

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 1986

President Gilefski called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Commissioners present were: Walter P.J. Gilefski, James S. Evans, William L. Hartzell, A. L. Jones and Daryl L. Tull.

Guests present were: Town Solicitor, Dennis Schrader, Lori Senti of THE BANNER, Mark Senti, George Graves of THE LEADER, George L. Jefferson, Mike Layton, George H. Torbert, Marshall Craft, Clark Carbaugh and Abdul Qaessaunee of CABA Associates, John Loscomb, Sewer Plant Manager, Town Manager Clif Laverly, Clif and Liz Merrell of L.A. Merrell Construction, Chief of Police John Tyndall, Alderperson Connie Collins and Albert Rizzo.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tull, seconded by Commissioner Jones to dispense with the reading of the minutes of last month's regular meeting, also the two special meetings. Minutes of such are available for inspection at the Town Office. It was approved by the Board.

Bills in the amount of \$12,778.70 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Comm. Evans to pay the bills as presented. Approved by the Board.

President Gilefski informed the Board that 15 units of public housing has been approved by the Delaware Housing Authority within the Town of Bridgeville. Mrs. Harris of Delaware Housing would like to meet with the Commissioners. Time set for the meeting is February 1987.

President Gilefski introduced a group of local business men with Mr. George Torbert presenting their concern for 24 hour police protection especially from 12:00 midnight to 7:00 A.M. This is in light of several robberies that have occurred. They had high praise for Chief Tyndall and his man for the protection they get but just want more of the same. Chief Tyndall, Police Commissioner Jones and President Gilefski informed the group of the problems of getting qualified full time men and trained part-time men. Also what the State requires before a man can go out on the street as a policeman. Comm. Hartzell said we have a two-fold problem-- (1) money and (2) qualified men. He asked the businessmen if they would be willing to pay more taxes for revenue to cover more men in that department. Mr. Hartzell said he, too, advocated, around the clock protection if we could get qualified men. President Gilefski said that Sallee says in the future we would have to hire men at a minimum wage set by them in order to receive their funds. We do not start our men at that figure at this time. A decision will have to be made if we are going to abide by their rules or not receive their funds.

President Gilefski thanked the men for coming as their presence indicated what their priorities are and the Commissioners will certainly take a hard look at the problem and do whatever is possible. Also we will keep them informed when we do hire another police officer. Mr. Senti wondered if a Crime Watch Committee would help. Chief Tyndall said he welcomed any help and this might be a good idea. Again the businessmen praised Chief Tyndall for all his help, saying he is the best Chief of Police Bridgeville has ever had.

President Gilefski called for Department reports:

Water Department--Commissioner Evans said the unpaid water bills are being taken care of with four disconnects this quarter. Meters that needed replacing have been replaced.

Street Department--Commissioner Hartzell says he was informed that funds are available to do parking lot across the Street. The area will be graded and covered with crusher run until Spring. It will then be paved.

Police Department--Commissioner Jones said he had nothing else to report.

Sewer Department--Commissioner Tull said he had nothing at this time.

Alderman Report--Alderman's report was given to each Commissioner. The report is attached.

Town Manager's Report--Mr. Laverty said the well grant is on hold until we get a contract which we are waiting for. Mr. Rizzo will speak at Citizen's privilege about beautifying the parking area across the street. Mr. Schrader says he does not have the work done on the Standard Code of Unsafe Buildings. This phase was not included in original Standard Building Code adopted by the Town. Comm. Hartzell asked Mr. Laverty if all the tanks had been removed from the Hoch property. Mr. Laverty said he had been told orally that they had, but he had not received a letter to that effect, though one had been requested. Comm. Hartzell said to try again for a written verification of such.

Citizen's Privilege--Mr. Albert Rizzo said as a citizen of the community, he would like to make a proposal of beautifying the parking lot across the street from Town Hall. Mr. Rizzo who works for Soil Conservation of Sussex County says there is a matching fund grant which we can make application for that will not cost the Town any money. They require that the labor be done by the Community and clubs such as Boy Scouts, 4-H Clubs and other youth groups. They will turn this labor offered into money value and match it with the materials needed to beautify area.

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Mr. Rizzo said the State Forrester, John Schwam, said he would design it for us and that we would be second on list behind Dover to receive assistance if we get application in soon. President Gilefski and Commissioner Hartzell thanked Mr. Rizzo for his interest in our Town and they think his proposal is great. President Gilefski told Mr. Rizzo to bring the application into Mr. Lavery and for Mr. Lavery to compose letters to several youth groups and civic organizations in Town.

Commissioner Tull moved to go into executive session to discuss the bid on the sewer plant project. The motion was seconded by Comm. Hartzell. The meeting adjourned at 8:02.

Respectfully submitted,

  
James S. Evans, Secretary