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 pumping station this evening to operate a bus line 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 hourly service Saturday and Sunday evenings at a later date, making the daily runs as follows, the operation to start on Monday 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 5:15 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. Kenity 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 laid on the table from a previous meeting ago at which time the attorney presented his case.

J. H. Early, owner and operator of the Early bus lines for a number of years in the vicinity and adjacent towns, was present also at the hearing, presenting his argument for the operation of a line between Schuylerville and Saratoga Springs, although it was stated by Mayor Amos B. Jaquith last evening that 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 allowed the commission to decide which concern of the two should operate in Schuylerville through to Troy, by way of Stillwater and Mechanicville instead of Buffalo road as the plan of Mr. Early to secure such operation, which was followed by Mr. Early securing a right of way through the streets of Waterford. Mr. Early's further argument was that the Brownell Brothers should not be allowed by the village board here to run busses further north than Schuylerville, as he went on, to protect his own line running to Glens Falls and Saratoga Springs, and the franchise be thus granted lately to run busses to Fort Edward. Mr. Early also operates other bus lines from Glens Falls to Warrensburg and to Bolton, as well as having a line from this place to Hudson.

It was the opinion of the board that the Brownell Brothers would help the Early bus connections, transferring passengers from the south to the Early lines for the west, north and east.

A copy of the original franchise paper left by Attorney Kenity on the occasion of the board meeting two weeks ago with the board for consideration was made by the village clerk, Mr. Hughes carefully 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 by Thursday.

Trustee Ray W. Prindle asked Attorney Kenity if a definite schedule had been arranged by the Brownell Brothers for operation between Schuylerville and Mechanicville, Attorney Kenity announced that one bus must be run anyway, according to Public Service Commission injunction, 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 assurance in case the franchise was granted that the line would continue to operate if it was found that it didn't pay. Attorney Kenity replied that a bond must could be registered with the Public Service Commission. There could be dead ends in operation, he added.

Trustee Falvey said that if the franchise were granted to a point from the north he would be compelled to run his busses into Troy in order to make connections while a party, from the south, having no connections of the nature to make, would be required to go to Saratoga. The Attorney then informed the board that his counsel would operate three busses a day.

Trustee Joseph S. Glass stated that there was advantage in having a line from the north to the south, too, 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 bring trade here.

Then it was declared that Mr. Early had a right to run a bus into the village first, which would take care of all persons, including school children.

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

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

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

Mr. Early stated only that he objected to any bus being operated by another party to the north line of Saratoga Springs or Schuylerville. This, he said, would grant an opposition concern a permit all 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, said Mr. Early, was to "rule or ruin."

It was learned that Mr. Early has a franchise into Stillwater.

Mayor Jaquith announced that this company was ready to start service at once. The service, adjourned at once.

Trustee Glass suggested that the Brownell Brothers be allowed to operate as far as Spring street in case of extremely bad weather during the early fall or not, until for a franchise to operate such a line.

Mr. Hughes, accompanying Attorney Kenity, also suggested that the line be allowed to operate to Spring street, if necessary. Saratoga Springs, he declared, is the best street crossing Broad which to turn a bus around.

Mr. Hughes stated that it is known, then, that the Brownell Brothers will have all franchises in a short time, the franchise, as he went on, to paid $50 annually and Saratoga Springs the same amount for the Early service, with limits other places in which the concern has franchises charge nothing.

Attorney Kenity suggested a lump sum payment, without future attachments.

This ended finally to the north erly line stopping at Saratoga street.

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The question of giving the franchise for one year was discussed briefly, also only one year, as stated in and out of the village. The subject was carried by vote of four to one.

Attorney Kenity expressed his thanks to the board and stated that he was not concerned, except for him, would be glad to co-operate in any way and would also be open to suggestions from the board.

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