

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
November 10th, 2015
SEAFORD CITY HALL - 414 HIGH STREET

- 7:00 P.M.** - Mayor David Genshaw calls the Regular Meeting to Order.
- Invocation
 - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
 - Changes to agenda for this meeting.
 - Approval of minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 27, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE:

7:05 P.M. Public Hearing:

1. Mr. Brad Whaley, Director Sussex County Community Development and Housing to present information on the 2016 Community Development Block Grant application process for qualified applicants to obtain residential owner occupied improvements.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Property Tax Adjustment and refund request from David Cohen, MD; regarding his property located at 225 Bethany Drive, Seaford, DE 19973.

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

REMINDER OF MEETINGS & SETTING NEW MEETINGS:

1. Veterans Day Ceremony; Kiwanis Park November 11th, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.
2. Nanticoke Memorial Hospital Tribute Dinner November 12th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.; Heritage Shores.
3. Nanticoke Memorial Hospital Mears Campus Open House & Dedication Ceremony; 2:00 p.m. November 13th, 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Police & Fire - Councilwoman Leanne Phillips-Lowe**
2. **Administration - Councilman H. William Mulvaney III**
3. **Parks and Recreation - Councilman Orlando Holland**
4. **Operations Committee - Councilman Dan Henderson**
5. **Electric - Councilwoman Peterson**

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Mayor Genshaw solicits a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting.

**NOTE: Agenda shall be subject to change to include or delete
Additional items (including executive session) which arise at the time of the
meeting. (29 Del. C. S1004 (e) (3))**

NB # 1

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHARLES ANDERSON, ACM
FROM: JUNE MERRITT, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
SUBJECT: COHEN TAX APPEAL
DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2015

Please see the attached correspondence between David R. Hickey and David W. Cohen, M.D. Mr. Hickey has amended the total assessed value of Dr. Cohen's property, located at 225 Bethany Drive, Seaford, DE 19973. The amendment is based on errors in the total square footage of the dwelling unit. Based on this amendment due to errors Dr. Cohen is requesting a refund of taxes that he paid in FY 2015 and FY 2016.

If you should decide to refund based on the assessment errors, the total amount to be refunded is \$245.37, which is \$64.33 for the FY 2015 tax year and \$181.04 for the FY 2016 tax year.

Ms. Sharon Drugash
Tax Department
City of Seaford
414 High Street
PO Box 1100
Seaford, DE 19973

October 21, 2015

Re:

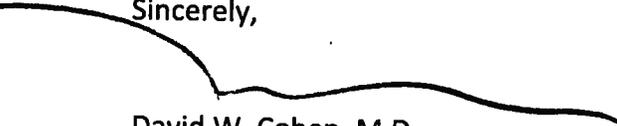
Property ID SFRD-6812
Dear Ms. Drugash:

I am in receipt of a letter dated October 14, 2015 from Mr. David R. Hickey of PTA/DelVal, Inc. indicating the correction of prior issues and revealing the true assessment of my home.

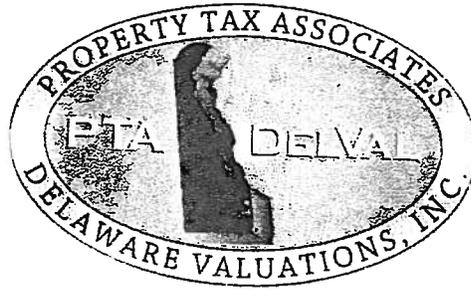
With this, I assume I will receive updated paperwork and a refund from taxes paid August, 2014 and August, 2015.

I thank you for your prompt response.

Sincerely,



David W. Cohen, M.D
225 Bethany Drive
Seaford, DE 19973
302-990-5691



October 14, 2015

Dr. David W. Cohen, M.D.
225 Bethany Drive
Seaford, DE 19973

Re: Tax Assessment 225 Bethany Dr.

Dear Dr. Cohen,

I apologize for the tardiness of getting back to you. Since my last letter of June 30th, I was involved in a serious traffic accident and am just now getting back up to speed. As you know, I had one of my senior assessors go to your property and physically re-measure the exterior. Coupling this with information gleaned from the appraisal you provided performed by Andrea Douds of A&R Appraisals LLC which gave us a more detailed idea as to the correct amount of living area existing on your upper floor we have adjusted the assessment of your property to \$273,800. The Douds appraisal indicates that your dwelling has approximately 2,104 sf with 1,080 sf on the first floor and 1,024 sf on the second floor. Taking that information into consideration and rounding our upper floor square footage to adjust for minor differences we have arrived at an adjusted total living area of 2,071 sf.

I am attaching a copy of this adjusted assessment sheet for your information.

I hope this will resolve this matter and again I apologize for the length of time it has taken me to respond to you.

Respectfully,

David R. Hickey
Certified General Real Estate Appraiser
PTA/DelVal, Inc.

Cc: City of Seaford

	FY 2015 TAX YEAR		FY 2016 TAX YEAR		
	7/1/2014	10/1/2014	7/1/2015	10/15/2015	
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Land Value	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	
Improvement Value	0	349,400	257,200	198,800	
Total Property Value	75,000	424,400	332,200	273,800	
Tax Rate per \$100 Assessed Value	0.31	0.31	0.31		
Tax Bill - Land	232.50		232.50		
Tax Bill - Improvement		812.36 *	797.32		
Refund based on Tax Appeal		(285.82) **			
Total Taxes Paid	232.50	526.54	1,029.82		
Corrected Billings/Refunds	232.50	462.21	848.78		
TOTAL REFUND DUE TO CORRECTION	0.00	64.33	181.04		REFUND
					245.37

* 1st Qtr Supplemental Bill is billed at 75%

**Refund is incorrect, should have been on 75% of value not 100%