

CITY OF SMITHS GROVE
SMITHS GROVE, KY. 42171

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees, Tuesday, September 1, 1970.

The Board met in regular session at the American National Bank and Trust Company with one member, Trustee Joe Lowe, absent.

Considerable difficulty is being experienced with the water system. A foreign substance has caused it to discolor and affected the taste. It has been fairly well established that the condition is caused by Whey being dumped by the Swift Company of Glasgow on the Willis Sledge farm. It has been reported that as much as 15,000 gallons has been dumped at one time. A definite report is expected shortly on this situation. In the meantime the dumping has been stopped. Mr. Blue and Trustee Powell reported there have been complaints that people will refuse to pay their water bills. It was the general opinion that the usual procedure would be followed. Ample time for payment would be allowed and then they would be cut off.

2. Chairman Melton reported Mrs. Meredith had requested a street light at the rear of the post office. It was the consensus of the board that she should ask the owner of the building for a security light.

3. Due to the lack of funds, it was decided not to do any black topping.

4. Law enforcement was discussed at length. All were in agreement that something needs to be done and we cannot do it without money. Although the county and state police are cooperating, it was definitely decided that we need to establish some law enforcement of our own. Trustee McGuffey made a motion that we let the citizens decide by voting on a special tax earmarked for law enforcement. This question would be on the November ballot. Trustee Powell seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes. Chairman Melton will contact an attorney to have this question worded properly.

5. Lack of interest in the fire department was discussed. If the interest is not revived, it could mean a change in our insurance classification. Trustee McGuffey volunteered to meet with the fire department and see what can be done.

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

Gertie Bybee, Clerk

T. C. Melton, Chairman