



**MINUTES  
COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP  
February 15, 2018 – 5:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by President Pat Correll. Present: Commissioners Tom Carey, Sharon McDowell, Tim Banks, Lawrence Tassone [arrived at 5:06pm] Town Manager Jesse Savage, Solicitor Dennis Schrader and Solicitor Ross Karsnitz.

**II. QUORUM PRESENT**

President Correll reported a quorum was present to discuss Bridgeville Town business.

**III. OPEN DISCUSSION**

**A. Proposed Amendment to the Contractor License Ordinance**

Town Manager Savage discussed the proposed amendment to the Contractor's License with the Commissioners. The effort is to try to get rid of the gray area in the current Code. Also, it is also being proposed to increase the annual fee from \$50 to \$100 starting in 2019.

President Correll asked about the regulation of having the applicant verify the US Citizenship of their employees. Town Manager Savage stated that the Town does not go around checking on the immigration status of any company's employees. However, if the Town finds out about that a company is employing illegal immigrants, by Code, they would not be allowed to work in the Town of Bridgeville.

**B. 2018 Municipal Election Update**

Town manager Savage gave the Commissioners an update on the 2018 Municipal Election.

Commissioner Banks stated he has an issue with the voter registration deadline. He stated that when he ran two years ago for his office, the deadlines were different. Town Manager Savage stated that the Voter Registration Deadline was different not the Candidate Filing Deadline, it has continued to be the 28 day deadline. Commissioner Banks stated that two years ago the Voter Registration Deadline was only 10 days before the election and that there was at least one evening where people could come in and register but that this year was different. Commissioner Banks stated that when Mr. Flowers asked him when the Voters Registration deadline was he told him it was about 2 weeks before the deadline and that he did not realize it had changed. Town Manager Savage stated that in 2017 the State Code changed to allow for a no more than 30 day in advance deadline for Voter Registration. Town Manager Savage stated that the Town has used the maximum number of days in the past. He stated that going forward, it can be whatever

the Commission wants to set it at. Solicitor Schrader stated that when you do a Municipal election there are so many moving parts that have different deadlines and it is complicated. Solicitor Schrader stated that the State Code did change effective January 1, 2017 and that last year the Election was uncontested. Mr. Kenny McDowell stated that it says not more than 30 and some municipalities do it only 5 or 10 days out. Mr. McDowell stated that legally the Town is within their legal limits. Commissioner Banks stated that voting means a lot to him. Town Manager Savage stated that Registration is not closed it is open all year long but if they registered after the deadline they cannot vote in this election. Commissioner Tassone stated that if you look at the number of people who have registered to vote, it is not a high priority to them in that district because they all got the same information. Commissioner Carey stated that they have known there was an election coming up and they knew they had to be registered to vote even if they did not know who the candidates were yet. Commissioner Banks asks if they cannot do anything this year, that for next year's Election be changed back to the 10 day deadline. President Correll stated that one of the Candidates knew he was going to run two years ago and could have had been getting his residents to come in to Town Hall to register to vote for this election. Commissioner Carey proposed advertising to the residents to come and get registered year around. Town Manager Savage stated that the Town did not do an evening this year because normally no one comes but if someone calls and asks to come in after hours to register, the Town would have made the arrangements. Solicitor Schrader proposed putting together a schedule for that year's upcoming election and making a lot of noise about coming in to register year around. Commissioner Banks asked to go back to two weeks before or 10 days. Town Manager stated that a Resolution can be done every year with an Election Calendar that shows deadlines and guidelines.

#### **C. MISCELLANEOUS**

Town Manager Savage stated that for the Board of Adjustment appointments, there has only been one application received but there are still more needed.

#### **IV. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn – Tassone; 2<sup>nd</sup> – McDowell; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lawrence Tassone, Commission Secretary

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Ashley Walls, Transcriptionist