

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
Regular Meeting
May 13, 1985

President Gilefski called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M.

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

Guests present were Alderwoman Margaret Thompson, Town Manager Clif Laverty, Waste Treatment Plant Manager John Hartman, Acting Chief of Police John Tyndall, Reporter Dennis Friedel, Mr. Howard Hardesty, Kathy Gregory of the Delaware Housing Authority and Clark Carbaugh of C.A.B.E., Associates.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hartzell and seconded by Commissioner Tull to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes.

Bills in the amount of \$17,106.23 were presented for payment. Motion was made by Commissioner Hartzell and seconded by Commissioner Jones to pay bills as presented. Approved by the Board. A copy of the bills is attached.

President Gilefski asked Town Manager Clif Laverty to please have the fire hydrant on South Main Street turned. President Gilefski reminded the other Commissioners of the V.F.W. Parade, graveside ceremonies and a reception in Seaford on May 27th Memorial Day. All Commissioners have been invited and Commissioner Tull has offered his convertible for the Commissioner's use. President Gilefski asked for all the Commissioners that could to attend. President Gilefski said there had also been a celebration in Praise of Older Americans held last Saturday, May 11, 1985.

President Gilefski read thank you notes from the Delaware Crime Stoppers and the Woodbridge Woman's Softball League for the money that had been given them from the Revenue Sharing Account.

Pres. Gilefski informed the Board that we would again be using probably six youth on the Summer Youth Program, sponsored by the County. They will be painting, cleaning streets, cleaning out catch basins, etc.

President Gilefski told the Board that Mr. Laverty would be attending a trial at Court 4 tomorrow May 14th. Allen and Deborah Copus of Walnut Street are bringing suit against Mr. Laverty for a water and sewer bill that they paid under protest since bill had been made by their former tenant. The water was disconnected because the bill had not been paid. The Town policy says the owner of the property is responsible for the bill if the tenant does not pay it. In the absence of our Attorney Dennis Schrader, Mr. Sertivitch of Tunnell and Raysor will represent Mr. Laverty and the Town.

President Gilefski said Bills #141 and 142 has been introduced and acted on in the Senate and has now gone to the House of Representatives for passage. The bills asked that The Town could raise their tax limits from \$60,000 to \$100,000. Second one is who can vote on a bond referendum for the sale of bonds. A referendum will be held before the revamping of the sewer plant.

There were two water adjustments to consider according to President Gilefski. 1. Mr. Joseph Hill's property on North Cannon Street. After discussion, Commissioner Hartzell made a motion to adjust bill to the previous quarter. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans. It was approved 4-1, Commissioner Tull voted "Nay". 2. Mrs. Cora Gillium of Railroad Avenue, North Bridgeville. Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjust her bill according to previous bill; this was seconded by Commissioner Jones and approved by the Board.

President Gilefski said that CABE Associates had asked permission to deposit waste into our sewer plant. He was expecting a letter or a personal appearance of Mr. Clark Carbaugh for this request. At this time he had neither.

President Gilefski introduced Mrs. Kathy Gregory of the Delaware Housing Authority. Mrs. Gregory said that application had been made to HUD for three low income housing units. Ms. Gregory said these units would be built by the turn-key method. There would be advertisement for developers who would bid for the job. The funding would be lost if suitable parcel of land could not be found. There would be 50 units. Units have to be tied into Town water and sewer system. The Commissioners asked if these units would be exempt from Town taxes. Ms. Gregory said "Yes. Low income housing is exempt from taxes but a set amount of money is given in lieu of taxes. This equals almost what taxes would be." She said that there were approximately 250 sub-standard houses in this area. Ms. Gregory said streets and sidewalks have to be provided. She said a mutual agreement has to exist between Commissioners and Delaware State Housing Authority to get these units built. The Commissioners said they would like to see all the specifications from HUD and the street building codes. The Commissioners had questions that Mrs. Gregory said she would have to get answers to and get back to them.

Upon the arrival of Mr. Carbaugh of CABE Associates, Mr. Carbaugh informed the Commissioners that they had received permission from Seaford and Laurel to use their disposal plant. He would like to defer his request to Bridgeville for the time being.

President Gilefski asked the Board for permission to grant \$1,000 from Revenue Sharing Funds as a donation to the Woodbridge School Referendum. This would cover legal costs and advertisements. Comm. Jones made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Woodbridge School Referendum. This was seconded by Commissioner Tull and approved by the Board.

President Gilefski told the Board that only one bid had been made on the 201 Facility Project Accounting Service. This service is needed to pass the EPA Audit. Raymond F. Book, Jr. and Company, CPAs of Dover, Del. had sent the only bid. Mr. Book's bid was a cost of not to exceed \$6,000. President Gilefski said he would like for Town Solicitor Dennis Schrader to put into his language some kind of legal contract between Mr. Book and the Town. A motion was made by Commissioner Hartzell to accept bid made by Mr. Book. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. The contract is to be drawn up by our Town Solicitor between Mr. Book and The Town, basically according to Mr. Book's letter. This was approved by the Board.

Commissioner Tull said he would like to make a motion to hire Mr. Willie Puryear as a parttime maintenance man for the sewer plant. His hours would be regulated by the plant manager. His hours are not to exceed 22 hours a week. Wages would be \$4.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and approved by the Board.

President Gilefski called for department reports.

Alderman Court--Alderwoman Margaret Thompson passed out a copy of her report. (Report Attached) Mrs. Thompson asked if it would be possible to have a small window installed between the Court Room and her office. This would allow her to take fine money from her office and to also allow her to see who was approaching. Commissioner Hartzell made a motion to honor Mrs. Thompson's request at the least possible expense. This was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved by the Board.

Water Department--Commissioner Evans said that when the line was cut off on Route 17, there was a water tap from Cannon's office that we were not aware of. This cut their water off. Cannon's have requested to use their own water and pay Town the Sewer rates per quarter for sewage usage. They would like for the Town to plug off the main under the road. The Commissioners feel this problem belongs to Cannon's and should be done at their expense. Also they should advise any future owners that they would be required to connect to the Town water and sewer lines at time of purchase. Cannon's would pay the \$20.00 sewer fee for their existing office.

Street Department--Commissioner Hartzell said he had nothing to report.

Police Department--Commissioner Jones said he had two things. One was that his department was in need of a part time police officer. He said he had located a man from Laurel. His name is Jay Myer. He is qualified for part time except for a one day course in radar. The Commissioners said they would look at his application in executive session

Sewer Department--Commissioner Tull asked how the back taxes were coming in. He was informed that they were coming in fairly steady and those not responding, their names will be sent to Dennis Schrader for further action.

Mr. Tull said there was a water leak at the Corner of Main and Edgewood Streets. Commissioner Hartzell and Mr. Lavery said this was a water valve and would stop on its own. Mr. Tull said that the hedge on Mrs. McLeod's property needs to be trimmed.

President Gilefski said a complaint had been received about the tall grass at the Street property on Main Street and the old cars in the yard of Robert Thomas. If Street's grass is not cut, the Town will cut it and bill Mr. Street.

Town Manager's Report--Mr. Lavery passed out a copy of the FY '83 Audit on the CDBG program. He said he could account for every cent spent for FY 82, FY 83. He received a Blue Ribbon Audit. He said he had two pages of shop drawings of new well house from Delmarva Drilling. He said they were waiting to hear from Bill Henry of CABA Associates. When they get his information, they will proceed.

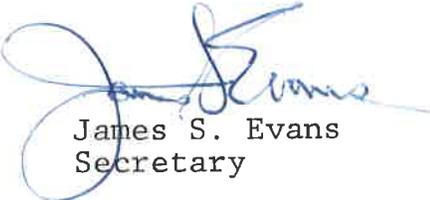
Mr. Lavery said he had had good response from residents on grass cutting. He also advised that the fire hydrant that was damaged on South Main Street was covered by insurance. The Town will be getting back approximately \$3200.

Commissioner Evans asked Mr. Lavery if housing for people being evicted from Toddsville was available. Mr. Lavery said not here but were being directed to Seaford.

President Gilefski asked Mr. Howard Hardesty if he would like to speak. Mr. Hardesty asked Mr. Gilefski if he had received a letter from The Economic Development Committee. Mr. Gilefski said he had and would be calling a meeting for Tuesday, May 28, 1985. Mr. Hardesty said the Chamber of Commerce would be having their last meeting of the summer May 22.

A motion was made to go into a brief executive session at 9:15 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY,



James S. Evans
Secretary