



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of JUNE 21, 2010
Approved on JULY 6, 2010

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held on the above date in Council Chambers with the Honorable Thomas W. Fromm presiding.

Mayor advised that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor asked for a roll call vote of Council, All members present.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the minutes of July 6, 2010, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Vote all yes.

MAYOR'S OPENING COMMENTS

Mayor Fromm thanked John Gangemi for his quick response to a garage fire that he spotted. Mr. Gangemi called 911 and attempted to put the fire out. Due to his quick response all items in the garage were salvaged.

Mayor Fromm stated that the library expansion program is underway. All permits have been obtained and construction is expected to begin next Monday.

Mayor Fromm passed around a print out of the design that will be painted onto the Water Tower. It is going to say Historic Swedesboro, it will be White with Black lettering and on the side it will say Aged to Perfection Circa 1638.

Mr. Ayers stated that he saw a water tower in Washington Township that looked terrible. They were doing similar stuff selling it to the phone companies, etc. but it had wires coming down the side and asked if there was a way to avoid that because it was freaky looking.

Mayor Fromm stated that the wires will have to be placed back up however, they will be put in a coral and will be much more cleaner.

Mayor Fromm advised that the water tower project is expected to begin between 7/14/10 and 7/26/10. As a result of the water tower being out of service and the water going right off of the wells per our Ordinance Mayor Fromm is declaring a "Water Emergency" in Swedesboro. Towns all over New Jersey are declaring water emergencies without the water tower being out of service, but in our case Mayor was advised that we need to ban outdoor use of water from the time this takes effect until October. Mayor Fromm is talking with public works hopefully being able to allow people to use the water in the middle of the night for watering bushes or something. Mayor stated that we do already have restrictions in place, but he has been advised that it could affect the potable water. Mayor Fromm stated that it will have to be published in the Newspaper. Hopefully the water department will agree that during a couple of hours at night there could be some limited water usage. Mayor from read from the Code Book Chapter 114-37.



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Mrs. Hale asked if they were painting the inside of the water tower and Mayor Fromm did state that they are taking it down to the metal inside and out. Mrs. Hale asked where all the water in the tank was going and Mayor Fromm stated that it was being drained into the system as we need it and we will be served strictly off the wells.

Mayor Fromm asked everyone to pass the word along and that this is necessary.

Construction of a new well will be starting in approximately three weeks.

Mrs. Gahrs commented that she posed a question to Marty Mazzella when he was in regarding the water tank asking him if the construction would affect the water usage for the Residents and he indicated that it would not.

Mayor Fromm stated that what he meant was there would not be a loss of drinking water. We already have outside water restrictions. Marty was stating that we would not run out of water. Mayor Fromm stated that public works operator contacted him stating that they are concerned enough with looking at the water usage right now which is way up from people watering their lawns that if we do not take drastic measures that it will impact the drinking water supply.

Mrs. Gahrs also asked about the loss of water throughout town and asked if we are losing water through pipes and now the impact of the tower being drained. Mayor Fromm stated that the water in the pipes such as the Watt's property was discovered because we have new meters throughout town and we can now monitor the water use daily if we have to. Another leak was found at the old Delmonte Property that was leaking at a huge amount and as we go through this process we will monitor where the water is and anywhere in town there is a leak this will make it much easier to find. There is a lot of water being lost and people do not know.

Mr. Weeks also commented as well on the subject.

Mr. Casella asked what date this is taking affect and Mayor Fromm stated he will get the exact date from the contractor, but it will be between the 15th and 26th.

Mayor asked that Woolwich Twp. Police be asked to monitor the outside usage now and remind them that we do have this ordinance in place.

Mr. Weeks moved to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs. All yes.

PUBLIC PORTION

Lucille Stewart 4 Richardson Avenue-Asked if the Woolwich Twp. Police enforced the borough ordinances. Mayor Fromm states that they have been met with several times, Mr. Orbanus interacts with them, as does the Mayor and they do have our ordinance books.



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They should be up to speed on the ordinances. Mrs. Stewart states that her neighbors always put out their trash before Thursday evening usually on Wednesday morning.

Mayor Fromm stated that it happened last week on Kings Highway and the police were contacted and they went out and saw the person. Mayor Fromm advised her to notify Borough Hall and they will have the police stop by and remind them of the ordinance.

Mayor Fromm states that things that are police issues have been given to Dan to handle and this week we are starting to get a little more forceful and that this is not property maintenance, but it is a police issue and they will go out. They need to be told to enforce our ordinances.

The police did handle another issue with foliage blocking an intersection.

Mr. Casella stated if Mrs. Stewart was uncomfortable with calling the police directly to please contact Borough Hall and they will make the phone call to the police.

Mrs. Stewart has called the police in regards to kids that are hanging around Second and Richardson Avenue because they are ruining the steps, etc.

Mr. Weeks asked if we could ask the police to go around and check if people have trash out early and if they see it to notify the resident.

Mayor Fromm asked clerk to send an e-mail copying the Mayor asking him to address this issue.

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

No correspondence for tonight's meeting.

REPORTS

Tax Collector's office provided a report for collections. Clerk stated that delinquencies did go out and money is starting to come in.

Water/Sewer Dept. collection report low as nothing is due until 8/1/10.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance-Mayor Fromm will discuss this during the School Board report.

Public Works- Mayor Fromm addressed the delay in the third quarter water/sewer bill. Due to entry glitches, billing interface and some change orders through Henkel's and McCoy, which will be discussed later in the meeting that had to be addressed it was



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determined to extend the 3rd quarter billing to August 1, 2010. This project was a huge undertaking, but when complete it will be done correctly. There will be no impact on cash flow.

Clerk also went over some information regarding this reiterating what the Mayor commented on, outlining the expected due date and grace period.

Mayor Fromm elaborated a little more on the change orders i.e. the meters being deep, under concrete, sidewalks and some not there. There was enough money left from the project to get Henkel's and McCoy's to do it. Additional meters had to be ordered due to the pipe size. Makes sense to get the professionals to do it.

Mrs. Hale asked approximately how many people still have issues.

Clerk answered that there are some that are waiting to be cut in, but mainly we are waiting for the meters to come in. Mr. Casella asked if this is a combination of residential and commercial and the clerk did state this is the fact. The last count was approximately 100, but they are all being addressed.

Mr. Casella asked if everybody's billing will be due the same even those that are being manually entered.

Clerk stated that all bills will be generated and due at the same time.

Mr. Weeks did ask how this will affect the usage regarding the minimum gallons and Mayor Fromm and Clerk addressed this issue.

Mayor stated that public works has other stuff going on and a purchase order should have been issued today for the stripping on Church Street and three quotes were obtained. The stop signs are up and the ordinance will be amended tonight. The covers will come off when the ordinance is updated and the stripping is done. It will be effective by the end of the month.

Mayor stated that the job is done on Franklin and talked with some of the neighbors in the area and they are happy with it. There is another issue on Franklin with sewer. There is an ongoing sewer problem with blockage over the last three weekends on Weatherby Avenue that had to be jetted. Public works is very busy right now with a lot of projects going on.

The County did do some of the manholes again and they sound like they are better.

A Pierson truck had a fairly significant oil spill right through town and dumped a big blob at the intersection and luckily there was no accident as people were actually sliding right through the intersection. Thanks to the County and the Police Department tracking it



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down to Pierson's lot there is a report and Pierson was required to come in and clean it up. They went above and beyond what they were originally planning on doing and ended up putting oil dry down all throughout town, 32 bags and then came in and actually cleaned the streets from curb to curb all the way from the intersection down to Bridgeport. Larry Haynes assisted with this.

Mr. Casella did contact Eric Voight to make him aware of the situation.

Mayor stated that it was reported to the DEP.

Public safety- The police were asked to look into a couple of properties where there is excessive amounts of out of state licensed plated cars and even asked Dan to Check into the properties as we need to start enforcing that law. The police have been responsive.

Mr. Casella requested from the police department to have the radar sign placed on Locke Avenue and this was done over the weekend and does seem to be making a difference.

Mr. Weeks noticed that they had bicycle patrols out over the weekend.

Economic Development/Clean Communities- Economic development met on June 24th and the main focus was the grant application for the next phase of the streetscape. The goal was to have all the support information by the July meeting, however, everything had to be stepped up because they were contacted about possible money being available through another source and everybody that was requested to submit material was asked to do so by this Friday. Next meeting will be on July 29th to finish the grant application. Mrs. Hale asked Mayor Fromm at that time if she would be able to contact Stan Bitgood to review with him what is needed and have him submit the application.

Mrs. Hale asked if Clean Communities can start finding out if the Lake can be lowered this fall. Last year we waited to the last second and we could not put anything into place for the Lake being lowered and the residents being contacted. Mrs. Hale was hoping that Clean Communities could get a couple groups in to help the people along the Lake that need to clean out stuff that they could not get to. Mrs. Hale realizes it is a dry season and it may not be able to be lowered, but it would be nice to start asking now so the residents can be contacted.

Mayor Fromm stated last year when the Lake was lowered it was for them to do maintenance however, he asked if she was talking about doing this mainly just for cleaning up.

Mrs. Hale stated that she would like to ask the residents and she would be willing to walk around and ask the residents whoever would like to do maintenance to let us know.



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Mayor stated that we could put the word out and asked the council members who lived along the Lake to ask their neighbors and see if there is a need. Mrs. Hale stated that her side of the Lake got cleaned up, but the other side did not.

Mayor Fromm stated if there is a need and a desire to do it, that it should be started a lot earlier this year.

Mrs. Hale will speak to Mrs. Gahrs and Mr. Zappala further regarding this.

Fire- Mrs. Gahrs stated that Jane Dibella is on vacation and she was not able to get an update on billing for the services on behalf of the fire company.

Garbage and Recycling- Mayor Fromm stated that the contract is up and the decision was made by the committee to go out for public bid and parallel to that they are also talking to two towns about possibly entering an interlocal for them to pick up our trash. There are four different bid scopes that are going to be included with this bid. This is going to give us some options, there will be vegetative waste, option to have one arm bandits, (everybody would have one 96 gallon trash can), something for bulk waste to be picked up once a month. A lot of changes will be made. In the course of this we found that we are actually breaking our own rules in places where we are picking up trash that we are not supposed to be. Within the next week a letter will go out explaining to the business that our ordinance is clear that we should not be picking up their trash. The ordinance is clear on what the Borough is not to pick up. We will be changing the way we pick up trash as we are picking up probably tons a week that we should not be picking up.

Parks and Recreation- On July 8th the one man circus will be in town @ 10:30 am, 7/22 @10:30 the magical songwriter, and 8/5/10 the large reptile show. There is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow night 7/7/10.

Planning board- Meeting is next week and there are several issues on the docket.

Board of Health- Mr. Casella followed up on the Watt's property. Steve and Dan did go out to the property to make sure the owner did provide bottled water for tenants that were supposed to be out by the end of June.

Last week notices were received from the County Board of Health in regards to two properties on Broad Street that were allegedly supposed to be running a tattoo parlor out of their house. They visited both properties and did not find any evidence of such. Mr. Casella's contact for the Board of Health stated that they made two trips out there and did not find anything. Mr. Casella followed up with the police department to make sure they checked both properties to see if they see any suspicious vehicles, people coming in and out of the houses, etc and if that is the case we will again have the Board of Health follow up, but again reiterated the County Board of Health could not find evidence of these properties running a business out of their houses.



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Shade tree/Environmental- Neither group met however, Mr. Ayers did state that there was one tree related issue to mention. Intrapac contacted Mr. Ayers regarding a tree affecting the foundation on the side of their building. Mr. Ayers did go and look at it and it appears that the tree does need to come down. It will most likely fall onto borough property so they are asking for permission to go in and use the lot between the Swedes Inn and Botto's that the Borough owns to take the tree down. We are going to request that they sign a hold harmless agreement and make sure that it is marked off so that no one gets injured while the tree is coming down. Mr. Ayers asked for any other suggestions, but feels that they need to be allowed to take it down. The trunk of the tree is actually touching the foundation of their building and it is a huge tree.

Mr. Casella asked who will be paying for the tree removal and Mr. Ayers stated that Intrapac will be doing this. They are just asking for our permission to access our property to remove it and get rid of it. No date has been set. Mr. Casella asked when they get a date to contact the Mayor or himself so that they can let the police know. It will be requested that they put cones up etc. Mr. Casella asked if they could let Mr. Cheega know in the event he has a funeral going on.

School Board- S/W- Mr. Zappala informed everyone that the school district appealed the decision to cut taxes and the appeal did go to the State. It appears that the State has favored the School District. Mr. Zappala asked that Mayor Fromm comment further.

Mayor Fromm read a letter that he received today out loud to Council and members of the Audience. The letter was dated 7/1/10.

After reading the entire letter Mayor Fromm emphasized that what this meant was that the people in Trenton raised the taxes for Residents of Swedesboro and Woolwich by an additional \$300,000 by overruling our cuts. This has been going on for quite some time. Mayor Fromm stated that they were told that if they worked past the deadline that it would mean nothing and what this is in reality is somebody trying to cover themselves and not have to take credit for increasing taxes and overruling the municipal bodies. Mayor Fromm and Mayor Chila are gathering their information and they are going to the press with this. This is an absolute travesty. They are trying to identify us as being derelict in our duties. There was an article in the Courier and it listed us as one of two town's in all of South Jersey that did not do anything for these budgets and sort of implied that we just shirked our duty. Mayor Fromm asked Mr. Zappala to support him in saying that this is as far from the truth as anything.

Mr. Zappala noted while attending the meetings that they were told several times to work beyond the date and the date meant nothing.

Mr. Casella asked if this was through the County or State Department. The individual who wrote the letter is the executive County Superintendent, but he is employee of the Department of Education.



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The Governor's office is involved with this and Mayor Fromm had an hour long conversation with somebody from the Governor's office on Friday afternoon and it boils down to they do not want to be labeled as raising our taxes even more but cutting what was passed unanimously as budget cuts. They cannot hide behind the fact that they overrode two municipal governments who worked their butts off to get the budget cut. There was to be a teacher's freeze or a teacher for each grade level if salary freezes were not considered.

Mr. Casella asked if the State does not want to be responsible for a tax increase. Mayor Fromm stated that the Governor's office can legally say that since we failed to certify vs. they appealed we can pretend that the recommended cuts were not made. They in their opinion are not overruling the cuts, just over ruling the budget that was not reviewed.

Mr. Casella asked what date was the deadline and the Mayor said it was the 19th, the special meeting was held on the 24th. The school filed the appeal after the deadline on the 26th.

Mr. Weeks stated the problem was the school board reneged by saying they will accept the cuts. The fact is the School Board denied the cuts and the State is using the date of the 19th as not filing at all and here are the recommended cuts.

Mr. Casella said they are actually raising taxes by lowering the reductions.

Mayor Fromm stated that they were also advised in another meeting by another State Official to appeal it because they felt it would get their attention and we would get more money. Mayor Fromm stated that it means an approximate 4-4 1/2 cent increase in taxes for the local School.

Mrs. Hale stated that this is in addition to the original tax increase.

Mayor Fromm stated that they know this is wrong, but they are just playing legal and political games.

Mrs. Casella asked if a joint lawsuit can be filed because of this.

Mr. Weeks asked if they are willing to spend more money and for what?

Mr. Casella stated that it is a principle issue.

Mr. Weeks states that this was as a result of 8 years of flat funding from the State and the local taxpayers getting hammered and they finally decided to throw it back up to the State and the State did not do what anybody expected them to do.



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Mayor Fromm actually agreed with Mr. Casella not necessarily about a law suit, but we should all be in absolute agreement that the original increase was almost two million dollars that we had to eat, but it was knocked down by eliminating \$755,000. It is the principle because everything that they were supposed to do was done. Mayor Fromm was really bothered about the article implying that the responsibilities were shirked.

Mr. Casella, Mayor Fromm and Mr. Zappala felt that all the work was done for nothing. The same thing could have been done with Kingsway and if they would have appealed we could have been in the same situation.

Further discussion was held on the topic and everybody will be given a copy of the letter.

There is a meeting in Trenton today and they are waiting for word from the meeting on how to proceed.

Mayor Fromm elaborated on what he commented on the last meeting when he spoke with the Women from the Treasurer's Office saying when she went to talk to the Commissioner he knew everything about us because of the meeting in Glassboro. We did a great job of getting our case up there and they absolutely promised that they will do something for our case next year, but nothing can be done for this year. We were not expecting it to be worse.

Census- Nothing to report.

Reassessment- The appraiser was out on Park, East and Thompson last week. He also stated that he was going to work his way out of town. There is another individual in town doing the assessment and council questioned this. The Clerk did state that there was another individual in town that is doing Commercial properties. He did provide identification.

Clerk addressed the issues that were brought up at the last council meeting and read through the list.

Clerk reported that the lien on the Broad Street clean up was paid in full.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Casella asked if there was any more information on the question he asked about the empty lot being used for parking.

Mayor Fromm stated that he spoke with the Solicitor who informed him that we absolutely do not want to designate it as Borough parking unless we will commit to doing the property lighting, engineering, and other issues. The Solicitor stated that it is covered under our liability. It is not going to be like this for very long.



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Mr. Casella asked if we should put a no parking at all sign there since we are still under liability.

Mayor stated not in favor of that since it is working unofficially and it is helping in certain ways. Mayor Fromm will ask Chris Powell for his opinion this week. Mayor Fromm stated that we need to move forward with the original plan for the site.

Mr. Weeks-After several go a round's he did get sort of a street sweeping schedule. Tuesday's even sides of the street and Wednesday the odd sides. This way parking on the streets can be done on the opposite sides. This will be done up until the leave season begins and also he is trying to find out the route i.e. morning/afternoon. As soon as he gets the information he will put that out.

Mrs. Gahrs asked for an update on the Watt's property and anything new on the Block party for St. Paul's Church?

Clerk did not have any information other than contacting the insurance company and was advised that we do not need a certificate of liability of insurance.

Mr. Zappala did comment on the flag pole and he did look into two companies so far just trying to get a comparison and also base requirements. He will contact Mr. Simmerman further regarding this. Mr. Zappala stated that perhaps the boy scouts would be interested in doing something for this project.

Mayor Fromm stated that he talked with the CFO and perhaps there is money in capital improvement, but anything to defray the cost would be good. It would cost perhaps \$7,000.00. Mayor Fromm also asked for the engineer to give his approval for the base.

Mrs. Hale is working on the historical grant with Edie and they are composing their letter of intent so that they know they are going through with the grant application. The second Jazz meeting was held and they are in the beginning stages, but they do know that Friday night they will do an event at the barn with swing dance lessons. Mrs. Hale also has it confirmed that they will be doing an assembly at Walter Hill School for the 6th grade students. They are working with some artists who will have models appearing in period jazz customs and artists will be drawing the different models. Neighborhood watch did have the bike rodeo, but we had a very bad storm and the event was cut short. There was approximately 15 kids there and they got off to a good start, but when it started thundering and lighting they had to clear out. Knotz pretzels did donate the hot dogs and pretzels, drinks and water ice. Some children did receive helmets and other give a ways that were donated. It would have been a great night.

Mr. Ayers-Asked along the lines of fans for seniors if we were aware of anyone that has tried to get a fan and could not or if the information was just that they were low or hard to come by.



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Mr. Casella stated that they just had two sites and basically they were first come first serve.

Mr. Ayers asked if there was a way to make people aware that they are available. Mr. Casella stated it was on the website and we have not had any response. Mr. Ayers is concerned since there is dangerous heat over the next couple of days. Mr. Casella stated as of right now nothing has been done. They are trying to put together a list of seniors, but it is hard to figure by block and lots who is a senior citizen and who is not.

Mrs. Hale asked if we could ask the police if they could check on the residents at Lore Drive and if they are in need of fans she would be willing to donate a fan. Mr. Ayers agreed and he would be willing donate fans as well.

Mr. Ayers stated that they have a meeting room and Mrs. Gahrs stated that June Dupper organizes a lot of things there and she will try to give her a call to see if she knows of anybody off hand.

A lot of seniors do not have access to the website.

Mayor Fromm asked if anybody went to confirm if the tenants are out at the Watts Building.

Mr. Casella stated as of Sunday he spoke with Mr. Watts and they have not moved out.

Mayor Fromm stated that we need to find out what is going on at that property as the owner's stated that building was going to be vacant on June 30th. This is a problem. Mrs. Hale also noted that he was not registered as a landlord for this property so not only does he have someone there, but he has never been registered and he also has no water going through a house.

Mr. Casella stated half the property is in Woolwich and half is in Swedesboro.

They pay their taxes in Swedesboro and therefore have to register their property. Clerk stated that they did pay their 2010 landlord registration on Friday.

Mayor Fromm stated that Ed Fox cut us a break for the flags through town and it was nice to be able to get them. Mayor Fromm asked Clerk to send him a thank you on behalf of Mayor and Council.

RESOLUTIONS:

Clerk read the following resolution: R-82-2010 (Discharge of Mortgage Block 44, Lot 7.) Mrs. Gahrs asked if this was Mrs. Baker's house on West Avenue. Mr. Weeks motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Zappala. Roll Call Vote-All yes.



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Clerk read the following resolution: R-83-10 (Release of Maintenance Bond) Mr. Weeks motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote-All yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: R-84-2010 (Award Bid Turner and Mayhew Ave.) Mayor Fromm stated that this is going to be a good deal for us. We have the amount of the bid and the amount of the grant was more than what the lowest bid came in with no alternatives. He put in bids with alternate bids 20, 30, 37 and 48 and what that is we were able to do a lot of extra work as far as curbing and sidewalks throughout the neighborhood and still come in under the bid. There is no value whatsoever for us to come in under the state bid and not spend the money, we just have to give it back. In addition, item A30 has been reduced so it was under the State Grant at 450 instead of 600 square yards and when Mayor inquired about that it was that they were not going to be able to do some sections of sidewalks in places right now where there is not a house, however, Mayor told Stan he wants a price for the additional 150 square yards of sidewalk to finish the neighborhood off. Mr. Weeks motioned to approve the resolution seconded by Mr. Zappala. Roll Call Vote –all yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: R-85-10 (Change order #1 with Water Works) Mayor Fromm stated this is strictly for the water meters that we did not have certain sizes for 2", 3", etc. Mr. Weeks motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote- All yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: R-86-10 (Change Order #1 with Utility Service Company) Mayor Fromm commented that this is for the lettering on the tower. Mr. Weeks motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote-All yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: R-87-10 (Change order #1 with Henkels and McCoy) Mayor Fromm stated that is well below budget and it was anticipated as we went along that we would require a couple of change orders. Mr. Weeks motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote-All yes.

Clerked introduced Ordinance #0-10-10 (Amending Chapter "Vehicles and Traffic) Public hearing 7/19/10. Mayor Fromm stated this was for the four way stop at Second and Church Streets. Mr. Weeks motioned to introduce ordinance 0-10-10, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote-all yes.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve sick pay benefits for Mike Sparks and John Gangemi, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs provided they have the time. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Weeks did some statistics on our website today and since January he had a little over 15,500 people visit our website. During the same January to June time frame last year



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there was only 6500. We are averaging about 2700 per month checking the site and it is a good thing. Also three additional people signed for e-mails.

Mr. Zappala questioned the borough guys in their big truck watering flowers taking two guys, one to man the truck and one to actually do the watering if it would be cost effective to get an electric vehicle with a tank on back that one person could operate to run up and down the street in the morning. It seems that the one person who is not actually watering could be doing something else in the borough. The vehicle would be about \$10,000-11,000 for an electric vehicle and asked if there were any additional vehicles that could be traded in on that to offset some of the cost and also get Federal Energy Credits for that.

Mayor Fromm stated that if he would like to do a report and check to see if it could handle about a 300 gallon tank. It is not the most efficient system right now, but it is working and they do it a lot faster when there are two guys instead of one. The electric cars are worth checking into.

Mr. Zappala said that they have something similar to this in Woodbury, but Mrs. Hale said it was a golf cart. Mr. Ayers asked if they were legally able to be driven on the road and Mr. Zappala stated that they could as long as the road was not posted at more than 25 mph.

Mrs. Hale thanked Mayor Fromm for getting the Flags, public works for putting them up and Ed Fox. The town looks very nice. Mrs. Hale also thanked the Borough Workers for watering the flowers as they do look nice. Mrs. Hale has been in other towns and noticed i.e. in Magnolia and Bellmawr that they have attached to the telephone poles brackets that have flags going down their main streets. She does not know if they asked permission and who did they ask. Who do we contact to see about next year putting up brackets along Kings Highway and Auburn Avenue from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend. Mrs. Hale asked if anyone knows who the poles belong to.

Mr. Weeks believes they belong to the Electric Company. We could also check with the schools. Mr. Weeks feels that there may be a cost involved for pole rental.

Mayor asked the clerk to call the towns and find out who they contacted.

Mrs. Hale said in Magnolia it was down Evasham Road and in Bellmawr down Browning Road.

Mrs. Hale also reported that the base on the new lights down town are starting to chip. Clerk will have Mr. Simmerman or Mr. Bitgood since he was the punch list guy with Helophan check into this. Mayor Fromm asked the clerk to contact Mr. Bitgood to check if there is any warrantee.



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Mrs. Hale asked Mr. Coles to look into making Economic Development Trust a 501C3 because she would like to have economic development award scholarships to students from Kingsway in regards to the visual arts, performing arts or maybe horticulture and he is checking with Carol McAllister at Bowman. He does not seem to think it is a problem. He stated at graduation this year every other town was giving scholarships, but Swedesboro. It would be nice through economic development that we could offer small scholarships and Mrs. Hale has fund raising ideas, but if the 501C3 was in place it would make it a lot easier.

Mrs. Hale was contacted by Allen Kock the landscape architect for Gloucester County who stated that he has extra time on his hands and would like to come into Swedesboro. We would have to write a letter asking to use him and he could possibly come up with something on the borough property (parking lot) to do some front work or if there is another area in mind that he could come up with a design. He also informed her that South Jersey Land and Water Trust wants to write us a grant so that they could use Allen's services and there are three options; one to do a retention basin at the Lake, landscaping using native plants on the bank or take a program into the school or do a rain garden. Mrs. Hale was leaning towards the last item only because we have the environmental club that started at the Walter Hill School. They also get the kids involved in planting the plants and thinks it would be a great project and it would be totally funded. Mrs. Hale is meeting with Allen at the Walter Hill tomorrow.

Mrs. Hale asked if anybody had a feeling on the best option and Mr. Weeks feels the rain garden would be the best.

Mayor Fromm stated that it could also be for the retention basins in the development, which are ugly and if there is some reason the rain garden would not work, the basins would be the next best option.

Mr. Casella feels the rain garden would be good for the kids.

Mayor asked if he could also help us with the lots and the temporary situation with the buffer.

Mrs. Hale asked the Mayor to write a letter.

Mrs. Hale stated that Verizon had a tank removed from their property and they just seeded over it and wanted to know if they had somebody test the ground.

Mayor Fromm stated by law this should have been done just like the Borough had to do at the Library.

Mrs. Hale asked about the yellow flags on Thompson Avenue for the gas lines if we were resurfacing that street or if anyone knows why that is marked out.



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Mrs. Ayers asked if it was the whole street and Mrs. Hale commented that it was especially around Mrs. Hunt's house. They have been there for about three weeks.

Clerk will find out why it is there.

It was reported to Mrs. Hale that last weekend we had visitors come into town with our Brochures from Pittsburg and Ohio.

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

No one spoke from the audience.

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

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

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

Mayor Fromm adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Tanya L. Goodwin, Clerk