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Village of Hamersville
Regular Council Meeting
Monday July 6, 1992 7:00 P.M.

Present Mayor Steven Bowyer, Clerk Treasurer Martha Hanes, Council Members: Patrick Hanselman, James Johnston, Wyndal Staggs, Tenny Stephens.

Also Present The Board of Public Affairs Members: President Jesse Nesten, Edward Martin, Mack Hanes.

Also present: Solicitor George Leicht, Chief James Canter, Officers Betty Kinkpatrick and Wayne Blanton.

Visitors Present were: Edward Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Richie. William Dean Jr. and Mr. Eugene O'Brien and Gene Worthington and Charles Bunton entered during the meeting.

Absent: Lanny Talbott.

Mayor Steven Bowyer called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Hanselman motioned Staggs seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Voting: Hanselman YEA, Staggs YEA, Johnston YEA, Stephens YEA. Voting: Nay None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Bowyer recognized the visitors Mr. and Mrs. Tony Richie and Mr. Edward Dean who was present to protest the Village mowing their lots. Mayor Bowyer called Mr. Dean first and told him he could have the floor. Mr. Dean stated his opinion on the mowing subject and then Mr. Richie stated his opinion. After a discussion lasting one and one half hours council tabled the discussion until the next regular council meeting on August 3, 1992 at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Stephens made a motion to table the mowing appeal made by Mr. Dean and Mr. Richey seconded by Mr. Johnston. Voting: Stephens: YEA, Johnston: YEA, Hanselman: YEA, Staggs: YEA. Voting: Nay None. **MOTION CARRIED.** During the discussion on the mowing council asked to have Ordinance 1988-7 read twice. Mayor Bowyer reported that twelve people had received letters to mow.

Mayor Bowyer asked about a box Mr. Johnston and Mr. Hanselman was to send to the Board of Public Affairs to be placed over a water line and they reported that they had one and Mr. Johnston would haul it to Hamersville this next week.

Mayor Bowyer asked for a report on the park sign and Mr. Hanselman said he had the boards in his garage and that he had attempted to call Mr. Jenny Johnson but had not received a return call from him. At that time Mr. Hanselman motioned to see if someone else could be located to cut the lettering in the sign, cost not to exceed \$35.00 (Thirty Five Dollars) Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Voting: Hanselman: YEA, Johnston: YEA, Staggs: YEA, Stephens: YEA.

Mayor Bowyer reported that he will get prices on the other park signs that are needed before the next council meeting.

Debra Ginn entered the meeting at 8:30 and asked council

what they were going to do about the condition of Congress Alley: she stated that she owns two houses on Main Street that run back to Congress Alley and during the extremely heavy rain on Sunday the water had backed up on her property and caused both of her septic systems to fail and she had to have them pumped out. Council took a recess to go across and look at Congress Alley when they returned it was agreed that repair work was needed at once. Mayor Bowyer to contact Jeff Stein and have him look at the situation and suggest what the village could do and where to start on the project since it will be quite expensive and time consuming.

Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Worthington discussed the sewer system and what the village should do next. They reported they had a bus going from Mt. Onab, on Saturday July 11, to tour the plants they have engineered in Indiana and any one from Hamersville could go along if they wanted to go. The bus will leave the police station at 7:30 AM.

Mayor Bowyer Called on the Board of Public Affairs and told them they needed to watch their budget and see if they could cut their expense since the electric fund was operating very low.

The new rate increase has not been received yet and funds are low. It was suggested that the board look at Lynn Dunns house and see if it might be cheaper to hire a commercial tree trimmer to keep the limbs out of the lines. Mr. Staggs suggested that perhaps Mr. Dunn could be put back on salary. Mr. Liecht said he would check this out and report back to council.

Mayor Bowyer asked for a motion to pay the bill. Mr. Johnston motioned and Staggs seconded the motion to pay the bills as presented. Voting: Johnston: YEA, Staggs: YEA, Hanselman: YEA, Stephens: YEA. Voting Nay: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Stephens seconded by Staggs to transfer; (Pending the State Auditor opinion) from the Street Construction Fund to The General Fund since the Street Bond Principal and interest had been paid from the general fund. Voting: Stephens: YEA, Staggs: YEA, Hanselman: YEA, Johnston: YEA. Voting: NAY: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Clerk Treasurer gave each council member a copy of the proceeds received from the Water Works Bonds that the village called on June 1, 1992 and asked where the funds should be placed. Everyone has a different opinion and the clerk will get an answer from the State Auditors office on where we can legally spend this these funds.

Trucks parking on Main Street have created a severe problem with the traffic on route 774 since you cannot see to enter state route 125. Mr. Johnston motioned seconded by Hanselman to ban all truck parking on State Route 125 on both the North and South Side from Route 774 To Bank Street on the South side and North Ave. on the North Side. Voting: Johnston: YEA, Hanselman:

YEA, Staggs: YEA, Stephens: YEA. Voteing: Nay: None. MOTION CARRIED. After someone questioned what about the trucks making deliveries and people who drive pick up trucks to the grocery, Johnston motioned to withdraw his former motion on truck parking seconded by Hanselman. Voteing: Johnston: YEA, Hanselman: YEA, Staggs: YEA, Stephens: YEA. Voteing: Nay: None MOTION CARRIED. The matter of trucks parking on main street and blocking the view on State Route 125 was referred to the street committee for study and suggestions for improvements until a traffic light can be obtained.

Chief Canter gave the police report and asked council if they would approve some white shirts for the Police dept. since the black shirts are extremely hot in the summer. A motion was made by Stephens, seconded by Johnston to purchase each officer Two (2) White Shirts For the Summer. Voteing: Stephens: YEA, Johnston: YEA, Hanselman: YEA, Staggs: YEA. Voteing: Nay: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Bowyer called on Charles Bunton to give the street committee report. Mr. Bunton reported that the Village had two JTPA workers but one had quit and the other one a boy named Lance Jobe was working out quite nicely. Mr. Bunton reported that he was a good and willing worker. They will be painting lines on the streets soon.

Mayor Bowyer asked council to look at the 1993 Budget. After a Very brief discussion on the budget Hanselman motioned Johnston seconded the motion to accept the budget as presented. Voteing: Hanselman: YEA, Johnston: YEA, Staggs: YEA, Stephens: YEA, Dean: YEA. Voteing: Nay: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Mack Hones From the Board of Public Affairs stated that he would be willing to mow the grass in the park if the village would furnish the gasoline. Council agreed that this was acceptable to them and all he needed to do was to see the police officer on duty to get gasoline to mow with.

Mayor Bowyer asked if there was any further business to come before the meeting. Hearing none Hanselman motioned to adjourn seconded by Dean. Voteing: Hanselman: YEA, Dean: YEA, Johnston: YEA, Staggs: YEA, Stephens: YEA. Voteing: NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Bowyer adjourned the meeting reminding everyone the next regular meeting will be held on Monday August 3, 1992 at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Clerk Treasurer