

Brighton, Illinois
April 3, 1972

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Brighton was called to order by the President of the Board, Walter S. Ahlemeyer in the Brighton Municipal Building on April 3, 1972, at 7:00 P.M.

The Clerk called the roll of trustees

Present: Hall, Hughes, Austin, Hunter, Woolsey and Wittman

Absent: None

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

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

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

Balance on Hand, General Fund	\$ 19,534.03
Operating - \$16,379.32	
Fire - 3,114.91	
Civil Defense - 40.68 overdrawn	
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	20,642.49
Building Bond Interest & Sinking Fund . .	23,524.10
Bond & Interest Fund	5,641.31
Waterworks & Sewerage Fund Bond Account .	19,094.79
Waterworks & Sewerage Fund Bond Res. Acct.	43,094.04

Hughes made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Wittman seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

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

RECEIPTS:

Metered Customers	\$ 10,885.15
Bulk Sales	448.50
Connection fees	1,378.30
Meter Inst. Stock Sales	753.77
Interest Received	1,416.40
TOTAL RECEIPTS	16,714.40

DISBURSEMENTS

Cost of Water	1,758.86
Cost of Power	286.27
Payroll	1,804.80
Investment	6,092.25
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	11,761.47

Bank Balance as of March 31, 1972 - \$17,622.93

Water Customers Billed - 1,239

Wittman made the motion to accept the Water Board's report as presented. Hughes seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

An Ordinance Regulating the Water Tap-on Fee was read by the clerk. The new price for tap-ons would be \$175.00, which is up from \$150.00. This Ordinance was written at the request of the Water Board. Hunter made the motion to accept the first reading of the Ordinance. Wittman seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Scheffel had a list of people on double hook-ups and said that all of the parties involved have been notified to correct the situation.

The Attorney reported that Mr. Long of the Alton Water Company called and said that he had a tentative agreement to supply more water to Brighton and after it is reviewed by their Attorney, he will be sending it to Mr. Watson at the end of the week. Mr. Scheffel brought up the problems that have been created for the subdividers by the ban on water hook-ups by the Board. Jun, Dunston, and Finck are wondering when the ban will be lifted. Scheffel also reported that the Alton Water Company has now put a booster pump in operation on the water line and that we are getting plenty of water. There was a discussion as to whether the ban should be lifted at the present time; it was decided that the ban would remain in affect until we get the contract for more water from the Alton Water Company at which time the Mayor will call a special meeting to go over the matter and any action with regard to lifting the ban can be taken then.

Butch Scheffel submitted a map from Mr. Gene St. Cin indicating that he is wanting to extend the water line to the last lot of his subdivision on Seminary Road. It was indicated that the plat originally called for one acre lots, but that Mr. St. Cin has divided the lots into 1/2 acre. The Attorney said we should have the original plat and that the new lot size and easement lines would have to be presented properly. It was decided to table the request until Mr. St. Cin can get the necessary papers.

Mr. Fred Finck was present at the meeting and requesting approval for the laying of the water line in a new portion of his subdivision so that the plans can subsequently be submitted to the State for approval on all state specifications. The problem of the payment of the rental on the fire hydrants in his subdivision was brought up. Mr. Finck said they are setting up a Trust with all property owners as trustees. However, this still would not guarantee the Village of Brighton the rental fee for the hydrants, and a discussion was held as to the various routes that could be taken. It was Hunter's recommendation that an agreement should be drawn up between Finck and the Village and if the Village Attorney feels it is proper that we will rely on his judgment in accepting the arrangements for the payment of the rental on the fire hydrants. Wittman made the motion to approve the plans for the extension of the water line as presented to the Board by Mr. Finck. Hunter seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The Building Committee report was submitted by Roger Hunter. Mr. Hunter informed the Board that the two-month trial period for the employment of Mr. Fred Haynes as custodian of the Municipal Building was completed and that it was now time to review the situation; Mr. Haynes would like to have an increase in salary to \$300.00 a month. All Board members were encouraged to ask any questions of Mr. Haynes and the final decision concerning his permanent employment would be made later in executive session at the end of the meeting. Mr. Haynes presented an estimate of the time required to clean the various rooms and to do the various duties .

Gary St. Cin was present at the meeting and was questioning Bill Broyles, Village Policeman, going to school on work time and if he is required to make up the hours that he loses. It was reported that Mr. Broyles puts in upwards of 50 to 60 hours a week regularly and it was felt that he more than covers any time that he spends in schooling to further his training in police work.

Mr. Bob Handling was present to report that the problem he had complained about at last month's meeting was all cleaned up and he thanked the Board for their fine action.

There was no Planning Committee Report. Hunter suggested that the Planning Committee be checked into and try to reactivate the group, or if the various members desire to resign that new members be appointed. The Clerk was instructed to write to the six Planning Committee Members and ask them to state their intentions with regard to the Group, so we can get the Committee active again.

Gary St. Cin was present for the Zoning Committee. It was his recommendation that before the date for the Hearing is set up that maybe it would be better to come back before the Board with the proposed Ordinance and maybe re-write a certain portion regarding Agricultural zoning. It was the Attorney's recommendation that the farmers involved in this should submit some recommendations to the Board regarding their complaints and that their suggestions should be turned in within the next ten days and we can then proceed from there. Therefore, the public meeting is tabled until this problem can be worked out.

The bills were read by the Clerk:

Harris Trust & Savings Bank	\$ 995.00
First National Bank of Brighton	3.00
Rev. Robt. Branin, Mileage	40.50
Blanchard Printing & Publ. Co.	9.20
Jefferson Stationers	4.00
Jerseyville Farm & Home Supply, fire dept	20.00
George Tuey, Mileage and Costs	127.66
Illinois Power, Lighting	199.06
Edward Young, Filing Fee	11.50

Brighton Water & Sewer, Fire Hydrant	\$ 413.97
Alton Clean Towel Service	14.00
Werts Shell Service	8.80
Lampert Ins. Agcy, Ford Dump Trk	94.00
Lampert Ins. Agcy, G.M. Trk	96.00
Lampert Ins. Agcy, Civil Def. Trk Equip	100.00
SA-SO, Signs	5.87
Illinois Bell Telephone, fire dept.	17.05
Bellmont Scheffel, Sup't. Streets	65.00
Julia H. Watson, Tax Collector	25.00
Fred Haynes, Custodian	100.00
Fred Haynes, Extra Cleaning	10.00
Fred Haynes, Reimbursement.	4.37

Wittman made the motion to pay the bills and charge them to their proper accounts. Hughes seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

An Ordinance Pertaining to Extension of Water Mains and Sewer Lines was read by the Clerk. Hughes made the motion to accept the first reading of the Ordinance. Austin seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The correspondence was read by the Clerk. Robert Branin reported that it was not advisable to get the generator, as it was in very bad condition. There was a check for \$504.00 to pay for the replacement of Bill Broyles while he attended school. It was also reported that George Craigmiles has paid for the culvert installed on his property. The MFT maintenance engineering report for resealing and care of the Village Streets was presented in the amount of \$14,000.00. It was decided that the approval of the appropriation would be tabled until next month so Jim Hughes can look over each item covered.

Jack Hall brought up the fact that Betsey Ann Fire Association is storing their equipment in the Municipal Building, and he was questioning if it is a proper expenditure of taxpayers money for fire equipment that will only be used to fight fires out of the city limits. A discussion was held concerning this problem and it was felt that something is going to have to be done, and that maybe the Betsey Ann should pay the bills on fixing up the army truck since it is going to be used for rural fire calls. A committee was appointed consisting of Jim Woolsey, Chairman; Jack Austin and Jack Hall to meet with the proper personnel of the Betsey Ann Association to go over these problems and try to work something out with regard to the civil defense truck expense, the army truck expense, and getting use of two stalls in their building.

The Police Committee report was presented by Jim Hughes. A sealed bid from Bill Simpson; Chief deputy of Jersey County, was submitted for the radio scanner, which had been offered for bids. His bid was in the amount of \$90.00. It was the police committee's recommendation to accept the bid. Wittman made the motion to accept the offer of Mr. Simpson. Hughes seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The Police bills were read by Mr. Hughes:

William G. Broyles	\$ 700.00
Fred Benz, Police Work	123.00
Illinois Bell Telephone, police phone	5.00
Ted's Serv. Sta., police gas	93.04
Dale Hartsock, Police Work	105.00
Elmer H. Bott, Police Work	31.50
W. S. Darley, Fingerprinting kit	14.95
Animal Control Officer	31.00

Hughes submitted Elmer H. Bott's letter of resignation as part-time policeman to the Board. Jack Hall presented the Animal Control Officer's report. A discussion was held regarding the request of the animal control officer for a \$15.00 a month gas allowance. Hunter made the motion to increase the gas allowance to \$15.00 for one month at which time the job will be evaluated to see if it makes a difference in the effectiveness of the work. This was seconded by Hughes. Hall suggested an amendment to the motion to 90 days. It was decided that the possibility of purchasing a dog trap would be looked into; the motion presented died on the floor.

Hall made the motion to pay the police bills. Hughes seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Hughes reported that there is a catch basin without a cover in the newly annexed property out Brown Street. Water is coming in from the top, and it needs to have a grill of some type put over it. It was suggested that maybe Joe Melbourne could make a grid to fit it. Butch Scheffel is going to check with Melbourne on this.

Hunter brought up the water problem on Margaret Street where there is a dip in the road and the water just lays there as it can't escape. He was wondering if the town is going to do anything about it. He said that it was Charles Sheppard's recommendation to either build up or taper down the area so that the water can drain. It was the general consensus of the members that something should be done on this and Hunter is going to check with Mr. Sheppard so he can have some definite figures for the Board at their next meeting.

Roger Hunter brought up that the junked cars reported at last month's meeting are still in the neighborhood. The policeman is to be informed of this ordinance violation so he can take care of the problem. It was also mentioned that he should check out the junked car sitting in the lot of the Century Air Conditioning Building.

Wittman brought up that he has received complaints of horses on sidewalks. Wittman said he would check with Bill Broyles about this and try to put a stop to it.


The Resignation of James Hughes as Village Trustee was read to the Board. Wittman made the motion to accept the resignation with reluctance, of James "Bud" Hughes. Austin seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss the hiring of Fred A. Haynes as Municipal Building Custodian at a salary of \$300.00 a month. Every board member was allowed to voice their opinion on the hiring and it was the general consensus of opinion that the salary requested as too high. It was decided that a starting base of \$175.00 would be offered for a janitor with a re-evaluation to be in six months.

Woolsey made the motion to adjourn. Hughes seconded. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Julia H. Watson
Village Clerk