Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Tuesday, June 23, 195

The Board met in a called session at the fire station with one member, Trustee Carrie Lee Jordan absent. The citizens were invited to attend the meeting to discuss the proposed increase in water rates for the to Since approximately 75 citizens were in attendance, Chairman Smith asked for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting to show the people how the Board operated. He also asked for a brief financial report. Chairman Smith called attention to the fact that the funds are very low.

Chairman Smith stated the reason for the called meeting was to discuss the increase in water rates and presented S. Ford Thomas, owner of the Smiths Grove Water Company. Mr. Thomas gave an itemized list of his monthly expenditures and said he had been losing money at the rate he is now charging. He further stated that his cost of doing business has greatly increased but the water rates have not increased. After Mr. Thomas finished his report, Chairman Smith asked for discussion. A general discussion was held and several citizens stated their views and asked Mr. Thomas a number of questions. Chairman Smith emphasized that the Board was meeting merely to listen to the discussion and was open for suggestions.

Frank Jordan made a motion that the Chair appoint a committee of 3 to go over the books, investigate the situation, compare the rates with neighboring towns and then come back and make a report. T. C. Melton seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes. Chairman Smith appointed Frank Jordan, Tommy Melton, J. C. Ferguson and Jennings Garman to serve on this committee. Mr. Melton suggested that Mr. Thoma go with this committee to the neighboring towns. When the committee is ready to report, they are to call another meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

These minutes have been written into the records this 23 day of June 19

Gertie B. Bybee

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M.V. Smith, Chairman