

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING

Aug 11, 1960

Meeting was called to order at 7 P. M. by President Robert L. Mulvaney.

Commissioners present: Robert L. Mulvaney, A. L. Jones, Walter Gilefski and James Evans. Ronald Wilson, Town Mgr., also attended.

Guests present: N. E. Elehwaney of Delagra Corp., Charles W. West of Delagra Corp., Herman C. Brown, attorney representing Delagra Corp., Mark I Buckworth, Law Clerk for Delagra Corp., George Reinsfelder, Waste Treatment Plant Consultant, Jack Wozniak, Waste Treatment Plant Mgr., Arthur Handley, W. Allen Jones, William Hastings, Norman Powell, Linda Mulvaney, Town Alderman, Margaret Thompson and Mr. Robert Thompson, Town Solicitor, Dennis Schrader, Carol Dongarra of the Leader, Robert B. Hopkins, Ralph E. Davis, Henry Cannon of Cannon Foods, Michael Layton, Robert Rider and George Torbert, Jr.

Secretary James Evans read the minutes of the last regular meeting. Walter Gilefski made a motion to accept minutes as read, seconded by A. L. Jones and approved by the Board.

Bills in the amount of \$13,944.08 were presented for payment. Motion was made by Walter Gilefski and seconded by A. L. Jones to pay bills here attached. This was approved by the Board.

Town Mgr., Ron Wilson, read a letter of proposal to apply for a \$9,000.00 federal grant to study needs and future needs of the Town. There will be no money from the Town involved. Monies to come from EPA, EDA, and HUD. Mr. Al Jones made a motion to accept proposal, seconded by James Evans and approved by the Board.

Mr. Wilson then read again the Town's grass cutting ordinance. There has been 5 letters sent to residents concerning this ordinance. Two of these have taken action to correct the situation, three we have not heard from.

A progress report was given by Mr. Wilson, Town Mgr., on the Johnson property. It seems that work on the lot has come to a standstill. Mr. A. Jones made a motion to start condemnation proceedings as he felt ample time had been given the Johnsons and they have not complied with the time limit. This was seconded by Walter Gilefski and approved by the Board. Solicitor Schrader to start condemnation proceedings.

Mr. Wilson also reported that the State Board of Health had asked the Town to contact residents behind the I.G.A. store and ask that they rid and refrain from using a trailer for a garbage disposal as it was a health hazzard. As of tonight they had not taken any action so it will be turned over to the State Board of Health for further action.

Water Comm., James Evans gave his department report. He said the pump's electrical systems would be repaired but at the present time systems seemed to be working properly. Repairman will be here Aug. 20 to tell us what is needed to repair same. Mr. Evans said he was compiling a book showing all of our pumps, electrical systems, water meters, etc.

Police Commissioners Al Jones gave the following police department report- 120 traffic arrest, six criminal arrest, 15 criminal complaints, 9 complaints cleared, 74 public assists, 2 accidents, 3537 miles traveled and 777 hrs. worked. Mr. Jones said both white cars have been sign painted and that a K-55 radar has been ordered. He also stated that the

Alderman Thompson gave her report for the month. She also stated that Mr. Short of the Motor Vehicle Dept. informed her that a request for non resident violation compact could not come from an alderman's level. He told Mrs. Thompson there was an Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators working behind the scenes to establish uniform law in this regards.

Town Mgr., Wilson stated that the telephone company hopes to be finished on Main St. and Delaware Ave. by Friday. They are resurfacing streets now. Delmarva Paving is to give us quotes on repairing other streets and that the CETA workers had filled most pot holes.

Sewer Comm., Walter Gilefski gave his report. He stated that work on the new storage building should be completed next week. Motion was made by Mr. Gilefski to accept Jack Wozniak as Plant Mgr., at a salary of \$12,000.00 per year. This motion was seconded by A. L. Jones and approved by the Board. Mr. Gilefski then read the proposed Ordinance #532-D for User Rate Charge for Industries.

President Mulvaney then opened the floor for discussion of above.

Attorney Herman Brown representing Delagra Corp. said he felt the increase was not reasonable and at this rate Delagra would be paying a 285% increase and 84% of the total operation of the Town Sewer Plant. He said it cost the company \$60,000 to truck products to this plant from Kent County and with a users fee of \$50,000 above present cost would warrant building a new plant in Kent County. He said the Plant employs 240 employees with a total payroll in excess of 1 million dollars. He felt this would be a loss to the shole town in revenue. He said Delagra did not want to make this move but felt they were being forced into doing so.

Pres. Mulvaney pointed out to Mr. Brown that if money had not been taken from C.D.'S to cover operational costs the sewer plant would have been in a hole \$16,000.00 this past year. Mr. Gilefski pointed out that this increase is not meant to balance the budget and if in the future we find that we are charging Delagra unnecessarily the rates would be decreased.

Mr. Arthur Handley , Mr. Allen Jones and Mr. Robert Rider expressed the desire for Delagra to be able to remain here in business. They felt that the rate possibly was too high.

Dr. Elewany said he would be glad to conserve water that goes thru the plant even if it meant hiring a controller and would cooperate with the Board anyway he could if the rate could be reduced.

Mr. Henry Cannan of Cannon Foods said that he would like to see Delagra stay but he also felt that they should pay for their use of the plant a his company had spent over a ½ million dollars to eleviate overloading our plant's capacity and staying within EPA restrictions.

Mr. Powell of Cannon Foods also felt the proposed rate was reasonable saying that the residents should pay 20% of the sewer expense and industries 80%.

After much discussion on the floor, Mr. A. L. Jones made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 532-D here attached, seconded by Walter Gilefski. Motion approved by the Board.

Mr. Al Jones made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 P.M., seconded by Mr. James Evans.

Respectfully submitted,

James Evans, Sec.