

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Month of October, 1975. Held Monday, October 27, 1975.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Smiths Grove was held at the office of Mr. Lucian Flora, 132 Highland Avenue, Smiths Grove, Kentucky, and the following members were present: Dr. James S. Hill, Chairman, Mr. Maurice D. Marr and Mr. Lucian E. Flora. Also present Police Chief D. F. Gregory.

The minutes of the meeting of September 29, 1975, were read and accepted without any changes.

The meeting opened with a discussion with Chief Gregory as to his plans for coping with the teenagers at Halloween which is this coming Friday (October 31st). The Chief says he is going to see the Sheriff and Kentucky State Police for assistance in controlling the crowd who congregate. Dr. Hill stated that the loitering ordinance prohibits loafing after businesses close. Also Chief Gregory stated that they could be charged with inciting to riot. Chief Gregory said that he had gotten on to the colored people in back of Mrs. Edna Marr's and they had apparantly quitened things down. Mr. Marr stated that it was pretty bad there on Sunday afternoons. Chief Gregory talked about the use of the new county fire station as his headquarters. He said that Mr. Kirby left the impression that he could do so. He said that we could possibly change the city phone over on a temporary basis. Dr. Hill suggested that the fire siren be disconnected on Halloween night so they could not be sounding it. Dr. Hill suggested we contact James Whittle who has recently purchased the flavor isle and see if he will agree to close it early. Mr. Flora agreed to go with Chief Gregory to talk to James about closing early. Mr. Flora stated that the REA had informed him that three of the five street lights which were out had been shot out. Chief Gregory said he believed there had not been any shot out since he arrested Larry Joe King for firing a gun in town. Jerls McClain was mentioned. He has a reputation of trying to lure children into his car. Dr. Hill asked about the Chief's hours and he said that he was rotating the hours in order to be here sometimes at daytime. He stated that the State Police came through once in a while but Sheriff's department don't come in much. He stated that he would check to see if he can secure a convertor to operate CB radio from the new fire station. Mr. Marr said he would talk to the phone company about temporary change of police phone. (rather fire department phone to the new fire station).

Fire Department - Mr. Marr reported the school progressing very good. Final exams will be given next week. If 12 can pass the tests we should qualify for state aid to the department. There have been from 12 to 16 attending. Mr. Flora was asked to check into old minutes to see what kind, if any, legal status the fire department has. Is it incorporated or was it just established by the board? Both city and county departments seem to be working together in the school. The company whom the county is securing their new fire truck from will send someone here to give a course of instruction in the operation of the truck. Mr. Marr suggested that we should try to get some of the older members interested in daytime duty in case needed. It is really hard to get people interested.

Cemetery - Mr. Marr presented premium notice for Liability Insurance Premium which has jumped from \$167.00 to \$230.00 per year. He said he hasn't looked it over. The Board authorized payment of the premium.

Streets - Mr. Flora presented Scotty's bill for paving Broadway. Total of \$5,703.93. Mr. Flora made the motion which was seconded by Dr. Hill that we pay the bill. There was no dissension. He stated that Mr. L. C. Rasdall had had Scotty to resurface a portion of 2nd Street near his house and that he (Mr. Rasdall) felt the City should pay him for half of the paving which cost him \$300.00. Mr. Flora stated that since Mr. Rasdall was a good taxpayer and he stated that the paving was all on City property he felt he possibly should be reimbursed however he felt that had the

Dr. Hill made mention of the fact that he did not believe the Board of Trustees should receive pay for Board meetings. Mr. Flora stated that it really was an instigation of Dr. Baum and Mr. Vincent when they were Board members. He stated that he voted with them on that but really he thought that it would take too much of the money, some \$1200 per year. Upon a motion by Mr. Marr, seconded by Mr. Flora the Board voted to rescind Ordinance #29. No dissension.

City contracted with Scotty it could have been done much cheaper at \$12.45 per ton whereas Mr. Rasdall paid by the job. The Board decided to wait until each had looked over the spot before coming to a decision. Mr. Flora presented a report on the collections for 1973 and 1974 street work. He stated that he had written final letters to all giving them until October 15th to pay or else all bills will be turned over to our attorney. Board authorized him to turn all street assessments and tax bills over to Mr. Aaron Overfelt. Dr. Hill stated that he would talk to Aaron about it. Mr. Flora reported that the Warren County School Board, through their Attorney Joe Orr, had eukered on payment in front of the school property. It wasn't really unexpected as the Board knows you cannot assess another branch of Government. We felt that there might be some contingency fund which the school superintendent might be able to pay a bill like that. Mr. Flora reminded the board that they (the school board at that time) did the same thing in 1954 when the street was resurfaced. Mr. Flora stated that he felt that Mrs. Columbia Jones might be trying to euker since she kept complaining about paying when the drain be her house is fixed. We have tried to get that fixed but have been unable to do so up to this time.

Mr. Flora stated that he would advise the new board and all boards from here on to either write or place in the Park City paper a proposal of work to be done. Preferably he would write to each property owner on a certain street because not all of them take the paper.

Water Department - Mr. Flora presented each board member with a letter of advise from J. R. Meany and Associates, Certified Public Accountants, and a copy of the statement of operation of Water system for the past year. They advised raising rates because of the loss shown, a fact which we have all known for the past year and a half. Everyone agrees that the water system is in a bad shape financially and eventually will probably have to be sold or given to Warren water district. Mr. Flora stated that Mr. Boles of the Health Department called him and said that they had given our water system a flouridation outfit but that Homer Doyle had not installed it. He said he told him to call Dr. Hill, the Chairman, but Dr. Hill said he never did call. Dr. Hill said he didn't believe it would help us because we had too many chemicals in the water now. Mr. Flora said that he believed if you raised the rates by \$2.00 per customer per month it would only be a stopgap. It was agreed that 350 customers weren't enough to keep the thing going in this high time.

Planning and Zoning Ordinance - Mr. Flora stated that Mr. Ness said that the Board would have to pass the new ordinance which his committee had drawn up regarding planning and zoning and that Dr. Hill as Chairman and Mr. Flora as Clerk had signed. Dr. Hill stated that it was a renewal of the agreement with them. Mr. Flora made the motion, Mr. Marr seconded that this renewal of the planning and zoning agreement be ratified. There was no dissension, the motion carried.

Mr. Flora asked Dr. Hill if Mr. Herbert Leopold had contacted him recently since he was over to see him on Sunday and at that time he was going to sue the town board for not enforcing the noise ordinance against the Peoples Farm Supply. Mr. Flora said he told him to go ahead and sue that he had two things he could do - sue and/or go to Judge Blue and get out a warrant against the Mitchells.

The meeting adjourned until the next scheduled meeting on Monday, November 24, 1975, at 7:30 PM.

ATTEST:

Lucian E. Gilora
Acting Clerk, City of Smiths Grove,
Kentucky, 42171

APPROVED:

James A. Hill, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Trustees,
City of Smiths Grove, Kentucky, 42171