

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
October 14, 1985

President Gilefski called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. Commissioners present were A. L. Jones, Walter P. J. Gilefski, James S. Evans, William Hartzell and Daryl Tull.

Guests were Police Chief John Tyndall, Philip Davis and Mr. Adkins and son of Shore Brite Laundromat.

Commissioner Hartzell made a motion to dispense with reading the minutes of last month's regular meeting; seconded by Commissioner Tull and approved by the Board. Minutes are available to the public at the Town Hall.

Bills in the amount of \$16,511.97 were presented for payment. Motion was made by Commissioner Hartzell to pay all bills as presented; seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved by the Board.

President Gilefski told the Board that Mrs. John Shannon had received \$46,661.29 death benefits. To date \$89,346.92 has been paid to survivors of deceased Pension Plan participants.

President Gilefski invited Mr. Adkins of the Shore Brite Laundromat to speak.

Mr. Adkins and his son requested a decrease in water rates for his two laundromats in Town. Either go back to the old decreasing rate billing or have the water rates remain the same and drop the sewer rate to 90% from 150% or a 60% decrease. Mr. Adkins stated our rates were the highest from Salisbury to here. After much discussion President Gilefski told Mr. Adkins and his son that the Commissioners will discuss their request and advise them of the Commissioner's decision.

President Gilefski said several complaints had been received about the hedge at the corner of Jacobs and Main, owned by former Commissioner Robert Mulvaney. President Gilefski and Town Manager Clif Laverty said they could see no hazard caused by the hedge. Chief Tyndall said he also saw no problem with it.

President Gilefski reminded the Commissioners of a planning meeting Monday night, October 21st at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Carbaugh of CABA Associates is ready to set plans for the sewer bond referendum.

There will also be a League of Local Government meeting on October 24. Anyone interested in going is to contact office.

President Gilefski called on Chief Tyndall to discuss the sale of an impounded car. Chief Tyndall said there are four cars impounded. These are from people who have been arrested for no insurance, etc.

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Chief Tyndall now has a clear title on a 1973 Pontiac. He wanted to know how the Commissioners wanted him to proceed with the sale of this car. Commissioner Hartzell made a motion for Chief Tyndall to see what the junk yard would give for it or any other person, at his discretion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tull and approved by the Board. The paper work on getting clear titles is being processed for the other three vehicles.

President Gilefski said he had the following water bill adjustment requests:

Ida Eckhardt--Commissioner Hartzell made a motion to adjust present bill to the average of the last two quarters. The motion was seconded by Al Jones and approved by the Board. This is a one time adjustment.

Irma Brewington--Commissioner Hartzell made a motion to adjust present bill to the average of the last two quarters and this was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved by the Board. This is a one time adjustment.

Larry Willey--Commissioner Hartzell moved to adjust the water bill to average of last two quarters; seconded by Commissioner Jones and approved by the Board. This is a one time adjustment.

Bruce Hibbs--Commissioner decided they would like to talk to Mr. Hicks and Mr. Hibbs at the next regular meeting before making a decision.

George Williams--Commissioner Hartzell moved to make a one time adjustment to the average of the last two quarters; seconded by Commissioner Jones and approved by the Board.

Elsie Simpler Apartments--Commissioner Hartzell made a motion to adjust water bill to the last two quarters, seconded by Commissioner Jones and approved by the Board. This is a one time adjustment.

President Gilefski requested Department Reports:

Alderlady Margaret Thompson's report was passed out to the Commissioners in her absence.

Water Department--Commissioner Evans said he had received a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Hicks and Mr. Hibbs. He is keeping these letters in file. He also thanked Mr. Laverty for the monthly figures of water usage. He said this would help when annual reports arrived. Mr. Evans said the new control panel to the new well had been installed. There are a few minor changes to be made. The new water system will be done by Delmarva Drilling. Inspection by them to be done free.

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Commissioner Evans said he thinks the Commissioners should take a look at outside water well usage. How they are going to deal with it. Have Town Solicitor to take a look at it.

Street Commissioner--Commissioner Hartzell said the pot holes have been filled. He said a Bi-Centennial Committee has been formed with the following officers:

President.....Robert Bennett
Vice President...Charles Kelley
Secretary.....Sharon Hawk
Treasurer.....Bonnie Workman

Commissioner Hartzell said most of the organizations were represented at the meeting. The Commissioners are invited to a meeting on Wednesday of this week, at Buena Vista. Mr. Gilefski is to get a letter of invitation to Mr. Bennett. Mr. Hartzell wanted to know who had done the patching on the road in front of the new house on Jacobs Drive. He finds it totally unacceptable. He instructed Mr. Laverty to see that this was taken care of.

Police Commissioner--Commissioner Jones said that Mr. Russell Hitchens had asked him to speak on his behalf about the water standing in front of his property on School Lane. Mr. Laverty said he had already looked at the problem and had talked to Mr. Hitchens. He said the floor of the bottom apartment is below the crown of the road. He had given Mr. Hitchens a name of a federal agency to contact to see if it is his problem or someone else's. Commissioner Jones said in light of a decrease in traffic, he and Chief Tyndall would like to recind their request for an extra police officer at this time. Applications will be kept on file until this spring. Applicants to be informed of such. The Board agreed. Mr. Jones and Chief Tyndall said that first of all their second request had no reflection on the work or abilities of Mrs. Thompson, Alderwoman but they would like to request a part-time alderman, who would be on call when she is not available. They feel there is a need for this because if someone is picked up on a warrant and there is not an alderman available, they have to be released.

The Commissioners all felt it might be hard to get someone to do this but they agreed for Commissioner Jones and Chief Tyndall to check on it and make personal contact. Subject to be discussed at a later date. Mr. Jones said he and Chief Tyndall had checked out the "If you lived here, you would be home now" signs and found little wrong with them. Just a few broken boards. Mr. Laverty is to talk to Howard Hardesty of The Business Mens' Association about fixing them. Chief Tyndall reported that 79-80 bicycles had been registered.

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Sewer Commissioner--Daryl Tull said we lost three trees to Hurricane Gloria along the drive that goes back to the sewer plant. They are now being removed. Also the tractor is sitting around at Miller's Maintenance. It will cost approximately \$1200.00 to repair it. He feels also that it is not worth fixing. He said he would like to bring up buying a new one before budget time or possibly this winter when sales should be on tractor-mowers. Commissioner Tull is to investigate and get prices in the next month or two.

Town Manager--Mr. Laverty said Halloween will be observed on the 31st. Trick or treat will be from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. for children under 12 years of age and curfew will be at 11:00 P.M. for anyone under the age of 18. React will be helping us again. Public notices will be posted. Mr. Laverty said another easement is needed to install our new HUD water line. This easement is on Mr. Ralph Davis' property. He feels at this time he would like to see us buy this 20 foot strip. Mr. Joseph Evans also has a strip of land that we could use back in that area. Mr. Laverty made a request to the Commissioners to be able to use the balance of the old HUD money to purchase at least Mr. Davis' property and possible Mr. Evans if their prices are reasonable. Mr. Laverty said by HUD Guidelines it would be a legitimate use of the money. The Town Solicitor would acquire the easement for the Town. The Board agreed to Mr. Laverty's request. Mr. Laverty said he had received clearance from the Historical Society to advertise for release of funds. He will file a draw-down and start work. Mr. Clark Carbaugh of CABA Associates will start his engineering study. Mr. Laverty said the electrical panel installed was designed by an engineer who has moved on to work for Kent County. If error is CABA Associates, for whom the engineer worked, it should be corrected at CABA's expense.

Mr. Laverty said the houses behind Lynn Kefauver's property are in worse shape than anything on Gum Alley. There is no inside water or plumbing. No electricity to some houses. Several of the houses use the same pump. Mr. Laverty said he can't move on same ordinance as last time but can move on housing code which requires indoor plumbing and water. Mr. Laverty said letters have been written to landlords with more than one house on the same meter that they must have a meter for each house. Mr. Laverty told the Board that there is no hold up on FY-85 funding. He has not heard anything on FY-86 funding. There is a need for a new Town Plumber as Broad Creek is no longer in business. There are two men from Broad Creek who have formed a company of their own in the name of Quality Plumber but they do not have the money to do the Town's plumbing yet. (They need back-hoe, etc.) We have several other companies we can use.

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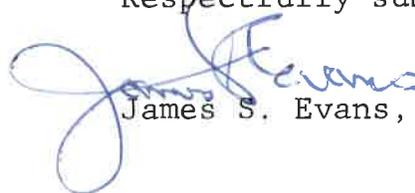
C.O. White is bonded with the Town and Keller Hopkins of Comfort Heating has called about doing the Town's work. Everett Warrington (TOTAL) does not have a Delaware Plumbing License. President Gilefski suggests that we go with C. O. White.

President Gilefski asked Mr. Philip Davis if he had anything he wanted to say. Mr. Davis said there was a large water hole in front of C. R. Taylor's house on First Street. Mr. Lavery said the pavers were to take care of this. Mr. Davis said possibly they had. He had not checked for a couple of days. Mr. Lavery said he would check it out. Mr. Davis said he wanted to credit the Board and Mrs. Thompson for getting the grass cut in the lot next to his property.

Commissioner Evans said he would like to make a motion to refuse the request of Mr. Adkins of Shore-Brite Laundries, to reduce the water or sewer rates; seconded by Commissioner Tull. Approved by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



James S. Evans, Secretary