

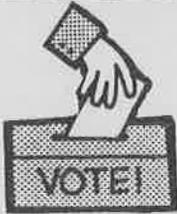
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COMMISSIONER

ELECTION

JANUARY 13, 2001

The election for new Commissioners will take place on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2001** from 12:00 noon until 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall.

There were three positions available.

* One seat for a one year term

* Two seats are for two year terms

The deadline for candidates filing for the positions was December 15th.

The following candidates filed for the seats indicated:

One Year Term: Pat Correll

Two Year Term: Jack Dalton
Joe Conaway
Wm. Jefferson

The election will be held for the two, two year terms:

All residents who wish to vote in the Town Election **MUST** be registered by **JANUARY 3, 2001**. Office hours at the Town Hall are from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call Alma or Watha at the Town Hall, 337-7135.

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REMINDER: TOWN OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
DECEMBER 25 & 26

AND

JANUARY 1, 2001



ON A WINTER' AFTERNOON

I took a walk this afternoon,
I had to go and see
The world of white that winter's
hands

Had fashioned just for me.
Alone, beneath the somber skies,
I felt the silent spell,
And I beheld a fairyland,
As feathered snowflakes fell.

Across a little wooden bridge,
My footprints in the snow
Left little tracks that clearly told
Which way I meant to go,
With eyes alight and cheeks a flame,
I climbed the nearest hill....
And on the threshold of such joy
My heart grew hushed and still.

The glistening white cathedral
Of the forest towered high,
And I, a humble worshiper,
Sensed God was passing by,
I do not know what happened,
But I am not the same....
And I went home a better soul
Than when I came.

(Grace Easley)

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THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS AND THE
EMPLOYEES WISH EVERYONE A VERY
JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON AND A
BRIGHT AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSION MEETINGS:**OCTOBER 9, 2000:**

- There were 148 traffic arrests and 22 criminal arrests.
- The average daily wastewater flow was .211 million gallons.
- The total monthly flow was 6.315 million gallons.
- There were two septic haulers for a revenue of \$2,356.
- Generator repair work at the WWTP will start in a few weeks. Total cost for the overhaul \$6,500.
- Commissioner Sipple reported sidewalk repairs will begin soon thanks to Rep. Ben Ewing.
- The Boot Camp Workers did a great job cleaning the town up before Apple-Scrapple.
- Water supplied for the month was 3,643,000 gallons. The average daily water supplied was 126,000 gallons.
- Commissioners approved Ord: #1-2000 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO GARBAGE AND REFUSE COLLECTION. The contract was awarded to Superior Sanitation Serv. of Delamarva, LLC. More info will follow next month.
- Dr. Rajan Sood from the Bowie Medical Practice is interested in renting the upstairs portion of the town hall.
- Commissioner Singman reported new computers have been installed in all police vehicles.
- President Dalton will be attending a "State of the State Town Hall Mtg. on Underage Drinking and Related Issues" on Thursday, October 9th in Newark, D.
- Commissioner Singman reminded everyone that on Saturday, Oct. 14th, Market Street will be closed to traffic from 6:00 am until 6:00 pm. for the festival.
- The Community Block Grant Program hearing is scheduled for Nov. 13, 2000 during the regular meeting of the Commission.
- Commissioner Singman stated there are still a lot of on-going problems at the high school with gang-type activities.

OCT. MINUTES-cont'd

- President Dalton will be attending a meeting on Monday, Nov. 13, 2000, in Seaford pertaining to the regional planning in Sussex County.

NOVEMBER 13, 2000:

- Mr. Al Phillips from the Community Development Block Grant Program presented the grant funding requirements. The last eight years of the program has allotted \$531,825 (55 homes) for our area.
- There were 103 traffic arrests for the month of October and 16 criminal arrests.
- The officers will be wearing new uniforms purchased from grant money.
- The average daily wastewater flow was .186 million gallons.
- The WWTP has been 25 consecutive months without a NPDES violation.
- There were two septic haulers for a revenue of \$1,694.
- Cannon Cold Storage is continuing with construction to upgrade their pretreatment facility.
- The WWTP auxiliary generator radiator has been repaired and is back on line.
- Wastewater Commissioner Greason will be meeting with Greenwood officials to discuss the Bridgeville/Greenwood Agreement.
- The daily water supplied was 130,000 gallons.
- Hydrants will be flushed daily and tested for free chlorine.
- Shea's Concrete has been awarded the contract for repairs of sidewalks in Town.
- The community trash collection began on November 20th. Anyone who would like to sign up, must submit their blue form. The monthly cost will be added to the monthly water/sewer bill.
- Motion was made to table the Town hall lease discussion until all questions have been answered.
- President Dalton and the town's attorney are still working on the flood area insurance program.



MINUTES-cont'dNOVEMBER

- Commissioners accepted the septic hauler application from Donald Jones for 2001.
- Deadline for candidates to file for any Commission position is Friday, December 15, 2000 at noon. Filing deadline for citizens to register to vote is January 3, 2001.
- A special meeting is scheduled for Nov. 27, 2000 to discuss the new resolution pertaining to the plaza sewer line rates.
- Dr. Kevin Carson informed the Commissioners of the positive things happening at the Woodbridge School.

DECEMBER 11, 2000:

- There were 107 traffic arrests with 10 criminal arrests. Trucks stopped during month was one.
- Average daily wastewater flow was .187 million gallons.
- There three septic haulers for a revenue of \$2,412.
- Common Cold Storage pretreatment improvement construction recently got underway.
- The WWTP passed the annual EPA required DMR Quality Assurance test.
- Water supplied for the month was 3,876,000 gallons.
- The control panel for the water dept. needs to be moved to a secure location (presently in Town Hall) where it will be readily accessible by personnel when part of the Town Hall becomes rented out to a doctor.
- Sidewalk replacements started the week of December 11th.
- The second reading was presented pertaining to the sewer impact fees. Ord. No. 2-00 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 128 OF THE CODE OF BRIDGEVILLE RELATING TO FEES. Ordinance was approved unanimously as presented.
- The lease agreement between Dr. Sood and the Commissioners to rent part of the Town Hall will be signed this week.
- The re-organizational meeting in January will be held on January 15, 2001 after the election on January 13.

-Discussion was held on allowing three county vehicles to park in one of the public parking areas in the evenings. No decision was made.

-Mr. Vernon Grice presented his ideas for an art facility in our community

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NOTES FROM
COMMISSIONER GREASON



We've arrived at the end of the first year that begins with a '2', the holidays and that time when we give thanks for the year that has passed. I truly hope this has been a great year for all, this 'Y2K', and look forward to the next. I know Margaret and I are encouraged about the coming year, not only for us personally, but also for our Town.

The Town pays off some long-standing debt in the coming fiscal year, and we can look forward to some new businesses coming to Town. These events should ease our financial burden quite a bit. We've seen improvements in our Town this year, and more are in the works. Our Town's Comprehensive Plan is coming along with another meeting planned for January.

We have an election coming up that could make a big difference in our Town. I look forward to hearing from candidates regarding their positions: on taxes (since I have to payem' too) the future of our police department, sewer treatment plant and the Nanticoke Watershed issues, future development in our Town; for just a few. I still haven't heard what plans they have for my community, so I know if I agree with them or not. Anyway, I look forward to the largest participation, and to see Bridgeville choose our future.

My family and I are grateful for the experience of living in our community, and for the opportunity to serve here. From all of us: Margaret Ann, myself and the kids, Seth, Timmy, Annette and Lydia, we wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season and the best in the New Year.

FROM THE
PRESIDENT'S DESK



When I was elected to this position two years ago I told you I wanted to lessen the tax burden on our citizens by broadening our tax base. We felt that could be done if we took advantage of the projected growth for the county, and the fact that the state was mandating that development would be located next to "Town Centers" where services are available.

We soon found there were two major obstacles in our way. Number one, the Wastewater Plant we had up-graded to standards the state said would be good until the year 2020, and cost us four million dollars, would not meet the new TMDL levels. Number two, DELDOT would not allow new entrances along Route 13, stripping families of the right to develop their property.

The pollution problem facing Delaware was not caused by the Towns in Sussex County which have always had treatment systems, but because we are point source suppliers of nutrients we can be identified and made to up-grade our systems. Bridgeville faces a cost of six million dollars to come into compliance. Unlike those who say, "we should plan for wastewater improvements that will be required of us, not hope for relief from other governments". I think that it is a regional problem that should not be placed on the backs of the residents of towns to solve. I have been named by SCAT (Sussex County Association of Towns) along with Dan Short, Mayor of Seaford, and Sam Cooper, Mayor of Rehoboth, to take this matter to the State. We made agreements with the State when we upgraded our systems and we will hold them to keeping their word to us.

Although we agree that DELDOT needs to provide for the North/South traffic through the state, the denial of entrances on Rt. 13 was unacceptable. Trinity Transport was prohibited from selling two lots on their property because DELDOT refused to grant an entrance. The Passwaters family was

turned down on their request for entrances for a planned develop of their property. We worked with DELDOT to develop a plan that would provide for uninterrupted travel through the area but still allow for needed commercial development along the highway.

I have been named to the Public Advisory Committee of the Sussex County Long Range Transportation Plan Update to advise DELDOT on the transportation needs of the county as we move into the new century.

On the financial side. Yes, things are still tight, but we are on track to get back to where we were before we had that \$200,000 loan to pay back. Our accountant brags of the steps we have taken and says the Town is in the best shape he has seen. So if we stick to the basics of conversation, and plan properly for the development we know is coming to the area we will reap the benefits of the increase tax base. Already, we were able bring a new law office to Town, and we have just signed a lease on unused space in Town Hall to a medical practice that will bring a new Primary Care Physician and a Neurologist to Town.

I think it is important to mention what we don't have in Bridgeville as well. We don't have a trash transfer station and we don't have a half-way house for drug addicts on S. Main Street. We stood firmly against the trash facility that would have brought trash from all over the peninsula to be shipped out of Bridgeville. We worked with Tim Banks to work with the local churches to find a way the house left to him could be put to better use in the community than having a group home in that neighborhood.

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DEAR FELLOW CIITZENS OF BRIDGEVILLE.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank each and everyone of you for the privilege of serving theses past four years as your Town Commissioner.

I would like to personally thank Chief Parsons, Officer Wix and Manuszak, and Michael Dietz for their cooperation, dedication and loyal service to the citizens of this Town. I would also like to thank all of the part-time officers who, when needed, serviced our Town.

It would be remiss of me in my last days as Police Commissioner not to remind all the citizens that, while we have a budget problem, the solution has never been and will never be the dismantling of the Police Department. This department while being most notable in the eyes of many as only a traffic enforcement tool has none the less been responsible for maintaining law and order for all of us.

The way to relieve our budget problems is a realist look at our revenue shortfalls and not be reducing the size of the work force in this Town.

Again, thank you for your support. May you have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Charles Singman

KIWANIS NEWS.....

APPLE-SCRAPPLE HOME DECORATING WINNERS:

- 1st Place - Russ/Diana Chaney
- 2nd Place - Pat Correll
- 3rd Place - Betty Jane Steffen
- Honorable Mention:
- Ken/Sharon McDowell
- John/Dawn Tomeski
- Anna Hand
- Hannah Pusey

Congratulations to all! The Apple-Scrapple Committee sincerely thanks the members of the Kiwanis Club for sponsoring this festival event.

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**KIWANIS HOME
DECORATING CONTEST...**

The Bridgeville Kiwanis Club will again be sponsoring their home decorating contest. The three categories are:

- Best decorated home
 - Best decorated door
 - Best decorated home by a Kiwanian
- Judging will take place on Tuesday, December 26, 2000, 5:00 to 8:00 PM.

**WHAT WILL YOU FIND
ON YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE?**

1. Some baggage
2. Warm apparel
3. An act of courtesy
4. Found in the work-basket
5. One preceded by a letter
6. To waste with melancholy
7. Not the head office
8. Existing here now
9. Never sophisticated



ANSWERS: 1. trunk; 2. fir; 3. bough; 4. needle; 5. cone; 6. pine; 7. branch; 8. present; 9. evergreen

NUMBERS TO KNOW.....

- Town Hall 337-7135
- Wastewater Plant 337-7843
- Police Department 337-8302

Town Office open 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.



REMINDER

Sidewalks must be cleared of snow 24 hours after the last snowfall.

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WELCOME NEW HOMEOWNERS

- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holloway
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Collison
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Spenelli
Mark Hurd & Tiffany Cummings
Ms. Hannah Pusey
Mr. Thomas O. Jefferson
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Santee
Ms. Betty Jane Steffen and Mr. John Steffen

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

How time flies....the Town's newsletter is three years old! Our little paper "The Journal" is published four times a year, and we believe it brings to our community the news it needs to know. We would like to thank our sponsors who made it all possible. Area business people have supported our efforts all the way. Please support them by patronizing their businesses.

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Hark...the Holidays!

It's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas...and this word find is right in tune with Yuletide.

Among the cheerful earful of letters harmonized below are 24 words that echo with the sweet sounds of the season. Compose them by connecting letters up, down, diagonally and backward.

Word search grid containing letters for finding holiday-related words.

- ALLELUIA, ANGELS, BAND, BELLS, CAROL, CASH REGISTER, CHOIR, DRUMS, FEASTING, FIREPLACE, GREETINGS, HO HO HO, HORNS, JINGLE, LAUGHTER, MUSIC, ORGAN, PARTIES, PRAYER, STORIES, TOY TRAIN, WHISPER, WISHES, WRAPPINGS

DATES TO REMEMBER

- DECEMBER - 25 - Christmas Day, Office Closed (25/26)
January - 1 - New Years Day, Office Closed
3 - Final day to register for Town Election
13 - Commissioner Election, Noon to 7 PM
15 - Martin Luther King Day, Office Closed
15 - Reorganizational Mtg, 7 PM, Town Hall
February 12 - Commission Mtg, 7PM
March 12 - Commission Mtg. 7

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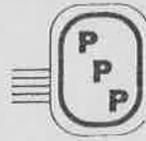
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