

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, MARCH 17, 1992

Call to  
Order

The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, March 17, 1992, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Courthouse, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following members present:

Dale R. Dukes	President
Ralph E. Benson	Vice President
George B. Cole	Member
George J. Collins	Member
William D. Stevenson, Sr.	Member

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

M 112 92  
Approve  
Minutes

A Motion was made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Benson, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting dated March 10, 1992. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Letters

Mr. Bayard, County Attorney, read the following correspondence:

BRAD SPICER, PRESIDENT, LAUREL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC., LAUREL  
RE: Thank you for contribution.

NICOLE FARRALL, NANTICOKE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, SEAFORD  
RE: Thank you for contribution.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION  
AND CONSERVATION SERVICE, SUSSEX COUNTY ASCS OFFICE, GEORGETOWN  
RE: March newsletter entitled The Farmers Corner.

DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION, WEST TRENTON, NEW JERSEY  
RE: Notice of Commission Meeting and Public Hearing.

DNREC, DIVISION OF AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT, NEW CASTLE  
RE: Newsletter by the Underground Storage Tank Branch  
entitled Think Tank.

DELAWARE NATURE SOCIETY, HOCKESSIN  
RE: Winter newsletter entitled Delaware Nature Society  
News.

SCOTT D. GRIFFITH, SEAFORD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY, SEAFORD  
RE: Student letter concerning drug abuse program.

South  
Coastal  
Library

Carol Fitzgerald, Director of County Libraries, and Betsy Baxter, representing Friends of the South Coastal Library, were present to update Council on the new Bethany Beach Library. Information reviewed included floor plans, staffing, furnishings, utilities and fund raising. Mr. Stickels advised Council that, inasmuch as the County will operate and maintain the newly constructed building as a public library, there will be a 40 percent increase in the operating budget for fiscal year '93.

Roadside  
Stand  
Vendors  
Viola-  
tions

Mr. Lank and Mr. Betts, Planning & Zoning, reviewed a Violations and Complaints Manual as it pertains to roadside stand vendors. The Planning & Zoning Department has been working towards putting a program together to step up enforcement of compliance with the Sussex County Code regulations regarding this issue. The following suggestions/recommendations were made:

- o Contact State Police regarding access to the State Police computer.
- o Look into the possibility of a "call-in number" for weekends.
- o Clarify statement that an application filed to the Board of Adjustment or Planning & Zoning Commission to correct violation will suspend proceedings until determination of hearing.

Adminis-  
trator's  
Report

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

1. Long Neck Sanitary Sewer District Rates

The proposed annual assessment and service charge rates for the Long Neck Sanitary Sewer District (LNSSD) are presented below:

Annual Service Charge \$/EDU	Annual Assessment Charge		
	Distribution or Collection \$/Foot	Transmission and/or Treatment \$/Foot	Total \$/Foot
156.64	3.14	0.85	3.99

"EDU" means Equivalent Dwelling Unit  
"Foot" means Assessable Footage

These charges will be utilized for the period April 1, 1992, to June 30, 1993. They will be applied to all assessable properties in the LNSSD that can receive sanitary sewer service.

Adminis-  
trator's  
Report  
(con't)

The average lot in the LNSSD is 71 feet wide. Using the rates outlined above, a lot of this size with a single family residence or manufactured home would expect to pay an annual bill of \$439.93. An unimproved lot of the same size would pay \$283.29. This is applicable to lots where the County has installed the collection pipelines.

The average lot in the parks where the owner or developer installed the pipelines is 61 feet wide. Using the rates outlined above, a lot of this size with a single family residence or manufactured home would expect to pay an annual bill of \$208.49. An unimproved lot of the same size would pay \$51.85.

The annual charges given above will be divided into four quarterly payments. Quarterly bills will begin on July 1, 1992. The July 1, 1992, bill will be larger than usual because it will include assessment charges for the period April 1, 1992, to September 30, 1992. It may also include service charges if connection to the sanitary sewer has been made.

The connection charge for the period April 1, 1992, to June 30, 1993, has been set at \$1,825.00 per EDU. It does not apply to existing users.

All charges given above have been reviewed and agreed to by Sussex County's rate consultants, Black & Veatch of Kansas City, Missouri. The Council must formally adopt these rates after a public hearing. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 1992, at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers to allow for comments on the assessment rolls.

Item            The item entitled "Long Neck Sanitary Sewer District, Contract  
Stricken       No. 5 - Change Order No. 9" was stricken from the agenda.

Return        Jean West and Carol Collins, Past Chairman and Past Secretary of  
Day            the Sussex County Return Day Committee, respectively, presented  
Memora-       photographs, memorabilia, and Return Day Committee meeting  
bilialia       minutes to the Sussex County Council for their archives. Council  
                 expressed appreciation for the presentation.

M 113 92      A Motion was made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Cole, to give  
Council-       \$400.00 from Mr. Stevenson's Councilmanic Account, to the  
manic        Woodbridge Junior/Senior High School to help fund attendance at  
Grant        the National Leadership Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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M 113 92 Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Benson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;  
(con't) Mr. Collins, Yea; Mr. Stevenson, Yea;  
Mr. Dukes, Yea

M 114 92 A Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Cole, to give  
Council- \$400.00, \$80.00 from each Councilmanic Account, to the Sussex  
manic County Fire Police Association to help fund attendance at the  
Grant National Fire and Emergency Service Dinner.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Benson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;  
Mr. Collins, Yea; Mr. Stevenson, Yea;  
Mr. Dukes, Yea

M 115 92 A Motion was made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Cole, to give  
Council- \$1,000.00, \$200.00 from each Councilmanic Account, to the Delaware  
manic Tech Roadrunners baseball team to help defray the cost of spring  
Grant training trips.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Benson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;  
Mr. Collins, Yea; Mr. Stevenson, Yea;  
Mr. Dukes, Yea

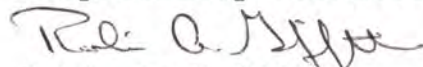
Recess President Dukes declared a recess at 11:15 a.m.

Reconvene President Dukes called the Council back into session at 1:30 p.m.

Public A Public Hearing was held on Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN  
Hearing ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1  
C/U #996 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR A FAMILY AMUSEMENT PARK TO  
BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LEWES  
AND REHOBOTH HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 96.4 ACRES, MORE  
OR LESS" (C/U #996) filed on behalf of Ronald E. Lankford. The  
Public Hearing was closed and action was deferred.

M 116 92 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Benson, to  
Adjourn adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Griffith  
Clerk of the County Council