

CITY OF SMITHS GROVE
SMITHS GROVE, KENTUCKY

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees, Thursday, September 12, 1963, with one member Trustee Beatrice Madison absent.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Since we had visitors from the Industrial Development Board present, Chairman Jordan suggested that perhaps they would want to take charge before we proceeded with the regular meeting. L. Car Rasdall, Thomas Webb, Carroll Beverly and S. Ford Thomas were present. Mr. Rasdall was spokesman for the group. Mr. Rasdall said the Industrial Development Board had not been too active for the past four months. It has been a blow that Brownsville is getting a factory and we are not. Mr. Rasdall said the main reason we were not considered was because the City does not own the water works and has taken no steps to purchase it in the future. He said it is time for the people to take a stand on this and work out some plan for the purchase. Mr. Thomas stated he would cooperate in any way possible with the City if they desire to purchase the watersystem. He said if no extensive plan of modernization was to be put in effect, the system would pay off. If something isn't done toward this goal, the Federal loans will go to the other communities and we will stand still. We cannot get a Federal loan unless we own the water works. The answer to this problem at the present time is to put a bond issue before the people on the ballot this Fall. If the people are not agreeable to this, there is no use in going further with this question. The following wording was suggested "Are you in favor of floating a bond issue for purchase of the water works?". Mr. Rasdall was of the opinion that the people would not question the amount involved if they were contacted before hand and the situation explained to them. Mr. Thomas stated that if the system were brought up to a modern standing, the people would not mind a 50% or 75% increase in water rates if the city owned it, but if an individual owned it, then the people would not stand for an increase. Chairman Jordan stated a number of people had remarked to him that the Town should own the system. Trustee McGuffey made a motion that this question be put before the people on the November ballot. Trustee Powell seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes. After this motion the visitors asked to be excused.

The Cemetery account now stands at \$1872.35 with the Hardy account at \$225. The tool shed at the Cemetery has been completed and paid for.

3. The City account stands at \$4411.25 with the fire truck fund at \$57.13. \$1700 has been paid on the note for the fire truck.

4. Judge Keener was present. It is unlawful to turn the costs on fines over to the Judge as part of his salary, so the salary of the judge needs to be increased. Trustee McGuffey suggested that we hold this question in abeyance until the next meeting while we investigate to see what other cities comparable to ours is paying the judge. Trustee McGuffey and Chairman Jordan volunteered to investigate. Clerk is to check to see if a 50¢ library fee is to be paid from each fine.

5. Marshall Denton was not present.

6. Street markers were not discussed.

7. The Zoning committee had not report.

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8. The information on the hearing fro the increase in water rates still has not been located.
 9. McLellan Stone is still promising to repair Second Street before it is too cold.
 10. There was no further report on the vapor light near the Hardy Funeral Home.
 11. Mr. Thomas reported he does not cut the pressure down at night but can give more pressure with the hand pump.
 12. The ~~xxxxi~~ fire department has purchased some hats and has ordered some coats. Trustee Joe Lowe ~~made a motion~~ ^{passed} that the city pay for half of the bill and the rural fire truck pay the other half.
 13. Chairman Jordan reported the people on Fourth Street between Cave and Hedgerow are asking for gravel. He was given the go ahead to get this taken care of.
 14. The Town Board is to be elected again this Fall. The following names are agreeable: Carl Ferguson, Tom Madison, Carroll Beveraly, Joe K. Lowe and F. M. Jordan. Clerk is to contact Mrs. Ethel Pemberton and Mrs. Arline Martin. Judge Keener will speak to Mr. E. W. Martin
- There being no further bussiness, the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Gertie Bybee, clerk

F. M. Jordan, Chairman