

Brighton, Ill.  
April 1, 1974

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of Brighton was called to order by the president of the board, Walter Ahlemeyer, at 7 pm in the Brighton Municipal Building on April 1, 1974. The clerk called roll of trustees.

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

Clerk read minutes of last regular meeting of March 4. On last paragraph of Page #5, the following sentence should be added: "Hall did not agree with the recommendation of the Street Lighting Committee, that a light was not needed at a certain location on Park. He felt they were defeating the purpose by not putting a light there as the main purpose was to light the road to the park." Hall made motion to accept as corrected. Markwardt seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

The following Treasurer's Report was read by Luriel Bott:

Balance on hand Gen. Fund, March 31.....	\$6,057.07
Operating.....	\$2,861.41 in red
Savings.....	1,634.08
Fire.....	7,723.36
Civil Defense...	438.96 in red
Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Acct.....	28,314.04
Motor Fuel Tax Fund.....	20,511.51
Bldg. Bond Int. & Sinking Fund.....	55,876.65
Bond & Interest Fund.....	6,876.01
Waterworks & Sewerage Fund.....	18,613.53
Waterworks & Sewerage Fund Bond Res. Acct...	44,464.71

Markwardt made motion to accept as read. Carr seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously. Luriel called attention to the fact that the General Fund is in the red. Hall stated that when making appropriations last year it was brought up that toward the end of the year some sales tax money might have to be transferred to General Fund and he put a resolution on the floor, to follow this procedure to meet our obligations for the last couple of months of the fiscal year, depositing sales tax for next month in General Fund instead of Building Fund. Austin seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Acceptance of Recommendation from Fire Department. Cal said Mr. Towers had explained the reason for the bid on the fire truck being \$5000 - \$6000 over initial estimate was the \$4700 worth of equipment. He stated that the only item that was not needed was the Mars light. Towers would guarantee \$5000 trade-in on the old truck with the equipment on it as it is now. Cal recommended buying the truck as it stands, without the Mars light. He complained because Towers has asked for 1/3 of the contract price with the order, 1/3 when truck is delivered, and 1/3 when truck is completed. The total price is \$34,442.56 less \$5000 for old truck and \$220 for Mars light, total \$27,740.55. Cal suggested that we accept

bid on truck chasses with Morrow Ford Company at \$12,562.01. Ahlemeyer asked for opinions by the Board and all were in accord, in that they did not like putting down 1/3 with the order with Towers, but it seemed to be the only way to go. Hall said \$20,000 could be obtained from the Jersey Bank at 5% simple interest and other banks can be checked into. He mentioned the Building Fund Account which has \$50,000 in it which we could borrow from and eventually pay back. Ahlemeyer was of the opinion that it was required by ordinance that this fund be maintained. Hall disagreed, said he had checked into this and there is no requirement to maintain this fund. He made a motion that we accept Morrow Ford, Greenfield, I. I. bid for chassis in amount of \$12,562.01 and we also accept Towers bid of \$27,740.55. Markwardt seconded. Roll call vote.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Water Board Report was given by Scheffel as follows:

RECEIPTS:

Metered Customers .....	\$12,065.39
Bulk Sales .....	221.25
Connection fees & Meter Inst. Stock.....	2,229.15
Interest Received .....	1,535.82
Total Receipts.....	\$16,790.76

DISBURSEMENTS

Water.....	2,094.94
Power.....	338.96
Payroll.....	2,182.98
Repairs & Maintenance.....	643.52
Investment.....	1,811.64
Total Disbursements.....	\$8,865.63

Water customers billed... 1370

Austin made motion to accept as read. Carr seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Report of Progress of Water & Sewer Improvements: Chas. Sheppard, Engineer, said he has been working with Atty. Watson and other attorneys and they have ended up with an amortization schedule showing revenue life of new bonds and completion that brings in 62 and 64 bonds. The present ordinance on water - sewer bonds requires that Engineer's Certificate be approved prior to profile of the bonds. He is mailing one copy of a document to Chas. & Traunicht and will get in touch with Mr. Watson on this; he is leaving 12 sets with Watson. Engineer's Certificate required before additional bonds can be issued since these would be issued in addition and would run concurrently with additional bonds. Following is Certificate requirements:

1. Certificate from engineer indicating what the project needs, the cost and estimated completion of improvements.
2. Show that there will be sufficient revenues through the life of the bonds to retire them with a minimum coverage of 140% of requirements in any one year.

Lowest is 1.69 so coverage looks good. This becomes the bond prospectus. An interested buyer would then have all the information needed and eliminates the need for preparation of the prospectus. Ordinances are ready with exception of this certificate, which becomes part of the ordinance.

Over-all Water project - Sheppard has received a letter from Chicago Bridge and Iron Co., as follows:

Foundation drawing, June 20  
 Release detailed shop drawing, Aug. 7  
 Start fabrication Sept. 7  
 Foundation complete Oct. 12  
 Start tank construction Oct. 14  
 Complete field construction Dec. 14  
 Complete building spring, 1975

Their representative explained that when he quoted 240 days, their problem was obtaining sheet steel for fabrication. They schedule foundations to be completed just prior to bringing fabricated sections to job site, making a continuous operation. As far as water line is concerned, Sheppard is waiting for panoramic sheets from air photographic people. Running profiles now. Line selection has been made as far as going south on county line road. Still working on exact alignment from cemetery on south. Have a good number of owner permissions on entrance for surveys. Plan completion by May 1. Altoona Water has awarded a contract to Weinel, who is planning to begin work this week, and connection should be made within three weeks. We should be on the new main by the end of April. In answer to a question by Wild, Sheppard will check with Cliff Abraham to determine the cost of bringing sewer from Brown Street into Sunnyside to take care of the people who are presently there.

Planning Committee Report: Don Buscher presented a Snow Removal Plan the Committee recommends. This includes snow plowing when snow reaches 2", the work being done at night so that workers can get to work in the mornings. Major roads, or those leading to Route 67 should be plowed first. During ice storms, all intersections with Route 67 should be salted or sanded. As for parking, they suggest angle parking on Main Street and no parking on the north and east side of any street that is not 36' wide; angular parking on the north side of North Street, parallel on both sides of Ransom, a possible island at Center, Market, and Ransom, and parking on city lot as illustrated on map submitted. Hunter is to sit with the Planning Committee and submit definite plans for the ordinance.

Visitors who request to be heard: Mrs. Joe Wilcut asked for a street light on Park. This was referred to the Committee. Willard Rodgers asked if there was a time set for the hearing on the Fite addition. Ahlemeyer said this should be held within the next couple of weeks. Bill Pries, who is building at Thunderbird, asked about building permits, and was advised to check with Jersey County as Brighton does not have a building code. He also asked about additional

water lines and asked if he could use plastic. Ahlemeyer advised him that the ordinance now calls for cast iron, and this would have to be a Board decision. Bill Richey of Thunderbird asked what their status was regarding sewers. Ahlemeyer stated that since Thunderbird was out of the corporate limits, the village has no responsibility for sewers. Scheffel said they would have to get permission from EPA to run lines into Brighton. They would also have to submit their request to the Board of Trustees and if they authorize it, they could bring their present facilities to Brighton and it would be accepted. Another resident from Thunderbird asked about voting status and was told he would vote in the township.

Zoning Report. Mr. Hansen had nothing to report.

Street & Alley Report: Lefty Oertel asked if his committee could sit in with the Planning Committee on their recommendations. The seal has been put on the grader; the hoist fixed on Blue Goose; the snow plow has been mounted and salt spreader set; the new truck was picked up March 5; the chain has been put up on north side of Municipal Building.. The committee has recommended putting Wm. Watson on salary April 1 at \$430.00 per month, to be paid 15th and 1st, and raising his salary \$20.00 per month May 1. He would be entitled to two weeks vacation with pay. If he works overtime, there would be no extra pay, but he would take time off during the week at the consent of the Street Superintendent. He would be subject to work for other departments only on approval of the Street Supt. and Street & Alley Committee. If he works for other departments, the city should be reimbursed. Harris made motion to accept Lefty's report. Markwardt seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously. Hunter made motion to change status of Wm. Watson from hourly to salary at rate Lefty suggested. Wild seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Bills for month of March:

Clerk read following bills:

Emma Miller, final pay.....	\$199.86
Emma Miller, 5 openings.....	25.00
Albert Oertel.....	172.16
Luella Cravens.....	194.65
Lamar Bock, snow plowing.....	16.50
Wm. Watson, bal. of March.....	121.44
Albert Oertel, reimburse for gas.....	17.50
Towers Fire Apparatus, 1/3 pay't. pumper, Fire Dp.	\$9246.85
Henry Heyen & Son.....	71.99
Ill. Bell Telephone Co., Fire Dept.....	0.28
Ill. Firemens Assn., Fire Dept.....	5.00
Western Auto Store.....	2.07
Jones Lumber Yd.....	9.80
McAfee Conoco.....	30.75
First Nat'l Bank of Brighton, Box rental.....	3.00

Werts Shell Service.....	\$10.58
G&D Trucking & Repair.....	23.20
Means Services.....	14.19
Greenfield Argus.....	43.00
DeLaurent Const. Co. to be reimbursed by MFT	196.30
Todd's Sanitation.....	12.00
Rathgeb Bros.....	27.95
Geo. Tuey, reimb. for stamps, etc., Fire Dept..	12.23
Lampert Ins. Agy. '63 dump & snow plow.....	370.00
Welder & Industrial, Inc.....	14.97
Gary Werts Std. Oil.....	12.23
Consolidated Chemical.....	73.85
Color-Tone, Inc. dog tags & vehicle tags.....	192.40
Towers Fire Apparatus, Fire Dept.....	48.80
Morton Salt Co., to be reimbursed by MFT.....	677.81
Ill. Power Co.....	363.46
Alma Jones, Mar. 26-31.....	35.02
Municipal Clerks of Ill.....	10.00
Wm. Watson, 4/1 - 15.....	167.49
Wm. Watson, 4/15-5/1.....	167.49
SS Unit, Retirement System (Water Co. \$968.47) (City, \$831.29)	1797.47
State of Ill. Treas. SS Adm. expense.....	15.00
Robert Wild, 15 meetings.....	225.00
Kenneth Markwardt, 16 meetings.....	240.00
Jack Hall, 16 meetings.....	240.00
Roger Hunter, 15 meetings.....	225.00
Harris Carr, 17 meetings.....	255.00
Jack Austin, 14 meetings.....	210.00
Luriel Bott, 73-74 salary.....	500.00
Walter S. Ahlemeyer, 73-74 salary.....	600.00
Atty. Robert Watson, 73-74 fees.....	4758.53
Walter S. Ahlemeyer, mileage, 73-74.....	47.00
Luriel Bott, 73-74 mileage.....	27.00
Brighton Civic League, Rev. Shar.....	123.51
Internal Revenue Service, 1st quarter w/h tax	669.20
State of Ill. 1st quarter w/h tax.....	113.66
Alma Rose Jones, 4/1-4/15.....	80.33
IRS, Bal. Unemployment, 1973.....	648.53
Harris Carr, extra meeting.....	15.00
Jack Hall, " ".....	15.00
Jack Austin " ".....	15.00
Roger Hunter " ".....	15.00
Alma Rose Jones, 4/15-5/1.....	80.39
Harris Trust, B&I Fund.....	872.50

Hunter made motion to accept. Carr seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Correspondence read by clerk as follows:

A letter from Mrs. Nettie Hamer, 216 W. Center, thanking the Board for approving her mailbox. Motor fuel tax for February, \$1863.53; Municipal tax for December, 1973, \$2,439.09. Clerk gave resume of letter from Municipal Clerks of Ill. stating that dues plus a book to aid clerks in their duties were \$10.00. Wild made motion that the clerk join this association. Markwardt seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Complaints - None

Hunter gave Police Report as follows:

Broyles and Rubemeyer have completed a 40-hr. course on Crime Scene Investigation conducted by the FBI for the West Central Ill. Law Enforcement Commission. The Auxiliary and Broyles are now taking firearms training sponsored by the Macoupin Co. Sheriff's Office. Rubemeyer starts to school April 15 to last thru May 24. The Police Committee recommends paying Rubemeyer's mileage so he can return to Brighton on the five weekends, at cost of approximately \$150. They also recommend a part-time man for four hours a week during thie 6-week course, to work with the Auxiliary. They would like to hire Les Marshall at \$3.50 per hr. and change his status from Auxiliary to part-time police, only for this period of time that Gene is in school, 4/15 - 5/24. This figure is above the part that is to be reimbursed. The school will cost around \$300. Carr made a motion that Rubemeyer be paid his gas at \$18.00 per week for five weeks and that we have Les Marshall fill in at \$3.50 per hour. Austin seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

The new police car will be delivered Wednesday, April 3 and radios will be changed over Thursday.

Police summary for month of March:

Accidents.....	2	Arrests for thefts over	
Burglaries, homes, .....	3	\$150.....	2
Auto thefts.....	1	Warrants issued for trans-	
Traffic tickets.....	15	port. stolen goods....	2
Arrests, disorderly conduct...	1	Juvenile petitions files..	3
Calls answered.....	85		

Hunter said they were trying to work out a way that the village would not have to pay for the keep of dogs, and suggested after holding a dog the proper length of time, selling them at \$5.00 each, and if they are kept in the village, would have to buy a tag. If the dog leaves town, the person buying it would have to sign a form to that effect. Hunter made motion, Markwardt seconded, to approve selling these dogs at \$5.00. Voice vote, carried unanimously. Hunter said they have been testing a dart gun from Jerseyville and the only agreement is that we pay for the drugs.

Dog Report:

Picked up - 7      Claimed or sold - 1 -      Destroyed - 6  
Benz fee \$30.00.

Benz has asked for a raise from \$6.00 to \$8.00 per mo. for gas allowance. Markwardt made motion, Austin seconded, to raise from \$6.00 to \$8.00. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

The following police bills were read by Hunter:

Fred Benz.....	\$30.00
Grays Arco.....	139.07
Ted's Service.....	174.98
Ill. Bell.....	9.03
Jones Lumber Yd.....	26.79
Sta. of Ill. Surplus Property -	
(Ambulance to pay \$7.95 of this)....	12.95
Wm. G. Broyles.....	314.48
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Orland E. Rubemeyer.....	\$287.02
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Ill. Hospital & Health Service.....	90.34
Sec. of State, license transfer & title.....	5.00
Wm. G. Broyles, 74-75 allowance.....	30.00
Orland Rubemeyer, reimburse. for gas.....	36.00

Carr made motion to accept these bills. Markwardt seconded.  
Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business: Hall announced that effective March 26, Alma Jones has been hired as city hall custodian, starting at \$200 per month, with one week vacation after one year of service, this because Emma Miller's resignation takes place at the end of March. Two applications were submitted for this position. Austin made motion, Markwardt seconded, to accept this report. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Carr said that after re-checking the lights near Joe Wilcut's place on Park, there would be no improvement in changing the present lights. He made a motion that another light be installed on that street due to the fact that it also goes to the park. Wild seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Hunter made motion to set date of April 8, 7 pm for closing out for end of the year. Hall seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Wild asked about storm drain off Avalon, as nothing has been done about it. Atty. Watson was to get permission from St. Cin to go on the property.

MFT Maintenance, 1974: Lefty and Street & Alley Committee are to go over streets to try to figure a way to cut down maintenance costs for 1974. Clerk was asked to hold up on signing maintenance agreement, and ask Mr. Shanahan to attend a meeting here on the 8th.

Lefty asked permission to have the power takeoff shaft rebuilt on the maintainer, at Heyens at minimum cost. This was approved.

Clerk asked about having a veterinarian here to inoculate dogs for rabies, since the 74-75 dog tags will be due in May. She was asked to take this up with Dr. Hall, Jersey Co. Vet Clinic, and Atty. Watson suggested the time of 6 - 7 in the evening.

Ahlemeyer stated that a new member has to be appointed to the Ambulance Committee by April 9 and submitted the name of Les Marshall. Hall made motion, Hunter seconded, that Les Marshall be appointed to this committee. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Ordinances: None

Ahlemeyer stated that he had had several calls regarding the trailer that went in in the south part of town, belonging to Mr. Wenzel. Hansen said he signed the permit because he

signed Cairns and did not agree that it was according to the ordinance, due to the fact that it did not have a permanent foundation. The Wenzel trailer was on a permanent foundation. Wenzel's trailer was in before the permit was signed and before they had approval. Permit PFGH&I was violated on Zoning Ordinance. Ahlemeyer said there was no comparison in the way the Cairns and Wenzel's permits were handled, as Cairns had lived up to all requirements on ordinance. Scheffel asked about water and sewer hookup for Wenzels. Atty. Watson has written Wenzels a letter that they are in violation of Sections GH&I of Article II in the Zoning Ordinance, G covering permit requirements; H, Sanitation, and I, Location. They have a building in back that they are tearing down so this will give them a leeway of 20' which will cancel violation of "I", but G&H violation still holds. The old trailer is vacant and for sale. Watson said they had to connect with water and sewer, or would be in violation. Scheffel said this would cost them about \$1000.

Kay Hansen submitted his resignation, effective tonight.

The committee to decide on what to do with the dump truck said \$650 would be the cost. Carr made motion to instruct Atty. Watson to draft ordinance to dispose of this truck. Hunter seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Scheffel said the Water Board has asked to have ordinance changed on price of water hookup. Installation costs have gone up about \$39.00. He asked for a tap-on fee of \$225 instead of \$175 now charged. Austin made motion that we instruct attorney to draw up the ordinance to increase the tap-on fee by \$50.00. Carr seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

The meeting on April 8 will cover Streets, Zoning, and Village officials pay.

Roger made motion to adjourn. Hall seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously. Adjourned 12:05 am.

  
Village Clerk