RESOLUTION 18-02

RESOLUTION PROPOSING THAT THE MAYOR REFER A MATTER TO THE STANDING ANNEXATION COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY CONTIGUOUS TO THE PRESENT SOUTHWESTERLY LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF MILLVILLE PRESENTLY OWNED BY THE ROBERT HOWARD HICKMAN REVOCABLE TRUST, IDENTIFIED AS SUSSEX COUNTY TAX MAP AND PARCEL NUMBERS 134-12.00-394.00 AND 134-12.00-394.04 (TOTALING 31.32+/- ACRES); AND

TO AMEND TO ZONING MAP AND ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MILLVILLE TO INCLUDE SAID TERRITORY IN THE RESIDENTIAL (R) DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Town of Millville has received from the property owner, with at the direction of the equitable owner of the property, Howard Robert Hickman Revocable Trust and Dr. James W. Schiff, a written petition for annexation into the Town for 31.32+/- acres of land, located contiguous to the existing southwesterly incorporated limits of the Town of Millville, identified as Sussex County Tax Map and Parcel Numbers 134-12.00-394.00 and 134-12.00-394.04; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the Town of Millville requires that the Mayor appoint a Committee composed of not less than three (3) of the elected members of the Town Council to investigate the possibility of annexation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Millville has a standing Annexation Committee previously appointed by the Mayor of the Town of Millville for the purpose of reviewing and investigating the possibility of any annexation petitions submitted to the Town of Millville; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Millville re-appointed the standing Annexation Committee on April 11, 2017 for the Committee to investigate the petition;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Town Council of the Town of Millville that the standing Annexation Committee investigate the possibility of annexing lands owned, now or formerly, by the Robert Howard Hickman Revocable Trust, totaling 31.32+/- acres of land, located contiguous to the existing southwesterly incorporated limits of the Town of Millville, identified as Sussex County Tax Map and Parcel Numbers 134-12.00-394.00 and 134-12.00-394.04, and to submit a report to the Town Council not later than September 11, 2017 (90 days from June 11, 2017), setting forth its findings and conclusions, including the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed annexation both to the Town of Millville and to the territory proposed for annexation, setting forth a plan of services indicating those services the Town of Millville expects to provide to the territory, how such services will be provided, and the fiscal and operating capabilities of the municipality to provide such services, and setting forth the recommendation of the Committee whether the Mayor and Town Council shall proceed with the proposed annexation and the reasons therefor.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager be and is hereby directed to send a copy of said request for annexation to the Office of State Planning Coordination, Dover, Delaware 19901, for response;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager be and is hereby directed to send a copy of said request for annexation to Sussex County for comment;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after notice to the Office of State Planning Coordination and Sussex County, the Town Council may establish a date and time for a public hearing upon said annexation request and provide a comment period of at least 30 days prior to formal annexation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED said territory shall be considered for annexation as part of the Residential (R) District, which is consistent with the most recently adopted Comprehensive Plan.

I, Valerie Faden, Secretary of the Town Council of the Town of Millville, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Millville at its meeting held on June 13, 2017, at which a quorum was present and voting throughout and that the same is still in full force and effect.

SECRETARY