

Commissioners of Bridgeville
Regular Meeting
February 14, 1983

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

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

Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Gilespie, Alderwoman Margaret Thompson, Chief of Police Otis Holloway and Reporter Bonnie Grant.

Secretary James Evans read the minutes of last month's meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Jones to accept the minutes as read; seconded by Commissioner Mulvaney and approved by the Board.

Bills in the amount of \$19,871.43 were presented for payment. Commissioner Jones moved to accept the bills as presented; seconded by Commissioner Mulvaney and approved by the Board. Copies of the bills are attached.

President Gilefski asked the Commissioners to meet Saturday the 19th of February at 10:00 A.M. for a budget meeting and set a Public Hearing date for the use of Revenue Sharing Funds for March 21st at 7:00 P.M.

President Gilefski told the Board that there would be a National League of Local Government meeting in Washington on March 6, 7, and 8th. He asked if any of the Commissioners would like to attend. Commissioner Mulvaney said he would attend and Town Manager Clif Laverty would also attend.

President Gilefski introduced Mr. and Mrs. Gilespie who are opening a new business in town known as the Chatterbox located at 115 Market Street, the old Scott's Mens Store. He said he had asked Mr. and Mrs. Gilespie to attend the meeting to meet the Commissioners and for them to tell the Commissioners what they planned to sell and to answer any questions the Commissioners might have. President Gilefski told Mr. and Mrs. Gilespie that Town Manager Clif Laverty could inform them on the Town's Ordinances. Mr. Gilespie said the Chatterbox would carry newspapers, soft bound books, magazines and school supplies. There would be some video games, some tables and snack machines. Hours would be from 8:30 AM until approximately 9:00 P.M. on week days and until 10:00 or 11:00 P.M. on week-ends. They will be closed on Sundays. Mrs. Gilespie said children under 16 would not be allowed to play the video games during school hours. President Gilefski thanked Mr. and Mrs. Gilespie for coming and wished them well in their new business.

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President Gilefski read a letter from Mr. Wm. Gordy of the Board of Elections stating the Attorney General's ruling on uncontested elections. Copy of letter and copy of law attached to minutes. Commissioner Mulvaney said he had a question on one portion of the law concerning write-ins on an uncontested candidate in a contested election. President Gilefski is to write a letter to Mr. Gordy to ask for clarification on this point.

President Gilefski told the Board that he had had a verbal request from the Fire Company for an additional \$1,000.00 for their help in the survey for the Block Grant and for testing all the fire hydrants. Commissioner Jones moved to approve the request; seconded by Commissioner Hartzell. Commissioner Mulvaney asked that an amendment be made to the motion to add an additional \$500.00 for the commendable work the firemen did in the recent snow storm. Commissioner Jones changed his motion to include the \$500.00 making the amount \$1,500.00; seconded by Commissioner Hartzell and approved unanimously by the Board.

President Gilefski read a brochure from the Delaware Football Blue and Gold Game asking for a donation for an ad. The Board agreed to take an ad if Town is contacted.

President Gilefski read a letter from Dennis Schrader, Town Solicitor, on his opinion in respect to unpaid water and sewer bills. Mr. Schrader suggested that we deal directly with the land lords and not the tenants as the land owners are directly responsible for the bills. Commissioner Evans made a motion that all landlords be informed by letter that bills starting in July will be sent to them and not their tenants. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartzell and approved by the Board.

A new bicycle ordinance was read by President Gilefski for the first reading. Several amendments to the ordinance were made to the ordinance concerning the bell, horn and light. Commissioner Mulvaney said he did not see the usefulness of a bell or horn. After much discussion, Commissioner Jones moved to keep Section 6B as is; seconded by Commissioner Hartzell. President Gilefski asked for a vote. There were three yeas and two nays. Passed 3-2. Section 7, Item A should be changed to read "on to". Commissioner Hartzell said in Section 8-A under penalties that he felt the fine set was too steep. He made a motion that the fine should be not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Mulvaney. The light requirement should be changed to night riding only. Registration will take place at the Police Station sometime in March. Notice of registration will be in the paper and hand bills will be given out at the schools. Amendments to the ordinance will be made before next month's meeting.

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President Gilefski called for Commissioner's reports.

Water Department--Commissioner Evans showed the Commissioners the new water bills that will go out in April. He told the Board that he was getting contracts on painting the old water tower.

Police Department--Commissioner Jones gave the following police report: 3 accidents, 44 complaints, 9 active, 12 arrests, 23 cleared, 3,184 miles traveled, 375 3/4 hours patrolled, 707 hours worked and 8 assists. The Police used 390.6 gallons of gasoline, 1125 gallons by the Sewer Plant, 14 gallons by the Town and 38.2 by the Town Manager. Commissioner Jones said he had a request from Mr. Frank Abbott to ask the Board for a variance to the zoning rules to put a 44 foot house on a 60 foot lot on North Cannon Street. As it appears now, it would be in violation but if there could be some way to put the house on the lot to allow for fire equipment clearance, it would be an asset to the Town. The Board told Commissioner Jones to tell Mr. Abbott to get in touch with Mr. Lavery on the possibilities.

Alderman Court--Mrs. Thompson dispensed the reading of her report, giving it to President Gilefski for his approval. Mrs. Thompson requested from the Commissioners a three week vacation in May. She suggested that Police Secretary Connie Collins record the fines and make deposits while she was gone as Connie Collins is familiar with the work. Request was granted.

Street Department--Commissioner Hartzell said he was pleased that the streets were cleared quickly during the recent snow storms and that the catch basins were cleaned out to assure the running off of water. Commissioner Hartzell told the Board that Mr. Wheatley does have insurance to cover his equipment and any damages incurred.

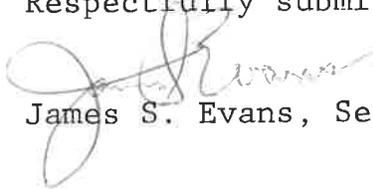
Commissioner Mulvaney asked the President and the Board if he could have the remaining HUD money to have a Brochure of Bridgeville made up to entice business to Bridgeville. He would like to form an Economic Committee for the Town with the help of some prominent business men. Commissioner Hartzell made a motion that Commissioner Mulvaney be Chairman of the Economic Committee and be allowed \$3,000 for brochures, letters, etc. Motion seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved by the Board.

President Gilefski told the Board that only the Police Department had given their \$2,500.00 towards the Town Manager's salary. He asked the Board if the other Departments wanted to pay their \$2500 or reimburse the Police Department. After much discussion, it was decided that it would stay as is as the Police Department was financially better off than the other departments.

Town Manager's Report--Mr. Laverty said that the traffic signs had been ordered. He said he did not have the black top estimate yet because of the snow. Mr. Laverty said that he was building up a water maintenance department. He said the pot holes in Maple Alley had been filled. Mr. Laverty told the Board there were two bad drainage problems that needed attention when money was available. One is on Mills Street and one on First Street. Also there are pot holes on First Street and pavement on Mills Street that need repairing. Gum Alley also needs work done to it. Tentative figures are to be gotten on the cost of doing this work. He told the Board that the trash cans at Cannon's Foods were being used for personal use such as stove ashes from the pool room. The Commissioners suggested that Mr. Laverty inform the poolroom owner that these cans are not to be used for his personal use. Mr. Laverty said Mrs. Orr of S. Main Street had requested the Town put up a pipe at the corner of her fence to keep cars from running into it. The Commissioners said to inform Mrs. Orr that she has permission to put the pipe up but she will have to do it. Mr. Laverty said the new fire hydrants, new meters and service parts had been purchased with the County Grant. He said that Bridgeville will be host to the sub-committee to NAHRO on March 9th at 10:00 A.M. who will be reporting to the Housing Authority on the needs of a building code. Mr. Laverty had the Commissioners sign the resolution changing the authorized representative from Robert L. Mulvaney to Walter Gilefski. Mr. Laverty said one rehabilitation job had been started and another was to start in the near future. One applicant had been dropped and had asked for his application to be returned to him. This had been done. Mr. Laverty said a letter of intent had been sent to Parks and Recreation Department for a park grant. This would be a matching money grant.

Commissioner Evans moved to go into executive session at 9:10 P.M. after which Mr. Clark Carbaugh and Mr. Lee Beetchem of CABE Associates will up-date the 201 Facility Plan with the Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,


James S. Evans, Secretary