

Special meeting of the Board of Trustees for purposes of administering oath of office to new Board of Trustees which was elected in the November general election for a term of two years, 1976 and 1977, and to set the tax and license rates for the year, 1976, appoint department heads, select new Chairman of Board, etc.

The meeting was held at approximately 7:30 PM, Monday, January 5, 1976, at the new County Fire Station, Main at Laurel, Smiths Grove, Kentucky, 42171 with the following members of the new board present: Mrs. Shelvie Dubree, Mrs. Brenda Belcher, Mrs. Margaret Bevarly, Mr. George Torrance and Dr. J. S. Hill. Also present: Mr. Lucian E. Flora, retiring Board member and Acting City Clerk, Magistrate Richard B. Kirby and Police Chief D. F. Gregory. Since a regular Clerk had not been appointed Mr. Flora agreed to take the minutes for this meeting.

The meeting opened with Mr. Kirby swearing in the new Board.

Next, Mr. Flora read the minutes of the meeting of December 27, 1975, and they were signed by Dr. Hill, outgoing Chairman of the previous Board.

Then, with Dr. Hill acting as Chairman protem the first order of business was the election of the new Chairman. Mrs. Bevarly was nominated by Mrs. Belcher. There were no other nominations so Mrs. Bevarly was elected Chairman by acclamation and she immediately assumed Chairmanship of the meeting.

Mr. Kirby explained the provisions of the operation of Ed Spears Park. Mr. Flora presented the key to Post Office Box 114 to Mrs. Bevarly.

Mrs. Bevarly then appointed Department Heads as follows: Water Department - Mrs. Belcher, Street Department - Mr. Torrance, Cemetery Department - Mrs. Bevarly, Police Department - Dr. Hill and Fire Department - Mrs. Dubree.

Clerk-Treasurer - Mrs. Belcher presented an application by Mrs. Martha Watt who stated that if she did not do a satisfactory job she would resign. The salary for the job is \$75.00 per month. There were two others who talked about it but had not lived in town long enough. The Board then appointed Martha to be Clerk-Treasurer.

Dr. Hill will check with Mr. Harlan as to whether Chief Gregory's brother-in-law can legally serve as his unpaid deputy.

Mr. J. W. Blue submitted a letter of resignation as of this date from his position as City Police Judge. Mr. Kirby stated that he would assist in getting a successor appointed.

Mr. Flora presented each of the Board members with a list of the street assessments due.

Dr. Hill made the motion that the tax rate of .242 per \$100.00 assessment remain in effect for 1975 taxes, due July 1, 1976, seconded by Mrs. Belcher. There were no dissensions.

Dr. Hill made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Dubree, that Occupational Licenses remain as at present until a better solution can be found. There were no dissensions.

Unloading Licenses are to remain at the present \$10.00.

Street work - Mr. Kirby said that he would work with the City in any way he could to help out. He said to give him a two or three day notice whenever the City needed to use any of the County equipment. Mr. Flora presented a bill from State Store Company

for 11 loads of gravel which was put in alleys and gravel streets for \$305.50. Mr. Torrance stated that he would check on this tomorrow for he felt that he might get a discount on it. Dr. Hill made the motion and Mrs. Dubree seconded that as soon as Mr. Torrance finds out about it the Clerk is authorized to send State Stone Co a check. There was no dissension.

Chairman Bevarly stated that she would like to meet with the Board and look over all the Departments.

The drain at Mrs. Columbia Jones' corner. Mr. Torrance stated that he believed he could fix it.

The Board set the last Tuesday night of the month as the regular meeting date. All of the Board is in favor of this time.

Police Department - Chief Gregory states that he puts in 8 hours. He now works from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM. He has been having to work from his car since the heat has not been on in the Chief's office at the City Fire Station. Dr. Hill made motion that Board check on the possibility of monitoring system for Chief Gregory, seconded by Mrs. Belcher. There were no dissensions. Mr. Gregory was asked to check on it. Mr. Flora stated that when the Phone Company raised the bills the Police Department phone was raised to \$27.97 per month. That is why the Board had the phone removed.

Dr. Hill made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Belcher that we write a letter to Mr. Blue thanking him for his services as Judge. There was no dissension.

There being no further business, Mrs. Belcher made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Dubree that the meeting adjourn. There was no dissension.

APPROVED:

Margaret Bevarly - Chairman
Chairman, Board of Trustees,
City of Smiths Grove, Kentucky, 42171

ATTEST:

Laurian E. Flora
Acting Clerk, City of Smiths Grove, Kentucky, 42171