

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL-GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE-JULY 23, 1991

Call to
Order

The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held on Tuesday, July 23, 1991, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Courthouse, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following members present:

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

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

M 310 91
Approval
of Minutes

A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as submitted. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Corre-
spondence

Mr. Schrader, Assistant County Attorney, read the following correspondence:

ESTHER L. FRIEND, GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE
RE: Letter of opposition to the State of Delaware's proposed "East-West Corridor Planning Project."

THE HONORABLE V. GEORGE CAREY, DELAWARE STATE REPRESENTATIVE
RE: Letter requesting Mr. Stickels to serve on a Water Office Steering Committee to discuss and make recommendations on House Bill No. 373. This legislation will form the organization and funding mechanism that will ensure the long-term stability of the waste and wastewater infrastructure throughout the State of Delaware.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES, STATE OFFICE OF VOLUNTEERISM, DOVER, DELAWARE
RE: Submitting the Summer 1991 issue of "The Delaware Volunteer".

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, DOVER, DELAWARE
RE: Submitting the Summer 1991 issue of their "Sediment and Stormwater Newsletter".

SHERMAN L. TOWNSEND, DOVER, DELAWARE
RE: Requesting approximately 125 acres of land known as the Airport Farm to be included into the Dagsboro/Frankford Sanitary Sewer District, with an allocation for up to three units per acre for sewer service upon completion of the sewer system.

Mr. Wood, County Engineer, was directed to respond to Mr. Townsend's letter as to the procedure to follow to

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be included in the Dagsboro/Frankford Sanitary Sewer District.

LOIS JACOBINI SELFON, CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND
RE: Letter of praise for the excellent care recently given her by the Sussex County Paramedics.

Council
Honored/
American
Legion Student
Government
Program

Mr. Richard Drummond, Sussex County Boys' State Coordinator for the American Legion, was in attendance to present a plaque to the Sussex County Council for its support in holding Student Government Day for the Delaware American Legion.

DAST
Funding

Mr. Kenneth S. Bock, Administrator of the Delaware Administration for Specialized Transportation (DAST), was present to discuss DAST's recommendations for funding of the specialized transportation service for the elderly and handicapped in Sussex County. It was brought to Council's attention that this year's recommended funding, \$430,000, is identical to last year's funding level. Mr. Bock reported to Council that funding has been recommended for the Laurel Senior Center to support its own in-house transportation program. Laurel's funding was deducted from the total funding Cheer is to receive for their transportation program. An agreement between the Laurel Senior Center and Sussex County Senior Services, Inc. (CHEER) states that the Laurel Senior Center is to provide its own transportation program. Previously, the Laurel Senior Center was receiving transportation through CHEER. Mr. Warner J. Clark, President of the Board of Directors for Sussex County Senior Services, Inc., was in attendance and stated that Sussex County Senior Services was satisfied with the proposed level of funding and that they should be able to maintain the same level of transportation service. Mr. Bock also informed Council that People's Place II, in Milford, was eliminated from this year's recommended funding. The enabling legislation that makes funding available specifically states that it is to fund specialized transportation services for the elderly and handicapped in Kent and Sussex counties. Mr. Bock stated People's Place II is a rehabilitation facility and does not primarily serve elderly or handicapped clients. Mr. Stickels recommended that People's Place II be considered for funding under the County's Human Service Grant Program. Also in attendance were representatives from various senior centers in Sussex County.

M 311 91
Approve
Distribution
of DAST
Funds

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, that the Sussex County Council approve the distribution of funding for the Delaware Administration for Specialized Transportation (DAST) as presented:

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(1) Easter Seals	\$ 27,100
(2) Nanticoke Senior Center	20,000
(3) Lewes Senior Center	19,500
(4) Indian River Senior Center	4,400
(5) Cape Henlopen Senior Center	18,000
(6) Meals on Wheels	14,000
(7) CHEER (Sussex County Senior Services)	294,500
(8) People's Place II	-0-
(9) Laurel Senior Center	32,500

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea.

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

Assessment
of Bridges,
Wharves or
Piers

As discussed and requested at the Council meeting of July 16, 1991, Mr. Stickels presented Council with documentation as to the revenues which may be generated for the Bay Colony Community Yacht Club when the County proceeds with its authority under Delaware Code, Title 9, Chapter 81, Subsection 8101, to tax "special betterments", which would include bridges, wharves, or piers. Mr. Eddy J. Parker, Director of Assessments, was present to answer Council's questions. Mr. Stickels informed Council that the County will proceed with its authority to tax "special betterments" and these items will be included in the FY '93 tax bills.

Office of
State Budget
Director

Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, presented Council with a memorandum from the Office of the State Budget Director which outlines State projects that have applied for Federal funding. The Delaware State Clearinghouse Committee will be reviewing these applications in August.

Del-Tech/
G.E.D.
Classes

Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, reported to Council that the Delaware Technical and Community College, Georgetown Campus, is offering free G.E.D. classes, day or night, for adults who have dropped out of high school.

Volunteer
Firemen's
Monthly
Meeting

Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, informed Council that the Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association will hold its monthly dinner meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 1991, at 7:30 p.m., at the Blades Fire Company, Blades, Delaware.

Roadside
Stands/
Violations

Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, reported to Council that as of July 22, 1991, 22 vendors had been cited at roadside stands along major highways. Two of the vendors were in violation of front yard setbacks and have taken

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action to correct these violations. Fifteen of the vendors were selling produce and 7 vendors were selling seafood. Approximately 50 percent of the violations have been corrected. The County will continue to have inspectors working on weekends throughout the summer to monitor these violations.

Peter Jones,
Esquire/
New Lawyers
Distinguished
Service Award

Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, announced that Peter B. Jones, Assistant County Attorney, was recently honored by the Delaware State Bar Association at their annual Bench and Bar Conference at the Wilmington Country Club. Mr. Jones was awarded the New Lawyers Distinguished Service Award given annually to a Delaware lawyer with less than ten years of practice, who has exhibited leadership and service in community affairs. This year marks only the second time that the New Lawyers Distinguished Service Award has been presented to a Sussex County attorney.

Resort
Furnishings/
Inclusion in
Bethany Beach
Sanitary
Sewer
District

Mr. Wood, County Engineer, appeared before Council to request permission to post notices to hold a public hearing on August 13, 1991 to alter boundaries between the Bethany Beach Sanitary Sewer District and the North Bethany Sanitary Sewer District to connect three parcels of land now in the North Bethany Sanitary Sewer District to the collection facilities in the Bethany Beach Sanitary Sewer District. Council was given copies of two letters from Ernest Raskauskas, dated September 11, 1989 and October 18, 1990, requesting his property (Resort Furnishings) be included in the Bethany Beach Sanitary Sewer District. Mr. Wood based his request on the fact that Mr. Raskauskas' property is not being serviced by transmission and collection lines constructed for the North Bethany Sanitary Sewer District. The nearest gravity collection pipeline is approximately 1,200 feet away from Mr. Raskauskas' property (Resort Furnishings). Also present was Russell Archut, Chief of Planning and Permits, who reviewed with Council a chart showing the area and boundaries in question.

M 312 91
Publish
Notices/
Include 3
Parcels in
Bethany Beach
Sanitary
Sewer
District

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, that based on the recommendation of the Engineering Department that the Sussex County Council grant permission for notices to be published to extend the Bethany Beach Sanitary Sewer District (BBSSD) to include three parcels of land situated at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Delaware Route 14. Motion Adopted: 4 Yea.

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

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M 313 91
Publish
Notices/
Exclude 3
Parcels from
North Bethany
Expansion of
the BBSSD

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, that based on the recommendation of the Engineering Department that the Sussex County Council grant permission for notices to be published for the boundaries of the North Bethany Expansion of the Bethany Beach Sanitary Sewer District to be revised to exclude three parcels of land situated at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Delaware Route 14. Motion Adopted: 4 Yea.

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

M 314 91
Delmar
Junior-Senior
High School/
Councilmanic
Grant

A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, to grant \$400 from Mr. Collins' Councilmanic Account to the Delmar Junior-Senior High School to be used to help purchase a display case for their "Wall of Fame" project. Motion Adopted: 4 Yea.

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

Tax
Billing

At the Council meeting of July 16, 1991, the procedure used by the Treasury Division for mailing tax bills, in particular mailing separate tax bills to persons owning more than one property, was questioned. In attendance to explain the Tax Department's tax bill mailing procedures, was Joyce Lord, Director of Treasury. Ms. Lord explained that this year the Tax Department mailed out between 115,000 and 120,000 tax bills. By using presort and group mailings, the County was able to realize a savings of approximately \$6,500 in postage fees. The Tax Department's current policy is to group mail tax bills to any person owning 10 or more properties. Group mailing tax bills for anyone owning less than 10 properties would not result in any postage savings to the County. However, Ms. Lord stated that if there was anyone who had any number of multiple properties and would like to be placed on group mailing, to please contact her.

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Adjournment

At 11:25 a.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Collins, to adjourn. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Cordrey

Nancy J. Cordrey
Acting Clerk of the County Council