

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF NEW CASTLE  
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN HALL – 201 DELAWARE STREET – NEW CASTLE, DE  
TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 10, 2002 – 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.

Mr. Castagno – Review of Protocol – Requested no profanity. Remind of times when citizens can comment; three minute time limit and please use the microphone.

**APPROVED BY DATE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Police Department Report	August 2002
Building Official Report	August 2002
Finance Department Report	August 2002
Public Works Report	August 2002

Mr. Castagno concerned by girl's condition in Dobbinsville. Chief McDerby stated the girl is doing fine and made no further comment.

Dr. Miller moved to accept reports as submitted. It was seconded by Mr. Reese. Passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer's report read by Janet Carlin, Treasurer.

Mr. Castagno asked what percentage of taxes had been collected.

Janet Carlin said 28% was collected. Revenue seems to be slow.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Public Hearing -	August 13, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.
Public Hearing -	August 13, 2002 at 6:45 p.m.
Regular Council Meeting -	August 13, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.
Emergency Resolution -	August 13, 2002 at 9:00 p.m.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Visitor Bureau Fund Raiser was a success and wanted to thank everyone for their help and support.

St. Anthony's Club wishes to acquire parcels of land on School Street. It is used mostly as a private drive.

Mr. Martin looked at this issue in the past. The addition or acquisition will take about six months. Will look into request. A letter will be sent to the Club informing them they would be liable for the cost incurred. City is willing to engage in discussion.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Charles Cobb – Stop signs at 4<sup>th</sup> and Harmony Streets is an excellent idea.

Lou Indellini – Greenway walk at west end of City. Neighborhood should be polled to see if they

are in favor of plan. Want to see if it will work for City. What liability will the City have. See who will maintain walkway.

**BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR**

No comment.

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Construction on Quigley Boulevard Extension will start on September 16, 2002.

Mayor Klingmeyer, Council President Castagno, and Mr. Martin met in regard to beginning negotiations with AFSCME for new Connectiv bargaining contract on September 10, 2002.

September 25, 2002 meeting at 4:00 p.m. at 11<sup>th</sup> and New Castle Avenue to discuss traffic patterns. Steve Truitt of DEL DOT will answer questions and listen to residents complaints.

On September 10, 2002, Mr. Castagno attended a meeting at Linden Hill School concerning funding legislation for bike path to schools. Sketch shows safe access to Route #273.

Police action team (Greg Peden, Mr. Castagno, and Bob Appleby) met with Chip Patterson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Moore, and Chief McDerby. Extensive work on layout of construction property. Also, looking at internal layout, parking, and main entrance. All properties will be under same security system. This is a draft but close to moving into engineering. Municipal Services will house some offices. Have followed Tetra-Tech needs assessment very closely. There is a community room to be used for meetings. New facility can be used in a disaster as a headquarters.

Chief McDerby – You have covered what is important to community.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

From Connie Holland of State Planning Coordination – A comprehensive plan update must be submitted to Dover. Have Kise, Straw, and Kolander review before submitted to Dover.

An invitation to our Town Workshop on September 16, 2002, Embassy Suites Hotel, Newark, DE held by WILMAPCO.

William Penn Music Boosters donation to marching band. Feels we should follow past practice and not donate.

Parks and Recreation reports from Eileen M. Baker. Complete review of park program given including special events and trips. Program ran from July 10<sup>th</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup>. Attendance up 20%. Closed three parks due to lack of participation (Bull Hill, Penn Valley, and Dobbinsville). Campers were switched to Battery Park.

Rebate from Delaware Solid Waste Authority increase of 200 tons from previous year. Rebate of \$45,834.87.

Arasapha Garden Club request for donation of \$1,000.00 for Christmas decorations.

Truitt, Sarnecki, and Associates did an independent audit of Municipal Service Commission is in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Copy on file in City office.

Paving schedule for 2003:

Connectiv would like to do some work on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Move the paving to Gray Street.

Work to be done on Delaware Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Move the paving to another street. Right of way with new policy, streets cannot be opened for five years. If Connectiv goes in they will replace street.

Mr. Reese – Introduces new police officer, Sean Hogan from Newark. Comes to City on October 2, 2002 after a two year contract with Newark. This is the second officer that was recommend by Annexation Commission.

Dr. Miller – How many police?

Mr. Reese – We have 17 police.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading and motion to adopt as an Ordinance of the Municipality. Ordinance #417 amending of Chapter #215 “Lines and Grades” upon the determination of the City Code Official that such an explanation is appropriate.**

Mr. Castagno read Ordinance #417.

Dr. Miller motioned to accept Ordinance #417. It was seconded by Mr. Reese. Motion passed unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Motion to adopt Resolution #2002-15 authorizing the placement of a stop sign at 4<sup>th</sup> and Harmony Street.**

Mr. DiAngelo read Resolution #2002-15.

Dr. Miller – Has anyone addressed foliage problem.

Mr. DiAngelo – Making a list of over grown areas.

Mr. Reese motioned to adopt Resolution #2002-15. It was seconded by Mr. DiAngelo. Motion passed unanimously.

**Bank Resolution in amount of \$29,538.00 to pay Green Gifford Fleet Service for purchase of two (2) 2002 Dodge Stratus for Public Safety Department.**

Dr. Miller read Bank Resolution.

Mr. Reese motioned to accept Bank Resolution. It was seconded by Mr. DiAngelo. Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Howard Chessin – Stop signs will help. Put yellow paint on curb – 15 feet from corner.

Chief McDerby – Anniversary service for September 11, 2002 will be held at St. Peter's at 9:30 a.m. All citizens are invited. Refreshments available through work of Mr. DiAngelo.

Charlotte Houben – No donation to William Penn Band. They march for Separation Day and receive a donation.

Flo Russell - \$30,000.00 for another study on a drainage problem.

Mr. Balascio – No other study has been done.

Mr. Martin – No study has ever been done due to lack of previous discussion regarding storm drainage issues. Washington Park revealed that the estimated cost for a study would be around 30,000.00.

Flo Russell – Any action from health inspector must be generated by a phone call.

Mr. Castagno – Response is complaint driven. Will soon become proactive.

Harry Welsh – Trash in River (telephone poles, tons of plastic). Get EPA to look into this problem.

Mr. Martin – Years ago a bad storm washed a propane tank to shore at Bull Hill. Traced the object back to the Delaware Water Gap. The bend in river causes trash to be trapped. A clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, September 14, 2002.

Harry Welsh – DNREC must stop pollution. Find out why this trash is on our beaches. What about fence on Wharf.

Mr. Castagno – When Delaware City gets a new fence New Castle will get their fence.

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Harry Welsh – Who owns Farmer's Marker? What about construction at Quigley Boulevard.

Mr. Castagno – Plans are in Mr. Martin's office. Trustees own the land.

Mr. Reese – Dance at Wharf was very nice. Fireworks were good.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Dr. Miller. It was seconded by Mr. Reese. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Toner  
City Clerk