



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of February 1, 2010
Approved on February 16, 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.

Mr. Zappala moved to approve the minutes of January 19, 2010, regular and closed, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

Mayor turned the meeting over to Ave Altersitz, Supt. of Kingsway Regional School District and Paul Bracciante, Principal who went over future expansion plans, enrollment figures and State restraints.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lucille Stewart, Richardson Ave. stated that the audience would have liked to see the presentation not just Council.

Ms. Stewart complained about some residents putting trash out after Christmas and it was out all week long. Mayor stated that Mr. Ayers, Mr. Weeks and Mr. Fruits are working on changes to the trash and recycling ordinance.

Carol Gahrs, 110 Thompson Ave. stated that when she was on the Board when the feasibility study was done in the 90's that by law they could not charge Logan any more than current operation expenses and Logan received State aid to help defray sending costs. Mayor stated that they are included in the debt service.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works – Mayor reported that the Guest Ave. project is done and there is another project on Leahy Ave. Mayor stated that there was a serious issue on a sub-standard trench on Glen Echo Ave. and that a permanent repair will be done within 10 days.

Public Safety – Mayor stated that he will meet with Chief and Woolwich to see if they have any problems with consolidation. Mr. Casella stated that the Chief attended our last meeting and presented a 6 month study and there were no major problems.



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Economic Development – Mr. Hale reported that Edie Rohrman attended a grant seminar with South Jersey Cultural Alliance and filed an application, Historical Society donated \$500 for the Walking Tour Rack Cards, Blues Nite, 4/23 and 4/24 at Rodes, Outdoor Garden Show on 5/15, and the Pharmacy is waiting for a State approval before opening.

Clean Communities – Met with County and need to file a year end report and the County is looking to have a County Wide Clean Up in April.

Fire – Mrs. Gahrs reported that the insulation has been installed at the Fire House and their Banquet last Saturday was very nice and she will be meeting with Sam Maccherone to go over things the Fire Co. wants to do this year and apply for grants.

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Weeks hopes to have resolution to change our metal recycling for the next meeting and moving forward with meeting with Mr. Fruits to set up specs for bids for trash pick up.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Zappala stated that he was walking through Lake Park and saw an electrical box hanging off a pole. Clerk to let PW Supt. know.

Planning Board – Mr. Weeks stated that the meeting scheduled for Feb. has been cancelled. Mayor stated that Economic Development recommended that a member be placed on the Planning Board.

Mrs. Hale moved to appoint Kathy Mulholland as Economic Development representative to the Planning Board, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

Board of Health – Mr. Casella stated that they met last Monday and that a couple of businesses passed their inspections.

Environmental Commission – Mr. Ayers reported that they are going to join with the Woolwich Environmental Commission who has been established for a while and they will learn from them.

Shade Tree – Mr. Ayers reported that they received two grants. Mayor reported that there is a hazardous tree at Weatherby and Helms.

Re-assessment – Mrs. Gahrs stated that the County went out to bid and two bids were received and one filed suit against the County. This happened twice and now they are at a standstill. Mayor stated that we have to do a shared service contract with the County for the assessment.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Casella reported that the fire hydrant is not leaking on Broad St. but that it is ground water. The fire hydrant that was damaged was submitted to JIF.



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Mr. Weeks stated that once bids are received for the Library expansion how long will the library be open. Mayor stated that once received on 2/11/10 they are then reviewed.

Mrs. Hale asked when the street light by Bottos will be replaced, the motion lights in the bathrooms and the Mayor asked for programmable thermostats in the Borough offices.

Mr. Ayers stated that the property located at Kings Hwy. and Horner St. the high winds caused the plywood to fall off the building. Clerk stated that it has been secured. Mayor stated that the owner has agreed to demolish the building or we will use CDBG money to take it down.

RESOLUTIONS

- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor to sign 2009 Smart Growth Planning Grant)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers.
Mr. Casella asked if the money we are getting would pay for the complete study.
Roll Call Vote – all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Tonnage Grant Application)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs. Roll Call Vote – all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (W & S Balances)
Mr. Casella moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (2010 Green Communities Grant – Shade Tree)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Zappala. Roll Call Vote –all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (2009 Business Stimulus Fund Grant – Shade Tree)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs. Roll Call Vote – all yes.

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: 2010 SALARY ORDINANCE, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “SALARY ORDINANCE 1976 BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO” WHICH WAS ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL ON MARCH 15, 1976.

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

No one from the public spoke for or against the ordinance.



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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. Ayers. Roll Call Vote – all yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Casella moved to approve sick pay benefits for William Goodwin for ½ day on 1/28/10, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Weeks reported that the Historical Society sent a list of sale items to be placed on the website and Boy Scout Troop 13 is celebrating their 75th Anniversary and looking for any local residents who had received their Eagle Scout Award over the years.

Doug Hope is the 16th recipient in Troop 13 to receive the Eagle Scout Award in the last 15 years.

Mr. Zappala stated that he attended a JIF seminar and it was very informative and there are a lot of programs available for the employees.

Mrs. Hale stated that the Welcome to Swedesboro sign is in need of repair and asked the have Public Works look at it and see if they can do the work.

Mrs. Hale reported that there is a large pile of leaves on Second St. that she would like removed.

Mayor stated that there was a dam inspection violation issued stated that our dam had not been inspected but it was found that it was inspected in 2007 and they rescinded the violation. During the inspection there were a number of fairly serious repairs that need to be done and we are looking into grant money to have them done.

Mayor reported the following:

Library bid due on 2/11 and looking at a plan to use Borough Hall to set up desks and computers for when the Library is closed.

The demolition of the homes on General Harker being done with CDBG money will be completed within a month.

Sent a request to the Historical Society and Historic Preservation Committee to give a report if Swedesboro Publishing Co. building is a historical building and if deem so it will be moved by developer as part of the specifications.



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Borough settled on the property next to Swedes Inn and now own 2 of the 4 properties.

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

PUBLIC SESSION

Eddie Rohrman, 1428 Kings Hwy. that she spoke to someone in the State and they are very pleased with the improvements due to the Shade Tree Commission efforts. Also the Walking Tour Brochure was sent to the State Office of Preservation and they were very pleased with the brochure.

Lucille Stewart, 4 Richardson asked what the publishing building would be used for. Mayor stated that if it is deemed historical it will be preserved.

Mrs. Stewart made a correction to the Walking Tour Brochure stating that the Harry Dupper home belonged originally to the Longacre Family.

Helen Fromm, Weatherby Ave. stated that the Police should enforce the ordinance if they see trash out early.

Mr. Zappala 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.

Mr. Weeks moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs. Vote all yea.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:31 PM.

Dolores M. Connors,
Borough Clerk