

Brighton, Illinois
October 8, 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 October 8, 1975. The clerk called roll of trustees.

Present: Little, Carr, Rathgeb, Wild, Markwardt

Absent: None

Ahlemeyer presented the name of Jerome Wooldridge to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Jack Hall, until next general election. Carr made motion to accept appointment of Jerome Wooldridge as a trustee to fill the vacancy made by Jack Hall. Markwardt seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously. Clerk swore Jerome in as trustee.

Clerk read minutes of September 3, continuation of September 11, and special meeting of September 24. Carr made motion to accept. Little seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report given by Luriel Bott as follows:

Balance on hand Gen. Fund Sept. 30-----	\$14,206.16
Revenue Sharing Trust Fund-----	32,562.99
MFT Fund-----	17,113.62
Bldg. Bond Int. & Sink. Fund-----	29,227.90
Bond & Interest Fund-----	9,069.47
Waterworks & Sewerage Fund-----	14,687.90
Waterworks & Sewerage Fund Bond Res.Acct.	44,464.71

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

Visitors who request to be heard:

Several were in attendance from E. Center and other parts of town objecting to the proposed selling of liquor on Monday nights at the American Legion Hall.

Ron Hines asked if, once the Sunnyside sewer line has passed a particular house, if there is a time limit in which one should hook onto sewer. This was referred to Scheffel.

Carl Collins expressed appreciation for light that has been installed on Plum Street.

Vic Schroeder questioned the status of street extending from South Street to Charles. Scheffel said the water line was dedicated to the city, but he did not think the city had approved the street. Atty. Watson said he had checked in Carlinville and he thinks there is a deed to the roadway, to the village of Brighton. Schroeder also asked that the street be widened to the Hughes place (Charles Streets.)

Water Board Report given by Scheffel as follows:

Receipts:

Metered customers-----	\$16,651.31
Bulk sales-----	230.00
Conn. fees & meter installation stock-----	650.00
Interest received-----	712.39
Hydrant rental, Thunderbird-----	18.55
Total receipts-----	\$18,864.03

Disbursements:

Water-----	\$2,951.13
Power-----	590.09
Payroll-----	2,444.18

Total disbursements: \$20,872.40

Water customers billed - 1425

Scheffel said sewer lines are done for Rodgers apartments and school portion of water line done. He said decision about meters was covered by an ordinance. Markwardt made motion to accept Water Board report. Little seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Committee Reports: Clerk read Liquor Committee report, in which they recommended that a 6-month license be considered for American Legion, for Monday of each week, the hours 4:30 to 10 p.m. in conjunction with bingo, at the Legion only. It was also recommended that the village attorney draw up necessary paper work to govern this license, which then would have to be approved by Legion before being brought back to town board for final approval. Also recommended that fee for this license be \$70.00 per year, based on the present tavern license fee of \$800 per year. Wild stated that they had tried to be fair to all concerned, and the surveys that had been made were discussed. Visitors explained their reasons for objecting to this license; parking problems, littering, etc. Wild made motion to present recommendation to the board for voting and have attorney draw up an ordinance. Markwardt seconded. Roll call vote,

Little -----	No	Markwardt-----	Yes
Carr-----	No	Wooldridge-----	No
Rathgeb-----	No	Wild-----	Yes

Vote did not carry..

Street & Alley Report: Report given by George Farmer. He has done the usual general patching, sidewalk cleaning, and has fixed signs, and sprayed for mosquitoes. Atty. Watson expressed appreciation for the work George has done in the park, and for watching over the work of tennis courts. Ahlemeyer also said the park area had never looked better. Atty. Watson also mentioned that the tractor is in bad condition and recommended that the board consider purchasing another tractor with mower, backhoe, blade and bucket, and that the village and Water Department share cost, and all use it. Ahlemeyer appointed a committee of Wooldridge, Farmer and Scheffel to check into this and report to Ahlemeyer and Watson. Farmer is to check into one that he has in mind.

It was mentioned that about 50' of sidewalk on South Street is badly in need of repairs. Markwardt made motion to authorize Farmer to check this out and have Paul Clark put approximately 50' of new sidewalk at this location. Little seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Bills were read by clerk as follows:

Jack Hall, trustees salary-----	\$ 60.00
Luella Cravens-----	206.78
Illinois Hospital & Health Service-----	39.90

First Nat'l Bank of Brighton, Fed. W/H Sept.-	\$252.80
Ill. Dept. of Revenue, 3rd quarter W/H Sept.-	152.76
SS Unit, State Empl. Retir. System, 3rd quarter, Water Dept. \$1057.17, Village \$968.91-----	2026.08
U. S. Post Office, Stamps-----	40.00
Argus Publishing Co.-----	89.25
Sheppard, Morgan & Schwaab-----	479.89
Godwin Office Supply-----	2.70
Todds Sanitation-----	12.00
Brighton Plumbing & Elec. Co.-----	132.21
C. M. Lohr, Inc.-----	10.80
Clay East Supply-----	43.40
Werts Shell Service-----	46.05
Means Service Center-----	16.73
Illinois Bell Telephone Co.-----	17.95
Henry Heyen & Son-----	21.70
Cal's Market-----	19.62
Alton Telegraph-----	28.00
J&A Springman-----	7.02
Illinois Power-----	401.91
Gary Werts, Std. Oil-----	212.16
Fire Safety Sales & Service, Fire Dept.-----	22.00
Towers Fire Apparatus, Fire Dept.-----	13.15
Illinois Bell Telephone Co., Fire Dept.-----	14.95
George Farmer-----	293.86
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Alma Rose Jones-----	101.61
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Alma Rose Jones, 3 openings-----	15.00
Macoupin Co. Treasurer-----	273.81
Luriel Bott, 2 weeks clerk-----	105.00
<u>Rev. Sharing:</u>	
Todds Sanitation, Aug. & Sept.-----	24.00
Argus Publishing Co., Pub. RS Report-----	26.40
Don Werts, Recreation-----	50.00
Brighton Civic League, Library-----	6.28
<u>MFT:</u>	
Oliver Gray Trucking Service-----	7828.56
Chas. E. Mahoney, Cold Mix-----	137.20
<u>Bond & Interest Fund:</u>	
Harris Trust & Savings Bank-----	4809.00

Wild made motion to pay all bills but Macoupia County Treasurer, \$273.81, this to be held. Carr seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Garbage pickup by Todd was discussed. Farmer will make a count of garbage cans and locations.

Correspondence read by clerk as follows:

Letter from Evelyn Cardinal asking for use of building on Friday, Nov. 7 for blood bank, free of charge. This was approved and Farmer was instructed to help unload and load on that day. Letter from Martin & Vasconcelles, Inc. in form of an agreement between village of Brighton and them for services of inventorying all warning and regulatory traffic signs. Markwardt made motion, Carr seconded, to participate in this agreement. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Farmer to show these people around when they come. Letter from ICC, notice of hearing. Letter of appreciation from Mr. & Mrs. Harry Jones for light installed on Plum Street. Notice of increase in Workmens' Compensation insurance by American States; card from Wood River Humane Society asking us to have our dogs sterilized; copy of renewal of permit for sanitary sewer extension in Sunnyaire; Municipal tax for June, 1975 - \$3790.04; July, \$3644.28 and MFT tax for August, \$1825.35.

Bids on Brown Street sewer extension were read by clerk. These bids were opened October 3, and were as follows:

Georgewitz-----	\$30,687.30
Rodgers Construction Co.-----	33,897.75
Central States-----	34,710.05
Widman Excavating-----	51,589.97

Since all of these bids were over the estimated cost, Atty. Watson said he has talked to all concerned, and they have agreed to pay their third share. Sheppard has gone over the bids with the Water Dept. and they have recommended that the village go ahead with the low bid. This sewer will be in the road, on the south side, and will not go straight, but figure as if it were straight. It cuts off on the east side of the Cairns place. Scheffel said Sheppard recommends running along south side of road so traffic will not be hindered, and this will have no affect on the bidding. Answering a question put by Ron Hines, Scheffel said a manhole on south side of Brown Street will be stubbed out to Hines' and Well's property so they can hook on. It is Hines' responsibility to hook on. No easement is needed as it will be in the street. Carr made motion to accept the lowest bid, by Georgewitz, of \$30,687.30, as recommended by the Water Department. Markwardt seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously. Ahlemeyer said this takes care of our responsibilities that have been negotiated. He also said that if no action is started on Sunnyaire sewers by October 20, Atty. Watson has been instructed, on that date, to file suit in court pertaining to a lawsuit on which we have two agreements from the party involved. Each one hooking onto this will have to pay \$200, and this is between the property owner and St. Cin.

A Resolution creating the village of Brighton as a Bicentennial Commission was read. Wild made motion to pass this resolution, Carr seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Complaints: There has been a complaint registered regarding horses riding on sidewalks on Maple Street, causing damage. Farmer to check this out. Atty. Watson mentioned that there should be signs put up at the tennis courts on how to take care of them.

Police Report read by Markwardt as follows:

Traffic tickets-----	31	Thefts-----	4
Other arrests-----	2	Auto thefts-----	1
Accidents-----	3		
<u>Dog Report:</u>			
Picked up-----	11	Buried-----	9
Claimed or sold-----	7	Notice to tie-----	1
Destroyed-----	1	Notice & sale of tag -	1
		Due Benz-----	\$72.00

Bills:

Fred Benz-----	\$72.00
Ill. Hospital & Health Service-----	95.30
Brighton Pharmacy-----	9.93
Cal's Market-----	12.98
Gray's Arco-----	27.32
Barnett's Garage-----	15.00
Jersey-Calhoun Vet. Service-----	4.00
Illinois Bell Telephone-----	9.45
Werts Shell Service-----	240.79
Orland E. Rubemeyer-----	344.50
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Wm. G. Broyles-----	360.57
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Markwardt announced that the grade school Hallowe'en parade will be held October 30. Little made motion to pay bills, Wooldridge seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Street Lighting Committee was instructed to check the situation in Briarwood and Brighton Meadows and report to clerk to order lights as needed. This was put in form of a motion by Little, was seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business: Cal Vonnahmen said since the new fire truck will be delivered soon, we should advertise the old one, keeping in mind that we have a bid from Towers of \$5,000. Wild made motion, Carr seconded, that we advertise the above in the "Illinois Municipal Review" November and December, and indicate that we would accept no bid of less than \$5,000. Roll call vote, carried unanimously. Cal will send to towns in the area.

New Business: Clerk advised that Brighton Civic League would like to take advantage of the Lewis & Clark Library System which would be to establish a community reading center. There is one stipulation in these requirements, that of having the library open a minimum of ten hours per week. Since the League's volunteer helpers would like to retire, this means paying someone a salary, and the League asked the village board for permission to use some of the Revenue Sharing money for this purpose. Carr made motion to proceed as the Civic League requests. Wild seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

A letter from Chas. Winslade was read in which he offered the gift of a miniature train to the village with the reservation that in the event the village decides to dispose of it, he will have first opportunity to reclaim it, at no cost. Markwardt made motion to accept this gift and in the event the city doesn't want it any longer, it will be returned to Winslade. Little seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Wild said Wm. Broyles has asked if he could drill a hole thru the wall for a drain for the dark room which he is making in the storage room adjoining the Fire Department office. Little made motion to grant permission to drill this hole, and establish a dark room. Wild seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Scheffel advised that the monitoring system will be delivered tomorrow. He also said the Water Board has discussed having the ditch cleaned out from Burlington to Bunker Hill crossing, and agreed to pay Sheppard to have it surveyed, and have the city follow thru. Ahlemeyer said the attorney should be instructed to notify railroad that we would work with them and our engineer because of this drainage problem. With school facilities, this does need to be taken care of. Atty. Watson mentioned that this would be a three way deal - the township, railroad, and village. Carr made motion to authorize Watson, as representing village, to proceed, also get the engineer in on this, along with Brighton Township and railroad. Markwardt seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Scheffel said there has been a plan presented by Roger Reed to landscape water tank grounds, and trees and shrubs have been approved. Ahlemeyer mentioned that in Revenue Sharing, there is an allowance for beautification, and appointed a committee of Wooldridge, Rathgeb, and George Farmer to come up with an idea for some type of shrubbery to be planted from the highway to South Street. He also mentioned that ten flags were ordered, and questioned where these could be placed.

Scheffel said Rodgers is putting water meters in now, at his apartments.

Rathgeb suggested that minutes be mailed to trustees, to review before meeting, thereby eliminating time of reading minutes during meeting. All trustees agreed to this.

Trick or Treat: Wild made motion that this be set for two nights, October 30 and 31, 6 to 9 p.m. ages up to 14. Wooldridge seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Rathgeb made motion to adjourn. Wild seconded.
Adjourned 11:15 p.m.

Suzella Levens
Village Clerk