

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Month of August, 1975. Held Monday, August 25, 1975.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Smiths Grove was held at the office of Mr. Lucian Flora, 132 Highland Avenue, Smiths Grove, Kentucky, and the following members were present: Dr. James S. Hill, Chairman, Mr. Maurice D. Marr and Mr. Lucian E. Flora. Also present, Mr. Joe Jordan, Fire Chief, Mr. Bruce R. Piring, Department of Education, Western Kentucky University, and Mr. Coles who recently purchased the Virgil McKinley property east of the Smiths Grove City limits.

Dr. Hill, Chairman, stated that we would dispense with formalities and ask the guest, Mr. Piring, to discuss the Fire Department situation with us. He stated that we wished to have information and help in establishing Volunteer Fire Department. He stated that we were in an unusual situation in that we now have a County Fire Department and a Municipal Fire Department. As for as Municipal Fire Department he didn't have any real recommendations. The County will have an incorporated Volunteer Department under KRS 15 and will set up districts within certain areas. Basically, he stated, it is a contractual agency which relieves the County of responsibility. He says that he can see a lot of problems with two fire departments. He suggested only one incorporated fire department. He said that would be the logical way to go. He says there is not a lot of love between the county chief and the city chief.

Mr. Marr suggested he believed that the County chief and the City chief would work together. Bill Pierce was present at the last City Fire Department meeting. He is now Assistant Chief of the County Department. Too many conflictions usually arise with two departments. Mr. Marr stated that a lot of the Smiths Grove people are willing to serve with the City Department but do not wish to go over to the County Department. He and Dr. Hill say they have some 10 or 12 members but should get that number to 18. Mr. Piring stated that there should be somewhere in the mid 20's on the department, should have training officer, should meet at least once a month, should have weekly operational check of pump. He says there should be chief, assistant chief, captains (1/3 of the department should be drivers and pump men). School - should be 7 nights of 2 or 3 hours each with State aid. Workman's Compensation - should contact Jim Klosterman, State Fire Marshall's office. We must have the schooling to get state aid and to maintain insurance rates at present level. The report which was submitted sometime back should have rerated us.

Mr. Piring reexplained the situation to Mr. Jordan since he was not at the meeting when it first opened. Mr. Piring stated that the city could contract with the county. Mr. Jordan stated that he had seen a notice of incorporation at the fire station and was under the impression that the Smiths Grove Volunteer Fire Department had previously been incorporated but wasn't sure that it was still so or not. Mr. Piring stated that incorporation would remove personal responsibility as well as city responsibility. School and incorporation. Mr. Piring stated that training class could be scheduled for October or November. He will work on a schedule for then, probably late October.

As this was all that we could think of at the moment concerning the Fire Department, Mr. Piring left with Mr. Jordan to view the City Fire Truck.

Mr. Coles - Mr. Coles was at the meeting in regards to hooking on to the water line which runs to the Rest Stop on I-65 which belongs to the State. He stated that he had talked with Mr. L. C. Rasdall and Mr. Rasdall referred him to Mr. David Watkins who is with the Kentucky Highway Engineers. Mr. Watkins was going to see if he could find the State's copy of contract to see how many connections are limited to the state line. The Board advised him to talk to Mr. Hardy, water clerk about the connection fee. Mr. Coles would like the shortest route to his place. Loyd McCoy has given him permission to go

across his field if he decides to connect at Highland Avenue. Mr. Flora made the motion, Mr. Marr seconded that if Mr. Coles wants to run the line and pay hookup fee that we will allow him to hookup and supply him with water. The motion carried without dissension. Mr. Coles left and the meeting resumed.

The minutes of the meeting of Monday, July 28, 1975, were read and accepted without dissension.

Board Member - No one has agreed to accept appointment to fill the two vacancies. Dr. Hill stated that Mr. Whitley might agree to the appointment.

Street Department - Mr. Flora stated that collections were just not coming in. He stated that he will write a final letter concerning this and then will turn all unpaid bills over to Mr. Overfelt and urge him to get tax liens against the property owners if possible. Broadway - Clerk will contact all property owners on that street to see if they all agree to pay their assessment. The street is in very poor condition.

Water Department - The leak at Mrs. Clydene Miller's has been fixed. Nothing else.

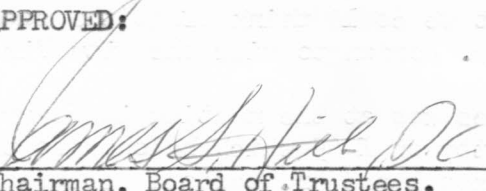
Cemetery Department - Mr. Marr reported that the trees which he made the agreement with Mr. Paul McFarland and Albert Lamb to cut and trim had been finished and they had been paid in full for their job. He stated that they did a good job. There are five or six more that should be cut within the next couple of years. Mr. Flora stated that he had engaged Mr. McFarland and Mr. Lamb to trim the trees next to Loyd McCoy's on Highland since there was danger of them scratching and damaging peoples cars as they came along. They agreed to do it for \$55.00.

Fire Department - We had just heard the discussion. Mr. Jordan submitted copies of letters from the Department of Insurance, Frankfort, to various businessmen in Smiths Grove about the shape of ~~our fire department~~ ^{their fire department}. The clerk is to contact Mr. Jordan and together they are to make an order for 5 sections of fire hose in order that we can reach all houses in town. He is to write the Department of Insurance advising them that all improvements have been made. Dr. Hill and Mr. Marr reported that the last meeting of the Department was a good meeting. Mr. Marr said that he had talked to the Sheet Metal fellows (Motley and Barrow) about an estimate on putting metal over the windows of the fire station on Gilley's side.

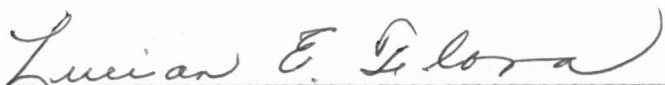
Police Department - We selected Mr. D. F. Gregory over two other candidates to be our new Policeman. Equipment - Dr. Hill stated that he told Sonny Denham to leave the City radios at Haro Durham's and to turn in other equipment which belongs to the City. There were reports of cars running through people's yards.

There being no further business at this time the Board adjourned until the next regular meeting, Monday, September 29, 1975.

APPROVED:


 Chairman, Board of Trustees,
 City of Smiths Grove, Kentucky, 42171

ATTEST:


 Acting Clerk, City of Smiths Grove, Kentucky, 42171