

Special Session: August 17, 1979
 Re: Community Development

The Board of Trustees of the City of Smiths Grove convened at approximately 6:45 at the Fire Station in Smiths Grove on August 17, 1979. Board members Anderson, Cowles, Harlin, & Proffitt were present.

Mr. Ralph Anderson was present with the bids for the next three Rehabilitation projects. The bids were opened and read.

Quality Kitchens	\$10,607.00
James Jackson	10,315.00
Boards & Jackson	15,115.00
B Builders	8,175.00*

Mr. Cowles moved to award the following grants basen on the lowest bidder Eddie Bucklew of B Builders:

Elizabeth Larue	\$2,400.00
Matthew Parrish	1,700.00
Julia Britt	4,075.00

Mr. Leland Anderson seconded. The motion carried.

The clerk asked for authorization to pay the City's Liability Policy of \$1,011.74 that is now due. Mr. Cowles moved, Mr. Anderson seconded the bill be paid. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED: Carolyn B. Harlin

Carolyn Harlin, Chairman,
 Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Sue M. Edwards

Sue Edwards, Town Clerk

A Public Hearing was held at 7:30, on August 17, 1979, regarding the Application for an EPA Grant for a pressure Sewer System in Smiths Grove. A summary of the minutes of that hearing is attached.

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Public Hearing

Re: Smiths Grove Application for an EPA Grant for a Pressure Sewer System

August 17, 1979

A Public Hearing for the purpose of changing the 201 Plan in regard to the proposed EPA sewer grant for the City of Smiths Grove was held on Friday August 17, 1979, at 7:30, at the Fire Station. Board members present were Leland Anderson, Charles Cowles, Carolyn Harlin, and Paul Proffitt. Approximately sixty-five (65) residents were in attendance.

Board Chairman Carolyn Harlin called the meeting to order. Mrs. Harlin explained that the purpose for the Hearing was to obtain citizens views. An application has been filed with EPA for a Grant for an innovative sewer system. Mrs. Harlin explained that 85% of the project would be funded by the grant. The system the City is contemplating was not included in the original 201 Plan and therefore a Public Hearing must be held to alter the plan.

Mrs. Harlin further explained the background of the application. Over a year ago the Board of Trustees decided the City needed a sewer system. Health reasons were cited as the main concern. Much of Smiths Grove's waste drains into underground caverns. Our water supply has not been contaminated to this point, but the possibility is always there. The other reason is Smiths Grove is growing, and we need to plan and be prepared for that growth.

Mrs. Harlin introduced Mr. John Wright. Mr. Wright was the principal author of the original Bowling Green 201 Plan in which Smiths Grove was included. He has been the consultant with the City on the proposed grinder pump system. He has his own firm, Enviromental Design, Inc. and has had experience in this field since 1950.

Mr. Wright stated that the total grant was for \$1,048,975.00. The City of Smiths Grove's cost would be \$265,000.00. The Grant provides for 85% funding on the collector lines and 75% on the main pumping station South of the City and the line to Warren County Sewer System.

Pressure systems are new. Their popularity is on the rise. Smiths Grove is one of the first three approved by the state, provided the citizens accept the Grant.

Mr. Wright stated that the installation of sewers would increase property values by \$3,000-\$4,000 overnight. A local real estate agent in the audience, Mrs. Bud Greenup, agreed that it would raise property values.

Mr. Wright proceeded to explain the grinder pump system, their locations, installations, and operation. He disclosed that the projected cost of the sewer to an individual homeowner would be \$13.10/month. This includes \$4.40 for debt retirement, \$7.30 for operation and maintenance, and \$1.40 for sewage treatment by the City of Bowling Green. This is based on the present 370 water customers.

Mr. Wright stated he personally felt this is the system of the future. He then asked for questions.

Mr. Robert Owens expressed concern for the cost of maintenance. Mr. Wright explained that local plumbers could negotiate maintenance contracts with the City. The City would be responsible for the maintenance except in case of misuse.

Mr. Earl Manco asked about business rates. Mr. Wright stated businesses would probably be charged in proportion to their flow.

A number of residents expressed their opposition to the sewer: Mr. H.E. Waller, Mr. E. H. Hatcher, Mr. Lucian Flora, and Mr. Herbert Leopold.

Mr. Lucian Flora presented Board Chairman Harlin with a petition with some 300 plus names requesting the question on the November ballot. Mr. Flora stated that there were, by his count, 125 2 person families, and 50 single person households in the City. With 30% of the residents on Social Security, Mr. Flora felt it was a burden these people would not accept.

Mrs. Harlin called for any additional comments from the audience.

Mike Lewis: I don't want anything crammed down my throat. Put it to the vote.

David Bybee: Most of the families are lower class families and can't afford it.

Robert Owens: Get it on the ballot.

Harold Walker: I moved to Smiths Grove because it was a rural community. I felt it would cost less to live here. I'm against the sewer.

H.E. Waller: I'm against it.

Dorothy McCoy: I am against it. I'm on a fixed income.

Buwell McCoy: I make my money in Bowling Green, and I'll spend my money in Bowling Green. I'm against it.

K. H. Hatcher: Many people who signed the petition are homeowners but are not registered voters. I think they should still have their say.

Mrs. Harlin thanked the residents for coming and expressing their viewpoints. She then announced that the Board will meet on August 22, 1979, at 7:30 at the fire station. A decision will be made at that time as to how to proceed.

The meeting was adjourned.