

OBSERVER CORPS REPORTING FORM

OBSERVED MEETING: COUNTY COUNCIL

DATE: OF MEETING: JAN. 2, 2024

OBSERVER: JACK YOUNG

FEATURE EVALUATED	YES	NO	COMMENTS
1. Did meeting start on time?	x		
2. Were all members present?	x		
3. Were members attentive?	x		
4. Did members ask relevant and probing questions?	x		
5. Were open-meetings laws observed?	x		
6. Were agenda and background packages made available before and at the meeting?	x		Available on Council website before the Meeting
7. Were all discussion items included in agenda?	x		
8. Were agenda items clearly described for discussion?	x		
9. Were agenda amendments made in a timely manner?			Not Applicable
10. Were any "Executive Sessions" called?		x	
11. Were any non-agenda items discussed?		x	
12. Were members courteous to each other and the public?	x		
13. Did any items appear to have been discussed prior to the meeting?		x	
14. Did anyone testify at the public hearing segment of the meeting and was there an adequate opportunity for public input provided?	x		Representative of State Department of Education (DOE) on Voluntary School Assessment (VSA). Citizens experiencing flooding due to destruction of buffers.
15. Were public comments taken into consideration in the decisions made?			No decisions made
16. Did any member recuse themselves during the meeting? For what reason?		x	

During the meeting what issues of importance to the County and League were considered ? (Describe in less 200 words. –Use the back if necessary)

Presentation on adoption of VSA for Sussex County. VSA provided for in 14 Del. C. § 103 and used in New Castle County. VSA requires developers to contribute to school construction costs on the estimated additional students due to the development. Recent legislation, 9 Del. C. § 6961 allows Sussex County to enact a VSA for the County.

What action should LWVSCDE consider in light of the matters considered at this meeting? Monitor VSA ordinance development for Sussex County.