

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 1983

President Walter Gilefski called meeting to order at 7 P. M..

Commissioners present: Walter Gilefski, Robert L. Mulvaney, William L. Hartzell and James Evans.

Guest present: Bonnie Grant, Report for the Leader, Town Mgr. Clif Laverty, Alderwomn Margaret Thompson, Chief of Police, Otis Holloway, Mrs. Harriet Smith, Donald Smith Leon T. Smith, Gene Crockett, Glenda Crockett, Robert Thompson, Ken McDowell, Joan Jones, Donald Melson, Richard Melson, Mary Jane Brummel, Charles Burbage, Mr. Pringle of the News Journal, Pat Curlett, Mrs. Norris Messick, Philip Davis, Dave and Charlotte Speicher, Elizabeth Cornish and Betty Pruitt.

Pres. Gilefski asked for the reading of last month's minutes. Comm. Mulvaney made a motion to dispense reading of the minutes to save time seconded by Comm. Hartzell and approved by the Board.

Bills in the amount of \$8,993.02 were presented for payment. Comm. Mulvaney said he would like it to be recorded in the minutes that the bill to the Protection Services, Inc. had been billed to the responsible person involved for the necessity of having to rent the lights. Bill would be paid by the Town but be collected from the private individual. Comm. Mulvaney then made a motion to pay bills as presented, seconded by Comm. Evans and approved by the Board. Copy of bills attached.

Pres. Gilefski told the Board that a sympathy bouquet and card had been sent to Mr. Lewis Collins on the death of his wife.

Pres. Gilefski reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 26. Parade will begin at 10:30 A. M. at the High School Parking Lot. Town Police and React Team will be on hand to control traffic. The Lioness hope to have at least 30 units this year.

Pres. Gilefski said he had received a very nice letter of thanks from the Ladies Softball League for the Town's donation to their League.

He had also received a letter from Sen. Roth concerning Reveune Sharing Revenue Sharing will again be funded and the Town should be receive the same amount or possibly a little more as they have for the next 3 years.

Pres. Gilefski said he had also received a letter from the Asphalt Association saying they would be glad to give the Town a free survey of their street repair needs.

President Gilefski told the Board that he had received a call and a letter from Mr. Wayne Kenton who has the Aluminum Can Recycle Truck which comes to Bridgeville each week to collect and pay for aluminum cans. He asked permission to use the Town's parking lot to park his truck this Wednesday until he can find a permanent site. Pres. Gilefski said he gave Mr. Kenton permission to use the lot this Wednesday.

President Gilefski asked for Department Reports.

Street Dept. - Comm. Hartzell said he would refer his report to Town Mgr. Clif Laverty. Mr. Laverty said he had attempted to patch water

and pot holes again in the Town but because of rain was again having to wait until it dried out. The new traffic signs are in and will be erected either this or next week.

Water Department - Comm. Evans said he had received the survey done by the Fire Co. He said he and Mr. Laverty would be setting up a priority list and do the work as money was available.

Sewer Dept. - Comm. Mulvaney said that all the police had qualified in the function of the pumps at the Plant in case of an emergency and that they all had keys to the plant. He said the repairs had been made to the clariflucuator by O. A. Newton except for cleaning up. The beams will be sold for scrap metal. He said that 2 persons doing Community Service for the Alderman Court had worked a total of 75 hrs. and had done a very good job. Comm. Mulvaney said he was happy to report that our assistant at the plant, William Doel will not have to take the Level I exam but skip to Level II exam on Dec. 9th. He was 1 of only 3 able to do this.

Police Report - Chief Holloway gave the following police report in the absence of Police Comm. Al Jones. Chief Holloway said there had been 6 more complaints that last month and 6 more criminal arrest than last month. Crime rate is up but he was happy to be able to say that his dept. had a 81% clearance rate. He was asked if there was a drug problem in the school and town. He said yes there was and also an achocol problem. He said in connection with Chemical People a task force would be set up and he would be part of this. Pres. Gilefski said he felt the Town Council and the Town was well represented at the Chemical People presentation. Ed Short of our Police Dept. was on the Panel.

Alderwoman Report - Mrs. Thompson said she was attempting to set up a Community Service Program as she had at least 10-15 people who owed substantial fines but did not have jobs so they could pay their fines. She had sent 2 to the Waste Treatment Pland and it had worked out very well. Also one had been sent to the Police Dept. and he too had worked out well. She said she had several obstacles to work out but was hoping to be able to start such a Program. Mrs. Thompson passed out her statistics report. Copy of report attached. Pres. Gilefski commended Mrs. Thompson on her efforts and good results. He said D.A.C. believes in Community Service Program.

Town Mgr. and Community Development Program Report - Mr. Laverty said traffic signs had been received and would be erected next week. Concrete at the clariflucuator would have to set for 7 days before beams could be removed. He said 88 water bill reminders had been sent out on Thursday and Friday and results could be seen already. He said he and Chief Holloway will be attending a seminar on crime in Wilmington this Friday.

On the Block Grant Mr. Laverty said application has been submitted for the maximum amount of three hundred thousand dollars. Total grant is 1.6 million dollars and there have been applications for 6.7 million dollars. It will be March 1, 1984 before we will know who gets what. Competition is tough. The review team was down last week and were pleased with what they saw. They had no questions on the application. On demolition, Mr. Laverty said if anyone had any old buildings they wanted to get rid of it can be done at no cost to them. He said FY/82 Grant would be complete as soon as audit was done. The Comm. said they were all pleased with the Fy/84 application

That they felt it was very professionally done.

Pres. Gilefski asked for citizens privilege. He said since there was a large group was there a spokesman for the group. Discussion and a question and answer period followed:

Q. Mrs. Glenda Crockett wanted to know where the Housing Project on 404 stood?

A. Pres. Gilerski said the Zoning Board had turned it down. It would not be going before the Sussex County Council either.

Q. Mrs. Crockett wanted to know when the Town Council approved the water and sewer lines to be run to the proposed project?

A. Pres. Gilefski said it was at an executive session in June but that the Commissioners did not take a formal vote on it at that time. They only said they would be receptive to the idea.

Q. Mrs. Crockett asked what the tax deal was mentioned in the previous minutes.

A. Pres. Gilefski said that the Commissioners had said they would try to work out some kind of a tax break if the Project Owners would pay for installing the water and sewer lines as the Town did not have the money to do so. After the cost of the lines were paid for the tax rate would be the same as everyone else. Also every tenant would pay the same water and sewer rate as the other citizens in the Town of Bridgeville. Comm. Hartzell said the plans had not even gone that far, but the Comm. were looking for future gains in taz and water and sewer revenues and at the same time improve the local housing shortage.

Mrs. Crockett and Mr. Richard Melson said as Town Citizens they objected to the Apartment Project because the sewer was over-loaded now and the water pressure was very poor without adding more users to it.

Mrs. Harriett Smith said she would like to help the Town and the Community even though she did not live in Town. She said she felt her property value would decrease and the also felt that something was being done behind everyone's back before they became aware of it.

Mr. Leon Smith said that evertime he had asked what was going on he was told nothing. He said he did not like the fact that things were being hidden from those who lived the closest to the Project. It would also add to the already congested traffic flow.

Comm. Mulvaney said he agreed with the people but the Commissioners concern was that the more users the less expensive it would be to all water users. Commissioners did not pick the site. He said the cost of the water and sewer lines to the Cantabury Apts. was approx. \$10,000 which should be paid back in 3 years. At this time the Town does not have the cash flow available to install the lines.

Pres. Gilefski said it was only by accident that people did not know about it. If it had come up for a formal vote it would have been on the agenda posted for the public to read. Town Council did not try to keep it from anyone.

Comm. Mulvaney said the 201 Facility Plan had been going on for 7

years and it seems we will soon be at the end of the tunnell. That we definitely have to upgrade our sewer plant. Mrs. Crockett said it seems that the people who really need the housing do not get it. Mr. Ken McDowell said why wasn't this project put to a referendum to see how the people felt about it.

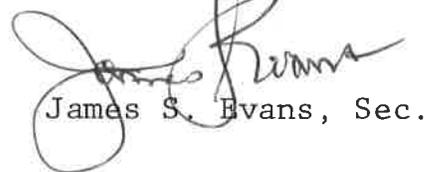
Mrs. Smith said she feels that the Town and surrounding community should try to help each other. She asked the Commissioners if they would still feel inclined to furnish water and sewer. The Commissioner all agreed that they would because they felt it was a sound financial decision for the Town but again wanted to make it known they had not picked the site.

Ken McDowell thanked the Commissioners for allowing them to come because they did not think they could come to the Town meetings not being Town residents. He said he thought the Commissioners had been frank and open with them. He and Mr. Crockett both felt it was a matter of poor communication, etc. Due to the many comments, several of which were at the same time, these minutes are generalized.

Pres. Gilefski asked Mr. Philip Davis if he had any problems he wanted to air. Mr. Davis said he had nothing at this time, he only came to attend the meeting as he had done before. He commended the Town Council and the Town Mgr. for the cooperation he had received from them and the help to improve his side of town. He said no other Board had ever taken any action since he had lived here until now. He feels the Board is doing a good job.

Comm. Hartzell moved that the Board go into executive session at 8:30 P. M., seconded by Comm. Mulvaney. Meeting was reopened following executive session. Executive session concerned police personnel matter which was tabled until Police Comm. Jones could be in attendance. Motion was made by Comm. Mulvaney and seconded by James Evans to adjourn at 9 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,



James S. Evans, Sec.