

CITY OF SMITHS GROVE  
SMITHS GROVE, KENTUCKY

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees, Wednesday, February 5, 1964.

The Board met at the McGuffey Insurance Agency with all members present. Also present were visitors Earl Isenberg and Gerald Brown.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Before continuing with the regular business meeting, Chairman Bevarly asked the guests if they had come for business purposes. Gerald Brown stated he would like to know if he could <sup>have</sup> some remuneration for keeping the records for the City on the runs made by the Fire Department and also keep the records of the Rural Fire Department such as sending out notices and making collections for the memberships. He also stated if we paid the price he was asking he would check the fire trucks each day. He gave a figure of \$30 per Month.

3. Next, Earl Isenberg also stated he was before the Board on business. He was representing the PTA regarding the cost of the lights on the playground at the school house. He stated the Lions Club had agreed to pay 1/3, the PTA 1/3 if the City would pay 1/3. Mr. Isenberg suggested that if we had a Town Marshall on duty, perhaps he could go by and check the lights and turn them off at a reasonable hour. Chairman Bevarly asked for any questions by the Members. At this point the visitors left and the meeting was continued.

4. Judge Keener was not present and had no report.

5. Town Marshall Bethel Denton is now in the hospital under treatment. As per the minutes of the last meeting, Byron Curtis is supposedly supplementing for him. Clerk had asked as to the correct manner to distribute the payment for the month of January. After discussion, it was decided to pay Mr. Denton \$105 for the month of January, then the Board would transact business with Mr. Curtis for the month of February. Chairman Bevarly volunteered to contact Henry Priddy to check the fire equipment during this emergency.

5. Street markers were discussed. Chairman Bevarly suggested that Marshall Parrish could re-erect the markers which are now available but which have been broken off. He volunteered to contact the Boy Scout group to see if they could gain a merit by stenciling the names of the streets on the various markers.

6. Chairman Bevarly was of the opinion he could secure a transcript of the hearing on the water rate increase which we have been trying to secure.

7. Under old business the problem of annexing the Webb addition was discussed. It has been a problem for the Board as to how far to extend the annexation. Mr. Bevarly stated it was the opinion of Mr. Webb that the people in this addition desired to be annexed. Chairman Bevarly further stated that the question of blacktopping should be settled by the people in question. Members suggested that we could annex this property and then later do the blacktopping. A discussion was held on the annexation and the blacktopping of the streets in the annexed area. A former ordinance stated that if  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the people on a certain street desired blacktopping, then the remainder of the property owners would have to go along. Chairman

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Bevarly suggested the way to settle the blacktopping problem would be for the people on the various streets to collect their part of the money and have this on deposit before the City would consider this project. It was suggested that if we do annex we would go past Landis Martin down to Highland. Trustee Jordan suggested that perhaps it would be better to have a special meeting concerning this annexation problem and the extent of the annexation. It was agreed to meet next Wednesday night to discuss this situation further.

8. Under old business it was decided to keep the question of the Zoning Committee in abeyance for the time being.

9. Under new business, Chairman Bevarly said that from time to time people would be presenting various problems to him, and these should be brought ~~before the Board~~ before the Board. Miss Elizabeth Vance had complained that some one had shot out one of her windows and has asked the City to pay for it. After a general discussion it was decided that this was a personal problem and the Clerk should so advise her. If she could identify the person or persons involved in the shooting, the Board would be grateful for this information. Clerk was to write her a letter as to this decision.

10. It was decided to hold the regular meeting of the Board on the First Wednesday night of each month.

11. A general discussion was held on the problem which Mr. Isenberg presented. A lengthy discussion was held on this problem with all members participating. No members objected to aiding a well supervised program of lighting the playground; however, various members commented that the lights are left on at all hours and sometimes with perhaps two people there and sometimes none. Clerk was ~~asked to advise Mr. Isenberg~~ asked to advise Mr. Isenberg that at the present time we do not have a night watchman to supervise the light situation, and we would discuss this at a later date.

11. Chairman Bevarly commented that at the present time we are selling and opening graves at a much cheaper rate than surrounding territories. The present rate is \$25 for opening an adult grave and \$15 for an infant. Lots are sold at the rate of \$25 for the first two graves and \$20 for each additional grave. A price of \$35 for opening an adult grave and \$25 for an infant grave was presented. Also, Mr. Hardy had suggested a price of \$25 as a flat price for each grave sold. Trustee Jordan made a motion that the price of opening an adult grave be raised from \$25 to \$35. Also the price of the lots would be set at a flat charge of \$35 per grave, subject to published notice. Trustee Lowe seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes.

12. A discussion was held on the Clerk of the Cemetery. Comments were made on her efficiency and the tasks involved. Trustee Lowe made a motion that the salary of the Clerk of the Cemetery be raised from \$25 to \$30 effective immediately. Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes.

13. Chairman Bevarly suggested that the debris on the Perkins lot not be discussed at this time as Mr. Perkins is still in litigation with Ashland Oil Company.

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14. A general discussion was held on Gerald Brown's request for a fee for keeping the records of the fire department. It was brought to the attention of the Board that the rural fire truck records are now being taken care of free of charge and the records are up to date. Until different arrangements are made for a night watchman, it would not be ethical to assign the job of checking the fire trucks until some one else resigns or is replaced. Chairman Bevarly suggested that since the record of the fire truck runs is essential, that perhaps it would be logical to pay \$1.00 per record to Mr. Brown. Chairman Bevarly is to contact him concerning this proposal.

15. Trustee Jordan suggested that Marshall Parrish is getting older, is a very valuable employee and should be put under Social Security. Trustee Jordan will investigate this question further and report at the next meeting.

There being no further business, Trustee Joe Lowe made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Powell seconded the motion. With no dissenting votes, the meeting adjourned.

Gertie Bybee, Clerk

Carroll Bevarly, Chairman