

Brighton, Illinois  
February 5, 1973

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 at 7:00 P.M. in the Brighton Municipal Building on February 5, 1973.

The Clerk called the roll of Trustees:

Present: Hall, Melbourne, Austin, Hunter, Marshall  
and Wittman

Absent: None

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

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The call for bids for the Civil Defense Truck and old Auxiliary Police Station Wagon was made. The following bids were read:

Station Wagon

\$ 65.00 - William Oertel  
100.00 - Burt E. Milligan  
26.50 Jeffrey P. Kruse  
115.00 - C. Elliott Tree Service

Truck

\$ 75.00 - C. Elliott Tree Service  
101.00 - Jeffrey P. Kruse

A discussion of the bids submitted was held by the Trustees. Wittman made the motion to reject all bids on both vehicles as they were too low. Austin seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Jack Austin, Roger Hunter and Ed Wittman were appointed as a committee to set a price on the vehicles that they feel is equitable. They are to work in conjunction with the Attorney on this to see that all legal requirements are met. Marshall made the motion that we give the Committee the authority to sell the vehicles if they can get the price as set before the next meeting if a buyer becomes available. Hall seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Jack Hall. A summary follows:

Balance on Hand, General Fund . . . . .	\$ 11,650.57
Operating - \$ 6,780.82	
Fire - 4,832.86	
Civil Defense -36.89	
Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Account . . . . .	17,138.00
Motor Fuel Tax Fund . . . . .	26,294.81
Bldg. Bond Int. & Sinking Fund . . . . .	38,129.28
Bond & Interest Fund . . . . .	6,298.72
Water Works & Sewerage Fund Bond Acct . . . . .	12,951.89
Water Works & Sewer. Fund Bond Res. Acct. . . . .	44,464.71

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

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Charles Sheppard was present at the meeting and gave a report on the proposed water tank for Brighton. He reported they have re-evaluated the size of the tank to provide the Village with the lowest underwriter's rate and after their investigation, they feel that the tank should be increased in size to 300,000 gallons. This will not necessarily provide the flow we need and will have to be in conjunction with the new 10" water line all the way in from the booster station. In other words, we will have to go through all the phases of the improvement plan in order to achieve the desired flow for the underwriter's rating. The question of financing the 10" line and when it might be needed was brought up and discussed. There is a problem of meeting the requirements of our Bonding Company. It was suggested that maybe we should try to anticipate this new line and request all the funds we can get while we are borrowing for the water tank and line down Humbert Road. Hunter made the motion to accept the recommendations of the Engineer to increase the size of the water storage tank after conferring with the Fire Inspection Bureau to 300,000 gallons. Wittman seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Ahlemeyer was questioning as to what progress on the tank we can expect. He was told by Mr. Sheppard that by the 15th of March the plans should be completed and ready to send into Springfield. Mr. Sheppard said that we will also have to get a State Highway Permit, as we will be using their right-of-way for access to the building site of the water tank. He said that he has the State and County permit on the Humbert Road line, and as soon as we finish getting the few easements in question that we will be able to let bids on this. Hunter made the motion to advertise for bids on the Humbert Road line as soon as all the easements have been secured. Hall seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Gary St. Cin was questioning Charles Sheppard concerning the zoning map. Mr. Sheppard said that they had made a zoning map for the Village at one time, prior to the recent annexations. It would just go 1-1/2 miles further beyond the newly acquired property. He said that the 1-1/2 mile goes on a radius at a corner and this is how they are handled. The Board went on record of authorizing Charles Sheppard to fix up ten copies of the zoning map, which are to be sent to the Clerk, for use by the zoning Board.

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

## RECEIPTS

Metered Customers . . . . .	\$ 12,677.91
Bulk Sales . . . . .	282.50
Conn. fees & Meter Inst. Stock sales . . . . .	432.20
Interest Received . . . . .	311.54
TOTAL RECEIPTS . . . . .	14,199.25
DISBURSEMENTS	
Cost of Water . . . . .	2,183.78
Cost of Power and Gas . . . . .	653.42
Payroll . . . . .	1,933.76
Meter Inst. Stock . . . . .	2,014.74
Investment . . . . .	7,320.15
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS . . . . .	16,066.24

Bank Balance as of 1/31/1973 - \$10,981.07

Water customers billed - 1,297

Wittman made the motion to accept the Water Board's report as read. Hunter seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The Zoning Committee report was presented by Gary St. Cin. He was requesting that copies of a book be ordered, covering zoning forms and general information on Municipal Zoning. It was decided that the Attorney would see to ordering ten copies of this book for use by the Zoning Board. Wittman made the motion to buy ten copies of the book. Marshall seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Hunter, Hall, and Marshall were appointed a committee from the Board to meet with the Zoning Board and Kay Hanson to work out the problem on the permit applications, the cost of a permit, etc., and various other forms that will be needed in enforcing the Zoning regulations.

The Planning Committee report was presented by Don Buscher. The Planning Committee was recommending that the Village Attorney approach the school board and request that they repair the light on the Highway Crossing. They were further recommending that the complete insides of the light be removed and new workings be installed and that the repair of the light be completed once and for all. They were also recommending that the Attorney approach the Illinois Central Railroad lobbyist about the crossing on South Street and see if it can be opened for an underground passage. The Planning Committee was also recommending that the portion of Market Street that is presently closed (and running beside the Bargain Barn) be opened to traffic. He was told that it is closed off because of its closeness to the Bargain Barn and that there is not enough room for a road to run through there any more. The concrete slab that is there now is for loading purposes and is not part of a street. Mr. Buscher announced that the next meeting of the Planning committee is February 14, 1973, and they would like to have anyone present from the Board that can make it. The Attorney reported that

that he had been in contact with Springfield officials concerning the gates at the crossing of Main and Center. He was advised that the high-speed trains won't be going through Brighton because the tracks wouldn't take them in their present condition, and secondly, that if they did put in safety gates, they would probably have to close two or three streets because five streets come together at the Main and Center Street crossing. They did say that if the Board wanted them to proceed further on the gates that they would come down and look the situation over. Attorney Watson went on to say that he had talked with some of the Illinois Commerce Commission authorities several years ago about the South Street crossing and that they would not consider putting an underpass there. The only crossing they might even consider opening is the one on Plum Street next to the Lock Plant, because it meets the requirements of being flat and providing the best visibility. The Attorney said he was informed that when they are laying the new tracks for the fast trains they will, in all probability, by-pass Brighton proper, as they are going to try to go around as many towns as possible.

The bills were read by the Clerk as follows:

Brighton Post Office, Postage . . . . .	\$ 32.00
Greenfield Argus, Publishing ad . . . . .	5.25
Godwin Office Supply, Fire Dept. . . . .	5.76
Welder & Industrial Service, Fire Dept . . . . .	27.84
Towers Fire Apparatus, Fire Dept . . . . .	116.40
George Tuey, Reimbursement, Fire Dept. . . . .	34.42
Brighton Lumber Company . . . . .	41.48
Don Werts, Village gas & supplies . . . . .	37.81
Music Shop & Office Supply . . . . .	4.73
Werts Shell, Civil Defense . . . . .	30.16
Chas. E. Mahoney, Cold Mix . . . . .	35.10
Bott & Recher Catering, Fireman's supper . . . . .	191.42
Color-Tone, Wheel tags & Dog tags . . . . .	156.05
Illinois Power, Lighting . . . . .	209.68
Alton Evening Telegraph, ad for bid . . . . .	5.00
C. M. Lohr, Stone . . . . .	11.40
Edward Young, County Recorder . . . . .	7.20
Alton Clean Towel Service . . . . .	11.25
Illinois Bell, Fire Phone . . . . .	8.64
Todd's Sanitation . . . . .	8.00
Jack Williams Office Products . . . . .	52.05
M.J.M. Electric, Christmas Decorations . . . . .	463.84
Orchard Shop, Girl Scout Flower Garden . . . . .	45.00
Brighton Lumber, Girl Scout Flower Garden . . . . .	5.89

It was brought up that some businesses where charges are made are not putting the various charge tickets on their statements directed to the Village. It was suggested by Attorney Watson that maybe it would be a good idea to get credit cards for the service stations. It was decided that all Board members will

give this suggestion some thought over the next month and decide at the March meeting if they want to go this route or not.

It was brought up that the Village is tax exempt and shouldn't have to pay the various taxes put on gasoline. The Clerk was instructed to make application for the proper forms to get this tax credit and steps will be taken to check this out.

Marshall made the motion to pay the bills with the exception of the bill to Werts Shell for Civil Defense which will be checked out by Jack Hall. Hunter seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The correspondence was read by the Clerk. There was a letter from the EPA setting out Brighton's Project Completion schedule. Each Board member had a copy of the letter and it was discussed. It was reported that the Engineer had informed the Attorney that there is no way that we can meet the schedule and that the attorney should be instructed by the Board to apply for a Variance. Hunter made the motion that our Attorney is hereby instructed to apply to the EPA for a Variance to the Schedule as outlined in their letter. Marshall seconded.

Voice Vote - Carried Unanimously

There was a copy of a letter from the EPA directed to Mrs. Gary Miller regarding her complaint about septic tanks in the Sunnyside Subdivision; a letter and map outlining the proposed light locations of new street lights from the Illinois Power Company. Six letters were read as an example of the letters received by the Mayor concerning the Sunday openings of Taverns in the Village. A detailed list of all those who had written letters was attached to the Agenda for the Board Members information.

An Ordinance Regulating the Requirements of the Village Clerk and Fixing a Salary Therefor was read by the Clerk. Hall made the motion that the salary of the Clerk be set at \$210.00 per month, or \$2,520 per year, and to accept the Ordinance as amended on its first reading. Melbourne seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Ed Wittman brought up that we should have the name painted on the Truck and that we have also been in violation on the use of the tractor because there should be a roll bar and seat belts when it is used for mowing. Belmont Scheffel reported that he had contacted Bob Young about painting the name on the truck and he hasn't come down yet. The violations concerning the tractor are to be checked out.

Cal Vonnahmen reported that the army is coming down and will fix up all the army vehicles free of charge the last Saturday of February. Mr. Vonnahmen also reported on the annual firemen's meeting and that they had voted to pay their Clerk \$300.00 per year, and was requesting that this \$300.00

fee be divided equally between the Betsey Ann Association and the Village. Hall made the motion that we pay the Fire Department Clerk \$150.00 per year starting January 1st, 1973. Austin seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

The Police report was presented by Jack Hall. The Animal Control report was read. The Police report was presented. There was a suggestion by the Police Committee that the West side of Olive Street be posted "No Parking" during school hours. At times, the street is only one-way traffic because of the congestion of cars when parents are picking up their children at school. It was decided that the Police Committee will work with Mr. Molen, the School Principal and try to work out this problem. It was also requested that the shrubbery be cut on the entrance to Avalon Drive as it is blocking the view of motorists entering Brown Street. It was decided that steps will be taken to have the shrubs trimmed after contacting Mr. Gene St. Cin, owner of the greenery in question. The Police bills were read as follows:

Animal Control Officer . . . . .	\$ 49.00
William Broyles, Monthly salary . . . . .	700.00
Michael L. McNear, Monthly salary . . . . .	450.00
Elmer Bott, Police Work . . . . .	129.00
Werts Shell Station, Police Gas . . . . .	146.21
Leon Uniform Company . . . . .	31.74
Gray's Arco Station, Gas & Snow tires . . . . .	96.17
Rathgeb Brothers . . . . .	17.79
Carl Hook, Radio Service . . . . .	18.90
Illinois Bell, Police phone . . . . .	6.68

Marshall made the motion to pay the police bills and to accept the police report. Melbourne seconded.

Roll Call Vote - Carried Unanimously.

Jack Austin said he has talked to Rathgeb three times about fixing the blue truck and that it hasn't been fixed yet. Austin was instructed to contact Rathgeb again on it and get the job going.

It was reported that Mr. Wiseman on Center Street wants to cut the curb and make an entrance to a new garage he is going to build. It was felt that this should be supervised carefully by Butch Scheffel so that the job is done right.

It was brought up that there is still some clean-up work that needs to be done in the area of the Margaret Street Improvement. The Clerk was instructed to write to Red Phelps and request that he finish cleaning up and bring the Margaret Street Project to completion in a satisfactory manner as soon as possible. A discussion was held concerning the condition of some of the streets in Gene St. Cin's subdivision which have not been officially accepted by the Village and are under Mr. St. Cin's control. The Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. St. Cin that the blacktopping is not complete at the end of George Street, and we would like to be informed of his plans for this area. It was decided that Butch Scheffel will try

to patch the potholes as soon as he can and as best he can, weather permitting, and try to alleviate some of the problems in this manner.

The picking up of broken tree limbs was brought up, and Butch Scheffel informed the Board that Bill Watson will be picking up limbs again as soon as he can get into where he is dumping them. It is too soft now and he would get stuck.

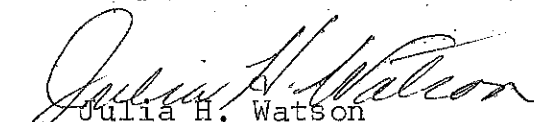
The plat of Briarwood Lake Estates was brought up and the fact that there had been some questions on the designated recreation area. The Board was informed that Mr. Gene St. Cin, the developer of the area, is going to present a plat at the next meeting after he has had a chance to talk to his associates on the project.

Les Marshall reported that the Ambulance Service is now incorporated and includes the towns of Shipman, Medora, Brighton and Chesterfield. They have started a Red Cross Training Course for the Ambulance Volunteers. Each Village, Shipman, Medora and Brighton, will be getting an Ambulance which will be titled in the name of the Village. Chesterfield will be going in with Medora on the project.

The Attorney is going to check on the appointment of election judges and the number of judges that are required.

Wittman made the motion to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting closed at 10:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Julia H. Watson  
Village Clerk