

Brighton, Illinois
June 16, 1975

A special meeting was held in the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. on June 16. This was a joint meeting of the Village Board and the Water Board, along with members of the Piasa Twp. Sewer District, their lawyer, Atty. Self and engineers Eugene Watwood and Leon McGee. Officers of Piasa Twp. Sewer District were Wilbur Greeling, Pres., Bob Richards, Vice-pres., Ed Taylor, Clerk.

Mayor Ahlemeyer opened the meeting and explained the two following reasons it was being held:

1. Approval of two outstanding bills of the village,
2. To discuss the request of Piasa Twp. that they and Brighton unite in planning sewer facilities.

Clerk called roll of trustees:

Present: Little, Rathgeb, Carr, Markwardt, and Hall

Absent: Wild

Members of the Water Board present were: Dave Bott, Butch Scheffel, Cal Vonnahmen, Marvin Powell and Ray Heideman.

Clerk read bills as follows:

Brighton Plumbing & Elec. Co. repair. air cond. -	\$127.65
Argus Pub. Co. ballots & printing dog inoculation notice-----	58.10

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

The other item pertaining to request by Piasa Twp. Sewer District as to the feasibility of Albrite Acres, David Acres, Woodgate and one other family coming into our sewer. Ahlemeyer read letter from Atty. Self, and called on Self to fill in some more. Self said, on behalf of Piasa Sewer District, he wanted to thank the village for meeting with them. He then asked Engineer Watwood to explain why it would be good for Piasa and village to work this out. Watwood said that basically, he was talking about a federal piece of legislation enacted in 1972 and known as grants for construction of treatment works federal water pollution control, making it available to all public owned treatment works. This was the reason Piasa formed a Sewer District. This grant provides for 75% funding to all publicly owned systems for certain works, and gives, basically, 75% to be spent according to their approval, to upgrade treatment plants so that we are no longer polluting streams in Illinois. He further explained that most towns within the first 400 of priority rating in the state of Illinois received a Step 1 and 2 grant offer - the federal program is on Steps 1, 2, and 3. Brighton has asked for Step 1 and 2. In his package of information there was suggested a FPA (Facility Planning Area). A small map defined

out-boundaries including Brighton and some sections around Brighton that should be included for a study in a town, Brighton, or any associated areas by EPA. This is an anticipated growth pattern that would have of subdivisions within the next 20 years of such density that there would be trouble.

Mr. Watwood said Brighton has a number of 214 on the priority list, which means that we stand in a favorable position for being funded and that means we probably have a worse than average situation as to pollution. The village or town with the worst pollution would be #1 and the best, #1000. The first 400 were sent a letter as we were, and offered Step 1 and 2 grants.

Hall asked regarding area outside of the three subdivisions requesting help. Watwood explained that there is one lot which, because of a technicality, should be included. In total, there would be 200 lots - 100 houses and approximately 100 lots. He showed map that includes only the three subdivisions. It does include farm land that could probably be subdivided some day.

Watwood explained legislation:

Step 1: Planning - this is where feasibility plan area has been defined.

Step 2: Taking what comes out of planning study and using the conclusions and recommendations that come out of Step 1, which has been approved by the state and federal government; otherwise, planning and specifications.

Step 3: Bid and build. To come up with financing.

He said they got applications in for Piasa Twp. on two bases:

1. To construct treatment plant site;
2. Funds to be needed to run transmission line to Brighton or some other works and transport affluent and work out agreement on what it would cost to treat this.

They also said Piasa should meet with closest treatment works to their district and ask them if they would be willing to study additional area that would figure in their district for two reasons:

1. Is it cost effective or feasible for best planning or best way to spend money?
2. To see if it is best to transport to Brighton or best to spend federal money at Piasa Sewer District, spending all the money there.

They would encourage Brighton to accept this plan and work out program if it proves to be the best way to spend the money; otherwise, each go his own way.

Tonight, they are working on Plan 1 - to see if our work has progressed too far to alert our engineers of this, and see if it would be possible to be included in this. Watwood said the government would not let Brighton continue with Step 1 and 2 until this is taken into consideration. He said if

this could be worked out between the two entities he would be in the position to do all studies and costs estimated applicable to Piasa at cost study effect. He has caused mapping to be taken for the Piasa area so that if we would be in a position to work out something, he could do that for our engineers. This would be put in the grant request, and this will be passed to Piasa, who in turn would pass it to engineer. He asked if our engineer would be willing to open the work up and include Piasa.

To summarize, before Brighton or Piasa go much further than Step 1, Springfield needs to know what the most effective way of spending the government money is - is it a joint effort, or each go his own way.

Ahlemeyer asked for comments from all board members. Heide- man asked how many lift stations it would take - Watwood thought probably three because of pumping up hill.

Atty. Watson asked about farm lines in between, if sub-divi- ded - if these sewer lines run close to farm lines, would they have to be tapped in. Watwood said they would, that any area outlines in map was probably anticipated up to twenty years.

Ahlemeyer asked what the assessed valuation is of the total area, since they would have to come up with 25%. Watwood said that Piasa District has a small part of assessment ability and they would have to come up with another plan for the difference. He gave one plan figure of \$900,000.00 for the entire package and another plan with pumping affluent to- ward Brighton at \$700,000.00.

Hall said if Brighton has to go more than necessary, Piasa would have to pick up the difference. This would be the part of the 25% which is generated because of their tapping onto Brighton. Watwood said there were several ways this could be done, and suggested that there could be a built in fee that Brighton could charge on monthly basis.

Markwardt asked who would be responsible, if this takes place, for the lines that come into Brighton, and the entire system. Piasa Sewer District would be responsible for their district area and for maintenance and upkeep of transmission line where treatment starts.

Scheffel had no questions, since most of his had been ans- wered.

Watwood explained that what their request really is is for us to consider enlarging FPA area to include the Piasa Sewer District, and also to get with our engineers and attorneys and probably with State of Illinois to see what problems come up with this request. If engineers see it can be done, then would have to meet with Piasa for time tables, cost, etc. that would be acceptable to EPA.

Hall asked if district was in position to pay our engineer

for extra costs. Watwood said that once they have some reason to have some costs, they will have to, with the help of their engineer and attorney, find some way to get some money. Hall stated that Brighton could not be under obligation for this unless we have an agreement regarding this engineer's fee. Watwood indicated that there would have to be a signed agreement on this. Hall thought our next step is to get with our engineer and get his opinion on this. We had no objection if Watwood wants to talk with Sheppard.

Powell also felt that we would have to be sure to get the return on the extra fee for our engineer, and feels it would be to our advantage to work together, if it is feasible.

Dave Bott is of the same opinion as Hall and Powell, but asked about the time lag. Watwood said the critical thing is how far our engineer has progressed. If it extends the time too much, it means prices will go up and cost be higher.

Carr and Heideman said their questions have been answered.

Atty. Watson said he will talk with Sheppard to see how far he has gotten on this.

Cal felt that we are obligated to go along with it.

Rathgeb said he goes along with the others. The next thing is to contact our engineer and get his opinion, they get back together and have a discussion on it.

Little stated he agreed with Rathgeb, that he would like to hear from Sheppard.

Markwardt wants Sheppard's opinion, and wants Piasa to fully understand that Brighton should not incur any cost on this, as it is being done for Piasa.

Ahlemeyer stated that at this point there would be no objections to contacting our engineer, and Watson will contact Sheppard and inform him what is going on, and Watwood and Sheppard can talk. At no point are we to pay, and all costs coming to edge of ours would be taken care of by Piasa.

The question was asked if it would speed up the grants for either or both if we go together. Watwood said he thinks both of us will be delayed, etc. but finds it almost impossible to move ahead with our individual efforts if we don't first find out collectively what can be done for a common purpose. Taylor thanked village for their time & patience. Carr made motion we agree to contact our engineer to further discuss feasibility of including Piasa in our sewer improvement plans for village sewerage treatment system. Markwardt seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Hall made motion to adjourn. Little seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Luella Cravers
Village Clerk