

Brighton, Ill.
December 1, 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 Dec. 1, 1975. The clerk called roll of trustees:

Present: Little, Carr, Markwardt, Wooldridge

Absent: Rathgeb, Wild

Ahlemeyer asked for a review of the minutes of regular meeting of November 3. Carr made motion to accept minutes as reported. Little seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Report from Brighton Postal Department:

Bob Lewis, E. St. Louis Postal Division, John Collins of St. Louis Dist. Postal Service, and Russ Billings, Brighton Post Office were here. Ahlemeyer summarized what has taken place to now regarding door-to-door delivery. At this point, Brighton qualifies with 750 stops, but the Postal Department says this is curbline, and not door-to-door. City delivery would be door-to-door in the business district only. This leaves us the option of going city delivery or rural, and the advantages of each are that house frontages have to be less than 50' and set back less than 30'. City delivery is much more expensive than rural. With curbline delivery one gets every service that is available at the post office (this is rural) while with city delivery we would get none of this as the rest of our business would be handled thru the post office. Boxes should also be grouped on one side of the street. Another alternative could be neighborhood box units which would bring service, at the most, within a block to each family. This is used at Sparta, Ill. and Mr. Lewis will check into it.

If persons make the request for rural delivery and meet the criteria, they cannot be refused. If city is removed later from rural, rules of the unions have to be taken into consideration and there may be limitations as to what can be done. 500 letters will be distributed as a survey as to which way to go and 75% must approve. No further action will be taken until this survey is made. Billings will put this in the paper first, then send out the letters. If curbline is approved, delivery patterns, etc. will have to be set up. Walking would be in business district only and grouping of boxes on highway will be necessary. Regarding pick-up box in business district, the post office is against this because mail would have to be picked up at 2:45 p.m. and this would not be much help.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Luriel Bott, Treasurer, clerk read treasurer's report as follows:

Balance on hand General Fund Nov. 30-----	\$18,362.88
Savings-----	\$2,955.76
Revenue Sharing Trust Fund-----	18,046.03
Motor Fuel Tax Fund-----	13,126.04
Bldg. Bond Int. & Sink. Fund-----	17,207.62
Bond & Interest Fund-----	4,307.00
WW & Sewerage Fund-----	7,204.15
WW & Sewer. Fund Bond Res. Acct.-----	44,464.71

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

Water Board Report read by Scheffel as follows:

Receipts:

Metered customers-----	\$13,493.73
Bulk Sales-----	339.00
Conn. fees & meter inst. stock-----	3,310.72
Interest received-----	290.82
Hydrant rental, Thunderbird-----	18.55
Total receipts-----	\$20,087.21

Disbursements:

Water-----	2,568.26
Power-----	756.65
Payroll-----	2,735.97
Total disbursements---	\$18,699.68
Water customers billed -	1439

Markwardt made motion to accept written portions of Water Board Report. Carr seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Scheffel said the Water Board has recommended that land at the water tank site be used to put proposed museum on. Ahlemeyer stated that there will be a Bicentennial Committee meeting Monday at 2 p.m. to meet with SW Chamber of Commerce officer, John Stampe, and also Rep. John Sharpe, to justify our interest in having the museum.

Scheffel asked for permission to advertise for bids for 4" and 6" water line and fittings at approximate cost of \$4000 to \$5000 to be used on that portion of Sunnyside that has never been completed (Steven Street), approximately 1200'. This is where Don Whiteside is building, and engineer is in process of platting now. Water Dept. will lay the lines themselves.

Scheffel asked for board approval to start proceedings on chlorination at Godfrey as we do not show proper testing. Chlorination is lost at Godfrey, and EPA indicated this must be done.

Scheffel stated that the Water Dept. already has permission to go ahead and have old water tank inspected, but at the same time, would like to have the one at Godfrey inspected, and if it needs painting, to go ahead with it.

Markwardt made motion to allow Water Board go their recommended route on all three requests: advertise for bids on water line and fittings for Sunnyside, chlorination at

Godfrey, and inspection of Godfrey water tank. Wooldridge seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Scheffel said the Water Board has approved their paying \$2500 on the cost of backhoe equipment. Atty. Watson advised that on used equipment, we do not have to get bids. Farmer and Wooldridge both agreed that this is a good buy at \$6000. Carr made motion to purchase this equipment from John Storey and pay out of Revenue Sharing (Sidewalks & Curb & Gutter). Little seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously. Ahlemeyer said a log should be kept pertaining to where this equipment is used, and the departments using it.

Monitoring system should be in soon. Sewers on Brown Street will be done Wednesday except laterals across Brown Street. Rodgers apartments, easements, etc. are all done. Water Board would like permission to enclose monitoring system and extend pay window on inside. Markwardt made motion, Carr seconded, to approve this alteration since it is attached to the building. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Street & Alley Report given by George Farmer as follows: George has plowed snow, spread salt, painted stripes, picked up brush, worked at sale two days, city hauling, patching, etc. They have cleaned up glass as well as possible up town. Carr made motion to accept this report. Little seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously.

Bills read by clerk as follows:

Luella Cravens-----	\$206.78
Illinois Power-----	401.46
Werts Shell Service-----	50.22
Godwin Office Supply-----	82.81
Walker's Service Station-----	11.58
Waters Blacksmith & Welding-----	36.00
Henry Heyen & Son-----	10.39
Illinois Bell Telephone Co.-----	6.08
Alma Rose Jones, Reimbursement-----	2.00
Rathgeb Bros.-----	67.37
Grays Arco-----	28.30
Means Services-----	9.22
Jones Lumber Co.-----	6.90
Towers Fire Apparatus, Fire Dept.-----	9346.85
Illinois Municipal League, Fire Dept.-----	54.81
Towers Fire Apparatus, Fire Dept.-----	7.66
Illinois Bell Telephone Co., Fire Dept.-----	7.04
Central Electric, 1/2 Betsey Ann, 1/2 Fire Dept.-----	33.65
Ed Young, Co. Clerk, recording easements-----	12.00
Illinois Hospital & Health Services-----	39.90
First National Bank of Brighton, Nov. Fed.WH --	252.80
Alma Rose Jones, Reimb. Xmas dec.-----	48.97
Lampert Agency, \$290.00 Fire Dept. \$1096 village	1386.00
Lucille Carr, Return of Hall Rent-----	10.00
Alma Rose Jones-----	101.61
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Alma Rose Jones, 3 openings-----	15.00

George Farmer-----	\$293.86
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Brighton Post Office-----	40.00
<u>Revenue Sharing</u>	
Masco Sales, Recreation-----	4.95
Werts Shell Service, Recreation-----	2.00
C. M. Lohr, Recreation-----	169.73
Brighton Civic League, Library-----	278.17
John Storey, Sidewelks, C&G - Water Dept. reimb. \$2500.00-----	6000.00
<u>MFT:</u>	
Village of Brighton Gen. Fund transfer, labor charges-----	88.26

A bill was read from Martin & Vasconcelles for survey of street signs, in amount of \$1276.82. This was to be held up until clerk has permission to pay. Also a bill from Masco Sales for material for tennis courts is to be held. The bill from Lampert Agency is to be held for approval, after checking to see if it can be paid on six months basis. Carr made motion to pay all other bills. Little seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Ahlemeyer explained about insurance package bids and asked for permission to send out for bids when the paper work is completed. Markwardt made motion to authorize bid requests be submitted for package insurance, we to advertise for bids to go into effect May 1 and all bids should be in by 7 p.m. March 1. Wooldridge seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Correspondence read by clerk as follows:

Letter from Illinois Bicentennial Commission, Springfield, also American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, Chicago, advising that Brighton has been officially recognized as a Bicentennial community. It was decided to have the presentation ceremony at the same time as the Lincoln dinner, Saturday, Feb. 28. The dinner is at 6:30 so ceremony will be at 6 p.m. if other members of Bicentennial Committee agree. Clerk was instructed to send all Bicentennial Committee members notice of meetings, also give item to paper. Clerk to also advise congressional members of our flag presentation date.

Letter from Ill. Bell requesting signature as permission to perform work as indicated. This was turned over to the attorney for review. Letter from Vasconcelles with agreement for street signs for board to authorize, also sketch of survey. There will be a meeting next Monday to review this. Letter of resignation as secretary of Fire Dept. from George Tuey. Little made motion to accept this resignation, Markwardt seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously. Joe Allen's name was submitted as a replacement for George. Markwardt made motion to accept Joe Allen as new secretary. Little seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously. Markwardt made motion to give mayor permission to sign contract for street signs after approval. Wooldridge seconded. Voice vote, carried unanimously. Alma Jones wrote asking for

permission to buy another Christmas tree as when the auditorium is used for Xmas parties, the tree is moved from the hall, damaging ornaments, etc. Markwardt made motion to buy Xmas tree similar to one in hall, also trimming, at approximately \$50.00, to be charged to Christmas fund. Also to give Alma permission to purchase a 20' electric cord which has been lost, this new cord to be kept in the clerk's office. Carr seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously. ICC hearing on water rate increase read. Letter from Franzen Bros. Circus read, to be filed. Municipal tax for August, 1975, \$3448.65; MFT tax for October, \$2093.76.

Resolution was read that U. S. Congress be urged to pass an extension of Federal Revenue Sharing Act so that this program may continue. Markwardt made motion to adopt, Little seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously. Clerk to send copies of this resolution to congressmen urging their cooperation.

Committee Reports: Markwardt read police bills as follows:

Fred Benz-----	\$46.75
Walker's Service Station-----	237.63
Cal's Market-----	17.97
Illinois Bell Telephone Co.-----	10.63
McAfee Service Station-----	8.90
Gray's Arco-----	9.80
Constable Equipment Co.-----	12.04
Concord Press-----	16.25
Lamar Bock-----	7.50
Masco Sales-----	3.99
Illinois Hospital & Health Service-----	95.30
Wm. G. Broyles, reg. pay plus 1 holiday-----	407.12
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Orland E. Rubemeyer-----	344.50
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Little made motion, Carr seconded, to pay police bills. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Dog Report

Dogs picked up -----	7	Notice to purchase tag -	2
Dogs claimed or sold-----	1	Disposition of above ---	2
Animals destroyed -----	6	Animal bites-----	1
Buried-----	6	Notice to tie dogs-----	2
Due Benz-----	\$46.75		

Police Report:

Traffic tickets-----	29	Burglaries-----	3
Accidents-----	5	Thefts-----	2
Vandalism-----	1		

Police have recommended buying tape recorder at \$70.00; spray and sprayer for cleaning dog pen, and radio for Auxiliary car, approx. \$388.00. Carr made motion to authorize these purchases. Jerome seconded. Roll call vote, carried unanimously.

It was suggested that prices be checked out on the tape recorder before paying the \$70.00.

Wooldridge asked if police could patrol (walk) the uptown section on Friday or Saturday nights. This was approved.

Street Lighting Committee: Carr said the light at salt shed is not up yet, nor is the pole set at Rodgers apartments, but this will be done.

Shrubbery Report: Wooldridge stated it would cost approximately \$1058.00 to put trees 50' apart on Main from Nursing Home to North Street, 2300'. It was decided to take care of this in the spring, and also check with other nurseries for their recommendations and prices.

Unfinished business: It was noted that the curb at Police Department was left in by opinion of Street and Alley Committee.

New Business: Clerk instructed to write Judy Farmer, Pres. of Community Women's Club, and thank them for painting fire plugs. This was in the form of a resolution passed.

Alma Jones said Alice Burns had asked for the auditorium two hours every Sunday morning and two hours every Sunday night for religious meetings. It was decided that this would be tying the auditorium up too much because others would be unable to use it, and it would not be fair to all concerned. Clerk to write her accordingly.

Senior Citizens asked for room to store a 2 x 4 x 2' foot locker. They are to be advised that this is impossible as we do not have the storage space available.

Markwardt made motion to adjourn. Wooldridge seconded. Adjourned 11:30 p.m.

Della Craven
Village Clerk