

FIDELITY 78  
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FIDELITY TOWN MEETING



Town Meeting: Illinois

In the past Fidelity was a booming town, with shops, businesses and a hotel.

At present it is just a town without!

With hope, cooperation, and work, it can be bigger and better than ever before.

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THE SONG

March 20, 1978

FIDELITY HOMESTEADERS

Tune: You Are My Sunshine

Sometimes we're neighbors  
Sometimes we're enemies  
Sometimes we're sad  
Sometimes we're blue  
We get together  
And help each other  
When in need  
We can depend  
On you.

PAST

Post Office

Town was named in 1817 (two brothers passing through - one loaned the other his horse - "Now that's real fidelity")

Old hotel torn down (Civil War hotel)

There used to be a bank in town

Underground Railroad

Blacksmith shop

School

Stores

Doctor

Lawn Parties

Race Track

(BOOMING PAST)

FUTURE

Water & Sewer

Built up - Business, Gas station

A general Store

Recreation Hall for youth

Cleaned up

Movies (good ones)

Dog Catcher

Police protection

(Nice City Park (and money to do it)

(Fine)

People Stick Together

Free (public) Junk Removal, pick-up

(REJUVENATED)

PRESENT

Town has tough reputation

Older people have hard time moving

Too long for city water

in & out of ~~town~~ town

Contaminated water

No activities for youth

High cost of public services

Out-of-town vandals

People move out

Lack of concern among citizens

Lack of conveniences

Need funds for park

No public protection or enforcement

Need Senior Citizens transportation

State laws make enforcement hard

How do you enforce any of our ordinances?

GETTING THE JOB DONE

In the arena of security, these conditions exist:

Required Police Training

Cost of Employment (Police Officer)

What's the Use attitude

This indicates the underlying contradiction facing Fidelity is more political pressure.

This is illustrated by non-prosecution.

GET PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER

In the arena of everyday concerns, these conditions exist:

People don't work together

No money

People don't pay bills - businesses don't get support and close

Nobody has looked into senior citizens transportation

This indicates the underlying contradiction facing Fidelity is tax rebate is too small; when we see people stop caring - it makes even the people who care want to stop caring.

This is illustrated by the junk in the streets and so many dogs around.

DO YOU CARE?

In the arena of old waters, these conditions exist:

Lack of knowledge of legal affairs

Not recognized

Not organized

This indicates the underlying contradiction facing Fidelity is not getting together for support for what needs to be done.

This is illustrated by the delayed water project.

STAND UP FOR YOUR TOWN

We the citizens of Fidelity intend to get water, and solid law enforcement and incentive to do so for the community by having town board members going to the state attorney's office to find answers to two questions; where does our water stop in getting our water, and what does it take to get more law enforcement authority in our town?

Through: 1) Set a date when everyone can go; 2) Get an appointment; 3) Petition from townspeople.

WATER CLEANUP

We the citizens of Fidelity intend to have people work together by having a village reunion - and a community clean-up beforehand through 1) raise money for cost of day; 2) get 1000 Gunnington to drive loads in; 3) set date and decide how to publicize it.

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THE PARTICIPANTS

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Richard Bohannon	Box 18	Fidelity	Maintenance
Betty Bruce	Box 24	Fidelity	Student
Henry Buchanan	Box 54	Fidelity	Labor
Billy Herring	Box 37	Fidelity	Housewife
Harold E. Herring	Box 37	Fidelity	Retired

Vernon Maska	Box 12	Fidelity	Farming
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Nola Prunty	Box 72	Fidelity	-
Marion E. Reese	Box 24	Fidelity	Tester
Walter E. Reese	Box 24	Fidelity	Housewife
Wesley Wallace	Box 22	Fidelity	Mechanic
John Rodell		Fidelity	
Margaret Rodell		Fidelity	

Town Meeting Volunteers:

Glenda Johnson	St. James
Darrell Marley	St. Louis
Jan Otto	Vermont