



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting  
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2010  
Approved on NOVEMBER 1, 2010

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A special meeting of Borough Council was held on October 25, 2010 in Council Chambers with the Honorable Thomas W. Fromm presiding.

Mayor Fromm called the meeting to order and advised that adequate notice has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

A moment of silent prayer was held followed by saluting of the flag.

All members of Council were present for tonight's meeting.

Mayor Fromm discussed that there is one order of business on the agenda for tonight. Mayor Fromm stated that they had the inter-local for about a week to review, but they are up against a time line to get the carts ordered in time and therefore the process had to be accelerated.

Mayor Fromm advised everyone that they can review it with the Clerk, but that Mr. Chell was in court today and it is still in draft form until his approval. However, it was reviewed by all parties including Mark Fruits, committee, but Mayor does not want a document going around, until cleared by Mr. Chell.

Mayor would like to introduce the resolution for an inter-local with Logan. Mayor Fromm asked Mr. Weeks to describe the projected savings and Mr. Fruits is also here to answer questions.

This is basically what we do every five years to renew our garbage collection contract, however, this time, we are doing an inter-local. The inter-local will be with Logan Township.

Mr. Weeks outlined the monthly fees with Casworth at \$13.40 per unit just for pick up including recycling and trash, bulk is picked up by Casworth and some is picked up by our public works department. The inter-local agreement is for \$10.50 per unit per month, which is almost a 3.00 per unit savings. This also keeps us with recycle bank. This will allow Logan to take our trash and recycling and they are also adding a vegetative waste component. Vegetative waste including Christmas trees previously was also extra. Currently the vegetative waste goes into regular trash. A \$1.40 per month charge will go towards the can that we will be purchasing. This will be single stream trash including 1 96 gallon cart that is assigned to each unit. The units will be placed on the street each week and truck will come around with an automated lifter, lifting each can into the truck. Anything that is bulk will be picked up once a month.

Mr. Casella asked if this included white goods and Mr. Weeks indicated that this did not. Public works will still pick up metal. Mr. Weeks indicated furniture, carpet, etc. would have to be called in for bulk.



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Mr. Weeks stated that on average over the five year contract about \$19,000 in fees will be saved. By removing vegetative trash from the trash stream the savings is at least 25%. Minimally on average including vegetative waste we will be saving approximately \$22,000 per year for that, altogether it is about a \$40,000 to 50,000 year savings by using shared services, as well as adding a service.

Mr. Ayers stated that these are realistic numbers and is more of a savings than going out to bid.

Mr. Casella asked if this affected the recycle bank program and Mr. Weeks indicated that it would not. Logan will do retrofitting to the trucks for Recycle bank.

Mr. Casella asked if the 96 gallon cans were on wheels and Mr. Weeks did indicate that they were.

Mayor Fromm asked Mr. Weeks if we added up the savings over the next five years what would the number be and Mr. Weeks indicated that it would be approximately \$211,000.

Mayor Fromm indicated that everyone starts with a 96 gallon cart, but they can go to a smaller and if absolutely necessary they can get a second cart, but there will be a mechanism in place to do that. The whole idea is to get people to recycle more, cut down on bulk waste and help the town with those who abuse the bulk waste. The Logan department is very vigilant in taking pictures and reports back on those who are not recycling. The urgency is getting the carts ordered as there is a four-six week delivery time and then they need to be put together and distributed.

Mr. Casella asked how it was going to affect the business's in town. Mayor Fromm stated that everyone has heard us talking about over the last few months redoing our ordinance and we are going to enforce the rules in our ordinance that have not been enforced. Our ordinance indicates that business of a certain size we are not supposed to be picking up their trash. We are going to use the Logan ordinance as our template and use portions of our ordinance. This is a grey area and this needs to be worked through. We need to follow up with a new ordinance for Swedesboro.

Mayor Fromm said there will be a strong campaign to get the word out regarding the new program.

Mr. Weeks states that some of the business owners were notified of the upcoming changes of the ordinances and that we will be enforcing our ordinance.

Mr. Weeks stated that this was like the tire disposal program, a program designed for the resident however, the mechanics in town were giving us their tires to take care for free.

By not having to pay for commercial trash collection the tax payers will save.



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Mrs. Gahrs asked if the local business owners would have any right to complain based on the taxes they pay and Mr. Weeks and Mayor Fromm both stated that our current ordinance clearly states that if you have more than six employees we should not be picking up the trash.

Mr. Ayers also indicates that the ordinance states if there is an inordinate amount of trash whether you have two employees or six the borough is not responsible for the trash.

Mayor Fromm stated that it will not affect anybody who does not already know they are getting a better deal than they are supposed to.

This will take effect on January 1, 2011.

Mrs. Gahrs asked if they will provide a print out of what is recyclable, trash pickup, etc.

Mr. Weeks stated we will get all of the material that Logan gave out and then we will get it out to people. We will put it on the website, do a mailing, etc. to let people know what they are supposed to do.

Mr. Weeks outlined how Logan will handle those who are disposing of their trash incorrectly.

Mrs. Gahrs asked if there is a program that could be put through the school and Mr. Fruits said it is something that could be looked into. We could send a flyer to the Swedesboro school children to take home.

Mr. Fruits indicated that the can is something that once we pay for we own and that cost goes away.

Mr. Ayers commented that this will make the town look better on trash days and Mr. Weeks indicated it is more uniformity, two cans out and everything is in the can.

Mrs. Gahrs asked what will be done with all the old cans people have. Mr. Fruits stated that they will need to keep cans for their vegetative waste. A biodegradable bag can be used for vegetative waste, but no plastic.

Mayor Fromm thanked Mark Fruits for getting us to consider this program, as well as George Weeks and Steve Ayers for having numerous meetings and everyone's efforts who were involved.

Mayor Fromm asked for a motion to approve Resolution R-114 INTERLOCAL WITH LOGAN TWP. REGARDING MUNICIPAL TRASH COLLECTION, Mr. Weeks made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella, however, he did have a few



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questions before casting his vote; Mr. Casella thanked George and Steve for taking the lead on this and for putting a lot of work into this. Mr. Casella voiced his concerns regarding the late notice of the meeting and Mayor Fromm stated that it was Logan who called us last week needing the agreement so that they can order the carts. Mr. Casella is asking in the future for a little bit more information and something other than a resolution before the meeting to review.

Mr. Weeks commented that the committee thought that they would be able to do this at our next meeting, but got the phone call from Logan and the E-mails were sent out requesting the meeting. Mr. Weeks went onto say that they have been talking numbers in past meetings with regard to what some of the prices might be.

Further discussion ensued and a Roll Call Vote was then resumed of Council, Roll Call Vote-all yes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

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Tanya L. Goodwin, RMC  
Borough Clerk