



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of December 21, 2009
Approved on January 4, 2010

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. Casella moved to approve the minutes of 12-7-09, regular, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk went over the following correspondence:

Application for Junior Membership in NJ State Firemen's Assoc. for Marshal Nickerson
Mr. Weeks moved to approve the application, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Vote all yes.

Requests from C. Simmerman and C. Bagby to carry over 2009 vacation days to 2010.

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the request from C. Simmerman to carry over 3 vacation days and C. Bagby to carry over 2 vacation days to 2010, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Vote all yes.

Woolwich Police Report for 11/09.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - Mr. Flaherty reported that our CFO will begin the 2010 Budget. Mr. Flaherty stated that a lot of good things will be happening in 2010. Mayor reported that the State has withheld our last payment of State Aid and it needs to be covered in the budget.

Public Safety – Mr. Casella reported that Chief Marino will attend our meeting on 1/18/10 to give a year end report.

Mr. Casella stated that regarding the snow storm on Saturday, Chief Marino stated that the Police did the best they could during the storm.

Mayor asked Public Works to come in on Sunday and do another dose of salt and the roads are in fair condition but there is still more work to be done.

Economic Development – Mrs. Hale reported that they are finishing the Walking Tour brochure and they will have two meetings in January.



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Fire – Mrs. Gahrs stated that the bids have been received for the insulation of the Fire House and the low bid was Torterice Contractors, \$15,800.00. Mrs. Gahrs spoke to Jane DiBella and any consideration with the cost sharing would be appreciated. Mayor asked Mrs. Gahrs to get in touch with our CFO and see if we can budget it in 2010.

Mrs. Gahrs stated that due to all the snow and ice, it melted and got caught in the gutters and caused a leak into the fire house. It was not structural just due to all the snow and ice.

Mrs. Gahrs also reported that Mrs. DiBella has had no response from the grant application which was submitted for the fire house.

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Weeks stated that trash and recycling will be picked up on Saturday for the next two weeks due to the holiday. Mr. Weeks asked for the Christmas tree pick up schedule from Public Works. Mayor stated that would be the trash collector.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Flaherty stated that they are getting the schedule ready for 2010.

Library – Mr. Flaherty reported that the specs will be ready and bids will be opened.

Mayor asked Mr. Flaherty to see if he could find a contact in S/W Little League. The bank where Steve Meddick worked would like to get in touch with them regarding a memorial for Steve.

School Boards – Mr. Weeks reported that schools were closed today and there will be a late start tomorrow.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Marge Dombroski, Branch Mgr. Swedesboro Library thanked Mr. Flaherty for the work he has done regarding the expansion of the Library.

Mrs. Dombroski informed Council that regarding the computers being available during the construction if it is being taken under advisement with the County.

Mrs. Dombroski commended the Boroughs Public Works for a job well done on Saturday.



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Mike Murray, Weatherby Ave. thanked Mr. Flaherty for his years of hard work and hopes he will stay involved.

Catherine Flaherty stated on behalf of his family how proud they are of him.

John Nothdurft stated that it has been a pleasure working with Mr. Flaherty and will miss him and thanked him for all that he did.

Lorraine Flaherty stated that she is proud of Dave and Council and of all the work that has been done and hopes the work will continue.

Mayor went over how Dave came on Council and that he is a good decent human being and it has been an honor to serve with him and to be his friend.

Mr. Casella stated that it has been a pleasure working with him for the past three years and the only difference is their political parties and it was never politics with him only what was best for the town.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Hale asked the status of the street light by the new pharmacy. Clerk explained costs. Clerk to check with CFO to see if funds are available and if they are to order the street light.

RESOLUTIONS

- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor to execute sub recipient agree. w/County for CDBG \$74,326. demolition-2008)
Mr. Casella moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Perf. Bond and Maintenance Letter of Credit be release and replaced with Maint. Bond \$8760.00 for 1242-44-46-50 Kings Hwy.)
Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (2009 Current Fund transfers)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call Vote –all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. agree. w/Musumeci to relocate utilities at Library)
Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote- Casella abstain, all others yes.



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Mr. Casella moved to approve sick pay benefits for W. Goodwin for 12/7/09, ½ day, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Gahrs stated that she would like to give an honorable mention to the members and volunteers of Kings Things. They had Saturday planned to distribute gifts, food etc. and despite the snow storm they got all the packages out to those in need.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one spoke.

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

Clerk read the following resolution: (Closed Session)

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

Mayor adjourned to closed session at 7:42 PM.

After returning from closed session, Mr. Weeks moved to pay all duly authorized bills, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

Mayor announced that Borough Clerk Dolores Connors was retiring as of 4/1/10 but will be coming back to work part time.

Mr. Flaherty moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM.

Dolores M. Connors,
Borough Clerk