



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of January 4, 2010
Approved on January 19, 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 asked for a Roll Call of Council.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the minutes of December 21, 2009, regular and closed, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Steve Belvick, 1525 Kings Hwy. wanted to publicly thank the Public Works for clearing their sewer line during the snow storm.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Mr. Weeks reported that the 2010 Budget is in good shape. Mayor stated that the CFO reported that he only had to do one transfer at the end of the year for \$100. Financial mechanism is in great shape.

Public Works – Mayor stated that he heard from the residents that the Public Works Dept. did a very good job during the snow storm and he appreciates their efforts.

Mayor stated that there was an issue on East Ave. regarding there was a clog in the drain and it will have to be dug out to repair.

Public Safety – Mr. Casella stated that Chief Marino will attend our next meeting to give Mayor and Council an update of 2009.

Economic Development - Mrs. Hale reported that they will meet on Thursday and they will look at their goals and objectives for 2010.

Clean Communities – Mrs. Hale stated that they will meet with the County on 1/28/10.

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Weeks stated that they will meet with East Greenwich regarding trash services and he will get in touch with Casworth to begin discussions to renew our contract.



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Mr. Casella stated that Logan Twp. is interested in discussing trash collection also.

Mr. Weeks reported that Christmas trees will be picked up every Monday for the month of January.

Street Lighting & Public Celebrations – Mrs. Hale stated that one of the Christmas garlands was down on Kings Hwy.

Board of Health – Mr. Casella stated that the Board was having their reorganization meeting tonight. Mr. Weeks announced that the County has restarted the N1N1 vaccines and the schedule will be on the web site.

Environmental/Shade Tree – Mr. Ayers stated that neither group had met as yet for the New Year.

Mr. Weeks moved to appoint Sheryl Zappala to the Shade Tree Commission, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call Vote – Zappala, abstain, all others yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Hale asked about the street light to be installed across from Ashton Ave. Clerk stated that it has been ordered.

RESOLUTIONS

- Clerk read the following resolution: (Mailing Notice of Mtgs.)
Mr. Zappala moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote – all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Cash Mgmt. Plan)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Zappala. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Schedule of Mtgs.)
Mr. Casella moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Conklin, Adm. Agent for COAH)
Mr. Casella moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
Mr. Casella stated that Mr. Conklin is doing a tremendous job.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Hydrogeologist – Jengo)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Cancel Tax balances under \$5 and trans. O/P to 2010)



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- Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Zappala. Roll Call Vote – all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (2010 Temporary Budget - Current.)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
 - Clerk read the following resolution: (2010 Temporary Budget. Water & Sewer)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr.Zappala. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
 - Clerk read the following resolution: (Extend due date for 4th qt. 2009 taxes and waive int. to 1-30-10)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
 - Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. severance pay -\$550- Heintzelman)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs. Roll Call Vote – all yes. Mayor wished Mrs. Heintzelman all the best.
 - Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Risk Mgmt. Consul. – Hardenbergh)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs. Roll Call Vote – all yes.
 - Clerk read the following resolution: (Rej. Bid – Giovanelli Excavating-Award bid – Neri's Construction – CDBG Demo 2007)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
 - Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Voight – Emer. Mgmt.Coor)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Weeks stated that there appears to be a leak at Third and Church and possibly the fire hydrant is leaking. Clerk to have PW check it out.

Mr. Weeks stated that he received an email from East Greenwich and a newsletter was attached and there is a service to send email blasts etc. Mr. Weeks to look into it.

Mr. Zappala stated that there is a constant puddle at Kings Hwy. and Glen Echo. Mayor stated that it is ground water.

Mrs. Hale reported trash out and not in cans at a lot of rental homes and the landlord should be made to supply the cans.

Mrs. Hale stated that Logan Twp. has a schedule for bulk pick up and suggested that we use the same format. Mayor stated that they are revamping the trash collection and they will meet and discuss.



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Mayor stated that he was misquoted in the New Town Press regarding the foreclosure of the properties in town. He stated that the properties that the Borough foreclosed on had liens and the owners had been deceased for a very long time.

Mayor reported that they have finally reached an agreement for the Pandorf property on Kings Hwy. at the last court hearing. The owner will demolish the property, clean up and turn it over to the Borough and then they will have some penalties waived. If it doesn't occur, it is on our foreclosure list and the Borough will have it demolished.

Mayor stated that he spoke to Mr. Weeks and they are going to look into having one working meeting and one official meeting each month. Also Mr. Weeks to look into Roberts Rules of Order and give suggestions.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Carol Gahrs, 110 Thompson Ave. commended the Public Works Dept. for responding quickly when they had a problem with their sewer. She also commended Mr. Weeks for doing a great job with the web site.

Steve Spithaler, Ch. Board of Health gave Mr. Weeks a list of the 2010 schedule of their meetings.

Kim Schneider, Kings Hwy. stated that when it is windy she puts her trash in trash bags because if not the cans go all over the street. She also complained about the trash collector not putting the cans back at the curb. Clerk to call collector.

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

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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM.

Dolores M. Connors,
Borough Clerk