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140 Minutes of the Lewes Town Council
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220 1818-1830, 1855-1985, 1997-2019
241 8.62 cf
241 7 loose volumes, 3 volumes in 0.47 box, and 14 rolls of microfilm, 7 @ 1.26
261 The official proceedings of the meetings of the town (later, city) council
of Lewes. Later volumes also include board of adjustment meeting minutes,
extracts and recommendations from the planning and zoning commission
meetings, and public hearing minutes. Earliest minutes include by-laws.
27X The minutes of Lewes reflect the growth of the town into a city and the
development of the area into a recreational center for the state.
Generally, information provided by the minute books includes dates and
places of meetings; members in attendance (after 1879); business discussed;
resolutions; ordinances and amendments thereto; time of adjournment; date
and place of next meeting; and signature of the secretary. After 1879 the
minutes record approval given to pay submitted bills. By the late 1890's a
list of allowed bills broken down by name, reason for billing, and amount
due was read into minutes of each meeting. Twentieth century minute volumes
include letters directed to the council, memos, state municipal agreements
for social security and federal old age and survivors' insurance, overdue
tax notices, notices of intent to run for office which include signatures of
freeholders supporting candidacy, petitions, and resolutions. Additionally,
late twentieth century minutes include photographs of buildings, plots,
oaths of office, extracts and recommendations for the city council from the
Lewes Planning Commission, budgets, and legal advice.

Interfiled with these later minutes are the minutes of monthly meetings of
the board of adjustment and any public hearings. In addition to standard
minute information, entries of these proceedings include names of guests
present; purpose of hearing or meeting (i.e., amendment of zoning
ordinances; permission to add a porch onto a house; placement of house on
lot); discussion of and evidence supporting or denying proposal; motion
and/or resolution on proposal; adjournment time; and signature of secretary.

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330 Arranged chronologically.
331 No index.
332 Handwritten to 1952, typed thereafter
350 14 rolls 35mm. for 1871-1995
360 Good to poor condition with acid and storage damage; booklets bound in
cardboard enclosures.

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