

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
Regular Meeting
October 8, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the President Walter P. J. Gilefski.

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

Guests present were Bonnie Grant, Seaford Leader, Acting Chief of Police John T. Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Chasanov, Philip Davis, John Hartman, Sewer Plant Manager, Clif Laverty, Town Manager, Mr. Howard Hardesty, Mr. Charles Willin and Mr. Norman Powell.

Commissioner Mulvaney made a motion to dispense with the reading of the regular meeting minutes of September 10, but that workshop minutes of September 24 be read. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Secretary Evans read such minutes and Commissioner Hartzell moved to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Commissioner Mulvaney.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$13,777.84 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartzell and approved by the Board.

President Gilefski read an evaluation report from the Delaware Division of Housing on their recent monitoring visit. The letter stated that the Program was run very well and performance was excellent. Copy of the letter is attached.

President Gilefski told the Board that the DNREC had approved the 201 Facility Plan. The request for funds to complete the project has been approved. The papers must be signed and returned by November 2. The total cost of project is approximately \$2.8 million dollars. Approximately \$284,000 would be States share and \$427,000 Towns share. Commissioner Mulvaney made a motion to write a letter of acknowledgment to Mr. Eichman.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartzell. Commissioner Mulvaney will write the letter.

President Gilefski brought the following items up for approval:

Halloween--Trick or treat night will be observed on Halloween Wednesday October 31st, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. for children 12 and under.

President Gilefski asked the Board's opinion on using Town and/or Revenue Sharing money for the C.D.B.G. Program for the completion of the water loop. The more money that the Town puts in, the more leverage we have with the State. If they see we are interested by putting in money, they are almost forced to do so. Approximate amount of leveraging money needed is \$15,000. Any leveraging is a plus. The Fire Company feels this loop is needed as the new apartment complex is at the end of a line. They put it on their top priority list. There is no back feed into the now existing water main. After much discussion, the Commissioners felt that Revenue Sharing Funds should be distributed throughout the community and not just one project. Commissioner Hartzell made a motion to use not more than 10% of the cost of the loop (not to exceed \$6300 as leveraging funds.)

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved by the Board.

Water and Sewer Adjustments:

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Chasanov appeared before the Board and said they had their plumbing checked three times and could find no leaks. Commissioner Hartzell moved to make adjustment according to the gallons used for the same quarter last year; seconded by Commissioner Mulvaney. Also, their meter is to be monitored for two days at various hours of the day.

Commissioner Mulvaney had a leak in his pool. He asked for consideration on water needed to fill the pool. Commissioner Evans moved to charge for water rates to fill pool, seconded by Commissioner Jones, 16,800 gallons. Commissioner Mulvaney also needs new meter installed.

Mr. Edwin James had a leak. Commissioner Hartzell moved to adjust bill averaged by the two previous quarters. Motion seconded by Comm. Jones.

Mr. Paul Hoch had a leak. He is in a nursing home. Comm. Hartzell moved to adjust bill to minimum bill, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Mr. Philip Davis had a leak. Commissioner Evans moved to adjust bill based on last two quarters; seconded by Comm. Hartzell.

Mrs. Mildred Handley had a leak. Comm. Hartzell moved to adjust bill according to January and April bills. This was seconded by Com. Mulvaney.

Mr. Ralph Collie had a leak. Comm. Hartzell moved to adjust bill by last two quarters; seconded by James Evans.

Mr. Charles Willin--there will be no adjustment until investigation by Water Commissioner Evans.

President Gilefski asked for Department Reports. In absence of Alderwoman Thompson, her reports were passed out to each Commissioner. Copy of report attached.

Town Manager Report--Town Manager Clif Laverty said the water pressure would be low tonight and tomorrow because of water tank inspection. If there is a fire notify him and John Hartman immediately. Pump would have to be worked manually. Mr. Laverty said 20 water meters had been changed. Letters are to go out to residents for whom new meters have been installed, stating that they possibly will be seeing an increase in their bills (especially those that have been receiving minimum bills). Mr. Laverty said Mr. Carbaugh of CABA Associates reminded the Commissioner that EPA grant had to be signed within 21 days. He would like a copy of agreement so he can review it. He would like a workshop meeting as soon as possible to discuss timing, etc. Evaluation study of repairs to present sewer plant to be discussed at Workshop and schedule set up for all steps. President Gilefski said he would like to discuss the Tax Referendum before workshop meeting. Workshop set for 7:00 P.M. Oct 22. Mr. Carbaugh asked that John Hartman and Clif Laverty attend meeting.

Mr. Laverty brought up the question of the Town Employees hauling trash. We now have to pay by the pound and travel a longer distance to land fill site. It is time consuming for the Town employees. He would like to make a recommendation of removing the trash barrels that are now set around Town. Motion was made by Commissioner Mulvaney to remove trash cans from streets and send the appropriate businesses a letter notifying them that as of November 1st they will be responsible for the trash cans. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and approved by the Board except for one "nay" coming from Commissioner Hartzell.

Mr. Laverty said he had received three proposals on the new telephone equipment as requested at September meeting. Bids are:

Telecom--4600-\$117.00 per month for 5 years
Pendel--4100-\$102.00 per month for 5 years
New London--7477-\$713.00 per month for 12 months
Rental fee from AT & T is \$133 per month

Mr. Laverty's recommendation is Telecom system as is President Gilefski as Pendel just went into the telephone business. Commissioner Mulvaney said to contact AT & T on the cost of their phone system. Commissioner Mulvaney moved to table the telephone purchase until the first of the year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Mr. Laverty said on the program report he needed papers to be signed, these being copies of the Grant agreement. Mr. Laverty said no draw down has been received yet--one year later. There is a possibility of \$2200 to \$2500 being needed up front until the money comes in for preliminary engineering studies on well. There would be immediate pay back from State. There are three weeks left to complete grant which will include Housing demolitions, senior citizen parking lot and loop.

Sewer Department--Commissioner Mulvaney said he would like permission to charge Dr. Elehwany for excessive chemicals needed to keep down odors. He would like to send one bill after season is over. The Board agreed only they said for Commissioner Mulvaney to preempt bill with a letter of intent. Commissioner Mulvaney said he would write such letter and hand deliver it.

Police Department--Commissioner Jones said he only had one thing to report He still needs policemen.

Street Department--Commissioner Hartzell said he would like a study made on the streets. Police Chief to get traffic count for him. He told the Board he had a request from the Bridgeville Lioness for the Commissioners to participate in the Christmas parade on December 8th at 10:00 A.M. All Commissioners agreed to do so. Commissioner Hartzell said when time permitted, he would like to see figures on three quarter water receipts. He wants to see figures on three quarters before new rates and three quarters after.

Water Department--Commissioner Evans said he had problems with the water meters. He wants to set up a meter book indicating all meters by street and numbers. He said a nice letter had been received from the Fire Company on repairing and replacing fire hydrants. He also wanted to take another look at the line on Rt. 17.

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President Gilefski asked for citizen's input. Mr. Philip Davis said his problems had been taken care of by Mr. Lavery. The property he had purchased will be demolished.

Mr. Charles Willin came in after a discussion had been made on his water bill. Mr. Willin was satisfied with the proposed decision. Mr. Howard Hardesty said the sink hole in front of his property was still sinking. Mr. Lavery will take another look at it this week.

Since there was no further business Commissioner Jones moved to go into executive session at 8:55 P.M. This motion was seconded by Comm. Evans.