

SPECIAL MEETING: October 5, 1979 Re: Water Situation

A special Public Meeting was held on Friday October 5, 1979, at 7:30 p.m. at the County Fire Station in Smiths Grove. Board members present were Leland Anderson, Robert Appling, Charles Cowles, and Carolyn Harlin. The meeting was held to discuss the water situation and get some feel for the voters preference on the proposed merger with Warren County Water District.

Mrs. Harlin called the meeting to order. She explained that there had been some misinformation published in the paper. There is nothing wrong with the pumps. Smiths Grove gets its water from an underground river. Since all the rain, the river has either changed course or a sink has developed causing the water table to drop. Whatever the geological reason, the stream is not flowing through our wells. The pumps are pumping mostly sand and some water. At present the City is hooked to Warren County Water District with 3,600 feet of fire hose. This is fabric hose and it is going to have to be changed soon or it will begin to rot. If the City decides to remain independent, it will mean a new well, the cost of a geological survey, no guarantee of water, and no water in the meantime.

Mrs. Harlin further explained the Board began talking with Warren County Water District about a merger last spring. A contract was signed in July, whereby Warren County would take over the City's water system debts, liabilities, assets, etc., but before it becomes a reality citizens must vote on the question at a general election. At this point the system is in debt \$307,000 to Farmers Home Administration, and about \$4,000.00 in operating expenses, mainly from the emergency last January.

Warren County Water District prepared a hand-out explaining its rates, and its expansion plans in this end of the County. After the expansion is completed, the City's water pressure will be better.

At this point question were called for.

E. H. Hatcher- Mr. Hatcher asked why the Park City said Warren Co. would lay the line. Mrs. Harlin explained that the paper had some misinformation. Mr. Liles has already advertized for the pipe and wants everything ready to lay the line on November 7, 1979, after the election. They want a 10" line. They will construct the line and the City can pay for it. The bank will loan the money. They the merger is complete, Warren Co. Water District will assume this debt also. If the vote is unfavorable the City can not buy water from Warren Co. and would be back on its own with the added expense of the pipe.

Herb Leopold: As an individual Mr. Leopold would like to see the water works sold. He mentioned that it is apparant we have a number of water leaks. This would be a mojour expense to the City to repair and would also involve tearing up streets, etc.

Joyce Rasdall: Mrs. Rasdall asked about the difference in flouridation and chlorination. Mrs. Harlin explained there would be no appreciable difference as we both meet state standards.

David Walker: Mr. Walker asked about the fire hydrants and mentioned the need for one in Webb Circle. Warren County would take care of the fire hydrants, but the City has just purchased enough fire hose to reach the last house in Webb Circle according to Mrs. Harlin.

H. E. Waller: Mr. Waller stated he is for the merger, but wanted it clarified that Warren County would take full responsibility for the debts and that Smiths Grove would be treated as other Northside customers.

Mrs. Harlin explained the City would be under the same rates as other customers and this may not be changed without approval of the Utility Regulatory Commission.

Mr. Clarence Wolf: Mr. Wolf stated that he had personally talked to Joe Liles and was very much in favor of the merger.

Joyce Rasdall: Mrs. Rasdall said that Warren County Water District had been written up in the New your Times as an outstanding example of a rural water system.

At this point a straw vote was taken. The results were 75-1 in favor of the merger.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

Carolyn B. Harlin
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Sue Edwards
City Clerk

Special Meeting: October 5, 1979 Re: Community Development

A brief business meeting was called to order after the Hearing. The Clerk presented a C. D. bill from Harlin Parker, & Rudloff for \$630.00 for title opinions done to this point, and two parcels of land for Acquisition owned by Evelyn Donnell for \$4,3000.00 and \$2,250.00, for Board approval. Mr. Cowles moved, Mr. Appling seconded these be approved. Motion carried.

It was also decided that the clerk and Mrs. Harlin would attend the E.C.A.P. workshop being held in Bowling Green on November 2, to obtain information about this program.

The Municipal Aid project was discussed and the clerk was instructed to go ahead and call State Contracting, set up the paving and tell them to pave only as far as they could on \$3,789.00, the Municipal Aid figure.

The meeting was adjourned.

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