

REVISED WILMETTE CODE WOULD NULLIFY VILLAGE MANAGER PLAN

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office the Superintendent of Public Works, the Chief of Police, the Fire Marshal, and the Health Officer, and to fix the salaries thereof.

Section 6: Subject to the approval of the Village Manager, and subject to general rules of employment approved and adopted by the Village board, department heads shall have the power to appoint and remove all subordinate employees in the departments for which they are responsible, and to fix the salaries and wages thereof.

CONTEMPLATED REVISIONS

Article 1, Chapter 6 on Administrative Government

Manager
No change

No change

Same with addition of inspection department.

Article II. Superintendent of Public Works

Office created—There is hereby created the office of superintendent of public works, an administrative office of the Village. The superintendent of Public Works shall be appointed by the president and the board of trustees.

Supervision—The superintendent of public works shall perform his duties subject to the supervision and direction of the Village Manager.

Article III. Inspection Department Division A. Building Commissioner. Appointment—same as above.

Article IV.
Police Department
Appointments—All members of the police department shall be officials of the Village and shall be appointed by the president and board of trustees.

Article V.
Fire Department
Offices created—There are hereby created the offices of Fire Marshal, fire captain, fire lieutenant, and firemen who shall be appointed by the president and board of trustees.

Article VI. Board of Health No Change

Chapter XII. Other Provisions relating to Village Affairs.

Article 1. Officers and employees.

Effect of Article.—The provisions of this article shall apply alike to all officers of the Village, regardless of the time of the creation of the office or of the time of the appointment of the officer.

Appointments.—All offices of the Village which are not made elective by statute or ordinance shall be filled by appointment by the President and Board of Trustees. Such appointments shall be made as soon after the annual Village election as is possible.

Where the method of hiring is not otherwise provided for, the Village President shall have the power to hire, or retain from time to time such necessary employees as may have been provided for.

Term.—The term of office of all appointed officials unless otherwise pro-

vided, shall end at the annual Village election next following the time of appointment; provided that all officers shall serve until a successor has been appointed and qualifies, unless otherwise directed by the President and board of trustees or until the office held has been abolished by ordinance to take effect at the end of the fiscal year, passed by a two-thirds vote, as provided by statute.

Employees of the Village shall be hired and shall serve for an indefinite term. Any employee may be discharged at any time by the person or official hiring such employee, or by the president of the Village or by the board of trustees.

The most charitable thing that may be said for the revision contemplated for the administrative branch of the government is that it contain ambiguities. It seems to be quite plain, however, in the matter of depriving the Village manager of the authority to which our accepted form of government entitles him.

The Village board has intimated that it welcomes suggestions with reference to the proposed revised Village code.

We respectfully suggest, therefore, that the Village manager be given the actual and complete authority to which he is entitled by ordinance, with emphasis on the fact that such authority include the power to appoint and remove from office the superintendent of public works, the fire marshal, the chief of police, the health commissioner, and all other administrative officers and employees for whom he is by ordinance responsible to the president and board of trustees. This to include also the provision that, upon removing any such officer, the Village manager shall submit to the board of trustees at the next meeting following such removal a statement showing that such removal has been made with the reasons therefor.

If we are to retain the Village Manager form of government, let's put it to work full tilt! Let us not lay ourselves wide open to the pernicious evils of spoils politics.

Action by the Village board on a matter of such tremendous importance as this should not be rushed through at its next meeting. It deserves and should get the most painstaking consideration.

Mrs. Robert O. Law, Jr., 78 Robsart road, Kenilworth, returned Wednesday of last week from the Evanston hospital with her new baby son, Robert O. Law, III. Mrs. Law's mother, Mrs. D. M. Oberman, of Jefferson City, is visiting her daughter and family.

SING IN HIGHLAND PARK

Dan Travis will present his Georgia Jubilee Singers at the Deerfield-Shields Township High school, Highland Park, Friday evening, April 28, at 8:15 o'clock. They will present a program of plantation songs and spirituals—something new in music. The singers have just returned from Hollywood, where they starred in a production with Eddie Cantor, "It Happened in Chicago."

PLAN BASEBALL GAME

If weather and ground conditions permit, the Highcrest school boys' baseball team will go to Glenview Friday of this week to play the Glenview school, L. Raymus Murphy, principal at Highcrest, announced. Last fall the Highcrest boys won six of the nine games they played. They hope to have an equally successful spring season.

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