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Council Meetings to Be on Second and Fourth Thursdays

Will be Held in Evenings. Wednesday Half-Holiday Confirmed. Mr. R. Bannino to Open Roller Rink Here. Many Requests for Roads, Walks, Water, Etc. Board of Works Making Complete Survey of Needs. Additional 5 per cent Penalty to go on Overdue Taxes., Other Town Council Business.

The regular meeting of the Town Council was held last Thursday evening with the Mayor in the chair and all the councillors present, with the exception of Councillor J. H. Bacon who is still visiting in England. The Council Chamber was again filled with spectators for the meeting.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting and of special meetings held were duly passed, as were also accounts and payrolls.

A petition was received from the five plumbing firms in town, asking that the town license fee be reduced from \$50.00 to \$10.00 per year, and that licenses only be granted to master plumbers. Mr. Brazeau pointed out that most towns and cities now only charged \$10.00 per year for license, and he thought it would be as well for Timmins to conform with the other municipalities. Tisdale only charged \$10.00 for the license. Some of the Council were not sure that the second part of the petition could be granted, as to restricting licenses to master plumbers only. Mr. Brazeau thought that in fairness to the public and to the plumbers who were taxpayers everyone should not be allowed to do plumbing as a sideline. If licenses were to be granted to anybody, it would be better to leave the fee as it has been, so as to give the taxpayers who maintained businesses here some measure of protection. Council decided to refer the matter to the Town Solicitor and take it up again at next meeting.

Mr. W. W. Orr tendered his resignation as a member of the police force the resignation to take effect June 6th. The Council accepted the resignation, to take effect at once, salary to be paid to May 19th.

Mr. R. Bannino, asked for the right to construct a cement sidewalk in front of his store in Moneta, the work to be done at his own expense. Permission had been granted for this by

last year's council, the work to be done under the supervision of the town engineer, Mr. Bannino to be refunded 40 per cent. of the cost when the town is ready to build a sidewalk there. Present council confirmed the permission to Mr. Bannino.

A letter was read from Mr. Frank Desormeaux, caretaker at the town hall, saying that it was his son who had asked for three month's pay for the time he had been off duty through illness. He himself would be satisfied with a month's salary and he would like to get the position back as soon as he was well enough to work again. The Mayor thought that in view of the length of Mr. Desormeaux's service to the town he might be given some consideration. Councillor Drew endorsed this and referred to the long and faithful service of Mr. Desormeaux in the town employ. Council decided to grant him the month's salary.

Mr. John Dalton, asked permission to instal a gasoline pump at his premises on Third avenue for the convenience of the public, the installation to conform with all town by-laws. Permission was granted, all liability to be on owner of tank.

Platus & Lewis, wrote asking for the transfer of pedlar's license from M. Marimuch, who had moved from town, to his successor, P. Torgov. The transfer was agreed upon.

All delinquent tax-payers are to take notice that all taxes in arrears must be paid by May 31st. After that date the taxes in arrears will be handed over for collection and an additional penalty of five per cent will be added.

Mr. V. Woodbury wrote suggesting that the town instal a gasoline tank and pump for its own use. He showed how in the purchase of gas for the police dept., fire department, works department, etc., the town could save materially by this plan and by pur-

chasing gasoline in quantities. He quoted prices for the equipment suggested. The matter was referred to committee to check up on.

The Canadian Forestry Association asked for a \$15.00 grant to assist in the carrying on of its good work. The question was left over until next meeting.

A letter was read from Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Brennan thanking the council for sympathy shown in their recent bereavement through the death of their infant daughter, and for the floral tokens sent.

A petition was received asking for the opening of Cedar street through to Moneta.

A letter regarding an indigent in a Toronto hospital claiming to belong to Timmins was referred to Mr. I. E. Dunn, Inspector of Associated Charities, for investigation and report.

Under By-law 308, Chief of Police Ernest Pascoe was duly appointed an officer for the enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act.

By-law 309, duly passed, formally appointed Ernest Pascoe as Chief of Police, Sanitary Inspector, Truant Officer, and inspector for all other purposes required by the town.

Council changed the regular meeting nights from the first and third to the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. This, the Mayor said, would allow of a better clearing up of accounts and other business before the end of the month. The next regular meeting will be on May 27th.

An anonymous letter asking for the closing of all ice cream parlours on Sunday was read. "Is there anyone here to speak in regard to this matter?" the Mayor asked, and when there was no response he added, "Well, the matter then can not be dealt with."

The by-law to borrow \$22,000.00 on debentures to pay the town's share of the paving of Wilson avenue and part of Third avenue and Mountjoy street, was given its required readings and finally passed.

Mr. Jos. Theriault addressed the council on a bill charged against him by the waterworks department for water rates at his tailor shop. He said he did not use the water and had told Messrs Murtagh and MacLean of the town staff to shut the water off. The town engineer explained that the water came through Logan's Lurch and could not be shut off without shutting the water from Logan's. It was the part of Mr. Theriault, the engineer said, to have the tap taken out and the pipe sealed, not the work of the town. The matter was left over until Messrs Murtagh and MacLean were heard from.

On motion of Councillors Drew and Eplett, authority was given for the purchase from V. M. Bowie & Co. of eight uniforms for the firemen and one for the Chief, the men to arrange for substitutes for their vacations.

A resolution was passed asking the Government to continue the highway from South Porcupine to Golden City this year, using the same road material as between South Porcupine and Timmins.

Mr. R. Bannino asked permission to change the warehouse building, across the tracks from the station, into a roller rink. Council was quite agreeable, the only proviso being the securing of the necessary building permit.

Mr. A. P. Dooley addressed the council on the suggestion made by that body that he give a ten per cent. discount on all accounts run in his store for charity cases paid by the town. Mr. Dooley said he appreciated this business, but a ten per cent. discount was too much to ask. He did not make that much on some of the goods sold. He gave the best value and service possible and would be pleased at any time to go into the question of costs and prices with the Council. Pressed by the Mayor, as to the best he could do in the way of discount, Mr. Dooley said 5 per cent. The Council will check up on prices generally, the plan being to allow indigents to continue to purchase from the stores they have been dealing with, so long as prices are right.

Town Engineer C. R. Murdock suggested the value of a crossing over the T. & N.O. from the highway to Fifth avenue. It would relieve traffic under the subway and be a great convenience. Referred to the Board of Works.

There were many petitions and other requests for roads, sidewalks, water, etc. All were referred to the Board of Works. The Board of Works Committee and Town Engineer were to make a survey of the town on Saturday to see what should be done and what could be done. Re-

pairs were asked for Commercial street. Mr. F. M. Wallingford explained to council the bad condition of Gillies street. It was difficult to get over the road even with an empty wagon. It could be made passable for \$100.00 or so, and would accommodate many people. A petition from 95 per cent. of the ratepayers asked for the water on Middleton avenue. Mr. Chas. Petch asked for a surface water line on Elm street. Water and sidewalk were asked for Charles street. Attention was called to the bad condition of Avenue Road—no sidewalk, no water—and practically impassable now. One petition asked for the cutting out of the rock at the foot of Fourth avenue; the continuation of Hollinger Lane to the river; and the changing of the name "Lane" to a more appropriate term for a roadway of its importance. The "whole works" was referred to the Board of Works.

For the spectators, the discussion of the weekly half-holiday was probably the most interesting part of the lengthy meeting. There was a petition before council asking that the weekly half-holiday this summer be changed to Thursday afternoon. This petition was signed by 43 names. There was a counter petition, with 247 signatures, asking that Wednesday remain the half-holiday. Mr. Essa spoke on behalf of the change to Thursday. Pay-day was now on Tuesday and so Wednesday was a busy day. Thursday was a quiet day and so he thought it more suitable for the half-holiday. Many people got their cheques cashed Tuesday night or Wednesday morning and the stores missed money if they were closed Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Keddie, manager of the Hollinger Stores, pointed out that the petition for Wednesday afternoon closing was the more generally favoured to judge by the fact that it represented so much greater volume of business and a much larger number of employees. Wednesday was the day observed in South Porcupine and Ingois Falls and so was the better day for Timmins. Wednesday was the most convenient day for all handling fish, as the fish came in on Thursday, and if the half-holiday were on Thursday it would be necessary to keep two men on duty for the afternoon to look after the fish. Mr. Frank Byck had signed the first petition but on thinking the matter over and consulting with his store manager, Mr. Byck had asked Mr. Keddie to withdraw the name from the Thursday petition as he was in favour of Wednesday as the best day for the half-holiday. Mr. Keddie did not think that pay-day interfered at all with the advantage of Wednesday as the half-holiday. Mr. A. P. Dooley, who had signed the Thursday petition, said the fish matter made quite a difference and with fish coming in on Thursday that day would not be best for the half-holiday. Mr. Daher wanted to know if a man could stay behind the front door of his store on early closing days and let customers in the back way. "If so," he said, "I'm not going fishing this summer."

Mr. R. Bannino assured him that early closing meant actual closing of stores and those attempting back-door methods were liable to prosecution. The suggestion having been made that the petition for the Wednesday half-holiday was largely clerks and those other than merchants, Councillors Eplett, Brennan and Drew made a careful check of all the names on both lists. On the list for Wednesday one section, by itself, comprised the signatures of clerks, but there were 77 owners of stores, which was exclusive of barber shops, law offices, professional men, etc. The other petition had only 43 merchants signing. There were some on both lists, but this was explained by the suggestion that those signing the Thursday petition had only 43 merchants signing, all its bearings. In view of the apparent majority in favour of Wednesday as the half-holiday, Council decided that there could be no change in the by-law, but that Wednesday should remain as the early closing day for the summer.

On Thursday, May 6th, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Nohilly left Timmins for New York City. Many of their friends of the Irish Society were present at the station to bid them goodbye and to wish them the best that life can give in their new home. Among others present was President Patrick Fay, of the Irish Society who wished Mr. and Mrs. Nohilly health and wealth in their new country.



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