



NOBLE TOWN MEETING
APRIL 11, 1978



Town Meeting: Illinois

PAST GREATNESS

1. Two Schools in the community
2. Two new churches in the community.
3. The honesty of the people.
4. Fire Dept. with good equipment and dedication.
5. There was a grain elevator.
6. There were two doctors.
7. There was a dentist.
8. There were four grocery stores (and still remains one).
9. Oil production in the area.
10. 23 new elder's housing units.

FUTURE HOPES

1. An adequate water supply.
2. Additional new housing.
3. Good streets with the means of repairing them.
4. Continued good park with the present improvements maintained.
5. Adequate financing for projects.
6. A representative in Springfield.
7. Complete business community.
8. Good economic and employment base.

PRESENT ISSUES

1. Inactive citizenry.
2. Large number of citizenry on fixed incomes.
3. Uncertain water supply.
4. EPA regulations on sewage depletes public funds.
5. Regulation legislation.
6. Lack facility for entertainment.
7. Scarce employment.
8. Little to keep youth in town.
9. Restrictions on small businesses.
10. Over-emphasis on consumer rights.
11. Competition of small businesses with large ones.
12. Absentee ownership of good land (they won't sell)
13. Local govt body is highly restricted by state & federal govt.
14. Technical know-how is not being channeled for necessary funding.
15. Assesment has saturated.

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PRESENT CHALLENGES

- #1 In the arena of Reduced Local Initiative
these blocks exist: 1) needs of large population centers are more obvious
2) large organized interest groups are the ones with political power
indicates the underlying contradiction facing NOBLE is

THE LACK OF POLITICAL INFLUENCE OF THE RURAL AREAS.

This contradiction is illustrated by the fact that the community is fully bonded to meet EPA sewage disposal restrictions and there is no funding left to build an adequate water supply.

- #2 In the arena of Economic Resources
these blocks exist: 1) economic opportunity is stifled (jobs are are not present)
2) small economic base in the small community
3) there is an imbalance of legislation where regulations require excessive expenditures by the small communities
indicates the underlying contradiction facing NOBLE is

ECONOMIC COMPETITION WHICH SQUEEZES SMALL BUSINESSES.

This contradiction is illustrated by the great number of businesses which have closed down in the small towns over the years.

- #3 In the arena of Community Growth
these blocks exist: 1) funds are lacking for improvements
2) engineers and lawyers cater to larger towns
indicates the underlying contradiction facing NOBLE is

COMPETITION FROM THE LARGE CITIES

This contradiction is illustrated by the high cost of engineers & their dropping small town grants for the sake of making more money by writing grants for larger towns.

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SUGGESTION BRAINSTORM

1. Find grant for the water project.
2. Initiate unified rural lobby in Springfield.
3. Create flexibility in Grant Guidelines so federal employees can do the technical advising.
4. Know what grant options there are.
5. Organizing with other communities to challenge legislation.
6. Get folks involved in specific ways to change conditions.
7. Contact BO Railroad for land to be used by new businessman.
8. Aquire other land with private moneys for building.

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FUTURIC PROPOSALS

- #1 We the citizens of NOBLE intend to Unify Rural Area Communities And Pressure Funding Sources by:

GETTING THE INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT OF NOBLE CITIZENS FOR THE NEW WATER PROJECT.

Through these steps:

- 1) hold a public meeting and record attendance
- 2) get a letter from the legislator from this area pointing to the great need.
- 3) get letters from 100 families.
- 4) get letters from school system, economic sources & development agency.
- 5) send a delegation to necessary meetings.

- #2 We the citizens of NOBLE intend to Continue the Existence of Small Towns And Make Grants Available For Progress by:

LOCATE A SOURCE OF MONEY FOR OUR WATER PROJECT.

Through these steps:

- 1) copy off the plans drawn for a lake to be sent several places
- 2) contact the executive secretary of CAP agencies about where current sources of funds are for these types of projects

- #3 We the citizens of NOBLE intend to Make Land Available For Speculators Speculators by:

APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO GO AFTER SPECIFIC BUSINESS LOTS AND BUY THEM UP WITH PRIVATE MONEYS.



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