

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 14, 1982

Meeting was called to order at 7 P. M. by Secretary James Evans in the absence of President Mulvaney.

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

Guests were: Alderwoman, Margaret Thompson, Town Manager, Clif Laverty and Mr. Phillip Davis.

Comm. Jones made a motion to dispense reading of the minutes, seconded by William Hartzell and approved by the Board.

Comm. Jones moved to pay all bills as presented, seconded by Walter Gilefski and approved by the Board. Copy of bills attached.

Sec. Evans read an ordinance to control outdoor advertising. Mr. William Hartzell moved to accept the ordinance as read for the first reading, seconded by Walter Gilefski. Copy of ordinance attached.

A letter was read from Ralph L. Scott of Family Ministries, Inc. requesting tax exemption on their property on Main St. He asked that they be given the same consideration as Union Methodist Church and the Episcopal Church. After much discussion, the Board felt they did not want to give full exemption as long as part of the building was being used for storage by other people. The consensus was to call Town Solicitor, Dennis Schrader to see if it would be legal to bill them for taxes on part of the building and to also invite Mr. Scott to the next meeting and he could bring all the facts before the Commissioners.

Sewer Comm., Walter Gilefski reported that Roland Grant took his wastewater operator's test on Saturday. He told the Board that if Roland passed the test than he would be expecting an increase in salary to equal what our last plant operator was receiving. He reported to the Board that the Town had received the final 201 Facility Report Study. He read the recommendation that the report be adopted as soon as possible so report could be presented to the State. The Town would not be committed to one plan but the irrigation plan seems to be the cheaper way to go. Mr. Gilefski made a motion to accept the 201 Facility Plan as presented, seconded by William Hartzell and approved by the Board. CABE Assoc. will be notified of the Board's decision. Comm. Gilefski also reported that the plant had met the BOD requirements set by the State.

Street Comm., Hartzell said weather had not permitted the street work to be completed as you have to have 3 dry days before using cold patch. Mr. Hartzell said the grass along the railroad and various other places has been mowed. Mr. Hartzell moved that Ordinance #542A be revised to include hedges, shubbery, etc. Town Solicitor Dennis Schrader is to draft a new ordinance. This was seconded by A. L. Jones and approved by the Board.

A. L. Jones, Police Comm. introduced Lt. Otis Holloway, as Acting Chief of Police as of June 1, 1982. Comm. Jones report for the month is as follows: 214 traffic arrests, 15 complaints, 2 accidents, 1,854 miles traveled, 150 miles patrolled, 549 hrs. worked, 463 gals. of gas used; 363 gals. by the police, 55 gals. by the sewer plant, 20 gals. for the Town and 14 gals. for the Town Manager. Lt. Holloway

told the Board that he had attended the Delaware Police Chief's meeting and it had been brought to their attention that the State was trying to cut back on Sallee money. All Police Chiefs had been asked to write letters to their Senator and Representative and the Finance Comm. supporting the continuance of funds from Sallee. He read a letter that he had written asking that funds be continued to help small Towns such as ours. He read letter #2 that he had written to Sen. Adams supporting House Bill #591 giving Local Police the same powers as State Police in the matter of collecting bad checks outside the town limits.

Alderwoman, Margaret Thompson gave her report of \$5,873.49 in fines collected for the month of May. \$551.45 of this was Victim Compensation Tax and \$986.00 was Court Costs. Net fines of \$4,336.04. Mrs. Thompson read a letter from Chris Farlow, Channel 64 thanking the Commissioners for their assistance and support and allowing Channel 64 to keep their equipment in the basement of the Town Hall since May, 1981. He also wanted to thank Alderwoman Margaret Thompson for her patience and cooperation when their staff called or came to the Town Hall. Mr. Farlow hoped that a good relationship could remain between the Town and Channel 64.

Town Manager, Clif Laverty reported that the Town would be getting 5 CETA Summer Youth on Monday, June 21, 4 maintenance workers and 1 clerk-typist for the Police Dept. He informed the Board that well #3 has some faulty wiring. This will soon be repaired. The fire hydrant at Smith's packing house was scheduled to be repaired this week but due to weather it has not yet been done. Mr. Laverty told the Board that out of all delinquent water bills has been paid with only two meters still out. Over \$2,000.00 in delinquent water bills has been collected in the last 2-3 weeks. He told the Board that a Conference held by the U. of Delaware Community Development Program will be held in Wilmington on the 24th of June. There are 3 categories in this conference that he felt would be worth-while to the Town, (1) Financial Resources, (2) Housing Development, (3) Business Development. The Board decided that Mr. Laverty and Comm. Gilefski should attend this Conference with all expenses paid. Mr. Laverty said he was waiting for final word from Mr. Schrader on the letters that will go out to the landlords in North Bridgeville that own property that needs upgrading. Letters will probably go out on Thursday, June 17. He also told the Board that the Delaware Housing Authority is to meet with him on Tues. June 15, to see what help they could provide in this area.

Mr. Evans welcomed Mr. Laverty back after his stay in the hospital and wished him well in his continued recovery.

Mr. Evans read a letter from Representative Evans and the Dept. of Transportation about a traffic light in Bridgeville at the corner of Market and Main Streets. The letter stated that plans and an estimate for such a light had been forwarded to Mr. Mulrine of Sen. Biden's office, Representative Barnes and Senator Adams. As of this date The Dept. of Transportation has had no reply to their proposals or any funding. Because the estimate is over one year old it will have to be updated if there is to be any further action by the Legislature. The Board agreed that an updated report should be made.

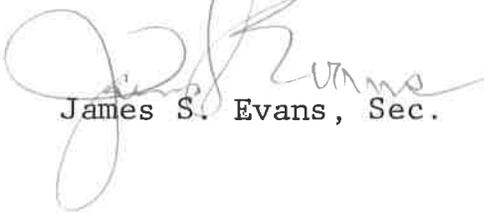
Mr. Evans asked guest, Philip Davis if he had something he wanted to say. Mr. Davis said he wanted to commend Mr. Laverty and the Board for trying to get something done in his area in N. Bridgeville.

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He said that the crowds were not congregating as badly and where not as noisy. He said wiskey was still be sold out of trunks of cars but things were better. He said he had called Mr. Evans on several occasions and he had come over to look at the situation. He asked if there was an ordinance against having chickens in Town. there is an ordinance against this and a letter will be sent to the offender. Mr. Evans thanked Mr. Davis for coming.

A. L. Jones moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 P. M. seconded by William Hartzell.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James S. Evans".

James S. Evans, Sec.