

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Smiths Grove was held Monday, September 22, 1980, at 7:00 P.M. in City Hall. Board members present were Mr. Wolff, Mr. Walker, & Mr. Pearson.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wolff. Mr. Pearson moved, Mr. Walker seconded the approval of the minutes of the previous meetings as printed. Motion carried. Treasurer's Reports were handed out. (attached) Mr. Wolff read a letter from McGuffey's Insurance explaining their liability policy had been so much larger than the one we obtained with Blake-Hart & Wiseman because Blake-Hart-&Wiseman also carry the policy for the City of Bowling Green. Mr. Pearson moved, Mr. Walker seconded, to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed. Motion carried.

#### 1980 TAX RATE

Mr. Wolff explained that the Board had previously agreed to charge the citizens on 12 months but to give them 18 months coverage, from July 1, 1979, thru December 31, 1980. The Board had also previously passed the rate of .242/\$100. According to Kentucky legislation passed in 1979, no City can collect over 4% more taxes on real property excluding new property, than they collected the year before unless they go through a number of procedures. Our rate of .242 would exceed the 4% limit but because of the 18 months coverage would be legal. Mr. Wolff then read the figures each rate would produce in revenue. The compensating rate of .223 would produce almost the same as last year with the exception of the new property revenue. The 4% rate (.232) produces approximately \$500.00 More.

After much discussion among Board members as well as citizens present, Mr. Walker moved the City proceed with the public hearing required to adopt a 4% increase rate of .232 per \$100. Mr. Pearson seconded the motion. Vote: Walker-aye, Pearson-aye, Wolff-aye. Motion carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cemetery- Mr. Wolff reported that all the trees are cleaned off the ground. Two other trees have been damaged and an agreement has been worked out with a fellow to cut them down and haul them off for \$30.00/tree. All the grounds have been mowed, but there is still some trimming to be done.

Police-Mr. Crousore was absent

Fire-Mr. Walker

The phone will definitely be installed at Mr. Bybee's this week as he and the telephone man have made arrangements.

Mr. Bybee offered to paint the fire station and furnish the paint himself, if the Board would agree.

The lock on the door also needs to be repaired. Mr. Wolff will fix that. Mr. Walker reported the equipment list had been mailed. Mr. Wolff directed the clerk to write a letter to Surplus Property asking them to inform us anytime they have any sirens available. The 911 number won't be available for at least another year.

#### Streets-Mr. Pearson

Mr. Pearson reported that he hopes to fix the street into Stanley Rice's subdivision next week. Mr. Wolff stated that since the street was moved at Mr. Rice's request he should pay for the gravel. The Board agreed. He also plans to put gravel on the street near Billy Carroll's house.

Mr. Wolff asked about the water department's progress in fixing the streets. Mr. Liles informed Mr. Pearson last week that he isn't finished working and will do the street repairs whenever his work is completed.

#### INSURANCE

The Fire Truck insurance is due for \$133.00. Our truck is covered under a fleet policy with the County and the County has already paid for our truck.

The insurance is due on the fire station and City Hall for \$30,000.00 coverage at a premium of \$85.00. Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Pearson seconded to renew that. Motion carried.

Mr. Wolff reported that he is still negotiating on the Workman's Comp. Insurance and will have a complete report at the next meeting.

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

Mr. Wolff gave each Board member handouts on the new legislation passed this year. And explained how Senate Bill #26 affects 6th Class cities. Before the present Board's term expires they must reorganize the City government into a mayor-commission form of government. They can do it any time before then and Mr. Wolff stated he felt it would be better to do it well before the election, so the people could understand what offices they were voting on. He also reported there had been some discussion of staggered terms for Board members. This is provided for in Senate Bill #26 and must be voted on in the '81 election.

#### GOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS

Mr. Wolff reported that he had received a number of flyers and invitations to different governmental meetings. Some he has attended

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and paid for himself and others have been too expensive. He wanted the Board's feeling on how to proceed in the future. After some discussion it was generally agreed that the Board should pay for meetings they know about in advance and agree that it would be desirable for someone to attend.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

Other discussion of Community Development was postponed because Mr. Keen was not present. A special meeting will be called if needed. Mr. Walker moved to recess until a time Mr. Wolff would name. Mr. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Approved: Clarence N. Wolff  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Attest: Sue M. Edwards  
City Clerk