

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF NEW CASTLE
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL – 201 DELAWARE STREET – NEW CASTLE, DE
TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 11, 2003 – 7:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Castagno
Councilman DiAngelo
Councilman Reese
Councilman Balascio
Councilwoman Dr. Miller

Also Present: Janet Carlin, Treasurer; Robert Martin, City Administrator

APPROVED BY DATE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Department Report	January 2003
Building Official Report	January 2003
Finance Department Report	January 2003
Public Works Report	January 2003

Dr. Miller moved to accept reports as submitted and it was seconded by Mr. Reese. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report read by Janet Carlin, Treasurer.

Mr. Reese moved to approve Treasurer's report as presented. It was seconded by Mr. DiAngelo. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Public Hearing – January 2003
Regular Council Meeting – January 2003

Dr. Miller moved to approve the minutes as submitted. It was seconded by Mr. Reese. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Castagno received a letter of request from Delaware City to use the band shell. Work with Public Works to see if possible.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR

None.

BUSINESS FOR THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. Castagno received a petition from Annexation. Appointed an Annexation Committee. Appointed Councilman Reese, Councilwoman Dr. Miller, Councilman DiAngelo, City Administrator Mr. Martin, George Freeberg, Chief Kevin McDerby, Deputy Chief Bill Simpson, Margaret Davis, and Charles Cobb. Planning Committee, Beth Matkins.

The following Committee will be interviewing for the new Public Works Director position: Marian Delaney, Mr. Martin, John Moore, Chief Kevin McDerby, and Mr. Castagno for the new Public Works Director position.

Mr. Castagno and Mr. Martin attended the Governor's Advisory Council Planning meeting on planning the Comprehensive Plan.

Work on Trolley Barn completed and Building Department has moved its location.

Mr. Castagno attended Planning Commission meeting Comprehensive Plan. Ready to be presented to Council. Council will get a copy of the plan.

Mr. Castagno attended Motiva Public Hearing in Delaware City. Would like to draft a resolution of support. Requesting original plan be enforced.

Mr. Reese said whatever happens with Motiva will have an impact on New Castle.

Mr. Castagno said Motiva has not shown adequate reason for changes to the existing agreement. Have invited Representative from Motiva to next Council meeting (March 2003). Should be approved by DNREC.

Earl Carpenter said if a Representative from Motiva presents their case we need someone with opposing view. We are not in a position to rebut presentation.

David June said there is tremendous pressure on the East Coast. Are already too many problems with Delaware River. Motiva issue is about money, \$70 to \$80 million. Must recycle sulfur. Problem with mercury poisoning. Other metals will also be released into water.

Ned Hutchinson said DuPont has placed an advertisement in the paper. Wants to recycle sulfur but needs a permit. Should use Allan Mueller from Port Penn for rebuttal.

Tom Whitehead concurs that Alan Mueller would be a good choice. Money is talking. Should stay with original plan. Bolero Plant has installed new scrubbers. New Jersey Representative supports original plan.

Earl Carpenter said appearance is essential. Why give Motiva a forum to tell us how they are going to harm the State.

Mr. Castagno - Conduit to get information out.

Dr. Miller - Should not invite Motiva to Council.

Mr. DiAngelo - Not on Council night.

Mr. Castagno - This is not a Government function just a Public Information meeting.

Mr. Balascio - Use a school setting.

Mr. Reese - Use other people in Town. Council should not sponsor a Public Hearing.

Mr. Reese - Council should not give Motiva the forum.

Ned Hutchinson said, in 1970, Getty wanted a pipeline that would have isolated the City of New Castle. We live on the River and breath this air. Imperative to allow Motiva to come here. Public meeting should be somewhere. Must be done with good technical people.

Charles Cobb - Send Dori Connor or Representative Mike Mulrooney.

David June said your reactive makes him sick. Langollen has polluted wells. People need information.

BUSINESS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Delaware Greenway request further input on the design of the project.

Division of Parks and Recreation announces availability of Grant. Delaware Land and Water Conservation need a letter of intent by February 28, 2003. Grant applications will be accepted through April 11, 2003.

Gambacorta advised the City that AVH which did not conform to the City code and is moving to W. 7th Street.

Delaware Solid Waste Authority sent a summation of loads delivered to (DSWA).

Trustee of New Castle Commons have sent 30 letters to residents of Casimir Drive and Stuyvesant Avenue concerning open space property behind their residence. Don't litter or throw trash.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1ST AND 2ND Reading of Ordinance #418 on disposition of vacant and deteriorated structures in the City of New Castle.

Mr. Balasico stated Ordinance #418 had been revised. Ordinance #418 is available in the City Office. Highlights on contents of Ordinance. Gives procedure to get something accomplished.

Mr. DiAngelo motioned to accept 1st and 2nd Reading of Ordinance #418. It was seconded by Dr. Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Action on Annual State Mosquito Control and Municipal Endorsement.

Mr. DiAngelo reported on letter from DNREC.

Mr. DiAngelo authorizes (DNREC) Mosquito Control Services. It was seconded by Mr. Reese. Motion passed unanimously.

Request for citizens to work at the City Election Polls on April 12, 2003.

Request should be submitted to Beverly Powell-Ross.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Ned Hutchinson – Revisit Motiva issue. Concerns about water quality in town. Incumbent on this town to pursue this meeting.

Earl Carpenter – Letter giving New Castle concerns. Dobbinsville to Delaware City has been an alley of destruction. Only stance New Castle should take. State should enforce the decision that has been made. Enforcement of decision must be made.

Ned Hutchinson – Debate out in public. We have a big stake in this.

David June – Agree with Earl. Do you know how serious this situation is? Put pressure on the State of Delaware. This area has to use pressure.

Don Walz – Time table when Resolution would be official.

Tom Whitehead – Debate an important tool. Town should take a position.

Fred Walsh – Wants Del Dot decision concerning Moore's Lane and Wilmington Road.

Mr. Castagno – Power point display available at City Office. Del Dot felt secure with engineering. Will leave as is.

Fred Walsh – Decision is not acceptable. Greenway is nice. At the Battery Park path kids on path with guns and coolers of beer.

Chief McDerby – Tell restriction for fire arms in New Castle County.

Fred Walsh – Get trash clean up at Farmers Market.

Mr. Castagno – Talk to Trustee. Stop during day and express your concerns.

Fred Walsh – Vehicles park on sidewalks, parked on lawns, and 15 feet from fireplug. Wants equity from Trustee. Follow the letter sent to residence.

Gen Miller – Go to meeting (Trustee).

Bob Martin – Code enforcement from property line to house.

Chief McDerby – Police go the sidewalk.

Fred Walsh – Need to file a complaint.

David June – Code enforcement issue in City of New Castle.

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Mr. Castagno – Enforce code throughout entire City.

Mr. DiAngelo – Draft letter to Mr. Stat to put pressure on the owners.

Bob Martin – Mr. Stat has a crew every Monday to clean up grounds.

Mr. Reese motioned to go to the Executive Session. It was seconded by Dr. Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Toner
City Clerk