

FINANCING GOAL

Well Planned Program and Sincere Interest in Barrington Accomplishes Results For Village Board During Past Two Years

The many serious problems facing the Village of Barrington when the present Village Board took office two years ago were alone sufficient to convince the Board Members of the necessity of providing a permanent solution of the sewerage problem of ridding the Village of the mass of filth in Hatje in his desire to accomplish this program.

Believing that the privilege of a resident of the Village of Barrington to hold the office of Village President, Village Clerk, or Village Trustee, should depend upon the record made by such officer when given an opportunity to do constructive work for the Village, we desire to re-fer to the condition of the Village two years ago, and what was done by the Village Officers for the purpose of remedying those conditions, and the condition of the Village as it is today, having in mind that by this method the citizens of Barrington can have at their disposal correct information as to what has been accomplished by the present Officers and also some information as to the present and past condition of the Village.

THE SEWER PROBLEM LITIGATION

TWO YEARS AGO—

Barrington had a combined sanitary and storm water sewer system which could be expected of a combined system. The sewage treatment plant had a capacity of approximately 60% of the capacity required by the then population of the Village of Barrington. Raw sewage was entering Flint Creek because of the inadequacy of the size of the plant even to handle sanitary sewage, and into which was being carried combined sanitary and storm water sewage. This was in direct violation of a permanent injunction issued by the Circuit Court of Lake County, and affirmed by the Supreme Court of Illinois.

Content of court proceedings were pending in the Lake County Circuit Court against the members of the Village Board, charging such members with violation of the injunction prohibiting emptying sewage into Flint Creek. The Village was threatened with receivership to force compliance with the injunction.

A mandamus suit had also been filed against the Village to compel the Board to pay a judgment of \$2,000 amounting to in excess of \$2,200.00 in the sewer proceeding.

Years of costly litigation had preceded. Years more of costly litigation was possible. Improvement of the violators of the injunction was the future prospect, with all of the resulting damage to Barrington as a desirable residential community, unless the sewerage problem was solved.

WHAT WAS DONE BY THE BOARD—

Attorney for the Village was directed by the Board to take steps to revise the application for loan and grant from the Government and was sent to Washington to consult the E. W. A. Cooperation was obtained for the purpose of securing necessary legislation to enable proper financing of the project.

Plans for the sewer improvement were revised and the plan of financing the project was revised so as to provide a financing out of revenue. In a short time the Village was allowed an outright grant of \$35,841.10, the balance of which were accepted by the Village and steps immediately taken for the completion of the plan and the taking of the necessary preliminary steps for the letting of contract for the sewer work. This involved the obtaining of easements for the carrying of the sewage effluent from the plant to the Northwesterly to Flint Creek and the Northwest Highway, and thence along Flint Creek to the Fox River. The sum of \$4,500.00 was set aside for cost of easements; necessary appraisals were made, offers were made to the owners of property, effort of settlement was made without success, and finally condemnation was filed in the Circuit Court of Lake County. During this time engineering plans were completed, estimates prepared, and bids were received for the work. It was found necessary to revise the plan and to provide additional financing.

This additional financing was made possible by the combining of the Sewer and Water Department, and the cancelling of old water bonds bearing 6%, and the issuance of a new combined sewer and water bond, bearing 4 1/2%, to provide all the necessary funds which together with the grant allowed by the Government would finance the project. These bonds were sold by the Village of Barrington at par, plus accrued interest. With this financing the project was completed.

Efforts to settle with the owners of property sought to be condemned were made, and when some \$120,000.00 were made, the case proceeded to trial. After two preliminary hearings had been completed and after the case had been on final hearing for three days, easements were obtained by settlement, from a number of the owners of property by which the Village received easements for the carrying of the sewage effluent. As to the balance of the property, verdicts were returned by the jury and a final judgment was entered providing for permanent easements to the Village for the carrying of sewage effluent to the Fox River. Cost of this condemnation and easements were included in the cost of the project, and after three months obtained. The cost of these easements to the Village was approximately \$4,500.00. The cost of the bid grant money the Village was successful in obtaining a substantial number of good competitive bids and received a very reasonable bid for the construction of the sewerage plant as well as the sewer work, the sewer plant and sewer work having been let to separate contractors.

Early in the progress of this work, difficulty was experienced in an effort of the Village to obtain the maximum loan

employment on this project. After considerable effort, the Village was able to obtain an agreement to provide local labor and employment, and throughout the progress of this work the maximum amount of local labor was employed. As the work progressed, application was made to the P. W. A. for additional grant of funds and the Village President and Attorney were sent to Washington in an effort to try to obtain the additional grant of funds. For considerable time no offers were encountered, but late in the fall of 1936, an additional grant of, in excess of \$320,000.00, was obtained, and contracts have now been let for the construction of the sewerage plant. The work made possible by the obtaining of this additional grant.

RESULTS TO THE VILLAGE—

Barrington has today two complete sewer systems—a sanitary and a storm water sewer. It has the most modern up-to-date and efficient activated sludge sewage treatment plant probably in the metropolitan area. The plant at the present time is providing an effluent of 90% removal.

The Village has obtained by written agreements secured, easements for flowage rights for carrying sewage effluent to the Fox River.

The Village is now completing a \$367,000.00 sewer improvement of which 30 to 40% is paid for by an outright gift, 20% from the Government, and \$10,000.00 being contributed by estate owners western of the Village of Barrington. In Barrington, after fifteen years, much of which was spent in litigation, has finally settled its sewerage problem in a manner which assures to the Village a permanent solution on a business like basis, and at a minimum cost of which the Village pays approximately 60%.

COST OF THE SEWER—

During the course of the proceedings for the sewer construction, it was thought that since the project was being constructed under the regulations of the P. W. A. the cost thereof would be substantially increased, and that the Village was in fact paying more than a reasonable share of the cost. However, statements and charges of the character were made principally by persons not serving the best interests of the Village and sewer improvement. Statements and charges of this nature were made in 1934, and the Village received a large grant from the Government, and \$10,000.00 being contributed by the separate several component parts of the improvement. The separate bid was made possible by considerable additional work done by the engineers. It can be said without fear of contradiction that the lowest bid on the sewer and on the sewage treatment plant was in every respect competitive and would be considered very reasonable bids if this bid was on the sewer and on the sewage treatment plant were in other words, the Village by reason of the favorable bid received for this work is not paying any more than any private individuals would have paid if constructing this project.

FINANCING OF SEWER—

When the present method of financing the sewer construction has been a source of considerable argument. The Village at one time planned finance the improvement by the issuance of special assessment bonds. Now that the improvement is substantially completed and we are in the possession of the bonds, it is fair to say that the cost, it can without fear of contradiction be said that special assessment bonds would have cost the Village not less than \$150,000.00 more for this improvement.

SEWER RATES—

When the present method of financing the sewer system was adopted two years ago, at that time were purely estimates as to the sewer rates to be exact at the present time. Sewerage service is being provided at a rate which is fair and reasonable. The rates are being the amount of the present delinquencies are such as to warrant the continuation of the sewer system. The rates are either reduced or installments suspended. This certainly can be done without any detriment to the sewer plant built. It is obvious that the rates are being set at a rate which will properly provide for operation and for maintaining the plant and equipment.

STREET PAVINGS—

From about 1935 to about a year ago there were no pavements on streets in the Village of Barrington. The Village under the conditions, it was not desirable to load any assessments onto already existing property owners. The Village has been successful in the accomplishment of any such work. During the past two years, however, the Village has been successful in obtaining a substantial number of good competitive bids and received a very reasonable bid for the construction of the sewerage plant as well as the sewer work, the sewer plant and sewer work having been let to separate contractors.

CONCLUSION

The undersigned believe that the affairs of the Village during the past two years have been handled in an economical and conservative manner, and that the interests of the people of the Village of Barrington have at all times been served, even if at times individual desires had to be sacrificed. The Village has made a substantial improvement to accomplish the results above listed. There still remain such important tasks as the planning of the sewerage system, and the extension of sewer service to territory requiring, or which may require, such sewerage service. The same may be said of water service, as no community can develop unless these essentials are provided.

It is our belief that in the past far too little attention has been given in the Village of Barrington to an effort to improve property values in the village by proper planning and by a program which will place the Village of Barrington in its proper position as the leading suburban residential district. We appreciate the confidence which the electorate of Barrington has placed in us.

Signed: Earl Hatje, Village President
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1. SUIT OF BENJAMIN LANGWORTHY (special attorney under contract with Village prior to 1931) for services rendered in the sewer injunction suit—\$4,000.00.
 What Was Done By The Board—Conference had with Mr. Langworthy, resulting in an agreement to pay \$2,000.00—balance of \$1,000.00.

2. SUIT OF W. W. HEINRICH, FETTERSON & SMITH (Village engineers prior to 1931) for services rendered in the sewer injunction suit—\$2,000.00.
 What Was Done By The Board—Several conferences with Mr. Heintz, resulting in an agreement to pay \$1,000.00—balance of \$1,000.00.

3. SUIT OF GELJALAN IN CONSTRUCTION CO. for the cost of construction of the sewer on North Fox Street.
 What Was Done By The Board—Conference with Geljalan and other representatives of the Village and officers and representatives of the Jewell Tea Co., Inc. and VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON as to the right of the Jewell Tea Co., Inc. properties to construct the sewer on North Fox Street. The Village to compensation for the connection, also the question of liability of the Jewell Tea Co. for the cost of the North Fox Street sewer.

4. CONTRACTS WITH CONTRACTORS SEWER, TRUCK CO., INC. AND VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON as to the right of the Jewell Tea Co., Inc. properties to construct the sewer on North Fox Street. The Village to compensation for the connection, also the question of liability of the Jewell Tea Co. for the cost of the North Fox Street sewer.

5. KUCRICK CASE—An \$11,000.00 law suit in behalf of himself and others who were subcontractors and the Village of Barrington, for damages and other relief as a result of the sewerage project.
 What Was Done By The Board—Kuckrick trial before Master in the Circuit Court of Lake County, and before the Court—resulting in a decree in favor of the Village.

6. VOLLENGER CASE—A \$5,000.00 law suit against the Village as to the cost of the sewerage project.
 What Was Done By The Board—Trial had before Master. Master's report given—holding the Village not liable.

7. CANTER, ET AL—A \$20,000.00 law suit for assessment of funds in closed bank, portion of which had been paid to the use of the Village.
 What Was Done By The Board—Suit had been tried before the Court. The Court held in favor of the Village. The Village to pay the balance of the suit had been paid to the use of the Village.

8. SCHOOL CASE—An appeal prepared by Certified Public Accountants showed that \$17,000.00 of the Village had been turned over to the Schools. No concrete action had been taken.
 What Was Done By The Board—Suit had been brought by the Village against various School Districts and had been tried before the Superior Court of Cook County. Arguments were had in the Court. The final decision of the Court was in favor of the Village. The suit had been paid to the use of the Village.

ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND FINANCES—

The financial condition of the Village two years ago, together with its name of litigation was a lesson to the present Board of Trustees taking office two years ago, of what to expect unless the Village installed a sound accounting system and lived up to the rules of good municipal accounting practice in the handling of its financial affairs. In the task of the Village to attain again place on a sound financial basis and to install a creditable accounting system, the Village Board was very fortunate in being able to obtain for the Village the services of one so capable as the present Board of Trustees. The Village during the past two years has substantially reduced its indebtedness and it has now a creditable accounting system. The Village during the past two years has kept accurate records according to good accounting practice. More than a year ago the Village installed a sound accounting system. The Village during the past two years has kept accurate records for regular quarterly audits. This service was obtained for a sum not exceeding \$1,000.00 per year. The Village during the past two years has kept accurate records for regular quarterly audits. The standing of the present system together with the financial standing of the Village can be best seen from the fact that the Village during the past two years has been able to obtain the premium of \$100,000.00 on a \$1,000,000.00 bond. The Village during the past two years has been able to obtain the premium of \$100,000.00 on a \$1,000,000.00 bond. The Village during the past two years has been able to obtain the premium of \$100,000.00 on a \$1,000,000.00 bond. The Village during the past two years has been able to obtain the premium of \$100,000.00 on a \$1,000,000.00 bond.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT—

In many years some remodeling of the Village of Barrington had been done, but it was not until the present Board of Trustees took office that any real improvement was made. This was done almost entirely to the fact that the Village of Barrington had many years ago installed a water works system. The Village during the past year and a half the present Board with the aid of the P. W. A. and through the efforts of the present Board of Trustees, has installed a practically a complete circulating water system, so that at the present time the Village of Barrington has a water works system which is practically a complete circulating water system, so that at the present time the Village of Barrington has a water works system which is practically a complete circulating water system, so that at the present time the Village of Barrington has a water works system which is practically a complete circulating water system.