

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE

JULY 9, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.

TOWN HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Joseph Conaway. Present: Commissioners Pat Correll, Margaret Sipple and Bill Jefferson. Absent: Commissioner Earl Greason. The meeting started with the flag salute.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Sipple made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 11, 2001, as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jefferson and carried unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Correll made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of June 20, 2001. The meeting pertained to the trash collection bids for the Town. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jefferson and carried unanimously.

President Conaway has contacted Waste Management concerning the amount of trash allowed for pick up.

There was a special meeting on June 28, 2001 to interview candidates for a new police office for the Town. The Commissioners voted to hire Mr. Richard Alexander for the position. Mr. Alexander will be attending the Police Academy later on this month.

MOTION: Commissioner Sipple made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the June 28, 2001 meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jefferson and carried unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Commissioner Correll stated that after going over the financial statement she found that the Apple-Scrapple account was still being carried through the Town books. That line item should be omitted because the Apple-Scrapple Committee incorporated last year.

MOTION: Commissioner Jefferson made a motion to pay the bills as presented (see attached). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Correll and carried unanimously.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter was received from Mr. Jason Deibel expressing his appreciation to the Board for their support in his building of playground at the Little League site. Mr. Deibel was unable to use the site that was originally planned but the project is still a go.

2. A letter was received from Senator Joseph Biden pertaining to the School Resources Officers federal grant program. Over the next six years \$180 million will allow local school districts to partner with their police departments to hire an additional 1,500 new school resource officers per year, nationwide. There have been 20 officers hired in Delaware.

3. A letter was received from Mr. Bob Stickles, County Administrator, concerning the attempt by the General Assembly to eliminate the one-and-a-half percent transfer tax to one percent. The first thing that would be cut would be the additional \$15,000 to any town that does not have a realty transfer tax or that collects less than \$20,000 a year. President Conaway said Mr. Stickles will present a compromise at the Council meeting where the County will issue bonds to buy open space for county projects.

4. A notice from the Delaware State Fire Marshall's office regarding the property at 100 S. Main Street explaining that plans for the building have not been approved by their office. The building permits filed with the Town for \$35,000 do not agree with the permits filed with the county. The Town sent the owner a letter stating he owes the Town an additional \$62 and must submit an additional permit.

5. Violation notices were received from Cannon Cold Storage and Jones Dairy Farm.

6. A letter was received from Eastern Shore Environmental, Inc. pertaining to municipal solid waste services.

7. A letter was received from the Delaware Housing Authority announcing that Bridgeville will receive \$36,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Funds (housing rehab). The federal government is especially interested in correcting lead based paint problems in houses. The waiting list will be faxed to the Town in the near future.

8. A letter was received from the Department of Transportation regarding the Street Aid Fund. This coming year the Town will receive \$56,895.13 which is approximately \$400 more than last year.

9. A letter of request to hold a car wash on the corner of Main and Market Streets in July and September was received from the Senior Center. MOTION: Commissioner Sipple made a motion to allow the Senior Center to hold their car wash in the parking lot. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Correll and carried unanimously.

IV. PRESENTATION

President Conaway explained that many people have begun to do things to improve the look of the Town. The Commission and residents are proud of what these people have accomplished. Mr. Thomas O. Jefferson recently completed renovations to two buildings on Cannon Street.

Commissioner Jefferson presented Mr. Jefferson with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Town for the improvements of the Lofland Building and the Farmers Supply Building.

Mrs. Pam Slater, Bridgeville Historical Society, presented a letter from the Society commended Mr. Jefferson on his efforts to improve the structures on the two buildings.

V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Written reports available.
2. Wastewater Plant-new voice pagers from Redi-Call are now in service with our personnel. The Town is still receiving complaints from residents regarding the odor from Cannon Cold Storage. A fan has been ordered to help eliminate these odors.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. President Conaway reported the Town collected \$20,300 from transfer taxes this past year which eliminates the Town from receiving the addition \$15,000 from the county.
2. President Conaway explained that he had received a proposed ordinance change from the Town's engineering firm, Davis, Bowen and Friedel. The proposal would reduce the Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) from 300 gallons per day sewage usage to 200 gallons. After discussing the subject with the WWTP personnel, it was decided that other parts of the ordinance need to be changed at the same time. President Conaway will schedule a workshop with the Commissioners, Phillip Mowbray, Doug Jones, and Rick Passwaters to discuss the changes needed in Chapter 128.
3. About six weeks ago letters were sent to residents who had one or more unlicensed or abandoned vehicles on their property. A few residents removed the vehicles as requested by the designating time. President Conaway said it is time to press a little "harder" on those who chose to ignore the request. It was suggested that Chief Parsons and an officer visit those residents who have not complied with the request. If no effort is made by the residents by a designated time frame, then court action will be taken. Chief Parsons is to add this matter to his monthly report.
4. President Conaway explained that the Commission has made some improvements, and the benefits to the Town and residents have already been demonstrated. As of June 30, cash-in-hand was \$71,546. Cash in the General Fund

Checking Account was \$79,800, and a Savings Account of \$45,483. There was generated income of \$86,000 this year. This time last year the Town was in deficit of \$18,600. The budget states income projections have to be met and no "wild" expenditures will be allowed. President Conaway thanked the Commissioners and the employees for their efforts on the budget.

5. A letter from the Apple-Scrapple Festival Committee was received requesting sponsorship in their ad book. President Conaway stated the new Town budget has been set up to give the festival committee a \$1,000. MOTION: Commission Sipple made a motion to run a half page ad for \$500 and a donation of \$500. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Correll and carried unanimously.

6. Commissioner Jefferson stated the 1992 police car was sold for \$2,600.

7. Commissioner Correll said that President Conaway represented the Town at the Laurel Fourth of July celebration by bringing home the "Watermelon Seed Spitting" contest trophy. President Conaway conquered the trophy with the World's Record Spit of 35 1/2 feet. Congratulations, Joe!

8. The "Fireside Chat" is scheduled for July 31, 2001.

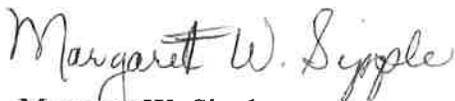
VII. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Correll thanked Mrs. Slater for attending the meeting and presenting Mr. Jefferson with a recognition letter. Mrs. Slater invited the Commission to attend the Historical Society's auction on August 18th.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Jefferson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Correll and so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Margaret W. Sipple
Commission Secretary