

Brighton, Ill.
Feb. 15, 1974

A special meeting of the Village Board, held jointly with the Water Board, was called to order by Mayor Ahlemeyer at 7 pm in the Brighton Municipal Building on February 15. The clerk called roll of trustees.

Present: Austin, Markwardt, Hall, Hunter, Carr, Wild
Absent: None

This special meeting was called for two purposes: for discussing the purchase of a truck for the Street Dept. and several problems concerning the Water Department.

1. Ahlemeyer mentioned that during the bad weather this winter, the village had no equipment with which to take care of the situation. A description of proposed truck was circulated. Lefty Oertel, Butch Scheffel and Dave Bott had looked at trucks at Springfield and found one that suited our needs. Hunter made motion to advertise for bids for dump truck based on specs submitted. Carr seconded. Ahlemeyer asked each trustee for his opinion. Hall recommended that a resolution be drawn up on this. The only place money could come from is General Fund with the idea in mind that at the end of the year we will have to borrow from another fund (probably Building Fund) to pay bills at end of year. In resolution, state that rental for MFT each year apply to this truck and any other we have in MFT should be put back in to replace it. Hall said rental in 3 - 4 years time would pay it off. Ahlemeyer stated that one of the present trucks could be disposed of, and some definite action can be taken at next meeting. Atty. Watson will advertise for bids to be opened at the March 4 regular meeting. Roll call vote on Hunter's motion, carried unanimously. Lefty is to advise the Surplus Division that we will advertise for bids.

2. Ahlemeyer stated that at the last regular meeting it was brought up concerning a joint meeting of the Village and Water Boards to go over items that are being done by the Water & Sewer Dept. regarding water problems, like shortage of water and sewer problems. One of the recommendations from the Water Dept. at last meeting was to give consideration to the lift station on Brown St. that has created some problems. Before the Village Board would take action, they felt they should meet to discuss this financially. Things to consider are -
 1. 10" water line from Godfrey to present water tank.
 2. From a study made by engineer, we would eventually have to have more water coming into Brighton if we are going to fill this tank that we have let bid on.

The purpose of the joint meeting is to reach an understanding as to whether or not the village can afford all of these.

Atty. Watson stated that the bond ordinance is drafted, waiting for the engineer's certificate regarding the work to be done, the value on it, etc. Amount of bonds \$486,000 to \$500,000, the highest amount of money we can get.

Mr. Warner gave the following list of needs on a priority basis:

1. Alton Water Co. to complete their work
2. Elevated 300,000 gal. tank which has been contracted for.
3. Brown St. sewer, because of condition at lift station and the situation of pumping into ditch.
4. 10" supply line from Godfrey to Brighton
5. Sewer improvements at sewer plant.

He gave a detailed list of improvements made during the past year that amounted to \$104,972.00. Ahlemeyer mentioned that EPA was involved because water pressure must not go below 20. He commended the Water Dept. for their foresight in making improvements of \$105,000 without selling revenue bonds.

Mr. Warner also gave a list of improvements that could be made within the next 18 months which totaled \$102,000. He said, in regard to sewer lift station, that if this were eliminated now they could eliminate expense of going into new pumps because these were put in in 1962 and pump constantly. There are two pumps there. Everything from the west side of tracks from McAfee's station, and everything east of the tracks except Virginia, Margaret, George and Mobile goes into it, which makes a maximum load. He explained how Brown Street sewer works. During a 2 or 2-1/2" rain, water backs up into peoples basements on Oak and Jefferson Streets. Ahlemeyer asked trustees for comment. Austin asked where this drain would go and was advised that it would go on the south side of the ditch. Scheffel said cost of replacing motors and pumps on this job would probably be \$5000 - \$7000. Dave Bott felt this job was second in priority. Cal mentioned that we may have to put a sewer in Sunnyside. Hall asked how, if Brown lift station were second in priority and the water tank first, to justify building a water tank without making 10" line second priority. Heideman said when the Alton Water Co. had done their work, 400 to 425 customers on the east side would be dropped, which would help. In 1969, had 1109 customers and used 76 million gallons; in 1973, 1365 customers used 98 million gallons. The customers that would be dropped were Tremont and Springhaven. Ahlemeyer said we would still have the same size pipe. Powell said the engineer had assured them that this would work, but there doesn't seem to be anything certain about this plan.

Warner said the cost would be \$230,000 for tank and 10" line from Godfrey around \$400,000. The bond issue would be for \$500,000 less whatever it lost on sale of bonds, which may be picked up on some interest. There would be a deficit of \$130,000. Regarding Brown Street lift station, Warner

said approximately 1/2 of the cost of the complete job would be spent if a larger pump were put in, and they would still have only half a lift station. Hall asked when the Water Board could give a better financial picture and Warner said he would like to see the 10" line on Humbert Road put into use to see how it will function before anything is done. Alton is under contract to furnish 1/2 million gallons of water a day, according to Atty. Watson, and this is the only thing they have agreed to do. Warner stressed that the #1 priority is to get Alton Water Company to take care of this work. It was suggested that the Board ask Alton Water to take care of this in thirty days.

Wild asked what priority had been given Sunnyaire sewers. Warner said this should be in their expenditures for the next 18 months. Wild thought the village could put in the 6-8" sewer and St. Cin would have to pay for it. Watson said the lawsuit with St. Cin is for breach of promise and the contract with him says nothing about paying back anything the village spends. Our suit is for \$33,000 that was spent on SE trunk line. As far as getting money for Sunnyaire sewers through a lawsuit with St. Cin, Watson said not to depend on it. He stated that the present lawsuit with St. Cin would probably take to three years and there are no meaningful negotiations taking place.

Scheffel gave prices on pipe - the amount of footage coming up here is over 30,000'. 10" cast iron is \$6.93; ductile steel, \$7.27; transite, \$3.70. He did not get a price on plastic because it splits and would not be approved. Transite costs more to lay. Figure between cast iron and transite, \$2.00 per foot cheaper, which would be \$60,000. It can be an alternate bid. He stated that Brighton is 173 on priority list with EPA and they don't expect over 75 the next year. Watson advised to set up priorities bond for what is most important and postpone other things four to five years until something can be accumulated. Warner said if can cut figure down to \$325,000 by going to transite, could put some of the money for certain sewer improvements in bond ordinance. Watson said we have to be specific as to project. The entire ordinance would not have to be re-written. Cal mentioned that the village specifically needs the 10" water line because of the Fire Department rates.

After a five minute recess, Ahlemeyer called the board back to order and asked for action on the new 10" line from Godfrey to Brighton and the tank. Austin made motion that we draw up bonds to proceed in the way that the attorney has been doing, to cover the water tank and 10" line. Carr seconded. Roll call vote -

Wild - Yes	Hunter - Yes
Markwardt - Yes	Carr - Yes
Hall - Yes	Austin - Yes

Carried unanimously.

Regarding Sunnyaire sewer - Warner said the Water Board should not interfere with the Village Board and Sunnyaire. Ahlemeyer said he would be willing to have the engineer check with St. Cin's engineer to come up with a price of what it would cost to put the sewer in. The next alternative would be General Obligation bonds and would have to come up for a vote as everyone would be paying for it. Butch is to have Sheppard give a figure on this sewer.

Hunter made motion to adjourn. Wild seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously. Adjourned 10:20 pm.

Luella Craven
Village Clerk