



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting  
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of March 1, 2010  
Approved on March 15, 2010

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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.

Mrs. Hale moved to approve the minutes of 2/16/10, regular, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

Mayor reported that he read in the newspaper that a new law was passed stating that towns can take control of speed limits on roads with no DOT approval. Unfortunately it applies to municipal roads only and those that do not touch other towns.

Mayor introduced Larry Haines, County Liaison.

Mr. Casella asked what was the purpose of allowing this. Mayor gave an example of a street in Woolwich which now have new developments and previously it had a high speed limit. They can now lower it.

#### PUBLIC SESSION

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

Lucille Stewart, 4 Richardson Ave. commended the snow removal efforts.

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

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works – Mayor reported that the contract for the radio reads was signed.

Glen Echo ditch repair delayed due to weather and other pot holes around town have been filled.

Ornamental top piece of a street light was found on Franklin St. Good news is it is under warranty and will take 20 days to get new. The replacement light which was ordered a while ago came in but it was the wrong light and it will be replaced.



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Public works did a good job with snow removal and did go out last week and pushed the snow back to the curbs.

Mailed about 40 letters to residents to clear snow from their sidewalks.

Borough received the first check from Metro PCS who is using our water tower for antennas. The funds will go into a separate account to be used for maintenance of the water tower.

Public Safety – Mrs. Hale stated she would like a traffic study done at the intersections of Kings Hwy. and Glen Echo and Franklin and Lake to determine number of shore traffic. Mr. Haines said to ask the County to do the study.

Economic Development – Mrs. Hale reported that they met on 2/25 and went over updating the walking tour brochure and doing a reprint.

Mrs. Hale reported that Mr. Weeks purchased a new program that can email events and do a large email blast.

The next meeting is scheduled for 3/25 and a chiropractor will be moving into the Comcast Building.

Mr. Weeks stated that it is a 60 day trial for the computer program and it creates on line invites, ties into pay pal account and can e-blast as many emails as needed. Mr. Weeks suggested getting residents emails to keep them up to date with news of the Borough.

Mr. Casella suggested contacting RecycleBank to maybe get the residents email addresses.

Fire – Mrs. Gahrs reported that the Fire Co. is concerned about the cars blocking the exit onto Auburn Ave. when they get a fire call. Suggested getting in touch with the County to make the area more visible.

Mrs. Gahrs stated that Sam Maccarone is doing well with his recuperation.

Parks & Recreation - Mr. Zappala stated that he will attend the meeting on 3/3/10 and reported that the Easter Egg Hunt is 3/27 and Fun Day will be on 5/22/10.

Board of Health - Mr. Casella reported that the meeting was cancelled.

Environmental Commission And Shade Tree – Mr. Ayers stated that the Environmental Commission is looking for members and that the resignation of Shay Richardson has left an opening for the Environmental Commission Representative to the Planning Board and that Larry Phillips will be the liaison.



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Mr. Ayers moved to appoint Larry Phillips as liaison to the Planning Board as required by Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

School Boards – Mr. Zappala quoted the Times article that with the State Aid cuts taxes will be higher for the school districts.

2010 Census – Mr. Casella announced that there will be two testing dates, one on 3/4/10 at 10 AM and 3/24/10 at 1:30 PM. Mr. Casella went over the cost of the 2010 Census and the purpose of it to be accurate. Mr. Casella suggested a door flyer to remind residents of the importance of filling out the forms that they will receive. Mrs. Gahrs stated that info went home with the school children.

2010 Reassessment – Mrs. Gahrs stated that she spoke to our assessor and was told that the contract was awarded and should be signed on Thursday.

Mrs. Hale asked how they were going to assess the properties. Mayor stated that for the first go round they will do an inside visit. Mr. Ayers stated that once they have the data they will utilize other data to also calibrate the assessment.

Mayor reported that the Library expansion bids are in and are ready to be awarded but we need to amend a Bond Ordinance to ensure that there are enough funds.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Hale reported that the Blues Jam will be held on Saturday, 4/24, limited seating and tickets are \$25. Outdoor Garden Show meeting will be on 3/4/10.

Mrs. Hale stated that she attended the GSBA meeting and asked for help with the Garden Show but has not heard anything as yet.

RESOLUTIONS

- Clerk read the following resolution: (Award Bid – CDBG Demo 2008 – Neri's)  
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Zappala. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: ((2010 Current Fund Emer. Temp. Approp.)  
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

ORDINANCE – Introduction

The introduction of O-2-2010 was held off pending Planning Board review.

Mr. Zappala moved to table the ordinance until Planning Board review completed, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.



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ORDINANCE – Introduction

Clerk read the following Ordinance: CALENDAR YEAR 2010, ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mr. Casella moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 3/10/10, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

ORDINANCE – Introduction

Clerk read the following ordinance: ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,125,000: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$992,750 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED; SUPERSEDING NUMEROUS BOND ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 3/15/10, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

ORDINANCE – Introduction

Clerk read the following ordinance: 2010 CURRENT FUND EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 3/15/10, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs. Roll Call Vote – all yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Weeks moved to approve sick pay benefits to John Gangemi for 2/18/10, seconded by Mr. Zappala. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Zappala reported that he attended the JIF Safety Breakfast and the Borough won the Silver Award.

Mrs. Hale reported that kids broke a tree limb on the tree in front of the Library and the Borough workers cleaned it up.

Mayor spoke of the article in the Gloucester County Times regarding the ranking of towns in NJ and found that it was a survey done through the Monmouth Institute Polling Institute. He went over the criteria that they used to determine the ranking for the towns.



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Mayor stated that the County Landscape Architect has a design for the front of the Borough Hall.

Mr. Zappala stated that he previously asked to have a bench in memory of his parents and if it is still being considered. Mrs. Hale said yes.

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

Lucille Stewart, Richardson Ave. asked if anyone know how Jack Adams was. No one was aware that he had a stroke.

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

Mayor reported that our CFO is in the process to go out for permanent financing when money becomes available for the following projects: new well, new water storage, new sidewalks and the UST at Borough Hall.

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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Dolores M. Connors  
Borough Clerk