

Brighton, Illinois
March 6, 1972

The regular meeting of the Village Trustees of the Village of Brighton, Illinois, was called to order by the President of the Board, Walter S. Ahlemeyer in the Brighton Municipal Building at 7:01 P.M. on March 6, 1972.

The Clerk called the roll of Trustees:

Present: Hall, Hughes, Austin and Hunter

Absent: Woolsey and Wittman

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Clerk. Hughes made the motion to accept the minutes as read. Hall seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was presented by B. F. Towse. A summary follows:

Balance on Hand, General Fund	\$ 19,903.03
Operating - \$16,282.43	
Fire - \$3,598.91	
Civil Defense - \$21.69 overdrawn	
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	19,235.06
Building Bond Interest & Sinking Fund .	20,941.11
Bond & Interest Fund	5,641.31
Waterworks & Sewerage Fund Bond Account	16,030.53
Waterworks & Sewerage fund bond res. acct.	43,094.04

It was reported that money will now be put in Citizens Savings & Loan in East Alton, because we are up to the limits in our accounts at the other Savings & Loan Institutions. Hall made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Hughes seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Bob Handling was present at the meeting and read his complaint against William Burton, of Myrtle Street who has let a garbage pile accumulate on his residence property and the debris is blowing into Mr. Handling's yard. It was reported that the policeman has contacted Mr. Burton about the unsanitary condition of this pile of refuse and told him to clean it up. Hall made the motion that the attorney is instructed to notify Mr. Burton to clean up the area within three days. Hunter seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Emil Waters and Frank McElroy of Godfrey were present at the meeting. Mr. Waters, as spokesman was wanting to know the advantages of being a village over being a city, as Godfrey is only a Township at the present time. They do not want to come under Alton's control and are thinking about incorporating and wanted to know what might be involved in the process.

Carl Collins was present at the meeting. He was wanting to know if the animal control officer makes any effort to locate the owners of dogs that he picks up. The attorney said that according to the ordinance the officer was under no obligation to try to locate the owners if the dog is in violation of the ordinance. After some disparaging remarks were made about the present animal control officer, Trustee Hall spoke up and said that we must stand behind our animal control program at the present time as we are doing the best job we can and it is much better than it was previously.

The Water Board's report was presented by Bellmont Scheffel. A summary follows:

RECEIPTS:

Metered customers	\$ 10,740.36
Bulk Sales	465.00
Connection Fees	1,290.00
Meter Inst. Stock Sales	316.95
TOTAL RECEIPTS	13,368.76

DISBURSEMENTS

Cost of Water	1,803.34
Cost of Power	289.92
Payroll	1,921.04
Investment	599.80
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	6,445.26

Bank Balance as of 2/29/1972 - \$16,002.16

Water Customers Billed - 1,231

Jack Hall brought up the fact that the Water Department is carrying some contractors in that they are not paying for some of the connection charges when they should and some are getting in arrears very badly. Mr. Scheffel said that the Water Board went on record that no contractor is to go over \$1,000 a month and if it is under \$1,000, that they are to pay it monthly. It was Hughes recommendation that Scheffel should bring this up to the Water Board and suggest that maybe a new policy should be instituted on the collection of connection charges from contractors.

Mr. Gary St. Cin offered his thanks from himself and also speaking on behalf of the Concerned Citizens Group for the use free-of-charge of the auditorium.

Butch Scheffel further reported that the Water Board recommended that the Village draw up an Ordinance that the subdivider will be responsible for the cost of laying their water and sewer lines within the city limits. The Attorney was instructed to draw up such an ordinance according to the Water Board's recommendations. The Water Board would also like to have permission to expend the money necessary to extend the water line on South Street to South Main Street to join a 2" line onto a 4" line. It will

cost approximately \$1,500. It would be done by the Water Department. Also, they would like to have the Village to okay the installation of a fire hydrant at the intersection of the two joining lines on South Main Street. Hunter made the motion to allow the expenditure of money of approximately \$1,500 to run the line and also allow the installation of a fire hydrant at the joining. Hughes seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The Water Board asked that the Attorney send a letter to Mr. Fred Finck instructing him to put enough money in a trust fund to cover the cost of the rental of the hydrants in his subdivision. Hughes brought up the low water level in town at times. The water tank progress is slow and he felt that maybe the Board should put a ban on further water line extension until we get on solid ground with the Alton Water Company. If we keep extending water lines we will be unable to furnish water to all our customers and especially to the people in Brighton. Hunter recommended that the Village write a letter to all the subdividers in the area that this ban will have to be put on until the matter can be checked out by our engineer. A discussion followed of various courses to follow. It was the attorney's recommendation that we have a meeting with the engineer and the board members to decide what route to take. It was brought up that the hauling of water also creates a problem at times. Hughes made the motion that no more water main extensions will be made on the Brighton Water System until further notice and also there will be no tap-outs outside the corporate limits other than to those houses under construction at the present time. Also, Hughes made the motion that Bellmont Scheffel is authorized to regulate the bulk sales of water, in that he can set certain times for the hauling of water or cut it off altogether if the need should arise. Austin seconded these motions.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

There was no planning committee report.

The Careless Driving Ordinance was read for the second time. Hall made the motion to accept the reading of the Ordinance for the second time and the Ordinance is so enacted into law. Hughes seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

A petition was read from Lloyd Well, Aurelia Well, Richard and Valerie Hancock, Kenneth Walker and Darlene Walker, Paul Fenton and Marie Fenton and Sunny Aire Subdivision Corporation to have certain properties annexed into the corporate limits of the Village of Brighton. This property is presently being subdivided by Lloyd Well and is located out Brown Street Road. Hunter moved to accept the petition as presented. Austin seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

An Ordinance to Annex Property to the Village of Brighton was read for the first time by the Clerk. Hall made the motion that Ordinance 347 be accepted for its first reading. Austin seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.
Hughes made the motion to suspend the rules and dispense with the second reading of the Ordinance and it is thereby passed on its first reading. Hunter seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

A plat of property out Brown Street Road owned by Lloyd Well was presented to the Board for approval by Mr. Jim Dunston. This plat covered six lots. It was the Board's feeling that it should read that there is a dedication of 10' for utilities and roadway purposes to the Village of Brighton and it should not indicate that we are only given an easement to the said 10'. Hunter made the motion to accept the plat subsequent to the corrections and changes of the wording from easement to dedication and after approval by the Village Attorney. Hall seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

It was announced that the Environmental Protection Agency has required that all dwellings have to be on sewer. The Water Superintendent presented a list of 69 citizens who are not on sewer at the present time. Hunter made the suggestion that those not on sewer be notified to go on the sewer as of January 1, 1973; however, anyone whose septic tank may be creating a problem will be required to comply with the edict sooner. It was also brought out that all those dwellings which have two dwellings on one sewer connection should remedy this. These people will also be given the compliance date of January 1, 1973. Letters will be sent from the Water Department to the individuals involved in these problems.

A Zoning Committee report was presented by Gary St. Cin. Mr. St. Cin announced that the date of March 22nd, 1972, at 7:00 P.M. has been set for the public meeting to discuss the zoning ordinance. He also had copies of the proposed zoning ordinance available for the board members.

The bills were read by the clerk:

Brighton Post Office, Fire Dept.	\$	30.00
Godwin Office Supply		3.15
Ill. Bell Tel. fire dept.		28.94
Werts Shell Service		5.00
Jake Seets, February pickup		5.00
Brighton Water & Sewer Dept, fire hydrant		413.97
Brighton Lumber Company		1.78
Brighton Lumber, Christmas decorations. .		4.49
Illinois Power, Lighting		199.06

Werts Shell Service, fire dept.	\$ 18.50
McAfee Conoco, Civil Defense	15.49
Wood River Glass Co.	212.10
Rathgeb Bros. Civil Def. Truck test	3.50
Brighton Lumber, fire dept.	19.95
Melvin Phelps	56.00
Fred Haynes, Reimbursement	14.93
Fred Haynes, Monthly salary	100.00
Bellmont Scheffel, Sup't. Streets	65.00
Julia H. Watson, Tax Collector	25.00

Hall made the motion to pay the bills and charge them to their proper account. Hughes seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The correspondence was read by the Clerk. There was a letter from Evelyn Cardinal, Bloodmobile Chairman, announcing the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile to Brighton on March 31, 1972. The Board went on record to help in any capacity and get behind the effort 100% to make it a successful day. There was a request from the Brighton Odd Fellows Lodge to use the vacant lot where the Old Village Hall stood for the purposes of having a fish fry on April 28 and 29. It was agreed that permission would be granted and the clerk was instructed to so inform the Lodge members. There was a letter from Dennis Schwartz, candidate for State's Attorney of Macoupin County requesting permission to conduct a parade on the Main Street of Brighton on Saturday, March 18, 1972. Permission was granted to Mr. Schwartz to hold a parade and the clerk was instructed to inform him of the Board's action. There was a request from the Fire Department to purchase a new scanner monitor for their 2-way radios. The Board was in agreement for the purchase of a new scanner monitor, however, they cautioned the fire department to use the proper procedure in disposing of the old monitor. Hunter made the motion to grant permission for the purchase of the scanner. Austin seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Hunter brought up some complaints he has received concerning junked cars being parked in yards recently. Andrew Steward, 703 Mobile has two wrecked automobiles in his yard, Loren Brown, 210 George Street, also has a wrecked Chevy on his property; Harold Barnett, 211 Edwin has wrecked material and the shell of a car around his yard. He was recommending that all three of these individuals be contacted regarding their cars and that it should be taken care of.

Butch Scheffel reported that the G. M. & O. Railroad is complaining to the city that the ditches are very bad behind Mobile Street in that they have been filled with trash. The railroad said that they are taking pictures of this problem and feel that the city should do something to correct

the situation. It was recommended that Bill Watson be instructed to work and clean out this ditch. Letters are also to be sent to the residents in the area to be on the lookout for anyone who might be dumping trash in the area.

Hughes reported that the owner of the abandoned house on Oak Street is Charles Morrell.

A report was made on the Childress problem as brought up at last month's meeting, where Mobile Street deadends. It was Hughes' recommendation that a street should be cut through and continued. It would require that a culvert be purchased and installed and also a culvert moved. Hughes made the motion to proceed with the recommendation. Hunter seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Jim Hughes submitted a letter from the Engineer's firm representative, George Shanahan. They were informing the Board of a project by the State to go over the streets of the Village and rate each street and the information would then be fed into a State computer. The value of such a program is very doubtful and it was the general consensus of the Board that the cost of \$1,500.00 could be better spent.

Hunter brought up that people are still dumping their papers at the little building on Center Street. Hunter said he would talk to Jack Howard, the head of the Boy Scouts and find out just what he wants to do with the building and if possible just have it demolished so the problem will be solved this week.

Lester Moran paid for his culvert.

The plans of the Girl Scouts for the beautification of the area in the walkway in the back of the Municipal Building were presented to the Board for approval. Along with the plans was a request for an expenditure of \$70.00 for various plants and supplies. Hunter made the motion to adopt the plans of the Girl Scouts and to allow them an expenditure of up to \$70.00 for the project. Austin seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The Building committee report was presented by Hunter. It was pointed out that the flag did not fly on the building with the exception of two days during the month of February. Hunter said he had straightened out this problem and the flag will be flying every day from now on. It was pointed out that the lights are not kept burning properly on the outside of the building and that the janitor should be reminded of this. Hunter reported on

a request for a dance. It was a sockhop-teenage type dance. He said that the request was denied, and he was passing this on for information only. Hunter mentioned that they were thinking of maybe partitioning the auditorium just as the council rooms are partitioned with a wooden curtain. He said he had been in contact with a firm about this and the cost of such a curtain would be \$793.00 with an installation charge of \$75.00. He was wanting to know if the Board felt as though he should proceed on this or if it should just be dropped. It was decided to table the matter until next meeting and people can think on it in the meantime and determine the value of such a project.

Mayor Ahlemeyer informed the Board that there is a generator and truck available for the Civil Defense. These are government surplus items and the only cost to the Village would be getting them back to Brighton. Bob Branin who is familiar in the area of electronics of this nature is going to look at the generator over in Indiana and decide if it is worth anything or not. It was the general feeling of the Board that the equipment should be looked into and we will take Bob Branin's recommendations on the generator and someone will go to Kentucky to look over the truck.

The police report was presented by Jim Hughes. Hughes reported on a request from Bill Broyles to attend an 8-hour class on robbery investigation at Belleville. The fee for the class is \$15 and we would have to pay a man to take his place for the day. Hughes read the police bills.

William G. Broyles	\$ 700.00
Werts Shell, Tires	43.00
Fred Benz, Police Work	258.00
Dale Hartsock, Police Work	121.50
Harbor Sales and Service	13.95
Illinois Bell, Police Phone	7.28
Illinois Hospital & Health Service	16.93
Gray's Arco	170.18
Hall's Drug Store	11.03
Country Mutual Ins., Aux. police car	94.00
Fred Benz, Animal Control	45.00

Jack Hall gave the animal control report for the month of February. The amount owed to Fred Benz is \$45.00. It was brought up that the gas allowance to Fred Benz needs to be increased so that he can get the job done, as he reported that he ran out of his gas allowance on February 16. It was the general feelings that the gas allowance now permitted of \$6.00 should be sufficient. Hall made the motion to pay the police bills (including the animal control officer). Hughes seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

A break down of the repairs needed for the police car were submitted from Bill Broyles. It was the police committee's recommendation that specifications be written so that bids can be taken on a new police car. Hunter made the motion that we accept the recommendation of the police committee and that they proceed with the preliminary stages of getting bids on a new police car. Hughes seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.


Hunter made the motion to send Broyles to robbery investigation school and the Village will pay the cost of \$15.00, plus the cost of a man's wages to take his place. Hall seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

A committee was appointed to up-date the ordinance on the installation of culverts. Those appointed were Hughes, Chairman; Woolsey and Austin.

Hall made the motion to adjourn. So moved and carried unanimously at 11:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Julia H. Watson
Village Clerk