

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, AUGUST 25, 1998

Call to Order The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, August 25, 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 382 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Jones, to Approve Agenda approve the Agenda, as presented.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

M 383 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to Approve Minutes approve the minutes of the previous meeting, dated August 18, 1998.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

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

Corre- Mr. Bayard, County Attorney, read the following correspondence: spondence

JOSEPH JAMES, PRESIDENT, SUSSEX COUNTY STAMP CLUB, MILFORD, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter in appreciation of Councilmanic Grant.

PATRICIA ANDREWS, 4TH ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL, SEAFORD, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter in appreciation of Councilmanic Grant.

SCOTT COULBOURN, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, SEAFORD LITTLE LEAGUE PROGRAM, SEAFORD, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter in appreciation of Councilmanic Grant.

THOMAS A. GRAVES, JR. AND DONALD R. KIRTLEY, DELAWARE ARTS STABILIZATION FUND CAMPAIGN, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter in appreciation of funds in the amount of \$2,500.

Corre- PATRICK MILLER, PRESIDENT, INDIAN RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY,
spondence INC., MILLSBORO, DELAWARE.
(con't) RE: Enhanced funding program for Sussex County Volunteer
Fire Service.

Mr. Collins joined the meeting at this time.

Life Mr. Cordrey, Personnel Director, discussed the eight proposals
Insurance received for Life and AD&D Insurance for County employees; these
Proposal proposals were presented to Council at the August 4, 1998 meet-
Recom- ing. Since that time, WTR Consulting Group, the County's con-
mendation sultants, has reviewed, scored and ranked the proposals. Mr.
Cordrey presented this information to Council for consideration
in selecting an insurance carrier.

M 384 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to auth-
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Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits to eligible
Insurance employees and retirees based on WTR Consulting Group's ranking
Provider of the companies who participated in the RFP process and based
on the recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Departments,
effective November 1, 1998.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 385 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to
Adopt Adopt the Proclamation entitled "PROCLAMATION HONORING W.
Procla- WRIGHT ROBINSON" on the celebration of his 90th birthday,
mation August 29, 1998.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 386 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Cole, to
Adopt Adopt the Proclamation entitled "PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF
Procla- SEPTEMBER 17 THROUGH 23, 1998, AS 'CONSTITUTION WEEK' IN
mation SUSSEX COUNTY".

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Census
Bureau
Lease

Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, advised that the U.S. General Services Administration has submitted to the County a Solicitation For Offers requesting an offer to house the Census Bureau at 11 South Race Street in Georgetown for a period of five months at \$800 per month. Three one-month extensions would be permitted on an as-needed basis. Mr. Stickels noted that the General Services Administration is willing to accept the space at 11 South Race Street in its given condition.

M 387 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to
Authorize authorize the execution of a Lease Agreement with the U.S.
Execution General Services Administration for the space located at
of 11 South Race Street in Georgetown, in an as-is condition.

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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

Sussex
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Fire
Service
Enhanced
Funding
Program

Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, discussed several options for the development of an Enhanced Funding Program for the Sussex County Volunteer Fire Service, as follows:

- (1) Flat Tax on All Properties
- (2) Impact Fee
- (3) Premium on Building Permits

When the FY '99 Budget was presented to County Council, Mr. Stickels stated that this was the second consecutive year that the County Council has provided the Sussex County Volunteer Fire Service with a double digit increase in funding for grant eligible equipment. Mr. Stickels stated in his budget address that in the future, it would be difficult for the County Council to continue double digit funding increases to the Fire Service without establishing a special funding source or increasing taxes.

It was the consensus of Council that the Premium on Building Permits is the most equitable way of providing additional funding to the fire service. Mr. Stickels advised that an ordinance would have to be drafted giving the County Council the authority to set premium on the cost of building construction. Mr. Stickels recommended that the ordinance allow a fee of .25 up to .5 percent on the cost of all construction in the County with the rate to be set annually. The ordinance would state that the Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association Resource Committee would recommend to the County Adminis-

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trator in January the rate that they would like to see established for the forthcoming budget. The fire service would also make a recommendation to Council on how the funding would be distributed. The final decision on the rate and method of distribution would be at the County Council's discretion. The ordinance would also require each fire company to submit an annual financial report to the Council. Funding would be sent to the fire companies every six months; funds collected from January to June would be paid in July, and funds collected July to December would be paid in January. The ordinance, if adopted would be implemented on February 1, 1999. It was the consensus of Council that an ordinance be drafted for introduction.

Adminis-
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Report

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

1. Delaware Department of Transportation Public Meeting

The Council on Transportation is preparing DelDOT's Capital Improvement Program, Fiscal Years 2000-2005. A meeting will be held in Sussex County at DelDOT's South District Administration Building, U. S. 113, Georgetown, on Thursday, September 17, 1998. A workshop session will start at 6:00 p.m., with an auditorium session for public comments at 7:00 p.m. If any Councilmen know of capital improvements that they would like to see in their district, please let me know by September 8, 1998.

2. Troop 4 Status Report - Month of July 1998

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

Total Hours on Duty	4,611
Hours Assisted Other Agencies	51.5
Total Traffic Arrests	1,249
Total DUI Arrests	34
Accident Reports:	
Personal Damage	61
Personal Injury	<u>21</u>
Total Accident Reports	82
Criminal Arrests:	
Felony	22
Misdemeanor	<u>133</u>
Total Criminal Arrests	155
Total 10-29 P's (wanted persons)	105
Total Number of Complaints	843

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3. Comprehensive Land Use Plan Oversight Advisory Committee Meeting

Please be advised that a meeting of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Oversight Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday evening, September 2, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to review and discuss the proposed amendments to the zoning and subdivision ordinances of Sussex County. This is a public meeting and the media as well as the public, are invited to attend.

4. William L. "Cap" Jones

It is with regret that I inform the Council of the passing of William L. "Cap" Jones on Saturday, August 22, 1998. Mr. Jones served the residents of Sussex County for 20 years in various capacities, including Justice of the Peace from February 1975 to June 1980; Sussex County Deputy Sheriff from January 1981 to January 1983; and Sussex County Sheriff from January 1, 1985 to January 1, 1995.

5. Rodent Elimination Fund - West Side New Beginnings, Inc.

Please be advised that \$1,000 has been awarded from Sussex County's Rodent Elimination Fund for West Side New Beginnings, Inc. The funding will be used to place dumpsters for the clean-up of the West Rehoboth community. It is a goal of this program to assist in eliminating rodents and rats, and to promote a safe and healthy environment for the families in the community.

Proposed Ordinance Mr. Dukes introduced the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR BOAT STORAGE AND BOAT MOTOR REPAIR TO BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN CEDAR CREEK HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 3.64 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (Conditional Use No. 1261) filed on behalf of Frank E. Appel and Dick Appel. The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

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Grant A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Jones, to give \$150.00 from Mr. Collins' Councilmanic Account to the American Cancer Society for the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Charge's participation in "Relay For Life".

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

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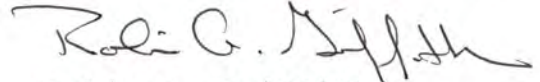
M 389 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cole, to give
Council- \$200.00 from Mr. Jones' Councilmanic Account to the Southern
manic Softball Assoc. of America for the Bad Company Softball Team's
Grant participation in the Co-Ed World Series in Savannah, Georgia.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 390 98 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, to
Adjourn adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Griffith
Clerk of the County Council