COMMISSIONERS MEETING
December 13, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.
BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY/ZOOM

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Commissioners of Bridgeville was held on December 13, 2021, at 7:00 PM, at the Bridgeville Public Library. The following were present:

Tom Carey	President (Via Zoom)
Bruce Smith	President Pro Tempore
Marlene Saunders	Secretary
Tom Moran	Commissioner
John Tomeski	Commissioner
Bethany DeBussy	Town Manager
Ashley Walls	Town Clerk
Dennis Schrader	Town Solicitor
Burke Parker	Chief of Police

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Pro Tempore Smith.

QUORUM PRESENT:

Commissioner Smith reported that a quorum was present to conduct Town business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Moran and seconded by Commissioner Saunders to approve the agenda. Motion carried: 5 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Moran and seconded by Commissioner Saunders to approve the minutes from the October 25th Commission Workshop, November 08th Commission Meeting, and November 29th Commission Workshop. Motion carried: 5 Yes votes, 0 No Votes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Town Manager DeBussy stated that the Town has received a thank you letter from the Historical Society thanking the Commission for their donation. President Carey stated that he received a letter from Sussex County regarding their Caroling on the Circle, December 6th at 6:30 PM.

FINANCIALS STATEMENTS:

Town Manager DeBussy stated that she will present financials at the next Commission Meeting.

TOWN REPORTS:

Town Department reports were reviewed by the Commissioners.

CITIZENS PRIVILEGE:

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to consider.

NEW BUSINESS

CDBG Program-Sussex County Presentation

Brandy Nauman, Director of Sussex County's Community Development and Housing Department was present, and she stated that her department applies for and administers the Community Development Block (CDBG) Program. Ms. Nauman stated that they apply for these funds on behalf of the Municipalities and rural communities and that the funding comes from the US Department of Housing & Urban Development. Ms. Nauman stated that they are about a year behind due to the pandemic. Ms. Nauman stated that there are three (3) homes on the waiting list for the Town of Bridgeville and asks if the Commissioners know if anyone, please forward their information. Ms. Nauman stated that there must be four (4) properties for the Town to be qualified for funding and asks that the Town forwards a list to her by the end of January. Ms. Nauman discussed the lien that goes against the property, how it gets forgiven and that no funds are paid by the homeowner unless they sell the property.

NEW BUSINESS

Coastal Corridors Update- Jennifer Cinello, DelDOT

Jennifer Cinello, from DelDOT, was present via Zoom and presented a Coastal Corridors Update to the Commissioners. Ms. Cinello discussed planning initiatives that will be coming up for the next year or two. Ms. Cinello discussed the draft. FY-2003-2008 Capital Transportation Plan (CTP) update, currently Sussex Planning Studies, and the Statewide Transportation Planning Efforts. Ms. Cinello stated that they have updated their website, had meetings in each County in September and that they are on their website. Ms. Cinello discussed their website updates and where residents can find information on their website. Ms. Cinello discussed projects and studies that she is currently working on. Ms. Cinello discussed the Coastal Corridors study with the Commission. Commissioner Tomeski asked what kind of studies have been done for Bridgeville. Ms. Cinello stated that the last one that had been done ended with the 404 bypass. Ms. Cinello stated that the current study is focused on traffic on Rt 404 and Rt 16. Ms. Cinello stated that she does not want another five points and that they are trying to get ahead

of the growth & traffic. Commissioner Saunders asked if DelDOT would ever not support a development due to traffic issues. Ms. Cinello stated that they have no discussion regarding Land Use and that they approve any development that is approved by each County.

NEW BUSINESS

Hometown Hero Banners Project-Karen Johnson

Karen Johnson, Bridgeville Public Library Director, discussed expanding the Hometown Hero Banners Project from 20 to 50+ Poles/Banners. Karen stated that Rick Passwaters, Street Superintendent will be checking the poles and will give her a number. Karen discussed the criteria & the cost for the banners and brackets. Town Manager DeBussy discussed potentially using both sides of the poles for banners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Moran to Defer the Hometown Hero Banners Projects until the January 2022 Commission Meeting. Motion carried: 5 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant-In-Aid/Donations

Town Manager DeBussy stated that there were no new additional requests.

NEW BUSINESS

Misc.

There was none.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION/ORDINANCES:

There was none.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioner Smith stated that the Parade went extremely well and that the Town Staff deserves a lot of credit. Commissioner Moran also thanked the entire staff for their work on the Parade. Commissioner Smith also thanked the Police Department and Fire Department for all their help. Town Manager DeBussy stated that this was a learning experience and thanked the group of people that helped Sunday at the parade.

Commissioner Tomeski stated that the Bridgeville Fire Company Santa Run with the Grinch will be happening on December 18th and discussed the route starting at 10 AM. Commissioner Tomeski stated that there is not a rain date.

Commissioner Moran discussed speeding in Heritage Shores and the speed sign that is in Heritage Shores currently.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM. Moran; 2nd – Tomeski; motion carried. 5 Yes votes, 0 No Votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Saunders, Commission Secretary

Ashley Walls, Transcriptionist