



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 16, 2014

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held on June 16, 2014 in Council Chambers with the Honorable Thomas W. Fromm presiding.

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

Mayor Fromm asked for a Roll Call of Council. All members present.

Mayor Fromm asked for a moment of silent prayer and saluting of the flag. It was noted the passing of Mrs. Dupper on Helms Avenue.

Mr. Weeks moved to approve the minutes of 6/2/14, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs. Mr. Casella abstained, all other members present voted yes.

Mayor Fromm had no opening comments.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Robert Richardson-200 Church Street was here to present Mayor and Council with pictures of drainage issues around his property. Mayor Fromm commented that he is aware of the problem and that he and the public works superintendent did take a look at the issue and are working to come up with a solution. Mayor Fromm reported that they need to get the runoff water to drain to Raccoon Creek. Mayor Fromm advised Mr. Richardson to contact borough hall for updates.

Luke Colone-116 South Avenue/President of the Springridge Homeowners Association is here tonight on behalf of the residents of Springridge and their issues with Westrum, specifically in regards to the drainage and grating issues. Mr. Colone passed out a time line of events outlining what has transpired and how they have attempted to resolve this matter. Mayor Fromm reported that he knows of some of the issues and communication with our engineers. Mr. Colone commented that there are apparent drainage/grating issues that were not done properly by the developer.

Ciro Sebasco-164 South Avenue member of the Springridge Association-commented on a Gloucester County soil conservation issue dating back to 2010. Ciro noted that Westrum did come out and commented briefly on the 20 page punch list that was given to them by Springridge, but is not willing to do anything.

Jerry Bosco-160 South Avenue-commented on the timing of the maintenance bond release.

Mayor Fromm noted that he is in agreement to have a meeting with the borough engineer and Springridge to addresses issues.



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Trish Sutcliffe-135 Franklin is here with additional signatures on her petition. Mrs. Sutcliffe continues to report problems with speeding and trucks on Franklin. Mrs. Sutcliffe has noted increased police activity, but notes that the problem still exists. Mayor Fromm asked Lt. Morgan if he has gotten a call from Vince at the County. Lt. Morgan indicated that he has not.

Bob Jonas asked for a listing of tickets for both speeding and trucks at this location.

Mayor Fromm noted that we need to install permanent radar signs and increase signage to address these issues since we cannot install stop signs.

Mayor Fromm noted that the police department has to contact the companies who keep breaking the rules, US Foods and the other companies. Lt. Morgan noted that they are issuing tickets, but they cannot be there all day every day to issue tickets. Mayor Fromm also noted increasing problems on Locke Avenue and Glen Echo Avenue. Mayor Fromm asked Lt. Morgan if we could reach out to the County or the State for additional help at these locations. Lt. Morgan did note that they recently hired two officers, one of which will be specifically for traffic duty. Lt. Morgan does agree that more signage is needed. Mayor Fromm noted that we are getting signs 36 x 36 that will say no trucks with a picture.

Jim Lovegrove-111 Franklin Street asked if a stop sign could be installed at Lakeview Drive since it is very dangerous trying to pull out. Lt. Morgan agrees that stop signs are needed and will send a letter to the county in support. Mayor Fromm noted that he would like to install three stop signs along that street.

Lisa Campbell-123 Franklin Street-indicated that she is concerned about the speeding, but also thanked the police department for their radar signs, though noted they are only a temporary solution.

Mr. Casella asked Lt. Morgan if they have a device on the radar sign that registers the speeders information. Lt. Morgan indicated that they did not have anything like this. Mr. Casella also asked Bob Jonas if the sheriff's department had this, Bob indicated that he will contact the Sheriff's department to inquire. Lt. Morgan will also look into this. Mr. Casella asked if we could get hand held radar guns. Lt. Morgan did note that they will be using unmarked police cars, though there are limited places to park the vehicle.

Mr. Casella asked the members of Springridge if there was a mosquito issue at their location and it was reported that there was not.

Lt. Morgan noted that they will be posting a criminal log on their face book page. Mr. Wilbraham asked if he could get a copy of this for our website.

Mayor went over the police report and noted that they are busy. Lt. Morgan noted that National Night out is this Wednesday, 6/18/14 and invited everyone out, EMS, health department, fire department and the County will be on hand for this event. The event is from 6-9p.m. Mrs. Hale noted that they have to coordinate their events since Dancing in the Streets is also on that night.



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Mrs. Hale had some things for Bob Jonas to go over; On Kings Highway just past the round-about after the triangle there is a hole and also an expansion joint opening near St. Clair of Assisi. Mrs. Hale asked who is responsible for grass along Kings Highway in the street/curb line and who is responsible on county roads for curb replacement damaged by the snow plows. Mr. Jonas asked for a list of the curbs and he will pass the information along.

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

CORRESPONDENCE-

No correspondence for tonight's meeting.

REPORTS

Enclosed were the water/sewer report, tax reports including the annual report and report of uncollectible taxes, police report, and construction report.

Committee Reports

Finance- Mayor Fromm reported that the State budget is concerning regarding aide, but will have more to report on the State budget in a few weeks.

Public works- Mr. Flaherty reported that Well No. 5 is running, however, clerk noted that there is an apparent problem with the pump that Mayor Fromm will comment further on. Mayor Fromm commented that Well No. 5 did go out and is under investigation, seems to be the result of an electrical outage. It has been out since Friday, but Well No. 3 and 4 are operational, No. 2 is abandoned. Mayor Fromm noted that we should no more in a couple of days.

Mrs. Gahrs asked about the water issues on East Avenue by the Gate, Mr. Flaherty noted the problem and stated that the engineers are looking into.

Mayor Fromm noted that we are awaiting the specs from the engineers so we can go out to bid for the pipe under the bridge.

Mayor Fromm noted that the crosswalks will be installed shortly and Allen Street is getting ready to be started as well. Mayor Fromm noted that Third Street will hopefully be done this year and also noted again the issue at 200 Church Street. Mayor Fromm noted that Nate Russo will be getting a landscaping crew out there to clean up the area and our guys will go out as well to try to fix the situation.

Mr. Casella asked about the signage on Ashton Avenue making it a one way street. Mayor Fromm noted the ordinance did go through, but they are having a problem with installation of the signage since there are no grassy areas.



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Mrs. Hale noted that over the past weekend the Sewer plant smelled really bad. Mayor Fromm asked clerk to reach out to Carl and Bill about this issue.

Mr. Weeks noted that only 2 of the 3 cement slabs were put back to block cars at the Intrapac building on the Ashton Avenue side. Clerk will put into Iworqs.

Discussion ensued about parking throughout town and signage, as well as changing the borough seal. Pictures were shown of the new proposed seal to Mayor and Council.

Public Safety- Nothing more was reported.

School Boards – Mayor Fromm did not have anything to report on either district, though did ask for the impact of S/W to our budget.

Garbage/Recycling- Mr. Weeks noted that he and Mrs. Gahrs met with the recycling Coordinator, Mark Fruits and went over the numbers thus far for the year. Mr. Weeks noted that we are spending more money, but that was anticipated since we did add 9 more units since starting with Logan. The trash collection was reported at 68% and recycling and 32%, which is consistent, though some months vary. Mr. Weeks noted that the State tonnage grant for 2013 was \$13,567.58 this is for the credit of business' who have private companies, as well as credit for asphalt. Mr. Weeks noted that our contract with Logan ends in 2016. Mayor and Council all agreed that they are happy with Logan's service and will be looking into possibly extending the contract. Mrs. Hale asked who is responsible for new business's who come into town in relation to getting trash cans. Discussion ensued as to who gets cans and who does not, clerk noted that it is outlined in the ordinance.

Board of Health- Mr. Weeks noted that the next meeting is scheduled for 6/30/14.

Fire- Mr. Wilbraham had nothing to report.

Planning Board- Mrs. Gahrs noted that a meeting was held on 6/9/14 and Comcast presented for a minor site plan and a bulk variance off of the Second Street location as they want to expand their substation and clean up the area. Also present was representatives for ADVO Serve who did a presentation for the board. Mrs. Hale was also present for economic development proposing changes to the sign ordinance.

Pet Census- Mrs. Gahrs had nothing to report, though clerk did indicate that a lot of people have come in to get their license and the deadline before a ticket is issued is coming up. Clerk was asked how many licenses we had this year as compared to last year and clerk will run a report for the next meeting.

Street Lighting- Mr. Casella reported that he did contact AC electric about the leaning poles throughout town and they are supposed to come out tomorrow to take a look. They will contact Mr. Casella with more information.



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Mrs. Hale commented on the e-mail from AC electric regarding the lighting at the South end of town.

Environmental- Mr. Casella noted that the committee met last week and discussed the upcoming Kayak events and the property on Glen Echo Avenue that is for sale. Mr. Casella noted that there may be grant money available to purchase that property for the purpose of putting up a dock. Mr. Casella reminded everyone to attend the joint open space meeting in a couple of weeks with Woolwich. Mr. Casella noted that someone is cutting trees at the park and wanted to know who it was. Nobody was aware of who was doing this. Mr. Wells will be reaching out to the superintendent to go over trees in the park that need to be taken care of.

Census- Mr. Casella reported that he received an e-mail indicating that we do not have enough numbers to change the results.

Historic Preservation- Mr. Casella reported that there has been no word on the grant.

Mrs. Gahrs asked if everyone is required to wear safety vests for the kayak events and Mrs. Hale noted that it was required during these events. Mrs. Gahrs also asked if safety vests have to be worn when people are paddle boating on the Lake. Mrs. Gahrs asked if there was signage at the lake regarding this. Discussion ensued about signage at the Lake and Mr. Flaherty was in agreement that it should be noted at the Lake that safety vests are required.

Mayor Fromm reported that he was in contact with a representative of Bank of America who is meeting with him and members of the historic preservation/society to discuss picking a color for the railing out of front of their building.

Parks and Recreation- Mr. Wilbraham also reminded everyone to attend the Open Space meeting with Woolwich to discuss future recreation ideas. Mr. Wilbraham noted that a phone survey is being conducted and an online survey. A meeting was held last week and fun day was discussed. A profit was made this year on the event, though no number was reported.

Mrs. Hale noted that they had a nice day with beautiful weather. It was noted that going forward they are going to try to turn it into a carnival event, but they are on a waiting list.

Shade Tree – Mr. Flaherty noted that there will be another meeting with AC Electric tomorrow. When they were out previously it was noted that something is killing the trees i.e. a fungus and it was noted that the cutting of the trees or the streetscape was the cause of the damage.

Library- Mr. Flaherty reported that the roof is not leaking and there has been no smell. Mr. Flaherty reported on a presentation at the Mullica Hill library going over the 3D printer, sewing, etc. Mr. Flaherty reported that it was a nice program. Mr. Flaherty recommended that everyone go to the Mullica Hill branch to take a look at the presentation.

Mayor Fromm noted that we reached out to Azzari to fix the back wall who responded that they did not get paid and will not be doing any repairs. This is being looked into.



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Economic Development- Mrs. Hale reported that the meeting will be held on the 26th of June, however, may be postponed due to the joint meeting with Woolwich. Mrs. Hale reminded everyone that Dancing in the Street will be held every third Wednesday of the month during the summer. Mrs. Hale noted that they will be placing an ad in the Newtown Press looking for volunteers to help with events as there are currently not enough people helping out. Mrs. Hale also noted that they are still working on signage throughout town.

Municipal Alliance- Mrs. Hale noted that they are closing out the end of year funding for the program and noted that going forward they will be doing more with the library i.e., sewing, art, makers space, game nights, refreshments, etc. Mrs. Hale noted that Laura from the library is out on disability and is currently no longer working there who ran a lot of these events.

Clean Communities- Mrs. Hale reported that the boy scouts and the little theater group have reached out to do clean ups.

Cable franchise- Nothing.

Clerk at this point talked about the Summer Intern program noting that all 14 students will participate in the program. Clerk provided a tentative outline of the program.

Mrs. Gahrs asked if the photo ID cards will be done prior to the next meeting and the clerk confirmed this.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Gahrs asked if anyone took a look at Mechanic Street, specifically reducing the speed limit to 15 as she feels 25 is to fast for this road. Mayor Fromm reported that he will take a look and we may have to get the engineers involved to see if we can justify reducing the speed limit.

Mrs. Hale reported that on 6/7/14 Swedesboro was a happening town with the Community Yard Sale, True Value Grand Reopening and the Mario's Lemonade stand, which promoted a lot of buzz. Mrs. Hale thanked the fire department for their involvement with the lemonade stand. Mrs. Gahrs reported that she last heard the event raised over \$70,000.00.

RESOLUTIONS

R-71-2014 (Mayor to sign with Federici and Akin for NJ DOT-Resurfacing of Third Street) Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. .Gahrs. Roll Call Vote-all yes.

R-72-2014 (Mayor to sign/Endorse Application and submission of Grant for NJ DOT Municipal Aid for Resurfacing and Safety Improvements to Third Street) Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs. Roll Call Vote-all yes.

R-73-2014 (Mayor to execute contract/JIF renewal) Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote-all yes.



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R-74-2014 (Liquor License renewal-Botto's) Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt resolution, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Roll Call Vote-all yes.

R-75-2014 (Shared Service agreement with County for use of the large stage for Dancing in the Streets events) Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote-all yes.

R-76-2014(Liquor license renewal-Kings Liquor) Mayor Fromm noted that this resolution is a little more complicated than the other renewals due to the stipulations in place. Mr. Weeks asked about the past issues and if we have to renew. Mayor Fromm noted that as per his conversation with ABC unless there was a public outcry against renewing the license we could not refuse. Mayor Fromm noted that we will enforce the resolution as outlined. Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Wilbraham. Roll Call Vote-Mr. Casella abstained, all other members voted yes.

R-77-2014 (Mayor to sign with Federici and Akin for additional work for the pedestrian crosswalks) Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs. Roll Call Vote-all yes.

R-78-2014 (Liquor License Renewal-Tavro 13) Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Casella. Roll Call Vote-all yes.

ORDINANCES

Clerk introduced Ordinance 0-7-2014 (Bond Ordinance) with public hearing scheduled for July 7, 2014. Mayor Fromm outlined the reason for the ordinance indicating that it has to do with the additional funding for the crosswalks with an additional \$20,000.00 in charges and the Third Street charges, which combined would eat up most of the funding for this year. Mr. Weeks moved to introduce the ordinance with public hearing on 7/7/14, seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Roll Call Vote-all yes.

SICK PAY

Mr. Casella moved to approve sick pay benefits for John Gangemi for 6/5/14 and Diane Branco for ½ day 6/2/14 and ½ day 6/6/14, seconded by Mr. Weeks. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Casella reported that a representative from the County Tax Assessors office stopped by Comcast who is also involved in the Woodbury Business Association noting that Swedesboro is a great town.

Mr. Weeks noted moving trucks and tractor trailers parking overnight on the Auction property and indicated to call police. Mayor Fromm also noted to call the police regarding a truck (Bekinn) blocking the road at Broad and Locke. Clerk will send email to Chief and Lt.



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Mrs. Hale reported that the county will be handing out vouchers again this year to the seniors for Fruits and vegetables. Mrs. Hale will ask Carla from the County to come out again this year to the residents of Lore Drive.

Mrs. Hale reported that the County had a shredding event on 6/21/14, which was reportedly a huge success. Mrs. Hale reported that next time this will have to be put on our website.

Mrs. Hale noted that the clock tower light is out and is not chiming. Clerk will report this to public works.

Mrs. Hale also reported that there is a pipe sticking out in the Heritage parking lot from the old telephone booth that was there previously. Clerk will report this to the code office to have them take a look.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jay Sutcliffe-135 Franklin Street-asked how to get on the list for the county curb repair as his curbs were damaged by the snow plows. Mrs. Hale will add his location to the list and report to the County.

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

Mayor Fromm adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Tanya Goodwin, Clerk