

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 1983

President Gilefski called meeting to order at 7:05 P. M.

Commissioners present: James S. Evans, Alfred L. Jones, Robert L. Mulvaney, Walter P. J. Gilefski and William L. Hartzell.

Guests were: Bonnie Grant of the Leader, Town Mgr. Clif Laverty, Alderperson, Margaret Thompson, Sewer Plant Mgr., John Hartman and Mr. Philip Davis.

Sec. Evans read last month's minutes. Comm. Jones made a motion to approve minutes as read, seconded by Comm. Hartzell and approved by the Board.

Bills in the amount of \$5,628.84 were presented for payment. Motion made by Comm. Mulvaney to approve bills as presented, seconded by Comm. Jones and approved by the Board. Copy of bills attached.

Pres. Gilefski informed the Board that with the closing of Basic School the Town will basically be responsible for the upkeep of the playground for the term of the lease. Money left for the playground will be turned over to the Town for playground maintenance.

Comm. Evans commented that the Town would have to work with the State keeping open the playground 24 hrs. a day 7 days a week. The Town has adequate insurance coverage. Mr. Laverty said we could have a problem with the water fountain but had been told it could be turned off from the school.

Pres. Gilefski said that the Town election will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1984 since Monday, Jan. 2 was a legal holiday. This procedure was checked out with the proper people. If there is not a contest or anyone filing for a seat by noon December 23, 1983, there will not be an election. Registration to vote deadline is at the closing of the working day of December 23, 1983.

Pres. Gilefski reminded the Board that our Fiscal Year ends Feb. 29 and budget meetings should be started.

Pres. Gilefski had requested a letter from the County Planning and Zoning Comm. as to why they had turned down the new proposed Town House Project to be located on 404. A motion was made by Comm. Evans that a copy of the letter sent by the County Planning and Zoning Comm. be attached to our minutes, seconded by Comm. Jones. Approved by the Board.

Town Mgr., Clif Laverty has made up a form for keeping track of all employee's sick days and vacation days Mr. Gilefski said. Forms to be filled out and signed by each employee each month.

Pres. Gilefski said he wanted to bring up the idea of Town employees reading the water meters. Guy Doel will do this on Saturday morning. Also a list of meters needed will be made up using a master chart. He will be paid on the same basis as our previous reader except for the initial reading and making up chart. A discussion was held about making adjustments on water bills because of leaks. Comm. Hartzell made a motion that any adjustment request be brought before the whole Commission at the regular meeting with decision being made at that time. Person owing bill will be given a grace period until decision is made. This was seconded by Comm. Mulvaney and approved by the Board.

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Pres. Gilefski read a request from Agriculture teacher Dennis Harcum for the Town to allow him and his students to build a pen to raise three (3) piglets from babies to maturity at which time they would be sold. This request was denied unanimously except for one yea vote by Commissioner Mulvaney.

Pres. Gilefski called for department reports.

Water Department -- Commissioner Evans said he would like for the Board to take a look at a rate change in the water and sewer department as the increased cost of repairs affected the sewer department as well as his. Considering the shape the water department is in, a rate change will be considered at budget time.

Street Department -- Commissioner Hartzell said Conrail has fixed two crossings. He was not satisfied with what they had done at Gray's Crossing. He asked Mr. Laverty to look into this. He said that all pot holes had been filled in. Mr. Hartzell said he would like to bring to the attention of the Board members the possibility of buying a computer to do water bills, etc. He said the approximate cost would be \$3500.00. He also thought one would be beneficial at the Police Department. Information for the next meeting will be sought.

Police Department -- Commissioner Jones said crime was on the increase. Copy of police report is attached.

Sewer Department -- Commissioner Mulvaney read a copy of a letter that he would like to send to Dr. Elehwaney as well as a bill for the problems they had caused last month because of the clay being on the carrots. This caused an increase in the cost of processing and running the plant what with having to buy extra chemicals, etc. Commissioner Hartzell made a motion that Commissioner Mulvaney present Dr. Elehwaney with a bill for the cost of processing Del-agra's sewage over and above their monthly bill. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved by the Board.

Commissioner Mulvaney said Guy Dael had taken his level II examination and felt confident he had passed. It will be two months before results are known. Commissioner Mulvaney said he had a question on Revenue Sharing Inventments. President Gilefski said the money was being invested on a 30 day basis, hoping to be able to keep the money for some major repairs that may be needed.

President Gilefski said he was concerned with the sewer meter not working properly at DelAgra--that it is not giving true readings. He thinks this needs correcting.

Alderpersion -- Mrs. Thompson said she had talked with Jim Young, our insurance agent, about personal injury to anyone she might have working on a Community Service Project, as she would like to expand the program. Mr. Young said the only way an individual would be covered would be to have them on Town payroll. She felt this would cost the Town money and defeat the purpose of the Work Program. She had gotten from Larry Grantham of the Sussex Correctional Institution forms he uses that the prisoners sign to absolve the State and Towns from any personal injury claims.

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The Commissioners did not feel this form would hold up in Court. Alderperson Thompson is to write to Dennis Schrader about a legal way to have violators work at Community Projects without being placed on the payroll. Alderperson's report is attached.

Town Manager's report -- Mr. Lavery said most of his report had been covered. In regards to water meters, he planned to find out just how many new meters are needed. He also planned to use Zonelite around meters to keep them from freezing if necessary. He said all patching had been completed.

Mr. Lavery said he had heard that County Revenue Sharing Grant Program had been approved. All that is needed is President's signature. If we receive County Grant money, it will be used for a fire hydrant on the 10" main by Hardesty Funeral Home and one replaced at elementary school. The balance of the money will be spent on water meters.

Mr. Lavery will attend a seminar on January 11, 12, and 13th at the Raddison on Management and Stress. Mr. Lavery told the Board that he was a member of the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Task Force working in the area of Crime Stoppers.

Snow removal will start in North Bridgeville this year. Mr. Hartzell said he wanted to make it clear with W & T Clearing Company that no private driveways or any roads outside of Town would be cleared while working for the Town.

Block Grant Report -- One demolition is out for bid; one rehabilitation is in progress and one is being held up by the Historical Society; three demolitions are pending, one of which is voluntary.

FY82 close out is being held up by one contractor.

President Gilefski asked Mr. Philip Davis if he had anything he wanted to say. Mr. Davis said his main concern was the housing project on 404 being turned down. He wanted to know if there are any other sites in view. The Commissioners said no, not at this time. They stated it was up to the developer to deal with the property owners. Justifying the need for low income housing had been justified by the Town, but private monies must go thru State. Town does not have anything to do with it. Mr. Davis said he understood and thanked the Commissioners.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mulvaney and seconded by Commissioner Evans to go into executive session at 9:00 P.M.

  
James S. Evans  
Secretary