

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 11, 1985

Meeting was called to order at 7 P. M. by President Gilefski.

Commissioners present were: Walter P. J. Gilefski, Daryl Tull, Alfred L. Jones and James S. Evans.

Guests present were: Bonnie Grant, John Hartman, Clif Laverty, Margaret Thompson, Russell Hitchens, B. J. Chaney, Edmund White, Philip Davis, Town Solicitor, Dennis Schrader, Howard Hardesty and Mr. Robert Halbbrook, Esq.

Motion was made by Comm. Tull to dispense the reading of last month's meeting, seconded by Al Jones and approved by the Board.

Bills in the amount of \$5,993.42 were presented for payment. Motion was made by Comm. Evans and seconded by Comm. Tull to pay all bills as presented. Approved by the Board. Copy of bills attached.

President Gilefski reported that Dr. Elehwaney of DelAgra Corp. had responded to his letter and a meeting took place with Comm. Tull, Town Mgr. Clif Laverty, Waste Treatment Mgr., John Hartman, President Gilefski and Dr. Elehwaney attending. Dr. Elehwaney assured the Town that DelAgra would stay with the Town's sewer system. Town Solicitor to draw up new contract. There will be an increase in DelAgra's flat monthly rate to \$3,000 per month. A letter of intent from Mr. West will be sent to the Town.

Pres. Gilefski said he had also written a letter to Mr. Kermit Justice, Sec. of the Dept. of Transportation inquiring about the plans for the intersection of Main and Market Sts. Pres. Gilefski had talked to Senator Adams about this and he too would like to know where the money is. Nothing has been done though money has been appropriated by the General Assembly. A response to Mr. Gilefski's letter has not been received yet.

Pres. Gilefski said he had a letter from DNREC responding to his inquiry on Perdue's Discharge Permit. They informed Pres. Gilefski that Perdue did have a permit and are being tested and that no pollutants are being discharged into the stream.

Pres. Gilefski reported to the Board that a letter had been received from CABA Asso. concerning the fact that revisions had been made for the NPDES Program Stormwater Permit Requirements. Application date has been postponed until December 31, 1985.

A letter from DNREC has been received by Pres. Gilefski with a copy of a state permit issued to Dale Wheatley allowing him to tie into the Town's sewer system if he builds his proposed restaurant. Permit good for two years.

Tax Assessment Appeal date has been set for March 23rd from 12-4 P. M. Commissioners to sit in on session if available.

President Gilefski said he would like a motion to approved the final draft for the 1985-86 Budget that had been sent to each commissioner if they had no questions concerning it. Comm. Tull made a motion to accept Budget as presented, seconded by Comm. Jones and approved by the Board. Copy of Budget attached.

Motion was made by Comm. Evans and seconded by Comm. Tull to give a 4% increase in salary to Town Clerk, Town Mgr., Alderperson, Waste Treatment Mgr and Chief of Police. A 25¢ per hr. raise will be given to part-time police secretary, part-time office secretary, town maint. man, Police Corporal Tyndall and Police Officer Reed. Increase to be in March 14th pay check.

A date was set for April 1st for the Revenue Sharing Public Hearing at 7 P. M. Time and date to be advertised in local paper. Pres. Reagan has eliminated Revenue Sharing in his own budget. We should be receiving at least 3 more payments.

Pres. Gilefski asked the Board their opinion on a new telephone system for the office. It appears it would save money for the Town. Town Mgr., Clif Laverty recommended the Telecon System out of Salisbury. Other companies using the same system showed a 25% decrease in their bills. Police Dept. and Waste Treatment Plant not included in this. After much discussion motion was made by Comm. Jones to table telephone system agreement for 6 months. Motion seconded by Comm. Tull.

Pres. Gilefski asked the Board if they did or did not want to accept sewage from a 47 unit motel in Dewey Beach. He said that our engineer does not think it would be profitable for us to do so. Also he did not think DNREC would grant a permit for our plant to accept the effluent. Mr. Robert Holbrook, Esq. representing the owners of the proposed motel said that Mr. Bob Zimmerman of DNREC said that the State would allow the plant to accept the effluent. Mr. Halbrook said the motel was not in the Sussex County Sewer System so Sussex County would not allow them to dump into their system. As they would be using our plant at it's peak period and also at the same time as construction work being done at our plant, motion was made by Comm. Tull to deny the request by Mr. Halbrook on behalf of Sicillio Asso. to discharge waste into our plant. Motion seconded by Comm. Evans and approved by the Board.

Town Solicitor, Dennis Schrader has written up "An Ordinance to Adopt various Standard Codes Relating to Inspection Activities of the Town of Bridgeville and Enforcement of Building and Housing Provisions As Provided In Said Codes." This ordinance includes a fine penalty clause for any violation of said code of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 for each violation. Violations to be heard in Alderman's Court. Pres. Gilefski read the proposed ordinance and second reading will be at next month's meeting.

President Gilefski told the Commissioners they would find a delinquent tax list in their packets. Motion was made by Comm. Jones to allow our Town Solicitor to do whatever necessary to collect back taxes. Motion seconded by Comm. Tull and approved by the Board.

President Gilefski asked for Dept. Reports:

Alderman Court - Mrs. Thompson said that Bridgeville was now #5 in the State in total cases heard. Alderman Court's report attached.

Town Mgr. Report - Mr. Laverty said he had turned down a bldg. permit because it was turned down last year because there is not enough off-street parking as required by the building code. He said he had told Mr. Russell Hitchens it would have to be brought before the Commissioners. Mr. Hitchens and Mr. Chaney were asked to speak on behalf of their application for the building permit.

They asked if the Board could make an exception to the rule as their intent was to make an apartment for a lady who desperately needed a place to live and who did not own a car. The Commissioners feel that they should not grant a variance as it does not conform to our zoning requirements. Our Town Solicitor is to give his decision on this matter. Mr. Hitchens said he would abide by Mr. Schrader's decision.

Mr. Laverty said there were 8 water cut offs. Three of them refused to accept certified letters. Commissioners gave Mr. Laverty permission to take whatever action necessary to see that the water remained off until bill is paid. Mr. Laverty said he was waiting on the fire marshall's action on the old theater bldg. He has it under condemnation for violation of fire code. On the old stand pipe Mr. Laverty said he had a tentative price of \$11,300 for removal of the standpipe. This does not include plumbing or re-routing. On the Program Mr. Laverty said there would be a ground breaking for the new well on March 20 at 10 o'clock. Mr. Bob Moyer, Director of Housing, Sec. West and Seantor Adams will be attending as well as the Commissioners. Water tested at the site tested clear. Mr. Laverty said he would be a member on a Panel on Housing Rehabilitation April 18th sponsored by NERO. Mr. Laverty said test well was completed. There will be an additional \$600 increase in cost of well. He felt to reduce the flow from 600 to 400 gals. per min. to save the additional \$600 would be false economy. Mr. Laverty told the Board that the Dept. of Community Affairs are in violation themselves for making FY85 awards. They are 10 days late.

Water Dept. - Comm. Evans said he had not heard from CABE Associates on the abandonment of the standpipe and he wonders if one standpipe would be sufficient in case of an emergency.

Police Dept. - Comm. Jones advised the Board that Chief Shannon was back in the hospital. He also made a motion to put Officer Reed on in a permanent position as police officer at \$5.00 per hour. He also would like his .25¢ an hour increase held until his 90 day probationary period was up. Motion seconded by Comm. Tull. Comm. Jones said traffic was on the increase.

Sewer Dept.- Comm. Tull said he had not heard from Mr. Laverty on the dry fire hydrants. Mr. Laverty said he did not recommend them as they were extremely costly. Comm. Tull said he had not meant to buy new ones but to use old hydrants and adapt them to be of service as dry hydrants. Comm. Tull said the contract with Sketchely Service for uniforms would be cancelled and several pairs of uniforms would be purchased from Wear-Guard to see how they are.

Mr. Laverty is to check on leak on Rt. 17. Also to get permit from State to open highway.

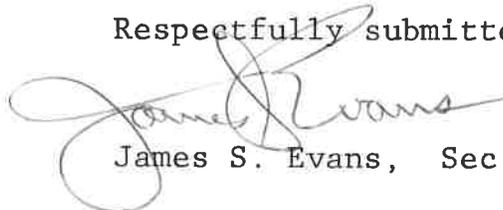
President Gilefski asked Mr. Ed. White, a former employee of the Bridgeville Police Dept., if he would like to speak. Mr. White said he would like to read a letter of appeal on his being fired on Dec. 29, 1984. Mr. White said he was wrongly charged and evaluated. His letter stated he demanded his job back with full restitution from date of his dismissal, a full investigation by an impartial committee and an apology from the Town Commissioners in writing. He expected a written response to his demands within 5 days. Mr. White said he was considering legal action. Pres. Gilefski told Mr. White that he would like a copy of his letter of demands before he would answer his charges.

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Mr. White said he would have a copy of his letter to the Commissioners by Wednesday.

Comm. Tull made a motion to go into executive session at 9 P. M., seconded by Comm. Jones.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James S. Evans". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

James S. Evans, Sec.