

CITY OF SMITHS GROVE
SMITHS GROVE, KENTUCY

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Tuesday, July 7, 1959.

The Board met at the city hall at 7:45 PM with all members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

1. Judge's report - Judge Demuth thanked the members of the Board for the flowers which were sent him when he was ill. He reported that three juveniles had been brought before him for throwing trash on private property. Since this was the first offense, he gave them a stern warning and released them. He warned them if this occurred again not to expect any leniency.
2. Police report - 4 parking tickets were issued. Two boys have not been tried for turning in false fire alarm. Inglewood Tire Co., Dolly Madison, Curtis Candy Co., L. B. Price Mercantile and Nashville Linen Company have paid occupation license.
3. Remodeling of the fire station is under way. The Riley Whittle door could not be used and a door had to be ordered from McGruder. Trustee Thomas reported that he could get this door which was priced at \$140 for a price of \$100. Door will be installed when received.
4. No report on liability from Trustee Thomas.
5. Chairman Smith reported that the no dumping and no parking signs have been erected and reminded Judge Demuth that any violators were to be fined \$10.
6. No report from the members on the trees on the lot which Mrs. Mae Ewing wishes to purchase.
7. The lots at the cemetery were discussed. Chairman Smith suggested that it be left as is or appoint a committee to study this situation. Trustee Jordan made a motion that a committee be appointed. Trustee Denton seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes. Chairman Smith appointed Lucian Flora, F. B. Hardy and Mrs. W. P. Demuth on a Cemetery Committee and asked Mr. Hardy to serve as chairman.
8. Chairman Smith read a letter which was written to the State Police at Frankfort asking them to help us patrol the town. As yet he has not had a reply.
9. Chairman Smith reported that William T. Beard would like permission to erect 2 lights at the entrance to the cemetery and install gas for lighting them. Trustee Anderson made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Thomas that he be allowed to proceed. There were no dissenting votes.
10. Chairman Smith suggested that Mr. Cassady check the lots which are grown up and give a list to the Clerk so that she might write a letter telling the property owners to mow these lots.
11. Chairman Smith reported that tobacco salesmen are not subject to unloading licenses.
12. Minutes of the called special meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 1959 were read and approved.

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13. Chairman Smith asked for a report from the committee which had been appointed to study the water situation. T. C. Melton made the report. He compared the systems at Brownsville and Park City with our system. He listed the initial investment, compared the number of customers, fire hydrants, income, expenditures, etc. Chairman Smith complimented the committee on the report and asked the citizens if they had any discussion. A general discussion was held as to the prospects of getting a loan to purchase the water works. Mr. Thomas is to appear before the Commission on July 8 to apply for his increase. He stated that the people would be notified as to when the hearing would be. Mr. Frank Jordan stated that he wanted to assure Mr. and Mrs. Thomas that there was nothing personal in the report of the committee but they felt the amount of increase was too much. Mr. Hardy asked what the committee recommended. Mr. Melton stated that the committee recommended that the Town Board hire a lawyer to combat the increase. At this point, Mr. Thomas said if the town wanted to buy the Smiths Grove Water Company, he would sell it for \$60,000. He further said this his big mistake had been in not asking for small increases over the years. Mr. Jordan said that since the proposed rate increase is to be filed on the 8th, an attorney should be engaged at once. Mr. Ferguson asked Mr. Thomas if he got his increase and the Town still wanted to buy the water works, would the \$60,000 price still stand. Mr. Thomas assured him it would. Trustee Denton made a motion that the Town Board hire a lawyer to oppose the proposed increase. Trustee Jordan seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes.

14. Chairman Smith reminded the citizens that the Board meets the first Tuesday in each month and invited them to attend the meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

These minutes have been written into the records this 7 day of July, 1959.

Gerite B. Bybee
Gerite B. Bybee, Clerk

M. V. SMITH, CHAIRMAN