

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, JANUARY 20, 1998

Call to Order The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, January 20, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, Sussex County Administrative Office Building, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following present:

Dale R. Dukes	President
Finley B. Jones, Jr.	Vice President
George B. Cole	Member
George J. Collins	Member
Lynn J. Rogers	Member

The meeting was opened by repeating the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

M 027 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to Approve Agenda approve the Agenda, as presented. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

M 028 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Collins, to Approve Minutes approve the minutes of the previous meeting, dated January 13, 1998.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Rogers, Yea;
Mr. Jones, Yea; Mr. Collins, Yea;
Mr. Dukes, Yea

Corre- Mr. Bayard, County Attorney, read the following correspondence:
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RICHARD L. PARRETT, JR., FIRE CHIEF, BETHANY BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT, BETHANY BEACH, DELAWARE.
RE: Letter commending Sussex County employees: Steve Calloway, Harry Fletcher, and J.R. Clark.

TERRY HEARN, DAGSBORO, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter commending a Sussex County employee: Kevin VanAuken.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Isabelle Morris for Devotion, Loyalty, and Excellence in serving Sussex County for 35 years and 10 months.

Garbage Mr. Vasuki, Chief Executive Officer of the Delaware Solid Waste Authority was in attendance to discuss with Council the concept of garbage collection franchise districts. This program is currently in practice in unincorporated areas in Kent County. This program enables citizens to petition for a franchise district and has proven to be a real benefit to consumers. The establishment of garbage collection franchise districts has many advantages: a more efficient and convenient collection
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system, reduced traffic, and reduced costs. The process for this program would include the receipt of petitions, the scheduling of a referendum, and request for bids/bid award. Mr. Cole recommended that waste haulers be invited to a future meeting to express their views on this proposal. No action was taken.

Slam
Dunk
to the
Beach

Mr. Jacobs, Executive Director, Slam Dunk to the Beach, was in attendance to discuss this year's Slam Dunk to the Beach event, "the No. 1 national sporting event for high school basketball in the United States". Mr. Jacobs reported that 48,000 - 52,000 people attended the event this year, resulting in an economic development benefit to the County in the amount of \$2.7 Million. Mr. Jacobs thanked Council for their support of this event in the past and requested their continued support; Mr. Jacobs requested that the Council consider an additional \$5,000 in funding for next year's event.

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Based
Training

Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, and Mr. Torbert, Paramedic Director, discussed draft legislation entitled "AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 98, TITLE 16, DELAWARE CODE, RELATING TO INITIAL TRAINING OF PARAMEDICS EMPLOYED BY A COUNTY PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER". This legislation removes language from Title 16 which obligates the State to pay entirely for initial training for paramedics employed by counties pursuant to the Statewide Paramedic program. In addition, this legislation removes the obligation for the State and counties to pay students while they are attending initial paramedic training. It is envisioned that potential candidates for county paramedic positions will attend a tuition based program for their initial training. It was the consensus of Council to seek sponsors for this legislation.

Adminis-
trator's
Report

Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, read the following information in his County Administrator's Report:

1. Economic Development Revenue Bond Satisfaction

I have been notified by Wilmington Trust that Charles D. Royce and Eunice S. Royce, owners of Delmaco Associates, have paid the outstanding loan for their 1986 Industrial Revenue Bond in the amount of \$350,000. The bond was issued to purchase an approximately 11,220 square foot parcel of land located between Main Street and Washington Street in Millsboro, Delaware, for the construction of a 20 foot by 145 foot building to be divided into seven retail stores.

2. Extended Hours

Please be advised that on Wednesday, January 14, 1998, no activities took place during the extended hours from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

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(con't)

3. Election of Officers - Sussex County Employees Benefit Committee

The Sussex County Employees Benefit Committee held an election of officers. Dickie Mitchell, Data Processing Department, was elected President; Ken Dunn, Airport Maintenance, was elected Vice President; Amy Argo-Wheatley, Treasury Division, was elected Secretary; and Kelly Collins, Accounting Division, was elected Treasurer. During the year, the Benefit Committee takes on community projects such as the Mildred King Memorial Luncheon and adopting families at Christmas time. Additional responsibilities include providing soda and cracker machines for the employees.

Mapping
Project
Update

Mr. Norwood, Mapping and Addressing Coordinator, and Mr. Deal of 3DI gave a presentation on the status of the E911 GIS Project which was initiated on January 20, 1997. The project encompasses the following: aerial photography of the County, control survey network for the County, digital geo-register tax maps, new planimetric maps of the County, computerized property cards, complete readdressing of County, digital imagery of County, new 911 system database, and map books for emergency use. In conclusion, Mr. Deal reported that the E911 Project is on schedule and is expected to be completed by January, 1999. The completion of this project will result in the County having the most advanced E911 system in Delaware.

Proposed
Water
Service
Agree-
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Old
Landing

Mr. Izzo, County Engineer, discussed a proposed Water Service Agreement between Sussex County and Tidewater Utilities, Inc. to provide public utility water service to the area known as Old Landing, a tract of land situated in the Lewes Rehoboth Hundred, comprised of approximately 58 subdivided parcels and having 46 homes. Mr. Izzo reported that Tidewater Utilities, Inc. has received the following bids for the project:

Teal Construction	\$190,108.00
Marvel Construction	\$320,045.00
Alpine Construction	\$382,512.00

The engineer's estimate for the project is \$290,000. The County has received a grant from the State for this project in the amount of \$250,000. It is proposed that grant money in excess of the project cost will be used to fund hook-up costs during the first year.

M 029 98
Approve
Water
Service
Agree-
ment

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Jones, based upon the recommendation of the Sussex County Engineering Department, that the Water Service Agreement with Tidewater Utilities, Inc. be approved at an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

M 029 98 Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Rogers, Yea;
(con't) Mr. Jones, Yea; Mr. Collins, Yea;
Mr. Dukes, Yea

Proposed Mr. Dukes introduced the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN
Ordinance ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1 AGRI-
CULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR A PLUMBING AND HEATING CON-
TRACTOR BUSINESS TO BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND
LYING AND BEING IN BROAD CREEK HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CON-
TAINING 4.47 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (Conditional Use No. 1233)
filed on behalf of Eddie French. The Proposed Ordinance will
be advertised for Public Hearing.

Proposed Mr. Jones introduced the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN
Ordinance ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1 AGRI-
CULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR A SCHOOL BUILDING AND
ANCILLARY BUILDINGS AND GROUND IMPROVEMENTS TO BE LOCATED ON
A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN GEORGETOWN HUN-
DRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 43.25 ACRES, MORE OR LESS"
(Conditional Use No. 1234) filed on behalf of The Jefferson
School. The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public
Hearing.

M 030 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Cole, to give
Council- \$500.00, \$250.00 each from Mr. Rogers' and Mr. Jones' Council-
manic Accounts, to Milford Magic Softball for operating expenses.
Grant

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Rogers, Yea;
Mr. Jones, Yea; Mr. Collins, Yea;
Mr. Dukes, Yea

M 031 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cole, to
Council- give \$1,000.00 from Mr. Collins' Councilmanic Account to the
manic Frankford Town Council for pipe repairs in the water treatment
Grant facility.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Rogers, Yea;
Mr. Jones, Yea; Mr. Collins, Yea;
Mr. Dukes, Yea

M 032 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Jones, to
Council- give \$1,000.00 from Mr. Collins' Councilmanic Account to the
manic Town of Delmar for street sign replacement.
Grant

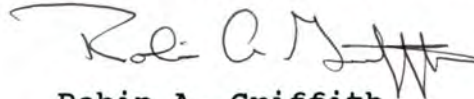
Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Rogers, Yea;
Mr. Jones, Yea; Mr. Collins, Yea;
Mr. Dukes, Yea

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M 033 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, to
Adjourn adjourn at 11:38 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Griffith
Clerk of the County Council