

**VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 1994 - 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Martha Hanes, Jim Johnston, Jesse Nester, Duane Neu, Sue Sowers, Wyndal Staggs, Mayor Steve Bowyer and Clerk-Treasurer Joyce Craig

Also present: Chief of Police Jim Canter; Officer Betty Kirkpatrick; Kenny Green, General Maintenance man; Eunice Ott, Brown County Press; Sherri Lewis, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; Ken Kelch, visitor and Bruce Brandstetter entered during the meeting

Mayor Bowyer called the meeting to order and asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the regular meeting of August 1st and or the special meeting of August 22nd.

Hanes moved to accept the minutes as presented. Neu seconded the motion.

VOTING: YEA: Hanes, Neu, Johnston, Nester, Sowers, Staggs. NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

At this point, Mayor Bowyer asked the visitor if he would like to address Council. Mr. Kelch said he wanted to introduce himself and let Council know he is a candidate for Brown County Auditor.

After Mr. Kelch made a few comments regarding his qualifications for that position, he thanked Council for their time and left the meeting.

Mayor Bowyer asked BPA President Hanes if he had any comments for Council. President Hanes replied he did not have any comments at this time.

Mayor Bowyer asked Chief of Police Jim Canter if he had anything to report to Council. Chief Canter said he had heard comments pertaining to "Conflict in Collecting Donations" and would like to know if Council wants Police Department to discontinue Collecting donations or not. Chief Canter continued that he would not expect any of his officers to "turn their head" if a donator broke the law!

Councilman Staggs said he wanted to go on record that he is strongly against Police Department accepting donations.

Mayor Bowyer added he did not see a problem, if money is not available for Police Department to purchase necessary equipment and businesses wish to back police department by making donations!

Chief Canter informed Council that the Police Department will qualify on Sunday, September 11.

Chief Canter continued that he is currently working on updating rules and regulations for the department. Hopefully by the October meeting, he will be able to present the updated rules and regulations to Council for their review.

Mayor Bowyer read letter of resignation from Officer Wayde Blanton. Officer Blanton's resignation was effective August 4, 1994. Neu moved to accept the resignation. Staggs seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA: Neu, Staggs, Hanes, Johnston, Nester, Sowers. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

Council discussed BPA's discontinuance of Chipper Service for Village residents. Council members have received some negative comments about the service being discontinued. Council discussed the possibility of having general maintenance man continue this service with BPA's approval of use of chipper. President Hanes will check with BPA at their next regular meeting and report back to Council at their next meeting.

Mayor Bowyer updated Council on the telephone committee's continued efforts to obtain toll free service for 379 customers. Mayor Bowyer said the Commissioner of PUCO is attending the September 22nd hearing.

Councilman Nester said he wanted to insert a couple of comments to Council. The property behind Rev. Baker's need to have weeds mowed; concerned about the deck on the residence on SR 125. It appears the deck is connecting residences. Mr. Nester concerned that there should be a fire proof wall. Mayor Bowyer replied that the deck situation would be under jurisdiction of the Fire Department not Council.

Councilman Johnston asked the status of the Long Term Debt situation. (In Audit Report, State Examiner said money could not have been used to pay street debt.) Mayor Bowyer said Solicitor Leicht was pursuing this matter. Mayor Bowyer will check with Solicitor Leicht and report back to Council.

Bruce Brandstetter entered the meeting at this point.

Mayor Bowyer asked Bruce to bring Council up-to-date on sewer project.

Bruce said a couple of weeks ago he applied for an Issue II Grant of \$150,000.00 and an Issue II Loan of \$300,000.00 at zero (0) percent interest for twenty years. Bruce said by applying both grant and loan, it gives Village a few more points.

Bruce said he has worked with figures and different scenarios, but he is still looking at \$43.00 to \$52.00 per month for sewer costs for residents. Currently at \$47.00 per month with a \$300 tap in fee.

Bruce said we have two problems, we need to find more grant money or we need to get construction/treatment cost down! One option would be to go back to Georgetown and talk to them about the tap in fee of \$285,000. to see how firm that is.

Bruce continued that if we could get a lower treatment cost, it would also help. Georgetown proposes \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons for treatment. It would be cheaper to have our own treatment plant but problem is getting a permit.

Discussion continued on sewer project and ways to get monthly cost down for residents. Bruce will try to get a representative from FmHA to attend the next regular Council meeting.

Bruce said he would continue to pursue Issue 11 Grant and Loan and at the same time get more details on 504 Grant, which is a loan for low income families. Bruce will also begin actual negotiations with Georgetown for treatment.

Council was in agreement to let Bruce meet with Georgetown's engineer to see how things can be worked out for treatment costs, hook-up costs, etc.

Bruce informed Council that the Block Grant for sidewalks will be opened Wednesday, September 14, 1994.

Bruce presented proposal for engineering costs, etc. per BPA's request for roofing their two utility buildings. Brandstetter & Carroll's proposal is \$1,500.00. This does not include bidding, but Brandstetter & Carroll would submit plans to state.

BPA President Hanes will discuss with BPA at September Meeting. Following discussion, Neu made a motion to accept Brandstetter & Carroll's proposal for engineering costs for roofs for utility buildings contingent upon BPA's approval.

Hanes seconded the motion. **VOTING:** YEA: Neu, Hanes, Johnston, Sower, Staggs. NAY: Nester. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Bowyer asked Kenny Green if he had any comments for Council. Kenny said he just wanted to verify that his hours decrease in October. Mayor Bowyer said that was correct unless something came up then he could give approval for additional hours.

Kenny continued that some seals are going bad on hydraulics on tractor and need to be repaired. Kenny said he can do the repair work himself and save Council money. Council was in agreement for Kenny to do the work.

Johnston moved to accept the additional donation received for Police Department. Neu seconded the motion. **VOTING:** YEA: Johnston, Neu, Hanes, Sower. Abstained: Nester, Staggs. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Those donations were:

Hamersville Coal & Feed.....	\$100.00
Monnetess Video Wave.....	\$50.00
James Johnston.....	\$18.30
Steve or Mark McKinney.....	\$50.00
D & S.....	\$50.00
Farrell's Dairy Bar.....	\$25.00
Cornnetts Garage.....	\$200.00
Irv's Auto.....	\$200.00
E & R Rental.....	\$300.00

Clerk-Treasurer Craig said Village had received a notice from PERS that former Mayor Roger Adkins was purchasing service time and the Village share was \$515.55. Following discussion, Johnston moved, Nester seconded the motion to pay the Village portion to PERS. **VOTING: YEA: Johnston, Nester, Hanes, Neu, Staggs, Sowers. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

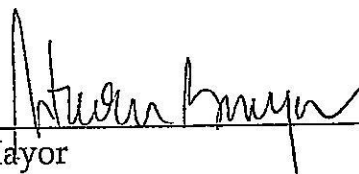
Clerk-Treasurer also presented a request for payment from the Police & Fireman's Fund. The request for \$1084.64 was \$740.98 for contributions for Village share for a \$343.66 plus interest. Clerk-Treasurer Craig said hours of research showed a former Clerk-Treasurer had issued checks, checks never cashed, and another former Clerk-Treasurer placed stop payment on those uncanceled checks. Clerk-Treasurer Craig felt Village did owe the \$740.98 but did not feel Village could pay the penalty or interest of \$343.66. Council asked Clerk-Treasurer to get solicitor's opinion.

Chief Canter said he would like to purchase radio and radar unit with the donations Police Department received.

Hanes moved to approve purchase of police equipment as long as cost did not exceed amount of donations received. Neu seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA: Hanes, Neu, Johnston, Nester, Sower, Staggs. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business, Staggs moved to adjourn the meeting. Johnston seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA: Staggs, Johnston, Hanes, Nester, Neu, Sowers. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Bowyer Adjourned the meeting.



Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer