

Commissioner's Meeting  
December 14, 1992  
7 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Slater.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved and dispensed from the reading by Commissioner Crockett. Second by Commissioner Rizzo.

The approval of bills was motioned by Commissioner Torbert. Second by Commissioner Royal.

Second reading of the Ordinance providing for rules & regulations, in reference to the use of public sewers in the Town of Bridgeville (copies of the first reading were made available to the public, upon request.) was dispensed from the reading by President Slater, due to the extensive content. Motion to ~~except~~ <sup>accept</sup> this reading was made by Commissioner Rizzo and Second by Commissioner Royal.

Mr. Robert Stickles, County Administrator, discussed the proposed project for a sewer line down Route U.S. 13, copies are attached, motion was made by Commissioner Rizzo to support the counties efforts concerning the possibility of a sewer line down Route U.S. 13. Second by Commissioner Crockett.

Hans Meldlarz, Town Engineer, of Davis, Bowen, & Freidel; along with Annie Williams discussed the need to revise permits & application forms for Waste Hauler & Industrial Waste water discharge Permits to conform to new rules & regulations. They ask authorization from the Commissioners to proceed to finalize new Waste Haulers permits, to prepare new draft IWDP permit for RAPA and to prepare draft IWDP permit for Nanticoke Homes. A meeting will be held in (60) days to discuss the problems in detail. In the meantime the Commissioners are asked to submit a letter to Nanticoke Homes with their concerns & suggestions about the proposed revitalization. Motion to approve these efforts was made by Commissioner Rizzo. Second by Commissioner Royal.

Hans Meldlarz also summarized the need for the Town of Bridgeville, as a community, to take a second look at the Water/Sewer referendum. A meeting to approve or disapprove the referendum proposing the borrowing by the Commissioners of the Town of Bridgeville a sum not to exceed Two Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ( 2,500,00.00 ) to provide funds for modifications & improvements to the sanitary sewer treatment system and the water system, including the purchase of equipment and the construction of facilities and all other necessary related matters associated with this project. The borrowing will be secure by a bond issued, along with the Grant application and/or other financial obligations. A vote to adopt the resolution will be included in the meeting scheduled to be held on Saturday, February 20, 1993.

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Rhoda Millman - Submitted for approval, a request to split and obtain separate deeds for the property she has purchased on Cedar Street, in the Town of Bridgeville. Lot 22 is the property in question, President Slater advised Mrs. Millman that the Commissioners would have to go through the Board of Adjustments to see if this could be allowed by the property laws.

Barbara Chaffinch - Asked if in the future there would be the possibility of a non-resident property owner to be elected to a Commissioner seat at large; it was Mrs. Chaffinch's request that this be done before the next Charter of Election. President Slater said that a Charter change must first be approved by the appropriate representatives. Commissioner Rizzo motioned to look into the possibilities. Commissioner Royal seconded the motion. President Slater motioned for a " Hand Vote ", by a show of raised hands, Commissioners Crockett, Rizzo, Torbert, & Royal voted - Yes President Slater voted - No, by rising his hand as well.

Raymond Stichnick - viewed concerns about annexation, presented a petition stating that 80% of the people on Route 17 did not want to ~~anent~~ into the Town of Bridgeville. They felt they were not informed of the referendum meetings and also felt that was not fair to them.

President Slater explained that if they did not want to be <sup>ANNEXED</sup> ~~ananted~~ on Sewer/Water that it was no problem.

President Slater further explained that there was no reason to inform them about the referendum meeting, because they were not part of the Town. They gave the indication that they would invite the Commissioners to a meeting, so they could further explain the annexation. They were also concerned with the impact fee that the Town would charge them. President Slater stated that it hadn't been discussed yet.

Commissioner Charles Royal - Regarding the Street boundary lines and Funds for Street Aid . He has <sup>2c</sup> ~~ex~~cepted several bids from contractors to repair pot holes in the Town of Bridgeville. President Slater asked him to go ahead with his plans to repair the streets, by determining which streets needed attention first & to issue funds approved to the lowest bidder with reputable working abilities.

Town Manager Report - Handley Orr received a request from Mr. Tull to have a sewer line hooked up at the Town line, located at Andy's Diner. He asked that it be installed within the next few months. Motion to ~~except~~ <sup>2c</sup> this request was made by Commissioner Rizzo. Second by Commissioner Crockett.

Commissioner Crockett - gave the police report.

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Commissioner Torbert - Water Dept. Report - 3,166,000 gallons of water was used.  
1 - Fire Hydrant .  
repaired  
1 - new water service  
4 - leak repaired  
1 - meter pit  
replacement

Commissioner Rizzo - Greenwood's third billing was billed out - waiting for payment from Greenwood.

President Slater - Received a letter from Mrs. Evans, concerning a re-zoning request, the letter was read and will be forwarded to the Board of Adjustments. Election information was also given.

Alderman Report is attached.

Citizen's Privilege:

Concerns about Sewer and Water on Route 17 was raised by Ella Purnell, Rev. Pierre Parsons, and V. West. Hans gave a report.

Barbara Chaffinch asked for a clarification of Grant moneys; Hans gave an explanation.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Rizzo.  
Second by Commissioner Royal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Royal  
Secretary

## CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST

**Proposed Project Name:** Route 13 Sewer Planning Study

**Submitted by:** Sussex County Council

### a. Cost:

The proposed cost is \$250,000. The estimate is based on the size of the area and the number of municipally operated treatment plants. Sussex County completed a planning study in 1990 for the South Coastal Planning area at a cost of \$174,200.

	State Funds Appropriated and Requested	Capital Funds <u>Federal</u>	From Other Sources, <u>Other*</u>
FY 1994	\$150,000	\$0	\$50,000
FY 1995	\$0	\$0	\$50,000

\*Sussex County

### b. Background Data, Key Objectives and Strategies:

The area drained by the Nanticoke River includes a large portion of western Sussex County. It is an area that is coming under increased development pressure. The area is bisected by State of Delaware Route 13. Along its path are located many of Sussex County's municipalities. The areas around these municipalities is largely undeveloped making them attractive for future use. Areas along Route 13 in the vicinity of several of the municipalities is zoned commercial and are readily available for development.

The proposed study would provide a sewer master plan for the area. It would identify areas where central sewer should be provided as development increases, and areas where on-site systems will accommodate the wastewater needs. The development of a sewer master plan would have a beneficial impact on the economy and environment of the area.

This project would complement the Nanticoke River Estuary initiative started by the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) on April 10, 1990.

A proposed scope of work is attached.

### c: Consequences of Not Funding:

Commercial development may be limited along the Route 13 corridor because of the lack of sewer infrastructure. Over 700 jobs have been lost to neighboring states because of the lack of these facilities.

If commercial and residential development continues along the Route 13 corridor without benefit of sewer infrastructure, a septic moratorium may be imposed in the area similar to the one imposed by DNREC on December 29, 1989 for the Route One corridor west of Rehoboth Beach.

## ROUTE 13 SEWER PLANNING STUDY

### SCOPE OF WORK

1. Plan of Study
  - a. Create overlay of planning parameters on 24" x 36" map.
  - b. Address Quality of Life Bills.
  - c. Provide 30 copies of Report.
2. Review Capacity Within Blades Sanitary Sewer District
  - a. Project ultimate wastewater flows pertaining to existing zoning.
  - b. Determine capacity of existing sewerage lines and pump stations and identify critical points.
  - c. Quantify excess capacity apparent within the system.
  - d. Identify potential connection points for undeveloped parcels.
3. Evaluate Planning Area Needs
  - a. Inventory Current Conditions
    - 1) Identify proposed and existing municipal wastewater collection and treatment systems (i.e. Bridgeville, Greenwood, Seaford, Laurel, and Delmar).
    - 2) Identify plans for annexation by Bridgeville, Greenwood, Seaford, Laurel, and Delmar.
    - 3) Review existing planning studies and preliminary engineering reports.
    - 4) Identify proposed and existing private wastewater collection and treatment systems.
    - 5) Review suitability of soils for septic systems.
    - 6) Catalog number and location of failing systems.
    - 7) Catalog number, type and location of on-site systems being installed.
    - 8) Identify existing development.
    - 9) Identify platted and proposed, but undeveloped subdivisions.

- 10) Identify State and Federal Wetlands and critical natural areas.
- 11) Catalog areas requesting sewer service.
- 12) Identify existing zoning and related densities.
- 13) Review water quality in and around study area.
- 14) Identify existing County ordinances and State Laws governing provision of sewer service.

b. Project Future Conditions

- 1) Development trends.
- 2) Population growth.
- 3) Land Use trends.
- 4) Type of on-site systems.
- 5) Coordinate with Sussex County's Land Use Plans.

c. Review of future funding alternatives

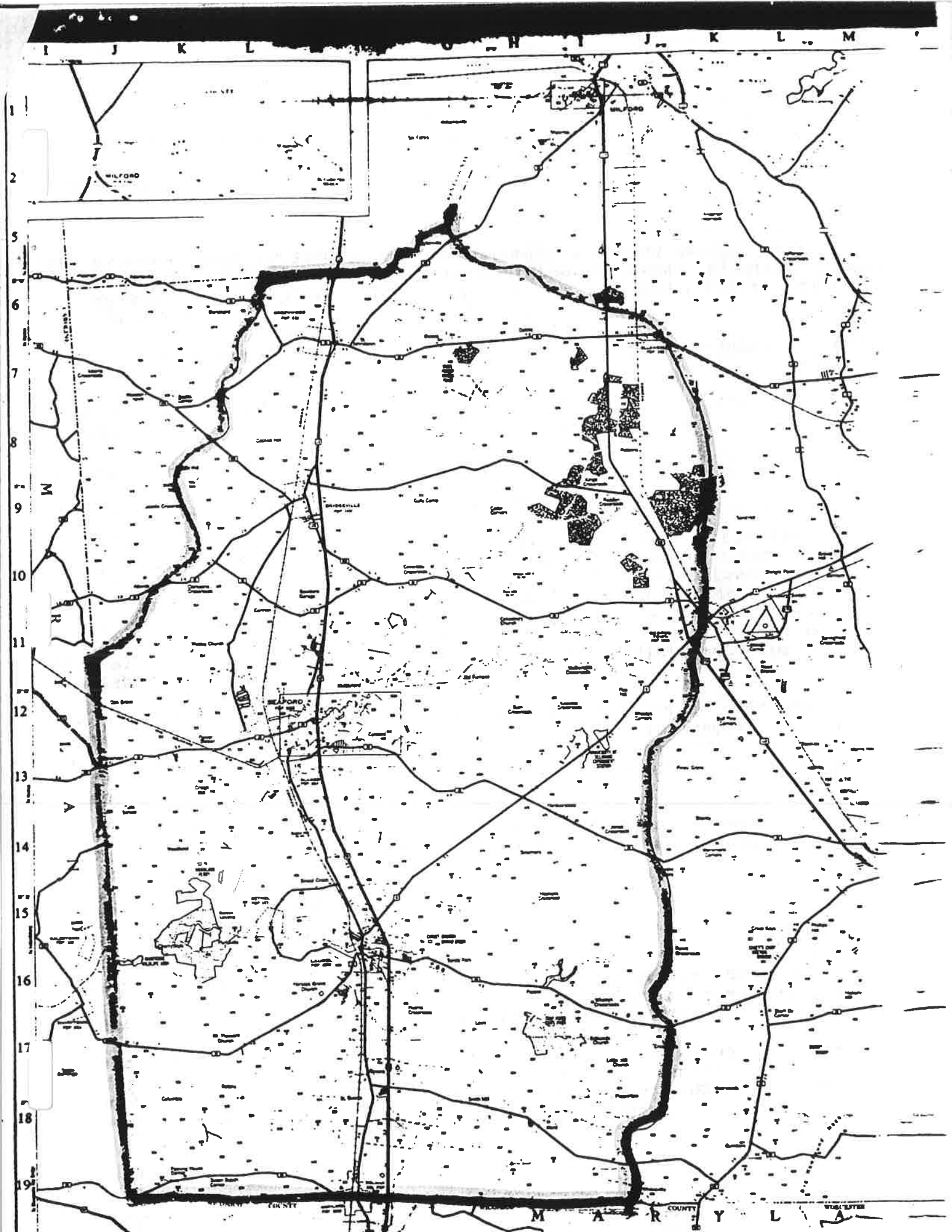
4. Develop Regional Sanitary Plan

- a. Five, 10, 15, and 20 years.
- b. Evaluate cost effectiveness.
  - 1) Present Worth Evaluation (on-site vs. central).
  - 2) Approximate costs for future service areas.
- c. Identify and estimate costs of small community systems suitable for rural western Sussex County.
- d. Integrate costs for future service areas.
- e. Identify land requirements for future treatment and disposal facilities.

5. Recommendations and Conclusions

- a. Establish priority systems for establishing near-term service areas to provide for routine updating.
- b. Guidance for sewer extensions.
  - 1) Construction.
  - 2) Funding.

- c. Propose changes to County Ordinances necessary for implementing a plan, or propose new ordinances.
- d. Prioritize service areas.
- e. Propose changes to planning area boundaries.
- f. Recommend small community systems suitable for area.





Executive Session  
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6 p.m.

Attending - President Bob Slater  
Commissioner Chuck Royal  
Commissioner Al Rizzo  
Commissioner George Torbert  
Commissioner Gene Crockett

- (1.) Discussed Christmas Dinner
- (2.) Discussed Christmas Bonus for employees
- (3.) Discussed Property on Cedar Street - Rhoda Millman
- (4.) Discussed selling old Police Station

Meeting was adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Royal  
Secretary

Dec. 28, 1992

Executive Session

Commissioners of Bridgeville, De

Agenda

1--Harrington's City Manager Mayor and Council met with Bridgeville Commissioners, City Manager and our Plant Operator to discuss a Partner-ship or sharing our operator with Harrington.

2--This meeting was called to talk about helping Harrington with their Sewer Plant.

Meeting adjourned 9 p.m.

Sec. Chuck Royal