

Regular Board Meeting: September 24, 1973,

Chairman James R. Bell called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 PM in Mr. Lucian Flora's Office. Board members present were Mr. Lucian Flora, Mr. Maurice Marr and Mr. Charles Whitley. Also present were Mr. J.W. Blue, Dr. Robert Baum and Mrs. Geneva Anderson.

(1) The minutes of the preceding Board meeting were read by the Clerk and unanimously accepted by the Board.

(2) Chairman Bell recognized Mrs. Anderson and gave her leave to speak to the assembled Board on behalf of the Smiths Grove Woman's Club. Mrs. Anderson requested that the Board do something toward getting all houses in Smiths Grove numbered and getting new street signs erected. Mrs. Anderson went on to note that on October 19th the District Woman's Club convention was going to be held in Smiths Grove and that it would be good if some clean-up, such as weed cutting, could be done in the city. Mrs. Anderson mentioned that the College Street railroad crossing was in very bad repair at which point the Clerk brought to the Board's attention the fact that he had sent a letter to the Louisville and Nashville railroad concerning the situation and the railroad had replied that they would look into it. Mrs. Anderson closed by volunteering any help that the club might give in getting the streets marked.

There was general agreement on the need in the City for such improvements as Mrs. Anderson had mentioned, especially as related to street signs. Action was deferred to a later date, however, due to the Board's concern that vandals would ruin any such items erected in the City.

(3) Chairman Bell brought to the Board's attention the fact that the Smiths Grove Laundromat was once again allowing stagnant pools of polluted water to collect and stand about its premises. Mr. Marr suggested that the Clerk notify the County Board of Health once more.

(4) Mr. Whitley reported to the Board that Water Department business was running pretty smooth on the whole. Mrs. Allen's leak on Main Street had been fixed. The cost of repairing the Water Works' rock wall is \$360.00 plus materials, the bid which the man now working on it had given. Concerning the chain link fence, the ABC bid for the job does include the necessary wide gates and the company is ordering its materials for the job. Mr. Whitley noted that the fence will be back far enough to stop anyone getting on the rock wall and climbing over the fence. He noted that the Clerk needed to write the Company to give them a definite go-ahead on the work, in addition, there is a need to get the boundary line set by a surveyor and first to get Mr. Maxie Harlan to find the deed with the measurements.

Mr. Blue noted that he believed Mr. Bill Webb's bill was the only one still out regarding the major leak repair.

(5) Mr. Marr noted that the same man who is working on the Water Works' wall has made a bid of \$180.00 for the repairing of the Cemetery's wall. Ricky Moats is supposed to pay for this repair work which he made necessary and Mr. Marr said that Moats had promised that he would do so. Mr. Marr added that he believed the Cemetery needed to contact another group on the tree cutting business. Mr. Marr noted that trash cans had been placed in certain areas of the Cemetery which the Lindsey Sanitation Service has promised to regularly empty. Mr. Marr also expressed the belief that a security light installation in the Cemetery would be too expensive and that such a move should be forgotten--there was general agreement with this comment.

(6) Mr. Flora in his street report noted that the State had approved Lawson's bid for the resurfacing of Kentucky and Wayne Streets. He added that he believed the much publicized oil shortage was causing the delay in getting the street work started. Chairman Bell said that he would try to talk to Lawson's and get them speeded up on the project. Mr. Flora noted that he had had gravel put on many of the alleys in the City as well as on Mr. Frank Russell's road and the bill for it could be expected from McLellan's soon. Mr. Whitley made the motion that this bill be paid when it is received. Seconded by Mr. Flora. Unanimously approved.

(7) Mr. Blue reported that in the past month, acting in his capacity as Police Court judge, he had collected \$65.50 in fines.

(8) A general discussion followed concerning Property Tax Collection and Occupational Licenses. Mr. Whitley said that for the taxes Marshall Denham collects, since State Statute does not allow him to be paid outright for this, he could be given something for expenses.

(9) Dr. Baum raised the question as to whether the Board had received any information on the law and mini-bikes. The Clerk said that he had not yet received a reply from the State Police yet. Dr. Baum noted the danger the unlicensed vehicles posed when operated on public streets and on the North Warren school ground.

(10) The Clerk read a note to the Board from County Attorney Henry Potter concerning further action which could be taken concerning excessive noise from the Peoples' Supply Co. Mr. Potter noted that Mr. Herbert Leopold, or any other citizen, can next go before a county grand jury and get an indictment for a public nuisance against the establishment if the noise level increases once again.

(11) Mr. Whitley posed the question as to whether the City could employ Constable A.W. Finn on a regular basis to fill in for Marshall Denham when the Marshall is not on duty. Dr. Baum, in this same vein, said that he had hoped the representative of the Woman's Club would say something about the unruly situation which came about every day when school lets out as a result of speeding cars, etc. General agreement was expressed concerning the belief that Marshall Denham needs to vary his hours more than he does.

(12) Discussion came back to the occupational license situation in the City and it was generally agreed that the Peoples' Supply Company was not paying as much as it should in any case. Bowling Green occupational licenses are much higher according to Mr. Whitley. Mr. Marr related the problems which the Board had earlier run up against when it tried to set up a suitable and equitable tax base for the City.

(13) A note of appreciation to the Board from Mrs. Odessa Whitney was read by the Clerk in which Mrs. Whitney thanked the Board for having a street light installed near her premises on Third St.

(14) A discussion of mail delivery within the City limits was followed by one concerning the prevalence of vandalism in the City.

(15) There being no further business to bring to the Board's attention, Chairman Bell called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Whitley made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Marr. Unanimously approved. Chairman Bell set the date for the next regular Board meeting as October 29th, same time and place.

APPROVED:

James R. Bell

Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Stephen B. Flora

City Clerk.