

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, MAY 3, 1994

Call to Order The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, May 3, 1994, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Courthouse, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following members present:

Dale R. Dukes	President
George J. Collins	Vice President
George B. Cole	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 179 94 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cole, to
Approve approve the minutes of the previous meeting dated April 26,
Minutes 1994. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Corre- Mr. Bayard, County Attorney, read the following correspondence:
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BOBBIE SUE HASTINGS, STUDENT, SEAFORD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY, SEAFORD, DELAWARE.

RE: Appreciation for the A.D.A.M. Program.

JACK RIESTER, 1994 CHAIRMAN, BETHANY BEACH 4TH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE, BETHANY BEACH, DELAWARE.

RE: Request for a contribution.

BRUCE E. HICKMAN, SECRETARY, HOME OF THE BRAVE FOUNDATION, MILFORD, DELAWARE.

RE: Announcing the opening of their facility for Transitional Housing for Homeless Veterans.

TOWN COUNCIL OF BETHEL AND JAMES TYNDALL, BETHEL POLICE DEPARTMENT, BETHEL, DELAWARE.

RE: Appreciation for Mr. Dukes' Councilmanic Grant for the "Kid Care Photo ID" event.

Proposed Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, read in its entirety a
Procla- Proposed Proclamation entitled "PROCLAIMING MAY 15 THROUGH
mation MAY 21, 1994, AS 'NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK'".

M 180 94 A Motion was made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Collins,
Adopt to Adopt the Proclamation entitled "PROCLAIMING MAY 15 THROUGH
Procla- MAY 21, 1994, AS 'NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK'".
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Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

Present
Procla-
mation

Mr. Stickels presented the Proclamation to Mr. Wood, County Engineer, for display in the County Engineering Office.

Adminis-
trator's
Report

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

1. Plan Review Comments - Office of State Fire Marshal

In an attempt to clarify areas of responsibility for the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Sussex County Building Code Office when reviewing plans, the State Fire Marshal has agreed to add the following terminology to their permit process:

- (a) This project has been reviewed under the provisions of the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations (DSFPR) dated January 15, 1993, and the 1988 National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code (NFPA 101).
- (b) This review does not reflect the requirements of the local County Building Code or any municipal codes or ordinances.
- (c) These plans were not reviewed for compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Problems have arisen when a builder feels that the only requirements that he needs regarding fire safety are from the State Fire Marshal's Office. However, there are areas regarding fire safety that are not addressed by the Fire Code and are only addressed in the Building Code.

2. Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge

The United States Department of the Interior has submitted a check in the amount of \$35,872. This funding is payment to Sussex County under the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act covering FY '93 for the Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge. The amount is calculated by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Denver Finance Center by prorating the total funds available for payment, including both refuge receipts and supplemental appropriation authorized by P.L. 95-469, over all eligible areas on a national basis. These funds will be shared by the Sussex County Council, Sussex Vocational-Technical School District, Cape Henlopen School District, and Milford School District. A recommendation will be made to Council on Tuesday, May 10, 1994, how the funds should be allocated.

Adminis-
trator's
Report
(con't)

The Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge consists of 8,818 acres lying between Slaughter Beach and the Broadkill River. Marsh rehabilitation efforts in recent years have resulted in substantial increased use of the Refuge by ducks during the fall migration. In 1993, over 70,000 visitors were hosted by the Refuge. A recent article in the Wilmington News Journal indicated that the Prime Hook Refuge was the twelfth most popular tourist attraction in Delaware in 1993. Currently, the Refuge is working closely with the Mosquito Control Section of the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife to control mosquito breeding in the Refuge's marshes without the need for toxic insecticides.

River's End Development Agreement No. 115 Mr. Siegmund, Engineer Technician II, discussed Agreement No. 115 between Sussex County Council and River's End Development for Construction Administration and Construction Inspection Services for wastewater facilities for two single family lots in River's End Development, located in the Blades Sanitary Sewer District.

M 181 94 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, that Execute the President of the Sussex County Council execute an Agree- Agreement ment between Sussex County Council and River's End Development No. 115 for Construction Administration and Construction Inspection River's Services for wastewater facilities to be constructed in End River's End Development, located in the Blades Sanitary Sewer Develop- District.
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Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

Milton Library Building Repairs Mr. Siegmund, Engineer Technician II, updated Council on the progress of the repairs to the Milton Library building. Repairs are scheduled to be completed by the end of May. Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, advised that there are two color schemes (blue/rose and green/yellow) being considered for the exterior of the Milton Library building. The blue/rose color scheme, preferred by the Friends of the Milton Library, is more expensive than the green/yellow color scheme. A decision will be made pending receipt of the cost estimates. It was noted that the Friends have offered to pay for any cost differential.

White's Creek Manor Mr. Archut, Director of Planning and Permits, discussed the survey distributed to all White's Creek Manor property owners/homeowners by White's Creek Manor Property Owners Association.

White's
Creek
Manor
(con't)

The purpose of the survey was to determine the interest in sewer service in White's Creek Manor. The results of the survey were:

Total possible votes -	257
Total votes received -	204.5
Votes "For" -	97.5
Votes "Against" -	106
Undecided Votes -	1

Council discussed enlarging the area to be included in the proposed sewer district in an effort to bring down the costs of sewer service. Council also discussed the scheduling of a Public Hearing to determine whether the County should proceed with a sewer district in this area. Mr. Archut was instructed to report back to Council at a later date with a proposal for a Public Hearing and a proposal for boundaries.

M 182 94
Council-
manic
Grant

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, to give \$200.00 from Mr. Cole's Councilmanic Account to the Bethany Beach 4th of July Parade Committee to help cover the costs of the parade.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

Request
for
Funding

Mr. William Vernon appeared before Council on behalf of the Sussex County Baseball Team to request financial assistance for 1994 operating expenses.

M 183 94
Council-
manic
Grant

A Motion was made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Collins, to give \$1,000.00 (\$250.00 each from Mr. Benson's, Mr. Collins', Mr. Dukes', and Mr. Stevenson's Councilmanic Accounts) to the Sussex County Baseball Team for 1994 operating expenses.

Motion Adopted: 3 Yea, 1 Absent, 1 Abstention.

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

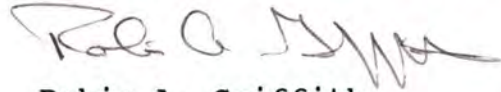
County's
Hiring
Practice

Mr. Stevenson, Paramedic Director, discussed recent concerns expressed by State legislators regarding the County's hiring practice of employing out-of-state residents for paramedic positions. Mr. Stevenson stated it is difficult to find already-trained personnel who are also Delaware residents.

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M 186 94 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, to
Adjourn adjourn at 6:02 p.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Griffith
Clerk of the County Council