

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
Aug. 12, 1985

The meeting was called to order by the President, Walter P. J. Gilefski, at 7:00 P.M.

Commissioners present were Daryl Tull, Al Jones, W. P. J. Gilefski, William Hartzell, and James Evans.

Guests present were Clif Laverty, Mr. Groves of The Leader, Mrs. Thompson, Alderman, Chief of Police John Tyndall, Howard Hardesty and Norris Workman.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tull to dispense with the reading of the previous month's minutes. This motion was seconded by Comm. Al Jones.

Bills in the amount of \$25,148.11 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Commissioners Jones, seconded by Commissioner Evans to pay all bills.

All of the Municipal Street Aid money was received. A large portion of this was invested in CDs.

A request was received from Mr. T. B. Roberts for permission to dump a holding tank into Bridgeville sewer plant on a monthly basis. President Gilefski would recommend to turn down this request in view of turning down an earlier request. Commissioner Tull made a motion that we turn down this request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartzell.

A letter was received from Isdell Sanitation Service requesting permission also to dump sewage into Bridgeville waste treatment plant. In the past they have been granted permission to do so. Commissioner Hartzell made a motion that the 2nd request just received from Isdell Sanitation Service be denied. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Tull.

The Historical Society has requested us to reconsider the painting of the portion of the curb between the two front trees leading up to the Gazebo. Commissioner Hartzell moved to paint the curbing for 30 feet--15 feet from center of sidewalk and steps in both directions. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans. It was approved by the Board.

There was one sewer bill to be adjusted. Anna Smack has the Victory Temple on her property, and they had experienced trouble with a hopper that ran continuously. The hopper has now been repaired. Commissioner Hartzell moved to adjust the bill to the average of last two quarters. This was scnded by Commissioner Evans.

A letter from Delaware Bicentennial Committee was received. The State will provide money to help the Town commemorate the Bicentennial. It will provide this community with matching funds. They want from us a basic survey of what plans we have in mind. Commissioner Hartzell

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would like to set aside money now in order to get matching funds. A committee from all organizations will be appointed. The celebration will be held sometime between Dec. 7, 1986 and December 1987. \$1500 is to be used for the Delaware Bicentennial Celebration in Bridgeville in order to receive matching funds. We are to apply for same immediately. This was in the form of a motion by Commissioner Hartzell and seconded by Commissioner Tull. It was approved by the Board. Commissioner Hartzell moved that the Town establish a committee composed of one member of each of the following: school, library, Lion's Club, Lioness, Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce, Fire Company and the Ladies' Auxiliary, both American Legion Posts, the Historical Society and a representative of the Town. This was seconded by Commissioner Jones. One member of the Town Council will serve as leader until committee is established. President Gilefski appointed Commissioner Hartzell to proceed with forming the Committee.

A meeting was held with Mr. Jim Johnson, environmentalist of Jones Dairy who owns RAPA Scrapple. There will be more data forth coming from Mr. Johnson at a later date. The rates will probably increase from .49 to \$1.00 per thousand this fall. Basically Mr. Johnson saw no problem with this increase. The plans call for greater increases in future years. That increase is for RAPA Scrapple and not Bridgeville residents.

At 7:30 P.M. a group of representatives from Bridgeville Community Action Corporation arrived. Included in the group were Mrs. Moore, Ms. Roxie Sturgis, the Technical Assistant from the National Council on Agricultural and Labor Reserch Division, Ms. Elizabeth Cornish and Ms. Maggie Brown. A letter, a copy of which is attached hereto, was read by Mrs. Lucille Moore. The delegation was primarily concerned with the lack of housing for low-income and elderly perople who had been forced to leave the only housing that they could afford.

President Gilefski responded with advising them of the Town's giving approval to the Delaware Housing Authority to apply for money for 50 units. He further explained that the Commissioners would consider expanding the bounderies of the Town to accomodate housing for low and moderate income families. Mr. Evans stated he had enlisted the help of Town Manager Clif Laverty to find housing if possible for those who had been living in Toddsville.

President Gilefski assured the ladies of the intent of the Commissioners to work with Community Action and he requested them to keep in contact with the Commissioners.

Mr. Gilefski requested Reports from the various departments.

Alderwoman Report--Mrs. Thompson passed out her report, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Water Department Report--Mr. Evans stated that he had been giving some thought as to what we are going to do with Well #1 when Well No. 4 is in operation. A discussion was held concerning what kind of inspection is needed to evaluate the drinking water.

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Recently a section of the parking lot at Callaway's Foodsaver had to be dug up for water line repairs. A tremendous amount of things have been done to the water lines that are not on paper.

A discussion was held on what will happen when standpipe is torn down. It will cost approximately \$11,000 to take it down.

Street Department--Commissioner Hartzell had a copy of a newspaper report in the Delaware State News on The Town's raise in tax rate. The article was incorrect as Bridgeville held its tax rate.

President Gilefski intends to write a letter to the President of Sussex County Council with a copy of the letter to each County Commissioner and the Delaware State News, advising them that Bridgeville is coming into a referendum and did not need that kind of publicity.

Mr. Laverty had been instructed to get information on the cost of trash pick-up day. He got only one response. Mr. Raymond Smack estimated \$305 for a Saturday plus \$23.00 per each ton. Limbs could only be four to five feet long. Mr. Laverty feels it would cost \$1,000 approximately for such a day. This will not be pursued further at this time. Mr. Hartzell will look into another plan.

A discussion was held concerning taxes for the old theater building. There has been no response to date. They will not receive a tax exempt status as the building has not been used as a church for some years.

Commissioner Hartzell brought up a request for Mr. Freddie Crockett to be able to put in a well the water from which would be used for gardening and not for domestic purposes. It was moved that the Town give him a letter for the State for non-domestic use. The motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Evans wants to know how we could tell if it was just used for gardening and not for domestic purposes. The request was denied. The State will not allow him to do so without permission from The Town. If one individual was allowed to do this, the Commissioners felt the situation would get out of hand.

Police Department--Commissioner Al Jones commended John Tyndall for a job well done during the year he had been on the force. He intends to write a letter to Chief Tyndall.

Chief Tyndall gave a brief report on the abandoned cars located in the Town. He states there are 43. He wrote letters giving the owners ten days notice to move them. Fifteen were moved in the Northern part of Bridgeville. Certified letters were mailed 8/12/85. If the owners don't comply with request to move the cars in seven days, said cars will be towed away at the expense of the owner. Questions are being raised about the abandoned cars being built as hi-performance or restoring old cars. A letter advising when they think they are going to have them done must be written to the police department. Dennis Schrader must be notified to let him know in case of question.

Chief Tyndall displayed a poster announcing the Bridgeville Bicycle Registration which will be starting in September.

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Mr. Chaney has requested permission to place a double wide modular home on a lot in Town. He should submit plans to the Southern States Building Code people in order for them to certify that this is indeed a modular home and not a mobile home.

Sewer Department--Commissioner Daryl Tull recommended that the Town hire Mr. John Loscomb as Sewer Plant manager. He made this in the form of a motion contingent upon Mr. Loscomb's being able to either transfer his accreditation from the State of Maryland to the State of Delaware or that he be able to pass Delaware's Level III requirements. Mr. Loscomb will need three or four weeks in order to be released from the Maryland plant where he is currently employed.

Town Manager--Mr. Clif Laverty reported that he has been trying to get a street sweeper. Georgetown's sweeper is broken. The State's is down in Lewes. Seaford has a machine which could only be used on Saturdays, but we would have to provide transportation for the sweeper. It could not be driven over the road from Seaford to Bridgeville.

A petition from residents of Colonial Gardens was read. They are requesting that something be done about a dwelling in back of the Colonial Garden apartments. This dwelling has no running water and is infested with rats which come to the parking lot of the apartments. We are to contact Ronnie Moore. The dwelling in question was in John Moore Estate. Dennis Schrader represents John Moore heirs. It seems that Herman Bradley and William Hall had permission to live in these structures for life if they took care of the property.

Mr. Laverty reports that there are three structures and not one. The entire area to be torn down except one house which is occupied by Stanley Holland.

The Town Manager was well pleased with the CETA workers this year. He reported a leak on the fire hydrant at Cannon St., and stated that he had been holding off putting an advertisement in the paper concerning the bicycle ordinance until the stickers came. He further said he had no word from Cabe on the 1984-85 funding. FY 85 project is going fine. There is approximately \$30,000 worth of work still to be done. The State people were in his office on the Thursday past checking on books, etc.

Citizen's privilege--Rev. Sorrells is interested in putting in a repair shop for storm windows and doors. He can ask for variance as to zoning. He was asked to put in writing square footage, where is business is to be located, etc. It is for non-conforming use.

Mr. Howard Hardesty brought up the work to be done on the signs coming into Town.

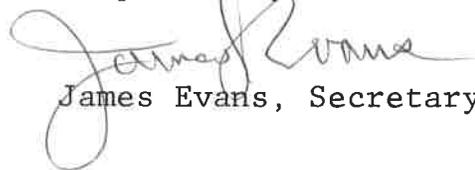
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Mr. Tull brought up a request to purchase a minimum of \$250 for equipment to establish a dry hydrant. Mr. Tull made a motion to purchase up to \$400 worth of equipment. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones.

A short discussion was held concerning the lights to be erected after Labor Day.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned. Comm. Jones moved to go into executive session at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Evans".

James Evans, Secretary