

Commissioners of Bridgeville
Regular Meeting
February 13, 1984

Meeting was called to order at 7 P. M. by Pres. Gilefski.

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

Guests were: Bruce Pringle, reporter for the News Journal, Bonnie Grant, reporter for the Leader, Chief of Police, Otis Holloway, Town Manager, Clif Laverty, Guy William Doel, Assistant Waste Treatment Plant Operator, John Hartman, Mgr. of the Waste Treatment Plant, Joe Bolden of Pet Poultry and Rich Campbell, Director of Stockley Center for the Mentally Handicapped.

A motion to dispense reading of the minutes of last month's meeting was made by Robert L. Mulvaney and seconded by A. L. Jones. This motion was made to save time. Approved by the Board.

Bills in the amount of \$15,487.67 were presented for payment. Motion to pay all bills as presented was made by Comm. Mulvaney, seconded by Comm. Evans and approved by the Board. Copy of bills attached.

Pres. Gilefski read a letter from the Bridgeville Lioness telling what they had used the money for in the Christmas parade and again thanked the Town for the Revenue Sharing money they had donated to them.

Pres. Gilefski told the Board there would be a League of Local Government meeting in Dover the last Thursday in February. No one will be attending.

Mr. Guy Doel, assistant Waste Treatment Plant Operator was introduced and congratulated on passing his Class II certification exam as a sewer plant operator. Comm. Mulvaney said he as well as the other commissioners were greatly pleased as this made Mr. Doel the youngest Level II operator in the State of Delaware. Also Mr. Doel passed overed his Level I exam for this one. All of the Commissioners showed their appreciation to Mr. Doel.

Pres. Gilfefski read a letter from Rodney Wyatt, County Engineer, concerning the 201 Facility Plan site. Mr. Gilefski brought attention to 2 things Mr. Wyatt ³⁰¹⁹ said would be of concern. (1). The site would have to be rezoned for condition use therefore required in Article 5, Section 1, Paragraph 1.5, Item 15, of the Sussex County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, allowing public service use (i.e. treatment plants, pumping stations, etc.). A change of conditional use for a property must be filed with the Sussex County Planning and Zoning Office before further consideration and final approval by Sussex County Council. (2). Concern about increasing the volume and velocity of the ground water passing under the landfill property. Commissioner Hartzell said he wanted Mr. Laverty to request a copy of Article 5, Section 1, Paragraph 1.5, Item 15 from the County for the Commissioner's review.

Mr. Bolden of Pet Poultry was introduced by Pres. Gilefski. Mr. Bolden informed the Commissioners of a frozen water meter at the plant and asked if they could put the plant on a flat water rate per month. He said because there was no heat in the building he had problems with this meter freezing dispite his efforts. After much discussion, Mr.

Bolden was told the Town would pay for $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cost of the meter, although this was the second meter to freeze in two years and that the Town was not responsible for damages occurring on private property. They also told Mr. Bolden that he would have to take preventive measures to keep meter from freezing and for any further damages incurred he would be responsible.

Pres. Gilefski asked for water bill adjustment list and reason for adjustments requested. There were four bill adjustments as follows:

1. Mrs. William Hill, 109 Edgewood St. Broken pipes she was not aware of - Comm. Mulvaney made a motion to adjust her bill based on her last two previous bills, seconded by Comm. Hartzell and approved by the Board.
2. Mr. Mike Layton - Delaware Ave. - break on his side of the water meter - Comm. Mulvaney made a motion to adjust bill according to his two previous bills, seconded by Comm. Hartzell and approved by the Board.
3. Pat Correll's tenant house on Church St. - broken pipes under the house - Comm. Mulvaney moved to adjust bill according to last two previous bills, seconded by Comm. Hartzell and approved by the Board.
4. Nellie Rich's tenant house 36 Church St. - broken pipes - Comm. Mulvaney made a motion that this bill not be adjusted as Oct.'s bill was higher than January's bill, seconded by Comm. James Evans and approved by the Board.

Pres. Gilefski said there would be a Public Hearing of Revenue Sharing Funds on March 28, at 7 P. M. He said a responsible person of the Town had to be appointed to pursue things that had to be done for the Handicapped required by Revenue Sharing. Town Mgr., Clif Laverty was appointed and his first act would be to put a required ad in the paper that the Town did not discriminate against handicapped people.

Pres. Gilefski said he would like to get the Commissioner's approval to pay more of the Town's share of the 201 Facility Plan. The amount would come from a C.D.. He suggested \$15, or \$20,000 for now. The Commissioners agreed to pay \$15,000 for now. The state and federal grants had paid 90% of their share.

Pres. Gilefski said the Budget for 1985 would be approved in March. A budget work shop will be held Monday, February 20 at 7 P. M.

Pres. Gilefski said as he had proposed at the reorganization meeting that there would be no more commissioners heading the various departments, he would like to see the personnel policy to change to read "Town Manager" after the words commissioner or appropriate commissioner". A motion was made by Comm. Hartzell to insert the words "Town Manager" in the personnel policy as requested. Motion died for the lack of a second. After much discussion and some clarification of what the Town Manager's duties would be another motion was made by Comm. Hartzell to make the necessary changes to the personnel policy, seconded by Comm. Jones. Vote was 4-1 with Comm. Mulvaney voting nay.

Comm. Hartzell made a motion that Town Manager, Clif Laverty be allowed to spend at least \$500 for any department in any one emergency situation. This was seconded by Comm. Evans. Vote was 4-1 with again Comm. Mulvaney voting nay.

Alderwoman Thompson reported that for the second year in a row Bridgeville was acknowledged as the third most active alderman's court in Delaware out of 13 courts. Bridgeville was surpassed only by Newark and Newport. There were 251 cases more in 1983 than in 1982. Copy of report attached.

Town Mgr., Clif Laverty reported that he had planned to put up traffic signs today, but our new part-time maintenance man Mr. Dickerson was called to work on his regular job. Pot hole patching had been put off for better weather. Mr. Laverty said Mr. Dickerson our new maintenance man was doing a good job.

Mr. Laverty said the grit pump and seperator had thawed up and enclosed with black plastic along with heaters. Also the recirculating pump was being repaired.

There are bids out for a new truck for the Town. Bids due on March 1, 1984. Ads have been placed in paper and bidders can pick up specs at the Town Hall. Ad also to be put in News Journal and Mr. Laverty will look into State's buying agency, requested by Comm. Hartzell.

Mr. Laverty said most of the bills had been paid for the water break on Market Street out of the Revenue Sharing Funds.

He said County Grant should be out by March 1st. The Town received \$4,000 last year. D.O.H. Grant should be granted by March 1st also. He is hoping for a large check from them.

Mr. Laverty told the Board he would be on vacation from March 12th - 16th.

The Rehab Audit looks very good and he has 2 rehab projects being figured, 1 underway, 1 demolition out for bids and 2 pending.

Mr. Laverty said he would be attending the State Community Development Plan Forum on Feb. 16th from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. at Del. Tech. Community College.

The State Division of Housing submitted to HUD for 47 units of low income housing in Bridgeville. It will be totally financed and operated by the State. No involvement of Town Government with the exception of collecting water and sewer fees and 10% of the rental in lieu of tax income. Mr. Laverty will contact Delaware Housing Authority and have them have a representative at the next regular council meeting.

A copy of a letter to residence on increases in the water rates was tabled until March meeting.

A motion was made by Comm. Hartzell to go into executive session at 9 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

James S. Evans, Sec.