

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 1988

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

Commissioners present were: Walter Gilefski, Michael Collison and James S. Evans. Comm. Tull was unable to attend because of extended store hours for the holidays.

Guests present: Reporter, Walter J. Mars, Abdul Qaissaanee of CABA Associates, Nina Patton, Timothy C. Jones, Mark Walpole, Otis H. Holloway, Glenda Crockett, Gene Crockett, Dianne Willey, Lance J. Willey, Molly Murray of the Wilmington News-Journal, Kris Merrill, Georgia Kirk, Albert Kirk, Helen Beckert, Phyllis Jones, R.H. Beckert, M.D., Sharon McDowell, Jerry Williamson, Doug Jones, Alderman Connie Collins and Chief John Tyndall.

A motion was made by Comm. Collison to dispense with the reading of last month's regular meeting, seconded by Comm. Evans. Motion was made by Comm. Evans to dispense with the reading of the special meeting of November 28, 1988. Motion was not approved for lack of a second. Minutes were read by Sec. Evans. Motion was made by Comm. Collison, seconded by Comm. Evans to accept minutes as read. Approved by the Board.

Bills in the amount of \$7,325.89 were presented for payment. Motion was made by Comm. Collison to pay bills as presented, seconded by Comm. Evans. Approved by the Board. Copy of bills attached.

Dr. Abdul Qaissaanee of CABA Assoc. gave an update report on the Sewer Plant progress. Pres. Gilefski asked Dr. Qaissaanee for Comm. Tull about an air compressor that had been stolen. He said most of the buildings are wide open and the Commissioners would like them secured. Dr. Qaissaanee said he would attend to this issue. Chief Tyndall said he had taken care of the matter of the missing air compressor.

Comm. Collison asked about the statement that 20% of items on punch list was completed. How soon would all the items be completed? Dr. Qaissaanee said he hoped in about a month the punch list would be completed. He was advised to get it done as soon as possible.

Comm. Evans asked about item #5 for Lance Eller Co. to submit a profile on the effluent pipe. Will maximum flow be available? Corrections to the pipe will be made to insure maximum flow.

Pres. Gilefski asked for the Commissioners permission to approve the Bi-Laws changes of the Del. League of Local Government membership of small Towns. They want to make up the Executive Committee with a majority of members of small Towns in Kent and Sussex County. Motion was made by Comm. Evans, seconded by Comm. Collison to approve changes of the Bi-Laws of the Del. League of Local Governments. Approved.

Pres. Gilefski said approval was needed to pay the claim of Lance Eller for more money. Pres. Gilefski suggested this item be tabled for the time being. Until the Commissioners know the pipe line is working correctly the claim will not be considered. Motion was made by Comm. Collison, seconded by Comm. Evans to table price increase by Lance Eller. Approved.

Pres. Gilefski said he had received a letter from County Administrator, Bob Stickels asking the Town to supply water to Walker's Mill. The Commissioners said that they would not look favorably in supplying water to Walker Mill nor would it be feasible. Motion was made by Comm. Collison, seconded by Comm. Evans that Pres. Gilefski send a letter to the County stating the Town is not interested in considering supplying water

to Walker's Mill.

Dr. Quissaunee asked for the Town's approval for granting CABA Assoc. an increase in their contract price on the sewer project. Motion was made by Comm. Evans, seconded by Comm. Collison to table request for Commissioner's approval of most recent grant amendment.

Comm. Collison said he had asked for a break-down in design and construction phase of CABA'S contract. Give a step by step description of where the Town is. Copy of CABA'S response attached.

Dr. Quissaunee said Farmers Home Administration should give their answer on a grant/loan before Christmas. Comm. Collison asked Dr. Quissaunee to get figures on the interest rate, the amount of the grant/loan request and the annual payment to Farmer's Home Administration would be. Dr. Quissaunee said he thought it would be a pay back loan of 40 yrs. @ 6 3/8%, but would get figures to Commissioner Collison.

President Gilefski presented 3 water/sewer bill requests for adjustments:

- (1.) Louis Helm - Motion was made by Comm. Collison, seconded by Comm. Evans to deny adjustment for the water/sewer bill as increase in bill was caused by Helm's forgetfulness. Approved by the Board.
- (2.) Charles Willin - Motion was made by Comm. Collison, seconded by Comm. Evans to deny adjustment to water/sewer bill as it was their hot water heater malfunctioning and nothing to do with the Town's water. Approved.
- (3.) James Arrington - Motion was made by Comm. Collison, seconded by Comm. Evans to adjust water/sewer bill to the average of the last two bills because there was a unknown leak in the return line to his pool. Approved by the Board.

Alderman Collin's report was accepted as presented. Copy attached.

Department Reports:

Water Dept. - Comm. Evans said he had nothing to report except his department was in good shape as far as water meters are concerned.

Street Dept. - Comm. Collison said that the street sweeper and vacuum would be in Town on Saturday morning, December 17th at 8 o'clock. He said he had asked Doug to check the salt stockpile in case of snow. Comm. Evans suggested the pattern of plowing streets should be considered.

Pres. Gilefski said the principal at the High School has asked for more 1-way street signs for School Lane. Additional signs would be helpful. Signs will be ordered. The principal's letter of request was given to Street Commissioner Collison for follow up.

Pres. Gilefski said that Comm. Tull had called to say he could not attend meeting tonight because of his store's holiday hours, but would like to question the billing of Lance Eller on lights and barricades. They could have been bought for less money than the price given for renting them.

Pres. Gilefski told the Commissioners had had received a new set of plans on the proposed mall's sewer line. It has 1 lift station and pump station at the mall for the line running to the Town.

It also has the proposed engineering specs. The plans and specs are available for the Commissioners to look at.

Pres. Gilefski said there was one item for executive session and asked for citizen's privilege.

Reporter Jerry Mars of the Leader asked when the substantial completion of the Sewer Plant took place. Pres. Gilefski said it was approx 10/30/88. The consent order with DNREC gave until mid November to finish. There will be an sewer plant open house in early Spring.

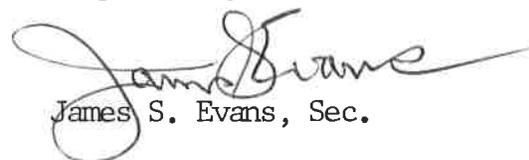
Mr. Otis Holloway wanted to know what the projected overrun on the sewer plant is? Pres. Gilefski said the lowest bid was 1 million dollars over the estimated cost. Mr. Holloway said the residents had already had a sewer increase would there be any more increases? Pres. Gilefski said he hoped there would not be. Helen Beckert asked what the easement lawsuit cost the Town? Pres. Gilefski said there was \$10,200 in legal fees. \$1650 for surveyor, \$1,000 for an appraiser. The Adams were paid \$8,210 and Mrs. Correll \$1360. Mrs. Crockett wanted to know why did the lawsuit happen over the easements, who's fault was it? Pres. Gilefski said he suppose it was his because he had counted on a verbal agreement with both Mr. Adams and Mrs. Correll. Helen Beckert wanted to know why raises were given across the board to all employees when only a request was made for Chief Tyndall. Pres. Gilefski said he did not think it fair to other employees for one to get a raise and not the others. Mrs. Beckert also wanted to know why Chief Tyndall's raise was not retroactive to January, 1988 for all the over time hours he had put in. Comm. Collison said the raise he had asked for Chief Tyndall was not to be retroactive to Jan. 1988 but for the month before when the request was denied because of a 2-2 deadlock vote. Dr. Beckert said the danger the Chief faces each time he goes out on the roads should be compensated. Mrs. Phyliss Jones said she understood Comm. Tull's reason for not voting for Chief Tyndall's raise was because of his son's previous arrest. Comm. Collison said this was not true.

After listning to all of these questions Mrs. Pusey spoke her feelings on the behalf of Pres. Gilefski and Commissioners. She did not feel these many innuendos and accusations were called for as Pres. Gilefski has been one of the most dedicated, conscientious workers for the Town and puts in many hours on behalf of the Town.

Alderman Collins informed Pres. Gilefski that the 2nd Century Women's Club of Bridgeville under the direction of Mrs. Micahel Collison was responsible for the Christmas swags hung on the street signs.

Pres. Gilefski said if there were no more discussion they would go into executive session at 8:50 P.M. Motion seconded by Comm. Collison. Approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,



James S. Evans, Sec.