

Brighton, Illinois  
December 4, 1972

The regular meeting of the Village 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 December 4, 1972, at 7:05 P.M.

The Clerk called the roll of Trustees:

Present: Hall, Austin, Hunter, Marshall and  
Wittman

Absent: Melbourne

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Clerk. On page 4 of the minutes, it should read sewer line be increased instead of water line, on two occasions. Marshall made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Hunter seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously

Jack Hall gave the Treasurer's report. A summary follows:

Balance on Hand, General Fund . . . . .	\$ 8,992.87
Operating - \$5,623.39	
Fire - 3,456.39	
Civil Defense - 86.91 overdrawn	
Motor Fuel Tax Fund . . . . .	23,962.93
Bldg. Bond Int. & Sinking Fund . . . . .	32,657.87
Bond & Interest Fund . . . . .	3,092.13
Water Works & Sewerage Fund . . . . .	6,983.97
Water Works & Sinking Fund Bond Res. Acct.	44,464.71

Wittman made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Marshall seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Ahlemeyer submitted Jack Hall's name to fill in as Treasurer until the election in April as Acting Treasurer. Wittman made the motion to accept the appointment of Jack Hall as Acting Treasurer until the next election. Austin seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Wittman made the motion that the Resolution as read giving Walter Ahlemeyer, Mayor; Julia H. Watson, Village Clerk; and Jack Hall Treasurer, authority to handle the banking affairs of the Village be passed as presented. Marshall seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Hall was requesting that a resolution be passed that the sales tax money received for the next two months be deposited in the general fund. Marshall made this a motion. Wittman seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Charles Sheppard was present and reported that we have the construction permit from the E.P.A. on the Water Main and as soon as the easements are all secured we can get going. Mr. Sheppard said that they have set the location site of the

new water storage tank on the northwest corner of the land, and the high water elevation of both tanks will be set at the same level, as this will give us the most efficient and better balanced operation. Mr. Sheppard was wondering if the Board was anticipating any kind of a building on the site at all. It was his suggestion that unless we were going to transfer any of our water operation or checking facilities to the building, and that it would merely be a storage/garage type building that it would be best to have it be a separate contract. He said that he was merely interested because of leaving enough room for the garage that might be anticipated and a driveway. He was told to leave as much room as possible for a building to be constructed at a later time. He also reported that they made a preliminary check of the Brown Street sewer line and that there is gravity flow. However, they have not found out just what size the line should be. However, he thinks it will probably have to be a 15" or 18" line. Our permit was only for a 10" line from the EPA and it will be necessary to go back and get an amended permit, as well as Gene St. Cin will have to go back and get an amended permit also. Roger Hunter was requesting information as to whether or not the increased cost in the excavation and pipe, etc., would make it worth eliminating the pump lift station. However, all things considered, this seemed to be the best route to take. Mr. Sheppard said he would come up with a cost estimate within ten days and Mr. Ahlemeyer said he would call a Special Board meeting on Thursday, December 14, to go over the cost figures and it will be decided then whether or not to eliminate the pump lift station and what route to take.

Cal Vonnahmen brought up the question as to whether the new tank is big enough to get a lower figure underwriters rate. Mr. Sheppard said he would check on this question and report back at the special meeting and let us know if it will be of big enough capacity and if it isn't, it may be that we will have to consider a larger tank.

Mr. Sheppard was wondering what can be done about the excess water flow into the sewage plant every time it rains. He is wondering if maybe we will have to build a retention pond and pump the water in it during a storm and feed it back to the plant when it is able to take care of it; if we are going to have to go to a retention pond, it should be in the master plans of the entire new sewage treatment plant. Butch Scheffel was instructed to survey and list the locations of the possible areas where water may be getting into manholes during big rains. Paul Warner was wondering if the Village Board had any objections to their going further with this problem and using bombs in an effort to locate areas where water is getting into the sewer line. The Board was very agreeable to their going ahead and doing what is necessary in trying to solve this problem of excess flow.

There was no Planning Committee Report.

The Mayor submitted the following names as members of the Zoning Board, along with their terms of office:

- Gary St. Cin, Chairman, 5 years
- Sam Davis, 5 years
- Robert Handling, 4 years
- Roger Watts, 4 years
- Harold Bott, 3 years
- Vernon Rodney, 2 years
- Frank Kalaski, 1 year

Wittman made the motion to accept the names and terms of office of the individuals submitted as members of the Zoning Board. Austin seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The Clerk was instructed to write each member informing them of their appointment and the length of their term of office. It was Gary St. Cin's suggestion that any questions should be submitted to the Zoning Board. Mayor Ahlemeyer further suggested that all matters and questions to come before the Zoning Committee should be in writing. Mr. St. Cin said that the Zoning Board is meeting on a regularly scheduled basis and that their meetings are on the last Monday evening of each month. The Attorney will make a book of forms available to the Zoning Board Chairman, and he was authorized to go ahead and get the forms and documents that he feels are necessary to accomplish the work of the Board. The plats of the Barber property and Briarwood Lake Estates were delivered to the Zoning Committee Chairman for the Committee's action and/or approval.

The Water Board's report was given by Butch Scheffel. A summary follows:

RECEIPTS:

Metered Customers . . . . .	\$ 11,962.72
Bulk Sales . . . . .	203.00
Conn. fees & Meter Inst. Stock sales . . . . .	2,502.45
Interest Received . . . . .	148.85
TOTAL RECEIPTS . . . . .	15,362.91

DISBURSEMENTS

Cost of Water . . . . .	2,037.99
Cost of Power and Gas . . . . .	412.68
Payroll . . . . .	2,181.99
METER Inst. Stock . . . . .	539.35
Palmer St. Alarm System . . . . .	419.60
Engineering fees . . . . .	2,281.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS . . . . .	9,903.69

Bank Balance as of 11/30/1972 - \$15,340.87  
 Water Customers billed - 1,303

Wittman made the motion to accept the Water Board's report. Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The bills were read by the Clerk:

Brighton Post Office, Postage . . . . .	\$ 40.00
Warner Funeral Home, Fire Dept. . . . .	7.50
Nettie's Flower Garden, Christmas Dec. . . . .	114.76
Melvin Phelps, Margaret St. Improvement . . . . .	2,075.50
Donald Werts . . . . .	26.44
Brighton Lumber Co, Fire Dept. . . . .	8.54
Emma Miller, Extra Cleaning . . . . .	20.00
Emma Miller, Custodian . . . . .	175.00
Alton Clean Towel Service . . . . .	8.75
Werts Shell Service, Fire Dept. . . . .	.74
Lampert Insurance Agency, New Police Car . . . . .	412.00
Illinois Bell Telephone, Fire Phone . . . . .	27.85
Texas Refinery Corporation . . . . .	197.00
Bill Watson, Labor . . . . .	108.50
Jack Williams Office Products . . . . .	82.49
Lampert Insurance Agency, Workmen's Comp. . . . .	389.52
Todd's Sanitation . . . . .	8.00
Illinois Power, Lighting . . . . .	209.68
Bureau of Census . . . . .	98.00
Towers Fire Apparatus Co. . . . .	18.85
Donald Werts, Civil Defense . . . . .	48.00
Towers Fire Apparatus Co. . . . .	172.10
Henry Heyen . . . . .	119.10
C. M. Lohr, #8 stone . . . . .	35.70
Brighton Lumber Co. . . . .	31.57
Trico Electric, Khoury League . . . . .	12.40
Fred Benz, Khoury League . . . . .	20.00
John Lewis, License Plates . . . . .	30.00

A discussion of the bills was held and the Clerk was instructed to check out the statements presented from Donald Werts in the amount of \$26.44, the statement from Brighton Lumber Company for \$31.97; the statement from Lampert Insurance to cover the police car in the amount of \$412.00; to hold the check to Melvin Phelps in the amount of \$2,075.50 in payment of the Margaret Street Improvement until it can be inspected and the Clerk is instructed to make payment by Jack Austin; to deduct \$163.00 from the amount due Lampert Insurance on the Workmen's Compensation Audit because this is for sewer plant operations and should have been billed to the water Dept; and to write Texas Refinery Corporation explaining the reason for our not acknowledging payment of their statement. Hall made the motion to pay the bills. Marshall seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The correspondence was read by the Clerk. The Board was informed that the Official Census conducted as of October 13, 1972, showed that Brighton has a population of 2,162 and that

we will be receiving motor fuel tax monies and income tax monies based on this new figure. There was a letter from the Southwestern Chamber of Commerce enclosing \$100.00 toward Brighton's Christmas Decorations. Wittman made the motion to place the correspondence on file.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Jack Austin said he has been requested to see if any cleaning up can be done on the street behind Ghere's garage and around Joe Melbourne's Shop. It was decided that Mr. Ghere will be approached to see if he can do anything about it. Red Phelps reported that he is to clean up Joe's place, but hasn't been able to do it yet. Wittman brought up that there is a person residing on Walnut Street that is dumping their trash around a barrel and it is just getting bigger and messier. Wittman said he would talk to Bill Broyles and ask him to see if something can be done about the situation.

Ed Wittman presented a letter from the Cabaret Lounge requesting that they be allowed to open on Sunday, December 24th and on Sunday, December 31st, New Year's Eve. The Liquor Committee was recommending that the request be granted. A discussion was held as to whether this may require an amended Ordinance. Hunter made the motion to allow the opening on December 24th and December 31st, and if there is a question on the Ordinance that the Attorney is instructed to amend the Ordinance so that they can open within the law. Marshall seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Hall, No.  
 Austin, yes  
 Hunter, yes  
 Marshall, yes  
 Wittman, yes

The police report was presented by Jack Hall. The police bills were read as follows:

Elmer Bott, Police Work . . . . .	\$ 75.00
William G. Broyles . . . . .	700.00
Michael L. McNear . . . . .	450.00
Rathgeb Brothers, Police car . . . . .	3,188.95
Illinois Bell, Police phone . . . . .	18.35
SaSo, Police decals and badges . . . . .	39.97
Wise Communications, Siren & P.A. system.	634.75

Jack Hall opened and read bids on 2 snow tires and 2 wheels as follows:

- Gray's Arco - \$73.24
- Ted's Service Station - \$103.10
- Werts Shell - \$98.00
- McAfee Service, - \$100.34

Hall made the motion that we buy the two snow tires and wheels for a total amount of \$73.24 from Gray's Arco. Wittman seconded

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Wittman made the motion to pay the police bills. Marshall seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The problem of getting a new Animal Control Officer is to be covered in Executive Session later in the meeting.

Roger Hunter reported that Emma Miller is due for a raise. He also reported that there are certain problems concerning the present custodian and they are also to be covered in executive session later in the meeting.

Jack Austin reported that the batteries had to be changed in the maintainer. He went to three service stations and got bids with Don Werts being the low bidder who will be doing the work shortly.

Butch Scheffel brought up the need for the Village to purchase some street barricades. It was the Mayor's suggestion that two companies dealing in barricades should be contacted for a bid price. Mr. Scheffel was instructed to take care of getting these bids.

It was decided that the old Civil Defense Van and the old auxiliary police wagon will be sold through the call for bids in the Alton Telegraph. The Clerk was instructed to have the ad put in the paper after getting information on the vehicles to be sold from Les Marshall.

Butch brought up the fact that the Jersey County Water Company has had their loan approved and he was wanting to know how much land we wanted to reserve. It was decided that Butch Scheffel should discuss this with the Water Board and they should make recommendations to the Village Board later.

The Village Attorney reported that there is no way that any Township Government can participate in an ambulance program. There is a possibility that legislation will be passed, but we will just have to wait and see. A discussion of the ambulance problem was held. It was decided that the scheduled meeting of tomorrow night will be held and we will just have to see what the Villages can do.

It was decided that the next Village Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2nd, 1973.

At this time, the Board went into Executive session to cover the items previously mentioned--custodian and animal control officer. After holding an Executive Session the meeting was again opened to the public.

Mrshall made the motion to put Fred Benz back as Animal Control Officer under the original conditions that he previously worked. Wittman seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

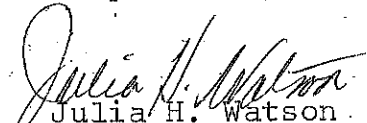
Roger Hunter made the motion that the recommendation of the Building Committee be followed and that Emma Miller be paid \$200.00 a month starting as of December 1st. Austin seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Jack Hall reported that there is a problem with the Christmas Decorations in that they have found that it will cost in the neighborhood of \$500.00+ for the wire and the Village has only appropriated \$300.00 for this project. Hall was wondering if it would be possible to get next year's appropriation this year and go ahead and have the work done. This was agreeable with the members of the Board.

Wittman made the motion to adjourn. Meeting closed at 12:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted

  
Julia H. Watson  
Village Clerk