

village, which has not quite disappeared through the ravages of fire and natural decay. About 1833, Henry Rawlings built one of the first houses in the new village, and laid out and sold village lots. For many years he kept a hotel here, and the same building now stands on the south side of the Commissioner's Road and is called the Western Hotel.

In January, 1833, the first municipal organization was effected-- a town meeting was held, and Asahel Beach was elected Town Clerk, who seemed to have only been recording secretary of the meeting, but without executive authority. Churchwardens were elected at the town meeting in these good old days. At this meeting, three by-laws were passed--1st, prohibiting swine from running at large; 2nd, that breachy horses should be kept in proper enclosures; and 3rd, that fences should be built four feet high, with not more than four inches space between the four bottom rails. In 1836 three commissioners were elected, who seemed to have to some extent the same duties as the present Township Council, they were John Johnston, Gideon Tiffany, and Francis Carey.

In 1839, John Johnston was appointed Clerk, which office seemed to have included the Treasurership. In 1850, a Council was elected, which consisted of Mr. Peck, Henry Rawlings, Richard Webb, Robert Kennedy and Henry Kennedy. Mr. Webb was elected first Reeve, and H. Johnston in 1851. In 1852, 1853 and 1854, Simon M. Towle was Reeve, and in 1855 and 1856, Steven Rogers; 1857, Jacob Wyler; 1858, 1859, 1860 and 1861 Thomas Beveridge; 1862, 1863 and 1864, Jacob Wyler; 1865 and 1866, Colin Campbell; 1867, 1868 and 1869, Henry Johnstone; 1870, T.H. Brettell; 1871 and 1872, Arthur Seabrook; 1873 and 1874, F.C. Rogers; 1875, Gilbert Harris; and in 1876 and