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WHAT COUNCIL DID

Contract Awarded for Sewer to Serve Hewson Heights Subdivision and Area

At Monday night's council meeting, a letter was read from the H. J. Hodgins Home Services, in which they withdrew their tender for supplying gravel fill in Guelph Street. The contract had been awarded to them by council because they had the lowest bid on the job In their letter withdrawing from the tender and contract they stated that they had misunderstood the specifications for the job. and had grossly underestimated the cost. They also stated that they wished to submit another tender for the job if and when they were called for

Council was thus faced with the unprecedented situation of having had only two tenders on the job, the contract having been awarded and the tenders made public in the press Ask. ing the town engineer for advice on the proper procedure, Mr Wilson said that in his experience the usual custom in such cases is to award the contract to the next lowest tender, he cause the bid had been exposed

A motion was therefore made recinding the gravel-fill contract from II. J Hodgins and awarding it to the Beaver Ready-Mix Company, at their tendered price of \$15,200

Mr. Ern Hyde of the Beaver Ready Mixed was present at the meeting and asked permission to address council to speak on the tender his company had submitted for constructing a 12inch sanitary sewer between John St. and Elm St. under the CNR embankment. He asked that council not open tender until he had explained certain difficulties he had encountered while inspecting the job, which had a bearing on parts of the price tendered by his firm.

The difficulties were encountered in the section of sewer to be laid underneath the CNR embankment where the creek runs through the culvert on John Street. To fully explain the ground conditions found at the Imvel at which the sewer must be laid. Mr. Hyde introduced an expert in this kind of work, Mr. H. O'Neil of Streetsville, whose firm was to the boring through the embankment for Beaver Ready-Mixed. Mr. Neil explained to council that the price for this work was necessarily extermely high because of the treacherous nature of the subsoil through which the boring machines would have to tunnel. Tests of the soil material showed it to be swamp muck, neither clay nor sand, which is very hard to work in, and

to drain. Because the tendered price for this particular section had to be so high, Mr. Hyde wished to tender fo rt he portion of sewer to be laid before and after the tunnel is bored through the railway embankment, and recommended to council that the work for the remainder of the contract specifications be let on a cost-plus basis. The Beaver Ready Mixed tender was opened and the price of \$8464.50 for laying the 12" sewer in the unbored section, accepted. Town engineer Wilson wished further time to investigate the cost-plus basis for the remainder of the work, and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

A ratepayer from Cloverdale Ilts., ... Mr. Neal, addressed the council, asking that they do something about the land which had caved in over the sewer line on his property. This will be attended to immediately.

A discussion took place about the testing of water meters. Apparently some citizens have claimed that their meters are registering high. According to the firm which manufactures the meters, this is impossible. The only defect a meter can have is to run slow. This has been proven by those taken out and tested.

However, in order to handle what might turn into numerous complaints and necessitate testing by a neutral party, council decided to adopt a polers have. This policy ensures that

for the testing of a meter which is not faulty. Thus when a request to have a meter tested is received, if the meter is found to be running too fast, the town will have to pay for the cost of the testing. If, however, the meter is found to be accurate or running slow, the person who laid the complaint must pay for the cost of testing Reeve Allen will investigate the exact cost of such testing for the next regular meeting, and the charge for such service will be set.

Council passed their annual \$75,00 grant to Branch 120, Canadian Legion toward expenses of the Armistice Day

Deputy reeve Al Norton said that he had received numerous complaints about the impassable state of roads in the Swanek subdivision, as well as complaints about the disposal of sewerage from houses inhabited in that subdivision which have not yet been hooked onto the town sewerage system. Council said the sewerage situation would have to be remedied immediately and pressure brought to bear so that the roads would allow people who have bought homes to get moved in Tthis is creating a hard-hip in many instances

GLEN WILLIAMS

Glen United Church Hold Successful Tea

The Glen Williams United Church Sunday School held a very successful afternoon tea and bake sale on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Cecil Barth and Mrs. John Wagstaffe were in charge of the event, assisted by the older girls of the Sunday School in serving tea. Those assisting were Marilyn and Carol Barth, Lynda and Elizabeth toms and Donna Dixon.

Mrs. Henry Sanderson of Toronto spent the weekend at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Norman Felker.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Felker spent Sunday evening in Toronto visiting Mrs. Felker's brother who is a patient in the Toronto Western Hospital.



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