

CITY OF SMITHS GROVE  
SMITHS GROVE, KENTUCKY

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees, Wednesday, May 3, 1961.

The Board met at 7:30 PM in the American National Bank and Trust Company with all members present. Bethel Denton, Allie Long and Mrs. Nellie Oakes were visitors.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
2. There was no police report as Mr. Cassady is still quite ill and we have no police judge.
3. There was no further report from the Industrial Development Board.
4. Chairman Jordan reported the REA had contacted him regarding the location of the light on First Street but if they were to move it, there would be an additional charge of \$25 plus 36¢ each month. After a general discussion, it was decided to leave the light as is unless there are further complaints. Clerk reported the light at the cemetery had been repaired.
5. Clerk reported the Woman's Club working through the Cemetery Committee is putting 14 loads of gravel on the roads in the cemetery.
6. Trustee McGuffey reported the fire truck committee had met with the Howe representative and specifications were completed for the truck and the chasis. Bids have been received but the committee has not had a chance to consider them. Bids on the chasis were received from Wallace Motors, Webb Chevrolet and the Big Four Chevrolet. Howe and Seagraves have made bids. Chairman McGuffey is calling a committee meeting for Thursday night, May 4, to consider the bids and decide on a recommendation. It will probably be necessary to have a called meeting to pass on these recommendations.
7. Clerk reported the old depot site has been cleared.
8. Chairman Jordan reported Kenneth Dunn would not accept the position of police judge.
9. Chairman Jordan asked all members to consider a night watchman in place of a town marshal. If we are able to obtain a deputy sherriff from this vicinity, then a night watchman would be more beneficial.
10. Spring clean up was held. The cost was \$107. Chairman Jordan reported Mr. Anderson had to hire a driver part of the time and would like to know if the town would pay for his services. Trustee McGuffey made a motion that Clerk contact Mr. Anderson regarding this salary and reimburse him. Trustee Lowe seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes.
11. Clerk was again asked to contact Browning Oil Company regarding the condition of their buildings on Main Street.
12. Otis Bratton has not as yet cleaned the drain on the corner of Broadway and College nor installed the window in the jail.
13. Street markers were not discussed.

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14. Clerk was asked to write S. Ford Thomas a letter regarding the repair of the streets he has damaged in repairing and installing water lines.
15. Trustee Joe Lowe commented that a 4" water line is being run from Main Street to the middle of the block on Rumsey Avenue and then a 2" line is being run to the corner of Highland. He suggested that it would be wise to have the 4" line all the way with a fire plug on the corner of Highland and Rumsey since the water line of Highland is very weak. Chairman Jordan volunteered to discuss this matter with Mr. Ford Thomas.
16. Since John White has moved to Louisville, there is a vacancy on the cemetery committee. Trustee Joe Lowe made a motion that Mrs. Geneva Anderson be appointed to replace Mr. White. Trustee Madison seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes.
17. A letter has been received reminding us that it is now necessary to have a fire training school. Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Boyd to see when he could come after June 1.
18. James Gilley voluntarily painted the trash cans. Clerk was asked to write a letter of appreciation.
19. Trustee Madison commented that Mrs. Oakes should be commended on mowing the grass in the park. All members were in earnest agreement. Mrs. Oakes volunteered to sweep the top of the fire station and clean the gutters. Bethel Denton was asked to put the ladder up for her. Mr. Denton was also asked to replace the bulb at the fire station.
20. Trustee Jordan reported he had been contacted by persons interested in picking up garbage in town. They have a covered truck and will make their own collections. It was thought they could come once each week for a charge of \$1.50 per dwelling if enough citizens participated. Clerk was asked to contact Mary Lou Hardy regarding some publicity and also to ask the people to come in and sign up for this service.
21. Chairman Jordan reminded the Board members that this November is election time again and asked them to decide by the next meeting whether they are interested in remaining on the Board.
22. Mrs. Oakes came before the Board to protest the blocking of her right of way. She had her deed with her and it called for a 20' right of way. She reported George Anderson is blocking this. Clerk was asked to write Mr. Anderson regarding the situation and to advise him that Mrs. Oakes is willing to pay  $\frac{1}{2}$  the cost of having the tracts surveyed to establish definite boundary lines.
23. Chairman Jordan reported he had been approached on a personal matter between Medford Skaggs and Murrel Britt regarding a garden behind the Britt barn but it was decided this was a personal question to be decided by the individuals.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting the first Wednesday in June, 1961.

These minutes have been written into the records this 4 day of May, 1961.

Gerite Bybee, Clerk

Frank Jordan, Chairman