



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of March 15, 2010
Approved on April 5, 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. Weeks moved to approve the minutes of 3/1/10, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs. Vote all yes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

No one from the public spoke.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Mr. Weeks reported that he spoke to our CFO who forwarded to him a budget status report and will meet later this week.

Public Works – Mayor stated that weather permitting, the pot hole on Glen Echo will be completed tomorrow. Demolition of house on corner of Horner and Kings Hwy. under way and the Gen. Harker Street houses are gone and Water St. is next.

Public Safety – Mr. Casella reported that discussed at the last meeting was the problem with the traffic blocking the parking lot of the Fire Co. on Auburn Ave. especially during rush hour of 4 -5. Mr. Casella stated that he heard from Chief Marino that Lt. Neal is keeping an eye on it and will have police presence at rush hour, he will also check for cars crossing through the parking lot.

Economic Development: – Mrs. Hale stated that the DVD has been revised and their next meeting is 3/25/10.

Clean Communities – Mrs. Hale reported that there are 5 groups interested in doing a Spring Clean Up and hope to have them done by the end of April.



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Fire - Mrs. Gahrs stated that she spoke to Mr. Haines at the County regarding the blocking of the parking lot of the Fire Co. and he is looking into flashing lights.

Mrs. Gahrs reported that she met with Chief Barber and Sam Maccherone to review their budget but they are waiting to see what we will get from the State and then discuss the items they need.

Mayor asked Mrs. Gahrs to include the blocking of the intersection of Kings Hwy. and Railroad Ave.

Mr. Ayers asked if they do not want cars in that section all the time or just when there is a fire call. Mrs. Gahrs stated that if there is a fire and Auburn Ave. in that section is blocked by cars and trucks they cannot get out of the lot.

Garbage & Recycling – Mr. Ayers reported that they met to discuss the changes regarding metal pick up which will be on the 1st and 3rd Fridays beginning 5/1/10 and to have the residents call ahead to schedule pick up.

Mr. Weeks stated that the change of vendor where the metal goes will allow the Borough to get a better market value for the items. A change will also be made to the freon disposal items once current dumpster is filled it will no longer be used. Our men will take the items to the vendor.

Mrs. Hale asked about vegetation recycling. Mr. Weeks stated that it is now part of the trash collection and it will be addressed for the next contract.

Mr. Casella stated that last week the recycling cans were in the middle of the street. Mrs. Hale explained that the first truck takes the trash and moves the recycling cans into the street so that the next truck can pick that up.

Street Lighting & Public Celebrations – Mrs. Hale reported that quite a few towns have solar panels on their street lights and that PSE & G used stimulus money to install the solar panels.

Mrs. Hale called AC Elec. to see if they have that program.

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Zappala reported that they are preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt and Fun Day.

Board of Health – Mr. Casella reported that they will meet the end of the month. Mr. Casella stated that someone brought to his attention that the house over the bridge on Locke Ave. in Woolwich Twp. has a large oil slick. Woolwich Adm. contacted DEP.



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Environmental Com. – Mr. Ayers stated that the Kick Off Meeting will be on 4/18/10 and that the Environmental Resource Inventory is to study all resources in town and that can lead to grants.

Shade Tree – Mr. Ayers reported that they will meet next week and that they received a grant for removal of hazardous trees.

School Boards – Mr. Zappala reported that the Boards are looking to resolve their budgets and received copies of two resolutions that were sent to the Governor. S/W will need to use their surplus for the 2010 budget which will leave no cushion. Mayor reported that the Mayors of the four sending districts for Kingsway met with the Supt. and School Board Pres. and it was a great meeting.

2010 Census – Mr. Casella reported that last weeks' meeting was cancelled and the next meeting for testing will be 3/24/10 at 1:30 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Gahrs reported that she spoke to Fire Chief Barber regarding Allen St. in the event of a fire and he stated that there was a small fire at one of the houses and that they went through Bottos parking lot to reach the house and had no problems. In the event of a larger fire they would enter through the parking lot and also Second St.

Mrs. Hale stated that the invites to the Outdoor Garden Show have gone out, the drug store is now open and the chiropractor was given the paper work to open an office next to Comcast.

RESOLUTIONS

- Clerk read the following resolution: (RCA Agree. Moore, Mayhew Ave.)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Zappala. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Issuance and sale of \$4,348,000
General Obligation Bonds)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Zappala. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Des. Craig Hopkins, Environmental Services
as Environmental consultant)
Mr. Zappala moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Borough Clerk – Goodwin)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Zappala. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.



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- Clerk read the following resolution: (Em. Temp. Approp. – 2010 Current)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. Dep. Clerk & Treas. – Elder)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Appt. W & S Clerk – Connors)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Zappala. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Release Perf. Bond Blk. 50 L 1 Swedes Dev.
LLC)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Zappala. Roll Call
Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth .Application To County for CDBG
2010)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Zappala. Roll Call
Vote - all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth .Perf. Bond Release for D & D Prop.
Blk.28 L 12)
Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Zappala. Roll Call
Vote – all yes.

ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearing was held on 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. Weeks moved to open the hearing to the public, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all
yes.

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

Mr. Zappala moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

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

Public hearing was held on 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 \$991,750 TO PROVIDE FOR THE
ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND THE



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COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED; SUPERSEDING NUMEROUS BOND ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND CONVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.

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

Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Zappala. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

Public hearing was held on the following ordinance: ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-13-2009 OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY

Mr. Weeks moved to open the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Casella. 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 Mrs. Gahrs. Roll Call Vote – all yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Weeks moved to approve sick pay benefits for Mike Sparks for 2/23/10, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Weeks thanked Dolores & Tanya for providing copies of pending resolutions and ordinances when emailing the agenda.

Mrs. Hale stated that she received The Gloucester County Housing and Community Needs Survey for the five year consolidated plan and she needs help in filling it out.

Mayor reported that he attended the 75th Anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 13 on Sunday along with Mrs. Gahrs and Mr. Weeks and the Borough was presented with a plaque



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listing the names of all who have obtained Eagle Scout. In the past 75 years, 58 have received that status.

Mayor read a Proclamation honoring Dolores M. Connors, Borough Clerk who is retiring as of 4/1/10. Mrs. Connors thanked Mayor and Council for the Proclamation and told them that she has enjoyed every year that she has worked here.

Mayor reminded everyone that the 2010 Best of Gloucester County surveys are out and to get votes in for Swedesboro.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Cheryl Zappala, Park Ave. stated that there will be a 100th Birthday Celebration for Norma Lang at the Bethesda Church. Mayor stated he will do a proclamation.

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

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

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

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk