

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
June 11, 1984

There was a Public Hearing on Sewage-Facility Planning for Bridgeville at 7:00 P.M. Commissioner Mulvaney asked Mr. Carbaugh about drainage behind the hardware store, Mrs. Hattie Sylvia's, and Jeff's Tap Room. Mr. Mulvaney stated that Mr. George Jefferson had to grade the alleyway himself. Mr. Layton said the problem was worse than it had been before work was done on it and he stated he is willing to buy it back and take care of the problem himself. Mr. Carbaugh agreed to have the problem checked into.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Gilefski. Commissioners present were W.P.J. Gilefski, Robert L. Mulvaney, James S. Evans, A. L. Jones. Commissioner Hartzell was unable to attend.

Guests present were Dr. James Pressley, John Hartman, Dennis Schrader, Bonnie Grant, Howard Hardesty, Tommy Dimes, Glenda Crockett and Barbara Slacum.

Commissioner Mulvaney made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes for last month's meeting in order to save time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved by the Board.

President Gilefski said he wanted to commend John Hartman, Waste Treatment Plant Manager, on keeping the natural gas bill down. The bill this month is a low as any time ever.

Bills in the amount of \$9,764.66 were presented for payment. Commissioner Jones made a motion to pay the bills as presented; seconded by Commissioner Mulvaney and approved by the Board.

President Gilefski said that thank you notes had been received from John McFarland, President of the Woodbridge Baseball League, James P. Scott of the Historical Society and Mrs. Betty Johnson of the public library for the new typewriter.

Dr. James Pressley, Woodbridge School District Superintendent was introduced by President Gilefski. Dr. Pressley had come to ask for a special water rate from the Town, as a non-profit organization. He said that with the new rates, the school district water bill had quadrupled for the quarter which would impose a hardship on the budget. Commissioner Mulvaney said he disagreed with giving a special rate to a non-profit organization because all such organizations would seek such a break. He said that possibly some kind of consideration could be given the school. Commissioner Jones asked if conservation of water at the schools had been tried. It was noted that with the closing of Basic School in North Bridgeville, a considerable decrease in the bill should be noticed. A motion was made by Commissioner Mulvaney to table this issue on making an adjustment on the water rates until the Commissioners had a chance to discuss it further. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved by the Board.

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President Gilefski passed out copies of a letter that he had written to Representative Brad Barnes and Senator Adams opposing Senator Citros' bill opposing small town's using radar.

President Gilefski read a letter from Layton Johnson's office that he had sent a letter on Senate Bill 407 concerning an anti-trust bill on public officials being liable for suit. Also President Gilefski said he had been to Dover to support the Municipal Street Aid bill for an increase in funds. He urged the other Commissioners to call and vote for a passage of this bill. A letter from Mr. Leon DeValinger of Delaware League of Local Governments informed the Commissioners that Senator Adams had introduced bill #437 in legislature that would allow our Town Alderwoman to try more misdemeanors in Alderman's Court than previously allowed.

President Gilefski passed out a packet from Lee Beetchen of CABE, Associates, explaining his proposal for engineering service for industrial pretreatment program in Bridgeville. Phase I of the Project would cost \$2,250 and Phase II would cost \$300/month. After discussion, Commissioner Mulvaney made a motion to adopt Phase I but not Phase II of the Proposed Engineering Services for Industrial Pretreatment Program in Bridgeville.

President Gilefski said letters had been written to Mr. Darl Chaffinch and Mr. Frank Abbott about rezoning the Orendorf property. On the advice of our Town Solicitor Dennis Schrader this lot cannot be rezoned. The only suggestion Mr. Schrader could offer is that these two gentlemen work together on the project as a whole. If they would do this, they can do what they wanted with the property.

President Gilefski held a discussion on what the commissioners wanted to do--stay as commissioners-at-large or go back to commissioners of departments. As one of the commissioners was absent, it was decided to hold an executive session on June 18, 1984, at 7:00 P.M.

In the absence of Alderwoman Margaret Thompson, her report for the month was passed out by President Gilefski. Copy of the report is attached.

President Gilefski told the Commissioners that \$9,000 had been put in the Police Department's account from Revenue Sharing. This matter also will be discussed at the executive session.

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Town Manager, Clif Laverty gave his report as follows:

County check to pay for fire hydrants is on its way. We should have had it, but for some reason, it was being held. Street signs for First Street and Cannon Street are in and have been installed. Certified letters to violators of the hedges and grass violators have been sent. Certified mail will be followed by police action. It was decided that the Town cut the Street property grass. Mr. Laverty said that the water pressure was holding at 41-42 pounds. Summer youth workers will arrive on Monday. They will be cutting grass, cleaning beds out at Sewer Plant, clean the parking lot and cleaning the police station and washing police cars.

The sewer plant truck will arrive tomorrow, the 12th. The other two sewer plant vehicles will be sold. They will be sold at Lincoln sales. Mr. Laverty said the police procedure manual with amendments made by Town Solicitor Dennis Schrader should be signed. The large meeting room upstairs had been checked for air conditioning. The service man recommended a window unit rather than fixing the existing unit.

Mr. Laverty stated that two more demolitions had been completed, two are out on bids and two demolitions are pending. The annual resolution making Clif Laverty Program Director for the upcoming funding was read for approval. Commissioner Mulvaney made a motion to accept the resolution as read, seconded by Commissioner Jones and approved by the Board.

Commissioner Mulvaney told the Commissioners that there was a big pot hole in the street by St. Mary's Church. He also wanted Mr. Laverty to find out if it would be possible for the State to paint lines at the intersection of Market and Main or put up signs for people to turn left and beach traffic to turn right before the 4th of July..

Commissioner Mulvaney said he knew that the Town allowed Town Manager Clif Laverty 10 gallons of gas a week, but why was another employee allowed to get gas. He said he had received several calls on the matter. It will be discussed at the executive session.

Commissioner Jones said the hole at the old theatre is getting worse. It is where the gas line is. The gas company has been called several times with no response.

Commissioner Evans said he wanted to know what the six assists in Greenwood were for and who was drunk on the highway.

Commissioner Jones asked if the police station could be used if a person or persons were stranded in Town as such was the case on a recent week-end. It was decided that the police station could not be used but the officer on duty could transport the people to a house in Georgetown that takes in emergency cases.

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President Gilefski asked for citizen's input. Mrs. Glenda Crockett said that the fire hydrant in front of her house is leaking. Mrs. Crockett also said that she had been told by a resident of the Town that the Town of Bridgeville was a speed trap but she wanted it to be known that she appreciated what the police were doing to reduce speed as her child used these streets to walk and ride his bicycle.

Mrs. Ella Dimes' grandson said he had come on behalf of his grandmother. That she had no water pressure and the problem was from the main to her house. Mr. Lavery said he and Mr. Hartman had checked it out and found there was water there. Mr. Lavery and Mr. Hartman are to meet with Mr. Dimes and his co-worker in the near future to check this out again.

Mr. Howard Hardesty wanted to know when the alley by his funeral home was going to be fixed. Mr. Lavery said stone would be put in the hole until it dried out. Then it will be patched. Mr. Hardesty said it appears that there might be a wash out problem in front of his house. His curbing is sinking down and also the street. He feels that when the sewer line was put in the street wasn't repaired properly.

Commissioner Mulvaney made a motion to go into a short executive session at 8:50 P.M.; seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved by the Board.

