

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Pres. Tull.

Pres. Tull asked if everyone would please salute the flag.

Comm. present: Daryl Tull, Stephen Cina, Charles Royal, Robert Slater and George Torbert.

Guests present: Donna Mowbray, Michael Layton, Andy Robert, Chief Handley Orr, James West, Teresa West, Rev. Eugene Nesbit, Vanessa Nesbit, Elizabeth Cornish, Johnnie McBride, Andrew Moore, Frances Polk, Martha Banks, Lynette Carter, Deloras McDowell, William Carr, Elmer Johnson, Mary J. Brummell, Olivia Blackwell, Flora Williams, Lulu Mae Martin, Fannie Williamson, Wen Williamson, Augusta Carr, Lina Horne, and Estella Carter. Copy of guest list attached.

A motion was made by Comm. Torbert to dispense with the reading of last month's meeting minutes, seconded by Comm. Royal. Approved by all. Motion was made by Comm. Slater, seconded by Comm. Royal to approve the minutes. Motion so carried.

Bills in the amount of \$51,611.93 of which a Bond payment and interest of \$31,687.50 was paid to the Bank of Delaware, which left approx. \$20,000 in bills for the month of August. A motion was made by Comm. Slater, seconded by Comm. Cina to approve bills as presented. Motion so carried.

Mr. Royal questioned if we were responsible to the County for the ditch tax bill. Pres. Tull explained the Town was responsible because of the land we had along the ditch bank. It defrays the cost of keeping it cut, etc. Mr. Cina asked about the Protection Agency bill, what it was for. Pres. Tull explained it was for barricades required by the State and had been paid out of Municipal Street Aid Funds from the State.

Pres. Tull introduced Mr. Clarence DuBosky of the Sussex County Community Action Agency.

Mr. DuBosky said he was attending Town meeting to inform the people of their Agency in which they have eight programs to help people: 1.) Child Development, 2.) Housing Dept., 3.) Nutrition Dept., 4.) Senior Companion Program, 5.) The Senior Community Service Employment Program, 6.) Weatherization Program, 7.) Native American Program and 8.) Youth Services Dept. The program has been so successful the State had become interested and it soon will be called First State Community Action Agency. Mr. DuBosky urged those attending to call his office if there was a need for any of these programs.

Pres. Tull advised the Board and guests present of the Board of Adjustment Hearing to be held Tuesday, September 14, at 7 P.M. in the same location as tonight's meeting. This hearing is being held for a variance hearing requested by the Woodbridge School Board in regards to set-backs and height regulations for the new renovations to the Woodbridge Junior-Senior High School.

Comm. Slater, Street Commissioner, explained to everyone that money had been received from the State to do pot holes, etc. and trim some alleys and streets so that emergency equipment, school buses, etc. could have an easy access to the alleys and streets. The trimming is

to be done first. Comm. Slater said he would like to make a motion to trim some more trees at a maximum of 10 hours @75.00 or \$750.00. Motion was seconded by Comm. Royal. Comm. Cina objected to this. He said we could not cut trees on someone else's property. They are the responsibility of property owner and they should have to pay to have them trimmed. Mr. Cina was told that if the limbs are hanging over the property it was legal to cut them. Comm. Slater again stated that this was State money not Town money that he was asking for. Comm. Slater's motion was so carried and approved.

Pres. Tull read a resolution for adoption of a Public Hearing on the referendum to replace sewer lines and put in new water mains and two new wells. It will be for a 2½ million dollar loan. Farmers Home Administration is going to give the Town two million dollars on the 4½ million dollar project. Pres. Tull told those in attendance that we did not have a choice in doing this. The State says we have to. The wells are 50 yrs. old and need to go deeper to eliminate nitrate problems like we just had. Market St. and Main Sts. will then be repaved by the State and some streets by the Town. The Town's Engineer will be at the Public Hearing to answer all questions and what the cost will be to each resident and property owner. The Public Hearing will be held on the 29th of September, 1993 at the Bridgeville Fire Hall at 7:30 P.M. The resolution and notice will be published in the Seaford Leader at least 1 week prior to the hearing in the back part of the paper in the legal section. He urged all to attend.

Comm. Slater made a motion, seconded by Comm. Torbert to hold a Public Hearing on September 29, 1993 at the Bridgeville Fire Hall at 7:30 P.M. Motion so carried. Pres. Tull said he hoped all would attend. Meeting to be very informative.

Alderman's report was presented by Alderman Robert. There were 486 paid violations.

Water Dept. - Comm. Cina reported four meter pits replaced, two leaks repaired, one service line meter pit installed and 2,950,000 gals. of water was pumped for August. At this time there is still \$670.00 outstanding in water bills.

Sewer Dept. - Comm. Royal would like to make reference to the resolution read and adopted. He said that nothing had been spent on updating the sewer plant by the Town in years and it has come to the point when it is necessary to do so. Bills are running extremely high to run an out-dated plant. We are mandated to upgrade the plant so he hopes everyone will support the referendum.

Police Dept. - Comm. Torbert gave his report and said the Department was doing an outstanding job. Copy of report attached.

General Account Dept.- Pres. Tull said he had nothing to add.

Citizen's Privilege - Deloras McDowell asked what time the referendum meeting was 7 P.M or 7:30 P.M.. Mr. Tull responded that it was at 7:30 at the Bridgeville Fire Hall.

Phil Carr, Pres. of the Bridgeville Community Action Program said he would like to make it known that the program is starting up again. He introduced Rev. Nesbit as Director, Mary J. Brummel as Secretary and Teresa West as Treasurer. Also Mrs. Cornish of the Board. He said

they were trying to get a program started for the kids of Bridgeville.

Rev. Nesbit said a karate program has already started. He asked Comm. Torbert how many kids were involved in his report. Comm. replied he would say six or seven kids. Rev. Nesbit said a basketball tournament with the Del. State Police was pending. He said events are now taking place in the basement of his Church, Foggie A.M.E. Church. He wondered if the Town could help locate a vacant building to hold the events and after-noon sessions.

Mr. Carr asked if the Town had any programs. They did not want to duplicate anything if they did. Pres. Tull assured them that the Town did not have programs but would work with them. He did not of any vacant building at this time except the old police station which would not be large enough for recreation. Rev. Nesbit asked about tutoring and how much was being asked for the building as it is for sale. Pres. Tull said he and Mr. Royal would attend some of their meetings held each Monday night and help in anyway they could.

Mrs. West asked if the Town had any Drug Prevention money. Comm. Torbert said Drug Money was received from the State for police officers salaries to work drug related hours, etc. He said the officers did work with the CARE and DARE programs. Will find out more about it.

Lynette Carter said she had two questions. 1.) When was the grocery store going to reopen. #2) Mrs. West said the media had done a good job publicizing the nitrate water problem. She wondered why did the people have to pay for this. Would they be re-inbursed. Pres. Tull replied that six months ago we thought there was a buyer for the store, but the deal fell through. The Bank is foreclosing and there will be a Sheriff's sale. The Town has no control over the store. He said there would not be any adjustments on the water. The State water standard is set at 10 parts per million and ours was 10.7 parts per million. The State said we still had to report it to the residents and the media. Actually, water tested in other places was two to three times higher than ours.

Pres. Tull asked Mr. Layton if he had anything he wanted to say. He said he had brought up a design for drainage behind his store. He would present it to the Commissioners after the meeting.

Mrs. Augusta Carr wanted to know if the weatherization program was only for the residents of Bridgeville. Mr. Royal informed her that it was for anyone who qualified and was on the Sussex County Community Action Agency list. She was confused with the Community Development Block Grant which is for residents of Bridgeville only.

Fannie Williams asked about the Emergency Housing Program. Mr. DuBosky said as long as there is sufficient need and if it is considered hazardous her application would be evaluated.

Comm. Cina said he had a letter from a resident on a water problem. He would like for Pres. Tull to read it and make suggestions. Pres. Tull said he would make a copy of the the letter for all the Commissioners and then provide an answer to the resident.

Motion was made by Comm. Torbert, seconded by Comm. Slater to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. Motion so carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stephen A. Cina".

Stephen A. Cina
Secretary

Sign In Sheet

8/29/93

9/13/93

James F. West

James S. West

Rev. Eugene Nesbit

Vanessa R. Nesbit

Elizabeth Cornish

JOHNNIE McBRIDE ✓

Andrew Moore

Frances Poek ✓

Martha Banks

Lynette Carter

Norma Mowbray

Delores McDowell

Frank Rogers

William D. Carr

Elmer D. Johnson

May I. Brummell

Olivia Blackwell

Flora Williams

Lula Mae Martin

Fannie Williamson

James Williamson

Agusta Carr

Lina Horne

Estelle Carter

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*      POTENTIAL V.C.F-$   3,777.84  
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*      TOTAL POTENTIAL-$ 31,648.84  
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TOTAL COMPLAINTS--67 TOTAL ACCIDENTS--3 TOTAL ASSISTS-- 15
PENDING ACTIVE-- 12 COMPLAINTS CLEARED--55 CRIMINAL ARRESTS-- 17
TOTAL HOURS PATROLLED--429 TOTAL HOURS WORKED-- 915
TOTAL GALLONS OF GASOLINE USED--681.5 GAL.
TOTAL GASOLINE USED BY POLICE-- 600.5 GAL.
TOTAL GASOLINE USED BY SEWER PLANT-- 81.0 GAL.
TOTAL GASOLINE USED BY TOWN-- 0
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: CHIEF HANDLEY ORR

A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THAT \$2,500,000.00 BE BORROWED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR MODIFICATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND THE WATER SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY AND RELATED MATTERS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH AND THAT THE BORROWING BE SECURED BY A BOND ISSUE, GRANT APPLICATION OR OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATION AND FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MERITS OF SUCH PROPOSAL TO BORROW.

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the individual members of the Commissioners of Bridgeville expedient that the Commissioners of Bridgeville shall borrow money on the full faith and credit of the Town of Bridgeville to provide funds for modifications and improvements to the sanitary sewer treatment system and the water system, including the purchase of equipment and the construction of facilities and all other necessary and related matters associated therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to carry out the purpose stated in the preamble hereof, the Commissioners of Bridgeville proposed to borrow the sum of TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000.00) upon the full faith and credit of the Commissioners of Bridgeville.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of which the sum of TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000.00) is to be borrowed is to provide funds for modifications and improvements to the sanitary sewer treatment system and the water system, including the purchase of equipment and the construction of facilities and all other necessary and related matters associated therewith;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioners of Bridgeville shall secure the payment of the such indebtedness by the issuance of bonds;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bond indebtedness shall be a portion of the total funding of the modifications and improvements to the sanitary sewer treatment system and the water system.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the debt limitation established by and An Act to Incorporate the Town of Bridgeville, as amended, is FOUR MILLION DOLLARS (\$4,000,000.00 and the total outstanding debt secured by such bonds is as of the date of this Resoulution \$519,045.00 Plus Interest and Fees;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the form of bonds, the interest rate, the time or times of payment of interest, the classes of bonds, the time or times of maturity, the question as to whether or not the said bonds are to be registered, and the questions of whether or not the said bonds shall be sold in public or private sale shall be determined by the Commissioners of Bridgeville by a resolution it will pass after a special election has been held upon the bond issue;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing shall be held upon the merits of the resolution at which time any resident or property owner in the Town of Bridgeville shall have an opportunity to be heard and that the said public hearing shall be held on the 29th day of September, A.D. 1993, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening (Eastern Daylight Savings Time) at the Bridgeville Fire Hall, Bridgeville, Delaware;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE President of the Commissioners of Bridgeville is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice which shall consist of a true copy of this resolution to be published in the Seaford Leader, a newspaper of general circulation in Sussex County nearest to the Town of Bridgeville, at least one (1) week prior to the hearing date specified herein for the said public hearing;

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, Secretary of the Commissioners of Bridgeville, do certify that the above resolution was passed at a meeting of the Commissioners of Bridgeville held on the 13th day of September, A.D. 1993, at which a quorum was present and voting throughout and that the same is still in full force and effect.

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE

By: Stephen P. Cunn
Secretary

DATED: Sept. 13, 1993