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2002 COMMISSION ELECTION

The election for new Commissioners was held on Saturday, January 12, 2002, at the Town Hall. A total of 159 residents participated at the polls.

Ms. Pat Correll ran unopposed for the one-year term while Mrs. Margaret Sipple and Mr. Earl Grason won the positions for the two-year terms. The carry-over Commissioners are Mr. Joe Conaway and Mr. Bill Jefferson. During the reorganizational meeting the following appointments were made:

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| President | Joe Conaway |
| Pres/Protem | Bill Jefferson |
| Secretary | Margaret Sipple |
| Treasurer | Watha Hostetler |
| Assistant Treas. | Alma Fleetwood |
| Town Solicitor | Dennis Schrader |
| Police | Bill Jefferson |
| Streets | Margaret Sipple |
| Water/Wastewater | Joe Conaway |
| | Pat Correll |
| | Earl Greason |

VOTER REGISTRATION: Any resident who would like to be eligible to vote in Town elections can register at the Town Hall from now until March, 2003. Must be eighteen years of age and present proof of residency. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. A person must be on "Book of Registered Voters" to be able to vote.

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THANK YOU FOR SPRING

I stepped outside my house today
And heard a robin sing.
His warble was a sure sign of
The coming of the spring.

I saw some pussy willows and
The crocus was in bloom;
Narcissus had awakened with
A bright yellow plume.

The daffodils were peaking through
The soil wet with dew.
I knew that very soon there'd be
Some more bright buds to view.

I slowly took a deep breath of
The clear refreshing air,
And said a little "thank you" to
Our God who put it there.

Eleanor C. Parker

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NEW BUSINESSES IN TOWN

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B'ville Police Dept.....337-8302

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES:**JANUARY 14, 2002:**

- There were 59 traffic arrests for the month of December. Two trucks stopped.
- Two septic haulers for a revenue of \$3,764.
- New roof installed on the WWTP main control building.
- Judge Paul Ellis administered the oath of office to the following: Pat Correll, Margaret Sipple and Earl Greason, Commissioners for 2002.
- Two arrests made pertaining to residents who were violating the Town Code on accumulating debris in yards.
- Commissioners signed the new Waste-water Discharge Permit for Cannon Cold Storage.
- Next "Fireside Chat" is scheduled for January 29, 2002.
- The Commission accepted a letter of request for annexation from Mr. Robert Rider (P.O.A. for Mr. Ralph Myer).
- The first reading of Ordinance #A02-1, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN FOR BRIDGEVILLE was introduced.
- President Conaway introduced the budget amendment.
- Commissioner Sipple received a \$100,000 grant to repair streets and sidewalks. Bid packages will be presented in the near future.
- The Commissioners voted to donate \$3,102 to the fireman for a new radio for the van.
- Discussion will be held at the February meeting regarding date and time of the Commission election.

FEBRUARY 11, 2002:

- Two septic haulers for a revenue of \$2,316.
- After inspection by DNREC, the WWTP remains a Level IV facility.
- There were 132 traffic arrests in January. Two trucks stopped.
- Citizen's Advisory Committee will meet on February 19, 2002 at the Town Hall. Reminder cards will be sent.
- Second reading and vote for the Ordinance #A02-1-Comprehensive Land

Use Plan was presented.

- Three property owners have requested annexation into the Town. All requirements have been met.
- Annexation Public Comment Meeting will be held on February 14, 2002, Town Hall, 7:00 PM.
- Annexation Referendum is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2002, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. All residents registered with the Town are eligible to vote.
- Officer Harry Litton has been hired full-time. Adam Coleman and Harvey Parker will be attending the March Police Academy. After graduation both will be employed by the Town.
- Commissioners voted to allow the 2002 Mosquito Control Project which will begin in the spring.
- Next "Fireside Chat" will be March 26, 2002. Everyone is welcome.
- It was decided to leave the second Saturday in January as the election day for the Commission Election. Tabled was the time change.

MARCH 11, 2002:

- There were two septic haulers for a revenue of \$2,024.
- There were 151 traffic arrests for the month of December. Two truck arrests.
- The First State Community Action Agency will hold their 5th Annual Senior Service Employment Job Fair on Thursday, April 4th at Del Tech.
- Mr. Fred Leger was appointed to Citizen's Advisory Committee.
- Commissioners voted to change the date and time of the general election for Commissioners. The change will be presented to the General Assembly for the following: The election will take place the first Saturday in March and the hours will be from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- Discussion was held on dilapidated houses and accumulated rubbish and unpaid taxes. An ordinance will be established that will enable the Commission to sell parcels that do not comply with Charter regulations.

MINUTES CONTINUED:

- Tax Appeal Day is scheduled for Sat., March 23, 2002-1-4 PM., Town Hall.
- Bids for the street improvement project were opened on February 28th. Project awarded to \$Jerry's Inc. of Milford, \$90,873. This project is funded through grant money.
- Employees health insurance will remain Blue Care Program through this budget year. Decision will have to be made for budget year 2003 as to what insurance plan would be best.
- Boot Campers will be in Town next week to help clean up the streets.

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CHRISTMAS NEWS.....

The results of the annual Christmas Home Decorating

contest:

- Best Door-Mr. and Mrs. Vic Williamson
 - Best Home-Mr. and John Campbell
 - Best Kiwanian-Rev. and Mrs. Gary Tulak
- The community extends their appreciation to the Kiwanis Club for sponsoring this yearly contest.

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NEW HOMEOWNERS IN TOWN

- Mr. Juan DeVillena
- Mr. David McCurly
- Mr. Robert McGrady
- Ms. Janice Kulp
- Mr. Matt Davis
- Ms. Laura Kitchen
- Mr. Curtis Trice
- Mr/Mrs. Gerald Gosch



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REMINDER: residents on the Town's Trash Collection-if you get missed on Thursday by the W/M truck, contact the Town Office early on Friday-most of the time can get truck back to Town to pick up missed toters.

DATES TO REMEMBER.....

- March 26 - "Fireside Chat", 7:00, Town Hall, Public Welcome
- 29 - Good Friday, Town Office Closed
- 31 - Easter Sunday
- APRIL 4 - Citizen's Advisory Mtg, 7:00, Town Hall
- 8 - Town Council Mtg, 7:00, Town Hall
- MAY 13 - Town Council Mtg, 7:00, Town Hall
- 27 - Memorial Day Observed, Town Office Closed
- 30 - Memorial Day

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Spring Fever Word Find

A TONIC sure to cure that first flush of spring yearnings is bottled up in this well-seasoned Word Find.

Spooned into the mix of letters below are 24 words (listed below left)

folks get an itch for come March. Start remedying the situation by connecting letters up, down, diagonally and backward.

- BASEBALL
- BIKES
- BIRDS
- BUDS
- CHIRPING
- CROCUS
- EASTER
- FISH
- GARDENS
- GRASS
- HIKE
- KITES
- LAMBS
- MELTING
- NEST
- OUTDOORS
- PLANT
- PUDDLES
- RAIN
- SEEDS
- SUN
- TULIP
- WARM
- WIND

B M Q Z C A D B S R O O D T U O D H N
 Q U U L K R S C L X F E V S O O U L W
 C E D F N P O A L K P H T Z S R Q G P
 V J L S P P D C K H V I K E R A X Y Q
 W B K M P A G K U A B Z L H B I R D S
 F M A S Y I Q H N S B D Q U D N A G F
 P H U S N E D R A G D K M C T K U R F
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 Q S E K I B A G P Z Y K H B N H J C S
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 P R T S O S W T Y H V A G N U S T Y V
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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S
DESK.....**



The new year has continued with positive news for Bridgeville. The Bridgevill Shopping Center, featuring a Food Lion, Happy Harry's and a Family Dollar Store is scheduled to open in April. The new stores that will locate at this site are great additions to our community. But let us not forget those merchants who have been with us for a number of years. The Dollar General and the Bridgeville Pharmacy have been with us over the years when we did not have the shopping opportunities that we will soon have. Let's continue to support these merchants. We will welcome our new friends but cherish the old.

On February 23, 2002, the people of Bridgeville overwhelmingly agreed to annex two parcels into our Town. One of these parcels will allow the construction of the new Woodbridge Middle School to be entirely within the limits of our Town. The second annexation brings in over 136 acres that will be the site of Kenny Farms, Inc. This Michigan-based firm will wash and grade cucumbers for use in the pickle industry. The cucumber industry in Delaware provides over fourteen million dollars a year to the agricultural community. The location of this plan in Bridgeville provides farmers with another cash crop thus helping to maintain farm income and preserve farmland for farming purposes. This plant will be located in the field across from the Perdue Mill. The annexation extends our northwest boundary almost to the Bridgeville Bypass.

On February 11, 2002, the first-ever Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the Town was adopted by the Commission. This plan was certified by the Office of State Planning Coordination as required by recently-passed legislation. Bridgeville is one of the first towns in Delaware to successfully complete the new requirements. Because we were able

to adopt this plan quickly as we did, the annexation of Kenny Farms, Inc. and the Woodbridge Middle School was possible. With our new plan in hand, look for future annexations as we move to spread the tax burden over more people and to develop the tax base necessary to support the improvements to our wastewater system that have been mandated.

With additional annexations possible, it is well that we review the procedures as to who can vote in these annexation referenda. According to the Town Charter only registered voters, registered to vote in our general elections, can vote in annexation election. Even those who have asked to have their land annexed cannot vote. They cast their vote when they petition for annexation. There was some confusion as to who can vote because of another provision in our Charter. When the Town sells bonds we must go to the residents of Bridgeville for permission to sell those bonds. In those elections "every citizen of the Town who shall have attained the age of 18 shall have one vote and, in addition, every individual, partnership or corporation owning property within the corporate limits of the Town shall also have one vote". We hope that this clears up any questions relevant to annexation voting procedures.

**BRIDGEVILLE-WHAT A GREAT PLACE
TO BE!**

Joe Conaway

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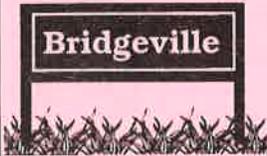
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