

Brighton, Ill.
Feb. 3, 1975

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Brighton was called to order by the president of the board, Walter Ahlemeyer, at 7:15 pm in the Brighton Municipal Building on February 3. Clerk called roll of trustees.

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

Clerk read minutes of regular meeting of January 6 and special meeting of January 24. Corrections on Jan. 6th minutes - under "Old Business", change Wild's vote to NO instead of Yes. Markwardt made motion to accept as corrected. Carr seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously. Also change Jean McGowen to Gene.

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

Balance on hand General Fund Jan. 31-----	\$19,594.65
Savings-----	\$ 5,770.80
Operating-----	10,532.70
Fire Dept.-----	3,674.03
Civil Defense-----	382.88 in red
Revenue Sharing Trust Fund-----	33,645.05
MFT Fund-----	16,311.94
Bldg. Bond Int. & Sink. Fund-----	47,850.63
Bond & Interest Fund-----	7,775.34
Waterworks & Sewerage Fund-----	26,540.55
Waterworks & Sewerage Fund Bond Res. Acct.--	44,464.71

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

Visitors who request to be heard: Cletus Rathgeb questioned Goodyear tires. He stated that he had turned in a low bid of \$252.00 on some tires some time ago and the order was given to Drake at a higher bid of \$280.00. His bid also included mounting and balancing. Regarding Michelin tires recently purchased, Wild said that they had been recommended by the board. Mary Hazelwood mentioned that she knew of one company who had refused to bid on Michelin because they were not recommended for high speed vehicles. Rathgeb indicated that if a tread is completely gone at 20,000 miles and the tires are guaranteed for 40,000 miles, a new tire should be furnished free, otherwise, the guarantee is according to gauge.

Pries presented a revised plat of Thunderbird which gives a route across the top of the lake. Some ground had to be re-subdivided. This was referred to Mike McNear, Zoning Inspector. Pries was given a copy of our zoning ordinance to help him in his house construction.

Rathgeb mentioned the bad condition of a culvert at Boker Street going into the Post Office. He also asked if a sign could be put up on Boker stating that it is a dead end street. Markwardt was instructed to order the sign and the Street & Alley Committee will look into the problem of the culvert.

Street & Alley Committee: In the absence of Jerome Wooldridge, the clerk read his report. He has put up a stop sign at Jersey and Market Streets, filled holes in streets, put salt under shelter, plowed snow, rocked Post Office Drive, cleaned ditches, etc. He cleaned snow for Southwestern School District and turned in 2 hours of work for them. Clerk to bill the school. Jerome also reported the following comments for the board's attention.

Information needs to be gathered on a possible alley site between West Center and Market Streets. A decision needs to be made if property continuing from Marion Street belongs to the city, and water is standing on the shoulder of West Center because the drainage ditch has been filled in with rock for driveways - this ditch is on the north side of the street between Jersey St. and Route 67. He suggested the ditch needs to be re-opened and culverts installed under these three driveways - two driveways need no less than a 20' culvert and the other needs a 24' culvert. It was also mentioned that a ditch back of Conoco station needs cleaned out, next to Burks. Carr stated that some of the problems are that many items have been thrown into ditches, clogging the culverts, such as bicycles, lawn chairs, plywood, etc. The drainage was discussed regarding McElroy's corner. Lefty had run an instrument on this and it would not accommodate a culvert, so it was removed. The owner at that time put the culvert back. Jerome is to take care of what is necessary, after getting in touch with the property owner by the committee. Regarding West Center and Market, Hall made a motion to instruct the clerk to get names of people on both sides of alley from the Water Company and write a letter for their opinion, either personally, or by letter, for next board meeting about dedicating property back to owners. Rathgeb seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously. Clerk is to check the street off Marion to see if it belongs to the city.

Since the board all agree that we have reached a point where the city needs a full time street person, there should be a definite decision by next meeting as to salary, etc. Austin made motion to accept Street & Alley Report. Carr seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Bills were read by clerk as follows:

Alma Rose Jones, 2 openings in Jan.-----	\$10.00
Luella Cravens-----	201.28
Jerome Wooldridge-----	127.10
Ill. Hospital & Health Service-----	19.95
IBM Corp., to be reimbursed by L. Cravens-----	18.00
Clay East Supply, to be reimbursed by Edelen---	134.85
Gary's Service Station-----	4.85
Towers Fire Apparatus, Fire Dept. (Betsey Ann to reimburse \$33.84)-----	214.86
Henry Heyen & Son, Fire Dept.-----	1.00
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McAfee Service Station-----	18.50

McAfee Service Station, Fire Dept. (Betsey Ann to reimburse \$54.20)-----	\$290.89
Werts Shell Service-----	20.75
Grays Arco, CD-----	25.57.
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Masco Sales-----	4.65
Ill. Bell Telephone Co., Fire Dept.-----	11.43
Ill. Bell Telephone Co.-----	6.60
Lampert Agency, Inc., CD-----	150.00
Ill. Municipal League, Fire Dept.-----	40.04
Means Services-----	14.16
P. F. Pettibone & Co.-----	31.19
Swenson Spreader-----	11.77
Ill. Power Co.-----	377.12
Lamar H. Bock-----	5.65
U. S. Post Office, Stamps-----	40.00
Alma Rose Jones-----	89.91
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Brighton Municipal Water & Sewer Systel, loan	\$35,000.00
Morton Salt Co. <u>MFT</u> -----	751.04
Brighton Civic League, Rev. Sharing-----	48.25
Village of Brighton Gen. Fund from Bldg. Bond Int. & Sink. Fund - Transfer-----	\$35,000.00
Alma Rose Jones - 2 openings, Feb.-----	10.00

Carr made motion to pay bills, Hall seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Water Board Report read by Scheffel as follows:

Receipts:

Metered Customers-----	\$ 14,319.91
Bulk Sales-----	161.00
Conn. fees & meter inst. stock-----	550.00
Interest received-----	223.45
Total receipts-----	\$16,928.18

Disbursements:

Water-----	2,548.38
Power-----	417.32
Payroll-----	2,278.32
Repairs & Maintenance-----	752.04
Total disbursements-----	\$13,750.05

Water customers billed - 1412

Scheffel said Chicago Bridge & Iron will start putting ball on tower tomorrow afternoon or Wednesday morning. Construction will be completed during February. Mikes Electric Co. will probably start sometime this month on monitoring equipment.

Ahlemeyer stated that bids on the sale of \$120,000 bonds will be opened Feb. 11, and the sale would be in 45 days or less.

Scheffel presented bill for balance due Chicago Bridge of \$38,846.00, and said the Water Board recommends that the village pay \$35,000 of this and Water Board pay \$3,846.00, leaving required \$33,000 in the Water Co. matching funds so that when the engineer writes EPA, he can designate that the Water Company has the money.

Hall made motion to allow transfer of \$35,000 from Bldg. Bond Interest & Sinking Fund to Water Dept. to pay this construction

bill on new tank and at some later date - at a time the Water Dept. is able - this should be re-paid in monthly installments or lump sum until re-paid in full into General operating fund of city of Brighton. Markwardt seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Hall stated that it is the responsibility of the board members to run the town and keep all departments as nearly equal as possible, and mentioned increases in salaries of Water Dept. employees without the village board approval. He is not objecting to raises, but feels all village employees should be on the same basis, and that the board should be informed of these things, regardless of the ordinance. Ahlemeyer asked Hall to check the ordinance, then make the recommendation at the next Water Board meeting. Others on the Village Board agreed to this.

Austin made motion to accept Water Board reports, Carr seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Wild asked about Crone's trailer hook-ups and Scheffel said he has only one hook-up.

City Stickers: Ahlemeyer suggested since people have so many other burdens now, and income has increased in sales tax, MFT, etc. that the village drop the city sticker tax for one year. Carr put this in the form of a motion. Austin seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Correspondence read by clerk as follows:

Letter from American Water Works Assn. announcing a seminar in Litchfield on Feb. 6; copy of letter from Sheppard, Morgan to Mike's Electric giving them contract for monitoring equipment for Water Dept., letter from Ill. Dept. of Transportation regarding national bridge inspection standards, also one regarding special provisions for bituminous seal coats and one concerning 1973 contract maintenance. A letter was read from the Dept. of Local Affairs suggesting ways to get money for construction. Municipal tax for October, 1974, \$3091.65; MFT tax for December, 1974, \$2183.67. Ahlemeyer read a letter from the U.S. Postal Dept. stating that the requirements for door-to-door delivery are 2500 population or 750 stops. Hall suggested a survey be made. Ahlemeyer indicated that the Brighton Picnic Assn. could furnish \$100 to hire four people to do this survey. Scheffel suggested counting meters first. Ahlemeyer and those members who can will meet Friday evening to decide what to request from Dept. of Local Affairs.

Committee Reports:

Dog Report:

Picked up ----- 4
 Claimed or sold----- 1
 Due Benz-----\$20.00

Police Report:

Burglaries----- 3	Vehicle Theft----- 1
Attempted burglaries---1	Accidents----- 3
Thefts----- 2	Traffic tickets-----19
Vandalism----- 1	

Police Bills:

Ill. Hospital & Health Service-----	\$95.30
Gary's Service Station-----	4.50
Wise Communications, Inc.-----	45.00
Elmer H. Bott-----	46.13
Fred Benz-----	20.00
McAfee Service Station-----	152.85
Werts Shell Service-----	121.29
Wm. G. Broyles-----	334.60
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Orland E. Rubemeyer-----	307.29
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Wild made motion to accept reports and pay bills. Carr seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Markwardt stated that the barbed wire enclosure that Gene St. Cin had installed around the open basement at Mansion House was not satisfactory. After discussion, Hall made motion that clerk write St. Cin that the fence is not satisfactory at present and we require a 4' woven wire fence, or equivalent, bolted on securely set posts, as the barbed wire is dangerous within the city limits. Markwardt seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Mike McNear and Danny Bates, representing the American Legion, asked the board for a decision as to whether or not the American Legion could have liquor license, only for members and their guests, and not to be supplied at any open meetings. Hall stated that this request should be in letter form, and Atty. Watson will give Mike a copy of ordinance for guidelines in presenting the request.

Ahlemeyer asked McNear about Crone's hook-up. He is to check and report back to clerk.

Junk Yard: Atty. Watson is handling this in answer to many complaints.

Old Business: Clerk has written Ed Young two letters requesting voter registration in Brighton, and has received no answer. Mary Hazelwood is going to talk to him.

Dr. Sotta has asked for a sign at the northeast corner of Oak and Main Streets to direct people to his office. Wild made motion to give Street & Alley Committee permission to take care of this. Carr seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Hall said Dixie Calame of Lampert Agency wants to know if village would like all insurance in a blanket policy. Clerk to check this out.

New Business: Ahlemeyer submitted name of David Schaefer to serve on ambulance board. Hall made motion to accept the appointment of David Schaefer to Area Ambulance Board. Wild seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Hall made a motion to have zoning inspector contact Post Office and also go over the building thoroughly to see if it conforms to zoning regulations, such as square footage, off-street parking space, etc. Rathgeb seconded. Voice

vote, carried unanimously. Hall stated that since Edelen is a builder in this area, he should be aware that we do have zoning. McNear to report back at next board meeting. Instructions were given clerk to write McNear regarding this.

Problems: Wild made motion that each elected official and department heads be given a key to the city hall. Markwardt seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Regarding Sunnyaire sewer, Whiteside had requested that we go back to 1969 plat in Sunnyaire, which according to the engineer, is deep enough to take care of this subdivision as platted today. This will not take care of the 60 acres to the north. Atty. Watson said we must have assurance from our engineer that all houses are taken care of adequately. 1973 plans were drawn up to take care of 60 acres to north. Clerk to notify all board members by letter that opening of bids on \$120,000 water bond issue will be 7:30 pm Feb. 11, in addition to consideration of plans pertaining to sewers in Sunnyaire and recommendations on when we plan to hire full time salaried street and maintenance man.

Hall made motion to adjourn. Adjourned 10:55 pm.

Ruelle Craven
Village Clerk