

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 14, 1984

President Gilefski called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. Commissioners present were: Walter P.J. Gilefski, William L. Hartzell, James S. Evans and A. L. Jones.

Guests present were: Alderwoman M. Thompson, Town Manager Clif Laverty, Reporter Bonnie Grant, Chief of Police Otis Holloway, Sewer Plant Manager John Hartman, Mr. Frank Abbott, Darl Chaffinch, John McFarland, Philip Davis, Louis Helm, Howard Hardesty, Andy Cannon and Donna Mowbray.

Secretary Evans read the minutes of April's regular meeting and special meetings. Motion was made by Commissioner Jones to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Commissioner Hartzell. Approved by the Board.

President Gilefski up-dated the Commissioners on the May 1 submittal of the proposed Plan 9--up-grading the present sewer plant mentioned in the executive session and special meetings of April 9th and 12th.

Bills in the amount of \$14,592.68 were presented for payment. Com. Jones moved to pay all bills, seconded by Comm. Evans. Approved by the Board. President Gilefski explained that the fire hydrant bill paid out of Revenue Sharing would be reimbursed by the County Grant when received.

President Gilefski reminded the Commissioners of the Hurricane Workshop on May 19, 1984. Also there will be the Sussex County Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday May 29, 1984. Four Commissioners will be attending.

The Historical Society will have a dedication of the Gazebo and Park on June 2, 1984 at 2:00 P.M. A request was also made by the Society for \$500 for continuance of the Gazebo and Park. Motion was made by Commissioner Hartzell and seconded by Commissioner Jones to grant the request. Approved by the Board. A thank you note was also read for the water service donated by the Town for the Park.

President Gilefski read thank you letters from Delaware Crime Stoppers and the Woodbridge Slo-Pitch Women's Softball League for the Town's donation.

Mr. John McFarland representing the Woodbridge Little League Assn. requested a donation of \$1200.00. He explained to the Board the needs of the League. Commissioner Hartzell made a motion to donate \$500 for now and if a need arises at a later date, the Commissioners will listen to their needs and requests. This was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved by the Board.

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President Gilefski told the Board that the proposed machine tax ordinance had been read twice and he would like their decision on this ordinance. Did they want to pass it, drop it, or talk about it at a later date? Commissioner Hartzell made a motion to withdraw the ordinance; seconded by Commissioner Evans. Comm. Hartzell said he felt that anything that was this controversial for so small amount of revenue was for naught. Approved by the Board. Mr. Laverty said revenue realized would only be approximately \$1840.00.

President Gilefski asked Mr. Cannon of the Greater Bridgeville Association of Business Men if their committee had come up with any suggestions to raise revenues in lieu of this machine tax and if they had held any meetings for this purpose. Mr. Cannon said they had met and Commissioner Mulvaney had suggested a merchantile tax which again they felt would only hit the merchants. They had come up with voluntary income from the Town's people for police protection or taxing vendors such as Pepsi and Coca Cola Companies who come into the Town to sell. He said there would be a workshop at a later date. Mr. Hardesty, a member of the Business Men's Association said they were not organizing to police the Town Board but to help the Town Board if needed--also the School Board. They will be meeting every Wednesday night for awhile and have asked Town Manager Clif Laverty to attend the next meeting. President Gilefski thanked Mr. Hardesty and Mr. Cannon for coming and said the Commissioners would be glad to attend their meetings upon invitation.

President Gilefski introduced Mr. Darl Chaffinch and Mr. Frank Abbott and asked them to present their cause for attending the meeting. Mr. Chaffinch said they had come to ask for the Town's approval of two separate deeds for the Orendorf property on Walnut St. He would like to have the apartments, making a 3rd apartment out of the garage area and Mr. Abbott would like to have the house. They would need separate water meters. The Commissioners said before they could grant them permission they would need a plot plan for the property in order to see if it would come under our building code or if a variance would be needed.

President Gilefski said he had not heard from Lee Beetchen of CABE Associates about the cost factor of the Pre-treatment Plan.

President Gilefski brought to the attention of the Commissioners the possible problems of vicarious law-suits after the Commissioners meeting with Delaware State Police on this subject. Chief Holloway had put together two manuals. (1) Bridgeville Police Department Manual of Rules and (2) Bridgeville Police Department General Orders, Policies and Responsibilities in answer to these situations for the Commissioner's review. After review and discussion several corrections were made. Commissioner Hartzell made a motion that these manuals be accepted after our Town Solicitor gives his interpretation on paper of Section 2-13 and corrected manuals are approved by him; seconded by Commissioner Jones and approved by the Board. Commissioner Hartzell also commended Chief Holloway on his preparation of the manuals.

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President Gilefski said that Mr. Reynolds of the Greenwood Police Department had not had an official notification from the Town of Bridgeville approving the exchange of police officers in a case of emergency. This had been discussed at a meeting last year but because of some unknown reason it had not been followed up on. Commissioner Hartzell moved that the Commission approve the emergency pack with Greenwood, seconded by Commissioner Jones and approved by the Board.

Adjustment of water bills for Mr. Shelton Beulah, Mr. Raymond Curlett, Mr. Laurence Melson, Mrs. Jamsie Evans and Mr. Harry McIlvain was brought before the Commissioners. Commissioner Hartzell made a motion and seconded by Commissioner Evans and Commissioner Jones to adjust all bills on the average gallons used for the last two quarters and that no further adjustments would be made. Approved by the Board.

President Gilefski read a resolution for a Grant application for Federal Assistance for Sewer Works Improvements. Commissioner Hartzell moved that resolution be accepted as read; seconded by Commissioner Jones and approved by the Board. President Gilefski also had an official copy of the resolution April 12th that needed signatures. The resolution was adopted at the April 12th special meeting. President Gilefski said that Roland Derrickson of Sussex County Planning and Zoning Commission had talked to Mr. Carbaugh giving the Town clearance to discharge into the Nanticoke River. President Gilefski said he had received a letter from Rodney Wyatt Acting County Engineer that he had not yet received a copy of an application for alternative 9-1 of the facility plan to (DNREC).

President Gilefski read a proposed letter to DNREC about their NPDES Permit written by Cabe Associates. President Gilefski said he felt that a more affirmative letter should be written to DNREC as the Commissioners had committed themselves with going to schedule A (stream discharge). The commissioners agreed to this.

Aldерwoman Thompson reported that she had collected 67 fines for the month of April--a very poor month.

Town Manager's report--Mr. Laverty said that Senate Bill #437 allowing our Alderman's Court to act on more misdemeanors than it can now is being introduced into the Senate. Our Senator Thurman Adams and Representative Brad Barnes said they would work for the enactment of this bill. In the Water Department he said there were approximately 80 reminders sent out giving people ten (10) days to pay. There is one water shut-off pending for non-payment. Hedge/grass ordinance letters have been sent out. Compliance has been fair. Two street signs--one for Church Street and North Cannon and one for North Cannon-First Street have been ordered and will be erected when they come in. Most of the pot hole patching has been done. One bad spot behind the Post Office but because of the clay condition, stone will have to be put in until it dries up. The concrete sidewalk has been repaired where fire hydrant was installed on Church Street. Mr. Laverty said two fire hydrants had been installed with a 10% discount from Broad Creek Services. He said the Hoch Property was demolished without any problems. Mr. Laverty said that Community Action had been burned out slowing up our

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Rehabilitation Program. He said he was happy with the demolition on Church Street and thought that WBOC-TV had given us very good coverage.

Mr. Laverty said the Town had been granted \$127,000.00 to install a new well, pump, pump housing and water line to tie into water tower located at the Town Office. Mr. Laverty said that this time there would be a leverage aspect to the grant, \$102,000. We would received the other approximately \$25,000 either this summer or FY85, but in order to get this money the Town must agree to a temporary funding arrangement for interim financing. Motion to accept the 1984 Development Block Grant by the State of Delaware to the Town of Bridgeville and stipulations made by the State was made by Commissioner Hartzell; seconded by Commissioner Jones; approved by the Board. (Copy Attached) Comm. Hartzell said he wanted it noted that in the two years three months that Clif Laverty had been with the Town, he had brought in \$314,500. Mr. Laverty said the Town had gone from 0 rating to 80 out of 100 performance factor. Commissioner Hartzell said he wanted to thank him for his efforts.

President Gilefski said he would like to bring up the failure of bicycle registration. Mr. Laverty said that the Town had lost money on the bicycle registration. This will be discussed at a later date.

President Gilefski said that the contractor stripping the highway on routes 17 and 18 needed water and was getting it from our fire hydrant and paying the going water rate. This also keeps the hydrant drained.

President Gilefski said Mrs. Thompson had made up reports for the Commissioners on the fines collected. Since December 1983 to this fiscal year \$16,000 had been put into the Police Department from Revenue Sharing. \$6,000 has been put in this fiscal year so far. He wanted the Commissioners to know he would continue to use Revenue Sharing funds as needed to pay police salaries and bills until further discussion could be held on the Department.

Commissioner Hartzell asked Mr. Laverty what he knew about the State's Comprehensive plans for the Hoch property and a light at the intersection. Mr. Laverty said the State's money for this year was committed to widening the Rt. 17 and 18 intersection and installing a light at that intersection. They felt this would slow the traffic, helping at the IGA Store. Senator Adams Discretionary Fund paid for the Hoch property acquisition and demolition. Bond issue will be put in next year's budget for widening of Hoch's intersection and light.

Commissioner Hartzell also wanted to know from CABE Associates, the costs and plans of Alternative 9-1. Also why the second tennis net was not up. Mr. Laverty said when he and John Hartman went to put up the net, gym classes were being held. Commissioner Hartzell said he was also in favor of demolishing the old theater building as it was a fire hazzard. President Gilefski said Mr. Wm. Abbott had approached him about turning it into apartments. Discussion on this will be at a later date. Commissioner Hartzell also said he would like to see the grass mowed in the "V" shaped curbing at the intersection of 404 and 18. Commissioner Hartzell said that he would like to take exception to Bonnie Grant's article on the sewer project published in the Leader. Mrs. Grant

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commented that she had written on comments made by the citizens involved and what the Commissioners had told her. Mr. Hartzell said he didn't think she had all the facts and he would like to see an article written not making the Town the heavies.

Commissioner Jones said he was concerned with grass, hedges and old cars abandoned. Commissioner Hartzell moved that registered mail be sent with 45 days to comply to the abandoned car ordinance.

President Gilefski asked for citizen comments. Mr. Philip Davis said he hoped that the First Street sign would be up by Memorial Day. If the signs come in, they will be installed immediately. He also said he had concerns about Gum Alley. Town Manager Clif Lavery said properties were in the process of being sold and he felt that soon some of the problems would be taken care of.

Guest Louis Helm said he wanted to commend the Commissioners on a well ordered meeting and could the Town put pressure on the Property owners of the "pond" in Maple Alley. That it was a mosquito breeding place.

Commissioner Hartzell moved that the meeting adjourn. Motion seconded and approved by Board.

Commissioners went into executive session at 10:30 P.M.

