

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 1984

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 P. M. by Pres. Walter P. J. Gilefski.

Comm. present: Walter P. J. Gilefski, Robert L. Mulvaney, James S. Evans, and Alfred L. Jones.

Guests present: Charles Burbage, John Hartman, Sewer Manager, Bonnie Grant, Reporter, Chief of Police, John Shannon, Town Mgr., Clif Laverty, Alderwoma, Margaret Thompson, Mrs. Ellen Russell, Dennis Harcum and Richard Spitler.

Comm. Mulvaney made a motion to dispense reading of the minutes for the sake of saving time. Motion seconded by Comm. Jones.

Bills in the amount of \$15,126.17 were presented for payment. Comm. Evans made a motion to pay bills as presented, seconded by Comm. Mulvaney. Copy of bills attached.

Pres. Gilefski told the Board that the Kidwell lawsuit was dismissed with judgement going against Mr. Kidwell who failed to appear for the trial. Mr. Gilefski, Town Solicitor, Dennis Schrader, Town Mgr. Clif Laverty and Program Secretary, Yvonne Kennedy attended the trial.

Pres. Gilefski said the Commissioners had all expressed concern on a need for a tax increase. At the suggestion of Town Solicitor, Dennis Schrader, after studying the Town Charter, a nonbinding referendum will be advertised for November. A workshop will be set up for Sept. 24th at 7 P. M. to discuss plans for the tax referendum.

Pres. Gilefski said he had followed up on the information received from the Delaware Architectual Assoc. about having to have their seal of approval on bldg. permits. Town Solicitor, Dennis Schrader said this would be necessary only on large building permits. Then it would become necessary to go to The Del. Architectual Assoc. for approval.

The new Animal Control Ordinance was read for the second time by Pres. Gilefski. He asked if any commissioner had any changes to make or if any citizen had any questions to ask or comments to make on ordinance. The Commissioners said they had no comments or any changes to make. Mrs. Ellen Russell said she was concerned about the wording of the ordinance. Who was going to determine what is a nuisance? Would it be whinning, howling or what? She said she keeps a show dog kennel which she had inquired about before moving into Town. She has also had about ½ of her dogs operated on so they cannot bark loudly. She said so far no one had ever complained but what would happen if someone did? The Commissioners told her it would be up to the police to make a decision with the ultimate decision made in Alderman's Court. Mrs. Russell was told she had not been the target for the ordinance but its intent was to clear up some real problems. Mr. Spitler told Mrs. Russell that he wanted to apologize to her as he did not know about her kennel but was upset over the never-ending barking of his neighbors dogs and this was what the thought the ordinance should deal with. Comm. Mulvaney moved to accept ordinance as read, seconded by Comm. Jones and approved by the Board.

Pres. Gilefski said he needed a date of approval for the Rules & Regulation of Sewer Requirements. This needed by CABE Asso. in order to proceed. Comm. Mulvaney moved to approve the Rules and Regulations related to the use of public sewers. Motion seconded by Comm. Evans and approved by the Board.

Pres. Gilefski introduced Dennis Harcum, Ag. teacher for Woodbridge High School. Mr. Harcum asked permission to build a pen by the Ag. building in order for 3 of his students, that had no other means of doing a project, to raise a young calf. They would have to care for the calf and keep records, teaching them record keeping, etc. Mr. Harcum's request was denied because our Town Charter states that no live stock will be raised within the Town limits.

Pres. Gilefski asked for dept reports:

Alderman Court - Alderwoman Margaret Thompson's report was passed out to each commissioner. Copy of report attached. Comm. Evans said he would like the arrests made on speed greater than reasonable explained to him. This was explained to Comm. Evans ^{Acting} Chief of Police, John Shannon. Comm. Mulvaney asked if there was a possibility of bringing in an officer to patrol from 4 A. M. to 6 A. M. as there was alot of speeding traffic at that time.

Town Mgr. report: Mr. Laverty said there had been a change in the rules for the grant application. There will be a Public Hearing on the Grant at 7:30 P. M., Wednesday, Sept. 26th. Some of the items to be written into grant is a water loop, a parking lot at the Senior Citizen Center, remove all structural barriers at Town Hall and Police Station that are in violation for the handicapped, and a simple communication system between meeting room and downstairs.

Mr. Laverty said he had received a price from Tel Con Plus on replacing telephones now owned by AT & T. It cost the Town \$133.00 for equipment in Town Hall now. We could acquire equipment from Tel Con for \$119.00 a month on a lease program for five years. Then it would belong to the Town. It would take 4-6 weeks to install if we bought equipment outright. Eight weeks if leased. Dukes Lumber Company has the system and saves 25% on bills since installation. The Town would save \$1400 by buying outright. Total cost being \$5,000.00. Commissioner Mulvaney said he would like to see an ad put in the Wilmington Journal for other proposals. Subject will continue at next meeting.

Mr. Laverty said that on the sewer line to the proposed Country Boy Restaurant (new) more information was needed to be shown on the plans such as a 10 foot separation of the sewer lines and the water line. A flow meter would also be a necessity. Mr. Laverty said this would also be a necessity. Mr. Laverty said this would be a private sewer line and the Commission would have to set a user's fee possibly the standard user's fee of \$1.50 would be acceptable. He said there would be no problem with DNREC if a private line but other things would have to be considered of Town owned line. DNREC would make private user comply to the separation of lines. The Commission instructed Mr. Laverty to tell Mr. Carbaugh of CABE Associate to call Brian Jefferson and make sure the separation is shown on the plans. Board would like a letter from Cabe Associates giving their approval to the plan before the tax referendum work shop. Mr. Cannon and Mr. Wheatley to be liable for all expenses.

In response to Mr. Burbage's complaint about the streets in front of his house, poor drainage and pot holes, Mr. Burbabe was told that from the face of the curb back belongs to the property owner.

Mr. Laverty said street signs had been ordered. Also the Revenue Sharing write up due by October 17 for the handicapped would be done.

President Gilefski said to forget the handicapped write up for now and take care of the more urgent things first.

Mr. Laverty told the Board he could save \$20.00 a case on paint for stripping \$49.95 instead of \$69.95. The Commissioners said to buy but not in abundance.

On the new proposed well, Mr. Laverty said that a location had been found that DNREC would approve. It will be located behind the Town Hall. Community Development needs to have statement written to get money for FY84 funding. Cable T.V. has two lines that have to be moved for controls for new well.

Water Commissioner Mr. Evans said that he had one question in mind--well house #3 needs repairs. Mr. Laverty said this is in proposal.

Police Commissioner Jones said he has two full time and one part time policeman. Applications are out for new policeman. Mr. Jones said a new front door is needed at the police station. This is included in grant.

Sewer Department--Commissioner Mulvaney told the Board that a new recirculation pump at the plant is needed. Delmarva Drilling's price is \$10,000.00; O.A. Newton will install one for \$1600.00 less 10% discount. He said he would like to get by with least expensive way.

Commissioner Jones said he would like to see his son give a price on the pump if there were no objections. He felt that his son could beat this price.

Commissioner Mulvaney said a C.B. radio should be installed in new truck but he did not think a base station was needed. \$100.00 was approved for C.B.

President Gilefski told Mr. Burbage that he and the Street Commissioner William Hartzell would take a look at the pot holes in question.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:55 P.M. Seconded by Commissioner Mulvaney.

The Board was to go into Executive Session.

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Executive Session

Commissioner Robert Mulvaney brought up the bills for sodium peroxide of about \$7,000 and chlorine for about \$3,000. He said most of the cost, if not all, was from Del-Agra. After some discussion, he moved to pay the bills but to send copies to Del-Agra for reimbursement. This was seconded by Commissioner Al Jones and approved.

On the basis of the 90 day evaluation of Samuel Williams, Robert Mulvaney made a motion that Samuel be given a 25¢ an hour increase. This was seconded by Al Jones and approved.

Al Jones had John Shannon speak of uniforms. Lt. Shannon had purchased \$208.00 worth of uniforms. He explained how the purchases were made. It was moved by Al Jones to pay the \$208 to Lt. Shannon. This was seconded by James Evans. John Shannon will give the Commissioners a receipt. A bill was presented by Acting Chief Shannon for extermination costs at the police station. John said that Handy said he had a contract. It was requested that Lt. Shannon not pay the \$600.00 but ask Handy for a copy of the contract. The bill will not be paid without the contract.

A discussion was held on a complaint about police cars standing near Record's Package Store. Officer John Shannon explained what was happening. It was suggested that John talk with George Torbert on a personal but official basis.

A brief discussion was held on impounding cars.

It was voted to go out of executive session at 9:30 P.M.