

Brighton, Illinois
January 6, 1975

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Brighton was called to order by the president of the board, Walter Ahlemeyer at 7 p.m. in the Brighton Municipal Building on December 6. Clerk called roll of trustees.

Present: Austin, Carr, Hall, Markwardt

Absent: Rathgeb, Wild

Clerk read minutes of regular meeting of December 2. Hall made motion to accept. Carr seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was read by Luriel Bott as follows:

Balance on hand General Fund Dec. 31-----	\$21,040.79
Savings-----	\$5,699.66
Operating-----	11,610.49
Fire Dept.-----	3,883.52
Civil Defense-----	152.88 in red
Revenue Sharing Trust Fund-----	27,048.53
MFT Fund-----	15,899.99
Bldg. Bond Int. & Sinking Fund-----	44,442.49
Bond & Interest Fund-----	7,730.61
Waterworks & Sewerage Fund-----	23,591.60
Waterworks & Sewerage Fund Bond Reserve Acct.-	44,464.71

Corrections: Add Alma Jones to bills paid, \$127.93 and change check amount from Chamber of Commerce from \$10.00 to \$100.00. Austin made motion to accept as corrected. Carr seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Street and Alley Report. In the absence of Jerome Wooldridge, clerk read his report. He has replaced sod on lawn at 216 Oak, filled holes in numerous places, spread salt, worked on culvert by new post office, cleaned up rock in several places, etc. Also got bids on chains.

Henry Heyen & Son - 8:25 x 20 Center Tie Triple side link,
Heavy Duty, 83# per set----- \$108.36
Extra Heavy Duty, wt. of chains 134# per set--- 163.53
They will install the first time no charge. Delivery about a week. Price subject to change. They recommend the extra heavy duty.

Grays Arco bid, estimated, 8:25 x 23 Ice Chains Center Tie ----- \$150.00.

Hall made motion to authorize Street & Alley Committee to make decision on chains after checking them out. Markwardt seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Visitors who Request to be Heard: Lynn Harrelson complained about the junk yard. Also stated the open basement at Mansion House has never been taken care of. Hall made motion that clerk be instructed to write Gene St. Cin advising him that this is a hazard, and should be either fenced or filled in; if this is not accomplished one way or another within thirty days, the village will take legal action. Markwardt seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Dave Price thanked the city for help with Xmas decorations this year - he also voiced a complaint about the junk yard. Ahlemeyer thanked the Xmas Committee for the time they had spent on Xmas decorations.

Bills were read by the clerk as follows:

Brighton Post Office-----	\$40.00
C. Albert Oertel-----	322.77
Luella Cravens-----	160.00
Fred Benz, Street work-----	13.50
Jerome Wooldridge-----	136.99
Wm. McNear, reimbursement for dig. in streets--	50.00
Lamar Bock, street work-----	39.54
Geo. Tuey, Fire Dept.-----	141.22
Walker Service Station-----	6.22
Masco Sales, \$8.07 Xmas - \$5.58 St.-----	13.65
Grays Arco-----	29.30
Greenfield Argus, pub. Treas. report-----	81.60
Greenfield Argus, pub. Ord. 372-----	446.40
Brighton Pharmacy, Xmas dec.-----	10.00
Jack Williams Office Products-----	2.65
Todds Sanitation, Nov. & Dec.-----	24.00
Godwin Office Supply-----	3.15
Henry Heyen & Son, \$1.60 Xmas, \$22.50 St.-----	24.10
Brighton Plumbing & Elec., \$52.93 Xm. \$54.15St.-----	107.08
Werts Shell Service-----	15.00
Illinois Bell Telephone-----	3.73
Means Services-----	14.16
Standard Farm & Home Service (Gary Werts)-----	14.80
C. M. Lohr, \$16.43 to be reimb. by Edelen-----	31.84
Lampert Agency, Van & Jeep - CD-----	200.00
Illinois Power Co.-----	377.12
Grays Arco, Fire Dept.-----	27.40
3-M Firemens Assn., Fire Dept.-----	5.00
Masco Sales, Fire Dept.-----	5.34
Illinois Bell Telephone Co., Fire Dept.-----	11.43
Sec. of State, Licenses, \$10.00 Village, \$5.00 ambulance, \$20.00 CD, \$5.00 Fire-----	40.00
State Employment Retir. System, \$1035.06 to be reimbursed by Water Co.-----	1773.23
Alma Rose Jones-----	89.91
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Internal Revenue Service, 4th quarter-----	616.00
State of Ill. Dept. of Revenue, 4th quarter--	101.04

A bill was read from Sheppard, Morgan & Schwaab for \$387.82 to prepare and submit additional cost of added capacity and depth to serve Country Meadows Subdivision, and \$92.09 for inspection and report of completed Briarwood Lake Subdivision sewer system. Carr made motion to pay all bills but Sheppard, Morgan, which the mayor will check out. Hall seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Correspondence read by clerk. A letter was read from 32 persons who were against issuing a liquor license to Delbert Johnson, who had asked to have a package liquor store in

Brighton. A letter from Geo. Lindberg, State Comptroller, who expressed appreciation that our audit reports were received in good time. Copy of a letter from Thos. Gazda, Co. Supt. of Highways asking the IC Gulf RR to take the matter of the new grade school to be constructed in the north part of Brighton into consideration when they do the upgrading of their track, especially concerning the crossing at the east quarter corner of Sec. 18, T. 7 N, R. 9W; a letter from Southwestern School Dist. accepting our terms for snow cleaning at the high school and Brighton Elementary site. Copy of letter from Sheppard, Morgan & Schwaab to EPA in which they submitted two copies of plans and special provisions for the remaining improvements to be used in conjunction with the construction of the water tank - these improvements to provide for the monitoring of water tank levels, metering of amount of water pumped to Brighton from Godfrey booster pump station and will control the operation of the booster pumps based on water levels in the new elevated tank. Municipal tax for Sept. 1974-\$2292.05; MFT tax for Nov. 1974, \$1919.58. Austin made motion to accept correspondence. Carr seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Police Report given by Kenneth Markwardt as follows:

Dog Report

Picked up-----	4	License notice-----	1
Claimed or sold-----	5	License sold-----	1
Buried-----	2	Animal bites-----	1
Notice to appear-----	1	Due Benz-----	\$27.00

Police Report

Traffic tickets-----	21	Thefts-----	1
Other arrests-----	3	Vehicle thefts-----	1
Burglaries-----	2	Accidents-----	3
Vandalism-----	3		

Bills:

Fred Benz-----	\$27.00
Walker Service Station-----	6.50
Grays Arco-----	97.90
Illinois Bell Telephone Co.-----	10.47
Wells Tire Co.-----	129.60
Werts Shell Service-----	10.33
Secretary of State, licenses-----	10.00
Orland Rubemeyer-----	307.29
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Wm. Broyles-----	334.60
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Illinois Hospital & Health Service-----	95.30

Hall made a resolution that we go on record to go to some other tires than Goodyear prior to installing them, also to accept Police Committee report and pay their bills. Markwardt seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously. Markwardt stated that the Police Committee has recommended that the police be allowed to purchase two portable red lights to put on their cars, total cost \$71.10. Hall made motion to authorize this expenditure for two red lights. Austin seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Planning Committee Report - No-one present.

Clerk was instructed to return Wm. McNear's deposit money for digging in streets as the year had passed and Scheffel reported the street in a satisfactory condition.

Package Liquor Store: The Committee has discussed this request with residents of Brighton and all are in accord that it would be better to not issue a license at this time. Johnson asked for a definite explanation as to why this request was turned down. Ahlemeyer suggested that he talk to the board members at another time since it would prolong the meeting so much. The main objective of the board is to represent the people of Brighton. It was recommended to deny the request at this time, at least for a year, then it can be considered again if necessary.

Complaints: Ahlemeyer said he had had several complaints about the post office moving to North Main Street, also that some parts of town are getting mail delivery while others are not. Clerk was instructed to write to the Chicago office inquiring as to what the requirements are for door-to-door delivery.

Austin mentioned several complaints about the junk yard. This is being checked out by Atty. Watson.

Cal Vonnahmen asked if something could be done about parking on North and Main Streets by the bank. Markwardt is to call this to the Police Dept. attention. He was also instructed to buy some NO PARKING signs. Mary Hazelwood asked if the village has any instructions about using international type signs. Clerk to write the Dept. of Transportation regarding uniformity of signs and also if there is grant money for communities of our size.

Old Business: A bond was sent in by Gene St. Cin regarding George Street. Hall made motion to accept this bond and refund two \$500 certificates which Gene had deposited with us. Markwardt seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously. Clerk to take care of this. A bond was read regarding Briarwood, but was referred to the attorney as there was no completion date on it. Hall asked if there was a zoning ordinance referring to semi-commercial, this in regard to a beauty shop being built by Jean McGowen on Center and Main. This is zoned commercial, and the only problem would be that of parking.

Regarding Mr. Crone's trailers which Mike McNear was to check to see if they were abiding by the ordinance, clerk has talked to McNear who has been unable to get in touch with Crone. Scheffel was asked to check to see how many trailers are hooked up to the water line.

Water Board Report was read by Scheffel as follows:

Receipts:

Metered customers-----	\$14,689.34
.Bulk Sales-----	259.50
Connection fees & meter inst. stock-----	1,415.80
Interest received-----	967.20
Total receipts-----	\$18,110.38

Disbursements:

Water-----	2,416.22
Power-----	428.36
Payroll-----	2,273.66
Repairs & Maintenance-----	53.55
Total disbursements-----	\$18,497.45
Water customers billed-----	1417

Butch explained arrears which were reported in his report. He seemed to think this was due to Xmas.

Progress of Water Tank: Scheffel read bids for monitoring system.

Mike's Electric-----	\$20,450.00
Wegman Electric-----	21,000.00

The Water Board has recommended buying from Mike's Electric who had promised 100 day completion. Engineer has said that both firms are dependable.

Hall made motion to accept Mike Electric Company bid to put in monitoring equipment to two existing tanks plus new one. Markwardt seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Scheffel stated that material is all in and tomorrow afternoon, tank erection will start. Hall made motion to accept Water Board report. Markwardt seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Scheffel asked for permission to withdraw \$32,774.00 which is due Chicago Bridge & Iron Company. Sheppard has approved payment of this bill. Hall made motion to approve payment of \$32,774.00. Carr seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Scheffel would like to have a resolution passed by the Village Board that people in Thunderbird Subdivision will be assessed 30¢ per month beginning January 1 of this year, to pay for hydrant rental. He has discussed this with their association and Thunderbird will pay for the first two months, then the Water Company can start billing in March. Atty. Watson said there should be a written agreement with the association. He will take care of this legal aspect.

Scheffel also asked about water services in Briarwood, as they want to start digging basements in the morning and the water has not been approved by the board. He said EPA is sending a man down tomorrow and he thought the village might be coming up for a grant on the first phase.

New Business: Ahlemeyer explained the fire rate as compared to neighboring towns. We are Class 8 due to our

Fire Department taking training, keeping equipment up-to-date, and getting equipment recommended by the Fire Inspection Bureau. Our premium is based on the class number. He announced that the annual Appreciation dinner will be Jan. 18, and appointed a committee of Vonnahmen, Markwardt, and Allen Jones to see that letter is sent to all concerned. The committee will meet tomorrow night, 7:30. This committee also included Rev. Branin who, in addition to Ahlemeyer, voiced appreciation of the Fire Dept. and fire chief.

Campaign Disclosure Act: Ahlemeyer mentioned this Act. He also stated that three trustees' terms will expire in May - Austin, Rathgeb and Markwardt.

Registering Voters: Ahlemeyer stated that the county clerk of Macoupin County wants to do all registering of new voters in the county, which means all would have to go to Carlinville to register. Hall made motion, Austin seconded, to pass a resolution to have two people in town qualified to register voters in Brighton. Voice vote, carried. Clerk to write County Clerk to get necessary forms to be registered.

Accepting Water Line: Clerk read letter from Sheppard stating that Briarwood Lake Estates Subdivision has been completed and the testing was in accordance with the standard specifications for sewer and water construction in Illinois, and was carried out by Scheffel after consultation with the engineer's office. The results indicate that the installation of water mains was carried out in a satisfactory manner and after conferring with Scheffel, they recommend the installation be accepted by village. Atty. Watson said in regards to bond submitted, that no water service should be put in until bond is corrected. Hall made motion that this be tabled and put on agenda next month. Markwardt seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously. Water line is not accepted as the developer has to comply with ordinance first.

Negotiations of Lawsuit Concerning Sewer: Ahlemeyer announced that there will be a negotiating meeting Wed. evening, 8 pm and the next meeting set up with St. Cin and his attorney Jan. 14, 7 pm. Clerk to notify St. Cin of the 14th meeting, also his attorney.

Bicentennial: Ahlemeyer asked board's opinion of doing something special in celebration of 1976 bi-centennial, and said there is certain information out pertaining to things municipalities can do. Markwardt made a motion that \$100 be set aside for this. Carr seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Hall made motion to adjourn. Adjourned 10:30 pm.

Luella Cravens
Village Clerk