

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 1983

Meeting was called to order at 7 P. M. by President Gilefski.

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

Guests present were: Town Manager, Clif Laverty, Alderwoman, Margaret Thompson, Reporter Bonnie Grant, Police Chief Holloway, David Speicher, Sewer Plant Mgr., John Hartman and Mr. Philip Davis.

Motion was made by Comm. Mulvaney to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes, seconded by Comm. Hartzell and approved by the Board.

Comm. Jones moved to pay all bills with the exception of Ck. #1670 to CABA Associates which will be paid when Comm. Mulvaney receives a satisfactory explanation of the bill from CABA. This motion was seconded by Comm. Hartzell and approved by the Board.

Pres. Gilefski read a letter of approval from EPA on the 201 Facility Plans.

A letter was read by Pres. Gilefski from the Bridgeville Historical Society about their plans for the Johnson property. Their intention is to build a gazebo. They wanted to know if they needed a bldg. permit and if so, if the cost of the permit could be waived. Comm. Hartzell moved that a regular permit be issued from the Town with the fee waived, seconded by Comm. Mulvaney and approved by the Board.

Pres. Gilefski told the Board that neither he or Mr. Laverty had had any communication with Country Pride since the last meeting.

Pres. Gilefski read the second reading of the Ordinance Making the Unregulated Growth of Weeds, Grass, Hedges, Bushes, Shrubs, Or Other Vegetation Within the Limits of the Town of Bridgeville A Violation and Providing a Penalty Therefore. A motion was made by Comm. Hartzell to accept Ordinance as read, seconded by Comm. Mulvaney. Mr. Evans said he had one question. Can the State be made to cut the grass along State roads within the Town of Bridgeville under the Ordinance. It was felt they could and a letter will be written to the State requesting the grass to be cut. Motion approved by the Board. Copy of Ordinance attached. Mr. Speicher asked if this applied where a hedge was used to divide a property line. He was told this ordinance did not apply to that.

Pres. Gilefski brought up a discussion that all departments of the Town be handled by the Town Manager including the Police Dept. which is now not under his supervision. Comm. Jones said he did not feel the time was right to turn his dept. over to Mr. Laverty. That Mr. Laverty had a heavy load at this time. Comm. Hartzell responded with the thought that this could go on for the next 5 years. Comm. Mulvaney asked how far one Dept. Commissioner could go as far as purchases, etc. Comm. Hartzell said the Charter says all five Commissioners must agree on certain situations. Comm. Jones said he did not agree with that. Pres. Gilefski said he felt all departments should report to the Town Manager. After much more discussion, Comm. Hartzell

made a motion that all departments of the Town report to Town Mgr., Colif Laverty, from Mr. Laverty to Dept. Comm. for decisions beyond the realm of the Town Mgr. and then to the Pres. of the Board in chain of command. This motion was seconded by Comm. Evans. Question to motion - would Police Comm. Jones be comfortable with that motion. Comm. Jones said he would not be at this time. Vote was taken on the motion. Motion passed with 3 yeas and 1 nay. Motion to become effective October 1, 1983.

Pres. Gilefski read a letter of request from Jeff Tull, Pres. of the Woodbridge Little League Football asking for a donation of \$250.00 from Revenue Sharing Funds. Comm. Mulvaney made a motion to donate the \$250.00 to the Woodbridge Little League Football, seconded by Comm. Jones and approved by the Board.

Pres. Gilefski told the Board that there had been a water line break on the Federalburg Road. Mr. Gilefski said he felt that since there were only two people being served with water on that line and since the line was so old and the expense of replacing the line would far exceed the revenue received, he felt the line should be capped off and water service be discontinued as was the Manor. Comm. Mulvaney made a motion that residents be given 90 days to find alternative means of water service, seconded by Comm. Evans. Registered letters to be sent to residents of this decision.

Pres. Gilfefski asked for dept. reports.

Water Dept. - Comm. Evans said the only thing he had to report was about the water line that had been discussed earlier. He said he hoped that Mr. Laverty was writing into his application money for his water department.

Street Dept. - Comm. Hartzell said that most pot holes had been repaired. He said he had 2 concerns; 1. Where do we get dollars for capital repairs to the streets, 2 The quality of fill-in where streets have been opened for various reasons. Comm. Hartzell told Mr. Laverty to contact people responsible and make sure their tamping job is done effectively. Comm. Jones aid in line of what Comm. Hartzell has said what is going to be done about heavy trucks using the streets causing cave-ins. Trucks should be confined to Market and Main Sts. and Railroad Ave.

Police Dept. - Comm. Jones said that traffic was still very heavy and that his Dept. was running smoothly. He said he would like to dispose of the 1980 Fairmount.

Sewer Dept. - Comm. Mulvaney said he talked to Clark Carbaugh after the public hearing. He said putting back the 201 Program for another 6 months would make it almost impossible to get grant money. Comm. Mulvaney said the Board would have to decide on new sewer rates. He said evidence had been found that Cannon Foods is processing peppers on a limited basis. Quite a few pepper seeds have been found both in the stream and at the plant. He told the Board that he had written Maurice Cannon that his company was being charged \$2,500 per quarter for discharging into the sewer. At this time the Town has received no response and he would like to know what the Commissioners wants to do about it. It was suggested that the State send a written response as documentation to the Town as to the action they had taken with Cannon Foods. Also another bill will be sent. It was also suggested that legal advise be gotten on this matter. The Board gave Comm. Mulvaney permission to pursue this matter.

Comm. Mulvaney said he would also like to report on the Woodbridge Booster Club. He said Greenwood Town Council had been contacted. At this time he did not know how much money they would give but he felt for sure something. Also a letter had been sent to the County requesting funds. He said a Board of Directors had been selected and that Mrs. Margaret Thompson had been elected Treasurer. 50-50 tickets are being sold, also hats and booster memberships to raise money.

Alderwoman Thompson passed out her written report in order to same time. Report attached.

Town Mgr. Report - Mr. Laverty said he felt the Board should make up a new water and sewer ordinance. He said at the present rates, the Town charges for a water and sewer tap the Town was losing money. He said the Town lost \$230 installing the last tap. He said he felt that applicants should be charged a \$50.00 permit fee and have a licensed plumber do the tap at home owner's expense. He said persons involved are going to the County on rezoning of housing units- 72 units- tax base will pay for tying into water and sewer lines.

Mr. Laverty said Chief Holloway and ABBC had conducted a raid on Gum Alley breaking up bootlegging in this area. Jerry Clemens and Mr. Williamson from the State Board of Health gave some documentation on condemnation in that area. Mr. Laverty said he would like a motion that he apply for FY84 monies from the Division of Housing Delaware Community Development Block Grant Program. Comm. Hartzell moved that Mr. Laverty apply for the FY-84 Grant, seconded by Comm. Mulvaney. There will be a Public Hearing October 6, 1983 at 7:30 P. M. in the Council Room. Needs that are fundable are housing rehabilitation, parking lot behind Senior Center, loop system with an 8 in. line back to water tower from new apts. He said Well No. 1 was only good for an emergency in case of a fire. Mr. Laverty said a new well and well house was needed and this should be located on Town property. This will tie in directly to a feeder line to water tower. C .B.D.G. will not pay for a new standpipe or repairs to the old one. Mr. Laverty suggested by-passing old standpipe for one week and check performance without using old standpipe except for fire emergency approved by the Board.

Pres. Gilefski read the first reading of a new Water & Sewer Tap Ordinance. Ordinance to be advertised in Leader.

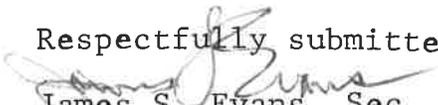
Mr. Philip Davis said that at last month's meeting he was very disturbed but at this meeting he was happy to say things looked much better.

Comm. Hartzell asked about dogs running loose. He would like to see the dog ordinance enforced. Ordinance will be enforced when owner of the dog can be identified.

Pres. Gilefski said he had two items for executive session (1). Personnel and No.(2) Delinquent taxes update.

Comm. Mulvaney made a motion to move into executive session at 9:15 P. M., seconded by Comm. Evans.

Respectfully submitted,


James S. Evans, Sec.