

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, JANUARY 29, 2013

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sussex County Council was held on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, Sussex County Administrative Office Building, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following present:

Michael H. Vincent	President
George B. Cole	Councilman
Joan R. Deaver	Councilwoman
Vance Phillips	Councilman
Todd F. Lawson	County Administrator
Susan M. Webb	Finance Director
Everett Moore	County Attorney

Call to Order **The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mr. Vincent.**
Mr. Vincent called the meeting to order.

Mr. Vincent announced that Councilman Wilson was absent due to his attendance at the Annual Meeting of the National Association of Conservation Districts.

M 047 13 **A Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, to amend**
Amend **the Agenda by deleting “Executive Session - Job Applicants’ Qualifications,**
and **Personnel, Pending/Potential Litigation, and Land Acquisition pursuant to**
Approve **29 Del.C. §10004(b)” and by deleting “Possible Action on Executive Session**
Agenda **Items”; and to approve the Agenda, as amended.**

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Absent;
Mr. Vincent, Yea

Minutes **The minutes of January 22, 2013 were approved by consent.**

Corre- **Mr. Moore read the following correspondence:**
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DELAWARE NATURE SOCIETY, HOCKESSIN, DELAWARE.
RE: Letter in appreciation of grant.

TINA SHOCKLEY, LEGISLATIVE LIAISON, DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.
RE: Email to Councilwoman Deaver regarding revisions to DelDOT’s
regulations regarding Traffic Impact Studies.

(continued) **Mr. Phillips reported that the Dagsboro Volunteer Fire Department presented a “Thank You” plaque to Sussex County Council in memory of Justin E. Townsend.**

Mrs. Deaver reported that she has been receiving emails from the Delaware Manufactured Homeowners Association about parks with unhealthy situations and she stated that she would be submitting a report to the Council to determine if the County can help in any way.

**Adminis-
trator’s
Report** **Mr. Lawson presented the following information in his Administrator’s Report:**

1. Delaware Solid Waste Authority Reports

There were 33,857 pounds of recycled material received at the Recycle Delaware pods at the West Complex in Georgetown during the months of October, November, and December 2012. Attached are reports received for each month. The total amount of recyclable goods received at the West Complex site during 2012 was 137,365 pounds.

2. Projects Receiving Substantial Completion

Per the attached Engineering Department Fact Sheets, The Villages at Herring Creek – Phase 2 and The Landings at Pepper Creek (a/k/a The Marina at Pepper’s Creek) – Phase 2 have reached Substantial Completion effective January 24 and January 25, 2013, respectively.

3. Delaware State Police Activity Report – December 2012

As per the attached Delaware State Police activity report for December, there were 3,247 total traffic arrests and 1,748 total criminal arrests. Of that 1,748, 827 were felony and 921 were misdemeanor criminal arrests. Of the total hours on duty spent, 39 percent were spent on criminal investigations.

[Attachments to the Administrator’s Report are not attachments to the minutes.]

**Public
Meeting
Results/
Route 26
Phase III
Expansion
of the
Millville
SSD** **John Ashman, Director of Utility Planning, reported that a Public Meeting was held on the Route 26 Phase III Expansion of the Millville Sanitary Sewer District at the Millville Town Hall on January 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Ashman also reported that the meeting was not well attended, possibly due to the weather or publicity. Therefore, the Engineering Department is recommending that another meeting be scheduled; that the area be reposted; that a press release be issued; and that notices be mailed to area property owners. Mr. Cole suggested that the Engineering Department contact DelDOT to inquire if one of their signs can be used to post the site.**

**Grant
Requests**

Mrs. Webb presented grant requests for the Council's consideration.

**M 048 13
Council-
manic
Grant**

A Motion was made by Mrs. Deaver, seconded by Mr. Cole, to give \$1,000.00 (\$600.00 from Mrs. Deaver's Councilmanic Grant Account and \$100.00 each from Mr. Cole's, Mr. Phillips', Mr. Vincent's and Mr. Wilson's Councilmanic Grant Accounts) to the Southern Delaware Choral Society for performance expenses.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Absent;
Mr. Vincent, Yea**

**M 049 13
Council-
manic
Grant**

A Motion was made by Mrs. Deaver, seconded by Mr. Cole, to give \$460.00 from Mrs. Deaver's Councilmanic Grant Account to the Hawkseye Property Owners Association for signage costs.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Absent;
Mr. Vincent, Yea**

**M 050 13
Council-
manic
Grant**

A Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, to give \$1,000.00 (\$200.00 from each Councilmanic Grant Account) to the Sussex County Science Fair for operating expenses.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Absent;
Mr. Vincent, Yea**

**M 051 13
Council-
manic
Grant**

A Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, to give \$1,000.00 (\$500.00 each from Mr. Phillips' and Mr. Wilson's Councilmanic Grant Accounts) to the Georgetown-Millsboro Rotary Club to sponsor the Club's Winter Event which will provide college scholarship funding to deserving teens.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Absent;
Mr. Vincent, Yea**

**Additional
Business**

Under Additional Business, Jo Klinge, Member of the League of Women Voters of Sussex County, reported on Delaware's Sea Level Rise Advisory

Additional Business (continued)	Committee's Public Engagement Session scheduled in Sussex County on Wednesday, February 13th at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Cape Henlopen High School in Lewes. Ms. Klinge urged the Council members to attend and she distributed copies of the invitation to the session along with the League's position relating to the environment and climate change.
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M 052 13 **At 10:21 a.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Cole, to**
Recess **recess until 10:30 a.m.**

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Absent;
Mr. Vincent, Yea**

M 053 13 At 10:30 a.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs.
Reconvene Deaver, to reconvene.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Absent;
Mr. Vincent, Yea**

Public Hearing/ Proposed Ordinance Relating to	A Public Hearing was held on the Proposed Ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 110 OF THE CODE OF SUSSEX COUNTY RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS UNDER THE INTERIM CODE FOR BUILDING SEWER AND WATER SERVICE PIPE CONNECTIONS”.
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Gary Tonge, Director of Utility Permits, reported that the Proposed Ordinance would amend Chapter 110 of the Sussex County Code relating to applications for permits under the interim code for building sewer and water service pipe connections. Currently, the Code requires a plumber to come in person into the County building to apply for a water or sewer connection or disconnection permit. The Draft Ordinance would allow the County to accept applications in a manner other than in person, i.e. by mail and electronically). It was noted that the County is currently unable to consider these requests electronically; however, this ordinance would enable the County to do so.

There were no public comments and the Public Hearing was closed.

M 054 13	A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, to Adopt
Adopt	Ordinance No. 2291 entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER
Ordinance	110 OF THE CODE OF SUSSEX COUNTY RELATING TO
No. 2291	APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS UNDER THE INTERIM CODE FOR
	BUILDING SEWER AND WATER SERVICE PIPE CONNECTIONS”.

**M 054 13
(continued)**

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Absent;
Mr. Vincent, Yea**

**M 055 13
Recess**

At 10:40 a.m., a Motion was made by Mrs. Deaver, seconded by Mr. Cole, to recess until 12:00 Noon, at which time a luncheon was scheduled by the Sussex Outdoors Board at the Delaware Community Foundation on The Circle in Georgetown.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Absent;
Mr. Vincent, Yea**

Luncheon

At 12:00 Noon, the Council attended a luncheon with the Sussex Outdoors Board at the Delaware Community Foundation on The Circle in Georgetown.

**M 056 13
Adjourn**

At 1:30 p.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, to adjourn.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Phillips, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Absent;
Mr. Vincent, Yea**

Respectfully submitted,

**Robin A. Griffith
Clerk of the Council**

