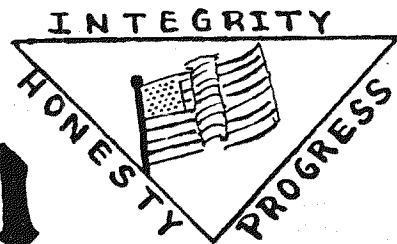


WOODRIDGE FIRST Minutemen News



BOOK I VOLUME II

JANUARY 25, 1969

We're sorry, but it seems that the "Flu" took its toll with us too. We were unable to have our Minutemen News printed sooner as our typist and printer came down with the flu - - We're all ready to get back into motion now; we thank you all for your calls and continued interest in the Minutemen News.

POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY OR FAVORITISM ?

We'd like to call the attention of residents of Woodridge to a recent annexation to the Village.

This annexation is referred to in the Village Board Minutes of the Board Meeting of 11/21/68 as the Barr-Doufexis or Maple Creek Development, located at the northeast corners of 75th and Woodward Avenue. At the time of annexation, the Downers Grove Fire Protection Dist. objected, however, the reasons for the objection were not made known.

We suggest each resident obtain from the Village Clerk's Office two sets of documents and that they ask to read the Annexation Agreement between the Village and the developers of the Barr-Doufexis property. The documents are the Official Minutes of the November 21st, 1968 Board Meeting and the Village Ordinance enacted during that meeting, duly recorded as number 68-30.

Each of us then should remember that the parcel of land in question was designated in our Master Plan (cost, approximately \$18,000) as an Industrial Site.

Ordinance #68-30 is an Ordinance amending Ordinance number 68-2, being the Zoning Ordinance of the Village, adopted February 1, 1968 rezoning and reclassifying certain property. Ordinance 68-30 rezones and reclassifies the Barr-Doufexis property to A-2 Residence, permitting planned development and the ordinance authorizes a Special Use Permit for the construction of 765 units of apartment dwellings, a gas station and a motel.

The Annexation Agreement states that the Village agrees to issue a Class "A" Liquor License for use on Parcel A, if the applicant and the application meet all the requirements of the Village and the State.

We wonder what "agreement" and/or "arrangement" was made with the Mayor, the Board of Trustees and the Plan Commission to get the property zoned properly and have the Mayor, who is the Village Liquor

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Commissioner by State Law, bind the Village to issuing a Class "A" Liquor License for use on Parcel A of the Barr-Doufexis property.

During the Board Meeting when the above ordinance was read and passed, according to the Official Minutes, Trustees Alexander, Collins, Roman and Schmidt voted for the ordinance. Only Trustee Stewart voted against the ordinance.

On a question from Mr. C. Martin of 6323 Bradley Drive, Mr. Stewart explained his "nay" vote. Trustee Stewart said the original intent of the Master Plan was to zone that portion of land for light industry. He further said the original proposal by Tec-Search on the "Land Use Map" was changed for the "Official Map" after this particular piece of property was first discussed by the Board.

The Present Unity Mayor and Board of Trustees ran and were elected on the basis that they were in favor of light industry for the village. The Master Plan as developed by Tec-Search designated that property for industry.

The Mayor and Trustees have done nothing visible to get industry into the village. They changed the Zoning on property for Barr-Doufexis and later, appointed Mr. Doufexis as the Chairman of the Industrial Steering Committee.

What is going on?? "Political Expediency", Favoritism or "otherwise".

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ALL RESIDENTS - - - -

Vote Saturday

**It is your water bill
that will be affected**

WOODRIDGE FIRST IS FOR PURCHASE OF WATER CO. WHEN PROVEN ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE !

The purchase of Woodridge Sewer and Water Company?

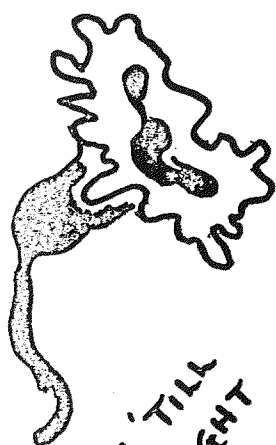
We have publicly stated previously, that the present administration should furnish us, the vitally interested residents of Woodridge with facts and figures on the proposed purchase and maintenance of the Woodridge Sewer and Water Company.

The Mayor issued what we consider to be a "slanted" letter to each home in the Village.

We say "slanted" because:

1. The letter is misleading in that he states that the Village government will operate the Company at a lesser cost to each homeowner than the privately owned company. Since when, can any governmental agency operate a business enterprise more economically than private enterprise?? Tell us, Mr. Mayor, in detail, how you propose to do this? You were elected four years ago as a business man to run the Village in a business-like manner. What company, large, medium or small would accept a business proposal as you and the present Board of Trustees are presenting to the residents?
2. The letter further states that the Mayor and Board of Trustees when passing Ordinance #68-22 for the acquisition, could not petition the residents or submit the question on a referendum. WHY? was the Mayor and Trustees so upset publicly, when a group of interested citizens, who now belong to

THE WOODRIDGE FIRST PARTY
PRESENTS



DANCING 'TILL
MIDNIGHT



BREAKFAST
'TILL 2 AM

SPRING FLING

WES MILLER
HIS BAND

KINGS PALACE
RT. 53 & E.W. TOLLWAY

MAKE IT A DATE
TO MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

SAT. MAR. 1, 1969
8:30 PM
DONATION: 4.50 EACH

TICKETS AT THE DOOR OR THROUGH YOUR DISTRICTS
DANCE CHAIRMAN - AL PARLICK - 968-0347

DISTRICT #1 - T. SWEENEY - 968-1458
" #2 - N. HAVILAND - 969-0334
" #3 - B. SCHEUGER - 964-1364
" #4 - T. BURKE - 971-3125

#5 - W. HANSEN - 969-2770
#6 - A. COTEY - 968-1572
#7 - D. CALLAHAN - 969-1676
#8 - B. RENAUD - 964-1838

the Woodridge First Party, went out and walked the streets to get the people to sign a petition on a referendum.....

3. If, the Mayor and the Board of trustees wanted the Referendum to go before the people, why did they not "appoint" a group to get the petitions signed? When they, the present administration really want something done, they don't ask publicly for volunteers - they "appoint"!! The Industrial Steering Committee is a good example...

4. The Mayor has used the present company's financial report to build up a set of figures that he has "passed along" to the public.

We all know that the Sewer and Water Company is largely owned by the two major builders. Businessmen know that this could very well be a tax write-off and if so, the company costs, expenses, et al could easily be understated or overstated. Mr. Mayor, what is the "slant" here?

How does the present administration plan to keep our water and sewer rates from skyrocketing in the future? If they purchase, at any amount, and, they misjudge because of the unbusinesslike methods of researching and planning and fact finding; we, you - you - all of us, will pay for their folly in the future by higher rates.

TOO LITTLE -- TOO LATE!!

Now that a mayoral election is drawing near, the residents of this village are about to be exposed to one of the oldest tricks in the game of politics, namely, the introduction of a rash of apparently favorable legislative proposals and rulings designed merely to cover up the bitter tastes left by the current administrations ineffectual four years rule, which was highlighted only by a complete lack of communication (one of the Unity Party's platform planks four years ago) with the village populace.

In the past two months, we have seen the formation of an Industrial Development Steering Committee, in our opinion long overdue and desperately needed; a proposal to provide banking service in the vicinity, endorsed by all and a plan to upgrade various parks in the village, also long overdue and heartily endorsed.

Intelligent voters --- do not be misled by the efforts of the current administration to deceive and cover up the deficiencies we have been forced to live with for the past four years!

Vote Woodridge First Party and return to a government by the people, for the people and of the people, with participation by the entire village and an open communication system with all of the village officials.

Register and vote!



LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL 1969

The Mayoral Election takes place for the Village of Woodridge next April, 1969. A Mayor and four Trustees will be elected.

To be able to vote in the Mayoral Election next April, a resident must have the following qualifications:

1. Must have resided in Illinois for one (1) year.
2. Must have resided in the County of Du Page for ninety (90) days.
3. Must have resided in the Precinct for thirty (30) days.
4. Must be a registered voter.

For the new residents moving into the Village we extend a hearty welcome to you, and urge you to register for voting at your earliest opportunity. Registration is at the Village Hall in the Village Clerk's Office.

It is our privilege as an American Citizen to vote!

It is our duty as an American Citizen to vote!

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS ? ?

Meeting, Thursday, 1/2/69.
(Situation: Comedy)

THE FACT THAT THERE WAS A MEETING
IS NEWSWORTHY!

Mayor Roberts was absent and Trustee Alexander was elected Mayor Pro-tem. A trustee commented after the meeting that it was wasted time. "Since no ordinance(s) passed, nothing was accomplished." It seems that there is a feeling that an ordinance must be passed at every Board Meeting or nothing is accomplished.

Meeting, Thursday, 1/16/69.
(Whose afraid of Woodridge
First Party?)

They accomplished two things at this meeting (even though no ordinances were passed).

1. A resolution was presented and promptly sent to Special Studies Committee (Chairman, Trustee Alexander) where the normal rule is; anything going in - doesn't come out.

The resolution was that \$12,000 be taken from the General Fund and spent on playground equipment for the various parks(?) around the village. (You sure can see that an election is just around the corner.) We wonder what ever happened to Unity's plank in their platform about a Park District? Could it be that they want a politically controlled Park Board? Why didn't they suggest playground equipment last year, the year before, etc??

2. Trustee Alexander singled out the Village Clerk and the Clerk's Office for a "little" political harassment. Could it be that being a member of an opposing political party makes all that much difference to the Unity Party Mayor and Board of Trustees? Common sense, courtesy, decency, Policy and State

Law, prohibits discussing personnel matters in public meetings.

It would appear that Trustee Alexander did not approve of the fact that the Village Clerk was asking approval of a voucher for part-time help in the Clerk's Office without having the voucher go through the Finance Committee first. The voucher was for approximately \$82 for work that had been done from January 3rd through January 15th. Seems he thought the person should wait until the first Board Meeting in February to be paid. (Real business-like administration we elected four years ago, isn't it?)

There were a few red faces, however, when the Clerk asked to see the vouchers and found to everyone's amazement that:

- a. There was a voucher that had not received Finance Committee approval for the Police Clerk working from January 3rd thru' the 15th, (which Trustee Alexander, or for that matter, the Mayor or any other trustee was not about to question!)
- b. a voucher for the Public Works Commissioner, covering \$175.00 to attend a Conference (or something or other) which had not been approved by the Finance Committee or Chairman-Trustee Alexander. Could it be that the two vouchers were for "loyal Unity Party members?"

The most trustworthy Chairman of the Finance Committee, Trustee Alexander also wanted to question the Village Clerk on the "trustworthiness" of the people who work in the Village Clerk's office. It would appear that he is bending pretty low with village partisan politics. The Village Clerk, being the lady that she is, reminded Trustee Alexander and the others, that she would not answer questions of this type in a public meeting although the mayor directed her to do so!