

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 10, 1985

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P. M. by Secretary Evans, President Gilefski being detained at the site of the street cave-in at Walnut Street & Railroad Ave.

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

Guests: Margaret Thomspen, Alderwoman, Lt. John Tyndall, Officer Jay Myers, Reporter, Dennis Friedel and Kathy Gregory of the Delaware Housing Authority.

Commissioner Tull made a motion to dispense the reading of last month's minutes, seconded by William Hartzell and approved by the Board.

Pres. Gilefski arrived to continue with the meeting. He requested a moment of silence and prayer for Chief of Police John Shannon who passed away last week.

President Gilefski asked for approval of bills in the amount of \$17,547.84. Motion was made by Comm. Hartzell to pay bills as presented, seconded by Comm. Evans and approved by the Board. Copy of bills attached. Comm. Hartzell also made a motion to use Revenue Sharing Funds to pay \$3,000 of the \$3,286 bill for patching streets. \$286 to come out of his account. This bill does not show on the regular month's bills. Motion seconded by Comm. Jones and approved by the Board.

Pres. Gilefski said he wanted to congratulate Mr. John Hartman, Waste Treatment Plant Manager on his being elected to the Water & Waste Operator's Association as the Eastern Shore Director. Comm. Hartzell said a resolution to recongize and congratulate Mr. Hartman should be written.

President Gilefski asked permission to transfer money from the Waste Treatment Account C.D. to the E.P.A. Account so we could pay CABA Assoc. more money. He told the Board that \$50,000 had been received from the government for the project and all of it except approx. \$10,000 had been paid to CABA Assoc. but if we could add to the \$10,000 from the C.D. we could pay another substantial payment. Comm. Hartzell made a motion that Sewer Comm. Tull use \$10,000 of the Sewer C.D. to pay EPA Account, seconded by Comm. Evans and approved by the Board.

President Gilefski opened discussion on an ordinance to control drinking in the Town. This would allow cases to be tried in our Alderman Court. President Gilefski told the Commissioners that in a discussion with Town Solicitor, Dennis Schrader, he basically doesn't think it is necessary because it is covered by State laws. It was asked of Lt. Tyndall why he feels it is necessary for us to pass such ordinance. Lt. Tyndall said we have a lot of 18-21 year olds passing thru Bridgeville going to the Beach, etc. As the law now stands, we do not have the right to try them in Alderman Court, meaning they have to be taken to a J. P. Court leaving the town without a police car or protection while the officer is at J.P. Court. This sometimes takes from one to two hours.

Title 11 does not include juvenile drinking. Title 4 covers this and this is why it has to go to Court 4. Lt. Tyndall said Titles 4 and 16 might need to be looked into for other matters such as drugs, etc. Commissioner Hartzell and Commissioner Jones said they feel that the ordinance is needed with a few changes in the wording of the title of the ordinance. President Gilefski then read for the first reading the following: "The Commissioners of Bridgeville hereby ordains an ordinance for governing the consumption of alcohol for the Town of Bridgeville, Delaware." Commissioner Hartzell made a motion to accept first reading of ordinance as read. Seconded by Commissioner Al Jones and approved by the Board.

President Gilefski called on Ms. Kathy Gregory of the Delaware Housing Authority to answer the questions that the Commissioners had at our last meeting when Ms. Gregory introduced the Delaware Housing Authority plans for 50 units of low income housing in the Town of Bridgeville.

One of the concerns the Commissioners had was how the need for the housing had been arrived at. Ms. Gregory passed out a booklet compiled by Peter A. Lawson on a study of substandard housing. On page 14 it shows Bridgeville has 215 substandard housing units and page 15 shows the source coming from the U.S. Census track.

President Gilefski said he would like to go on record as being favorable to more housing units in our Town. He again asked Ms. Gregory about the payment in lieu of taxes and how it would be distributed. Ms. Gregory said after all utilities--electric, water, sewer, heat, etc.--was paid, a payment in lieu of taxes would be paid not to exceed the regular taxes. This, of course, means it could be nothing if rent income is very low. The Agency is tax exempt being federal money is involved. This is not likely to happen she said. All county taxes and school tax could be paid directly from the Housing Authority. Ms. Gregory said side-walks and streets at project would meet State Highway Specifications. Ms. Gregory says she needs for the Town to sign the Cooperation Agreement by Friday (June 14, 1985) in order to get it to Washington for national application approval.

Commissioner Tull said he still had reservations and would like to postpone signing the agreement until he had a chance to read over the material Ms. Gregory had given the Commissioners and to visit a project already completed.

Ms. Gregory said the Cooperation Agreement only meant that the Town and the Housing Authority would work together.

Commissioner Hartzell made a motion to approve and sign the Cooperation Agreement between the Delaware Housing Authority and the Commissioners for 50 units. The motion was heartily seconded by Commissioner Evans. Votes from Commissioners were four "For" and one "Nay". (Commissioner Tull voting "Nay".)

There was one water bill adjustment to consider. Mrs. Flora Williams had a broken water pipe in February causing her water bill to be quite large. Commissioner Hartzell made a motion to adjust her bill for April to the average of her two previous quarter's bills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved by the Board.

President Gilefski asked for department reports.

Alderman Court: Mrs. Thompson thanked the Commissioners for the window that had been installed between her office and the Court Room. She passed out a copy of her report to each Commissioner. Copy is attached. Mrs. Thompson also said she was in need of a new adding machine. Her request was granted.

Water Department: Commissioner Evans said he wanted to publicly thank Town Manager Clif Laverty for his prompt attention and the handling of the water pumps on the day of the Cannon fire. He said a fantastic job had been done.

Street Department: Commissioner Hartzell said that patching of pot holes had been done. The streets are still deteriorating, but we do not have money to fix them.

Police Department: Commissioner Jones said there were still hedges that needed to be cut. Certified letters have been sent and since some have not adhered to the letters, President Gilefski said he would sign the necessary papers to enforce the hedge and grass ordinance. Mr. Jones said that there was also an abandoned car that the owner promised to tow away on the 20th of May--has not done so. President Gilefski said he would also sign necessary papers to enforce this also. Mr. Jones said he had received complaints on the large dog fenced in on Main Street and also the burning of dog manure in trash barrells at same location. He was interested in taking whatever action was necessary. His other business was for executive session.

Sewer Plant: Commissioner Tull said he wanted to personally congratulate John Hartman in being elected to the Board of the Water and Waste Operator's Association. He said John had attended the Association Convention at Ocean City on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. Mr. Hartman supplied all the Commissioners with packets on the meeting. The Commissioners were also given a letter from Mr. Hartman concerning his reservations on the 201 Facility Plan. Mr. Hartman feels that if we don't enforce the pre-treatment program, then we aren't going to gain anything. If we force Del-Agra to go with pre-treatment, they will probably pull out of the system, leaving our residents paying very high rates. The Commissioners readily agreed with Mr. Hartman and said a copy of this letter should be sent to DelAgra and Clark Cabaugh of CABA Associates. The new project has been built around DelAgra and we should ask for Mr. Carbaugh's reaction. It was felt we should get an answer from CABA Associates before sending letter to DelAgra. A copy of Mr. Hartman's letter is attached.

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A letter was also given by Commissioner Tull to President Gilefski from Fire Chief, John Cannon. The letter is to be discussed later.

Town Manager Report: Mr. Laverty was busy at the street cave-in. Mr. Gilefski read a few notes from Mr. Laverty.

1. Pot holes had been filled--no alleys.
2. Delinquent tax bills have been sent to Dennis Schrader for further action.
3. There are a couple of water cut-offs that will be done tomorrow.
4. Piping will start this week on pump.
5. Clark Carbaugh of CABA Associates will administer the well program. Clif Laverty will handle the Town's interest in same.

President Gilefski said Secretary West had told them at the last meeting with her that there was only one thing that had to be done to comply. Now last week, she sent a two page letter that we have to comply with. We still do not have any money from the State for the well project.

President Gilefski asked Lt. Tyndall of the Bridgeville Police Department to introduce Jay Myers--part time police officer. Commissioner Jones said Mr. Myers was doing a very good job.

The question was asked if separate meters were being installed on North Cannon Street at Joe Hill's property. Mr. Hill had told us that C.O. White was to do the job for him.

Commissioner Jones moved to go into executive session at 8:55 P.M. Seconded by Commissioner Hartzell.

Respectfully submitted,

*James Evans*

James Evans, Secretary  
Commissioners of Bridgeville