

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 1985

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

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

Guests were: Town Mgr. Clif Laverty, Alderwoman, Margaret Thompson, Waste Treatment Plant Mgr., John Hartman, Reporter Bonnie Grant and reporter, Peggy Granger of the Banner, and Chuck Stigberg of Simmons Communications. Chief John Shannon also attended.

Minutes of the December meeting were read by Sec. James Evans. Motion was made by Comm. Jones to accept minutes as read, seconded by Comm. Hartzell and approved by the Board.

Bills in the amount of \$7,348.73 were presented for payment. Motion was made by Comm. Jones to pay bills as presented, seconded by Comm. Tull and approved by the Board.

Pres. Gilefski read a letter of thanks from the Bridgeville Lioness for the Town's Contribution to them from the Revenue Sharing Funds.

Pres. Gilefski told the Board that Revenue Sharing funds would be down slightly from last year's funding. This year's allotment will be \$38,695.00. Last year's allotment was \$40,501.00. Pres. Reagan is proposing a possible cut of Revenue Sharing Funds. We are only being funded until October definitely. The idea of not receiving any future funds after October should be considered when planning the budget for FY-85-86. Pres. Gilefski informed the Board that there is approx. \$5,000 in the checking account and by investing approx \$15,000 of the Revenue Sharing money on short-term certificates we have accumulated approx \$700 in interest. The last payment to the Fire Co. for their electric bill has been made. We have approx. \$11,600 in certificates for the sewer account and approx. \$19,700 in the General Account certificates.

Pres. Gilefski said he would like the Commissioner's opinion on hosting a SCAT meeting. Comm. Jones said he was in favor of hosting the meeting. All Commissioners in agreement. Date to be set later.

Pres. Gilefski informed the Commissioners of a Delaware League of Local Government meeting January 24. If anyone is interested they are to contact the office.

There will be a preliminary budget meeting on February 4th at 7 P. M.

Pres. Gilefski said he had sent a letter to DNREC addressing the matter of Perdue discharging into the stream. He asked if they had a permit to do so. He does not want our neighbors upstream from us to be putting in pollutants. Are they being checked, etc?. As to date he has not had any response from DNREC.

Pres. Gilefski said a letter had been received from Clark Carbaugh of CABA Assoc. about the amendment made on the bid specs for the new well - that it would be reversed rotary. The Commissioners want this recinded. A reverse rotary is what is wanted. It will last longer tho more expensive initially. The bids received were too high. Mr. Laverty will go into private negotiations. He has a meeting with a contractor on Tuesday and again later in the week with Mr. Carbaugh.

Mr. Laverty said the contract must be locked in by May 3rd or we stand a chance of losing the money. Approx. \$120,000. Something definite should be done by budget meeting. Mr. Laverty said the controls to the well would be located in the basement. The actual control panel would be in Mr. Laverty's office. A chemical additive bldg. could be added later if needed. The well would pump 600 gpm. Pumping would be done in off peak hours making the electric rates cheaper. No. 2 and 3 wells would pick up the slack during the day.

President Gilefski said he would like to see the best well built for the money - a quality well to do the job for the Town for the next 20-25 years.

Pres. Gilefski informed the Board that there had been a cut-back in CDBG funding - subsidy to run \$6,000 in lieu of \$8,000. This means the Town will have to pick up the \$2,000 difference.

For Approval - Pres. Gilefski's proposal of limits on comp time and over time for Town employees. He opened the floor for discussion. Comm. Tull said he thought comp time should be limited but the door not completely closed. Comm. Evans and Comm. Jones said they would like not to have to use overtime but sometimes it is impossible not to. Would like to see controls on overtime. Comm. Hartzell asked what the total money was in overtime. Chief Shannon said he would like to see some comp time but not abuse it. He thought it would save money in the long run. Comm. Hartzell proposed a fact finding committee of 2 commissioners, 2 department heads and the Town Manager. This committee to make a complete study before the next meeting and make recommendations at the February meeting. Chief John Shannon, John Hartman, Sewer Plant Mgr., Comm. James Evans, Comm. Daryl Tull and Town Mgr. Clif Laverty were chosen to be on this Committee. Comm. Evans will be chairman of the Committee.

Comm. Tull said he thought Article 14, Section 7 and Article 16 of Section 6 of the personnel policy needs clarification.

Pres. Gilefski told the newly elected and old commissioners that he wanted to promote registration for voters and set up a newer system to conform with our registration policy. He would like a notice of the registration requirements to reach each potential voter. A person must appear in person and personally sign the register and also produce identification. A letter will be sent in with the tax bill. Also he would like to seek a true ruling on people living on S. side of Jacobs Drive about their eligibility to vote if they pay Town taxes even tho their property is out of the Town limits.

Pres. Gilefski asked the approval of another date for a 201 Project Planning meeting. A date should be set to meet with our engineer to discuss the hiring of an accountant. Federal money is available this Spring. Federal and State money is going to start to be funded soon. Meeting was set for the 21st of January at 7 P. M. Charter changes will be discussed for bond indebtedness. Also, new users rates will be discussed for industries. All Commissioners will be present and also Town Mgr. Clif Laverty, Town Solicitor, Dennis Schrader, Sewer Plant Mgr., John Hartman and Clark Carbaugh of CABE Assoc.. Pres. Gilefski commended Dennis Scharader on a job well done to update the Town's Charter amendments. In doing so it was found that in 1961 the borrowing power was increased from \$500,000 to 1,000,000.

Water and Sewer adjustments ere asked for the following people:

James P. Scott- sewer adjustment. Comm. Hartzell made a motion

to charge Mr. Scott for full use of water and charge him minimum charge for sewer, seconded by Comm. Jones and approved by the Board.

Nettie Benson - adjust bill to last 2 quarters and make contact with Ms. Benson to let her know that her problem still exists.

Ralph Collie - Comm. Hartzell made a motion to charge for full water and the average of last 2 quarters for sewer bill, seconded by Comm. Jones and approved by the Board.

Leonard Chasanov - Pres. Gilefski said to check out Mr. Chasanov's problem. They do not feel it has been checked out sufficiently. Comm. Hartzell made a motion to test the accuracy of Mr. & Mrs. Chasanov's meter and if meter is accurate to bill them for full bill with no adjustments, seconded by Comm. Jones and approved by the Board.

Town Mgr., Clif Laverty is to check out a leak on the Federalsburg Road. If problem is found then the users on that line are to be notified by certified mail that they will now have to resort to private wells as told them over a year ago.

Mr. Charles Burbage had asked for an adjustment on Roland Grant's bill since a leak in the meter pit was on the Town's side. Since the previous 2 bills were minimum bills, bill would remain the same.

Certified letters will be sent to owners of loose dogs who attack our meter readers advising them that a policeman will accompany the meter reader and that appropriate measures will be taken if dog is loose. Mace will be also used by the meter readers to ward off loose dogs.

Pres. Gilefski said that the Town had received unsolicited bid on the 1977 flat bed truck. Kefauver's Body Shop had bid \$251 and would move it as is. It was decided by the Commissioners to advertise the truck in the Guide for one week to keep things legal. Cut-off date is 12 noon January 31st.

Pres. Gilefski called for department reports:

Alderman Court - Mrs. Thompson's report was passed out to each Commissioners as Mrs. Thomspen had to leave.

Town Mgr. Report- Mr. Laverty said that Mrs. Sally Orr had complained about the alley running between her property and Mr. Flower's property. Her fence continues to be damaged. After discussion it was decided to make this a one way street. Comm. Hartzell moved that John Street from east side of the Dollar General Parking Lot be made a one way street going east to Main Street, seconded by Comm. Evans and approved by the Board. One way street law to be enforced.

Discussion on a new telephone system was tabled until next month. Mr. Laverty asked for permission to paint well No. 2 & 3. Permission granted. Mr. Laverty said he had ordered another load of stones to be used for fill in. He also said an accident review board would be set up. Town Solicitor, Dennis Schrader is to put a penalty clause into our building code. The insurance check for the fire hydrant on Maple Alley has not come in yet. Should be here soon. Mr. Laverty said the new truck had been used in the recent snow and it had worked well.

Mr. Laverty said the Program for FY83 Rehab. & Demolition is in the close down phase. Problems with Channel 64 has been cleared up. The pool room is about 2/3's gone, demolition to be completed this week. Simmons Comm. and Channel 64 are moving their lines to make way for the new well.

Water Dept. - Comm. James said he had a request from Mr. Holland who owns the laundromat to look into his water bill. He said he would look into the matter. Mr. Evans said he attended the SCAT meeting at Georgetown on the "Licensing for Drawing Water From the Aquafier." He said it was mostly a question period. He plans to go back and feel out all the questions that had been asked. Mr. Harman and Mr. Laverty also attended the meeting.

Street Commissioner William Hartzell asked where the Town stands concerning the old theatre building. Basically there was nothing new. A letter was sent to owner but we have had no response. Comm. Hartzell feels this is one of the reasons we need a penalty clause in our building code. He said he would like to sell the building for taxes and possibly the Town buy it for \$1.00 and then demolish it. Mr. Hartzell wanted to know if Mr. Schrader had come up with anything to control the type of business that could come into the Town. Remind Mr. Schrader of this. He also wanted to know if Delagra had reacted to the letter sent to them. He was told that Dr. Elehwaney had agreed to install a monitoring meter. Comm. Hartzell said he wanted to make it clear to Delagra to either clean up their act or stop discharging into our system. Comm. Hartzell said he still wanted a computer system installed. He said to look into the money situation.

Police Dept. - Comm. Jones said he would like to make a donation of \$50.00 to React for their help in the Christmas parade. Motion seconded by Comm. Hartzell and approved by the Board. Funds to come from General Fund. Mr. Jones said the SPCA had been doing a good job for the Town also and he made a motion to give the SPCA a \$50.00 donation. Motion died for a lack of a second. After much discussion Mr. Jones again made a motion to donate \$50.00 to SPCA and seconded by Comm. Hartzell and approved by the Board. Comm. Jones said he had received a letter with an offer from the Greenwood Police to buy the Fairmont for \$1700. After discussion it was decided it would be best to advertise in the Guide for 1 week. Bids to be in by 12 noon January 31st. Chief Shannon told the Commissioners that the 71 Ford that had been stolen in Pennsylvania and held in storage could be sold. The Commissioners said they would like this in writing from Solicitor Schrader.

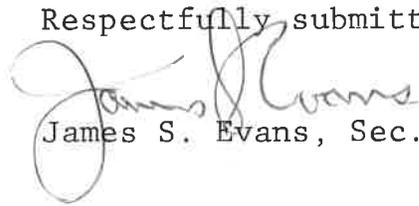
Sewer Dept. - Comm. Tull said he is looking forward to working with the Commissioners. As he had just started he had no other comments at this time.

Pres. Gilefski introduced Mr. Chuck Stigberg of Simmons Communication System. Mr. Stigberg explained the rate increase of 5% which amounts to about 40¢ on their basic rates. He said they had also gone to bi-monthly billing but people could still continue to pay on a monthly basis if they so desired. The utility tax will also show on the bill. The Commissioners reminded Mr. Stigberg of his company's agreement that we would also increase our yearly rental based on their increases. Mr. Stigberg said he would be happy to work with the Commissioners and could be reached at 398-4714.

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Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P. M. Commissioners to go into executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James S. Evans". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

James S. Evans, Sec.