

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, OCTOBER 24, 2000

Call to Order The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, October 24, 2000, at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, Sussex County Administrative Office Building, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following present:

Lynn J. Rogers	President
Dale R. Dukes	Vice President
George B. Cole	Member
Finley B. Jones, Jr.	Member
Vance Phillips	Member
Robert L. Stickels	County Administrator
David Baker	Finance Director
Eugene Bayard	County Attorney

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

M 538 00 A Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve
Approve the Agenda, as distributed.
Agenda

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 539 00 A Motion was made by Mr. Dukes, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve
Approve the minutes of the October 17, 2000, meeting, as distributed.
Minutes

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Corre- Mr. Bayard read the following correspondence:
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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL
CONTROL, WETLANDS & SUBAQUEOUS LANDS SECTION,
DOVER, DELAWARE.

RE: Legal Notice of Subaqueous Lands Applications (Salt Pond,
Bethany Beach, Delaware).

Adminis-
trator's
Report
(continued)

Milford All Seasons Parade	Wednesday, October 25	7:00 p.m.
Bethany Beach Holiday Festivities	Saturday, December 2	3:00 p.m.
Lewes Parade	Saturday, December 2	5:00 p.m.
Millsboro Parade	Saturday, December 2	10:00 a.m.
Caroling on The Circle	Monday, December 4	6:30 p.m.
Beebe Medical Center Tree Lighting	Monday, December 4	7:30 p.m.
Milton Parade	Wednesday, December 6	7:30 p.m.
Laurel Parade	Friday, December 8	7:00 p.m.
Georgetown Parade	Saturday, December 9	6:00 p.m.
Milton Holly Festival	Saturday, December 9	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Delmar Parade	Saturday, December 9	1:00 p.m.

3. Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association

Millville Fire Company will be hosting the monthly Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2000, at the Millville Fire Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. During that meeting, the Sussex County Council will award funding to the individual fire and ambulance companies with checks totaling \$512,806. This funding represents a portion of the County's \$1.8 million commitment to the fire service during FY 2001.

4. Sussex County Disaster Workshop

A reminder that the Sussex County Emergency Operations Center will be hosting a Disaster Workshop on Thursday, October 26, 2000, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Rehoboth Beach Convention Center. Included with this report is a copy of the day's agenda. It is my understanding that the Office of Emergency Operations will take registrations through the close of business today. Registration may be obtained by contacting the Office of Emergency Operations at 855-7801.

5. Recorder of Deeds Automation

The Sussex County Recorder of Deeds will be conducting workshops on the new ACS automation system. Workshops will be held on November 18 at 9:00 a.m., November 20 at 9:00 a.m., and November 29 at 6:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to receive training on

Report (continued) the new automation system should contact the Recorder of Deeds Office at 855-7783.

Library Delivery Service Contract Ms. Fitzgerald, County Librarian, and Mr. Shade, Purchasing Agent, reported on the sole bid received for the Library Delivery Service Contract. The sole bid received for this contract was from Brooks Courier Service, Inc. They propose to provide daily delivery service to all public libraries in Sussex County at a rate of \$730.08 per week plus a 3.8 percent fuel surcharge. This contract includes an option to renew for an additional two years. Contracting this service will save the County from having to purchase a new van at an estimated cost of \$15,410. In addition, the annual cost of our current delivery driver is \$39,551 (\$28,408 in salary and \$11,143 in personnel costs). There will be an estimated savings of \$18,000 this fiscal year; thereafter, there will be an estimated savings of \$8,500 annually.

M 540 00 Award Library Delivery Service Contract A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Dukes, that the Sussex County Council awards the Library Delivery Service Contract to Brooks Courier Services, Inc., contingent on the approval of the County Attorney and the Finance Department.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 541 00 Councilmanic Grant A Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Dukes, to give \$250.00 from Mr. Phillips' Councilmanic Account to the East Delmar Neighborhood Watch Program for start-up funding for a neighborhood watch program.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Dilapidated House in Delmar Mr. Phillips recognized Delmar Code Enforcement Officer Gaylon Bounds who was present on behalf of the Town of Delmar regarding the dilapidated house on State Street that is to be burned down. Mr. Stickels reported that there is a committee meeting at DNREC on this date to review the County's application to allow the building to be demolished and burned on-site. The fire company is ready to proceed once DNREC issues the permit.

M 542 00
Council-
manic
Grant

A Motion was made by Mr. Dukes, seconded by Mr. Phillips, to give \$500.00 from Mr. Dukes' Councilmanic Account to the Laurel Little League for improvements to the Clifford F. Lee Memorial Park.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 543 00
Council-
manic
Grant

A Motion was made by Mr. Dukes, seconded by Mr. Phillips, to give \$250.00 from Mr. Rogers' Councilmanic Account, to the Cape Girls Sport Boosters for travel expenses of three cheerleaders to the Jeep Aloha Bowl in Hawaii.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 544 00
Nassau
Station/
West
Rehoboth
SSD

A Motion was made by Mr. Dukes, seconded by Mr. Phillips, based upon the recommendation of the Sussex County Engineering Department, for Sussex County Project No. 81-04, that the Sussex County Council execute a Construction Administration and Construction Inspection Agreement between Sussex County Council and Nassau Station, L.L.C., for wastewater facilities to be constructed in Nassau Station, located in the West Rehoboth Sanitary Sewer District.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 545 00
Recess

At 10:35 a.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Dukes, seconded by Mr. Phillips, to recess until 11:00 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Reconvene

At 11:04 a.m., Mr. Rogers called Council back into session.

Public
Hearing/
Holts
Landing
Sanitary
Sewer
District

A Public Hearing was held on the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE AND ANNUAL ASSESSMENT RATE FOR THE HOLTS LANDING SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT". The revised annual service charge for the Holts Landing Sanitary Sewer District is \$295.00 per EDU; the annual assessment rate for transmission and/or treatment is \$2.50 per billable front foot. There will be a one-time connection fee charge in the amount of \$1,559.

Public
Hearing
(continued)

Mr. Baker reported that the project will be bond funded; there are no State or Federal grants for the project.

Public comments were heard. Mr. Kramer questioned the cost difference for the annual total charge for 40 front feet versus 100 front feet with the same EDU. Mr. Stickels responded that more pipe is required for 100 front feet than is required for 40 front feet and therefore, capital costs are more. Mr. Hickey, President of Bay Colony Citizens Group spoke in favor of the Holts Landing Sanitary Sewer District. Mr. Hickey also asked for the Council's continued assistance to effect the buy-out of Utilities Systems, Inc.

The Public Hearing was closed.

M 546 00
Adopt
Ordinance
No. 1408

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Jones, to Adopt Ordinance No. 1408 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE AND ANNUAL ASSESSMENT RATE FOR THE HOLTS LANDING SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT".

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

Public
Hearing/
Holts
Landing
SSD

A Public Hearing was held on the assessment rolls for the Holts Landing Sanitary Sewer District. Mr. Archut stated that this Public Hearing is held for the purpose of answering questions pertaining to front foot and EDU assessments. Mr. Archut advised that the front foot assessments are based on the plot plans as recorded on Sussex County tax maps. There were no public comments and the Public Hearing was closed.

M 547 00
Adopt
Assessment
Rolls/
Holts
Landing
SSD

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Jones, that the Sussex County Council hereby adopts the assessment rolls for the Holts Landing Sanitary Sewer District, as presented on October 24, 2000, effective for the period beginning the latter of November 1, 2000, or upon the availability of service through June 30, 2001.

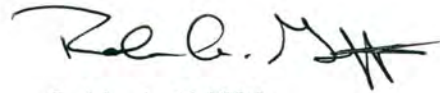
Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

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

M 548 00
Adjourn

At 11:22 a.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Dukes, seconded by Mr. Phillips, to adjourn. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. A. Griffith", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robin A. Griffith
Clerk of the County Council