

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the month of May, 1976 held Tuesday, May 25, 1976

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, City of Smiths Grove, was held approximately 7:00 PM, at the new County Fire Station, Main at Laurel Smiths Grove, Kentucky with the following members present; Chairman Margaret Bevarly, Mrs. Brenda Belcher, Mrs. Shelvie Dubree, Dr. James S. Hill and Mr. George Torrence. Also present was Mr. Richard Kirby, Judge Eugene Bryce and Chief Doris Gregory.

The meeting was then called to order by Mrs. Bevarly and turned over to Richard Kirby to issue the oath of office to Judge Bryce. Mr. Kirby then swore in Mr. Bryce as the new Police Judge.

Mrs. Bevarly then asked Mrs. Belcher to lead the Board in prayer.

Mrs. Bevarly then read a letter from Governor Carroll and the appointment for Judge Bryce.

The minutes were then read by the clerk and approved as read.

Mrs. Bevarly then reported to the Board that as of this date that there was only \$749.00 uncollected taxes for 1974. She praised Chief Gregory of his effort on collecting the unpaid taxes. She then gave the Chief a list of unpaid unloading license for him to check. Mrs. Bevarly reported that due to the fact that Mr. Ellis would not have the taxes ready for the clerk until late July or early August that it seemed the taxes would not be mailed until possibly September 1. Discussion was held on where the town would get the money for operating expenses. The Board was asked to think on the best possible solution. Mrs. Bevarly asked that the Myrtis Cole Chapel Fund be transferred to Mrs. Carrie Jordon. Discussion was held on the garbage pickup being postponed due to the fact the taxes would be late this year. Mrs. Belcher made a motion to postpone the garbage pickup until fall, seconded by Mrs. Dubree. There were no dissensions.

Street Department: Mr. Torrence then presented to the Board bids for repairing Mrs. Columbia Jones's drain. The bids were Kendall Cannon \$475.00 and H. C. Hanson \$650.00. Dr. Hill made a motion to accept Kendall Cannon's bid for \$475.00, seconded by Mrs. Belcher. There were no dissensions. Mrs. Bevarly read a letter from the Southern Kentucky Insurance Women regarding several recommendations on improvements for the streets in town. Mrs. Bevarly asked Mr. Torrence to check on them. The clerk then presented to the Board bids for resurfacing Webb Avenue. The bids were Leonard Lawson & son \$20.00 per ton, Scotty's Construction \$17.95 per ton and State Stone \$15.95 per ton. Mrs. Dubree made a motion that the Board accept State Stone's bid of \$15.95 with addition of a tacking coat, seconded by Mrs. Belcher. There were no dissensions.

Water Department: Mrs. Belcher reported that after the last Board meeting Homer Doyle had given her a 10 day notice of him quitting the water department. She reported that Rochie Bledsoe and Ricky LaPorte had taken over his duties and that Ricky would be going to Somerset to take schooling for the water treatment. She said that there was conflict over a water bill for Mr. Hurt in Webb Subdivision that Thomas Webb had been using water from his meter while building his house and Mr. Webb had never been billed for the time he had been using the water. Mrs. Bevarly said this would have to be settled between the two parties but from now on to not turn any water on without a meter deposit.

Fire Department: Mrs. Bevarly read a letter Mr. Anthony Gray had written her regarding the Fire Department, stating that no one had officially told him of improvements within the fire department. She reported that she had written him back stating that the 24 hour answering service had been installed and was operating and of the new equipment which had been purchased. Mrs. Bevarly reported that BRADD was filling out an application for a grant through the Forestry Department for aid in getting fire equipment. Mrs. Dubree reported that the Woman's Club had bought flower pots for the fire station park and that she and Mrs. Bevarly had planted flowers in them.

Cemetery: Mrs. Bevarly reported that she had been having boys mowing the cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day. She also reported that they had the Chapel treated for temites, at a cost of \$100.00. She asked the Board of possibly taking a contract for this treatment next year. It would be a 5 year contract with the cost of \$20.00 a year.

Police Department: Dr. Hill reported that he and Chief Gregory had visited most of the merchants in town on May 20. He said that everyone seemed to be pleased and had offered some constructive criticism. Discussion was held on the number of stop signs that were being torn down. Dr. Hill suggested that the town buy heavy duty post for the stop signs. Chief Gregory reported that he had written 3 citations in the last few days. Discussion was held on some way of compensating Mr. Pedigo for helping Chief Gregory with his duties. Judge Bryce reported that he had checked with the State Police and they would bring any citations they issued in town to his court. Dr. Hill said he had checked on getting money from a grant on helping in the purchase of the monitor but had not received a definite answer. Mrs. Bevarly reported she had written the Attorney General regarding Chief Gregory's authority in the county but had not received an answer.

New Business: Mrs. Bevarly showed the Board the City Charter which dated back to 1900. In the Charter it stated that the Marshall should live in the city limits. The Board will check further on the validity of that ordinance. Mrs. Bevarly reported that there would be a meeting at the BRADD Meeting House on May 27, 1976 on the Ageing Plan any member of the Board was invited to attend. Mrs. Bevarly reported that Herb Leopold appointment to the City County Planning and Zoning would expire on June 30, 1976. Dr. Hill moved that Herb Leopold be reappointed to the City County Planning and Zoning, seconded by Mr. Torrence. There were no dissensions. Mrs. Bevarly said she had received a call from the Zoning Commission telling her that they had received an anonymous phone call regarding the people that were going to buy the Annette Kirby property were going to sell flowers and it was a residential section. The Zoning map was checked and it was found that the property was residential but the Board decided to wait until a later date before taking any actions. Dr. Hill made a motion to pay Judge Bryce \$50.00 a month interim salary, seconded by Mrs. Belcher. There were no dissensions. It was decided to take sealed bids for the rocks behind the water plant.

There being no further business Dr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Torrence that the meeting adjourn. There were no dissensions.

ATTEST:
Margaret Bevarly
Clerk, City of Smiths Grove, Ky

APPROVED:
Margaret Bevarly
Chairman, Board of Trustees
City of Smiths Grove, Kentucky