

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, FEBRUARY 4, 1997

Call to Order The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, February 4, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Sussex County Administrative Office Building, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following present:

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

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

M 058 97 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Jones, to
Agenda Adopt the Agenda, as presented. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

M 059 97 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Jones, to
Approve approve the minutes of the previous meeting dated January
Minutes 28, 1997.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent

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

Corre- Mr. Bayard, County Attorney, read the following correspondence:
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HISTORIC GEORGETOWN ASSOCIATION, GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE.
RE: Grand Opening of The Train Station, the new home of the Chamber and Historic Georgetown.

JOHN F. ELIASON, VICE CHAIRMAN, KIWANIS FOUNDATION OF REHOBOTH BEACH, DELAWARE, INC., REHOBOTH BEACH, DELAWARE.
RE: Letter in appreciation of Human Service Grant.

COURTNEY BAUER, GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE.
RE: Card of thanks for Councilmanic Grant.

CHARLES E. EBY, JR., MILLVILLE, DELAWARE.
RE: Letter referring to the need for sewers in Ocean View, Millville, and surrounding developments around lower White's Creek.

Com- Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, advised Council that
mittee Mr. Finley B. Jones, Jr. has resigned from his appointment
Appoint- to the Building Code Appeal Board due to his recent election to
ment the Sussex County Council.

M 060 97 A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to
Com- appoint Mr. Brent Workman to the Building Code Appeal Board
mittee for a term of four years.

Appointment Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

Court- Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, advised Council that the
house final settlement of the Courthouse and Courthouse Annex building
Settle- was completed on Friday, January 31, 1997. The County received
ment the third and final payment in the amount of \$1.6 Million.

Annual Mr. Charles Moses, General Chairman for the 49th Annual Delmarva
Delmarva Chicken Festival, was present to request that the Sussex County
Chicken Council support the 1997 Delmarva Chicken Festival through a
Festival \$1,500 grant to the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Milford.
The grant will be used to help defray the costs of entertainment,
electric, and tents.

M 061 97 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Jones, to give
Human \$1,500.00 from Human Service Grants to the Chamber of Commerce
Service for Greater Milford for the 49th Annual Delmarva Chicken
Grant Festival.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

Adminis- Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, read the following infor-
trator's mation in his County Administrator's Report:
Report

1. Library Department Bid Proposals

The Library Department will be requesting proposals on February 25, 1997, for a new bookmobile. Prospective bidders can pick up bid specifications on that date. Bids will be opened in the County Council Chambers at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 1997.

Proposals for bids for the expansion of the Greenwood Library will be published on April 1, 1997. Bids for the Greenwood project will be opened at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 1997, in the County Council Chambers.

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2. DelDOT Public Workshop

The Department of Transportation will be conducting a public workshop for the proposed replacements of Bridge 936 and Bridge 937 on State Road 214 over Cabbage Pond, south of Milford, Sussex County, Delaware. The meeting will be held on February 6, 1997, between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. at Milford Senior High School, 1019 North Walnut Street, Milford, Delaware.

3. Bureau of Justice, Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program

Included with this report is a copy of the distribution of the 1996 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program. We have received a check in the amount of \$81,739 from the Bureau of Justice. This funding will be matched by a five percent grant from the County and a five percent contribution from each town. The Sussex County Finance Department will reimburse the departments for their expenditures.

4. Open House

A reminder that on Wednesday, February 12, 1997, the Sussex County Council will be hosting an Open House from 3:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the new Administrative Office Building located on The Circle in Georgetown. There will be light refreshments and entertainment during the Open House. I would encourage the public to visit our new facility.

5. Zoning Hearing

The County Council will be holding Public Hearings on the following Ordinances:

- a. Vacation - Retirement - Residential - Park District - February 18, 1997, 1:30 p.m.
- b. Manufactured Home Ordinance - February 18, 1997, 1:30 p.m.
- c. Four-lot Subdivisions - February 18, 1997, 1:30 p.m.
- d. C-2 Zoning - April 1, 1997, 1:30 p.m.

The County Council will be holding subdivision appeals for the following subdivisions:

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- a. Donald M. Martin - February 18, 1997, 10:30 a.m.
- b. Timothy Ramia - February 18, 1997, 10:30 a.m.
- c. Norris Niblett - February 25, 1997, 10:30 a.m.

6. Land Use Workshop

The Sussex County Council will be conducting a workshop on Wednesday, February 26, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the County Administrative Office Building on The Circle in Georgetown. Invitations have been extended to the Planning and Zoning Commission members and the State senators and representatives for Sussex County. The workshop will not be for public participation; however, the public is permitted to attend.

Pension
Fund
Report

Mr. Baker, Finance Director, reported on the status of the Sussex County Council Pension Fund as of December 31, 1996. Mr. Baker noted that overall, 1996 was a good year for the pension fund - the County experienced a return of 11.45 percent. Stock Equity Funds earned 22.83 percent; bonds earned 4.18 percent; cash earned 5.30 percent. The County has three different investment managers: Wilmington Trust Company, Fidelity Investments and the State of Delaware (Local Government Retirement Investment Pool). Investment performance with these three managers was as follows:

<u>Investment Manager</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Return</u>
Wilmington Trust	\$7.1 Million	11.43%
Fidelity Investments	\$1.3 Million	11.54%
State of Delaware	\$1.1 Million	5.30%

Mr. Baker reviewed steps that have been taken to improve investment performance and future improvement possibilities. Discussion centered around the importance of funding the Plan and savings that would be realized by discontinuing cost of living increases for pensioners.

Proposed
Resolu-
tion

Mr. Baker, Finance Director, introduced a Proposed Resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING THE WITHDRAWALS FROM COLLATERAL ACCOUNTS, INCLUDING WITHDRAWALS ASSOCIATED WITH COLLATERAL SUBSTITUTIONS". The Resolution authorizes David B. Baker, Finance Director; Susan M. Webb, Director of Accounting; William C. Townsend,

Proposed Internal Auditor; and Jeffrey E. James, Director of Engineering
Resolu- Accounting, to approve withdrawals from collateral accounts,
tion including withdrawals associated with collateral substitutions.
(con't) These collateral accounts pertain to bank accounts and related
funds of the Sussex County Council.

M 062 97 A Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Cole, to Adopt
Adopt Resolution No. R 010 97 entitled "AUTHORIZING THE WITHDRAWALS
Resolu- FROM COLLATERAL ACCOUNTS, INCLUDING WITHDRAWALS ASSOCIATED WITH
tion COLLATERAL SUBSTITUTIONS".

R 010 97

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

Change Mr. Archut, Assistant County Engineer, discussed Change Order
Order/ No. 23, in the amount of \$3,547.30, to the County Administrative
Adminis- Office Building Contract. The Change Order includes credits
trative for heat pumps, seeding and marble work and additional costs
Building for typing returns and wainscoting.

M 063 97 A Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Cole, based
Authorize on the recommendation of the Architect, R. Calvin Clendaniel
Change Associates and the County Engineering Department, that the Sussex
Order/ County Council approves Change Order No. 23, in an amount not
Adminis- to exceed \$3,547.30, to the County Administrative Office Building
trative Contract, and with the approval being subject to Rural
Building Development.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

Zacharias Mr. Green, Director of Utility Construction, discussed granting
Cove Conditional Acceptance for the wastewater facilities constructed
at Zacharias Cove located in the North Bethany Sanitary Sewer
District.

M 064 97 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Jones, based
Grant upon the recommendation of the Sussex County Engineering Depart-
Condi- ment, for Sussex County Project No. 81-04, that the Sussex
tional County Council grant Conditional Acceptance for the wastewater
Accep- facilities constructed at Zacharias Cove, located in the North
tance/ Bethany Sanitary Sewer District.

M 064 97 Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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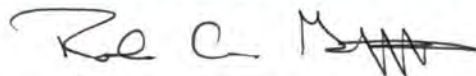
Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Rogers, Yea;
Mr. Jones, Yea; Mr. Collins, Yea;
Mr. Dukes, Absent

Proposed Ordinance Mr. Cole introduced the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP OF SUSSEX COUNTY FROM A MR MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO A C-1 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN BALTI-MORE HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 9.10 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (Change of Zone No 1293) filed on behalf of Donald R. and Terry Long. The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

Discharge of Treated Waste/ Inland Bays Mr. Cole expressed concern about the State continuing its practice of discharging treated waste into the Inland Bays. Mr. Cole asked that Mr. Izzo, County Engineer, contact the State of Delaware about the possibility of the State hooking up their treatment facility to the South Coastal Regional Wastewater Facility.

M 065 97 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Jones, to adjourn
Adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Griffith
Clerk of the County Council