

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 12, 1982

Commissioners attending meeting were: Pres. Robert Mulvaney, Mr. A. L. Jones, Walter Gilefski, James Evans and William Hartzell.

Guests present were: Alderwoman, Margaret Thompson, Acting Police Chief Otis Holloway, Mrs. Nellie Rich, Mrs. Owena Cephas, Mr. John Griffin, Mr. Philip Davis, Mrs. Bonnie Grant, Mr. Ralph L. Scott, Mr. Harold Sheets, Mr. Maynard Nisly and Mr. Wayne Holland.

Pres. Mulvaney called meeting to order at 7 P. M. and asked that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed. This was seconded by William Hartzell and approved by the Board.

Sec. James Evans read for the second time the ordinance for outside advertisements. First reading was June 14th. William Hartzell moved to accept minutes as read, seconded by Walter Gilefski and approved by the Board. Copy of ordinance attached.

Bills in the amount of \$14,205.07 were presented for payment. A. L. Jones moved that bills be paid as presented, seconded by James Evans and approved by the Board. Copy of bills attached.

President Mulvaney reported to the Board that business license for selling produce on 404 was being enforced. Cost of license is \$10 for 10 days. Permits may be obtained for additional days at first application but at the same rate of \$10 for 10 days.

President Mulvaney called for Commissioners reports.

Water Comm., James Evans told the Board that keys to the sewer plant have been made for each policeman. In case of fire they will have access to the Plant to hand operate the pumps to prevent too much pressure building up in the water mains. Town Mgr., Clif Laverty is to instruct policemen in the manual operation of the pumps. Mr. Evans said he would like to meet with the new Town Plumber to go over the water system. There were three companies who applied to become the Town's plumber. Out of the three only one qualified as our insurance company says the plumber must be a master plumber. Broad Creek Plumbing will be hired as soon as his credentials are made available to the Town. Mr. Evans introduced Mr. John Griffin who said he would like to have individual water meters to each of his units he owns on Gum Alley. As being owner of some of the condemned housing in that area, he asked the Commissioners for an extension of time given to install indoor plumbing and water to these dwellings. Pres. Mulvaney and the Commissioners told Mr. Griffin they would grant this extension if he could show them that the work was going to be done and what time schedule they could expect. Town Mgr., Clif Laverty to meet with Mr. Griffin to show him what could be done.

Sewer Comm., Walter Gilefski told the Board that a new hydrogen - peroxide pump has been installed. Supply of peroxide will be used sparingly to keep down the odor. Mr. Gilefski said he had met with Mr. Carbaugh of C.A.B.E. Associates for an update on the 201 Facility Project. He said Mr. Carbaugh brought out 3 points. (1) In a year or so the Commissioners will have to ask our legislators to increase our bond indebtedness ceiling as we will have the balance on our old debt plus the new debt for an irrigation system or whatever system the Town decide to go with. This should be brought up in the next session

of Legislation. (2) Mr. Cargaugh is going to set up a meeting with Mr Dick Aurich of the State and E.P.A. for funding procedures for project. (3) There is an inflow problem at Cannon Food's property. Mr. Carbaugh recommends a letter to be sent to Mr. Cannon letting him know that the Town is aware that the problem exists and that there is a potential problem.

Al Jones, Police Comm. told the Board that Mr. Harry Banning had approached him about his property being flooded and when we had heavy rains because of poor grading in the alley behind his house. Maple Alley needs to be graded so flow of water goes to storm drain. Mr. Jones asked Street Comm. Hartzell if he would look into this problem. Comm. Hartzell said he would but did not think his budget would warrent this being taken care of immediately. Mr. Jones said that Alderwoman Thompson was looking into the matter of an abandoned car sitting in the Town's parking lot. She and Mr. Laverty said they believed the car could now be towed to the police parking area and sold for the towning bill. Mr. Jones said that a full time policeman was hired on June 25th. He said there had been 287 traffic arrests, 21 complaints, 6 accidents, 2,266 miles traveled, 297 hrs. patrolled, 610 hrs. worked, 522 gals. of gas used, 404 gals. by the police, 64 gals. by the sewer plant, 14 gals. by the Town and 39 gals by the Town Mgr.

Street Comm., William Hartzell said that the street repairs were progressing and that Town Mgr. Clif Laverty would meet with contractor to see how much more work can be done with the money available. Funds look thin at this time. According to an agreement made with the State by a previous Board the curbs at the I.G.A. will have to be repaired by the Town, Mr. Hartzell instructed Mr. Laverty to get a price on repairing these curbings.

Alderwoman, Margaret Thompson gave her report of 270 fines paid to the Court for the month of June. This grossed \$14,440.15 collected, \$1,500.20 being Victim Compensation Tax. Fines collected during June of 1981 was \$8,242.20.

Town Manager, Clif Laverty told the Board that he has been receiving complimentary comments from N. Bridgeville on the way the Commissioners were handling the problems in that area. He told the Board that Mr. Rabbit Brown had told him he was buying Mr. O. H. Banning's properties in N. Bridgeville and would comply with the comdenation requirements. Mr. Laverty said he was investigating ~~two~~ complaints of two more properties owned by Mr. Banning that did not have water and sewer. He informed the Board that the Town had been awarded \$75,000 for D.O.H. The Town received the same amount as the County. Money is to be used to rehabilitate existing housing owner occupied only. Hopes to have this project started by Sept. 1 if guide lines are soon received from the State. Mr. Laverty and Pres. Mulvaney had also met with Mr. Joe Myer of N.C.A.L.L. He and his group would work with the Commissioners to set up low income housing in the way of small individual units. This might be 2 years away yet.

Pres. Mulvaney told the Board and others present that a letter had been sent to Mr. Ralph Scott of the Family Ministries asking him to come to the meeting and justify their request for tax exemption for their Church on Market St. Mr. Scott assured Pres. Mulvaney and the Board that the building was not being used for anything commercial and said he would be glad for Mr. Laverty to inspect the building at any time. Mr. Wm. Hartzell made amotion to allow tax exemption to Family Ministries, seconded by Walter Gilefski and approved by the Baord. Tax exemption

to begin as of June, 1982.

President Mulvaney then introduced Mrs. Nellie Rich. Mrs. Rich said she had several questions she wanted to ask. No. 1 being what arrangements had been made to house the people who were being evicted from the condemned area in N. Bridgeville. She said if all had to be done that was required in the letters sent to the property owners of the condemned properties the tenants would not be able to afford the rent. She wanted to know what was going to happen to these people. Pres. Mulvaney told Mrs. Rich that indoor plumbing and water was the main concern of the Comm. and that according to our Town Charter and Southern Standard Bldg. Code every house in the Town of Bridgeville had to be connected to water and sewer with indoor plumbing. He told Mrs. Rich that the Comm. were not trying to put these people out on the streets but it was not their responsibility but the land-lords. Mrs. Rich said she would like the Comm. to have the owners of the house next to her remove their front porch. Comm. Hartzell said he doubted anything could be done but would have it checked out with Town Solicitor, Dennis Schrader. Mrs. Rich wanted something done about stray dogs laying on her porch and digging up her garden, etc. Mrs. Rich consented to have dog traps to be placed on her property by S.P.C.A. Police Comm. Jones to contact S.P.C.A.

Pres. Mulvaney asked Mr. Griffin if he had anything further to say. Mr. Griffin said he had stated his request earlier and would be waiting to meet with Town Mgr. Clif Laverty. He said he had inherited his problems from his father and mother.

Pres. Mulvaney asked Mrs. Cephas if she had anything she wanted to say. Mrs. Cephas's concern was the same as Mrs. Rich about where were these people going to go and if all the houses had been condemned that were going to be. Pres. Mulvaney said that this was all at this time.

Mr. Donald Polk was given the floor and he told the Commissioners and Pres. Mulvaney that he thought they had gone about this condemnation in the wrong way. He felt they should have come to him first instead of through the newspaper. Mr. Mulvaney assured Mr. Polk that the Town did not give names to the press but were gotten from other sources.

Mr. Philip Davis said his questions had been answered earlier and said he wanted to congratulate the Commissioners on the work they are doing to upgrade N. Bridgeville. He said that after many years of trying to get something done for this area he is satisfied with what is being done. He told the Board that he felt that Town Mgr. Clif Laverty is doing a fine job for the Town. Mr. Hartzell and other Board members thanked Mr. Davis for his favorable comments.

President Mulvaney asked that the Commissioners go into Executive Session.

A. L. Jones moved to adjourn meeting at 8:30 P. M., seconded by Mr. James Evans.

Respectfully submitted,



James S. Evans, Sec.