

Commissioners of Bridgeville
Regular Meeting
January 10, 1983

President Gilefski called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Commissioners present were Walter P. J. Gilefski, Robert L. Mulvaney, James S. Evans, A. L. Jones and William L. Hartzell.

Guests present were: Alderwoman Margaret Thompson, Chief of Police Otis H. Holloway, Town Manager Clif Laverty, Reporter Donna Smith, Reporter Bonnie Grant, Mrs. Kay Lewis and six members of her sixth grade class of the Basic Plus School.

President Gilefski introduced to the guests present the various department heads, Police Commissioner A. L. Jones, Water Commissioner James S. Evans, Street Commissioner Wm. L. Hartzell, Commissioner at Large Robert L. Mulvaney, Town Manager Clif Laverty, Alderwoman Margaret Thompson and Treasurer Mildred Pusey.

A welcome was extended by President Gilefski to Mrs. Lewis and students of her sixth grade class, telling them that he and the Commissioners were glad to see them and hoped they would come often to see how the local government of the Town worked.

President Gilefski introduced Harry Kilgoe who had been granted a conditional opening of a pool room next to Record's Liquor Store. President Gilefski told Mr. Kilgoe that he himself would not look favorably on alcoholic beverages in or near the premises nor would gambling be tolerated. If the pool room was run simply as a place for recreation that he himself could see no problem. All of the other Commissioners including Police Commissioner Jones concurred with Pres. Gilefski. Mr. Kilgoe assured the Board that he would abide by all conditions set. Commissioner Evans made a motion that Mr. Kilgoe be allowed to open his business, seconded by Wm Hartzell, and approved by the Board. President Gilefski also told Mr. Kilgoe that he should control loitering in front of his place of business this summer.

A letter from the law firm of Tunnell and Raysor thanking the Town for allowing them to represent the Town with Dennis Schrader of their firm as the Town's Solicitor was read.

President Gilefski said a letter was received from Dr. Quinn of the Dickenson Medical Association declaring this area as "pediatrician poor." He asked the Town to respond to such. A letter is to be written to Dr. Quinn that the Town is already aware of that situation but is not poor in the General Practitioner area.

President Gilefski reminded the Commissioners of the invitation to the dedication of the new O. A. Newton Complex.

President Gilefski asked for Department reports.

Police Department - Commissioner Jones gave the following report: There were two accidents, 23 complaints, active 5, inactive 1, arrests 12, cleared 3, Total Miles Traveled 3421, Total Hours Patrolled 340, Total Hours Worked 654, Total Assists 3, Total Gallons of Gasoline Used 558, Total Gas used by Police 377.1, Total Gas used by Sewer Plant 137.3, Total Gas used by town -, and total gas used by Town Manager 43.6. Commissioner Jones asked Chief Holloway to give a report on the increase of serious crime in Bridgeville. Chief Holloway said that serious crime was indeed on the increase. He said the increase of criminal mischief, criminal trespassing and criminal assault is attributed to people having too much time on their hands. He said criminal investigations in December had more than doubled from the month before. Commissioner Jones said he would like to have permission from the Board to put out bids for a new police car, and sell two of the present police cars. He would like to purchase a police pkg. car. Commissioner Mulvaney said he had reservations about purchasing a car at this time since a new car had been purchased recently. He said financially the Town could buy a car now but would they be in the same position several years from now when the cars needed replacing. Commissioner Jones said he did not know what the financial state of the Town would be at that time, that he was thinking ahead to this summer and the need for a satisfactory car. After some discussion Commissioner Jones withdrew his request for a couple of months to see how the Town was standing financially.

Water Department - Commissioner Evans stressed again that water and sewer bills be paid on time or water service will be disconnected and a reconnecting fee will have to be paid. He said three fire hydrants had been delivered and installation will begin as soon as weather permits. The location of the new hydrants will include two sites on Market Street and another on Delaware Avenue. Commissioner Evans said he had talked to Clark Carbaugh about painting the old water tower as soon as the extra money would be available. The cost being between fifteen and seventeen thousand dollars.

President Gilefski then, because of time, asked the students present if they had any questions they wanted to ask. The students had several questions such as the budgets for each department, how much water had to be disconnected throughout the year. Does a police officer have to make a certain number of arrests, etc. each day? Mrs. Lewis then thanked the Commissioners for allowing her students to sit in on the meeting and gave a special thanks to Commissioner Mulvaney for teaching her class in local government that day. Mrs. Lewis and her students then departed.

President Gilefski asked the department reports to be resumed.

Street Department - Commissioner Hartzell said he had little to report at this time. Snow had been removed one time. He said Maple Alley from Cannon Street to Railroad Avenue had several pot holes that needed filling in. He instructed Town Manager to get prices on black topping the shoulders on Delaware Avenue with the grading done to drain to catch basins. He said he was not happy with the way the street was repaired where RAPA had run new water lines across Cannon St. Mr. Laverty told him that this was not finished but would be when weather permitted. Commissioner Mulvaney asked Mr. Hartzell if the street department was going to replace the asphalt curbing at the library that was torn away by the snow plow. Commissioner Mulvaney said he felt that Mr. Wheatley should have his own insurance that would cover any damages done, such as this and also any damage done to his equipment on the job once any manhole covers are clearly marked by the Town. Commissioner Mulvaney made a motion that any contractor hired by the Town provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance, seconded by A. L. Jones and approved by the Board.

Sewer Report. President Gilefski passed out a letter to the Commissioners from Dr. Elehwaney stating that his Company (DEL-AGRA) would stay with the Town as long as the sewer rate was within reason. There will be a public hearing on the 17th of January at the Woodbridge High School at 7:30 P.M. At this time, the Town will be soliciting any proposal of land from land owners. The Commissioners are hoping for a good turnout. President Gilefski told the Board that Sewer Plant Operator Roland Grant should receive his test results by mid-January. President Gilefski told the Board that he and Town Manager would be attending an alternative Waste Water Seminar in Salisbury on January 19th.

Alderman Court - Alderwoman Thompson told the Board that December 1982 had been the slowest month since January of 1981. She gave the following breakdown:

Fifty-six fines were collected: 42 speeding, 2 Speed greater than reasonable, Reckless 1, Expired License 1, DUI 1, No valid license 1, No insurance 1, Inattentive Driving 1, Bad Muffler 1, Fail to answer summons 2, Bad checks collected 1, Fail. to stop 1, Dismissed 1.

Town Manager Report - Mr. Laverty said so far he had not received a call back from the Department of Transportation about the traffic light at the corner of Market and Main Sts. Mr. Laverty said he had received a report from Chief Holloway on signs needed. Work will start as soon as possible erecting these signs. He told the Board that the stake body truck had passed inspection, and that the trash cans will be picked up on Wednesday. He also told the Board that tarps had been purchased to retain the trash within the truck. Mr. Laverty said Jerry Lacy would be doing all other department's work with each department being charged for same. He is also going to instruct Jerry on the water pumps.

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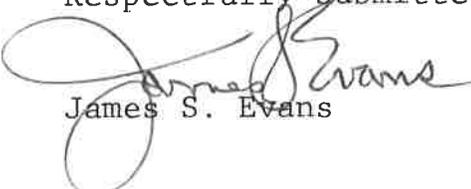
Mr. Laverty said the fire hydrants would be installed hopefully by the end of the week, one at the library, one at the theater on Delaware Avenue and one on West Market Street by McDowell's Market. Mr. Laverty told the Board that Delaware League of Local Governments would be having an election of executive committee on January 27th. Also there is going to be a seminar in Washington for three days starting March 5th. This seminar will be on Revenue Sharing and Community Development Block Grant. President Gilefski said he felt at least two should attend this meeting and asked that if any Commissioners could arrange to attend, please sign up.

Town Manager Laverty said bids were coming in on the 20th for the Block Grant Rehabilitation Program. First two rehabilitation project to begin the first week in February. On the 19th of January, Bridgeville will hold a Housing Work Shop for telling the people what the program means to them. The meeting will be held in Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Flyers have been passed out in the various churches about this meeting.

James Evans moved to pay all bills as presented in the amount of \$12,466.47, seconded by Wm. Hartzell and approved by the Board.

Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. seconded by Commissioner Mulvaney.

Respectfully submitted,



James S. Evans