



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of December 7, 2009
Approved on December 21, 2009

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held on the above date in Council Chambers with Acting Mayor, Salvatore Casella presiding. Mayor Fromm and Council President Flaherty were absent. All others present.

A moment of silent prayer was followed by the flag salute.

Mr. Casella advised that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law.

Mr. Casella asked for a Roll Call of Council.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the minutes of November 16, 2009, 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

Madgi Youssef, 1800 Kings Hwy. stated that the property has no water pipes due to them being stolen and asked why he had to pay for water and sewer. He stated that he cannot get permits to install new pipes.

Mr. Casella asked that this be sent to the Borough Solicitor for review and give his opinion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk went over the following correspondence:

- Woolwich Fire Co. report for 11/09

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety – Mr. Casella reported a strong Police presence at the Christmas Parade.

Mr. Casella stated that Lt. Neal will request a traffic study on Kings Hwy. and it takes up to 6 months for the County to review, also Chief Marino will attend our next meeting to give Council a six month report.

Economic Development – Mrs. Hale stated that they will finalize the walking tour this week.

Fire – Mrs. Gahrs reported that the fire house was having trouble with their heater but had no further details.

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Weeks stated he had no updates on last month's numbers. He will set up a meeting with E. Greenwich and Logan to discuss a possible inter-local regarding trash and recycling collection.

Street Lighting & Public Celebrations – Mrs. Gahrs thanked all who helped getting the parade under way.



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Environmental/Shade Tree – Mr. Ayers stated that both committees would meet later this month.

School Boards - Mr. Weeks reported that he had no information from the school boards.

Mr. Casella stated that he heard that Kingsway was charging groups to use the school. Mr. Weeks stated that he has a call into the Superintendent.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Hale requested that a street light be installed in front of the new pharmacy and that maybe a COBRA could be moved from one of the poles that they are not using to the pole closest to the pharmacy. Clerk to look into the cost.

RESOLUTIONS

- Clerk read the following resolution: (Current Transfers)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call Vote- Flaherty absent, all others yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. application for Community Forestry Grant - \$7000)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call Vote – Flaherty absent, all others yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth .application for Green Communities Grant - \$3000)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote- Flaherty absent, all others yes.

ORDINANCE - PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO, THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE (60.3)d

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

Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call Vote- Flaherty absent, all others yes.

Mr. Ayers moved to approve sick pay benefits for William Goodwin for 11/19/09, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.



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NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Hale stated that there is trash out at 1211 Kings Hwy and also on Ashton Ave.

Mrs. Hale asked that Public Works check the benches on Kings Hwy. that there are quite a few with loose nuts and bolts.

Mrs. Hale reported that Clean Communities is purchasing a street sweeper for the sidewalks in the down town.

Mrs. Hale stated that they are looking at an easy dock system for Lake Narraticon and a sales rep. will come in after the first of the year.

Mr. Weeks asked all to remember 12/7, Pearl Harbor Day and asked that all say a prayer for all the men and women in the armed forces.

Mr. Casella stated that residents on Helms and Vanneman have asked about the rail road ties lying on the side of the tracks and asked that Conrail be called.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kim Schneider, 1522 Kings Hwy. reported that she has contact two tree companies about removing the tree in front of her house and so far no one has gotten back to her.

Mrs. Schneider expressed concern about her water bill with the rates changing.

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

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

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

Mr. Casella adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM.

Dolores M. Connors,
Borough Clerk