

## REGULAR MEETING

March 24, 1980

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Smiths Grove was held on Monday, March 24, 1980, at 7:30 P.M. in City Hall. Board members present were Mr. Barner, Mr. Crousore, Mr. Pearson, and Mr. Walker. In the absence of Board Chairman Wolff, Vice Chairman Walker conducted the meeting.

Mr. Walker called the meeting to order. Mr. Pearson moved, Mr. Crousore seconded that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as printed. Motion Carried. Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Barner seconded, the Treasurer's Report be accepted. (attached) Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

## 1. Tax Collections

A list of unpaid taxes was read aloud. (attached) The town marshal has contacted everyone on the list at least once.

## 2. Municipal Aid

Mr. Walker discussed a letter from the Dept. of Transportation. The letter stated that the City was eligible for \$2,719.00 in Municipal Aid funds for 1980-81. The program has changed somewhat and a city can elect to hold the money until the next year. Mr. Pearson expressed interest in fixing the street from the factory to the telephone office. After some discussion, Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Barner seconded to hold the money until next year to have a larger sum to work with. Motion carried.

## 3. Community Development

Mr. George Keen presented a building permit for the Belmonte Cooke property at 140 W. Third for Rehabilitation. Mr. Pearson moved, Mr. Crousore seconded, the permit be granted. Motion carried.

A. Odessa Whitney Property- Mr. Keen reported that earlier in the week he and Chairman Wolff had approached Mrs. Whitney with an

offer to buy the frontage of her property. She had not been receptive. Mr. Walker reported that in a telephone conversation with her son just prior to the meeting, he had indicated he thought it a fair offer and felt his mother would accept. Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Pearson seconded that the issue again be tabled until the called meeting in order to pursue negotiations. Motion carried.

B. Lee Amos Pearson Rehab. - Mr. Keen recommended that a partial payment of \$8,000.00 be made to the contractor, Mr. Koenig, so he can pay off the sub-contractor. Mr. - Pearson moved the recommendation be accepted. Mr. Crousore seconded, the motion carried. A meeting at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 25, 1980, was arranged so the sub-contractor could be present when Mr. Koenig received his money.

C. The C. D. Financial Statement was presented. (attached) Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Pearson seconded its approval. Motion carried.

4. City Attorney

Mr. Walker announced that the Board had received a letter from Mr. David Bryant of Harlin, Parker, & Rudloff, containing an offer to serve as City Attorney for the Board as he had for the last one, at a retainer of \$200.00/ month plus \$45.00/hr. for any work incurred. Mr. Barner moved, Mr. Pearson seconded that the City discontinue the services of Harlin, Parker, & Rudloff. A letter to this effect will be written, and a copy of the contract with the C. D. program will be requested. It was decided to defray any other action on seeking a City Attorney until the next meeting. Mr. Pearson moved, Mr. Barner seconded, that we obtain proposals from at least two attorneys by that meeting. Motion carried.

5. Procurement Code

Portions of the procurement code were read and a general discussion was held as to the exact application of the small purchase plan.

6. City Hall Landscaping

Mr. Walker explained that the Woman's Club had asked for donations for the Landscaping project. Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Barner seconded, to donate one half of the remaining funds needed, or \$137.03. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Department Reports

Cemetery- Mr. Barner reported he had a number of people going out to rake leaves.

Fire- Mr. Walker reported that we had had one home to burn recently. The Fire Department is taking steps to correct any problems they have. A program is now set up for 9:00 A.M. every Saturday morning to train the new firemen.

Police- Nothing to report

Streets- Mr. Pearson had previously put rock on a number of streets and alleys. Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Barner seconded, that the bills for this rock totaling \$771.25 be paid. Motion carried.

Water Dept. Ordinance

Mr. Walker read the Ordinance for the sale of the Smiths Grove Water Co. to Warren County Water District. Mr. Pearson moved, Mr. Barner seconded the Ordinance be passed. Motion carried.

Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Pearson seconded the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Approved: Clarence N. Wolff  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Attest: Sue M. Edwards  
City Clerk