

CITY OF SMITHS GROVE
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Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees, Wednesday, February 1, 1961.

The Board met at 7:30 P.M. in the American National Bank and Trust Company with all members present. Carroll S. Bevarly, Jim Bybee, Allie Long and Bethel Denton were visitors.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Police report - Mr. Cassady was ill and unable to attend the meeting. He called the Clerk and asked for a list of unpaid taxes. He hopes to be out in the very near future.

3. The Board was indeed sorry to hear of the death of J. A. Burkhart on February 1. He had received his appointment as City Judge on January 31.

4. There was not further report from the Industrial Development Board.

5. Clerk reported that Otis Bratton had removed the Christmas lights from the tree in the park.

6. Clerk reported that Mr. Stewart of the REA had promised to have the new street lights installed by January 23 but the weather has been very cold and this delay was understood.

7. Trustee McGuffey will check with Joe Orr regarding the refunding of the \$50 to Jewel T Company and report at the next meeting. Clerk reported she had paid \$100 to A. J. Winkenhofer but had not paid the court costs on the hearing until Mr. Orr is contacted.

8. Chairman Jordan is to contact Jennings Garman regarding the blanket which was borrowed from him for use at the jail.

9. The cemetery situation is being held foremost in the minds of the Board members but no action was taken.

10. Chairman Jordan reported he had received additional information on the fire truck requirements. This was given to Trustee Harold McGuffey who in turn gave it to Bethel Denton and Allie Long who are to discuss the situation with the fire chief at Bowling Green and Morgantown. Trustee McGuffey said he would then take the material to Park City and Brownsville and talk to them concerning the equipment to be purchased. It was the opinion of the Board that a new truck should be purchased. Chairman Jordan suggested that this purchase should be made as soon as possible due to the fact it takes some time to equip the truck.

11. Chairman Jordan reported that he had not received a copy of the water rate increase schedule but the rate is in effect as reflected on the bills which were received for January.

12. Due to the bad weather, J. C. Martin has been unable to remove the debris from the old depot site but this should be taken care of in the near future.

13. Chairman Jordan presented the problem of the need of a town marshall and a city judge. It was decided to continue with the present marshall until further developments. Two names were suggested for the Police Judge, Lucian Flora and Edd Cowles. A vote was taken on these. Trustee McGuffey and Powell

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voted for Flora while Trustee Madison and Lowe voted for Cowles. Chairman Jordan then cast the deciding vote for Lucian Flora and will ask him if he will accept this position.

14. Chairman Jordan reported that Sewell White had suggested that we have a deputy sherriff appointed from this community. Members were asked to keep this problem in mind and if any one has any suggestions, contact Chairman Jordan.

15. Trustee McGuffey reported to the Board that there is no liability insurance on the city fire truck. The rural fire truck is insured. Trustee Lowe made a motion that Mr. McGuffey insure this truck. Trustee Madison seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes.

16. Chairman Jordan reported that due to the fact that so many of our volunteer fireman go to the rural firest, Henry Paul Butler who is familiar with the fire truck, has been asked to remain in town in case the truck is needed here.

17. Mr. Beveraly discussed the garbage collection problem. He suggested that if the Board could levy a \$1 or \$1.25 charge per month per house, the garbage could be collected in a satisfactory manner. Chairman Jordan informed him that we had reached our maximum tax rate and the Board could not levy any more taxes unless a special election were held and 2/3 of the voters would have to agree. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Beveraly for his interest and invited him to visit again.

18. Chairman Jordan reminded the Board that we would need to obtain a new dumping place before our Spring Clean-up. Trustee Lowe volunteered to contact William Mills concerning a location.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting the first Wednesday in March, 1961.

Gertie Bybee, Clerk

Frank Jordan, Chairman