

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
January 9, 1984

President Walter P. J. Gilefski called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Commissioners present: Walter P. J. Gilefski, James S. Evans, Robert L. Mulvaney, William L. Hartzell and Alfred L. Jones.

Guests present: Reporter Bonnie Grant, Peggy Granger-a student at Delaware Technical and Community College, Waste Treatment Plant Manager-John Hartman, Town Manager Clif Laverty, Chief of Police Otis Holloway, Alderperson Margaret Thompson and Mr. Philip Davis.

Secretary James Evans read the minutes of December meeting. Commissioner Jones moved to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Commissioner Hartzell and approved by the Board.

Bills in the amount of \$13,278.52 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Jones to pay all bills except the bill of O. A. Newton. This is to be held until they finish steps and pier. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved by the Board. A copy of the bills is attached.

President Gilefski read thank you notes from the Bridgeville Lioness for the Commissioner's participation in the Christmas parade. Also several thank you notes from employees were presented to the Commissioners.

President Gilefski reminded the Commissioners of a 201 Public Hearing on February 6 at the Bridgeville High School at 7:30 P.M. Cabe Associates will make the necessary advertising of such meeting. Mr. Carbaugh of Cabe Associates would like to hold a workshop session with the Commissioners before the Public Hearing. The workshop will be held on Jan. 16th at 7:00 P.M.

President Gilefski said he would like to hold a first budget workshop on January 25th at 7:00 P.M. John Hartman, Sewer Plant Manager and Chief of Police Otis Holloway should attend.

President Gilefski said Mrs. Thompson would be working extra time in the front office pending Mrs. Mildred Brown's resignation and retirement.

President Gilefski said that Walton C. Smith, President of the Fire Company needed a letter from the Commissioners that the Fire Company was the sole provider of fire protection for the Town of Bridgeville. The letter will be sent.

A letter was also read from Simons Communication giving notice of a rate increase that will take place February 1st. It was noted that along with their increase in rates, that their rental of the water tower will increase according to a previous agreement.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Hartzell to accept Mrs. Mildred Brown's resignation with regrets and thanks Mrs. Brown for her many years of service and her sincere best interest in the Town. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and approved unanimously. A plaque will be placed on the coat rack given to the Town by Mr. and Mrs. J. Orlan Brown. The plaque will state that this coat rack will always remain in the Town Hall as requested by Mrs. Mildred Brown. It will also honor Mrs. Brown for her many years of service to the Town.

President Gilefski read a letter from Lee Beetschen of CABA Associates about the EPA's approval of the Pretreatment Program. President Gilefski said he remembers the action being taken but it was never in an ordinance form. Mr. Beetschen would prefer pre-treatment plan being put into action at a later date. Mr. Gilefski said he would like to adopt an ordinance and not defer the pre-treatment program. Town Solicitor Dennis Schrader to be contacted about Ordinance.

President Gilefski asked for Department reports.

Water Department--Commissioner Evans said he would like to thank all the men that worked together on the major water break on Market Street, and he appreciated the men working with him. He thanked Waste Treatment Plant John Hartman and Town Manager Clif Laverty for a job well done and would look forward to working with them in 1984.

Street Department--Commissioner Hartzell said he, too, wanted to thank Commissioner Evans, Clif Laverty and John Hartman on a fine job done on the water break.

Police Department--Commissioner Jones said that the Police Department was holding its own. Mr. Jones told the Board that Corp. Ed Short was resigning to accept a position in the private sector. The Department will keep him on on a part-time basis. He will not be replaced at the present time. Mr. Jones passed around Cpl. Short's resignation letter. Commissioner Wm. Hartzell made a motion to accept Cpl. Short's resignation. This was seconded by Commissioner James Evans.

Sewer Department--Commissioner Mulvaney said he had a citizen's complaint. After removal and replacement of a water meter on Market Street at complaintee's house, she had two plumbing bills caused by rust in the lines causing serious problems to her bath fixtures. Bills amounted to \$70.00 and complaintee felt these bills should be paid by the Town. Commissioner Hartzell said he had one question. Where did rust come from and was removal of the meter the cause of problem. Commissioner Mulvaney said complaintee said there was no problem until the Town cut the water off. After much discussion, Commissioner Hartzell made a motion to pay these bills, based on the probability of sand seepage. This was seconded by Commissioner Mulvaney. The motion was approved by the Board, 4-1.

Alderman's Report--Alderman Thompson said Solicitor Dennis Schrader said he would do research on the using of people who were not able to pay their fines in a community service program. He disagrees with Mr. Young of Ralph Davis Insurance Company that in order to cover the offender with liability insurance, he would have to be on Town's payroll. Mrs. Thompson thanked the Commissioners for their Christmas gift. Alderman's monthly report attached hereto.

Block Grant and Town Manager's report--Town Manager Clif Laverty said he would be writing a letter of appreciation to The City of Seaford, the Sussex County Council, Mrs. Margaret Thompson, Mr. John Hartman, Mr. William Coverdale and anyone else for their help in the water break we had on Market Street. Also the Police Department for their help. The break cost the Town approximately \$5500.00.

Mr. Laverty said that he had to order another 2 in. meter for Pet Poultry because the existing meter froze and broke. Pet Poultry is to pay for meter.

Mr. Laverty said the grant request from Sussex County needed approval. Money to be used for the following:

Fire Hydrants.....	\$3,225.00
Elementary school area..	2,425.00
Meters & Installation..	2,721.00
Total Grant Request	\$8,371.00

He said the Town would probably receive around \$4,000. Commissioner Hartzell made a motion to approve request to the County for Revenue Sharing Money. Motion seconded by James Evans and approved by the Board.

Mr. Laverty said he would like to have the approval of the Board to buy a device for locating meters and valves. The cost would be approximately \$400 to \$500 dollars. The motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Evans to purchase the appropriate piece of equipment out of Revenue Sharing money. The cost is not to exceed \$500.00. There were 4 yeas and one nay. Commissioner Mulvaney having the descenting vote.

Mr. Laverty said that in the matter of yard sales, there would have to be an ordnance on the control of signs, cleaning up debris, etc. He hopes to have this done before spring. In his survey of other towns, he found they had no ordnance but wished they did.

Mr. Laverty said considering all the problems that had taken place, the extreme cold weather, that water bills will be a little late this year.

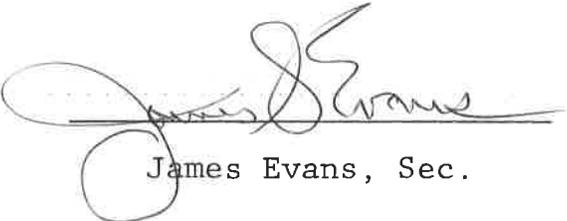
Mr. Laverty said he would like to commend the Police Department in the efficient manner they handled the major fire we had in the Town. He said water pressure did not drop below 39 lbs. in spite of the fact that Seaford, Bridgeville and Greenwood Fire Companies were all using water.

Mr. Lavery said the next Block Grant Application is due on March 1st. In reference to the water line problem, this will be included in submitting our application. He said there are three demolitions in line and two rehab. in line.

Commissioner Hartzell asked what Mr. Lavery had found out about a computer. Mr. Lavery said that John Hartman had brought in his computer that he had programmed for water bills. Mrs. Thompson used the computer and felt like it would save time in figuring the bills. Mr. Lavery will pursue the cost and needs of the Town--a possibility being Apple II.

President Gilefski called for Citizen's privilege. Mr. Philip Davis said he had no concerns tonight, only came to attend meeting. He said he would like to congratulate the men on the Commission for their job well done last year and hope the coming year will be done as well.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Hartzell to go into executive session at 8:30 P.M.



James Evans, Sec.