

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 14, 1983

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

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

Guests present were: Alderwoman Margaret Thompson, Chief of Police, Otis Holloway, Lt. John Shannon, Town Mgr. Clif Laverty, Bonnie Grant of the Leader, Paul Bedand of the Daily Times and David F. Coady of the Harrington Journal.

Comm. Hartzell moved to dispense the reading of the minutes of February minutes, seconded by Comm. Mulvaney and approved by the Board.

Bills in the amount of \$15,185.80 were presented for payment. Motion was made by Comm. Hartzell to pay bills as presented, seconded by Comm. Evans and approved by the Board. Copy of bills attached.

Pres. Gilefski reminded the other Commissioners of the Revenue Sharing Public Hearing on Monday, March 21st at 7 P. M.

A letter was read by Pres. Gilefski from Mr. Dave Winski, principal of the Junior-Senior High School. Mr. Winski thanked the Town Police force for their security at athletic events of the year. He said all of the officers had been prompt, efficient and handled the few incidents that had occurred very well. He said he hoped the school could continue to use their services next year. Comm. Hartzell said he felt that this was quite a compliment to the Police and he was quite proud of them.

Pres. Gilefski read a letter from the Town Solicitor, Dennis Schrader, answering the concern of cutting offwater service if a person did not pay their bill. He had enclosed a copy of a letter from the Attorney General's office concerning this matter. The Board of Health could go to the Court of Chancery to restore water service in adverse health conditions. Mr. Schrader stills believes it is proper to discontinue water service if the bill is not paid.

Pres. Gilefski told the Board he had written a letter to Mr. Gordy of the Election Board concerning write-in votes where there are no contested seats. Where there is a non-contested seat and a contested seat. He had recieved no answer from Mr. Gordy at this time but will talk to him or Town Solicitor Dennis Schrader before next meeting. He will also try to get the Attorney General's ruling on this.

Second reading of the bicycle ordniance was read by Pres. Gilefski with the necessary amendments. After some discussion on the amount of fine set, motion was made by Comm. Hartzell to accept ordniance as read, seconded by James Evans and Approved by the Board. Copy of ordniance attached.

Pres. Gilefski read a letter from Mid-Shore CATV asking to transfer the existing contract with the Town from them to Simon Communication Corp. of Delaware-Maryland. Comm. Mulvaney made a motion that the Board except this transfer with one exception. This exception being that the Town could raise the rental of the cat walk on the water tower in timing with the CATV rate increases. Increase would be the same percentage rate.

This motion was seconded by Comm. Jones and unanimously approved by the Board.

Pres. Gilefski asked for the Boards approval of the 1983-84 Budget in the amount of approx. \$430,000.00. Copy of budget attached.

Motion was made by Comm. Hartzell and seconded by Comm. Mulvaney to approve the Budget. Unanimously approved..

Pres. Gilefski asked for department reports.

Water Dept. - Comm. Evans said the water inspections would soon be completed. Because of the age of some valves he would have to improvise on water taps. He said he had bought a piece of hose made to run water from the fire hydrants to relieve pressure. More meters have been ordered and will be installed as needed. Comm. Evans recommended the cleaning of the stand pipe located at the Police Station. The stand pipe, which holds nearly one-third of the Town's water supply needs repairs, scraping, inspected and painted. Cost of the job would be a-prox. \$15,000.00. Work could not be done until good weather, probably July or August.

Street Dept. - Comm. Hartzell told the Board that his budget would only allow the pot holes to be filled with cold patch. This will be done as soon as the weather permits. For now, the worst ones are being filled with stones. Comm. Mulvaney asked Comm. Hartzell if there was a possibility of getting stripes painted down the middle of the road on Delaware Ave. and Walnut St. specifically. This was a request from Mr. Edwin Layton. Mr. Hartzell said he would see what he could do when money became available. Comm. Hartzell gave each Comm. a letter from the Dept. of Transportation about the traffic light on Main & Mkt. Copy of letter attached. Senator Adams has a copy of this letter and a copy is to be forwarded to Rep. Brad Barnes. They will have to apply for a state bond issue for the funding of the estimated \$200,000.00 improvement. A letter will be sent to the Realtor handling Hoch's Garage about the possibility of purchasing property.

Police Dept. - Comm. Jones gave the following report: There were 6 accidents, 55 complaints, 17 active, 0 inactive, 24 arrests, 14 cleared, 2934 miles traveled, 291 hrs. patrolled, 740½ hr. worked 11 assists 583.4 gals. of gasoline used, 427.8 gals. by the police, 115.9 gals. by the sewer plant and 39.7 by the Town Manager. Comm. Jones told the Board that Lt. Shannon is now in charge of all Criminal complaints, effective March 1, 1983. Comm. Jones asked permission from the Board to purchase a new police car, a portable radio and a change over radio with Revenue Sharing Funds. He said Chambers Motors again had the state contract on police package cars but we had found their service to be unsatisfactory. Their price was \$8,395. He said he could get the same car from a New Jersey dealer specializing in police cars for \$8075. with a free federal regulation bar light and free rear window defroster. He said that Milford, Seaford, Rehoboth deals with this company. Warranty work can be done at Milford Motors. They have 2 barrel models in stock but he would prefer a 318 four barrel heavy duty police package. He said he would sell the old green 76 Ford, sell the Fairmount to the Town for \$500.00 for a Town Car and keep the Nova as a plain car for detective work. Comm. Mulvaney said he would agree if the money did not come out of Revenue Sharing and he felt Revenue Sharing money was needed for the Water Dept. and The Street Dept. He

feels that the Police Dept. has enough money in their account for the car. Comm. Hartzell made a motion to allow Police Comm. Jones to purchase a police car not to exceed \$8100 with in house money. After proper advertising for bids on the car was made, seconded by Comm. Mulvaney. Mr. Hartzell amended his motion to read \$8,300.00 of in-house money. The Board unanimously agreed.

Alderman Court - Mrs. Thompson gave her report of 84 fines paid in February, 47 less than 1982. She said she had had 2 complaints about 2 ladies of the evening and that the Town had no ordinance against this thing. She said Title 11 Criminal Codes cases has to go to Court Four or Court of Common Pleas. She said if we had our own Title 11 code to use in Alderman Court the revenue could go into Town funds. There are minor things that could go thru this court if we had our own ordinances. Hopefully by next meeting a list of the ordinances used by the other Towns that go thru their Alderman Court can be compiled.

Comm. Mulvaney, head of the Bridgeville Economic Development Committee said he had attended two meetings. 1 was on UDAG Grants. He said funding under the UDAG Grant is available to private industry and eligible programs at an interest rate of 5%. For every \$2.50 put in, UDAG will put in \$1.00. The best thing being that repayment of the dollar at 5% interest rate does not go back to the government but will come back to the Town. The Town would be interested but can only apply for a grant if a private industry is interested incoming to this area.

The 2nd meeting was <sup>with</sup> ~~tin~~ the Economic Development Committee. He said there had been a request that a member from the educational field be added to the Committee. He said in order to accomplish anything the committee must have continued cooperation from the county, the state and the town. Next meeting will be the first part of April.

Sewer Dept. - Pres. Gilefski informed the Board that he had received notification from the Environmental Control that they had drafted a study of the stream. He will have to write a letter for a time extension. Clark Carbaugh will be answering about our NPDES permit. There will be a 201 Facility Plan Workshop on March 30 at 7 P. M. He told the Board emergency work had been done by O. A. Newton to the clarifier. Clark Carbaugh is working up permanent repair plans. Pres. Gilefski said there is concern as to what our representatives are going to do about increasing our bond indebtedness. He said the Delmarva Advisory Committee would work up a change to our Charter for us.

Pres. Gileski said the bank had approached him about removing the yellow curbing at the bank on Market St. The Board could see no problem in removing the paint. 5 minutes parking signs are to be erected.

Pres. Gileski said Jack Cannon of the Fire Co. had asked him about the Town using a generator that the Fire Co. has for an emergency pump by the Town.

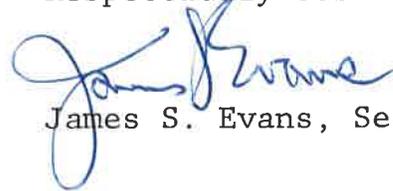
Town Manager's Report - Mr. Laverty told the Board he had received a Block Grant in the amount of \$112,500.00. \$22,500.00 is for administration, \$40,000.00 for demolition and \$50,000 for housing rehabilitation. He said there would be simple forms to be filled out for demolition with no financial guide lines. He has two rehab jobs underway with one to begin this week. Mr. Laverty said he had

had lots of inquiries about rental housing. He told the Board he had not gotten a price on the driveway yet and because of the Budget it has been put on hold. All of the signs have been received and two have been repaired and replaced already. Mr. Lavery said the pumping time on well #3 has been reduced by 50%. The heaters at the Town Hall have been repaired including the one upstairs in the large meeting room. Air conditioning in this room was not repaired.

Mr. Hartzell made a resolution congratulating Town Manager Lavery for obtaining the large amount of money from the Block Grant, seconded by Comm. Evans.

Comm. Hartzell moved to go into executive session at 8 45 P. M., seconded by Comm. Mulvaney.

Respectfully submitted,



James S. Evans, Sec.