Development – Mrs. Hale reported the following:

There were 12-15 businesses in attendance at the Meet & Greet.

Clean Communities sponsored a puppet show which all enjoyed

Approached by a Jazz Band to do a Fat Tuesday Event.

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Weeks reported that they will set up a meeting with Logan Twp. to talk to them regarding saving on trash pick up and will speak to Woolwich as well.

Mrs. Hale suggested that we pick up metal once a month rather than every week. Mr. Weeks stated that they are looking into switching companies.

Street Lighting & Public Celebrations – Mrs. Gahrs reported that the Christmas lights were not hung last weekend due to the weather and they will be hung this weekend.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Flaherty stated that the tree lighting at the Locke Ave. Park will be on 12/5/09.

Environmental – Mr. Ayers stated they will meet this Thursday

School Boards – Mr. Weeks reported that there are 1689 students in the elementary schools and it is a 6.5% increase from last year.



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OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Casella asked when the County will return to fix the rest of the manholes. Mayor asked the locations and he will get in touch with the County.

Mr. Weeks stated that the Neighborhood Watch will meet on 12/9/09 and due to the lack of participation the meetings will be held quarterly.

Mrs. Gahrs reported that the lake levels are almost up to normal. Mrs. Hale asked that in the future when it will be lowered if the residents could have more than 3 weeks notice and suggested asking for volunteers to help older residents to clean up their portion.

Mrs. Hale reported that the Police are checking the PA tags on Park Ave. and asked if the electric and gas bills have been lowered since the Police offices are no longer in use. Mrs. Hale also asked about the motion lights.

RESOLUTIONS

- Clerk read the following resolution: (R-141-2009 – Auth. agree. between Borough and Luscan, Immler, Howarth, Moore, Thomas for RCA program)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (R-142-2009 – Tax Refund - \$1902.13)
Mr. Casella moved to adopt the resolutions seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (R-143-2009 – Request Approval- Item of Revenue-2009 Budget – Recycling tonnage Grant - \$2441.63)
Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (R-144-2009 – Auth .Mayor to sign proposal for Inspection Services for resurfacing of Guest Ave. w/Fed. & Akin)
Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (R-145-2009 – Auth. Performance Bond Release for Blk. 50, Lot 1, Swedesboro Development LLC
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (R-146-2009 – Award Bid for water meters, installation, etc.
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (R-147-2009 – Auth. Mayor to sing Mutual Aid Agree. w/ Logan Fire Co.)



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

ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH
OF SWEDESBORO REPLACING CHAPTER 94 OF THE SWEDESBORO CODE
ENTITLED "RECYCLING"

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

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH
OF SWEDESBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 114 OF THE SWEDESBORO CODE
ENTITLED "WATER"

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

Carol Gahrs, 110 Thompson asked to have the ordinance explained. Mayor went over the
ordinance.

Kim Schneider, King Hwy. asked how do they know how much their usage was and can
they call Borough Hall. Clerk stated yes you can call but that is it printed on the bill.

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

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

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH
OF SWEDEBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 96 OF THE SWEDEBORO CODE
ENTITLED "SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL"

Carol Gahrs, 110 Thompson Ave. asked for explanation. Mr. Weeks read the paragraph
to be changed.

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



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

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Hale asked the following be completed:

Remove graffiti from dam and check with Jeff regarding a product to use so that in the future it will wash off.

Reported two street lights out.

Reported a sofa was out and trash pick up is not until Friday.

Asked Chuck to leave downtown wreaths at her house.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Carol Gahrs, 110 Thompson stated that Final Touch Hair Salon is concerned about Kings Hwy. being closed for the Christmas Parade and their customers use the street to park and asked if they will be notified. Mr. Casella stated that the residences and businesses will get a flyer.

Mayor reported that the former Botto's lot next to Old Swedes is now a lot for Municipal Parking.

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

Mr. Weeks stated that for Swedesboro-Woolwich Day that Second Street is also closed for parking. Mr. Flaherty stated not for the Christmas Parade.

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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk