

Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, March 28, 1974.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lucian E. Flora at approximately 8:30 PM in Mr. Flora's office on Highland Avenue. Present in addition to Chairman Flora were Board members Mr. James Bell, Mr. Maurice Marr, Dr. Robert Baum, and Dr. James Hill. Also present was City Marshall William Denham.

(1) The minutes of the previous two Board meetings were read by the Clerk and approved by the Board.

2) The City Clerk was recognized by the Chairman and given the floor. The Clerk noted that he had arranged for the annual Board-sponsored trash pick-up to be held on April 3rd and 4th by the Lindsey Sanitation Service of Lindseyville. Their fee was to be the same as last year: \$100.00.

The Clerk went on to say that the tax collection situation was at a dead end as far as his office was concerned. He noted that he had spoken to the City's legal counsel, Mr. Maxie Harlin. Mr. Harlin told the Clerk that the Warren County Sheriff's Department would not collect any of the city's delinquent taxes unless it was allowed to collect all of the taxes. The Clerk noted that the Sheriff's percentage for this collection would make such an idea prohibitive for the City. A discussion followed concerning the placing of a warning in the newspaper about the delinquent taxes. Dr. Hill commented that more than likely such a warning would not do any good. There was general agreement expressed by all the members of the Board that for the sake of fairness, in addition to the tax bills, the City must try to get these bills paid. Dr. Baum said, and all agreed, that it was the owner of the property at the end of the year when taxes were due that was responsible for seeing the tax bill settled. Chairman Flora said that it would probably be best to have Mr. Harlin send all the delinquent taxpayers a letter as a warning--a comment which drew general assent from the rest of the Board. Mr. Marr said, "Why not get legal counsel to carry the matter all the way through to the end?" Marshall Denham expressed the thought that perhaps Mr. Harlin would work on a percentage basis as the Sheriff does.

Mr. Marr made the motion that the Board get Mr. Harlin to take the matter all the way through to a conclusion. Mr. Bell seconded the motion which met with the unanimous approval of the rest of the Board. Marshall Denham made the comment that if Mr. Harlin's fee came to the entire amount of the taxes that were outstanding, it would be worth it in order that a precedent might be set for the future.

3) The Chairman recognized Mr. Bell and asked him to give his Street Department report. Mr. Bell informed the Board that the Clerk had opened a new bank account under the heading "Street Fund" to receive the monies collected from the property owners whose property is located on streets where street work is done by the City and who pay the fifty per cent assessment per foot for such work. Mr. Bell added that the Clerk had deposited a total of \$1,256.83 in this fund to the present date. Marshall Denham commented that the work done on Fifth Street between Main and Cave was breaking up somewhat. Mr. Bell commented that it might be a good idea if the Clerk would get Mr. Harlin to look into the question of such assessments against the property owners and see if the City might have some legal recourse to utilize to make the owners pay this assessment. Chairman Flora added that the method needs some teeth added to it to make it more equitable.

4) The Chairman then recognized Dr. Hill and asked him to give his Fire Department report. Dr. Hill said that there was some question over who exactly owns the county fire truck which is presently housed in the City fire station. He added that the Lion's Club was also uncertain on this point.

Jumping from his report, Dr. Hill commented that he believed no tree should be cut at the Water Works unless it really blocks the sediment tank up with its leaves. Chairman Flora agreed that it would be better if something was used to screen the tank instead of cutting the trees.

Dr. Hill noted that Marshall Denham's brother, who is a captain in the Bowling Green Fire Department, has offered his help in training any new City department that is organized and Dr. Hill added that Captain Denham said that the ~~DR~~ Richard Hendricks (who is being contemplated as the captain of the city force) was a very good fireman. Mr. Marr commented that when the City does finally get a good department organized it would be good to have a social gathering for it (financed by the City) at least once a year.

Dr. Hill said that he had no idea as of yet as to how many of the present members of the Smiths Grove Fire Department will willingly volunteer to switch to the county force. Mr. Marr said that it would be a good idea to have some age limits set for the new force, preferably above eighteen, and asked if Dr. Hill had set any such limits yet. Dr. Hill said that he had not done so, but that such limits could easily be set up.

5) The Chairman then recognized Mr. Marr and asked him to give his report on the state of the Cemetery. Mr. Marr said that it would soon be Spring Clean-up time and that he had contacted a man at Cave City about cutting several trees at the Cemetery, but that if anyone knew of someone else who could do the job, it would probably be a good idea to get in contact with them.

6) The Chairman then recognized Dr. Baum and asked him to give his report on the Police Department. Dr. Baum said that everything was under control in his department except the "mini-bike" situation. Marshall Denham asked if the Board would have the Clerk publish a notice in the newspaper outlawing "mini-bikes" on the City streets. Mr. Marr said that perhaps the City could put a notice in the paper on the matter in conjunction with the County. It was generally agreed that any such notice should also prohibit such vehicles on any public property, streets, sidewalks or alleys. Dr. Hill made the motion that the City publish a notice in the PARK CITY DAILY NEWS saying that the City police will enforce the law pertaining to "mini-bikes" in the City and that such increased enforcement will begin at the date of publishing of the notice. Dr. Baum seconded the motion which met with the unanimous approval of the Board.

Marshall Denham told the Board that it would not be possible to install the old police radio in the police station and added that if it had been possible the City would have had to buy a license for it as it would then have become a station. The Marshall added that he was in favor of selling the radio and getting a "scanner" for the office on which he could receive calls, just having to go to his car to reply to them. The Marshall said that the person he had talked to had said that he believed the old radio would be worth between \$75.00 and \$125.00. Chairman Flora said that he believed if the Marshall could sell the set for a reasonable sum, he should do so. Dr. Hill made the motion that the Board allow the Marshall to sell the radio for at least \$100.00. Dr. Baum seconded. The motion passed with no dissenting votes cast.

7) Chairman Flora then gave his report on the Water Works. He said that Mr. Blue commented that the pump situation was fixed for a time. The Chairman noted that he had told Homer Doyle that it would be alright to buy a new mower for the Water Works, the rest of the Board then agreed. On the question of the painting of the water tank, the Chairman noted that the Clerk had received a reply from the Bowling Green Water-Sewer and Sanitation Commission Manager who said that Bowling Green had its tanks painted every five years and also gave the Clerk the name of a man with the State Health Department who would check the tank. The Chairman said that it would be good if the Clerk would write to the State man on the matter. The Chairman also noted that Mr. Johnny Kimble had offered to check the tank also when it was checked as he was knowledgeable in such matters and could give the City advice.

8) Dr. Baum then took the floor and returned to matters relating to the Police Department. Dr. Baum commented that constables get a \$7.00 arrest fee added on to a fine when they take an arrest in to the county jail, and he wondered if the City could add such fees to City fines for Marshall Denham. Chairman Flora said that Mr. Harlin would have to be asked about the matter. Dr. Baum said that it seems it would be possible to pass an ordinance to that effect. Dr. Hill made the motion that the Clerk contact Mr. Harlin concerning the question. Dr. Baum seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to bring before the Board at this time, Dr. Baum made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Hill seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Chairman Flora set the date for the next regular Board meeting as Monday the 29th of April.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Lucian E. Flora
Chairman, Board of Trustees

John B. Flora
City Clerk.