

CITY OF SMITHS GROVE
SMITHS GROVE, KENTUCKY

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees, May 6, 1964

The Board met at 7:30 PM at the McGuffey Insurance Agency with all members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Jordan sent the cemetery report. The Hardy account is now \$350 and the cemetery account stands at \$2315.87.

3. The city account is \$3912.96 and the fire truck fund is \$367.32 with all franchise taxes having been paid with the exception of the Smiths Grove Water Co.

4. Judge Keener was present but had no report other than to discuss the fact that only one person had been fined for illegal parking and it was his feeling that this sort of thing could lead to a feeling of discrimination. All members of the Board joined in the discussion. It was decided that parking tickets should be issued for illegal parking. Trustee Powell made a motion that Marshall Denton first issue a warning ticket on official tickets and then if there was a second offense of illegal parking, a fine would be levied. Judge Keener or the Clerk will collect the fines. Trustee Jordan seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes.

5. Chairman Bevarly and Trustee Lowe had investigated the large tree roots at the cemetery which need to be removed. It was their opinion they would have to stay as is for a while.

6. Chairman Bevarly reported that Magistrate Morehead has been doing some patching with blacktop on the city streets. Magistrate Morehead was of the opinion that Hedge Street is not County property but he would cooperate and furnish half the gravel needed for this street. Chairman Bevarly is to contact Magistrate Morehead to supervise this work. Trustee Lowe made a motion that we put the necessary gravel on Hedge under these circumstances. Trustee Powell seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes.

7. Chairman Bevarly reported that work is progressing on a map identifying the city limits.

8. Unpaid taxes were again discussed. It was decided that these should be collected in order not to show any partiality to any property owner. Charles English, attorney, will collect these for a fee of one-third. Clerk is to write one final letter advising that unless the taxes are paid by June 1, they will be turned over to Mr. English for collection. Trustee Jordan made a motion that we make this final effort to collect the taxes. Trustee Lowe seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes.

9. The location where the city trash has been dumped has been fenced in. Unless we buy a chain with a lock and limit the keys, we will not be allowed to use this place. The members agreed that this lock should be installed. Chairman Bevarly will see to this and to the distribution of the keys.

10. Joe Madison has asked for a street light on the S/W corner of his lot. It was the opinion of the Board that this was not needed at this particular time.

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11. Chairman Bevarly had received a notice from the Kentucky Inspection Bureau that improvements are necessary for the fire department in order to keep our present insurance rating. Part of the requirements pertain to the water system, but they also requested additional hats and coats as well as additional hose. Also, they advised they had not received a copy of the ordinance adopting the current standards of safety. Clerk is to send them a copy of this ordinance. Also, they requested a fire limit be established. Trustee Jordan made a motion seconded by Trustee Lowe that the following fire limit be adopted: Beginning at a line running from the west side of the city limits on Mill Street east to intercept with a line running north and south to east side of College Street, from thence north to the north side of Third Street, from thence west running parallel with Third to the west city limits and to the point of beginning. There were no dissenting votes on this ordinance.

12. Chairman Bevarly reported the water option has been renewed for a period of ninety days. It was his opinion that unless something is done within this period, we will not be able to obtain a renewal. He has investigated this from all angles. At the present time there is no money available for grants except on an emergency basis. This is only to be considered as a very remote chance. He commented that the members of the Board probably would not want to sign a note for an amount necessary to purchase the water system, but that he knew three people who would take the lead. Trustee Jordan commented that if an individual purchased the system, then the town would have a harder time in ever making the purchase. All members were in agreement that if it is at all possible, now is the time to purchase the water system. Mr. Bevarly says the present engineer is working up a preliminary report and an application for a grant. He has been advised to go ahead and make application for the grant. Trustee Powell made a motion to give Chairman Bevarly the authority to act for the Board in legal matters pursuant to the purchase of the water system. Chairman Bevarly is work with Carl Rasdall in this venture and is to use discretion as to when to call a meeting of the members of the Board. Trustee Jordan seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes. Charles English is to be consulted for legal advice.

13. Chairman Jordan commented that since we have some extra money in the cemetery account, perhaps it would be advisable to put some of this on a time deposit. A motion was made by Trustee Lowe and seconded by Trustee Powell to put \$1500 of the cemetery money on time deposit. Chairman Jordan will relay this message to Mrs. Jordan.

14. Chairman Jordan reported that Marshall Parrish has asked for a power trimming apparatus for the cemetery. The cost of this equipment is approximately \$65. Trustee Jordan was given authority to purchase this trimmer.

15. Marshall Parrish has asked for a raise. Afer discussion, it was decided that a \$10 raise was in order. Trustee Powell made a motion seconded by Trustee Lowe that Marshall Parrish's salary be increased to \$110 per month.

16. Clerk is to write the Bureau relative to the acceptability of a fire phone at the McGuffey office.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Carroll Bevarly, Chairman

Gertie Bybee, Clerk