

Memories of Riot Are Evident As Attica Village Board Meets

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ATTICA, N. Y., Sept. 24 —

The death and bloodshed of the uprising at Attica prison shared time last night with the normal problems of storm sewers, street paving, garbage disposal and abandoned automobiles as the five-man Attica Village Board of Trustees here met for the first time since the prison rebellion was quelled on Sept. 13.

Discussions were low-keyed as Mayor Richard W. Miller, a prison guard, presided over the three-hour session in the small room of the Village Hall that includes the firehouse for the volunteer fire department, the office of the village clerk and the office of Police Chief Lorenzo Parrish, who has a force of two regulars and eight to 10 part-time policemen.

Though the meeting around the formica-topped table was open to the public, no villagers showed up. This is normal in this village of 2,875, according to Kathleen Sennott, the village clerk, who takes the minutes.

Demonstration Discussed

The placid atmosphere—with touches of deadpan humor—emerged during discussion of the possibility of a reported massive demonstration by outsiders planned for Oct. 2.

"We can always stop them from parading without a permit," said a trustee. And another trustee wondered if extra police details and a curfew should be considered for Halloween pranksters.

A spokesman for the Harrisburg Defense Committee, of 15 Fifth Avenue, New York City, which had originally planned to sponsor a demonstration here, said today that the idea had been abandoned.

Meetings of the village board are usually held the first and third Thursday of the month. This one had been put off from last Thursday because of the prison trouble. The trustees are elected and they select the police chief from a Civil Service list. The Mayor and two trustees—Angelo Corcimiglia and Henry Herrick—are Democrats. The other two trustees—Robert Stout and Dayton Lowry—are Republicans.

Toward the end of the meeting, as the trustees passed around crank letters that had been received from many parts of the country, Mayor Miller noted that the prison, while in the town of Attica, was outside the village, and added:

"Mayor Lindsay may have some authority over the Tombs, but the Mayor of the village of Attica has very little control over what happens in Attica prison."

Reimbursement Problems

The trustees seemed more serious about how this village, with an annual budget of \$485,436, would be reimbursed for equipment that was damaged or lost in helping to end the prison rebellion. There was quick agreement that the bill be sent to Albany, since the prison is a state institution.

With just as little debate,

the trustees decided to send expressions of sympathy to the families of slain inmates as well as hostages.

"They have mothers and wives," said a trustee, and the others agreed.

"And some of them were not too deeply involved," added another trustee.

Before the Mayor and trustees—one of them a prison guard—got around to discussing the institution, which is a five-minute drive up Exchange Street, they considered such matters as extending Olive Street a bit so that one of the Villagers could make a driveway.

Mr. Corcimiglia, who is deputy mayor, said this subject had been dragging on for a few years and the resident, who had been using a neighbor's driveway, was worried. The neighbor, it seemed, was planning to sell the property and the purchaser might not be so amenable to letting the complaining resident use his driveway.

This seemed a matter to be weighed carefully. But the result was that the trustees decided, after considering how much and what kind of gravel could be used to extend the street, that it was more important to extend the storm sewer east along Main Street.

At this point a trustee suggested that a resident long perturbed by the pools that collect in the area of the storm sewer would lose a lakeside view.

Another matter of concern was the fact that some villagers were creating eyesores by leaving what seemed to be unused automobiles on their property.

Offenders Get Warnings

Name by name, the trustees went down a list of persons who have been making this pretty village unsightly. Miss Sennott told which of the residents had already received first warnings giving them 30 days to use the car or tow it away. Some of these were to get a second warning, allowing 15 days to comply with the village ordinance.

Trustees exchanged bits of information about how some car owners who had put shelves in the cars and how others insisted the cars would be repaired and used. In little sly asides they indicated they were skeptical of many of the excuses.

Miss Sennott said later she has never yet heard of anyone whose useless car was eventually towed away.

There was also the matter of raising the fees charged haulers of garbage. It was decided to increase the fee from \$10 to \$25 a year. Residents of the village pay an annual fee of \$1 for the right to throw their garbage into the landfill behind the railroad depot. A number of residents however, for one reason or another, pay a commercial hauler to do the job.

As the meeting ended, the Mayor said:

"This poor little village of Attica, it just got snowballed into it."