

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 1982

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

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

Guests present were: Mr. Ronnis Cannon, Mr. Daryl Tull, Mr. Otis Holloway, Chief of Police, Town Mgr., Clif Laverty, reporter, Bonnie Grant and Mr. Walton C. Smith, Jr.

Comm. Jones made a motion to dispense reading the minutes of last month's meeting, seconded by A. L. Jones. Approved by the Board.

Bills in the amount of \$14,255.77 were presented for payment. Copy of bills attached as approved for payment by the Board.

Pres. Mulvaney provided the Commissioners with a copy of a letter and estimate of cost for a traffic light at Market & Main Sts. from the State Highway Dept. He told the Board that he had also talked to Senator Adams on the telephone and that Senator Adams had notified the proper people about the sale of Hoch's Garage. Comm. Hartzell asked if the total price was \$200,000 without land acquisition. Mr. Laverty told him that it was. After discussion, Comm. Hartzell made a motion that the Board accept the \$200,000 estimate and proceed with Bond Issue in legislature and notify the State to proceed as Bond Issue is approved. Pres. Mulvaney said he also approved the motion except for one thing, that there is a possibility of having to move 4 gas pumps of the property known as the Exxon Station. Mr. Laverty is to inquire from the State just what their intention is regarding the pumps. Comm. Hartzell withdrew his motion until we hear from the State Highway Dept. about the pumps being moved.

Pres. Mulvaney read a letter from Dennis Schrader, Town Solicitor that he was terminating his employment with Dean Betts joining the firm of Tunnell and Raysor. His letter said the Town had 3 options; 1., to retain Dean Betts, 2. to retain Tunnell & Raysor or, an entirely new solicitor. Mr. Gilefski made a motion to retain Tunnell & Raysor specifying Dennis Schrader as our Solicitor, seconded by A. L. Jones and approved by the Board. Pres. Mulvaney moved that this change take place on Jan. 3, 1983, seconded by Walter Gilefski and approved by the Board.

Pres. Mulvaney said there seemed to be a problem with the employment policy on over-time being paid at time and half time versus straight time. He said there was apparently no minutes to verify time and half time for all over 40 hrs. Mr. Jones, Police Comm. showed Mr. Mulvaney a letter written to him by Pres. Mulvaney. After reading this letter it was decided that it did not authorize time and half time pay. Comm. Jones said he felt his men deserved time and half time pay because of their line of work. Comm. Hartzell said that although he was not aware of any decision being made on this problem before and that he did not necessarily agree with it, he did not know how you could discontinue time and half time after a precedent had been set. He said he had done a survey of other towns and some did and some did not. Mr. Evans said the Town is not bound to time and half time pay. Comm. Gilefski said he was definitely against it and he felt the police should not receive it any more than any other dept. Pres. Mulvaney said he felt the size of the Town did not warrant time and half time pay and could

afford to pay it. After much discussion Comm. Jones moved that time and half time be paid to all Town employees except Dept. heads. Pres. Mulvaney asked for a vote. There were 3 yeas and 2 nays, Pres. Mulvaney and Comm. Gilefski voting against it. Passed 3-2.

Pres. Mulvaney than asked Mr. Ronald Cannon to tell the Board about his request to open a game room on N. Cannon St. behind Lacy's barbershop. Mr. Cannon told the Board he would like to open a game room of vidio machines, Pac-Man, etc. for children ages 6-16 to keep them off the streets and provide them with a place to go. There would be no alcohol or drugs allowed. Mr. Cannon said he did not use them himself and he would not allow it there. Also there would be no pool tables. Comm. Hartzell asked Mr. Cannon if there would be wash rooms available and if 2 exits required by the fire laws would be available. Also off street parking. Mr. Cannon said as of now there were not any wash rooms or 2 fire exits but that there would be before opening the game room. The Board told Mr. Cannon that they could see no problem providing he would work with the Town and the Health and Fire Marshall Dept. The Commissioners would like to see a letter of documentation from both of these depts. before giving their final consent. Hours would be approx. 5-9 thru the week and 3-11 P. M. week-ends.

Pres. Mulvaney introduced ^{Daryl} Daryl Tull, President of the Bridgeville Fire Co. Mr. Tull read a letter to the Board about the 2 properties 314-316 Delaware Ave. that they had purchased. Mr. Tull said it was not the intent of the Fire Co. to take away from the tax rolls. They were requesting a zoning change to take 50 feet going south and 100 feet wide off the back to build a storage building. They would then like to sell the front properties so they could be returned to the tax rolls. Pres. Mulvaney made a motion for the Fire Co. to present a letter to the Commissioners that can be presented to the Town Solicitor, Dennis Schrader. If he see no problem, the Board will proceed with the zoning change.

Pres. Mulvaney asked for Commissioners reports.

Water Dept. - Comm. Evans said his dept. will be getting 3 hydrants. The work to be done in the spring. There have been 2 hydrants replaced and 1 repaired. He said he was working with the Fire Co. about which other hydrants needed to be replaced. Comm. Evans said he had contacted CABA Associates about painting the water tower at the Police Station. He said we were talking about 15-17,000 dollars. Mr. Carbaugh said the tank needs to be checked on the inside as well as painted. He will be talking further with Mr. Carbaugh in Jan. He said water bills were coming in rather well. Comm. Gilefski said all who have not paid their bills should be turned off. He said a certified letter should be sent to all who have not paid their water bills telling them their water service will be discontinued in 10 days if bill is not paid. He said Commissioners would review any hardship cases and make a dicision on payment plan.

Street Commissioner Hartzell told the Board that Dale Wheatley had broken his snow plow on a raised man-hole cover while removing the snow from the last snow storm. Comm. Hartzell said this was not the first time this had happened and he felt the Town should pay for the damages incurred. Also, he wants a map of where all man holes are raised and have them marked someway so Mr. Wheatley does not run into them and damage his equipment again. Comm. Hartzell said he is afraid we might lose the services of Mr. Wheatley if something is not done. Jim Young of Davis, Inc. requests that Mr. Wheatley be covered by insurance and

have same in writing. Mr. Hartzell instructed the Town Mgr. to see what it would cost for insurance per year to cover such damages. Mr. Mulvaney made a motion to pay the damages incurred, seconded by Al Jones.

Police Dept. - Comm. Jones said that fines had fell off in November and December. He said there had been 10 complaints, 3 active, 2 arrests, 5 cleared, 79 traffic arrests, 3,105 miles travelled, 355 3/4 hrs. patrolled, 589 hrs. worked, 6 assists, 427.9 gals. of gas used, 328.9 by the Police, 59 by the the sewer plant and 40 gals. by the Town Manager. Average speed arrest was 40/25. Comm. Jones said 10 people from Re-Act had helped with the Christmas Parade, and had done a fine job. He moved that a \$50.00 donation be made to Re-Act, seconded by William Hartzell and approved by the Board. 1/2 of donation to come from Mr. Hartzell's dept. Mr. Jones said that the Historical Society had asked if the Commissioners would donate apples for Christmas in Bridgeville Santa Claus to give to the children. He said he was happy to report that all the apples were donated. It was recommended that a letter be sent to the Lioness Parade Chairman, Helen Powell, congratulating the Lioness on the sucess of their Christmas parage and how well it was coordinated. Comm. Jones said Chief Holloway was in the process of making up a manual on rules and regulations for the men in the Police Dept. He said a new front door was needed at the Police Station and that he had a price of \$53.40 on a solid door. It was agreed upon for him to purchase the door. Mr. Evans asked if someone from the police dept. could speak at some of the church functions in N. Bridgeville. Chief Holloway said he would be glad to do so. Comm. Jones said that Mrs. Nellie Rich had commended the police on the way they had handled her daughter's case.

Pres. Mulvaney asked Comm. Jones to read the Aldermans report in the absence of Alderman Thompson. There were 81 speeding fines paid in the month of November.

Sewer Dept.- Comm. Gilefski said he had talked to Clark Carbaugh of CABA Assoc. and Jim Short of Dept. of Natural Resources and said Grant admendment should be approved. There is a Public Hearing set for Jan. 17th. This will be held in the High School Auditorium at 7:30 P. M.

Comm. Gilefski handed out copies of a letter from Bob Rider thanking the Commissioners for inviting him to the meeting of landowners and offered his help in obtaining land. Comm. Gilefski said the spray irrigation system would be a coopertive thing between the landowners and the Town. Maintenance would be the Town's responsibilty. He said more information from the University of Delaware was needed to inform landowner about what to expect from the use of the land such as crop yield, etc. Delmarva Lab's report shows 70-80 on BOD's and total suspended solids in the 30's. Rapa plant is doing a good job in their treatment accordin to their test samples. Peroxide cost is still high but DelAgra will soon shut down and the use of peroxide will not be needed. Comm. Gilefski told the Board that 2 men had been hired for part-time employment, Jerry Lacy and Robert Frame. He commented that they seem to be working out well. Mr. Lewis Collins has officially resigned. Mr. Gilefski had a copy of a letter from him to CABA Associates about a pump that Flow Industries is trying to sell us. He asked CABA Associate if they thought we should replace this pump with a new one or go ahead with repairs on the old one. Mr. Carbaugh thought we should go with repairing the old one in light of maybe building a new system. Comm.

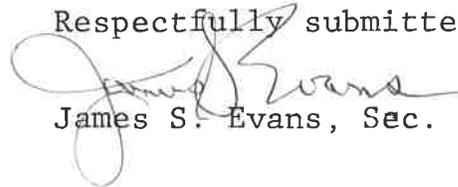
Gilefski is going to write for a price on repairing the pump.

Town Manager Report - Clif Laverty told the Commissioners that the Block Grant application was submitted on Nov. 29. There will be 1.5 million dollars available. Should get results by end of Feb. He said he would be finalizing client applications and bids would go out to contractors mid Jan. Mr. Laverty said he had found a concrete contractor to fix the streets. Mr. Laverty said he would like to cut Delmarva Drilling's inspection trips to twice a year. We are now alternating between #2 and #3 pumps with a minimum 38 P.S.I. Pressure. We now have total storage of 185,000 gals. of water. Mr. Laverty said comparing the last four months electric bills with same period of last year there had been a savings of \$960.00. He said he had documentation from Delmarva Power showing that the Police Dept. actually owes Comm. Evan's Water Dpt. \$335.92 for the last 4 months electric bills in addition to \$120.00 they had already paid. With being able to isolate the police dept. from the water co. and the savings from alternating the pumps we can realize a savings of \$2,000.00 a year.

Comm. Evans moved to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by A. L. Jones.

Comm. went into executive session at 9:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

James S. Evans, Sec.