

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, JULY 21, 1992

Call to Order The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, July 21, 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 315 92 A Motion was made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Benson, to Approve Minutes approve the minutes of the previous meeting dated July 14, 1992. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

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

SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES & PROJECT READS, GEORGETOWN  
RE: "KID'S CORNER" activities scheduled during the Delaware State Fair.

FRANK J. MORRIS, SECRETARY, SUSSEX COUNTY STAMP CLUB  
RE: Appreciation for contribution.

SUSSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES & PROJECT READS, GEORGETOWN  
RE: Invitation to Sussex County Council to greet fairgoers at "KID'S CORNER" at the Delaware State Fair on "Governor's Day", Thursday, July 30, 1992.

Adminis- David Baker, Finance Director, reviewed the following information trator's Report included in the County Administrator's Report:

1. Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association Monthly Meeting

Roxana Volunteer Fire Company will host the monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 1992, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Roxana Fire Hall, Roxana, Delaware.

2. Public Works Spending

Included in this report was a copy of an article that appeared in Water Environment & Technology magazine outlining pending federal regulations for the creation of anti-recession measures targeted at public works spending. Senate bill 2301 would provide \$3.8 billion immediately for State Revolving Fund grants. This legislation waives the state's matching requirement and dedicates up to \$500 million for small communities. Senate bill 2299 would provide \$20 billion in direct grants to state and local governments for use in education and public

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works projects. Senate bill 2300 would provide \$10 billion in interest-free loans for the same types of projects. House of Representatives bill 4175 would provide \$10 billion in federal grants to state and local governments for public works projects. In addition, H.R. 4175 would provide grants to pay the state share of previously authorized federal projects. Senate bill 2293 would provide \$3 billion in State Revolving Fund capitalization grants and an additional \$1 billion in Farmers Home Administration wastewater loans and grants.

The article states that perhaps the most ambitious legislation is the Emergency Anti-Recession Act, Senate bill 2137, introduced by Senator Ted Kennedy. The measure would provide \$40 billion in federal funding for a multitude of programs and initiatives, including \$2.4 billion in State Revolving Fund capitalization grants and another \$2 billion in Title II construction grants. An additional \$500 million would be available through the Farmers Home Administration.

Mr. Baker, Director of Finance, and Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, will continue to monitor all these federal programs in an attempt to get assistance for current and future water and wastewater districts.

3. 11th Annual Sussex County Fine Arts Exhibition

The Sussex County Arts Council will, once again, be sponsoring the Annual Sussex County Fine Arts Exhibition. The FY '93 budget allows funding for the Sussex County Council to participate in the Purchase Award Program portion of this exhibition. Any Sussex County artist wishing to participate in this year's program should contact Lillian L. Dean, Executive Director, Sussex County Arts Council. The exhibition will take place during the month of October. Ms. Dean can be reached at 856-5421 by telephone. Her office is located in the Theatre Lobby at Delaware Technical and Community College, Georgetown, Delaware.

4. Job Training Partnership Act Program

Notification has been received from Louis A. Masci, Director, Division of Employment and Training, State of Delaware Department of Labor, that they have reviewed Sussex County's Single Audit Report for FY '91 pertaining to the JTPA Program. Their review of the audit revealed that no discrepancies were found and that the program was in compliance with state regulations.

5. Community Development Block Grant Program

Notification has been received from Martha S. Harris, Director,

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Delaware State Housing Authority, that the Authority has completed its review of the County's FY '91 budget. The department's review of the budget revealed generally accepted government audit standards were met and that the program was in compliance with all state regulations.

6. Inland Bays Regional Wastewater Facility

The Sussex County Engineering Department will be co-hosting an Open House with KCI on Tuesday, August 25, 1992, at the Inland Bays Regional Wastewater Facility. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 2:00 p.m., followed by tours and the Open House until 4:30 p.m.

7. Tax Rate Analysis

On many occasions, the County Council is questioned on the amount of Sussex County taxes. Included in this report was an analysis showing a breakdown of the rates, average County tax for a single family home, and average County tax for a mobile home.

Video-  
Traffic  
Bungee  
Jumping

Council viewed a video tape prepared by DelDOT relating to traffic near one of the bungee jumping operations on Route 1 in Rehoboth. Capt. Cunningham of the Delaware State Police was in attendance and answered questions related to the traffic problem.

Notifi-  
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Rezoning  
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tions

Councilman Cole discussed the possibility of notifying the State Police, in addition to the fire companies and schools, regarding rezoning applications. It was the consensus of Council that the State Police be added to the notification list regarding rezoning applications.

Proposed  
Fenwick  
Island  
Water  
District

Mr. Archut, Planning and Permits Division Director, reported to Council on the Public Hearing which was held on Saturday, July 18, 1992, on the proposed boundaries for a water district to serve the Fenwick Island area. There were approximately 175 people in attendance at the hearing. Questions and concerns raised included: the size of the boundaries, the location of wells and treatment facilities, and the need for fire protection and domestic water in the area. Mr. Archut stated that the record will remain open for written comments through July 31, 1992. After all comments are received, the Engineering Department will review the concerns raised and prepare a recommendation for Council's consideration.

Consider  
Executive  
Session

Councilman Collins questioned whether an Executive Session should be scheduled for the purpose of discussing the public meeting held by the EPA regarding the Laurel Landfill Site. It was decided that Councilman Collins will speak with Mr. Izzo, Assistant County

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(con't) Engineer, after which it will be determined if an Executive Session is necessary.

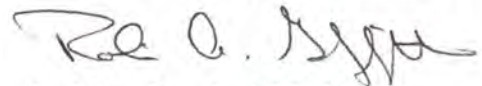
M 316 92 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, to Council- give \$1,000 from Mr. Collins' Councilmanic Account to the Town of manic Millsboro for sidewalk paving at the W.B. Atkins Memorial Park. Grant

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 317 92 A Motion was made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Collins, to Adjourn adjourn at 10:50 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Griffith  
Clerk of the County Council