

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, January 30, 1975

The Board met as scheduled at 7:30 PM at the Office of Mr. Lucian E. Flora, 132 Highland Avenue, and was called to order by Dr. Raobert A. Baum, Chairman. In addition to Dr. Baum, present were Dr. J. S. Hill, Mr. Maurice Marr, Mr. Kenneth L. Vincent and Mr. Lucian E. Flora, Board members, and Marshall William Denham. The minutes of the meeting of December 16, 1974, were read and accepted.

The meeting opened with Mr. Vincent, Water Commissioner reporting on the Water situation as follows:

Financial Balances - Depreciation Fund	\$1,970.34
Meter Deposits	1,001.68
General Fund	129.42
Bond Sinking Fund	18,567.50

Mr. Vincent stated that since Mr. Rossetter has had to go to the hospital he will have to resign from the Board. He suggested that the best thing for us to do was to sell the water system to Warren County Water District since the money is gradually fading away. We will not have money to operate on. He is giving thirty days notice of his resignation. He stated that his wife would continue to act as Clerk of the Water Department if we wished her to do so. He stated that Mr. Harlan said that we could set the rates for the Water but it would have to be put in the paper. He stated that we are required to submit a monthly report to the state on the water. Also said that Mr. George LaMastus has never stated that he would handle the reports or what he would take. Dr. Baum said that he had heard reports that the Warren District would probably tap on Smiths Grove if the situation developed to that effect. Mr. Vincent stated that we could not possibly hold out with breakdowns such as the major one we just had which cost \$3,500.00. He said that he believed the system to be in real good condition at the moment but did not know how long it would remain. Homer will absolutely not take the operator's test. He said he was too old to fool with it. Information is needed by the City-County planning commission for Water rates. Possible replacement for Mr. Vincent? Mr. Flora made a motion which Dr. Hill seconded that Mr. Vincent begin negotiations with Warren District on taking over the Water System, getting the best deal possible for the City. It was recommended that he get Mr. Harlan to represent the City in the negotiations. It was suggested that we could possibly get Brownsville as a prize pole in the negotiations since Brownsville is coming to Mitchell's line. He stated that it is possible that they (Brownsville will have an eight inch line).

Fire Department - Dr. Hill reported that the replacement door was installed and Mr. Flora reported that he sent check since the man whom Dr. Hill purchased the door from needed the money. There was no further report on Fire Department.

Cemetery - Mr. Marr reported that a couple of boys came by his house and he talked to them about cutting trees. He will meet with them at 9:00 AM Saturday morning. He said he asked if they had buckets. He said the fellow stated that he would use ropes.

Clerk's Report - The clerk reported that Mrs. Helm asked him if the City could do anything about Gilley's junk cars. He said that he told her that the Board was only as strong as the cooperation which it could secure from the people of the town. Mr. Vincent stated that we should check with Mr. Bowles of the County Health Department. Possibly the junk yard law would cover the same.

The Clerk presented his views of the City's budget. He reported that due to the following the budget was being overrun:

1. Salary of Board Members - \$80.00 per month.
2. Marshall's vacation - 12 days \$162.00
3. Street Lights - January 1 bill - \$69.05 over (coal and adjustment)

4. Loss of Revenue on Homestead Exemption - \$1,200 additional to each property owner over 65 - Possibly \$90,000 of the assessment
5. Telephones - Doubled from \$24.12 to \$48.51 per month

Total overage possible to July 1, 1975:

1. Board Salary	\$ 660.00
2. Marshall's Vacation	162.00
3. Marshall's Expenses	600.00
4. Electricity	720.00
5. Homestead Exempt (Loss)	217.80
6. Telephone (7 Months)	168.00
7. Loss of Fines (Collected since August \$40 - Collected 1973-1974 \$1100)	1,060.00
8. CB Radio for Marshall	169.00
9. Changing radios from one car to another	<u>62.00</u>

Total Overage Possible: \$3,818.80

The clerk reported street collections running fairly well and will possibly run O.K.

On a motion of Mr. Vincent, seconded by Mr. Flora, the following tax and license rates were set:

1. Tax Rates for 1974-1975 Taxes - .242 per \$100.00 assessment.
2. Occupational Licenses - Same as previous year.
3. Unloading L⁺ censes - Same as previous year.

Since the Board felt that we could get by with one phone at the fire station Dr. Hill made the motion, seconded by Mr. Vincent, that the Police phone at the Fire Station be taken out. There were no dissensions.

Crossing Gate at Main Street - Reported that it would go up and come down right quick. Should be looked into.

Police Report - 2 Breakins - American and Shell Stations - American reported to Police, Shell did not.

Since Mr. Vincent has to leave, a motion was made by Dr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Flora that the meeting adjourn until the next regular meeting, Thursday, February 27, 1975. There were no dissensions.

APPROVED:

Robert A. Baum

Chairman, Board of Trustees,
City of Smiths Grove, Kentucky, 42171

ATTEST:

Lucian E. Dolor

Acting Clerk, City of Smiths Grove, Kentucky, 42171