

Sussex County Council Public/Media Packet

MEETING: FEBRUARY 5, 2013

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Sussex County Council

AGENDA

FEBRUARY 5, 2013

10:00 A.M.

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Reading of Correspondence

DelDOT Presentation - Natalie Barnhart, Chief Engineer

Todd Lawson, County Administrator

- 1. Appointment Board of Assessment Review
- 2. FY 2012 Surplus Discussion and Recommendation
- 3. Administrator's Report

Susan Webb, Finance Director

1. Financial Report for the Six Months Ended December 31, 2012

Lawrence Lank, Director of Planning and Zoning

1. Discussion of regulations relating to signs, flags, banners, etc.

Grant Request

- 1. Lower Sussex Little League for operating expenses.
- 2. City of Seaford for Nanticoke Riverfest



Introduction of Proposed Zoning Ordinances

Any Additional Business Brought Before Council

Executive Session – Job Applicants' Qualifications, Personnel, Pending/Potential Litigation, and Land Acquisition pursuant to 29 Del. C. §10004(b)

Possible Action on Executive Session Items

1:30 p.m. Public Hearings

Conditional Use No. 1950 filed on behalf of Erlin I. Rivera

"AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND A GR GENERAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR PARKING COMMERCIAL TRACTOR TRAILERS TO BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN NANTICOKE HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 9.59 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (land lying west of Road 516 (Concord Pond Road) 600 feet south of Road 525 (King Road) (Tax Map I.D. 2-31-12.00-152.00)

Conditional Use No. 1953 filed on behalf of Thomas Milspaw

"AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR A MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING STRUCTURE (2 UNITS) TO BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN BALTIMORE HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 7.88 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (land lying west of Road 345 (West Beach Road) 0.4 mile north of Route 26 (Vines Creek Road) (Tax Map I.D. 1-34-7.00-81.04)

Conditional Use No. 1954 filed on behalf of Robert A. Hermanson

"AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR COMMERCIAL/RETAIL SHOP (HANDCRAFTED FURNITURE/GIFTS AND ANTIQUES) TO BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN INDIAN RIVER HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 2.306 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (land lying northwest of Route 48 (Zoar Road) 150 feet west of Road 315 (Deep Branch Road) (Tax Map I.D. 2-34-14.00-20.03 and 20.04)

Change of Zone No. 1724 filed on behalf of Central Storage @ Harbeson, LLC

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP OF SUSSEX COUNTY FROM AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO A CR-1 COMMERCIAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN BROADKILL HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 8.05 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (land lying north of Route 9 (Lewes Georgetown Highway) 500 feet west of Route 5 (Harbeson Road) and 700 feet east of Road 254 (Prettyman Road) (Tax Map I.D. # 2-35-30.00-8.02)

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In accordance with 29 <u>Del. C.</u> §10004(e)(2), this Agenda was posted on January 29, 2013 at 3:50 p.m., and at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.

This Agenda was prepared by the County Administrator and is subject to change to include the addition or deletion of items, including Executive Sessions, which arise at the time of the Meeting.

Agenda items listed may be considered out of sequence.

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sussex County Council was held on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, Sussex County Administrative Office Building, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following present:

Michael H. Vincent
George B. Cole
Joan R. Deaver
Vance Phillips

President
Councilman
Councilman

Todd F. Lawson
Susan M. Webb
Everett Moore

County Administrator
Finance Director
County Attorney

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mr. Vincent.

Call to Order

Mr. Vincent called the meeting to order.

Mr. Vincent announced that Councilman Wilson was absent due to his attendance at the Annual Meeting of the National Association of Conservation Districts.

M 047 13 Amend and Approve Agenda A Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, to amend the Agenda by deleting "Executive Session - Job Applicants' Qualifications, Personnel, Pending/Potential Litigation, and Land Acquisition pursuant to 29 Del.C. §10004(b)" and by deleting "Possible Action on Executive Session Items"; and to approve the Agenda, as amended.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;

Mr. Phillips, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Absent;

Mr. Vincent, Yea

Minutes The minutes of January 22, 2013 were approved by consent.

Correspondence Mr. Moore read the following correspondence:

DELAWARE NATURE SOCIETY, HOCKESSIN, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter in appreciation of grant.

TINA SHOCKLEY, LEGISLATIVE LIAISON, DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

RE: Email to Councilwoman Deaver regarding revisions to DelDOT's regulations regarding Traffic Impact Studies.

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Mr. Phillips reported that the Dagsboro Volunteer Fire Department presented a "Thank You" plaque to Sussex County Council in memory of Justin E. Townsend.

Mrs. Deaver reported that she has been receiving emails from the Delaware Manufactured Homeowners Association about parks with unhealthy situations and she stated that she would be submitting a report to the Council to determine if the County can help in any way.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Lawson presented the following information in his Administrator's Report:

1. Delaware Solid Waste Authority Reports

There were 33,857 pounds of recycled material received at the Recycle Delaware pods at the West Complex in Georgetown during the months of October, November, and December 2012. Attached are reports received for each month. The total amount of recyclable goods received at the West Complex site during 2012 was 137,365 pounds.

2. Projects Receiving Substantial Completion

Per the attached Engineering Department Fact Sheets, The Villages at Herring Creek – Phase 2 and The Landings at Pepper Creek (a/k/a The Marina at Pepper's Creek) – Phase 2 have reached Substantial Completion effective January 24 and January 25, 2013, respectively.

3. Delaware State Police Activity Report – December 2012

As per the attached Delaware State Police activity report for December, there were 3,247 total traffic arrests and 1,748 total criminal arrests. Of that 1,748, 827 were felony and 921 were misdemeanor criminal arrests. Of the total hours on duty spent, 39 percent were spent on criminal investigations.

[Attachments to the Administrator's Report are not attachments to the minutes.]

Public Meeting Results/ Route 26 Phase III Expansion of the Millville SSD John Ashman, Director of Utility Planning, reported that a Public Meeting was held on the Route 26 Phase III Expansion of the Millville Sanitary Sewer District at the Millville Town Hall on January 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Ashman also reported that the meeting was not well attended, possibly due to the weather or publicity. Therefore, the Engineering Department is recommending that another meeting be scheduled; that the area be reposted; that a press release be issued; and that notices be mailed to area property owners. Mr. Cole suggested that the Engineering Department contact DelDOT to inquire if one of their signs can be used to post the site.

Grant

Requests Mrs. Webb presented grant requests for the Council's consideration.

M 048 13 Councilmanic

Grant

A Motion was made by Mrs. Deaver, seconded by Mr. Cole, to give \$1,000.00 (\$600.00 from Mrs. Deaver's Councilmanic Grant Account and \$100.00 each from Mr. Cole's, Mr. Phillips', Mr. Vincent's and Mr. Wilson's Councilmanic Grant Accounts) to the Southern Delaware Choral Society for performance expanses

Society for performance expenses.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;

Mr. Phillips, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Absent;

Mr. Vincent, Yea

M 049 13 Councilmanic Grant A Motion was made by Mrs. Deaver, seconded by Mr. Cole, to give \$460.00 from Mrs. Deaver's Councilmanic Grant Account to the Hawkseye Property Owners Association for signage costs.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;

Mr. Phillips, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Absent;

Mr. Vincent, Yea

M 050 13 Councilmanic Grant A Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, to give \$1,000.00 (\$200.00 from each Councilmanic Grant Account) to the Sussex County Science Fair for operating expenses.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;

Mr. Phillips, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Absent;

Mr. Vincent, Yea

M 051 13 Councilmanic Grant A Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, to give \$1,000.00 (\$500.00 each from Mr. Phillips' and Mr. Wilson's Councilmanic Grant Accounts) to the Georgetown-Millsboro Rotary Club to sponsor the Club's Winter Event which will provide college scholarship funding to deserving teens.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;

Mr. Phillips, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Absent;

Mr. Vincent, Yea

Additional **Business**

Under Additional Business, Jo Klinge, Member of the League of Women Voters of Sussex County, reported on Delaware's Sea Level Rise Advisory

Additional Business (continued)

Committee's Public Engagement Session scheduled in Sussex County on Wednesday, February 13th at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Cape Henlopen High School in Lewes. Ms. Klinge urged the Council members to attend and she distributed copies of the invitation to the session along with the League's position relating to the environment and climate change.

M 052 13 Recess

At 10:21 a.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Cole, to recess until 10:30 a.m.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;

Mr. Phillips, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Absent;

Mr. Vincent, Yea

M 053 13 Reconvene

At 10:30 a.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, to reconvene.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;

Mr. Phillips, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Absent;

Mr. Vincent, Yea

Public Hearing/ Proposed Ordinance Relating to Sewer & Water A Public Hearing was held on the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 110 OF THE CODE OF SUSSEX COUNTY RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS UNDER THE INTERIM CODE FOR BUILDING SEWER AND WATER SERVICE PIPE CONNECTIONS".

Water Service Pipe Connections

Gary Tonge, Director of Utility Permits, reported that the Proposed Ordinance would amend Chapter 110 of the Sussex County Code relating to applications for permits under the interim code for building sewer and water service pipe connections. Currently, the Code requires a plumber to come in person into the County building to apply for a water or sewer connection or disconnection permit. The Draft Ordinance would allow the County to accept applications in a manner other than in person, i.e. by mail and electronically). It was noted that the County is currently unable to consider these requests electronically; however, this ordinance would enable the County to do so.

There were no public comments and the Public Hearing was closed.

M 054 13 Adopt Ordinance No. 2291 A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, to Adopt Ordinance No. 2291 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 110 OF THE CODE OF SUSSEX COUNTY RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS UNDER THE INTERIM CODE FOR BUILDING SEWER AND WATER SERVICE PIPE CONNECTIONS".

M 054 13 Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

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Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;

Mr. Phillips, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Absent;

Mr. Vincent, Yea

M 055 13 At 10:40 a.m., a Motion was made by Mrs. Deaver, seconded by Mr. Cole, to recess until 12:00 Noon, at which time a luncheon was scheduled by the

Sussex Outdoors Board at the Delaware Community Foundation on The

Circle in Georgetown.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;

Mr. Phillips, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Absent;

Mr. Vincent, Yea

Luncheon At 12:00 Noon, the Council attended a luncheon with the Sussex Outdoors

Board at the Delaware Community Foundation on The Circle in

Georgetown.

M 056 13 At 1:30 p.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, to

Adjourn adjourn.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;

Mr. Phillips, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Absent;

Mr. Vincent, Yea

Respectfully submitted,

Robin A. Griffith Clerk of the Council

SUSAN M. WEBB, CPA FINANCE DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Honorable Michael H. Vincent President, Sussex County Council

The Honorable Samuel R. Wilson Vice President, Sussex County Council

The Honorable George B. Cole Sussex County Councilman

The Honorable Vance Phillips Sussex County Councilman

The Honorable Joan R. Deaver Sussex County Councilwoman

FROM:

Susan M. Webb, CPA

Finance Director

RE:

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE SIX MONTHS

ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012

DATE:

February 1, 2013

Attached is the unaudited Estimated Revenue and Expense Report for the General Fund for the six months ending December 31, 2012, which I will be presenting to Council on Tuesday, February 5, 2013.

SMW/kac

Attachment

Sussex County Council Unaudited Revenue and Expense Report As of December 31, 2012

		Budgeted Amounts		% Over (Under)
	YTD Actual	Annual	YTD	Budget YTD
ENUES				
TAXES				
Property tax *	\$ 6,285,358.50	\$ 12,570,717.00	\$ 6,285,358.50	0.00
Capitation tax	3,157.55			100.00
TOTAL TAXES	6,288,516.05	12,570,717.00	6,285,358.50	0.05
REALTY TRANSFER TAX	9,267,952.59	13,200,000.00	6,600,000.00	40.42
SERVICES - BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION				
Fire service fee (pass through)	440,536.94	850,000.00	425,000.00	3.66
Building permit and zoning fee	704,993.01	1,200,000.00	600,000.00	17.50
Building inspections	442,680.05	800,000.00	400,000.00	10.6
Private road - review/inspection	269,170.23	180,000.00	90,000.00	199.08
Water and sewer - review/inspection	1,100.00	15,000.00	7,500.00	-85.33
Mobile home placement tax (pass through)	32,191.77	73,700.00	36,850.00	-12.64
TOTAL SERVICES - BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION	1,890,672.00	3,118,700.00	1,559,350.00	21.25
SERVICES - GOVERNMENTAL FEES	270 010 20	550 620 00	270.015.00	0.00
General government fee (911 system fee)	279,818.28	559,630.00	279,815.00	0.00
Dog licensing	16,543.40	90,000.00	45,000.00	-63.24
Other department fees	13,515.98	18,000.00	9,000.00	50.1
TOTAL SERVICES - GOVERNMENTAL FEES	309,877.66	667,630.00	333,815.00	-7.1
INTERGOVERNMENTAL				
Federal operating grants	51,377.36	266,740.00	133,370.00	-61.4
Federal capital grants	85,467.20	-	-	100.0
State operating grants *	1,764,862.60	4,118,190.00	2,059,095.00	-14.2
State capital grants	72,545.92	-	-	100.0
Community development	506,269.36	1,526,800.00	763,400.00	-33.6
Other grants	11,848.61	15,600.00	7,800.00	51.9
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	2,492,371.05	5,927,330.00	2,963,665.00	-15.9
CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES				
Clerk of the peace	67,812.50	130,000.00	65,000.00	4.3
Recorder of deeds	1,967,351.55	3,048,000.00	1,524,000.00	29.0
	577,983.37			19.7
Register of wills Sheriff *		965,000.00	482,500.00	
TOTAL CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES	1,123,027.29	4,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	-43.8
TOTAL CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES	3,736,174.71	8,143,000.00	4,071,500.00	-8.2
RENT				
Airport fuel sales	6,255.61	17,000.00	8,500.00	-26.4
Industrial airpark rent	393,335.20	542,600.00	271,300.00	44.9
Land rent	5,156.68	3,710.00	1,855.00	177.9
Emergency operations center (SUSCOM)	17,500.00	17,500.00	8,750.00	100.0
Miscellaneous rentals	7,996.54	15,900.00	7,950.00	0.5
TOTAL RENT	430,244.03	596,710.00	298,355.00	44.2
MISCELLANEOUS				
Investment earnings	32,720.16	307,986.00	153,993.00	-78.7
Fines	12,339.21	26,000.00	13,000.00	-5.0
Prothonotary	71.94	2,000.00	1,000.00	-92.8
Project income - community development	116,906.00	2,000.00	-	100.0
Other charges	54,529.03	86,920.00	43,460.00	25.4
e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	34,327.03			
Appropriated project reserves TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	216,566.34	1,412,066.00 1,834,972.00	706,033.00 917,486.00	-76.4
Transfers in from sewer and water	53,088.93	333,000.00	166,500.00	-68.1
	23,000.23	\$ 46,392,059.00	100,000.00	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 24,685,463.36		\$ 23,196,029.50	6.42

^{*} Accruals

Sussex County Council Unaudited Revenue and Expense Report As of December 31, 2012

		Budgeted	Budgeted Amounts	
	YTD Actual	Annual	YTD	Budget YTD
EXPENDITURES				
General Government				
County council	\$ 207,688.53	\$ 466,796.00	\$ 233,398.00	-11.02%
County administration	216,595.44	887,262.07	443,631.04	-51.18%
Legal	158,605.59	329,000.00	164,500.00	-3.58%
Finance	412,872.40	736,687.00	368,343.50	12.099
Assessment	598,530.36	1,316,792.00	658,396.00	-9.099
Building code Mapping	239,466.99 347,093.26	530,539.00 702,325.00	265,269.50 351,162.50	-9.739 -1.169
Accounting	250,036.95	563,290.00	281,645.00	-11.229
Treasury	316,841.63	569,863.00	284,931.50	11.209
Human resources	157,780.80	550,764.00	275,382.00	-42.709
General employment and retirement	1,004,626.61	204,902.00	102,451.00	880.599
Building and grounds	646,373.61	1,165,905.00	582,952.50	10.889
Security	222,148.95	506,220.00	253,110.00	-12.239
Data processing	165,559.62	315,618.00	157,809.00	4.919
Data processing - information systems	352,707.92	1,099,214.00	549,607.00	-35.839
Constable	119,214.31	271,432.00	135,716.00	-12.169
Constable - dog control	306,322.82	728,944.00	364,472.00	-15.959
Grant-in-aid programs	3,927,450.32	7,337,923.00	3,668,961.50	7.059
Planning and zoning	634,296.82	1,283,991.00	641,995.50	-1.20
Paramedic	5,459,121.62	12,356,323.00	6,178,161.50	-11.649
Emergency operations center administration	235,956.06	481,017.20	240,508.60	-1.89
Emergency operations center dispatchers	946,791.60	1,953,737.00	976,868.50	-3.089
Communications	190,781.81	421,823.99	210,912.00	-9.54
Local emergency plan program	36,392.60	69,408.00	34,704.00	4.87
Economic development	43,680.60	98,372.00	49,186.00	-11.19
Industrial air park	174,974.39	768,238.00	384,119.00	-54.45
Community development	891,641.95	1,711,011.00	855,505.50	4.22
Engineering - administration	422,979.07	1,011,435.00	505,717.50	-16.36
Engineering - public works	247,089.91	544,969.00	272,484.50	-9.32
Engineering - solid waste	33,834.42	170,000.00	85,000.00	-60.19
Records management	37,273.56	95,121.00	47,560.50	-21.63
Library	1,799,651.09	3,794,622.74	1,897,311.37	-5.15
Clerk of the peace	88,518.05	175,891.00	87,945.50	0.65
Recorder of deeds	451,883.56	1,105,940.00	552,970.00	-18.28
Register of wills	200,735.97	496,817.00	248,408.50	-19.19
Sheriff	324,273.98	834,366.00	417,183.00	-22.27
Interfund transfers	616,636.99	735,500.00	367,750.00	67.68
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	22,486,430.16	46,392,059.00	23,196,029.50	-3.069
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES				
OVER EXPENDITURES	2,199,033.20			

^{*} Accruals

Sussex County Council Unaudited Revenue and Expense Report As of December 31, 2012

		Budgeted Amounts		% Over (Under)	
	YTD Actual	Annual	YTD	Budget YTD	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REVENUES					
Federal airport grant	736,148.65	4,143,510.00	2,071,755.00	-64.47%	
State airport grant	4,319.67	115,098.00	57,549.00	-92.49%	
State library grant	27,935.90	1,500,000.00	750,000.00	-96.28%	
State paramedic grant	-	147,000.00	73,500.00	-100.00%	
State capital grant	-	650,000.00	325,000.00	-100.00%	
Reimbursements and refunds	1,950.00	-	-	100.00%	
Investment earnings	5,266.88	25,000.00	12,500.00	-57.86%	
Appropriated reserves		6,666,877.00	3,333,438.50	-100.00%	
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REVENUES	775,621.10	13,247,485.00	6,623,742.50	-88.29%	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURES					
General government	519,280.59	2,464,500.00	1,232,250.00	-57.86%	
Paramedics	139,342.92	490,000.00	245,000.00	-43.13%	
Emergency preparedness	32,813.51	1,572,500.00	786,250.00	-95.83%	
Library	66,007.73	3,169,585.00	1,584,792.50	-95.83%	
Airpark	1,336,658.03	5,550,900.00	2,775,450.00	-51.84%	
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURES	2,094,102.78	13,247,485.00	6,623,742.50	-68.38%	
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(1,318,481.68)				

LOWER SUSSEX LITTLE LEAGUE

P.O. BOX 320 OCEAN VIEW, DE. 19970

DATE:

JANUARY 23, 2013

TO:

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM:

BRUCE LAYTON (VICE-PRESIDENT)

RE.

DONATION

THE COUNTY HAS HELPED LOWER SUSSEX LITTLE LEAGUE FOR MANY YEARS. LAST YEAR WE HAD 722 CHILDREN AND OUR SEASON GOES FROM MARCH TO AUGUST.

AS YOU ARE AWARE WE HOST THE SENIOR LEAGUE GIRL'S WORLD SERIES (AGES 15-16) FROM AROUND THE WORLD. STARTING THIS YEAR WE WILL ALSO HOST THE BIG LEAGUE GIRL'S WORLD SERIES (AGES 17-18) AUGUST 4^{TH} UNTIL AUGUST 10^{TH} . THERE WILL BE SIX GAMES ON ESPN.

WITHOUT DONATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC, LOWER SUSSEX LITTLE LÉAGUE WOULD NOT SURVIVE.

AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

BRUCE LAYTON

302-841-7961 (CELL)



January 22, 2013

Sussex County Council PO Box 589 Georgetown, DE 19947

RE: Nanticoke Riverfest 2013

Dear Councilman Vincent,

The Nanticoke Riverfest committee is making plans for the 19th Annual Nanticoke Riverfest! This year we will be "Rollin' on the Nanticoke River", July 12-13th. The success of this event is credited largely to our sponsors, who lend their names and financial support to the Nanticoke Riverfest each year. With your help, we provide approximately 10,000 patrons with a free community event that is fun for adults and kids alike! This year we have many special activities lined up, which include the always popular float-in, great entertainment, a children's fishing tournament, a car and motorcycle show, a carnival, the duck dash, a children's area, and a wide variety of craft and food vendors, just to name a few.

By participating as a sponsor, your organization will benefit from having your company name or logo displayed in many different advertising venues, including signage at the event, a listing on our website www.nanticokeriverfest.com, and recognition in the Riverfest booklet that is distributed through both the local newspaper and at the event. Please look through the flyer containing sponsorship levels that is attached to see what benefits you can receive for a monetary or in-kind donation. As always, if you would like to sponsor a particular event or program your company name or logo will be displayed during the event also. Donations of all sizes are accepted and appreciated, so we hope you will consider us when planning your gifts and donations for the year. We will also be continuing the first "13 of 2013"—the first "13" diamond level sponsors of 2013 will be automatically entered into a drawing for \$2,000.00 in free advertising with "Delmarva Oldies Authority" WTDK 107.1 the Duck. The drawing will take place during Riverfest Opening Ceremonies.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS February 5, 2013

This is to certify that on January 10, 2013 the Sussex County Planning and Zoning Commission conducted public hearings on the below listed application for Conditional Use and Change of Zone. At the conclusion of the public hearings, the Commission moved and passed that these applications be forwarded to the Sussex County Council with the recommendations as stated.

Respectfully submitted:

COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF SUSSEX COUNTY

Lawrence B. Lank Director of Planning and Zoning

The attached comments relating to the public hearings are findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission based on a summary of comments read into the record, and comments stated by interested parties during the public hearings.

C/U #1950 – application of **ERLIN I. RIVERA** to consider the Conditional Use of land in an AR-1 Agricultural Residential District and a GR General Residential District for parking commercial tractor trailers, to be located on a certain parcel of land lying and being in Nanticoke Hundred, Sussex County, containing 9.59 acres, more or less, lying west of Road 516 (Concord Pond Road) 600 feet south of Road 525 (King Road)(Tax Map I.D. 2-31-12.00-152.00).

The Commission found that the Applicant had submitted a survey and site plan with his application; that the survey depicted an area to be set aside for a parking area; and a reduced boundary for the limits of the Conditional Use, 1.40 acres.

Mr. Lank advised the Commission that this application was received after the Applicant was given notice that the use was in violation of the Zoning Code; that a letter was sent to the Applicant on December 14, 2011; and that notices of violation were sent on January 20, 2012 and on September 10, 2012.

The Commission found that on February 8, 2012 DelDOT provided comments that a traffic impact study was not recommended and that the current Level of Service "C" for Concord Road will not change as a result of this application. On February 16, 2012 DelDOT provided additional comments in the form of a letter which referenced that the Department has since spoken with the Applicant and were advised that the Applicant may want to have more than ten trucks per day to and from the site; that a traffic impact study would be warranted if more than 400 vehicles trips are generated per day (200 entering and 200 exiting or 50 trips per hour); that their expectation is that both the maximum number of trucks that the Applicant may want to park on the site and the maximum number of trucks that the County might find appropriate to this

rural area are far lower that the DelDOT warrants; and that if the County finds that the proposed use to be otherwise acceptable, and can reach agreement with the Applicant on maximum numbers of truck trips per day and per hour that does not exceed DelDOT warrants, then the Department recommends that the County include those limits in their approval and proceed without a traffic impact study.

The Commission found that the Department had received an email voicing opposition to this application from Clementine L. Allen-Frazier voicing strong opposition to the application and referencing that this area is mainly a residential neighborhood and the noise of the tractors running all night disturbs the ability to sleep for those who reside here and need to go to work after a sleepless night; that even though the area is considered Agricultural Residential there is no disturbance during sleeping hours from the agricultural tasks; and that refrigerated trucks are loud and disturbing.

The Commission found that Erlin I. Rivera was present with Doug Williams, Surveyor with George William Stephens, Jr. and Associates, Inc. and that they stated in their presentations and in response to questions raised by the Commission that the site is intended for the parking and storage of trucks and trailers; that no refrigerated trailers are stored running on the site; that the applicant contracts for Allen Foods and other poultry operations; that they anticipate 10 to 12 trips per day; that the applicant currently has 6 trucks and trailers, and that the total number of trucks and trailers will not exceed 10 each; that the business operates seven (7) days per week; that no dumpster is needed on the site; that there is no need for septic or a porta-toilet: that there is no dwelling on the site; that no security is provided; that no signage is intended; that they deliver goods throughout the Mid-Atlantic region; that there will not be any scrap tires stored on the site; that they plan on keeping the site free of debris and dilapidated vehicles; that the trucks are not serviced on the site, they are currently service off-site; that the trucks are cleaned at plant sites; that the use will be limited to a 1.4 acre portion of the 9.59 acre site; that Apple Orchard Lane serves another property and this site; that the maximum number of drivers will not exceed 10 drivers; and that Mr. Williams confirmed that he is a licensed surveyor in Delaware and several other states and that he is the manager of the Georgetown office for the firm.

The Commission found that no parties appeared in support of this application.

The Commission found that Edward Winder, an adjacent property owner, was present in opposition to this application and expressed concerns on behalf of his tenant that the tenant is complaining about noise, trucks running at all hours, doors slamming, music blaring, and that the tenant cannot sleep due to the noise.

At the conclusion of the public hearings, the Commission discussed this application.

On January 10, 2013 there was a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ross, and carried unanimously to defer action for further consideration. Motion carried 5 - 0.

On January 24, 2013 the Commission discussed this application under Old Business.

Mr. Smith stated that the Applicant is operating a business which serves the agricultural industry, and that there was one party present in opposition expressing concerns about noise.

Mr. Johnson stated that he would request additional time for further consideration of this application.

Mr. Burton and Mr. Ross agreed.

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried unanimously to defer action for further consideration. Motion carried 5-0.

C/U #1953 – application of **THOMAS MILSPAW** to consider the Conditional Use of land in an AR-1 Agricultural Residential District for a multi-family dwelling structure (2 Units), to be located on a certain parcel of land lying and being in Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County, containing 7.88 acres, more or less, lying west of Road 345 (West Beach Road) 0.4 mile north of Route 26 (Vines Creek Road)(Tax Map I.D. 1-34-7.00-81.04).

The Commission found that the Applicant provided a survey/site plan of the project depicting a building containing a garage with an apartment on each end.

The Commission found that on October 23, 2012 DelDOT provided comments that a traffic impact study was not recommended and that the current Level of Service "A" for West Beach Road will not change as a result of this application.

The Commission found that on January 4, 2013 the Department received comments from the County Engineering Department Utility Planning Division referencing that the site is located in the Vines Creek Planning Area; that wastewater capacity is not available at this time; that the proposed use will use an on-site septic system; that the project is not capable of being annexed into a County operated and maintained Sanitary Sewer District at this time; that when the County does provide sewer service, connection to the system is mandatory; that the County does not have a firm schedule to provide sewer service at this time; and that a concept plan is not required.

The Commission found that a letter of support was received on December 13, 2012 from Parsons Brothers 2, LLC, adjacent land owners, voicing no objection to the application for multi-family use.

The Commission found that Thomas Milspaw was present and stated in his presentation and in response to questions raised by the Commission that he intended to build a pole building type structure with an apartment on each end; that he was advised by the County that multi-family use was not a permitted use; that his brother-in-law is handicapped and has sold his dwelling on a neighboring property and is in need of a residence; that they are now proposing the two apartment type units; that the units are not intended to be rentals, but for family use; that he received a violation notice for not having a permit for a deck; that no more than two units are proposed; that the structure is 10 years old; that the structure was designed with two units in

concept and approved by DNREC with one septic system and two drain fields; that the building is served by one electric meter; that no rent will be collected from family members; that family members will assist in the electric bill; and that the property will transfer in the future to family members.

The Commission found that there were no parties present in support of or in opposition to this application.

At the conclusion of the public hearings, the Commission discussed this application.

On January 10, 2013 there was a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ross, and carried unanimously to defer action for further consideration. Motion carried 5 - 0.

On January 24, 2013 the Commission discussed this application under Old Business.

Mr. Smith stated that he would move that the Commission recommend approval of C/U #1953 for Thomas Milspaw for a multi-family dwelling structure of 2 units based on the record made at the public hearing and for the following reasons:

- 1) The Applicant owns the existing structure which is 10 years old. It was designed as two separate units on opposite ends of a pole building type structure. The Applicant testified that the septic system was designed, approved and installed to serve two (2) residential units. The Applicant stated that there is only one electric meter for the entire structure.
- 2) The Applicant desires to use the premises as two (2) separate dwelling units with him occupying one of them and his handicapped brother-in-law occupying the other one.
- 3) With the conditions placed upon this use, it will be limited to the Applicant and his brother-in-law only as long as they occupy the units.
- 4) The use will not have any significant impact on roadways, traffic, or neighboring property owners.
- 5) The Applicant has stated that neither unit will be rented.
- 6) This recommendation is, however, subject to the following conditions:
 - A. Only two (2) units shall be permitted, and they shall be located within the existing structure as shown on the Preliminary Site Plan, as well as the Final Site Plan.
 - B. The units shall be occupied by the Applicant, Thomas Milspaw, and by his brother-in-law. In the event that they no longer occupy a unit on the property as their residence, this Conditional Use shall terminate automatically.
 - C. The Final Site Plan shall be subject to the review and approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission, and that the Final Site Plan shall identify who will occupy each unit as permitted by this recommendation.

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried unanimously to forward this application to the Sussex County Council with the recommendation that the application be approved for the reasons and with the conditions stated. Motion carried 5-0.

C/U #1954 – application of **ROBERT A. HERMANSON** to consider the Conditional Use of land in an AR-1 Agricultural Residential District for commercial/retail shop (handcrafted furniture/gifts and antiques), to be located on a certain parcel of land lying and being in Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, containing 2.306 acres, more or less, lying northwest of Route 48 (Zoar Road) 150 feet west of Road 315 (Deep Branch Road)(Tax Map I.D. 2-34-14.00-20.03 and 20.04).

The Commission found that the Applicant has provided a survey/site plan with his application.

The Commission found that on August 24, 2012 DelDOT had provided comments that the Department has no contention with the Applicant using an existing entrance from Route 48 for a 240 square foot workshop and antique store, with the understanding that the site shall have access from the existing entrance; that the site is to operate on Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; that the entrance shall require a 36" by 36" stop sign per DelDOT stop sign detail concerning the placement for commercial entrances; that if in the future the site proposes to change zoning, use, ownership, existing use or adds a new use that increases the existing site annual daily traffic, the property owner shall submit information to DelDOT and the entrance be re-evaluated by the Department to determine if any improvements are warranted based on the proposed site and usage changes.

The Commission found that on January 4, 2013 the Department received comments from the County Engineering Department Utility Planning Division referencing that the site is located in the North Coastal Planning Area; that the project is not capable of being annexed into a County operated and maintained Sanitary Sewer District at this time; that conformity to the North Coastal Planning Study will be required; that the proposed use is not in an area where the County currently has a schedule to provide sewer service; and that a concept plan is not required.

The Commission found that Robert Hermanson and Linda Hermanson were present and stated in their presentation that they built a shop to sell things that he makes and antiques that he refinishes; that he does not propose to have any employees; that he works part-time and hopes to sell some of the items; that the shop building only contains 240 square feet and only has electric service; that he and his wife live on the property; that he realizes that he could obtain a home occupation to sell items that he makes, but he wants to also sell items made by others; that business hours will not exceed Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with no Sunday hours; that signage will not exceed 32 square feet per side; that he may install solar lighting on the sign; that Route 48 is not an emergency evacuation route; that all sales will be from the 240 square foot shop; that he will be preparing the items in his workshop to sell in the shop; and that the application includes both parcels that they own and allows the parking to be on both parcels.

The Commission found that there were no parties present in support of or in opposition to this application.

At the conclusion of the public hearings, the Commission discussed this application.

On January 10, 2013 there was a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Burton, and carried unanimously to defer action for further consideration. Motion carried 5 - 0.

On January 24, 2013 the Commission discussed this application under Old Business.

Mr. Johnson stated that he would move that the Commission recommend approval of C/U #1954 for Robert A. Hermanson for a commercial/retail shop for handcrafted furniture, gifts and antiques based upon the record and for the following reasons:

- 1) The use is very nearly a home occupation. The Conditional Use is only necessary because the Applicant intends to sell a small number of goods that are not made by him.
- 2) The Applicant has stated that there will be no employees other than he and his wife.
- 3) With the conditions placed upon it, the application will not have an adverse impact on traffic or on neighboring or adjacent properties.
- 4) No parties appeared in opposition to the project.
- 5) This approval is subject to the following conditions:
 - A. The use shall be limited to the sale of furniture, gifts, antiques and similar items.
 - B. The hours of operation shall be Monday through Saturday, with hours of operation of 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with no Sunday hours.
 - C. One lighted sign no larger than 32 square feet per side shall be permitted.
 - D. The areas to be used for any outdoor displays shall be clearly shown on the Final Site Plan.
 - E. Areas designated for parking shall be shown on the Final Site Plan and shall be clearly marked on the site.
 - F. The Final Site Plan shall be subject to the review and approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Burton, and carried unanimously to forward this application to the Sussex County Council with the recommendation that the application be approved for the reasons and with the conditions stated. Motion carried 5-0.

C/Z #1724 – application of **CENTRAL STORAGE** @ **HARBESON**, **LLC** to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Map from AR-1 Agricultural Residential District to a CR-1 Commercial Residential District, to be located on a certain parcel of land lying and being in Broadkill Hundred, Sussex County, containing 8.05 acres, more or less, lying north of Route 9 (Lewes Georgetown Highway) 500 feet west of Route 5 (Harbeson Road) and 700 feet east of Road 254 (Prettyman Road)(Tax Map I.D. 2-35-30.00-8.02).

The Commission found that on December 27, 2012 the Applicants provided an Exhibit Booklet which included a copy of the application form; a copy of the Deed to the property; a copy of the Beers Atlas map of Broadkiln Hundred; a copy of a page from the Zoning Ordinance referencing permitted uses in the CR-1 Commercial Residential District; a map of the Harbeson area depicting zoning classifications; a copy of the PLUS comments and responses; a reference to the Principals of Central Storage @ Harbeson, LLC; a site plan; support letters from Compass Point Associates and Community Bank; and proposed suggested Findings of Fact for this application.

The Commission found that on July 23, 2012 DelDOT provided comments referencing that the Department had originally recommended that a traffic impact study be performed; that the basis for that requirement was due to the potential increase in trip generation as a result of rezoning the 8.05 acre parcel to Commercial Residential; that the Department has had further discussions with the Applicant and has learned that the Applicant wishes to only develop a portion of the site for 60,000 square feet of mini-storage space, which would generate 142 vehicle trips per day and 15 vehicle trips during the p.m. peak hour; that the Department would not require a traffic impact study be performed if the applicant is willing to place a deed restriction on the property, such that a traffic impact study would be required if the proposed development would cause the property's total trip generation to exceed 400 vehicle trips per day and/or 50 trips during any hour of the day; that an amendment or removal of the deed restriction would have to require DelDOT's concurrence; and that absent these conditions, DelDOT would recommend that the County require a traffic impact study to be performed for this application.

The Commission found that on January 4, 2013 the County Engineering Department Utility Planning Division provided comments referencing that the site is located in the North Coastal Planning Area; that wastewater capacity is not available; that the project is not capable of being annexed into a County operated Sanitary Sewer District; that conformity to the North Coastal Planning Study will be required; that the proposed use is not in an area where the County currently has a schedule to provide sewer service; and that a concept plan is not required.

The Commission found that the Department received three letters in opposition to this application. The letters, from Alva and Jeanette Wagner, John and Carol Kane, and Jacqueline Conklin, expressed concerns about the zoning changing; that they realize that once rezoned anything permitted in the commercial zoning would be permitted on this site; that they are concerned about the depreciation of property values; that the number of units have increased over the previous Conditional Use site plan; that one of the road locations should be moved from the perimeter to the interior between buildings; that lighting should be installed between units making lighting less offensive to neighbors; that the original Conditional Use did not permit outside storage of boats and RVs; that storage of boats and RVs is still a concern; that they would like to request that a landscaping plan be required, including tall fencing, to screen the adjacent residential property from the view of the mini-storage facility, which would be a safety feature benefitted by the owners and the neighbors; that the natural habitat area is beautiful and that they hope it can be preserved; that they hate to see trees removed; that the site is in an area with major traffic issues and it is anticipated that there will be more traffic issues; that DelDOT needs to do a major traffic study at this location before any action is taken on this application; and that landscape buffering should be included on the final site plan.

The Commission found that Mark Schaeffer of Central Storage @ Harbeson, LLC, and as a Licensed Real Estate Broker, was present with Eugene Bayard, Attorney of Morris, James, Wilson, Halbrook and Bayard, P.A., and that they stated in their presentation and in response to questions raised by the Commission that Mr. Schaeffer has been involved with three (3) other storage projects, one in Dover, one in Long Neck, and one in Milford; that the site will be improved by removal of some dilapidated old buildings; that no wetlands will be disturbed; that

they anticipate 15 vehicle trips per day, considered to be a good day in storage facilities for vehicle trips; that three (3) homes exist across Beaverdam Branch; that the Sussex County Comprehensive Plan supports the rezoning; that the rezoning will enhance property values; that there are no stormwater issues; that a need exist for more storage units; that they are proposing to build approximately 60,000 square feet of storage space; that the number of vehicle trips anticipated will not negatively impact traffic; that DelDOT will require deletion of one of the existing entrances; that they are in agreement with DelDOT for a restrictive covenant limiting trips per day; that the project will be served will private well and septic; that eight (8) foot tall fencing will be provided and will include security gates and security cameras; that landscaping will be provided; that the project will require minimal lighting; that there will not be any pole lighting; that they are planning on having a resident manager on the site; that they had previously planted magnolia trees along the westerly boundaries; that the majority of the existing trees will be left undisturbed; that the original Conditional Use project was not developed due to the economic crash; that they cannot obtain funding for a Conditional Use project; that funds can be obtained for a commercially zoned property; that the zoning requested is the appropriate zoning for the use, and the trend of development taking place in the area; that the project will be built in phases, as needed; that approximately one-half of the project will be climate controlled; that according to the State Strategies the site is located in a Level 1 and Level 2 area; and that DelDOT creates warrants of control on uses and any change of use will require further review by DelDOT.

The Commission found that there were no parties present in support of or in opposition to this application.

At the conclusion of the public hearings, the Commission discussed this application.

On January 10, 2013 there was a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Burton, and carried unanimously to defer action for further consideration. Motion carried 5 - 0.

On January 24, 2013 the Commission discussed this application under Old Business.

Mr. Johnson stated that he would move that the Commission recommend approval of C/Z #1724 for Central Storage @ Harbeson, LLC from AR-1 to CR-1 based upon the record made at the public hearing and for the following reasons:

- 1) The site currently has a Conditional Use approval as a central storage facility. The CR-1 zoning will be consistent with this existing business use.
- 2) The property is in the immediate vicinity of the Route 9 and Route 5 intersection where a variety of small commercial enterprises already exist. This rezoning is consistent with the uses and trends in this area.
- 3) The rezoning is consistent with the guidelines in the current Sussex County Comprehensive Land Use Plan which permits retail and service uses in this area along Route 9.
- 4) The rezoning will not have an adverse impact on neighboring or adjacent properties or the community. There is also no indication that it will have an adverse impact on traffic.

- 5) The proposed rezoning promotes the orderly growth, convenience, prosperity, order and welfare of the present and future inhabitants of Sussex County.
- 6) Any proposed use on the site, including use as a mini-storage facility, would require site plan approval by the Sussex County Planning and Zoning Commission. Since the Applicant relied heavily on the proposed use as a mini-storage facility during its presentation, the Applicant should expect that the conditions imposed on that Conditional Use for the site would transfer to the site plan for such a use under this rezoning.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Burton, and carried unanimously to forward this application to the Sussex County Council with the recommendation that the application be approved for the reasons stated. Motion carried 5-0.























