

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 1982

Meeting was called to order at 7 P. M. by President Robert L. Mulvaney.

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

Guests present were: Town Manager, Clif Laverty, Alderman Margaret I. Thompson, Mr. Robert Thompson, Mrs. Bonnie Grant of the Leader, Miss Donna Smith of D.T.C.C., and Mr. Clark Carbaugh, of CABE Associates. Inc.

Pres. Mulvaney asked to dispense reading the minutes of February's regular meeting.

Bills in the amount of \$9,406.10 were presented for payment. A. L. Jones made a motion to pay bills as presented, seconded by James Evans and approved by the Board. Bills here attached.

President Mulvaney presented the 1982-83 Budget for adoption as follows:

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>
Gen. Acct. \$ 53,610.00	\$ 53,433.74
Sewer Acct. 135,800.00	135,671.00
Police Dept. 85,661.59	85,461.59
Rev. Sharing 45,155.90	32,538.63
Water Dept. 20,260.00	20,000.00
Municipal St.	
Aid Fund 28,500.00	27,370.00
<u>\$368,987.49</u>	<u>\$354,463.96</u>

There will be no increase in taxes or water and sewer rates. William Hartzell made a motion to adopt the 1982-83 Budget, seconded by Al. Jones and voted on unanimously by the Commissioners.

President Mulvaney asked for department reports:

Mr. James Evans, Water Comm. read a notice of intent to residents of Bridgeville for water and bill delinquency. Notice would read that all bills are due in 30 days or water will be disconnected and a \$10.00 re-connection fee will be charged. Mr. Evans asked the Board if this would be acceptable to them. After some discussion it was decided that the notice would be sent and enforced. He read a contract iwth Delmarva Drilling for Swervicenman at \$20 per hr. from office to job. \$60.00 per hr. if more men or heavier equipment is needed. It would call for one to one and one-half hr. inspection monthly with Town Mgr. Clif Laverty to accompany their man to learn what to look for. Town Mgr. to later do inspection. This would be for all 3 pumps. Walter Gilefski made a motion to accept contract, seconded by William Hartzell and approved by the Board. Town Mgr. is to instruct Ralph E. Davis, Inc. to issue insurance on fire hydrants in the Town. Mr. Evans said water meter at the Canterbury Apts. would be connected when water sample report is retruned by the State. He said that an altitude valve is needed on #1 standpipe and then the new standpipe can be filled to capacity to assure enough water flow to the apartments.

Street Comm., William Hartzell said he is ready to fill pot-holes when

weather permitted and that the storm drain on Market Street is not complete yet.

Mr. Mulvaney told Comm. Hartzell and the other Commissioners that Hattie Sylvia and the Senior Citizen Center said they appreciated the Town's effort in getting this new drain in. Mr. Evans asked Mr. Hartzell if he would look at the problem of water standing in First Street by Mt. Olive Church.

Mr. A. L. Jones, Police Commissioner told the Commissioners that the new police car had arrived on the 15th of Feb. and that the Dept. was very happy with it. He said there had been 109 arrests, 24 complaints, 1 accident, 1596 miles had been traveled, 196 miles patrolled, 383 hrs. worked, 12 assists. There had been 458 gals of gasoline used, 373 gals. by the police and 65 gals. by the Waste Treatment Plant. He said there seem to be an increase on criminal compliants. Mr. Jones said another radio, at no cost to the Town, given by the State, will be put into the Fairmont car. It was suggested in view of the increase of criminal compliants that maybe it would be advisable to leave one at the sewer plant instead of all in the fenced area at the Police Station after 2 A. M.

Mr. Walt Gilefski, Sewer Comm. said all parts are in to repair the vacuator and work would be done soon. He also suggested looking into the cost of private haulers dumping into the sewer plant. He also said he was agreeable to allow Kent Sussex Industries to dump into our system, ^{from} Board of Commissioners also agreeable to this. Mr. Gilefski also made a motion that the Commissioners salary to be increased to \$800.00 per year with the President of the Commission increased to \$1,000.00 per year effective this year. Motion seconded by William Hartzell and approved by the Board. Mr. Gilefski told the Board that Dr. Elehwaney of DelAgra did agree to the monthly billing increase providing the Town would draw up a contract for a time period.

Mrs. Margaret Thompson, Alderman gave the following report. 119 traffic and 12 criminal fines were processed through Alderman's Court during the month of February 1982, resulting in \$5,326.60 in collected fines. By way of contrast, 77 fines were paid in February 1981 totaling \$3,668.70. According to the annual Alderman Court report published by the State of Delaware for the fiscal year 1981, Bridgeville Alderman Court was the third most active out of Delaware's 13 active Alderman Courts. Only Newark and Newport had more dispostions. This indicated a percentage increase of 102.8 over fiscal year 1980 during which time Bridgeville was without an Alderman from May 1, to June 23 and at that time ranked 10th out of 13 Courts. 1,551 total dispostions were processed during Bridgeville's fiscal year resulting in \$69,382.79 collected. This was a monthly average of \$5,198.56. Alderman Thompson than read for the second time the revised Ordinance #532 (Vidio Games Ordinance). Walter Gilefski made a motion to accept ordiance as read, seconded by William Hartzell and approved by the Board. Mr. Gilefski said he wanted to go on record as commending the Bridgeville Police Dept. on during a fine job and commend Mrs. Thomspson on doing such a good job as Alderman.

Town Manager, Clif Laverty told the Board that there would be a public hearing for HUD Grant on March 24th at 7:30 P. M. This will be held for citizen's input. First application must be filed by April 30, 1982 and 1983 application must be filed by July, 1982. There will be a meeting in Dover on Monday, March 15th for State Block Grant Hearing.

President Mulvaney read a resolution making Town Mgr. Clif Laverty coordinator of the HUD Grant Project. Mr. Laverty had the Commissioners to sign documents for HUD application. He asked Commissioners to get some thoughts together for the public hearing such as drainage, parks, etc. to present to the Constituents.

President Mulvaney recommended to the Board that a change be made in the proposed personnel policy. The vacation policy of 1 weeks vacation for 1-5 years worked would have to have a grandfather's clause covering the present employees.

Pres. Mulvaney also asked for a meeting with the Commissioners about auctioning off the Town owned lots in the near future.

President Mulvaney told the Commissioners that a request by Bishop Cephas of the Full Gospel Church to be on the agenda had been granted but Bishop Cephas did not appear. Mr. Carter of the Human Relations Board had made a special effort to appear at the Town's request at this meeting.

President Mulvaney introduced Mr. Gene Crockett to the Board. Mr. Crockett said he wanted to come before the Board and read a letter to the Board and to quell rumors that he was suing the Town for a large amount of money. His letter stated that on Feb. 23rd his home sustained damage from the sewer lines to his house being stopped up by grease from the Woodbridge High School. He had raw sewage in his living room, bedrooms and bathrooms. He said he wanted to thank the Town for their efforts in getting the lines unstopped and that they did respond within 12 hrs. of the complaint and he would be willing to see what kind of a restitution the Insurance Co. would make in replacing the carpet in his home that the State Board of Health said would be a health hazard. Also he was asking for the Insurance Co. to pay the private plumbers he had engaged to un-stop the lines.

President Mulvaney and the Board told Mr. Crockett that they were, indeed, sympathetic to his problem and would turn his claim over to our Insurance Co.. If the Insurance Co. doesn't respond favorably than Mr. Crockett is to come back to the Commissioners.

Mr. William Hartzell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 P. M., seconded by A. L. Jones.

Respectfully submitted,



James S. Evans, Sec.