

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 10, 1982

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 P. M. by President Robert Mulvaney.

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

Guests present: Bonnie Grant, Linda Mulvaney, Town Manager, Clif Laverty, Mrs. Arlene Laverty, Alderman, Margaret Thompson, Kathy Hufstetler, Donna Smith, Chief Ricci Pyle, Bruce Pringe of the News Journal, Margaret Harris, Nelson Crockett, Corrine Crocket, Philip Davis, Catherine Ross and John Tingle.

President Mulvaney asked the Board for permission to dispense the reading of last month's minutes. Permission granted.

A. L. Jones made a motion to pay all bills as presented in the amount of \$17,429.61, seconded by Walter Gilefski and approved by the Board. Copy of bills here attached.

President Mulvaney read a request from Ralph & Paul Adams, Inc. to improve all portions of land owned by them and the Town's property located at the old railroad station for a parking lot for their employees. A. L. Jones moved to allow Ralph & Paul Adams, Inc.'s request, seconded by Walter Gilefski and approved by the Board.

President Mulvaney then read a letter from Thurman W. Adams, President of the Historical Society asking for permission to care for the Monument and Park area located at the Town Hall. This was well received by the Commissioners. Motion to grant request was made by Comm. Gilefski and seconded by Comm. Hartzell and approved by the Board.

President Mulvaney then read a letter and petition from neighbors of the Johnson property on Delaware Ave. complaining about the condition of the lot and what can be done about it. Comm. Hartzell suggested contacting our Solicitor, Dennis Schrader to see what the Town can do legally about getting the lot leveled, cleaned up, mowed and grass planted. Comm. Gilefski felt a letter to the seven petitioners should be sent telling them the Board is aware of this problem and is taking steps to see what the Town can do about such.

President Mulvaney said copies of the Personnel Policy for the Town of Bridgeville would be available to all Commissioners and employees. There is one grandfather's clause in the new policy concerning vacation. All new employees hired will have 1 weeks vacation for year 1 through 5. Present employees will still get 2 weeks after the first year.

President Mulvaney than welcomed residents from N. Bridgeville and thanked them for coming to the meeting. President Mulvaney than showed slides showing the deplorable living conditions existing in some areas of N. Bridgeville, especially Gum Alley and Railroad Ave. Some are chicken coop type drellings made into apartments with outside plumbing facilities, old trailers, shacks and etc., certainly not fit for human habitation.

President Mulvaney then asked for comments from residents in that area. They all agreed to the same complaints of foul language, liquor being sold out of cars, noise all day and night, double parking with difficulty getting in and out of their own property.

These residents have tried to keep their homes in top condition and feel they should not have to put up with these conditions.

The Board decided that the building officer, Clif Laverty is to inform the landlords that they will have 60 days to start improvements with 120 days to complete them and bring them up to the Standard Building Code. If not complied with houses will be condemned and ordered demolished according to the building code. The Police Dept. is to make a concentrated effort to rid the area of unwanted persons. There are also houses on Church Street, Second Street and in rear of the Colonial Garden Apts. that need attention.

President Mulvaney assured the residents of N. Bridgeville that action will be taken.

President Mulvaney called on the Commissioners to give their department reports.

Mr. Evans, Water Comm. said that there were a few problems with the water pressure and the increased pressure had caused fire hydrants to leak. Pressure must continue to be kept up for the needs of the Fire Co. in case of fires. His department will need funds hopefully thru HUD to repair and replace these fire hydrants.

Police Comm., Al Jones gave his report of 168 traffic arrests, 722 miles traveled, 284 miles patrolled, 576.8 gals. of gas used, police using 426.8 gals., sewer plant trucks 100 gals., and Town Manager use of 50 gals.

Alderwoman, Margaret Thompson gave the following report; \$8,281.14 in fines was collected during April, 1982 as compared with \$5,463.90 in April of 1981. In the 23 months she has been Alderwoman, April's collections has been surpassed only by July of 1981.

Sewer Comm., Galt Gilefski reported that he had received a commendation by the EPA people following their inspection of the sewer plant. They wanted to thank Roland Grant and Clif Laverty for their help and cooperation in the inspection. They only had one recommendation and that has been taken care of. He said the evacuator had been replaced and the pump on the trickle filter is being repaired. He said the BOD level has been well below the State's limitation.

William Hartzell, Street Comm. asked Town Mgr., Clif Laverty to tell the Board what had been done in the way of repairing the streets. Mr. Laverty said he had gotten several prices, one of which was entirely too much money. The second price was within reason. Mr. Hartzell said he had \$2,400 to \$3,200 to fix pot holes and gave Mr. Laverty permission to get work started as soon as possible. Mr. Hartzell recommended dividing this work into two projects. Mr. Hartzell said he would like to look into the possibility of hiring a maintenance worker to repair the streets, cut the grass, etc. instead of having to use outside contractors to do the work. He felt this would save the Town money. Employee to work 39 hrs. a week at minimum pay. President Mulvaney said he would sit down with the Treasurer to see if a handyman's salary could be paid.

Clif Laverty, Town Manager gave his report: He recommended enforcing grass cutting ordinance for those people who refuse to keep their grass cut. Mr. Laverty said he hoped to use CETA Summer Youth employees to

erect needed signs through-out the Town. He told the Board that Delmarva Drilling will start their maintenance inspection tomorrow. The electrical panel has been checked out at the sewer plant and is functioning properly. Deeds for lots sold at the auction have gone to Dennis Schrader for preparation. Walter Gilefski made a motion at Mr. Laverty's suggestion to allow Pres. Mulvaney to sign all necessary papers concerning lots, seconded by Al Jones and approved by the Board. Mr. Laverty told the Board that regulation 15 is now in effect and all hydrants have to be brought up to date in 60 days. Mr. Laverty said our HUD Grant project was delivered to Dover on April 28th and went before the review Board on Friday. Notification will be received by end of June if grant is awarded.

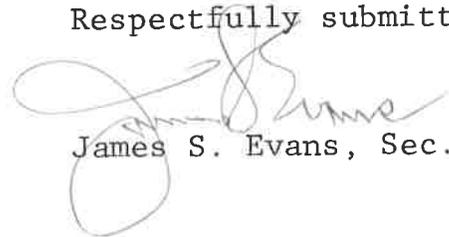
President Mulvaney told the Board that water bill cut-off date is June 1, 1982.

Mr. Philip Davis made a request for a street sign with First Street on it be erected on his street. The Board told Mr. Davis that this would be done as funds became available.

Mr. Hartzell said he would like to thank our Town residents for coming to the meeting. That it was nice to see some interest shown as so many times there is no one at the meetings.

A. L. Jones moved to adjourn meeting at 8:45 P. M., seconded by Walter Gilefski.

Respectfully submitted,

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

James S. Evans, Sec.