

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGDVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 9, 1984

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P. M.

Commissioners present were: A. L Jones, Walter P. J. Gilefski, James S. Evans, and Robert L. Mulvaney.

Guests were: Bricue Oringle of the News Journal, Bonnie Grant of the Leader, Barbara Slacum, George Torbert, Jr. Richard Lewis, Allen Jones, Andy Cannon, Glenda Crockett, Mike Layton, Philip Davis, ~~M~~elderwoman, Margaret Thompson, Chief of Police, Otis Holloway, Wayne Holland, Town Solicitor, Dennis Schrader, Barbara Chaloupka, Frank Adams, Fred Frye, Howard Hardesty and Harvey Ellingsworth.

Pres. Gilefski told the guests that the meeting had started a little late because a retirement reception had been held for Mrs. Mildred Brown in recognition of her 28 years of loyal service to the Town of Bridgeville prior to the meeting.

Secretary Evans read the minutes of the March meeting. Motion was made by Comm. Jones and seconded by Comm. Mulvaney to approve minutes as read. Approved by the Board.

Bills in the amount of \$6,823.68 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Comm. Evans and seconded by Comm. Mulvaney to pay bills as presented. Copy of bills attached.

Pres. Gilefski told the Board that there would be a Hurrican Workshop held by the Sussex County Emergency Center on May 19, 1984. Chief Holloway, Town Mgr., Clif Laverty, President Gilefski, Comm. Evans and Comm. Jones will be attending this workshop.

Pres. Gilefski told the Board and guests that the Hoch property had been purchased by the State or at least the part with the building on it and that demolition bids would soon be put out. He told the Board that the Historical Society got the globe lights for their park from the building and also the street signs. He said that the State had asked for police help to detour traffic while building was being demolished. Comm. Muldaney and other Commissioners said they were agreeable to this as long as the cost of the use of the policemen and necessary signs were obsorbed by the contractor. Contractor to contact Chief of Police and Town Manager. Pres. Gilefski said he anticipated building being down within the month. Traffic light money for this intersection is not available now. Money for the light at the 404 intersection is available.

Pres. Gilefski said that the Summer Youth Employment Program would be run by the County as the Government did not approve CETA Funding this year. He said the Town would be using several youths. Mr. Evans asked if local youth would be used. This is under the County supervision. Hopefully they would be.

Pres. Gilefski presented to the Board a Pretreatment Outline Plan Packet from Lee Beetcham of CABA Asso. One of the things would be a public hearing for Industries. Industries to work up a limit that they could operate under. He said the 1st item for approval would be to approve monies for admendment to the pre-treatment plan and any other work required for pre-treatment plan. This would be paid by the industries but the Town of Bridgeville would pay the cost first. Comm. Mulvaney made a motion

that a plan for payment for future pretreatment plans be studied but not committing the Board to anything definite until the Board could see Mr. Beetcham's proposal.

A second reading of the proposed machine tax ordinance was read by Pres. Gilefski. After reading such he asked the Commissioners if they had any changes they would like to make. At this point, Mr. Andy Cannon asked if he might speak. He asked what was meant by police protection. Pres. Gilefski said the money would be collected and put in the General Fund and transferred to the Police Dept. as needed. Mr. Cannon said that several business men had met last week and thought the tax to be unfair to the businessman. He said they used this money from the machines to funnel back to the Town thru Little League, Softball Leagues and other charitable causes. He said the businessmen felt that this would be one of many taxes to come. They feel they would be hurt by this tax and most felt they would have to remove these machines. Mr. Allen Jones said vending machine business would be hurt and that the two laundromats in Town had been come down hard on. He felt that this impending tax would make more waves than money. Mr. George Torbert made a suggestion of the whole Town be taxed if money was needed that badly not just the businessman and specially the vending machines. Pres. Gilefski said that the Commissioners had agreed to get the water dept. on a sound basis by raising water bills but not to raise taxes at the same time. Mr. Cannon proposed that the Pepsi and Coke Companies buy a permit to sell in the Town to raise money. Tax people coming in serving the Town, not the businesses already here. He said he would like to work with the Town to generate money. Mr. Frances Adams also felt it was more fair to tax everyone more rather than hitting the businessmen always. Comm. Mulvaney said the Board were looking for ways to raise money hence the tax machine idea. President Gilefski asked the Board if they cared to table the ordinance or defeat it. Comm. Mulvaney made a motion to table the ordinance until next meeting, seconded by Comm Jones and approved by the Board. Pres. Gilefski said since Mr. Cannon and other businessmen might have interest in helping the Town he asked Comm. Mulvaney to meet with them at a meeting prior to the next Town meeting. Pres. Gilefski thanked the businessmen for showing their interest and attending the meeting.

President Gilefski read a request from Simmons Communications for permission to obtain a permit to go from door to door to solicit business. They would like to remarket their service. Comm. Jones moved that door to door remarketing program be denied ; better way to go, possibly by mail. Motion seconded by Comm. Mulvaney and approved by the Board.

Pres. Gilefski told the Board that the Police Dept. would like to draft an amendment to the Town Charter for passage by the State Legislature . This amendment would allow the Alderman or Alderwoman as in our case, to try certain misdemeanors that she is not allowed to try in the present Charter. It would save the police time by not having to go to J. P. Court in Seaford or Georgetown. Comm. Al Jones made a motion to draft an amendment to the Town Charter for the Alerwoman to be able to try certain midemeanors, seconded by Comm. Mulvaney and approved by the Board.

Alderwoman Margaret Thompson said there had been 94 paid fine in March as compared to 129 fines a year ago.

Pres. Gilefski asked for the Town Manager's report. Mr. Laverty said work had begun on a six inch fire hydrant with grant money and that pot hole patching had begun. He reported that work on the state owned streets had been stopped due to the fact their allocation for patching the streets had been exhausted.

Mr. Laverty said that Alderwoman Thompson had requested her vacation for June 4-11 prior to her busy season. Mr. Laverty said he had received complaints about abandoned cars. He said there were at least 18 of them, 4 and 5 in yards. He said between the police and housing code, cars would be removed at owner's expense. Pres. Gilefski said he would like this done in the least costly way. If someone did not obey the ordinance bring them into court to pay their fines. Mr. Laverty said he had been in contact with Telecon Plus and other companies about a possible change in our telephone system. Said he would have facts and figures by next meeting. He felt there would be a reduction in our telephone bills going another route.

Mr. Laverty said there was a new United States flag flying thanks to a Mr. Kirk member of the Greenwood VFW. Mr. Kirk paid for this flag out of his own pocket. Comm. Mulvaney made a motion that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Kirk for his donation, seconded by Comm. Jones and approved by the Board.

One the Rehab Program, Mr. Laverty said that the 1982 program had been closed out, the 1983 program, extension has been granted. There are 3 demolitions in progress and 2 completed. He said there had been no word on 1984 money as yet.

Comm. Jones said that again hedges were beginning to grow out of bounds making traffic hazards both for cars and pedestrians. Letters and copy of grass and hedge ordinance to be mailed to property owners in violation.

Comm. Mulvaney said he had a resident to call him to see if we could have a patrolman on duty at Edgewood and Main Street in the afternoon to see that the school buses could get out. The question was raised of a possible flashing red light there. The Chief of Police said a patrolman could be on duty as long as he was not on an emergency call.

Comm. Evans said he would like to thank the Commissioners and the staff on their kindness shown at the time of his brother's death.

Comm. Mulvaney said he would like to request an adjustment on the water bill at 208 Market Street as there had been a leak. Comm. Jones made a motion that an adjustment be made by averaging the last two water bills, seconded by Comm. Evans. Approved by the Board.

Mr. Harvey Ellingsworth asked that an adjustment be made on his water bill as it had doubled in gallons used. Comm. Mulvaney made a motion to adjust Mr. Ellingsworth's bill based on an average of his last two bills and with the stipulation that the problem be corrected. This was seconded by Comm. Jones and approved by the Board.

Pres. Gilefski said that Mr. Leonard Chasanov had asked for an adjustment to his bill as his gallon usage had more than doubled. Comm. Mulvaney made a motion to adjust bill on average of last two bills providing problem is taken care of. Motion seconded by Comm. Jones and approved by the Board.

President Gilefski asked for citizen's input. Mr. Allen Jones asked the Town to contact the Highway Dept. to sweep winter grit off the streets. Mr. Frank Adams asked if the police could carry meter wrenches in their cars in case of an emergency. He also questioned the reading of water meters by young kids. Mr. Adams was informed that the person reading the meters had worked for CETA and was familiar with reading meters. Mr. Philip Davis said he had a request for a street sign that shows where First Street is.

The Commissioners said they will try to get a sign up.

Andy Cannon said he would like to thank the Board for listening to what he and the other businessmen had to say and hoped that the Commissioners and businessmen could work together.

Mr. Barbara Slacum said she would like to see a copy of the 201 Facility Plan.

Commissioner Mulvaney moved to go into executive sessions for personnel reasons at 8:35 P. M., seconded by Comm. Evans.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James S. Evans", is written over the typed name below.

James S. Evans, Sec.