

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF NEW CASTLE
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL – 201 DELAWARE STREET – NEW CASTLE, DE
TUESDAY – MARCH 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: John Klingmeyer, Mayor; Janet Carlin, Treasurer; Robert Martin, City Administrator; Marian Delaney, Finance Director; Mr. Kavanaugh, City Solicitor

Mr Castagno – Review of Protocol with Council and Audience.

APPROVED BY DATE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report read by Janet Carlin, Treasurer.

Informed that a revision of last month's report is available at City office.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. DiAngelo received a verbal complaint from a Balton resident concerning noise (emanating) from Zenith.

Mr. Martin met with the manager of Zenith. They are attempting to correct the problem.

Mr. Kavanaugh said you have a noise ordinance and a zoning ordinance. Enforce ordinances.

Mr. Martin will continue to work with Zenith and talk to area residents.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR

None.

BUSINESS FOR THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Have a proposal from a new sign for Battery Park that will match other City signs. Will write to Battery Park Commission with proposal.

Jack Klingmeyer, Chris Castagno, and Mr. Martin met with Speakman Company's new Corporate Citizen to New Castle. Mr. Castagno feels they are an impressive company profile. The meeting was last Tuesday and Wednesday.

BUSINESS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

American Cancer Society has requested the use of the band shell for Relay for Life Event on May 16 and 17, 2003. Have approved request but ACS will incur the cost of the transportation.

Delaware Solid Waste Authority has sent annual fiscal report.

Delaware Solid Waste Authority proposed statewide user fees.

Mr. Martin informed we received a rebate in July of \$10.00 per ton deposited in DWSA Landfill.

New Castle Sailing Club is preparing the 50th Anniversary Celebration and City involvement through sponsorship. Schedule of events is forthcoming. Anniversary Gala will be June 7 and 8, 2003.

Days in Old New Castle, the Committee has requested help with administration, soliciting a preservation partner, work, and cost, Saturday, May 17, 2003. Dr. Miller said to get a definite idea of what they want.

Mr. Reese wants to commend New Castle weekly for a nice article about Master Corporal Robert Haug. Mr. Reese says Master Corporal Robert Haug has been steady and hardworking. He is an asset to police force.

Tree City USA Designation – Mr. B. Hall Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Hall and assistant Ms. Hedenfelder presented The Mayor, John Klingmeyer, Council President, Chris Castagno, and Bob Martin, City Administrator as recognizing New Castle as a Tree City USA. They received plaques and a flag. Bob Martin was recognized for his years of dedication to the Tree Preservation. Criteria for this award is:

- a. Must have a tree commission
- b. Have educational awareness
- c. Ordinance

Mr. Martin said in the later part of April we are planning an Arbor Day. Tentatively, scheduled at 9th and Young Street Park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3rd and Final reading and motion to adopt as an Ordinance of the Municipality Ordinance #418 on disposition of vacant and deteriorated structure in the City of New Castle.

Mr. Balasico explained the highlights of each section of the Ordinance. There is a procedure that must be followed.

Dr. Miller motioned to approve 3rd and final reading of Ordinance #418. It was seconded by Mr. Balasico.

Dr. Miller motioned to approve Ordinance #418 as an Ordinance. It was seconded by Mr. Reese. Motioned passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Action on New Castle City Planning recommendations regarding City Comprehensive Plan.

Shawn McCaney from Kise, Straw, and Kolodner reviewed the action of Ad-Hoc Committee and the diligent work and cooperation of Kise, Straw, and Kolodner have received. This was presented and reviewed by Planning Commission and ready to be submitted to the State and County. Priorities for the city for next five years.

Stan Skyora – Task force worked steering committee to work with Kise, Straw, and Kolonder. Stan reviewed stages, plan must go through.

Chris Castagno – Action to send to State for ratification.

Mr. DiAngelo – 180 acres, a large part are contaminated, what degree of hazardous waste?

Stan Skyora – Possibilities for growth, 90% of properties in Comprehensive Plan will not come to the City.

Mr. Balascio – Properties must be in the Comprehensive Plan to be annexed.

Stan Skyora – Putting together a vision, long range plan.

Dr. Miller – Action to send to State. Mr. Balascio seconded. Action passed unanimously.

Mayor Klingmeyer – Objected that Comprehensive Plan be sent to State.

Police Station and Municipal Services Committee Building Project.

Resolution (2003-1) authorizing the President of City Council to enter into a lease of the real property on which is located the Municipal Service Commission and the site of the new police station from the Mayor and Council of New Castle to the Trustee of New Castle Common. This property is located on Route 9 at Municipal Boulevard and is known as Tax Parcel #205 on County Tax Map #21-7.

Mr. Reese moved Council President enter into a lease. It was seconded by Dr. Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution (2003-2) authorizing the President of City Council to enter into a lease with the Trustee of New Castle Common leasing from the Trustee. The new Municipal Service Commission Building and the new Police Station to be constructed at the property located at Route 9 at Municipal Boulevard on Tax Parcel #205 on County Tax Map #21-7.

Dr. Miller moved Council President enter into a lease. It was seconded by Mr. Reese. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of FY 2002 Audit.

Dr. Miller stated what the City had on hand end of year FY 2002.

Discussion on abandonment of School Street.

Mr. Kavanaugh detailed procedure set forth in Delaware Code. To be done by petitioner requesting vacation of Street at the expense of applicant. Advise St. Anthony's to follow State procedure after retaining an attorney.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Steve Painter – What is the extent of project on 14th Street?

Mr. Martin – Only what happening. Enter Linden Plus repaving from Washington to Belanca Lane.

John DiMondi – The Amoco plant not right to be annexed into City. That site must be cleaned up.

David June – What is undesirable lands? What is desirable about this land to be annexed?

John DiMondi – At annexation committee have not allowed visitors to speak.

Teal Petty – Comprehensive Plan addresses quality of life for Dobbonsville and Washington Park what about Buttonwood?

Mr. Reese motioned to move to Executive Session. Dr. Miller seconded the motion.

RE: Convene to Public Meeting.

Action on ASFCME Contract.

Dr. Miller moved to accept ASFCME Contract for period November 15, 2002 thru June 30, 2006. It was seconded by Mr. Reese.

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Mr. Balascio, yes; Mr. DiAngelo, yes; Dr. Miller, yes; Mr. Reese, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Toner

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City Clerk