

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 8, 1985

Meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by President Walter Gilefski.

Commissioners present: Mr. Daryl Tull, Mr. Walter Gilefski, Mr. A. L. Jones, Mr. James Evans and Mr. William Hartzell.

Guests present: Mr. Russell Hitchens, Mr. Billie Jo Chaney, Dennis Friedel, reporter for the Wilmington Journal, Waste Treatment Plant Manager, John Hartman, Town Manager, Clif Laverty, David Raehn and Mr. & Mrs. Raehn.

Sec. Evans read the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was made by Comm. Jones to accept minutes as read, seconded by Comm. Tull and approved by the Board.

Comm. Hartzell said he had a question on why the telephone system was delayed since he had not attended that meeting. He was informed that some of the Commissioners felt that the new system did not show enough savings to warrant a change at this time.

Bills in the amount of \$17,271.03 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Comm. Jones to pay all bills as presented with the exception of Sketchely Services, Inc.'s bill. Motion seconded by Comm. Evans and approved by the Board.

Pres. Gilefski said he had received a response from the Dept. of Transportation on the proposed improvement to the intersection at corner of Market and Main Streets. Sec. Justice said the intersection is on their design schedule for completion this year. Mr. Justice enclosed an attached print of the preliminary layout of the proposed improvements. He said the state had requested federal funds to aid in this project. Sec. Justice had also discussed the available funding with Senator Adams. Mr. Justice said he had instructed the Road Design Section that the Town wanted construction to occur after Labor Day and be completed prior to Memorial Day. There was no mention of a traffic light by Sec. Justice nor the intersection at Rt. 17 and 404.

Pres. Gilefski informed the Board and guests that the State was also holding a public hearing at the Woodbridge High School to display their plans for the improvement of U. S. 13, Seaford to Bridgeville. Meeting will be held April 10, 1985 between the hours of 3:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.

Pres. Gilefski read a letter from Clay Davis, Esq. representing the Pentecostal Church of God. Mr. Davis wanted to know if the Commissioners intended to peruse putting the old theatre building that had once been used by them as a church back on the the tax list.

Pres. Gilefski asked the Commissioners what they wanted to do about this. Both Comm. Hartzell and Pres. Gilefski feel that the building should be put back on the tax list. All the other Commissioners agreed.

Pres. Gilefski informed the Board of a Scat Meeting on April 29th. All the legislators have been invited. Pres. Gilefski urged all the Commissioners to attend if possible.

There will also be a League of Local Government meeting on April 25th.

The Commissioners have been invited by the Seaford V.F.W. Post to attend graveside ceremonies, a parade and social gathering at the Post on Memorial Day, May 27th.

Pres. Gilefski^{read} for the second reading, the ordinance adding fines to the building code, for approval and adoption. Commissioner Hartzell made a motion to adopt said ordinance as read, seconded by Commissioner Jones and approved by the Board. Copy of ordinance attached.

Pres. Gilefski introduced Mr. Russell Hitchens and Mr. Billy Jo Chaney. Mr. Hitchens had given Pres. Gilefski a letter asking for application for a variance to Section 901 of the building code. Pres. Gilefski told the Board and Mr. Hitchens that he had talked to Town Solicitor, Dennis Schrader who advised the Town to advertise in the local paper for a formal hearing for variance to the zoning on Mr. Hitchen's property. Date for hearing to be set as quickly as possible.

Pres. Gilefski asked for Department Reports:

Alderman Court - As the Alderwoman was on vacation her report was handed out to all Commissioners. Copy of report attached.

Town Manager - Mr. Laverty told the Board that Ms. Kathy Gregory of the Delaware Housing Authority would be present at the next regular meeting to present HUD's search for low and moderate income housing. Mr. Laverty also said the Luther Towers was still interested in Bridgeville to build Senior Citizen's apartments. The Banning property on S. Main Street being the best location. May 5th will be final application date. Mr. Laverty said the paint for well #2 and 3 had come in and that CETA workers would probably do the painting this summer. He also said that well #3 has now the proper starters installed. There is a water leak in the street at 206 S. Main St. but because the road had to be opened and the increase in traffic he feels it better to start work on a Monday in order to have road open to traffic by Thursday. Mr. Laverty said he is not sure the leak on Rt. 17 is still leaking but will check this out again this week. On the Rehab Program Mr. Laverty said he is trying to wind up FY83 for a close out and audit. He said at this time he had no money to pay Delmarva Drilling for the new well. He has not received a draw down yet, state now being 40 days in violation. Mr. Laverty said a 24 hr. pump test has been completed and results were very good. Pumped 730 gpm throttled. Mr. Laverty said the new well ground breaking ceremony went very well and there was no need for the additional \$600 for the well.

Water Dept. - Comm. Evans passed out a copy of a letter he had requested from CABE Associates on the old standpipe. He said the standpipe is 80 yrs. old. It would take \$25,000 to repair it and three to four thousand dollars a year to maintain it. Mr. Carbaugh feels that its effectiveness is not that good. Comm. Evans wanted to know if the Commissioners wanted to repair it or tear it down at an approximate cost of \$11,300 plus rerouting. Mr. Carbaugh leans toward getting rid of the old tank. Comm. Hartzell said before he could make a decision he would like to see the old tank isolated to see if the new tank could supply the demand for good pressure for every day consumption and fire fighting needs. This was agreed to by the other Commissioners.

Street Dept. - Comm. Hartzell wanted to know if Mr. Lavery had heard anything from the Fire Marshall on the old theatre building. Mr. Lavery said that the Fire Marshall had not formally condemned the building but he had been unable to reach the Fire Marshall to talk to him. Comm. Hartzell instructed Mr. Lavery to get the Fire Marshall's report. Call everyday if necessary. Also he would like to have a structural engineer check the building. Comm. Hartzell said he considers it a fire hazzard.

Police Dept.- Comm. Jones said that traffic is beginning to move. Mr. Jones said Chief Shannon was back to work part-time. Comm. Evans asked if Mr. Reid was still on probation and if a report on his effectiveness was being kept on file. Comm. Jones assured Comm. Evans it was.

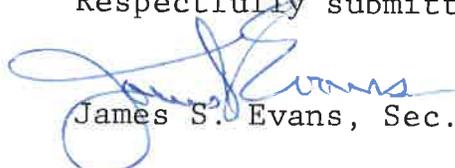
Sewer Dept. - Comm. Tull said that a part-time helper was needed by the Sewer Plant. Approximately 20 hrs. a week at \$5.00 per hr. He would like to advertise for a general maintenance man. Board approved. Until new man is hired Comm. Tull said that Mr. Hartman would like to use Kyle Ewing to cut grass. The Board said they had no objection as long as he works and reports when he is suppose to. Comm. Tull said he wanted to remind everyone of the burning ban as of 7 P.M. this evening. Police to watch for violators and inform them of such ban

Pres. Gilefski said he would like the Board to make a motion to support the upcoming referendum to be held in our school district. Comm. Hartzell said he would like to see just how the money needed would be spent. Comm. Tull made a motion that the Commissioners of Bridgeville go on record for supporting the referendum. Motion seconded by Comm. Evans and approved by the Board.

Pres. Gilefski introduced David Raehn and his parents Mr. & Mrs. Raehn. David is a Boy Scout who is working toward earning a merit badge in communications. In order to reach his goal he had to attend and listen to a town meeting and to hear two sides to an issue. The Commissioners commended David on his many badges and his interest the the Scouts and wished him much success.

Comm. Hartzell moved to go into executive session at 8:35 P.M., seconded by Comm. Jones.

Respectfully submitted,


James S. Evans, Sec.