

Hamersville Board of Public Affairs
Regular Meeting - February 26, 1990
Community Building - 7:00 P.M.

President Hanselman called the meeting to order.

Present were: James Hanselman, Charles Tucker

Also Present were: Mayor Steve Bowyer, Councilman Wyndal Staggs, Eric Mullis, Kay Elliott, Colby Saylor, and Clerk-Treasurer Craig.

Mayor Bowyer swore in Eric Mullis as new member of the Board of Public Affairs. Mr. Mullis is replacing Ken Ginn, whose term expires 12/91.

President Hanselman asked Clerk-Treasurer Craig to read the minutes of previous meetings. Clerk-Treasurer Craig read the minutes of January 22, 1990. The minutes were approved as read. President Hanselman asked, "Wasn't there another set of minutes? Clerk-Treasurer Craig replied that she had not prepared the minutes President Hanselman recorded of the special meeting of February 8, 1990 because she did not know if it would be a legal, paid meeting without Clerk-Treasurer being present. President Hanselman said that the Board had held special meetings for years and no one has questioned it before. Mayor Bowyer said due to "Sunshine Law" special meeting notices have to be posted in public places, forty-eight hours in advance of the meeting. President Hanselman said sometimes it is necessary to have an emergency meeting and there is not time to post special meeting notices!

Clerk-Treasurer Craig apologized for not knowing procedure, but did request opinion from Village Solicitor, George Leicht. Solicitor Leicht stated he believed Board did have an official meeting although Clerk-Treasurer was not present and members could be paid for attendance. Solicitor Leicht suggested that the Council and/or Board adopt regulations regarding conduct of meetings. Clerk-Treasurer should be in attendance but if not able to attend, Board can elect a Clerk-Pro Tem to record the proceedings of meeting. (Copy of Solicitor Leicht's opinion is on file.)

Board established special meeting to be held March 2, 1990 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held to cover the same items discussed at the February 8, 1990 meeting which was the increase of salaries and the purchase of property. Board instructed Clerk-Treasurer to post notices of this meeting in five public places.

Mayor Bowyer informed Board he had requested Solicitor Leicht to prepare an Ordinance to instruct Clerk-Treasurer Craig to transfer \$950.00 monthly from Water Fund to the Water Replacement and Improvement Fund, plus \$4,750.00 which represents the amount retroactive to time the payments stopped. Ordinance also instructs Clerk-Treasurer to deposit annually a sum of money equal to the amount of annual interest earned on the accumulated funds. This Ordinance should

be approved at next regular Council meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Craig read the bills. The bills were approved for payment as read.

Mayor Bowyer told Board he would like to have a joint meeting of Council and Board of Public Affairs to discuss Issue 2. Board members said March 15, 1990 would be OK with them to meet on Issue 2.

Mayor Bowyer also told Board Fire Chief Schneider again approached him about tree limbs hanging over Bank Street. Mayor Bowyer asked assistance on getting these removed. Board discussed possibility of having an outside contractor to trim and clear trees around electric lines.

Discussion was held on the gas tank which was purchased by Council. Lynn Dunn, electrician, said he had put quite a number of hours in on wiring the electric pump, but questioned the current location. If tank is moved, a lot more hours will be required to undo and redo the wiring. Board suggested Council pay for Dunn's hourly rate plus material for wiring the electric pump on tank.

At this point, Kay Elliott handed President Hanselman a note. Mr. Gene Talley had fallen on ice while delivering shut-off notices in January. Mr. Talley injured his knee and was only able to read perhaps 5% of water and electric meters in February.

Board instructed Clerk-Treasurer to pay Gene Talley for only 5% of his regular February salary and to pay Colby Saylor the balance of Mr. Talley's February salary. Board also agreed Colby Saylor is to read meters at same rate Mr. Talley was receiving, until Mr. Talley is able to return. Board also wants a letter of release from Mr. Talley's Doctor before he returns to work.

There being no further business, Mr. Mullis moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion.

President Hanselman adjourned the meeting.

James W. Hanselman
President

Barbara J. Craig
Clerk-Treasurer