

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, August 26, 1974

The Board met at approximately 7:30 PM, at the office of Mr. Lucian Flora, Highland Avenue, and was called to order by Dr. Robert A. Baum, Chairman. In addition to Dr. Baum, present were Dr. J. S. Hill, Mr. Maurice Marr, Mr. Lucian Flora, Judge J. W. Blue and Mr. Kenneth Vincent. Also present was Magistrate Richard B. Kirby who was present to swear Mr. Vincent in as a member of the Board to replace Mr. James Bell who had moved to Scottsville some time ago. After the swearing in of Mr. Vincent Mr. Kirby made a few remarks about his resurfacing of 6th Street from Main (or 101) to the end of Kentucky Street near Joe Madison's corner and corner of Airport Road. This was, of course, pleasing news to the Board. Mr. Kirby then took his leave.

Dr. Baum asked for department reports beginning with the Water Department.

1. Mr. Flora asked that Mr. Blue report on the situation on the water system which he says is serious. He continued to emphasize that we did not have money enough to operate without raise in rates. He stated that he cannot secure parts, every order he makes he gets a reply of shortage of parts and stated that it was beyond him to see how to figure the raise in water rates. He said that he called the fellow who handles parts in Atlanta, Georgia.

2. The question of a licensed operator was brought up again. Dr. Baum stated that HUD was supposed to supervise since they held the loan on the water system. Mr. Blue said that a man from HUD was here some three years ago and at the time were opposed to a raise in rates. He said that he had a phone number of man at HUD.

3. Mr. Blue stated that he was a sick man. Mr. Flora asked him if he thought he should be replaced. Should we try to get someone to work in with him.

4. It was further emphasized that we should keep trying to see if George LaMastus would meet with us (the Board) and see what we can do to get the system up to par. Dr. Hill suggested that we should talk with Homer Doyle and feel out his attitude on the water job.

5. At this time Mr. Henry Priddy and Mr. Lance Helton appeared with respect as to whether they were officially in town or not. Mr. Flora had sent them bill for taxes since he was under the impression that any property with the letter "A" was within the town boundary and was therefore subject to City taxes. Mr. Priddy had a note from Mr. Floyd H. Ellis, County Tax Commissioner stating that the letter "A" did not mean that they were in town since Mr. Richard Kirby had a letter "A" in his code number. The Board agreed to check with Mr. Harlan to see if they were annexed at time Lynmont Sub-division was annexed. Mr. Flora stated that he felt they should be in town since they now had three street lights near them, had fire and police protection from Smiths Grove funds and the City had to maintain the streets by their properties. The Board agreed that if Mr. Priddy and Mr. Helton were not in town we would have to refund Mr. Helton's taxes which were paid through 1st Federal. Mr. Priddy had not paid his since this controversy was up.

6. A return to the water situation. It was agreed to hold up on the situation for the moment but that we will have to set the rates if we need more operating money.

7. Cemetery - Mr. Marr stated that Mrs. Jordan suggested that the Cemetery charge a fee of \$5.00 to the monument companies for the clerk's time in running out to the cemetery and using her gas and time to measure lots and position for the monument. Mr. Marr stated that he didn't know since the monument companies would probably raise their rates. Mr. Flora stated that since he had held the Cemetery clerk's job he knew how much trouble it could be and he made the motion that Mrs. Jordan, Cemetery clerk, charge a fee of \$5.00 and keep the fee. Dr. Hill seconded the motion which carried without a dissenting vote.

8. Fire Department - Dr. Hill stated that we're just hanging on until the new County station is complete so that we can reorganize the City Department.

9. Police Department - Dr. Baum reported that everything seemed under control except for a few hot rodders.

10. Street Department - Dr. Baum stated that Mr. Vincent would probably be the new Street Department representative. Mr. Flora said that if it pleased the Board he would prefer to have the street department since there would be a lot of measuring when the street construction began and too, there was a lot of collecting to do. He said that he wasn't wanting to wish it off on Mr. Vincent but if Mr. Vincent would take the water department he would work with him until he became familiar with all the aspects of the department which Mr. Vincent agreed to.

11. Mr. Flora presented a typed report on how the street collections for work done in October, 1973, had gone. In general it was pretty good but there are a lot of bills yet to be collected. He suggested that we should draw up a proper ordinance for assessing the property owners in accordance with KRS 94.294. He made the motion which was seconded by Dr. Hill that we draw up and post such an ordinance which would insure the legal aspects of same. There were no dissenting votes.

12. There was a discussion on the problems of tax collections. Some members of the Board feel that we should probably turn our 1974 Taxes to the County Sheriff for collection even though it would mean we would have to pay him at least 10% of same for his fees. The Board felt that we should consider it before the next tax collections are due. Other problems were also discussed.

13. Building permits, etc. were also discussed. We are still having a problem as to who to contact about the possibility of being building inspector. David Bybee and Kendle Cannon were mentioned as possibilities. Dr. Hill and Dr. Baum agreed to contact these two gentlemen and see if either could be persuaded to take the position.

14. Dr. Hill made the motion, Mr. Vincent seconded, that the meeting adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting, Monday, September 30, 1974.

APPROVED:

*Robert A. Baum*  
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 Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

*Lucian E. Glora*  
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 Clerk, City of Smiths Grove