

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING  
2/16/87

Commissioner William L. Hartzell was sworn into office by Alderwoman Connie Collins for a term of one year. Mr. Hartzell was unable to attend the reorganization meeting in January due to a death in his family.

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

Commissioners present were Daryl Tull, James Evans, William Hartzell, A. L. Jones and Walter Gilefski.

Guests present: Town Manager Clif Laverty, Chief of Police, John Tyndall, Waste Treatment Manager John Loscomb, Douglas S. Marshall, Esq. of Wilson, Holland and Bayard on behalf of RAPA, Inc., Charles H. West, Del-Agra Corp., C. W. Brown of RAPA, Dennis Schrader, Esq. Town Solicitor, Clark Carbaugh, Lee Beetchem, and Abdul Qaissaunee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tull, seconded by Commissioner Hartzell to dispense with the reading of the minutes of last month's minutes. Approved by the Board. Copy of the minutes are sent to each Commissioner in advance of the meeting. They may also be seen at the Town Office during regular business hours.

Bills in the amount of \$17,252.69 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Evans to pay bills as presented. Approved by the Board. A copy of the bills is attached.

President Gilefski gave a copy to each Commissioner for their consideration of "A Schedule of Charges" and a Classification of Users for Wastewater Treatment. A motion was made by Comm. Tull, seconded by Comm. Jones to accept same as written. A copy is attached.

A "Schedule of Users, Charges and Fees" was also given to each Commissioner for their review. The schedule shows raising the sewer rent from \$1.50 per thousand gallons to \$2.00 per thousand gallons. President Gilefski asked the Commissioners to defer voting on this until next month's meeting after budget meetings.

President Gilefski said there were five water and sewer bill adjustments for consideration:

1. Mrs. Elizabeth Hall--had a leak which she had repaired-- Motion was made by Comm. Evans, seconded by Commissioner Hartzell to adjust bill to the average of the last two quarters.

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2. Mrs. Viola Barnes--had a leak which was repaired. A motion was made by Comm. Evans, seconded by Comm. Hartzell to adjust the water and sewer bill to the average of the last two quarters.
3. Mrs. Maria Sierra--Commissioner Hartzell made a motion, seconded by Comm. Jones to adjust the bill to the last two quarters but also to send a letter to the effect that because their meter is now working, their next bill could very well be higher.
4. Clifton Jackson--Commissioner Hartzell made a motion and seconded by Comm. Jones to adjust the bill to the average of last two bills due to a leak. A letter is also to be sent to Mr. Jackson that he, too, had a non-working meter that has now been repaired, and that his next bill could well be higher also.
5. Mrs. Cora Gilliam--Tenant House. Commissioner Hartzell made a motion, seconded by Comm. Jones to average the last two quarters but to make Mrs. Gilliam aware that this would be the final adjustment and that there is still a leak that needs attention.

President Gilefski gave an update on the Bridgeville Mall negotiations. President Gilefski told the Board he had written a letter to Town Solicitor Dennis Schrader about the changes the Commissioners would like made before the Commissioners would sign the contract. The points of changes in the proposed contract were (1) Agree (2) The Town will assume ownership of the system only when another person or business requests and is given permission by the Commissioners to do so. Until such time, ownership remains that of Bridgeville Mall Limited Partnership. (3) Agree. Please be sure Mr. Scott understands though that by Town Charter those charges can not be less than those paid by the residents of the Town. (4) Bridgeville Mall will pay property taxes as any other residential property owner, i.e. on the entire parcel of property with improvements. (5) The Commissioners feel that the contract should include a statement to the effect that any and all businesses which may be part of the Mall site shall adhere to all Town Ordinances with respect to sewer discharges. We have not heard from Mr. Scott yet although it was in the paper that he had asked for a zoning change for 17 more acres of land adjacent to present land.

President Gilefski called for a budget meeting on Monday, February 23 at 7:00 P.M. If any department has their draft done, President Gilefski asked that they would forward a copy to the other Commissioners so they may look at the draft before the meeting.

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A Board of Adjustment report was rendered by President Gilefski on the Woodbridge Art League. The Board had passed the Art League's request to use the house on Sussex Avenue, donated to them by Mr. Francis Lewis for a place to hold classes and display art work. When the Woodbridge Art League assumes ownership of property, it will become exempt from taxes as it is a non-profit organization.

President Gilefski informed the Board that the old theatre building was being demolished. Also that the meeting with Kathy Gregory of D.O.H. was postponed until the March meeting. He understands they are dealing for some land adjacent to the Town.

Some letters were read from the citizens of Bridgeville regarding the snow removal. Most of them had very nice comments with only one being negative.

President Gilefski said the Lions' Club had written a very nice thank you letter to the Commissioners, Mr. Laverty and the Police Department for their help with their successful Christmas Parade.

Department Reports were called for by President Gilefski.

Alderwoman's Report--A report was given to each Commissioner for their review. A copy is attached.

Water Department--Commissioner Evans reported on the new Well #5. It will be advertised in paper. Bids will soon be opened, with a completion date hopefully May 1st. The closing date for program would be in June. #5 Well will be tied into the present panel in the Town office. #4 Well to stay intact for future use when litigations have been resolved.

Street Commissioner--Commissioner Hartzell said he wanted to thank John Loscomb and Doug Jones for a job well done during the recent snow storm. He said he was also pleased with the price of the heavy snow removal. He would like to meet with Chief Tyndall to discuss a modified snow emergency plan. He said there is also a need to map out storm drains so they could be partially opened to alleviate the potential flooding situation with such heavy snow storms. Mr. Hartzell said he is aware there is some necessary street work that needs to be done but the weather is not cooperating. Comm. Hartzell also promised Mr. Evans to take a look behind the Senior Center when we had another big rain.

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Police Department--Commissioner Jones said he had attended a Kiwanis meeting about installing Christmas lights along Main Street. The part-time policeman, Lester Guyer is now working full time. Also Assistant Gene Crockett has resigned as assistant alderman. The new police car arrived on December 30 and had proved to be a very nice car. Since it took three months to get the car, they would like the Commissioner's approval to buy a 2nd car or at least place an order for one. The request is in new budget which was passed out to each Commissioner for their approval. It would now cost \$15,200. This was tabled until budget meeting on the 23rd of February.

Sewer Department--Commissioner Tull said the monthly discharge report was the best one in a while with only one non-compliance for the month. There was 1 violation for the month of January (26th) for RAPA.

Town Manager Report--Mr. Laverty said he, too, wanted to commend Doug Jones and John Loscomb for the snow removal and had heard several nice comments. Mr. Laverty said he had met with Mr. Al Rizzo on plans to beautify the intersection of Market and Main. Grant has been granted and help from the Key Club, Boy Scouts, Seaford Moose Lodge, etc. has been obtained. Mr. Rizzo, Mr. Laverty and Rep. Barnes will get together soon. Rep. Barnes said that crusher run for parking lot would be brought in as soon as weather permits. He might also be able to get some much needed top soil. Signs for the parking lot have arrived.

Plans and specs for the new well will be reviewed tomorrow. Bids on Well #5 will be opened Mar. 6th, and we are shooting for May 1 completion and close out June 30th. If money has not been spent by that time, we will have to return funds. Mr. Laverty reminded Mr. Evans to allocate The Town's 10% toward well in his budget. Mr. Laverty told Mr. Evans that if he applied for another Block Grant he would include the Senior Center again although it has been turned down twice.

At 8:00 P.M. President Gilefski asked if the Commissioners, the consulting engineers and the Town Solicitor if they wanted to go into executive session to discuss the sewer plant facility situation. Everyone agreed to an open meeting.

President Gilefski said as everyone was aware the sewer referendum was defeated. Options are still open to the lowest bidder of L. Merrill and the next lowest bidders to keep open their bids for a period of time.

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After much discussion, it was decided that at a meeting Mr. Carbaugh has with DNREC on Wednesday, he is to try to find out some answers to some questions the Commissioners have:

- (1) Should we try for another referendum?
- (2) Should we scale the size of the plan down if Del-Agra isn't going to remain in the system?
- (3) Should we allow Del-Agra to remain in the system for this production year? Del-Agra says they are pulling out of our system and go to field irrigation but cannot do so until The Town gives them the O.K. to leave the system so they can get permit. Mr. West of Del-Agra said they could not get the irrigation system in before August. Commissioners feel that we cannot stand Del-Agra's discharge under full production.

President Gilefski said that the federal government might not let us raise the average water/sewer bill to \$105.00 because of local income. They do take this into consideration. Also, if we go to redesign it would be at the cost of the Town and we would still have to pay for design work already done.

Commissioner Hartzell said he needed some of the above questions answered before he could make any kind of a decision.

It was finally decided to meet again on Monday February 23, at 8:00 P.M. after Mr. Carbaugh meets with DNREC.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

