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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

Downers Grove, Ill., Jan. 11th, 1915. The regular meeting for the month of January was called to order by Clerk Potter. Roll called noted present Trustees Kellogg, Kidwell, Hearty, Handy, Haller and Littleford.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Reports of Village Officers read and ordered placed on file.

Claim Ordinance No. 290, an ordinance providing for the payment of certain claims, was read as follows:

- C. F. Davis, \$25; Anson Backus, \$10;
- A. B. Snow, \$15; Oscar Potter, \$25;
- W. H. Blodgett, \$80; J. W. Handy, \$6;
- Chas. Haller, \$6; J. F. Kidwell, \$6;
- G. Hearty, \$4.50; F. J. Littleford, \$4.50;
- B. L. Kellogg, \$4.50; Martin White, \$75; Fred Leverenz, \$70; Geo. Pfou, \$73.27; Fred Eichorst, \$72.37;
- M. E. Wats, \$74.20; Wm. Stoner, \$71.04; Wm. Cummins, \$64.38; H. S. Lace, \$30.42; Mike Venard, \$5; E. B. Ways, \$117.15; Thos. Bunning, \$15.01;
- Crane Co., \$1.97; Standard Oil Co., \$40.30; The Texas Co., \$221.27; Lord Lumber Co., \$2.32; Henion & Hubbell, \$5.73; C. E. Baker, \$20.25; H. J. Hawkins, \$38.41; J. H. Frankenfield, \$12.10; M. L. Puffer, \$1; Raymond Lead Co., \$33.25; Central Electric Co., \$51.37; Western Electric Co., \$117.37;
- J. D. Gillespie & Co., \$3.35; H. Dicke, \$3.50; G. Binder, \$4.50; C. H. Staats, \$4; P. Vix, \$4.50; G. Vix, \$4.50; G. Dicke, \$4.50; S. Hoffert, \$4; J. Reha, \$4.50; J. Penczynski, \$4.50; F. Werner, \$3.50; F. Heinke, \$3.50; P. Wander, \$3; W. Lehr, \$2.50; Brooks-Mueller Co., \$3; D. G. Pub. Co., \$19.90; Chicago Tel. Co., \$3.23; C. E. Baker, \$104.75; F. M. Werner, \$1.50; Downers Grove Electric Light Dept., \$37.30; A. B. Snow, \$12.25; Dicke Tool Co., \$35.00; C. F. Davis, \$26.72; Western Electric Co., \$11.12; W. H. Blodgett, \$38.10.

Moved by Trustees Kellogg and Haller that Claim Ordinance be put on passage. Motion carried. Said Claim Ordinance No. 290 was then passed. Trustees Kellogg, Kidwell, Hearty, Handy, Haller and Littleford voting aye. Nays, none.

Moved by Trustees Hearty and Haller that the superintendent of the water and light plant be instructed to purchase a cap properly lettered, same to be worn by the person reading village meters. Motion carried, all voting aye.

President Backus appointed the following committee on real estate tax: Kellogg, Kidwell, Haller, Blodgett and on proper motion, meeting adjourned to next regular meeting, Feb. 8, 1915.

OSCAR POTTER, Village Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of Du Page County at a special meeting held at the Court House in Wheaton on Saturday, the 6th day of February, A. D. 1915, pursuant to call of Chair.

Meeting called to order by the Clerk, Chairman Fischer being absent, on motion of Supervisor Hammerschmidt, Supervisor Town was elected Chairman pro tem.

On roll call, all members present except Supervisor Fischer and Supervisor Fix.

Minutes of last preceding meeting read and declared approved.

All bills and communications on file read to the full Board and the claims referred to the proper committees.

On motion of Supervisor Boeger, the tax paid by A. G. Fischer on Lots 7 and 8, Block 1, Krieter's Addition to Elmhurst, is to be refunded.

On motion of Supervisor Hammerschmidt, the Board adjourned till one o'clock today.

On reconvening for the afternoon session, committee on fees and salaries made the following report, which upon motion of Supervisor Hammerschmidt was declared approved.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:

Your Committee on Fees and Salaries would beg leave to report that they have examined all claims presented before them, and recommend the payment of the following, and that the clerk be directed to issue orders for the several amounts to the several claimants, to-wit:

- Otto Ahrens, Deputy Fees, \$ 4.00
- George Ahrens, Deputy Fees, \$12.00
- Chas. Baker, Deputy Fees, \$ 4.00
- W. W. De Wolf, Deputy Fees, \$4.00

George Leineke, Deputy Fees, \$ 4.00
Peter F. Dehr, Deputy Fees, \$ 16.00
John Hesterman, clerk hire, \$ 50.00
R. T. Morgan, clerk hire, \$ 75.00
W. V. Hopf, Coroner's fees, \$ 59.50

A. A. Kuhn, fees, extending State and County Tax, for 1914 \$ 2,340.24

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. YACKLEY, Chairman. The following report of Committee on Claims was, on motion of Supervisor Boger, declared approved.

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Your Committee on Claims would beg leave to report that they have examined all claims presented before them, and recommend the payment of the following, and that the clerk be directed to issue orders for the several amounts to the several claimants, to-wit:

- P. F. Pettibone & Co., supplies for county officers, \$793.01
- Lincoln Garage Co., auto hire, \$ 4.00
- R. T. Morgan, express, postage, etc., \$ 14.31
- John F. Hesterman, board for prisoners for January, \$4.50
- C. H. Plummer, printing, as per bill, \$121.00
- John F. Hesterman, expenses for January, 1915, \$129.05
- Aurora Rubber Stamp Works, rubber stamps, \$ 1.50
- Wheaton Progressive, printing blanks, etc., \$ 38.75
- E. B. Heaton, foot and mouth disease, committee work and expenses, \$ 6.75
- City of Wheaton, water from Nov. 1, 1914, to Feb. 1, 1915, \$70.95
- Frieda Kimble, 33 jurors, meals, Western United Gas & Electric Co., gas and electricity for January, 1915, \$42.63
- R. N. Givler, printing county supplies, \$ 23.75
- Rogers Hardware Co., mdse. as per bill, \$ 1.60
- John S. Thomas, laundry for one year, to January 1, 1915, \$17.13
- L. C. Smith Typewriter Co., ribbon coupons, \$10.50
- Otis Elevator Co., repairs and labor, \$ 8.80
- Burroughs Ailing Machine Co., repairs on adding machine, \$ 6.75
- Adam Dernbach, shaving jurors, Geo. A. Fischer, care of transient pauper, \$ 1.35
- John C. Geils, burial unknown man, \$ 20.00
- Wm. J. Yackley, committee work and expenses, \$ 11.40
- C. R. Blodgett, committee work and expenses, \$ 9.90
- George Keller, committee work and expenses, \$ 12.30
- George Boger, committee work and expenses, and care of transient pauper, \$ 43.00
- Wm. Hammerschmidt, committee work and expenses, \$ 11.50
- Irving Goodrich, committee work and expenses, \$ 4.10
- Chicago Telephone Co., telephone expense, \$ 33.23
- Wheaton Progressive, printing letter heads, \$ 8.75
- Merrill Printing Co., printing tax receipts and statements, \$ 132.72
- M. L. Webster, county expenses, as per bill, \$ 72.66
- N. E. Matter, County Farm expenses, \$ 206.31
- N. E. Matter, almshouse expenses, \$ 871.03
- N. E. Matter, care of county inmates, \$ 205.05

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. Boger, Chairman. Wm. Hammerschmidt, George Keller, County Farm Committee.

On motion of Supervisor Hammerschmidt, the polling place of District No. 4, in Elmhurst, York Township, was changed to Fred Maher's store, 124 West Park avenue, in said city of Elmhurst.

On motion of Supervisor Keller, the polling place of District No. 1, in the city of Naperville, Naperville Township, was changed to the Du Page Garage Co., 9 Main street, in said city of Naperville.

On motion of Supervisor Ghodrich, the power to buy an automobile for the County Superintendent of Highways was left to the State Aid Roads Committee, with power to act.

On motion of Supervisor Hammerschmidt, the Board adjourned to call of Chair.

A. A. Kuhn, Clerk.

USE THEM. Don't throw potato parings in the garbage pail but into the stove and thereby save yourself the annoyance of having to call the fire department to put out a chimney fire. The burning potato parings prevents the gathering of soot. A man who is keeping up a strong coal fire in his range every day during the winter, says you can never find a trace of soot on the lid, the bottom of kettles or any part of the stove if potato parings are burned daily.

Uncle Eben. "When you turn over a new leaf," said Uncle Eben, "you's got to make up you mind not to notice de people dot insist on huntin' up de back numbers an' making remarks."

They beg leave to further report that they have examined the County Jail, and they find the same clean and wholesome, the inmates well cared for and everything about said jail indicating much care and attention, and they wish to commend Sheriff Hesterman for the able and painstaking manner in which he is conducting the affairs at the County Jail and in the Sheriff's office.

They beg leave to further report that they wish to commend the action of the Supervisors in requesting the Grand Jury not to visit the County Farm at this time, owing to the prevalence of the foot and mouth disease, and they wish to further commend the Board of Supervisors for their efforts in endeavoring to exterminate this disease in this county.

In concluding this report, we further wish to thank the State's Attorney for his able and painstaking efforts in properly presenting and assisting in the investigation of the complaints brought before us at this session.

H. F. Lawrence, Foreman. On motion of Supervisor Yackley, the following report of the County Farm was declared approved:

February 6, 1915. To the Members of the Board of Supervisors of Du Page County:

We, your County Farm Committee, beg leave to submit the following report for the County Farm for the period beginning April 1st, 1913, and ending November 30th, 1914:

Cash Expenditures. Lumber and cement, \$ 31.30
Veterinary services, \$ 217.10
Creamery supplies, \$ 60.50
Hardware supplies, \$ 292.73
Limestone and rock phosphate, \$ 255.50
Mill feed purchased, \$ 2,731.22
New farm machinery, \$ 524.30
Harness and repairs, \$ 39.13
Horseshoeing, \$ 57.75
Cow testing association dues, \$ 25.00
Alfalfa seed, \$ 31.70
Gasoline and oil, \$ 130.11
Livestock purchased, \$ 810.00
Shavings and sawdust, \$ 72.16
Clover seed, \$ 43.64
Drugs, \$ 6.90
Freight and express, \$ 96.73
Holstein Freisian association, \$ 32.00
Miscellaneous expense, \$ 686.37
Pay roll, \$ 383.51
Superintendent's salary—farm part, \$ 833.20
Board and lodging of hired men, \$ 1,680.00

\$10,800.91

Cash Receipts. Milk, butter, cream and eggs, \$4,809.70
Veal, beef, hogs, hides, etc., \$1,244.33
Potatoes, 55 bu. @ 70c, \$ 38.50
Miscellaneous receipts, \$ 131.91
Hauling 736 tons of coal for Aims House, \$ 368.00
Farm products and feeds on hand: Clover hay, 73 tons @ \$14, \$ 1,022.00
Alfalfa hay, 35 tons @ \$16, \$ 560.00
Oat straw, 39 tons @ \$5, \$ 195.00
Corn silage, 194 tons @ \$4, \$ 776.00
Oats, 1,200 bu. @ 50c, \$ 600.00
Corn, 475 bu. @ 65c, \$ 308.75
Seed corn, 12 bu. @ \$2, \$ 24.00
Clover seed, 13 1/2 bu. @ \$10, \$ 135.00
Cotton seed meal, 6 1/2 tons, \$ 171.60
Dried brewers' grains, 10 1/2 tons, \$ 238.05
Shavings and sawdust, \$ 15.75
Increase in livestock and farm machinery, \$ 370.00

\$10,998.99

Balance in favor of Farm for the 20 months, \$ 254.08

Farm Loss. Hogs with cholera, \$ 1,000.00
2 registered Holstein cows, \$ 420.00
1 draft mare, \$ 250.00
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COMMUNICATIONS

Chicago, Feb. 13th, 1914.

Editor Downers Grove Reporter. Dear Sir: I was disappointed yesterday, on looking over the Reporter, to find that neither Attorney Snow, nor anyone else, had vouchsafed a reply to my earnest request for information regarding the efforts of the Board to relieve the intolerable conditions at the power plant. These oil-engines have been in use now about six months, and their incessant pounding goes on, day and night, if anything, worse than ever.

Personal enquiries addressed to members of the Village Board, elicited only the vaguest promises of improvement, due perhaps to the fact that none of them reside within five or six blocks of the plant, and hearing, or feeling, the concussion only when the wind happens to be in their direction, they are disposed to minimize the importance of complaints made to them.

In so persistently calling attention to this matter, I disclaim any intention or desire to embarrass the members of the Board, but that such an intolerable nuisance should exist for six months without relief, indicates supreme indifference on their part, or are we to infer that neither they nor the manufacturers know enough about these engines to apply an effective remedy? And right here, why, if I may be permitted to ask, with all the delving and traveling credited to the members of the Board, was it not discovered before they were installed, that these engines would become such an endless source of annoyance?

As a matter of fact, I doubt if the Board fully realizes, even now, how serious this matter is liable to become. It is true, some people are so constituted that the close proximity of a boiler factory in full swing would not disturb them, and the constant pounding of these engines at night would merely be a pleasant lullaby; to others it is simply exasperating; but to those unfortunates possessing a highly sensitive nervous temperament, even with our houses closed up for the winter, it becomes deadly; how much worse it will be with our windows and doors wide open in the summer, can perhaps be better imagined than described. The ceaseless but involuntary tension of the nervous system to withstand these incessant shocks, must necessarily create a reaction, and in some cases, undoubtedly bring about disastrous results.

I repeat, therefore, that unless these engines can be operated noiselessly, they are not only an unfortunate experiment and a public nuisance, but a positive menace to the health of the community, and should be condemned accordingly. Add to this, the fact that the existence of such an abominable nuisance can have anything but a stimulating effect on adjacent property values, and it would seem that the suggestion contained in an article published in your paper last November, that the Village Board was entitled to the thanks of the community, was mere sophistry.

Respectfully,
H. D. WYLLIE.

Downers Grove, Ill., Feb. 17, 1915.
Downers Grove Reporter,
Downers Grove, Ill.

Gentlemen—Mr. D. H. Wiley's letter dated February 1, and published in the Reporter on February 5, seems to cast some doubt on my statements recently published in the Reporter, and raises a question as to the sincerity of the figures given. Mr. Wiley says that I apparently did not understand his "modest appeal" to the voters to get out and vote on important questions. I am glad to know Mr. Wiley's letter by the name he gives it. I entertained the thought that it was a post-mortem lament. If that was the only sentiment that Mr. Wiley's previous letter had contained I would not have bothered answering it, but parts of his letter cast reflection on the judgment and action of the Board in handling the electric light situation and the insinuations contained in that letter had the tendency of making an erroneous impression and my only desire in answering Mr. Wiley's first letter was to try and lend support to those who had voted in favor of retaining the plant, and who have given their moral support in rehabilitating same. Mr. Wiley's letter of the first inst., after quoting me as stating that the Board had received no offer for the plant, he quotes in part from a letter published in the Reporter on October 15, 1913, from the Western United Gas & Electric Company, which stated in substance that they would be willing to pay \$20,000 for our plant, including the wire, poles, etc., and a twenty year franchise. It will be noted that this letter was published on October 15. Mr. Wiley does not give the date of the letter, although it is my opinion that it was written only a day or so before October 15. This letter was not a communication to the Board, and the Board knew nothing about that letter until they read it as news in the Reporter. As to any influence which that letter might have had on the Board, it can be said truthfully that it was a letter that came too late, because the vote on the bond issue was to be taken on October 18.

The facts stated by me in my former letter as to what would be charged for lighting the streets are based on figures given to the Board as a whole, and at one of their regular meetings. The letter quoted by Mr. Wiley was addressed to Mr. Mahoney, then chairman of the water and light committee. It was in response to a

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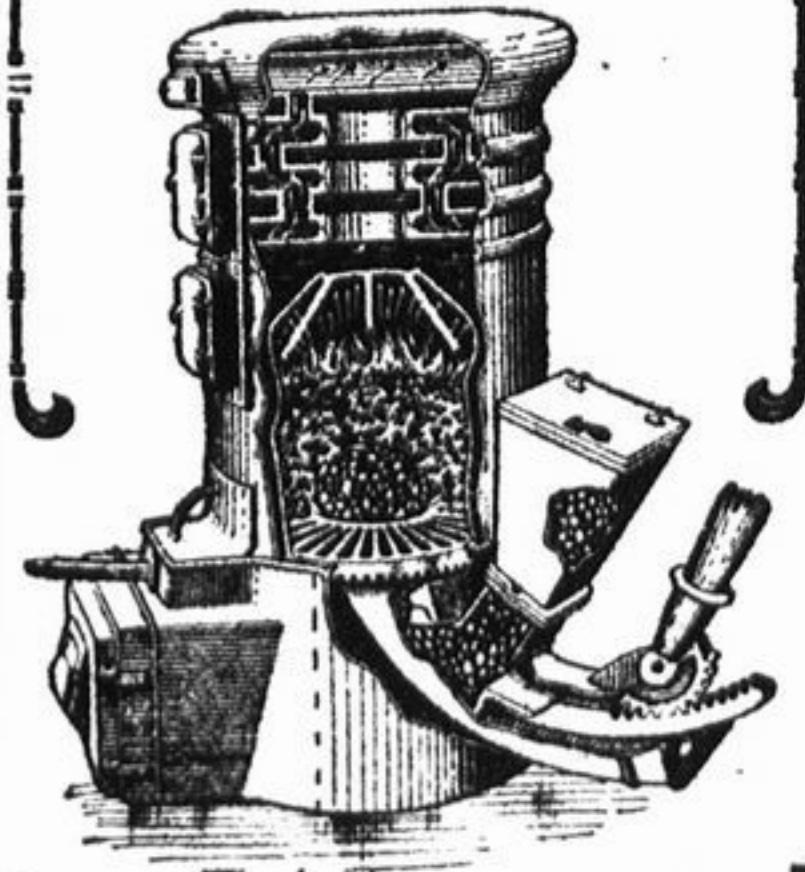
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