

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 1982

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

Guests present were: Alderman Margaret Thompson, Chief Ricci Pyle, Bonnie Grant of the Leader, James Maddox and Miss Donn Smith of Delaware Tech. & Community College, a student in Journalism.

Bills in the amount of \$12,276.23 were presented for an approved for payment. Bills here attached.

Mr. William Hartzell moved to dispense reading of last month's minutes, seconded by Walter Gilefski.

Pres. Mulvaney told the Board that he had had two complaints of the Church on Delaware Ave. Question of people living there. They wanted to know if there was any ordinance against this. Apparently there is no problem of noise- but there is a traffic and parking problem. Signs will be erected and curbing will be painted yellow to eliviate this problem. President Mulvaney set up a committee of Commissioners, Mr. Al Jones, Chairman, Mr. William Hartzell and James S. Evans to meet with Bishop Charles Cephias and make a safety inspection of the building. Also to find out from Bishop Cephias what her intent is regarding people residing within the building. Committee to report to the Commissioners in 30 days.

In answer to question that had been raised regarding taxes for churches and parsonages, they are exempt from same unless used for other purposes such as part of the church on Market St. is being used for warehouse purposes.

Pres. Mulvaney made a report to the Commissioners about the Basic Plus Playground Project. Dr. James Pressley had sent a 20 year lease to Pres. Mulvaney to be signed by the Town. Pres. Mulvaney said he would accept the lease if approved by Solicitor Schrader except for section 5 which said that if there was no variable PTA organization that the Town would be responsible for maintaining playground equipment for the term of the lease. Pres. Mulvaney said Dr. Pressley called today and said this would be changed to say that this would cover only equipment and water fountain that will be bought with grant money and not to existing equipment. Town to also agree to allow school to move equipment to another location if Basic Plus School should close. Pres. Mulvaney told Dr. Pressley that maintenance fee will not exceed \$100. 00 per year and Town will be responsible for winterizing water fountain.

President Mulvaney said that the Commissioners had met in executive session to process 7 town manager applications. It was narrowed down to two applicants who met the town's salary limitations. One of these two had had no experience in this field. Walter Gileski moved to hire Mr. Clifford Laverty of Blades, DE. as the new Town Manager of the Town of Bridgeville. This was seconded by James Evans and approved by the the Board. Mr. Laverty to begin work on Feburary 15, 1982 and to meet prior to that date with each Commissioner to hear of their expectations, etc. Mr. Laverty is to be in charge of all Town Employees and Depts. except the Police Dept. which Mr. Jones will continue to supervise for at least one year. Mr. Laverty shall act as the Town Building Official.

President Mulvaney asked Mr. James Maddox if he would like to address the Board. Mr. Maddox told the Board that he would like to open a Family Games Room containing 15-16 video games, 4 pool tables and pin-ball machines. He asked if the present ordinance that prohibits anyone under the age of 16 yrs. to participate in this type of games could be changed. Motion was made by William Hartzell that Mrs. Thompson write an amendment to the ordinance #530 to allow minors 12 yrs. of age and younger to play these games until 9 o'clock Monday thru Thursday. Fridays and Saturday nights under parental guidance. This was seconded by James Evans and approved by the Board. Amendment to ordinance to be read at next meeting. Mr. Maddox was granted a temporary permit to proceed until amendment to ordinance is written and passed. Pres. Mulvaney thanked Mr. Maddox for presenting himself in the manner he had and asked him to inform the Board of the site of such business.

Miss Donna Smith, a Journalist student at D.T.C. C. introduced herself and informed the Board that she had been asked to attend our Town's meetings and report for a radio station in Federalsburg, Md.

Pres. Mulvaney then asked for Commissioner's reports.

James Evans, Water Comm. told the Board that the Case Edwards project's 8 in. water line had been installed but had to be pressurized yet so meter can be installed. Mr. Evans said that all parts for the fire hydrant next to Smith's packing house have not been located. Being hydrant is so old parts might not be easily obtained and a new hydrant might have to be purchased. He said a list of delinquent water bills will be given him and he will contact all people in arrears. He told the Board that Delmarva Drilling have completed their work on Pump #3 and all pumps now are in operation.

Street Comm., William Hartzell told the Board that he and Mr. Gilefski had checked out the request of Mr. Lester Williams for a street light near his property. Both he and Mr. Gilefski felt there was a need for such light. Delmarva Power to be informed to install light if it is within our means to do so. He said in case of a snow, snow equipment and man power had been engaged. Snow removal to begin in N. Bridgeville first and proceed South.

Police Comm., Al. Jones gave the following report: 92 traffic arrests, 9 complaints, 3 accidents, 128 miles patrolled, 1720 miles traveled, 390 hrs. worked. A new police car, a Dodge Diplomat will be delivered the 1st or 2nd week in February.

Walter Gilefski said that he wanted to remind the Board of a meeting Thurs, January 14 with Mr. McPhearson of Dept. of N.R. & E.C. at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall and the 201 Public Hearing Meeting on Jan. 25, 7:30 P. M. at the Woodbridge High School. He also said a copy of the 201 Facility Plan will be sent to Jones Bros., Inc. owners of Ralph & Paul Adams. He also told the Board that Layton Johnson had asked all the Towns of Sussex County to attend the Delaware League of Local Government on Thurs. Jan. 25, 1982. Mr. Johnson will be up for election.

Mrs. Thompson, Alderman gave her report of \$3,331.50 collected for the month of Dec. in fines.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted

James S. Evans