

Brighton, Illinois  
May 1, 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 May 1, 1972 at 7:00 P.M.

The Clerk called the roll of trustees:

Present: Hall, Hunter, Austin, Woolsey and Wittman

Mr. Ahlemeyer announced that Joe Melbourne was selected as his appointment to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Trustee James Hughes. Jack Hall made the motion to accept the appointment of Joe Melbourne to the Board of Trustees. Wittman seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The oath of office was administered by the Clerk and Mr. Melbourne was duly sworn into office.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Clerk, as well as the minutes of the special meeting of April 24, 1972. Wittman made the motion to accept the minutes of the two meetings. Austin seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

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

Balance on Hand, General Fund . . . . .	\$ 13,736.00
Operating - \$11,299.68	
Fire - 2,495.64	
Civil Defense - 140.68 overdrawn	
Motor Fuel Tax Fund . . . . .	22,306.16
Building Bond Interest & Sinking Fund . . . . .	25,892.34
Bond & Interest Fund . . . . .	4,796.28
Waterworks & Sewerage Fund Bond Account . . . . .	None
Waterworks & Sewerage Fund Bond Res. Acct . . . . .	43,094.04

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

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Gene St. Cin was present at the meeting. He had an aerial view map of Brighton and the surrounding area. He was pointing out a hazardous situation with regard to the C.B. & Q. tracks, Brown Street road, and the entrance-exist to his new subdivision, which is close to the intersection of the tracks and road. He had a drawing of a proposed entrance by an architect which showed a double-type entrance-way and exit from the subdivision. He was also proposing that Brown Street be built up with landfill so that there is a gradual hill and no severe drop-off when coming over the tracks so that it will be much safer. It was the general consensus of the Board that it will be necessary to have the project engineered and also that we must have some cost estimates so that we will know what we are

getting into. It was recommended that our engineer look over the project and we will be able to take some type of position on the matter after we have some cost estimates. It was decided that Gene St. Cin will take the proposal to Charles Sheppard to give him some idea of what is being considered. Mr. St. Cin also wanted to know if the Board had any objections to his planned boulevard-type entrance-exist. The Board indicated they did not and thought that it would be safer.

Mr. Charles Winslade was present at the meeting and wanted to know who is to handle the problem that might occur and have occurred from the water shed from the Village of Brighton. He was informed that there is no special committee and that the problem is the responsibility of the Village Board at this time. He said that all the water from Brighton is now run through his and Vic Schroeder's property. He said he has talked to a man from the conservation Department who is willing to work with us on this. He said he feels something should be done about this water shed as soon as possible as the channel is being cut deeper and has weakened the bridge on the county line road. Ahlemeyer appointed Mr. Winslade chairman of a citizens committee to work on this problem and meet with the Conservation people and see what should be done before the problem worsens. Mr. Ed Wittman, from the Village Board will work with Mr. Winslade on this committee.

Mr. Don Buscher was present and said that he would like to continue to work on the Planning Committee. He was suggesting a change of name to Advisory Committee and he also suggests that the membership be expanded to be double in size. It was Roger Hunter's opinion that the Committee should stay as a Planning Committee and not an Advisory Committee, and they might have a tendency to give too much advice, and he would like to see the group do some "planning". It was decided that the recommendations concerning increasing the number on the Planning Committee would be tabled until next month after the board members can give it some thought.

The Water Board report was presented by Butch Scheffel. A summary follows:

RECEIPTS:

Metered Customers . . . . .	\$ 10,891.35
Bulk Sales . . . . .	198.00
Connection fees . . . . .	1,488.97
TOTAL RECEIPTS . . . . .	13,330.66

DISBURSEMENTS

Cost of Water . . . . .	1,574.78
Cost of Power . . . . .	276.18
Payroll . . . . .	2,550.95
New Construction . . . . .	1,696.69
Investments . . . . .	1,516.40
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS . . . . .	11,302.84

Bank Balance as of 4/30/1972 - \$16,230.13

Water Customers billed - 1,252

Wittman made the motion to accept the Water Board Report as presented. Austin seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The attorney gave a report on recent conversations with Charles Sheppard, Engineer. He said that the engineer informed him that we have been granted an extension of time to complete the upgrading of our sewage plant and that the new completion date is December 31, 1973. Sheppard hopes to have the plans done by the end of this year and that the work will be finished by the date of December 31, 1973. The attorney also reported that the Water Agreement with the Alton Water Company is in the hands of the Engineer now, and he is to contact Mr. Watson tomorrow on certain aspects of the contract. It was the attorney's suggestion that when the Agreement is sent back that we have a special meeting on the evening of May 8th, 1972. It was decided that a notice would be forwarded to each Board Member to indicate the items to be covered in the special board meeting. Bellmont Scheffel said the Water Board had two recommendations to pass onto the Village Board. First, they were recommending that the engineer be instructed in writing to go ahead on the water tank and also on the water line from the meter. They were also asking that the water ban be lifted as of tonight. The Attorney mentioned that he felt that the written agreement with Charles Sheppard covering the tank and new water line is something that can be covered in the special meeting. Hall made the motion that the water ban be lifted at the present time. Wittman seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

It was brought up that letters should be sent out to all homeowners that are not on sewer, as is now required by ordinance, so that they can take the necessary steps to complete this hook-up by the deadline of January 1, 1973.

The Building Committee Report was presented by Roger Hunter. The Committee was making a recommendation that Emma Miller be hired as Municipal Building custodian at \$175.00 a month with a re-evaluation to be made in six months. Wittman made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Building Committee and Emma Miller be hired as outlined. Hall seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

A drawing showing the plans for the beautification of the Municipal Building with shrubs and trees was presented. The plan was formulated by Roger Reed with the cost of the entire project to be \$200.00. It was the Building Committee's recommendation that the proposal be accepted with the work to begin immediately. Hall made the motion to accept Roger Reed's proposal for \$200.00 for the beautification of the Municipal Building. Wittman seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Roger Hunter brought up that a lawn mower is needed for the grass around the building. He said that the Water Department is in agreement to purchase a lawn mower on a 1/2 share-the-cost basis with the Village. Wittman made the motion that we divide one-half the cost of a new mower with the Water Department, with the mower purchased to be decided upon by the Building Committee and the Water Department. Hall seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Hunter brought up that there is still a key outstanding from a former board member and the Building Committee feels that it should be turned in. It was Mr. Ahlemeyer's feeling that the Fire Department should have a master key because they have need for it just as readily as the police department. After some discussion, Hall made the motion that the Committee recommendation be accepted and the key be turned in. Hunter seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Hall - Yes  
 Melbourne - Yes  
 Hunter - Yes  
 Austin - Yes  
 Woolsey - Yes  
 Wittman - No

Cal Vonnahmen, Fire Chief, was instructed by Mayor Ahlemeyer to inform the Fire Department secretary that he is to turn in the key and Roger Hunter is to pick it up personally.

The letters of resignation from the Planning Committee of Charles Guthrie and Marvin Powell were read by the Clerk. Hunter made the motion to accept the resignations. Woolsey seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The zoning committee report was presented by Gary St. Cin. The attorney recommended that the Mayor appoint a farmer to work in an advisory capacity with the zoning committee, since they cannot legally be official members of the Zoning Committee, as they live outside the city limits. Written recommendations from the farmer group were submitted to the attorney. All Board members will receive copies of these recommendations, along with the Zoning Committee for further consideration on their part.

The bills were read by the Clerk:

Towers Fire Apparatus Company . . . . .	\$ 735.25
Melvin Phelps . . . . .	108.00
Fire Engineering Magazine . . . . .	13.00
Illinois Municipal League Dues . . . . .	88.00
Vernon & Sons, Vehicle stickers . . . . .	90.92
Harbor Sales & Service, Scanner . . . . .	150.00
Brighton Plumbing & Electrical . . . . .	4.92
Godwin Office Supply . . . . .	15.30
Illinois Power Company, Lighting . . . . .	199.06
Color-Tone Dog Tags . . . . .	43.00
Brighton Lumber, Khoury League . . . . .	6.29

Alton Clean Towel Service . . . . .	\$ 7.00
Illinois Bell Telephone, fire dept. . . . .	17.05
Rathgeb Brothers, Truck Test . . . . .	3.75
Cal's Market, Supplies . . . . .	11.38
Maclair Asphalt Co. . . . .	146.48

Austin made the motion to pay the bills and charge them to their proper account. Wittman seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

An Ordinance Regulating the Water Tap-On Fee was read for the second time by the Clerk. Hunter made the motion to adopt the Ordinance as read. Melbourne seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

An Ordinance Pertaining to Extension of Water Mains and Sewer Lines as amended was read for the second time. Wittman made the motion to accept this ordinance as amended and that the Ordinance be approved and adopted on this reading. Austin seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The correspondence was read by the Clerk. The letter from the Engineers covering the appropriation of MFT funds for the Maintenance Program (Street Resealing) was brought up. This had been looked over by former Trustee James Hughes and he reported that the items covered are proper. Wittman made the motion to approve the appropriation of \$14,000.00 for the 1972 MFT Supplemental Maintenance Program. Hunter seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

There was also a letter from the Raker Evangelistic Foundation wanting to know if there was an area in the Village of Brighton where they could hold tent revival meetings. The Clerk was instructed to write to the gentleman and tell him we have nothing available and that they may want to contact the Betsey Ann Association. Wittman made the motion to accept the correspondence and place it on file.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Ahlemeyer brought up that he has been contacted by the Neighborhood Youth Corp Program and they would like to place a needy youngster to work free-of-charge to the Village, with wages to be paid by the government. It was agreeable that we enter into the program and the forms are to be signed by the Mayor.

The Civil Defense report was presented by Cal Vonnahmen, and he was speaking of the Betsey Ann's request that we assume part of the cost of fixing up the army truck. The Village felt that since we paid the insurance and the cost of getting the truck here, that we had paid approximately 25% of the cost, as it now stands. Hall made the motion that the Village pay the cost of the insurance for the army truck and the Betsey Ann will bear the cost of maintenance and upkeep of the truck in future years. Wittman seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

There is to be another meeting with the Betsey Ann personnel to inform them of the passage of this motion and also to negotiate the use of the stall in their building.

It was brought up that the No Parking signs are in the Butch Scheffel was instructed to have them installed near the railroad tracks on Center Street

The Animal Control Report was read by Jack Hall. The amount due for the month of April is \$51.00. It was suggested by Mr. Hall that we get the auxiliary police to try to corral the dog that has been running loose and bothering people on South Street.

The Police report was presented by Jack Hall. The bills were read:

Illinois Bell, police phone . . . . .	\$ 6.53
Rathgeb Brothers, police car . . . . .	275.36
William Broyles, Village Policeman . . . . .	700.00
Fred Benz, Police Work . . . . .	270.00
Dale Hartsock, Police Work . . . . .	114.00
McKeever Communications, Inc. . . . .	18.00
Carl Hook, Check Radio . . . . .	30.00
Fred Benz, Animal Control . . . . .	51.00

Mr. Hall reported that the police committee decided to wait and bid a 1973 car at the end of the year instead of getting bids on a 1972 automobile; because of this they decided to fix up the police car as it needed some work on it. There was a discussion of the police work bill submitted by Fred Benz, in that he is requesting pay for 90 hours. A question was raised because only 40 hours extra work has been approved by the Board. Hunter made the motion to pay the bills with the exception of the bill to Rathgeb Brothers and Fred Benz for police work until the police committee can justify payment. Austin seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Hall was wondering if the Board is interested in the police committee proceeding with the hiring of another full-time policeman. He reported that the committee had arrived at a figure of \$450.00 as the starting wage. The committee was urged to continue to look for another full-time man.

Hunter brought up the junked cars that are still around. He reported that he talked to Bill Broyles three times about it. He said he felt that something has to be done about this immediately. He also brought up the problem of horses on the sidewalk and felt that something should be done about this. Hunter made the motion that the policeman be instructed to start writing Notices to Appear for the Ordinance Violation covering junked cars. Hall seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The clerk was instructed to put a notice in the Southwestern Journal and the Alton Evening Telegraph that Notices to Appear will be issued to violators of this Ordinance.

Hunter also brought up the number of cyclists around town that have no lights on their bicycles. He was wondering if Mr. Broyles could talk to these children about not having lights and the hazardous situation they are creating. The police committee said they would bring this up to the policeman.

Ed Wittman reported on Street Lights. He said that a light is needed on Market Street, as well as across from the Randle Jones residence on Main Street. He also mentioned that the parking lot of the Municipal Building needs to be lighted properly, and it was decided that an engineer from Illinois Power should come over and check out the situation to see just what is needed in the parking lot. The clerk was instructed to contact the Power Company on these lights.

Mr. Scheffel brought up the complaints he has had on the parking lot on Main Street next to the Dairy Store due to the drop-off at the ditch. It was decided that some cold-patch should be put in and try to ease the situation.

The problem of standing water around the medical building was brought up. It was felt that an instrument needs to be put on the grade to see which way the water needs to run. Red Phelps was present at the meeting and said he would look into it.

Mr. Scheffel reported that Charles Cairns wants permission to make an entrance off Belvidere Drive into his property. He will have to break out the curb to do this. Wittman made the motion that Cairns be allowed to make this entrance and that he is to coordinate the job with Butch Scheffel who will inspect it. Mr. Cairns is to understand that he is responsible for the work to be done. Hunter seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Scheffel also questioned whether Bill Watson is covered by insurance when he is driving city equipment. It was felt that he is covered, but the attorney mentioned that we should check with the agent so there is no question.

It was reported by Mr. Scheffel that we are out of grade 8 rock. He was authorized to purchase more and to keep it on hand as we need it from time to time.

It was brought up that there was an accident at the corner of Vine and the Highway. The clerk was instructed to write to the State Highway Department and tell them to continue with their plans for the widening of the entrance to Vine Street.

Mr. Roger Hunter had the engineer's drawing of the proposed plan to remedy the drainage problem on Margaret Street, north of George Street. There was no cost estimate submitted with the plan. Hunter was instructed to tell Mr. Sheppard to write up specifications so that bids can be let. Hunter made the motion that the Engineer be contacted to make up specifications and bid forms so that bids can be let on this work. Motion seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Bids for the installation of electricity on the Old Village Hall Parking Lot were read by Jack Hall.

Trico Electric Co. - \$145.00

Brighton Plumbing & Electrical Co. - \$225.00

Wittman made the motion to accept the bid of Trico Electric Co. Woolsey seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The clerk was instructed to write Trico and tell them their bid was accepted.

It was brought up by Mr. Ahlemeyer that the census people needed to be contacted and the Attorney reported that he wrote to them about ten days ago, checking to see what we should be doing because we want to take the census in September.

It was decided that the week of May 22 through 27 will be designated as Clean-Up Week in Brighton. It was suggested that we use our own truck and our own man to pick up the trash and that we get permission to dump the refuse someplace. Jim Woolsey is going to check on where we can dump the trash, and the people are to contact the Water Department if they have trash they want picked up.

The clerk was instructed to put a Notice in the Alton Evening Telegraph that vehicle stickers and dog tags are due during the month of May.

Motion to adjourn duly made and seconded and the meeting closed as 12:00 Midnight.

Respectfully submitted,

*Julia H. Watson*  
Julia H. Watson, Village Clerk

For informational purposes, the following committees were set by Mayor Ahlemeyer upon the resignation of Trustee Hughes:

Finance: Jack Hall\*  
Roger Hunter  
Jim Woolsey

Police: Jack Hall\*  
Ed Wittman  
Jim Woolsey

Liquor: Ed Wittman\*  
Joe Melbourne  
Jim Woolsey

Health: Jack Hall\*  
Jack Austin

Building: Roger Hunter\*  
Joe Melbourne  
Jack Austin

Street and Alley: Butch Scheffel,  
Supt.\*  
Roger Hunter, Foreman  
Jack Hall, Foreman

Street Lighting: Jim Woolsey\*  
Ed Wittman  
Jack Austin

\*\*Jack Austin, Foreman & Chman  
Jim Woolsey, Foreman  
Ed Wittman, Foreman  
Joe Melbourne, Foreman