

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, December 16, 1974

The Board met as scheduled at 7:30 PM, at the office of Mr. Lucian E. Flora, 132 Highland Avenue, and was called to order by Dr. Robert A. Baum, Chairman. In addition to Dr. Baum, present were Mr. Kenneth Vincent, Mr. Maurice D. Marr, Dr. J. S. Hill and Mr. Lucian E. Flora, members of the Board, Marshal William M. Denham, and Mrs. Hooti Bohannon and Mrs. Margaret Bevarly, Members of the Smiths Grove Woman's Club. The minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, November 26, 1974, were read and accepted.

Dr. Baum turned the meeting over to Mrs. Bevarly and Mrs. Bohannon who referred to the CIP Program sponsored by Sears Roebuck and Company. According to them the Program offered prizes to clubs showing the most improvements in their area. The CIP includes many projects. They would like to see our town participate in this program. Their goal, to see all the old buildings fixed up, cleanup programs, etc. They would like to set up flower boxes in the downtown area, beautifying, planting trees, flowers, etc. They would like the support of the Board of Trustees in their program. Mrs. Bohannon said that there were a lot of interest minded citizens. Dr. Baum stated that if you start it could become contagious, but he did not feel that it would come immediately but could come. They made mention of the Fire Station and the new County Station. Dr. Baum stated that the county was going to landscape and beautify the new station. Mr. Flora stated that the City intended to renew the old station. Mr. Flora stated that his principle reason for being on the Board was to help improve the streets. Mr. Flora made the motion that the Board give its assent that they will give the Woman's Club all the cooperation we can to help them in their program, Mr. Vincent seconded. There were no dissensions. The motion carried.

Back Taxes - Dr. Baum stated that he read where the City Clerk of Bowling Green had power to sell property and he wondered if the Clerk of Smiths Grove had that power. They were to look it up after other business matters were cleared.

Department Reports:

Water Department - Mr. Vincent stated that Number 1 well should be operating tomorrow (December 17). He said that he believed Homer very much resented George LaMastus being here but that we needed someone so we could operate under their license. He said that something had to be done to relieve that crooked well situation. He reported that collections were in good shape. He said that he lost Muncie and O.D. Houchens bills but had cut off their water and Muncie had moved away from Smiths Grove. He didn't know why Mr. Blue let them go as far as he did.

Fire Department - Dr. Hill reported that we would have to do something about the Fire Station door. Dr. Hill said he would check with Jimmy Jackson and Sears Roebuck. Mr. Flora made the motion, seconded Mr. Vincent, that Dr. Hill engage in contract for the new door because it was so badly needed. There were no dissensions.

Equipment - What about equipment? Dr. Baum said he heard that they were going to move both trucks. Dr. Hill stated that trucks couldn't be moved without town's permission. Dr. Hill made mention of separate fund for fire truck.

Street Department - Mr. Flora reported that Mr. Kirby promised that he would come the first of the week to clean up the streets and grade all the alleys and gravel streets. Mr. Flora stated that he would get gravel where needed.

Phones - Clerk reported his conversation with Kentucky Telephone Company. He reported that they would charge Fire Department \$23.25 per month and Police Phone \$18.35 per month. The Board decided to wait another month or so to see what happened.

Discussion about the tie yard. Is it on County property or not? The consensus of the Board is that it is railroad property. Clerk reported that Mr. Kirby stated that

he would blacktop around the fire station if he could get the right of way established.

Siren at Hardy's - Nothing definite.

Police Department - Dr. Baum mentioned vacation for Marshall Denham. Should we pay it? Clerk warned that we must go easy with payments since payments such as phone electricity, etc. were going up and we were getting away from our budget. A motion was made by Dr. Hill, seconded Mr. Vincent that Marshall Denham be paid for twelve days vacation. There were no dissensions.

The report that everything was fairly quiet. There was a little ruckus near L. C. Rasdall's house. Four boys were trying to cut off the traffic coming down Main Street. Marshall Denham said Ken Waller was included.

Dr. Baum stated that he was resigning from Planning and Zoning Commission effective January 1, 1975. Dr. Hill stated that maybe his wife might be interested in getting on the commission if a woman was desirable.

Mr. Flora mentioned the discussion about the possibility of Dr. Hill being named Board Chairman since he had never served as Chairman. He made the motion that Dr. Hill be appointed effective January 1, 1975, however Dr. Hill did not express a willingness to be Chairman so the motion died as no second was made.

New Business: Mr. Flora presented a letter from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which emphasized a meeting for all interested Cities or Towns at Mammoth Cave National Park Lodge on December 17, 1974. Dr. Baum suggested to Mr. Flora that he attend but Mr. Flora stated that he had to prepare for laying of carpet in his house. He then stated that he would write a letter requesting available information on the subject of community development.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Vincent, that meeting adjourn until next regular meeting, Thursday, January 30, 1975. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

Robert A. Baum

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

AT TEST:

Louis E. Flora

Acting Clerk, City of Smiths Grove, Kentucky, 42171