

These Letters Point the Way-

There seems to be some misunderstanding as to our position on the subject of the introduction of a City Manager into Highland Park. Undoubtedly, if others who have expressed themselves unfavorably on the feasibility of the plan, had had the same facts as were given to the two legal forms quoted to the right, their opinion would probably have been the same as that of our attorneys.

The plan as proposed by us is practicable according to the statutes of the State of Illinois, in the opinion of these two internationally known legal firms.

FOR MAYOR

BENJAMIN F. LEWIS
Especially trained and experienced in Municipal Finance.

FOR COMMISSIONERS

- LYLE GOURLEY**
The popular candidate of the entire city.
- NANINE HOPKINS**
The woman's representative with executive ability.
- WM. KRUMBACH**
Successful local business man. Native of Highland Park.
- JOHN OLIVER**
Resident of Highland Park nineteen years.

DEFREES, BUCKINGHAM & EATON

LAW OFFICES
Seventeenth Floor, Borland Building
105 South LaSalle St.
CHICAGO

March 28, 1927.

Mr. Benjamin F. Lewis
Highland Park, Illinois.
Dear Sir:

We understand the question to be as to whether or not the City of Highland Park may employ a person trained and experienced in Municipal Government to aid the Mayor and the Commissioners. We further understand that there is no intention of relieving the Mayor or any of the Commissioners of any of their authority or responsibilities. The Act providing for a Commission Form of Government provides for a Mayor and four Commissioners. The Mayor is to act as the Superintendent of the Department of Public Affairs and the Commissioners are to act as Superintendents of the departments of (1) Accounts and Finances, (2) Public Health and Safety, (3) Streets and Public Improvements, and (4) Public Property.

Section 25 of the Act provides in part as follows:
"The council shall have the power by ordinance, from time to time, to create, fill and discontinue offices and employment other than herein prescribed, according to their judgment of the needs of the city or village."

The above quoted provision must be read in connection with the general principle of law that discretionary duties given to Municipal Officers by statute cannot be delegated. However, the statute, in our opinion, would authorize the city to employ a person trained and skilled in Municipal Government, whose duties would be to keep informed as to the conditions and needs of the city, to advise the Mayor and the Commissioners of these conditions and needs, to make recommendations if requested by the Mayor and Commissioners, and to carry out the directions of the Mayor and the Commissioners.

Very truly yours,
DEFREES, BUCKINGHAM & EATON.
DD-KS By DONALD DEFREES.

NOW READ THIS VERIFICATION

WINSTON STRAWN & SHAW
First National Bank Building
Chicago

March 29, 1927.

Mr. Benjamin F. Lewis,
Highland Park, Illinois.
Dear Sir:
We have read the opinion of Messrs. Defrees, Buckingham & Eaton, addressed to you under date of March 28, 1927, on the question as to whether or not the City of Highland Park may employ a person trained and experienced in municipal government to aid the Mayor and Commissioners, and beg to state that we agree with the opinion expressed by them.

Yours very truly,
10-HCD WINSTON STRAWN & SHAW.

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Vote It Straight*

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