

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, SEPTEMBER 8, 1992

Call to Order      The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, September 8, 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 383 92      A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Benson, to Approve Minutes      approve the minutes of the previous meeting dated September 1, 1992. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

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

STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, DIVISION OF AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT, DOVER  
RE: Notice of Public Hearing to consider changes to the State of Delaware - Regulations Governing the Control of Air Pollution.

SENATOR WILLIAM V. ROTH, JR., UNITED STATES SENATE, WASHINGTON, DC  
RE: Response received from the Office of Government Liaison at the United States Postal Service concerning the disposal of the former Georgetown Post Office.

SUSAN C. DEL PESCO, JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, WILMINGTON

RE: Letter to Robert Magee, Paramedic, in appreciation of the quality of care received in a bicycling accident near Bethany Beach.

Need for Additional Funding for Eradication of Substandard Housing      Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, discussed the Resolution adopted at the meeting held on September 1st supporting the Delaware State Housing Authority's housing voucher application. At that time, concern was expressed that substandard housing is not being demolished once the occupants have found safe, decent, and affordable housing and the premises have been vacated. Mr. Stickels outlined the County's efforts to alleviate substandard housing and discussed the need for additional funding. Mr. Stickels read in its entirety the following Proposed Resolution:

Proposed  
Resolu-  
tion No.  
R 023 92

WHEREAS, Title 8 of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 declares that housing should be made available to all citizens of the United States on the basis of fairness and equality; and

WHEREAS, fairness and cooperation are basic elements of our way of life and reflect traditional American values; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Sussex County are entitled to clean, sanitary, and decent housing; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Report indicates that there are over 5,500 substandard homes in Sussex County; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, homeless service providers turned away 7,228 persons statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware State Housing Authority has done an outstanding job overall in Sussex County with limited resources; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware State Housing Authority is in need of additional funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist Sussex County in eradicating substandard houses;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sussex County Council, having met in public session, hereby respectfully requests the Delaware congressional delegation to persuade the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to make additional funding available for Sussex County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution will be presented to Senators William V. Roth, Jr. and Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Congressman Thomas R. Carper, and Martha S. Harris, Director, Delaware State Housing Authority.

M 384 92  
Adopt  
Resolu-  
tion No.  
R 023 92

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Benson, to Adopt Resolution No. R 023 92, as read by Mr. Stickels.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Ordinance Council discussed an ordinance drafted by Mr. Stickels, County  
Relating Administrator, and Mr. Lank, Planning and Zoning Director,  
To Agri- entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 99 OF THE CODE OF SUSSEX  
cultural COUNTY RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRICULTURAL USE  
Use Pro- PROTECTIONS". Mr. Collins recommended that the ordinance be  
tections for the entire agricultural area and not just limited to  
Agricultural Preservation Districts. Mr. Stickels and Mr. Lank  
will revise the Proposed Ordinance for introduction at a later  
date.

Permit, Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, informed Council that the  
Licensing General Assembly has passed an amendment exempting municipalities,  
and Plan towns, other subdivisions of the State of Delaware, and fire  
Review companies from permit, licensing, and plan review fees. Council  
Fees discussed whether the County should, in turn, suspend the  
charging of plan review fees for fire companies, municipalities,  
towns, and other subdivisions of the State of Delaware. It was  
the consensus of Council to take the matter under further  
consideration. More information will be provided to Council on  
this matter at a later date.

Census Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, advised Council that under  
Tracts State Law, when the 1990 census became available, the Director of  
the Delaware Development Office, along with the Secretary of  
Finance, was to evaluate all census tracts using the following  
criteria: percent of persons below poverty level, percent of  
households receiving public assistance, unemployment rate, median  
household income, a significant presence of vacant property within  
the target area, the character of the community, and population.  
Based on these criteria, census tracts were to be reallocated on  
the following basis: ten in the City of Wilmington, ten in New  
Castle County, five in Kent County, and five in Sussex County.  
Mr. Stickels distributed a map of the five areas in Sussex County  
targeted by the Delaware Development Office to receive tax  
benefits, as follows: Greenwood-Bridgeville, Seaford, Millsboro,  
Selbyville, Laurel, and Georgetown Industrial Park.

M 385 92 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Benson, that Sussex  
Executive County Council authorizes an Executive Session to be held on  
Session Tuesday, September 15, 1992, at 9:30 a.m., in the Sussex County  
Council Chambers, for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Adminis-  
trator's  
Report

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

1. Sussex County Senior Services, Inc.

CHEER's 16th Annual Countywide Senior Citizen Picnic will be held at Trap Pond State Park, Laurel, Delaware, on Friday, September 11, 1992, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. CHEER is anticipating attendance of about 1,000 senior citizens.

2. Family Community Leadership

Delaware Family Community Leadership will be conducting a seminar entitled "Stress Management: In the Home and at the Workplace" for County employees. There will be four two-hour classes on September 21 and September 28, 1992, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is anticipated that 200 employees will participate in the program.

West  
Ocean  
Farms

Mr. Izzo, Director, Public Works Division, requested Council's approval to hold a referendum to determine whether the residents and landowners of West Ocean Farms are in favor of issuing bonds to finance the paving of streets and construction of stormwater management facilities.

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West  
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A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Collins, based upon the recommendation of the Sussex County Engineering Department, that approval be granted for a referendum to be held on October 3, 1991, between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the South Coastal Regional Wastewater Facility (SCRWF), to determine whether the residents and landowners of West Ocean Farms are in favor of issuing bonds to finance the paving of streets and construction of stormwater management facilities under Delaware Code, Title 9, Chapter 5 - Suburban Community Improvements.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Proposed  
Resolu-  
tion  
Open  
MMA  
Accounts

Mr. Baker, Finance Director, reviewed a Proposed Resolution to open eight new money market accounts. Mr. Baker stated that this would be an alternative investment to certificates of deposit. Current interest rates payable on these new accounts is greater than current interest rates payable on certificates of deposit and cash management accounts.

M 387 92 A Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Collins, to  
Adopt Adopt Resolution R 022 92 entitled "AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT  
Resolu- FROM FUNDS OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ON DEPOSIT WITH THE  
R 022 92 WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY BEARING THE SIGNATURES OF ANY TWO OF  
DALE DUKES, PRESIDENT; RALPH E. BENSON, VICE PRESIDENT; OR  
D. B. BAKER, FINANCE DIRECTOR; AND A SIGNATURE MAY BE A  
FACSIMILE PROVIDED ONE LIVE SIGNATURE IS ON CHECK OR WITHDRAWAL.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Road- Mr. Cole discussed complaints he has received concerning the  
side structures of roadside vendors on commercial property. Mr. Cole  
Vendors recommended that an ordinance be drafted setting minimum stan-  
dards for structures used by roadside vendors in commercial areas.

M 388 92 A Motion was made by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Cole, to give  
Council- \$750.00 (\$250.00 from Mr. Dukes' Councilmanic Account, \$250.00  
manic from Mr. Collins' Councilmanic Account, \$250.00 from Mr.  
Grant Stevenson's Councilmanic Account) to the Fraternal Order of  
Police Lodge #9 to help furnish a new meeting room.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 389 92 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Benson, to give  
Council- \$800.00 from Mr. Collins' Councilmanic Account to the Town of  
manic Dagsboro to help finance an ongoing project to install electrical  
Grant wiring to utility poles along the main streets of the Town of  
Dagsboro.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

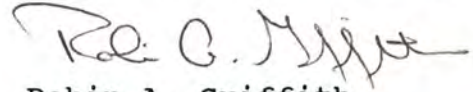
Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Benson, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;  
Mr. Collins, Yea; Mr. Stevenson, Yea;  
Mr. Dukes, Yea

M 390 92 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins to give \$1,500.00 from the Human  
Human Service Grant Program to the Town of Millsboro for its Centennial  
Service Celebration. Motion died for the lack of a second.  
Grant

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M 391 92 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Benson, to  
Adjourn adjourn at 11:17 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Griffith  
Clerk of the County Council