BROWNELLS GIVEN BUS FRANCHISE BY LOCAL BOARD

SCHUYLERVILLE, May 7, (Special)—Brownell Brothers of Mechanicville were given the franchise by the board of trustees of the village at the meeting in the Dunping station last evening to run buses from the south corporation line of the village northerly to the north line of Saratoga street on broad street.

It is planned to operate three buses daily, with possibly busses at Saturday and Sunday evenings and at later date, making the daily runs as follows, the operation to start within a day or so: Leave Mechanicville at 7 a. m., arriving in Schuylerville at 7:45 a. m. Leave Schuylerville at 8 a. m., arriving in Mechanicville at 8:45 a. m. Leave Mechanicville at 12 m., arriving in Schuylerville at 12:45 p. m. Leave Schuylerville at 1 p. m., arriving in Mechanicville at 1:45 p. m. Leave Mechanicville at 4 p. m., arriving in Schuylerville at 4:45 p. m. Leave Schuylerville at 5 p. m., arriving in Mechanicville at 5:45 p. m. Forty-five minutes will be consumed in the trip between the two places.

It is believed that the service will be of much benefit to the community, especially to school children planning to attend the Schuylerville school. A daily bus has been run for some time by the Brownell Brothers.

Attorney Patrick J. Keniry of Mechanicville, accompanied again by J. Milton Hughes of that city, represented the Brownell Brothers before the village board last night, the hearing for the granting of the franchise having been held on a date to form a meeting two weeks ago at which time the attorney presented his case.

I. H. Early, owner and operator of the Early bus lines for a number of years in the Schuylerville and adjacent towns, was also present at the hearing, presenting his argument for the operation of a line between Schuylerville and Mechanicville, although it was stated by Mayor Asquith at the meeting that Mr. Early did not ask for a franchise to operate such a line.

Mr. Early's plea was solely that the Brownell Brothers should have appeared before the Public Service Commission on a former occasion with himself and the commission to decide which concern of the two should operate from Schuylerville to Troy, by way of Stillwater and Mechanicville instead of fighting against the plan of Mr. Early to secure such operation, which was followed by Mr. Early securing a right of way through the village of Stillwater. Mr. Early's further argument was that the Brownell Brothers should not be allowed to run a bus from here to run busses further north than Saratoga street, in order to protect the line running from the Glens Falls and Saratoga Springs and the franchise he has gotten lately to run busses from the south to the Early lines to the north, west, north and east.

A copy of the original franchise paper left by Attorney Keniry on the occasion of the board meeting two weeks with the board for consideration was made by the village clerk, who, some changes inserted, and after the board had voted to grant the franchise. The attorney took the original copy for filing with the Public Service Commission, the copy to be filed with the village clerk, Ray Doran.

Trustee Ray W. Prindle asked Attorney Keniry if a definite schedule had been arranged with the Brownell Brothers for operation between Schuylerville and Mechanicville. Attorney Keniry announced that one bus must be run anyway, according to Public Service Commission requirements, and that it could be operated at any time during the day and that it now leaves Schuylerville at 8:15 a. m.

Trustee Daniel J. Falvey asked if there was reason to believe the franchise was granted that the line would continue to operate if it didn't pay for a time. Attorney Keniry replied that consent could be registered with the Public Service Commission. There could be no dead ends in operation, he added.

Trustee Falvey said that if the franchise were granted to a party from the north he would be compelled to take busses to the nature to make, would not be under obligation. The Attorney then informed the board that his concern would operate three busses a day. Trustee Joseph N. Glass stated that there was advantage in having a bus run into town from the north, in that it would bring persons into the village which would benefit it.

At this point it was learned that there would be no chance for a north party to go through Waterford with a line.

It was agreed by the board that people coming into the town would benefit trade here.

Then it was declared that Mr. Early had planned to run a bus from the north, but would likely take care of all persons, including school children.

Mayor Asquith said that he believed the schedule, as planned by the Brownell Brothers to be all right.

The subject of a 1 p. m. bus, an extra, was brought up and suggested.

Trustee James A. Cudahy believed that two hours of approximately 8 a. m., 1 p. m. and 4 p. m. would be satisfactory.

Mr. Hughes said plainly that he objected to any bus being operated by another party to the north of the village corporation of Schuylerville. This, he said, would grant an opposition concern a permit all the way through in time. He affirmed that he would agree to any bus line from the south, operated by Brownell Brothers for instance, stopping at Saratoga street. Attorney Keniry said that he had no objection to that plan.

Mr. Early declared he matter a hold-up on the part of the Brownell Brothers, instead of going with him before the Public Service Commission as he believed the concern should have done and there to have thrashed out the matter. The plan of the opposition, Mr. Early, was to "rule or ruin."

It was learned that Mr. Early has a bus line between Stillwater and Schuylerville.

Mayor Asquith insisted that there should be a bus line between Schuylerville and Mechanicville.

Attorney Keniry announced then that his company was ready to operate at once. The attorney then he said, would not end for a year, anyway.

Trustee Glass suggested that the Brownell Brothers line be allowed to operate as far as Spring street in case of objection to the plan in order to safely take children to school.

Mr. Hughes, accompanying Attorney Keniry, also suggested that the line be allowed to operate to Spring street, if necessary. Saratoga street, it was declared, is the most dangerous crossing from which to turn a bus around.

Attorney Keniry made it known, while the board was deliberating, that he will have franchises in a short time, Mechanicville, he went on, is to be followed by Ballston Spring, the same amount for the Brownell franchise, while other franchises are to be granted.

Trustee Prindle suggested a lump sum payment, without future attachments.

All agreed finally to the northern line stopping at Saratoga street.

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