

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, MAY 19, 1998

Call to
Order

The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, May 19, 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 221 98
Amend

A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to amend the Agenda to include a Proclamation entitled "Honoring and Milford Senior Center" and to approve the Agenda, as amended.

Approve
Agenda

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 222 98
Approve
Minutes

A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cole, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, dated May 12, 1998.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Corre-
spondence

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

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

JOHN S. WALLS, STATE DIRECTOR, USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT, DELAWARE AND MARYLAND, CAMDEN, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter in appreciation of Council and staff joining in the celebration of Earth Day in Cedar Neck on April 22.

GENEVIEVE METLER, LANDSHARK OLYMPIADS, HARBESON, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter requesting funds in support of the Sussex County Special Olympics Adult Program annual banquet.

Corre- JAMES P. FLYNN, MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR, UNIVERSITY
spondence OF DELAWARE, NEWARK, DELAWARE.
(con't) RE: Notice of Local Government Training in Sussex County.

JOHN F. TARBURTON, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, STATE OF DELAWARE,
DOVER, DELAWARE.
RE: Recent study by the American Farmland Trust on the impacts
of sprawl.

M 223 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Jones, to
Adopt Adopt the Proclamation entitled "PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 17
Procla- THROUGH MAY 23, 1998, AS `EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK`".
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Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 224 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to
Adopt Adopt the Proclamation entitled "HONORING MILFORD SENIOR CENTER
Procla- FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE".
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Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

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

1. Holiday Schedule

County offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 1998, to
allow employees to observe the Memorial Day holiday. Offices
will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on May 26, 1998. There will not be
a Council meeting on May 26. The next regularly scheduled
Council meeting will be on Tuesday, June 2, 1998, at 10:00
a.m.

2. Status Report - Delaware State Police Troop 4, Georgetown

The following hours of duty and enforcement were compiled by
the uniformed patrol officers at Troop 4, Georgetown, Dela-
ware, during the month of April 1998:

Total Hours on Duty	3,899.5
Hours Assisted Other Agencies	81.0
Total Traffic Arrests	792
Total DUI Arrests	25

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Accident Reports:	Property Damage	46
	Personal Injury	<u>11</u>
	Total Accident Reports	57
Criminal Arrests:	Felony	8
	Misdemeanor	<u>72</u>
	Total Criminal Arrests	80
Total 10-29 P's (wanted persons)		55
Total Number of Complaints		714

3. Sussex County Hurricane Workshop

The Sussex County Emergency Preparedness Department will be conducting a Hurricane Workshop on Wednesday, June 3, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the National Guard Training Center in Bethany Beach, Delaware. This year's annual Hurricane Workshop will be a critique of storms impacting Sussex County this winter, with presentations from State agencies, Red Cross, National Guard, local communities, and the fire service. There will also be updated information from the National Weather Service.

Anyone wishing to attend this workshop should contact the Emergency Operations Center at 855-7801 no later than May 22, 1998.

4. Emergency Operations Center Vehicle

Please be advised that on Monday, May 18, 1998, Joseph L. Thomas, Director of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) took possession of a 1998 Chevrolet Blazer. This vehicle will be utilized by the EOC in traveling on County business, including the monitoring of weather-related problems.

The cost of the vehicle was \$20,797. Funding was made available by the Delaware General Assembly in FY `98 Revenue Sharing. This brings the total number to seven vehicles that were purchased through the State Revenue Sharing Program.

5. Prayer Breakfast

A reminder that tickets are still available for the Sussex County Council's 21st Annual Prayer Breakfast. The breakfast will be held June 1, 1998, at 7:30 a.m. at the Delaware Technical & Community College Higher Education Building, Route 18, Georgetown. Anyone interested in obtaining tickets should contact the County Council Office at 855-7743.

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This year's guest speaker is The Reverend Manuel Baerga, Executive Director of Teen Challenge, Capital Heights, Maryland. Reverend Baerga is a former drug cartel leader. He authored a book entitled, Inside the Miami Drug Cartel. I believe everyone would be very interested in hearing Reverend Baerga share with us how his faith saved his family from a frightening ordeal.

Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY `99 Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, submitted to Council and provided a comprehensive review of the Proposed Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 1999. Mr. Stickels encouraged Council to review the Proposed Annual Operating Budget carefully prior to the Public Hearing scheduled for June 16, 1998.

Proposed Ordinance Mr. Cole introduced the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999". The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing on June 16, 1998.

Proposed Ordinance Mr. Cole introduced the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGES, ANNUAL ASSESSMENT RATES FOR COLLECTION AND TRANSMISSION AND TREATMENT, AND CONNECTION CHARGES FOR ALL SUSSEX COUNTY WATER AND SANITARY SEWER DISTRICTS". The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing on June 16, 1998.

Proposed Ordinance Mr. Dukes introduced the Proposed Zoning Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR AN AUTO REPAIR SHOP TO BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LITTLE CREEK HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 33,718 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS (CONDITIONAL USE NO. 1250) filed on behalf of Anthony and Pauline Ross. The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

Proposed Ordinance Mr. Collins introduced the Proposed Zoning Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR A PAVING BUSINESS WITH EQUIPMENT STORAGE TO BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN DAGSBORO HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 0.98 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (Conditional Use No. 1251) filed on behalf of Dale J. and Mary Gray, t/a Gray's Paving, Inc. The Proposed Zoning Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

M 225 98 Councilmanic Grant A Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Jones, to give \$250.00 from Mr. Rogers' Councilmanic Account to the National Teenager Scholarship Foundation for Erin Elizabeth Williams who will be representing Milford and the State of Delaware in the Miss America Jr. National Teenager Pageant.

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M 225 98 Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.
(con't)

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

M 226 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cole, to
Council- give \$900.00, \$180.00 from each Councilmanic Account (Mr.
manic Jones' portion is to be paid out of Mr. Dukes' Councilmanic
Grant Account) to the Landsharks Olympiads, participants in the
Sussex County Special Olympics Adult Program, for the annual
sports banquet.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 227 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Collins, to
Adjourn adjourn at 12:02 p.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Griffith
Clerk of the County Council