

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Carol Coulter. Councilmen Anderson, Andolshek, Arends & Delmonico were present. There were approximately 20 members of the community present.

After a discussion of the posting of road weights a motion was made by Delmonico and seconded by Anderson that the roads will not be posted for 1981 and that the city will take another look at the problem early in 1982. It was stated that any citizen who finds a flagrant violation of load limitation may contact the sheriff's office and they will send out a scale as soon as possible. The motion carried, Anderson, Andolshek, Delmonico and Coulter voting, "AYE" and Arends voting, "NAY". *(See amendment #1 on 4/10/81 minutes)*

John Weizenegger of GW Insurance presented two quotes on property liability insurance. One quote was the League of Minnesota Cities plan and the other was our present insurer, the Home Insurance plan for cities. The Home Insurance plan is paying a dividend of 30% at the end of the year, as the League plan does not know as yet what they will be paying as this plan has been operating for one year, only. On a motion by Anderson and seconded by Delmonico that the city accept the proposal of the Home Insurance Company as presented. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous. We will also renew our Umbrella Liability and our Law Enforcement Officers policies.

The mayor explained her reasons for exploring the possibilities of receiving money from the Telephone Company for the proposed Fire Hall addition. She stated that she felt it would be far better to use these if they are available than having the city go in debt for the addition. Mr. Bieber, Chairman of the Telephone Commission, stated that he was very disappointed that the mayor had not consulted with him or his commission when exploring the possibility of obtaining these funds. He stated that the council must have been aware that the Telephone Commission had scheduled a public information meeting to be held at the Community Center on April 9th to explain what makes the Telephone Company "tick". The mayor stated that because she needed answers to questions that were highly technical financial problems she went to the "experts", the auditing company and the REA attorney responsible for drawing up the original contract. Mr. Bieber gave a brief description of how the city of Barnesville operates their city-owned Telephone Company in comparison with the way our city-owned Telephone Company is operated. Mr. Bieber stated that he felt it would be imprudent for the Telephone Company to pay the city any further money beyond the dividend already paid to the city. He stated that at the Telephone Commission meeting last Friday night they had made a motion and it was carried unanimously that no further money be paid to the city for 1981 in dividends. He requested that the council go along with this recommendation. *(See amendment #3 on 4/10/81 minutes) & #4)*

Arends stated that the auditor's report contained the statement that "at December 31, 1980, net revenues of \$275,285 are available for transfer from the telephone fund.", was what caused the city to explore the possibility of obtaining funding for the Fire Hall rather than going into debt. The mayor again stated that she again was merely asking the question, "Is there money available?". Mr. Bieber requested that the council table the matter until after the public information meeting scheduled for April 9th. The mayor again replied that the council did not plan on taking any action tonite that they were merely trying to open a discussion.

On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Arends that the request for funding for the Fire Hall be brought up at the April 10th regular meeting and tabled tonight. All members voting, "AYE" the motion carried unanimously.

Anderson stated that he would like to see the city proceed with the loan application regardless of what the council decides at the next meeting, as the deadline for applying is June 1, 1981. On a motion by Anderson and seconded by Arends to proceed with the application for the loan and if other funding is available the application can be withdrawn. After a discussion of the terms and the amount of the loan it was decided that they should request a \$90,100. loan and no terms were decided upon. Andolshek, Anderson and Fire Chief Fraser will make the trip to FmHA Administration in Alexandria. John Backdahl inquired how the same people who so strongly objected to budget proposals a few months ago could now justify this expenditure of approximately \$90,000. Anderson pointed out that this loan will probably be at a much lesser rate of interest than what the telephone company is earning on their investments. Delmonico stated that the city has to consider the length of loan and that interest rates could drop after we have committed ourselves to a long term loan. The motion as aforesaid carried and the vote was unanimous. Leona Wilske, a member of the community stated that she felt that a referendum of the people should be held. The council stated that this would probably be required before the loan could be finalized. Motion to proceed with *(See amendment #5 on 4/10/81 minutes)* loan application carried unanimously.

In discussing whether it was necessary to have someone sworn in as Deputy Clerk to relieve the City Clerk when she is not available, it was decided that it was not necessary to have a Deputy sworn in. On a motion by Delmonico and seconded by Arends that the City Clerk be authorized to hire Betty Pothen to take her place when she seems necessary. The motion carried with all voting "AYE" except Andolshek, "NAY".

On a motion by Anderson and seconded by Delmonico that the council approve Wayne Schwartz as the new chairman of Park Board and Doris Palmer as a new member to replace Tom Woog, as recommended by the Park Board. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

Anderson reported that the Park has received three bids for the fencing of the ballfield at the park. The back of the ballfield fence will be sold for advertising space for local merchants and this should generate \$2,000 to \$3,000. a year in revenue. The Park Board will borrow \$1,850. from the athletic fund and rededicate the \$2,500. to the ballfield fencing from the amount that was designated to the picnic area, making a total of \$4,350. and accepting the bid of Oberg Fence Company. This last sentence was put in the form of a motion by Anderson and seconded by Delmonico. The motion carried with all voting "AYE", and Arends abstaining.

The matter of drinking on park property was brought up by Delmonico as he had heard that the ball team had approached an adjacent property owner as to having beer on his property. It was decided that nothing could be done about this as long as there was no drinking on park property.

A Revenue Sharing public hearing to re-dedicate the funds will be conducted at our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
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