

Brighton, Illinois  
April 7, 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 April 7, 1975. The clerk called roll of trustees:

Present: Carr, Hall, Markwardt, Wild  
Absent: Austin, Rathgeb

Correction on last minutes which were read by clerk: Page #3, 10th line, last paragraph, change from 57 acres to 62 acres. Markwardt made motion to accept minutes as corrected. Hall seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report read by Luriel Bott as follows:

Balance on hand General Fund March 31-----	\$25,004.29
Savings-----	\$5,770.80
Operating-----	19,233.49
Fire Dept.-----	3,300.23
Civil Defense-----	673.11 in red
Revenue Sharing Trust Fund-----	33,596.80
MFT Fund-----	19,285.95
Building Bond Interest & Sinking Fund-----	12,850.63
Bond & Interest Fund-----	7,775.34
Waterworks & Sewerage Fund-----	32,438.45
Waterworks & Sewerage Fund Bond Reserve Acct.---	44,464.71

Luriel said she had received a letter from Jersey County Treasurer Goetten making correction on taxes submitted to village. Should have been \$113.76 instead of \$1960.87 and the village should return \$1847.11. Ahlemeyer appointed Hall as Finance Chairman, to investigate. Hall made motion to accept report. Carr seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Water Report by Engineer: Sheppard reported regarding sewage plant grant application made a year ago, and stated that we have to re-apply. During the last year grant offers have been broken down into three steps, Step 1 covers preliminary planning, Step 2 design plans for construction, and Step 3 covers actual construction. Grants are now being offered one step at a time and village is in line for Step 1 grant. Under Clean Water Amendments Act, federal program has added requirements for what is known as a sewer system evaluation along with sewer treatment plant study. Phase 2 is added to Step 1, which means manholes have to be inspected, flow tests made, etc. and signs of leakage. If there is infiltration water during wet seasons, the purpose of this study is to find out where it is coming from and to determine best way to handle on this basis. The federal government will review and if there is enough problems in system, they will come back and make a full system evaluation which would probably mean a TV inspection. If village wants to proceed, they would have to agree with these new requirements. Estimated cost would be \$9500, village to pay 25%. All three phases come with 75-25% funding situation. Village share of \$9500 would be \$2375.00. Sheppard has been paid \$1600 for engineering, so village would pay the difference which would be \$775.00. Application has to be in before July 1 for us to remain in our priority position which would have to be lower than 150 or we would not have been eligible

for Step 1 grant. We have to certify that we have these matching funds, or 25% of the estimated cost, only for Step 1 - or \$2500. Water Board recommends that we proceed with Step 1 application which also includes monitoring system to be built in village hall.

Sheppard will explain as to improvements after they have made the analysis and then will give information to the public at the hearing, transcript of which has to be provided the federal government for approval. We also have to furnish a plan of study. Hall made motion, Markwardt seconded, that board approve recommendation of Water Board and engineer, to proceed with Step 1, Upgrading of sewer system. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Sheppard also asked if he could carry forward recommendation to, since we are about in the position to fill new tank, go ahead with re-painting of existing water tank which is three year overdue on painting. Needs two coats inside of bowl and two coats on interior inside shell now on new tank. The cost would from \$5000 to \$8000, and could be more if any re-welding is needed. He also stated that altitude valves at base of tank needs to be replaced and should be done while painting, to save draining again. He recommended purchasing valve to have on hand when painting is scheduled so there would not be any delay because of poor delivery. Sheppard said the first thing he would do would be to get request out for quotation on tank inspection and bring back for board approval. Money for this could be taken from depreciation fund. The new water tank painting job should be finished this week, and no water can go in for five days. It also has to be sterilized and checked by Springfield before completely filled. Markwardt made motion to authorize the request for tank inspection, re-painting and valve replacement. Carr seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Sheppard said the plans for water line are almost complete and can start acquisition of easements when we want to get into that phase of the water program. Ahlemeyer stated that we should take care of tank first, then get the necessary documents for acquisition of easements, as this requires some lead time. Decisions should be made as early as possible, and before going after easements, should be sure we are going to proceed with at least a portion of it so people will understand.

Sheppard has not done any planning work on line on Brown Street because a decision has to be made on routing. Between him and Abraham, they will come up with routing and give board recommendation. This is to cover connection between end of St. Cin's line and connection that Well will make into Country Meadows. Sheppard will contact Ahlemeyer, and also attend special meeting April 16.

Visitors who request to be heard: Dixie Calame of Lampert Agency was here to explain package policies on city business as opposed to thirteen separate policies. All can be one policy except workmens' compensation. He said some of the policies should also be up-dated. On building, we have \$139,000 coverage, he recommended raising to \$200,000 - \$225,000. We have \$10,000 coverage on contents of building and they recommend blanket package policy on all contents in building. We now have \$200,000 coverage on

comprehensive liability, he recommends increase to \$300,000 and increase from \$50,000 to \$100,000 coverage on property damage. Contents of Civil Defense wagon in amount of \$6,000, no change recommended. Recommends \$2,000 coverage on water wagon equipment and \$3,000 coverage on equipment on fire engines. No changes recommended on auto coverage as far as comprehensive or collision, but recommends hiring other cars in case someone uses their own car for city. Hall suggested that the village should get bids on package insurance. Ahlemeyer appointed a committee of Wild, Markwardt and Hall to go over these items. Calame will give them information on this.

Mrs. Millard Milligan was here to check on decision of the village extending Charles Street. The village has never accepted this portion of Charles Street and she was told they can make the street, and when we approve, the village will maintain the street.

Maurice Wilson asked the village to improve Brown Street, especially the first block. He stated it should be graded as a road, then driveways put in accordingly.

Scheffel gave Water Board Report as follows:

Receipts:

Metered customers-----	\$14,765.39
Bulk Sales-----	139.00
Connection fees-----	225.00
Meter installation stock sales-----	475.65
Interest received-----	837.34
Total receipts-----	\$17,321.30

Disbursements:

Water-----	2,265.75
Power-----	490.34
Payroll-----	2,316.34
Repairs & Maintenance-----	78.23
Total disbursements-----	\$13,035.84
Water customers billed-----	1398

He said bond money that was not deposited at Brighton bank was put in 60 day savings at Medora bank - \$50,000. He presented Ordinance #374 which the clerk read. This ordinance covers fire hydrant rental. Thunderbird has not paid any rental in three years. Mr. Fink owes \$200 and Scheffel is holding \$100 of Pries money. Ahlemeyer stressed that Scheffel should follow through on this and report next month. Thunderbird will be charged 35¢ per month. Hall made motion to accept first reading of Ordinance #374. Carr seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously. Hall made motion to suspend rules and accept ordinance #374 on first reading. Markwardt seconded. Roll call vote, carried un-

animously. Scheffel read bill from Chicago Bridge and Iron for \$24,215.00. Previous payments have totalled \$173,893.00 which have covered 100% foundation materials, erection and piling. Would owe for painting and cathodic protection. Scheffel also said they should pay Alton Banking & Trust \$17,366.94 which represents the

first payment on principal and interest. A separate check should also be made to Alton Banking for \$1718.63 to cover over-payment from them. Hall made motion to approve Water Board paying Chicago Bridge and Alton Banking as read by Scheffel. Carr seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously. Butch said \$1750.00 permonth is being set aside in escrow account to pay principal to Alton Banking. Interest is payable November 1 and principal next April 1. First interest payment was included in the \$17,366.64 statement read this evening. Markwardt made motion to accept and approve Water Board report. Carr seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Street & Alley Report: Jerome Wooldridge read report for March. He has patched holes, put up "No Parking" signs, salted streets and plowed snow. George Farmer said most of his work has been filling holes, cleaning culverts, grading, etc. He said the City Limits road north of town are bad. Mrs. Wright indicated to him that she was to get a used culvert free. Hall stated that we put the culvert in, but she should pay for it and the rock. Farmer said a whole new tube has to be put in at Rev. Branin's house. It needs two 12' sections and a band. They will pay for it. Farmer also said that the alley by the mobile homes on Main Street, where Mr. Storey had poured concrete, had a lot of water in it last week, and he said the proper way to fix it was to tear about 4' of 3-1/2@ concrete.

Robert Walls started working for Farmer today - through the Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation. Markwardt said he had met with Otis Wolf and he wants 120' of tile on one side of his property. The Committee recommends the village put the ditch to grade, put tile under sidewalk into catch basin, approximately 6'. Wolf is to purchase 12" tile and furnish labor of putting it in the ditch. We would furnish a man to shoot it so it is on grade. Wolf should put in a catch basin every 24', starting with one on the south end of the property. City to shoot these and tell him to what grade we want them - Wolf furnish labor for this. After Wolf gets this all done, the village will cover the tile and put rock in, providing Wolf pays for the rock. Also, if he wants to asphalt it, he should pay.

Markwardt made the above in the form of a motion. Hall seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Markwardt also said Wolf wants to build a 4' high brick fence around his property, next to sidewalk. The committee told him it must be on his property, so he will have it surveyed.

Bills read by clerk as follows:

Luella Cravens-----	\$201.28
Ill. Hospital & Health Service-----	19.95
Towers Fire Apparatus, \$7.66 Police, \$4.66 Fire---	11.66
Illinois Bell Telephone, Fire Dept.-----	6.79
Werts Shell Service, Fire Dept.-----	5.00
Welder & Industrial, Inc., Fire Dept.-----	28.56
Grays Arco, Fire Dept.-----	17.00
Godwin Office Supply, Fire Dept.-----	25.70
Fire Safety Sales & Service, Fire Dept.-----	18.50
Central States Roofing Co.-----	239.40
Grays Arco, Civil Defense-----	7.50

Werts Shell Service-----	\$5.80
Grays Arco-----	26.50
Henry Heyen & Son-----	233.26
Rathgeb Bros.-----	4.25
Greenfield Argus-----	228.00
Godwin Office Supply-----	12.06
Illinois Bell Telephone Co.-----	4.58
Todds Sanitation-----	12.00
C. M. Lohr, Inc.-----	73.54
Means Services-----	22.78
Pontiac Correctional Center-----	9.66
Illinois Power Co.-----	297.62
Consolidated Chemical, Inc.-----	41.68
Fred Benz, Street work-----	24.00
Lampert Agy., \$98.00 Betsey Ann, \$98.00 Fire--	196.00
Jerome Wooldridge-----	73.44
Alma Rose Jones-----	89.91
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Alma Rose Jones - 3 openings-----	15.00
George Farmer-----	288.26
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Internal Revenue Service, 1st quarter-----	605.20
Civic League, Rev. Sharing-----	16.97
Morton Salt Co.-----	369.60
First National Bank of Brighton-----	3.00
Illinois Dept. of Revenue-----	101.92
State Empl. Retire. System, Water Co. \$1006.52;	
Village, \$781.50-----	1788.02
Don Orban-----	10.88
Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Bond & Int.-----	772.10
Treas. State of Ill., SS Adm., 1974-----	17.75

Wild made motion to pay bills, Carr seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously. Clerk was instructed to hold up on insurance bill for dump truck since the truck is not being used. This is to be cancelled until Street & Alley Committee decides to use the truck.

After careful consideration of all applications for Street Supervisor, it was decided to hire George Farmer, a Brighton resident, at \$8700 per year, on salary, with one week paid vacation after employment of one year, and two weeks yearly thereafter. Village to provide single plan insurance. George is to start to work April 1.

Correspondence was read by clerk as follows:

Letter from Lloyd Well regarding Scheffel Bros. hooking onto the sewer line at the north end of Sunnyaire. He felt that the Scheffels should pay their share of the two sewer plats, Briarwood and Brown Street. This will be taken up at a special meeting on April 16. Copy of letter from Russell Stauffer of the Township Officials of Illinois to all Downstate Assessors stating the urgency of everyone writing to Senator John Nimrod voicing their objections to a change which would do away with assessment districts on a township level and also assessors on this basis. Carr made motion to send a letter giving objections to this change. Wild seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously. A letter from Paul Scheffel asking for

clarification of alternatives to their hooking onto sewer in Sunnyside. Clerk to write him that this will be taken up with our engineer during meeting of April 16. Scheffel questioned the part that angles up into Sunnyside, that it was no longer a part of Brown Street. Lloyd Well has paid his share and his welfare should be protected. Letter from Bernice Behl asking for free use of auditorium for Alumni Banquet. Board approved this. Letter from Illinois Department of Transportation regarding release of federal aid highway impoundments. Three letters from ICC regarding hearing dates pertaining to Illinois Bell Telephone Company. Municipal tax for December, 1974 - \$3018.48; for January 1975 - \$2593.38; MFT tax for February, 1975 - \$1783.60.

Complaints: Hall said Mac Shack has shut its restrooms to its patrons and they are going across to Wimpys. Wimpy is not objecting to them using his restrooms, but feels there could be criticism because of some of them being under age. Watson will check and answer Wimpy.

Ahlemeyer mentioned Schallenberg's basement has not been filled yet and he has had complaints of mosquitoes being spawned there. Atty. Watson will talk to Schallenbergs.

Ahlemeyer mentioned that Danny Bates has a sign on city property, and this is against city rules, unless permission is granted. Clerk to write Danny regarding this.

Clerk said she has had a complaint from Mrs. Martineau on Crestwood about bad condition of street. Wild will talk to her.

Police Report: Given by Markwardt as follows:

Traffic arrests-----	23	Thefts-----	3
Other arrests-----	2	Burglaries-----	2
Accidents-----	3	Run-away-----	2
<u>Dog Report:</u>			
Picked up-----	9	Notice to tie-----	2
Cat picked up-----	1	Notice to purchase	
Dogs claimed or sold-----	3	license-----	1
Dogs or other animals destroyed---	6		
Due Benz-----	\$50.50		

Bills:

Illinois Hospital & Health Service-----	\$95.30
Rathgeb Bros.-----	38.17
Walkers Service Station-----	173.58
Grays Arco-----	50.28
Illinois Bell Telephone Co.-----	13.30
Cals Market-----	6.27
Fred Benz-----	50.50
Orland E. Rubemeyer-----	307.29
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Wm. G. Broyles-----	334.60
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Markwardt read a complaint that had been sent to police regarding Carlos Bryant's boat which is a hazard. Mr. Bryant was sent a certified letter on May 6, 1974 but we received no reply. Wild made motion to instruct our attorney to abate this nuisance.

Carr seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Police Committee recommends the following:

Animal control officer be furnished a tranquilizer gun to be paid for out of Revenue Sharing funds, cost approximately \$280.00.

Raise of \$80.00 per month for each policeman, plus \$25.00 additional allowance for clothing, bring allowance to \$200.00.

Two new men to be placed on the Auxiliary Police force, Gary Miller and Dennis Hutchins. Dan Suhling has dropped out. This will make 9 auxiliary.

Wild made motion to accept the two applications for auxiliary police. Hall seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Markwardt made motion that we purchase tranquilizer gun for animal control officer out of Revenue Sharing Funds. Hall seconded. Roll call vote,

Carr-----	Yes	Markwardt-----	Yes
Hall-----	Yes	Wild-----	No

Motion carried.

Wild made motion that \$80.00 per month per man and \$25.00 increase in allowance be given the two policement. Markwardt seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously. Carr made motion to pay police bills. Wild seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business: Clerk reported on results of a survey to see if residents adjoining alley between Jersey and Maple Streets want it to revert to them. The majority do not want this, and a letter was read from Rex Wilson and Mrs. Anna Huber requesting that the village rock this alley and clean it up. The Street & Alley Committee will inform Farmer to scrape and rock it.

Regarding Crone's water hookup, Scheffel said he hasn't seen them, but the big house has not been repaired and two trailers are using one meter and one hookup. Atty. Watson and Scheffel will talk to Crone.

Hall said the fence around Mansion House basement is partially fallen down. Clerk to write St. Cin to have this corrected by April 16.

Hall asked what the position was regarding the junk yard. Ahlemeyer said Skinner promised to be at the meeting and report to the board, but he did not attend. He told Ahlemeyer he would be out by May 1. Atty. Watson will send a notice that if it isn't cleaned up by May 1, we will file a complaint and a notice will be served on him. Wild put this in the form of a motion, Hall seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Wild said he thought there might be an auto repair shop opening on Brown Street. He suggested McNear check to see if it is zoned commercial, and if not, inform the people.

Clerk read committee report on liquor license for American Legion. They did not recommend it. Markwardt made motion to accept their recommendation. Carr seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Clerk to get bids on light bulbs.

Ahlemeyer stated that as soon as all survey cards for door-to-door postal delivery are in, they will be sent to postal authorities.

Atty. Watson asked for permission to have several light poles replaced at the ball diamond. These have been checked out with Bob Burk, MJM, and are in bad shape. These to be paid out of Revenue Sharing fund, and cost \$1000 to \$2000. Markwardt made motion, Carr seconded, to authorize Park Chairman to take care of these poles. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Since Lefty Oertel is in the hospital, Atty. Watson will draft a resolution from the board to bid him good health and hasty recovery.

Clerk said Elliott Fletcher from Alton had offered \$75.00 for the Blue Goose. Board rejected this offer. She also said Terry Richardson from Delhi had asked about a pile of old tires. These belong to Red Phelps or Brighton Township. Ballots will be canvassed April 16.

*Luella Craven*  
Village Clerk