

# City Council



# Calendars

## Your City Government: What It Is Doing

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### Council Authorizes Mayor to Bring Highland Park Plan Up to Date; Cites Need for Alleys in Business District

By a vote of four to one the city council authorized Mayor Ronan to hire the firm of Jacob L. Crane, planning consultant, to bring the official plan of the City of Highland Park, originally drafted by this organization in 1931, up to date. The motion was passed with the provision that the cost of the plan to the city would not exceed \$750.00.

The one dissenting vote to the resolution as passed by the council was cast by Commissioner Swanson. In the debate on the motion before it was brought to a vote, Commissioner Swanson stated that he had no objection to bringing the plan up to date but that since the city was going to do much of the detail work connected with the plan, anyway, he thought it could get along without the supervision of the Jacob L. Crane organization until the plan was presented to them for final approval. Commissioner Swanson intimated that the city could save money by handling the work in this way.

Mayor Ronan held that the job called for an experienced city planner right from the start who would directly supervise the city employees in working out all details connected with the plan. He added that the legal aspect of the work alone justified the city in hiring the Crane organization to finish the project started by it ten years ago. The mayor added that Jacob L. Crane was nationally known in his field and at the present time was engaged in defense work for the United States Government. Considering the man's reputation and the character of the work involved Mayor Ronan was of the opinion that the city was getting a bargain.

The mayor made it clear that the action of the council did not bind the city to enter into a contract with the Crane organization but that it simply conferred upon him the power to do so if he deemed it advisable.

City Clerk Musser read a letter to the council sent by Attorney Benjamin F. J. O'Dell calling that body's attention to a resolution passed by the council in 1939 authorizing him to attempt to collect a refund on taxes paid under the Public Utility Act on a twenty percent commission basis. He stated that he read this column's report in the January 16 issue of The Highland Park Press whereby the council was considering joint action with the Illinois Municipal league in an effort to obtain the aforementioned refund. Attorney O'Dell intimated in his letter that he still considered himself very much in the

picture as a result of the action taken by the council in 1939.

In commenting on the letter Mayor Ronan stated that as far as he knew no report on Mr. O'Dell's progress, if any, to obtain a refund had ever been made to the city.

In view of the fact that the city was entirely in the dark concerning Mr. O'Dell's work on the case, Commissioner Bowes moved that the Corporation Council contact the former and have him send in a written report outlining in detail what work he has done and what progress has been made toward obtaining a refund.

In view of recent building developments in the business district, Commissioner Swanson recommended that the city consider action towards reviving the old ordinance providing for alleys in this area. He stated that as the business district continued to grow it was going to become more and more difficult to provide adequate fire protection unless means of ingress to the rear of business property was supplied.

Fire Marshall Hoskin who was in the audience substantiated Commissioner Swanson's remarks and stated that he was entirely in favor of the move to bring back alleys to the business district. Action by the council on this subject is expected in the near future.

Commissioner Sharp reported that the official dedication of the new incinerator is a matter of only a few weeks away. Fires in the new building have already been started and the project lacks only the finishing touches for completion. Mr. Sharp stated that his department was planning to outdo the fire department by providing refreshments at its dedication. We may add here that if the celebrants can feed the Inner Man in the atmosphere of burning garbage and enjoy it, the day of the modern incinerator has really arrived.

Commissioner Swanson stated that plans for the Green Bay Road improvement project were about ready for submission to the State Highway Department for official approval. However, as the new chief highway engineer has not as yet been appointed by Governor Green it was thought advisable to postpone action along these lines for the time being.

Commissioner Bowes moved that a resolution be passed by the council thanking the American Legion, the Boy and Girl Scouts, the Drum Corps, the publicity committee, the press and all others who cooperated in making the dedication of the new fire station an outstanding success.

## Highland Park Events for Coming Week

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

- 12:15 p.m. Highland Park Lions Club meeting at Sunset Valley Club.
- 12:30 p.m. Friendship Club meet in the Y.W.C.A.
- 6:45 p.m. Men's Fellowship Club meeting at Highland Park Presbyterian Church.
- 8:00 p.m. Chess Club meeting at H. P. Community House.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

- 10-4:30 Red Cross, all day sewing meeting at Trinity Church.
- 7:30 p.m. Footlighters meet in the Y.W.C.A.
- 8:00 p.m. Sheridan Rifle Club, return match with Waukegan Rifle team on Deerfield range.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 8:00 p.m. Saturday Evening Club at Y.W.C.A.
- 8:00 p.m. Swing Club meeting at Highland Park Woman's Club.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 10:00 a.m. Study Group of H. P. League of Women Voters at YWCA
- 12:15 p.m. Rotary Club meeting at Sunset Valley Golf Club.
- 6:30 p.m. Kiwanis Club dinner, Sunset Valley Golf Club.
- 7:00 p.m. Park Board meeting at Highland Park City Hall.
- 7:45 p.m. H. P. Social Service annual meeting at Public Library.
- 8:00 p.m. Meeting of the City Council.
- 8:00 p.m. H. P. Community Chest Board meeting in Community Center.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 10:00 a.m. Collectors Study Group, Highland Park Woman's Club. "Romance of Old Lace."
- 2:30 p.m. Braeside P.T.A. at Braeside School (Hope Summers).
- 8:00 p.m. Highland Park Hospital Board meeting, hospital.
- 8:00 p.m. Community Center Board, Community Center.
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Garden Club, Highland Park Woman's Club.
- 8:00 p.m. Young Men's Club, Community Center.
- 8:00 p.m. Highland Park Lodge No. 1362 B.P.O.E., Elks Hall.
- 8:00 p.m. West Ridge Community Club, Ridge School.
- 8:00 p.m. American Legion, in Legion Hall.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 9:30 a.m. Girl Scout Leaders, Bank building.
- 10:00 a.m. Ravinia Woman's Club Board.
- 9:30-12:00 Highland Park Hospital Auxiliary, hospital (hospital dressings—important).
- 2:00 p.m. Lincoln Parent-Teacher Association Board.
- 3:15 p.m. Lincoln Parent-Teacher meeting.
- 4:30 p.m. Rotary Club Board meeting, Community Center.
- 8:00 p.m. Highland Park Woman's Club (Edward Tomlinson).

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 12:15 p.m. Lions Club, Sunset Valley Club.
- 2:00 p.m. High School Parent-Teacher Association Board.
- 3:00 p.m. High School Parent-Teacher Association meeting.
- 8:00 p.m. North Shore Yacht Club.
- 8:00 p.m. American Legion Auxiliary, Masonic Temple.

## Deerfield Events for Coming Week

Week of January 31 through February 1

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

- 7:00 p.m. Bethlehem Church Choir.
- 9:00 p.m. Bowling.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1.
- 7:00 p.m. Business Men's Bowling.
- 7:30 p.m. Troop 51 and Troop 52.
- 7:30 p.m. Sea Scouts.
- 7:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Troop 2.
- 8:00 p.m. Bank Board.
- 8:00 p.m. Bethlehem Mothers Club.
- 8:00 p.m. Holy Name Meeting.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 2:30 p.m. Wilmot Mother's Club.
- 2:30 p.m. Bethlehem Woman's Missionary Society.
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bowling League.
- 7:30 p.m. St. Paul's Young People's League.
- 8:00 p.m. Holy Cross Service.
- 8:00 p.m. Ladies Guild Eastern Star.
- 8:00 p.m. Townsend Club.
- 8:30 p.m. Holy Cross Choir.
- 9:00 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Bowling League.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 7:30 p.m. St. Paul's Choir.
- 8:00 p.m. Presbyterian Choir.
- 8:00 p.m. Presbyterian Church Officers and Teachers Meeting.
- 8:00 p.m. Bethlehem Mid-week Service.
- 8:00 p.m. Badminton League.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 12:15 p.m. Rotary.
- 2:00 p.m. St. Paul's Woman's Guild.
- 8:00 p.m. Order of Eastern Star.
- 8:00 p.m. Royal Neighbors.