

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 9, 1983

Pres. Gilefski called meeting to order at 7:05 P. M.

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

Guests present were: Lt. Wayne Mitchell of the Del. State Police, Bonnie Grant of the Leader, Police Chief Otis H. Holloway, Bruce Pringle of the News Journal and John Hartman, Manager of the Waste Treatment Plant.

Comm. Mulvaney moved that the reading of last month's meeting be dispensed, seconded by Comm. Jones. Approved by the Board.

Bills in the amount of \$11,805.90 were presented for payment. Motion was made by Comm. Jones to pay bills as presented, seconded by Comm. Evans. Approved by the Board. Copy attached.

Pres. Gilefski read letters of thanks from the Little League Asso., the Lioness and the Library for their Revenue Sharing Money.

Pres. Gilefski read a letter from Dennis Schrader, Town Attorney on the clarification of write-in votes. Mr. Schrader said if there is reason to have an election than write-in votes must be allowed. If there is no need for an election, no write-in votes will be allowed.

Comm. Mulvaney said that in the April 11 minutes of the Public Hearing of the 201 Facility Plan Study #13 of pg. 3 raised a question from the floor of Greenwood sewage being dumped into our system. Comm. Mulvaney said there is by private haulers and he would like to raise the fee of dumping into our system by these haulers to equal what our residents pay yearly in sewage rates. Letters to be sent to private haulers for a meeting with Comm. Mulvaney, John Hartman of the Plant and Clif Laverty of the Town Office.

It was noted that Mrs. Barbara Hilman has 50 acres next to the Rider site that she would like to have considered along with Rider for the new sewage system. Mr. Clark Carbaugh will check on this.

Pres. Gilefski read a letter from Town Attorney, Dennis Schrader expanding on the use of Criminal Code by the Town. The Alderman is now restricted to penalizing anyone beyond 60 days. Mr. Schrader's opinion is that it is not needed. Chief Holloway asked permission to talk to Laurel Alderman to see how it is working out there. Comm. Mulvaney recommended asking Mr. Scharader to attend next regular meeting to answer any questions on this matter.

Pres. Gilefski told the Commissioners that Mr. Cooper of the Delmarva Advisory Comm. is preparing our bond indebtedness change in legislature.

Pres. Gilefski said that our town's financial situation is not in great shape at this time but that tax bills were ready to be mailed out and he anticipated this situation to change.

Pres. Gilefski read a thank you note from James & Jamsie Evans thanking the Commissioners for their gracious comments at their testimonial

dinner. Comm. Hartzell made a motion to congratulate Mr. Evans and his wife for their service over the years, seconded by Comm. Mulvaney and approved by the Board.

Motion was made by Police Comm. Jones to hire John W. Ryall as a full-time police officer for the Town of Bridgeville. Motion seconded by Comm. Mulvaney and approved by the Board.

President Gilefski called for Department Reports:

Water Dept. - Comm. Evans said work on fire hydrants was being continued. Mr. Evans said he had put off painting the water tower at this time because of the lack of funds.

Street Dept. - Comm. Hartzell said he had enough money in his budget to pay one more electric bill. Comm. Mulvaney said with the problem we have with our streets needing repairs so badly he would like to suggest that if a dept. had a balance at the end of the fiscal year they should use their extra money to fix what ever dept. needs the most. Town Mgr., Clif Laverty brought up that the Government is talking about doubling up Revenue. Sharing payments which would help to bail us out with the streets. Pres. Gilefski asked if any hard figures had been gotten on repairing the streets. Mr. Laverty said no one will give an estimate because of the rising price in petroleum products and they have no estimates on the asphalt cost for this season. Comm. Mulvaney made a motion tha Comm. Hartzell and Mr. Laverty come up with some hard figures on major repairs to alleys and alternative ways of funding other than the Street Aid Fund such as state or federal monies before next meeting. This was seconded by Comm. Evans and approved by the Board. Comm. Hartzell said there were two posts that need no parking signs behind the school fence in the alley. A 25 mile per hr. sign is needed at the end of the football field. He said the grass by the railroad needs cutting. Mr. Laverty said our mower is broken and has been picked up by Tull Bros. Mr. Kefauver is to be contacted to cut the grass along the tracks and where ever he cut last year until our mower is returned. Comm. Hartzell said he feels the grass cutting ordninance should be enforced. A letter is to be sent first from the Town and if not complied to the police is to enforce the ordinance. Letters are also to be sent to Tulls, Morrone and Speicher about their hedges. Chief Holloway is to talk to them about the safety hazzard the overgrown hedges are causing. A letter is also to be sent to the school asking them to close the opening in the fence with a gate. We will be using 4 CETA workers this summer, one at the police station, the other will be working out of the sewer plant. They will repair street signs, put cold patch in the streets, do mowing and paint curbing, etc.

Police Dept. - Comm. Jones said that as of June 1 there should be 20-22 hours a day police coverage. He said the new policeman hired will start on the 16th of May. He will have 2 weeks training. He said the 76 Ford had been sold to the highest bidder for \$301. Highest bidder being Fred Frye. He said the new police car had been shipped. Comm. Jones said traffic was picking up and that the sewer plant had a big reduction in gas usage.

Alderman Court - In a joint effort with the Bridgeville Police Dept. 171 letters were written to individuals who owe past due fines. Many letters have been returned by the post office as undeliverable. (Incorrect addresses, addressee no longer at that address, no forwarding address, ect.) However, several long over due fines have been

paid, and I believe the project will prove to be worth the time and expense involved. During the month of April 142 fines were collected.

Sewer Dept. - Comm. Mulvaney said that monthly income on sewer rents is not funding our sewer expenses. He said he is going to recommend an increase in rates. He said that Mr. Robert Frame has resigned from the sewer plant. An ad will be placed for a maint. man to train as a plant assistant. He said he was willing to hire a temporary person for now providing that person is not considered as a full time assistant. He said there had been some problems with the sewer account at Girard Bank. It seems they were transferring Revenue Sharing C.D.'S into the Waste Treatment Account. This will no longer happen as Revenue Sharing C.D.'S. have been pulled out of the Bank. All C. D.'s have been pulled except the one for the Police Dept. Comm. Mulvaney said he wanted a list of any private haulers that were putting any sewage into our system.

Town Manager - Clif Laverty said that all fire extinguishers in the Town Hall and Sewer Plant are up to date and working properly. He said one was needed for electrical fire in the Town Hall. Mr. Laverty said Mr. Thomas Eichler and Gerry Esposito of DNREC will be the speakers at the next SCAT Meeting. Bridgeville is to be host. Pres. Gilefski said with our cash flow problems each Commissioner will pay their own way to this one. Mr. Laverty is to contact Canton Inn about serving the SCAT Meeting, Wednesday, June 1 at 6:30 P. M. He is to see what they have to offer in the 6 to 8 dollar range.

Comm. Laverty said 2 jobs were completed in the Rehab. Program, 2 almost completed and 2 more had signed up - 1 for one demolition as soon as the money come down. The said the grant papers had gotten in on time. Mr. Laverty said he will be attending a public hearing on May 17th in Dover concerning grant funds.

Chief Holloway said that 34 bicycles have been registered. He said the bicycle ordinance will be definitely enforced.

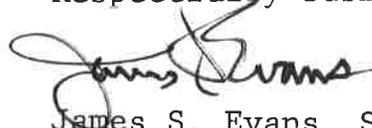
Mr. Evans said his trip on the solid waste tour was very interesting and informative. He felt all the Commissioners needs to take a look at it. He said the disposal area at Sandy Point was very well kept.

Pres. Gilefski made a motion to use Rev. Sharing monies to boost the General Fund Account. This was seconded by Comm. Mulvaney and approved by the Board.

Comm. Hartzell made a motion to declare May 15-22 as National Police Week with May 15th being Memorial DAY for those policemen across the nation who have lost their life in the line of duty. Flag is to be flown at half mast. This was seconded by Comm. Mulvaney and approved by the Board.

Comm. Jones moved that regular meeting be adjourned at 8:35 P. M., seconded by Comm. Mulvaney. Commissioners to go into executive session.

Respectfully submitted,



James S. Evans, Sec.