

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

Village of Birmingham, Mich.
January, 1919.

(Continued From Last Week.)

Portions of the comparatively well settled residential sections of Birmingham are without postal delivery service. It seems that the sections in question were without many of any dwellings at the time the mail routes were inaugurated. The mail carrier travels Bates street, but people living on Hanna street within half a block of Bates street have visited a police officer, their letters and packages are left at the corner of Bates and Hanna where the householder calls for them.

The same condition prevails on Oak land avenue, East of Park street. On the latter mentioned thoroughfare there are over a dozen families all residing West of the town line road who are without mail carrier service. This matter should be followed up through the Postmaster General until the necessary relief is furnished these "resident taxpayers."

A new system of house numbering would be a great benefit to the residents of Birmingham. A uniform system commencing at Maple avenue and extending with a new set of numbers in either direction North or South, and a similar numbering of all buildings extending in both directions East and West from Woodward avenue, would make the smaller numbers appear on all structures just adjacent to the street or on the two principle thoroughfares in the Village.

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functions be performed by a individual who is elected for the position and as a successful candidate shall qualify by giving necessary bonds, etc. Further that the commission appoint an assistant to act with, and under the Clerk Treasurer as a Deputy Clerk Treasurer. The responsibility of the two offices would thus be centralized and one individual would be accountable to the administration for the handling of all money and records. The compensation should be in proportion to the responsibilities assumed thereby justifying the Clerk Treasurer in giving his or her undivided attention to these duties.

Second, that the president of the Village, subject to the approval of the commission, appoint a police judge whose duties it would be to hear and try all cases arising from the violations of the Village ordinances.

The last clause suggests another improvement in the conditions of the Village namely this, that the Village ordinances be carefully studied and printed copies made of the ordinances which are now in effect. This would involve the elimination of many of the older ordinances which have been replaced by subsequent ones.

more comprehensive construction. Aside from a little pamphlet involving plumbing laws of Birmingham the Village is without duplicate copies of all the other Village ordinances.

The rules and regulations which apply to many Private and Business Service Corporations could apply to the successful Management of a Municipality. For instance we believe with our doubt all parties concerned, that on all structures just adjacent to the street or on the two principle thoroughfares in the Village.

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Firemen's Supplies	75.00
Money Collected for Library Fund to January 1, 1919 and included in Village Taxes	1,444.04
Aggregate in fines paid into Police Dept. for ordinance violations and not included in Village Taxes	527.00
Am't. received for Village Dog License under new ordinances	78.00
Am't. paid into water Dept. for service during last four quarters, including permits and shut off	5,740.13

INVENTORY	
Machinery and Equipment on hand January 1, 1919	
1 Road Builder	1 Hand Drawn Dump Cart
1 Road Scraper	1 Hand Drawn Tool Cart
1 Street Sweeper	1 Cross Cut Saw
1 Street Traffic Signal Post	1 Tapping Machine
10 Safety Zone Signs	1 Lot of Shovels, Picks, Spades, Ladders, Wheel Barrows, Lanterns, Etc.
1 Horizontal Water Tank	1 Belling Machine
1 One Horse Mowing Machine	1 Typewriter
3 One Horse Snow Plows	1 Adding Machine
2 Waste Paper Cans	75 ft. of Garden Hose
1 Hydrant Pump	3 Rugs
1 Suction Pump	4 Desks
1 Henderson Motorcycle (1918 Police Model)	1 Safe
1 Ford Roadster	4 Stoves
1 Overhaulin' Fire Truck (Motor Driven)	1 Oil Heater
1 Hook and Ladder Truck (Motor Driven)	1 Filing Cabinet
1 Hand Drawn Haul Cart	1 Dozen Office Chairs
	3 Rubber Coats
	3 Pairs Rubber Boots

BUDGET FOR 1919 - GENERAL FUND	
Police (Payroll, Improvement of Baldwin Property, Etc.)	\$ 1,000.00
Salaries, Police	2,500.00
Salaries, Clerk	1,200.00
Salaries, Treasurer	700.00
Salaries, Manager	2,500.00
Salaries, Attorney	2,000.00
Salaries, Health Officer	2,000.00
Salaries, Commissioners	2,000.00
Salaries, Labor (Extra)	1,000.00

STREET FUND	
Street Lighting (with provision for fuel)	\$1,000.00
Extra Equipment needed for 1919 and included in Village Budget	1,200.00
Fire Dept. (for equipment, including one note due Aug. 1919 for 4100 lbs.)	\$ 4,374.00
Compensation (Salaries of Firemen)	1,000.00

WATER FUND	
Storm Sewer (Surface drainage, very much needed on Oakland, Southside, Woodward, Irving, Forest and Livermore)	\$ 5,000.00
Telephone Service (including residence phones for Clerk, Police Officers, and Manager)	225.00
Salaries, Assessor	150.00
Assessors' Expenses	50.00
Board of Review Expenses	25.00
Auditing of Books	30.00
Notes unpaid and dated prior to 1918	4,076.38
Notes unpaid and issued during 1918	6,500.00
Municipal Ward (including railroad siding and four houses)	6,500.00
Office Equipment (Printing stationery, Etc.)	1,200.00

LIBRARY FUND	
Library Fund	2,000.00
(This is an approximate figure. The actual amt. raised is computed by the levy of one-half mill tax.)	
INTEREST FUND	
Interest Fund	7,000.00

WATER FUND	
Pipes, Hydrants, Valves, Washers and Tools (including open account of \$1,828.79 with Grant Co., now due)	2,500.00
Water Meter	2,000.00
Installing Meters on Lakeside Road on 1918 and 1919	2,000.00
Chain on Wallace 575 ft. (between Stanley and Residences West of Watkins)	2,000.00
Connecting "Dead end" water supply for Sprinkling and Fire Protection (Providing adequate supply for Sprinkling and Fire Protection)	4,000.00
Gravel (Extra)	5,000.00
Material (Extra)	1,000.00
Insurance (Premium, Workmen's Compensation and Liability)	500.00

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110 South Woodward

AUCTION

GOOD FREE LUNCH AT NOON

FRANK J. BOYLE, Auctioneer

Being about to quit the dairy business, the undersigned will sell at public auction, on the premises, 2 miles west and 1 mile north of Warren Village, or 3 miles east and 1 mile south of Clawson (Clawson is on the Rochester Carline), on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

At 10:00 o'clock a. m. sharp, the following described property:
Black Mare, 6 yrs old, weight 1,150 lbs.
Trotting-bred, Colt, 2 years old
2 Grade Holstein Yearling Bulls
2 Jersey Cows, 9 yrs old, due February 2
2 Jersey Cows, 9 yrs old, due April 20
Spotted Cow, 9 years old, due April 20
Guernsey Cow, 8 yrs old, due July 22
Jersey Cow, 8 years old, new milk
Grade Holstein Cow, 5 yrs, due Apr. 22
" " " 4 yrs, due Apr. 22
" " " 5 yrs, not bred
" " " 8 yrs, due May 1
Jersey Cow, 8 yrs old, due February 2
6 Grade Holstein Horses, 2 years old, due Feb. 2
There are no "Articles too numerous to mention" - this is no junk sale.

TERMS All sums of \$10 and under, cash; all sums over \$10, 9-months credit with approved interest, with interest at 7 per cent per annum.

M. H. BLUNT, Prop.

W. E. BLUNT, Clerk.

Our food Gospel

eat less
serve less
waste nothing

America's Pludge of Food Gave Heart to the Allies In Their Darkest Hour

Whatever is necessary, America will send. That was America's pledge to the untold food council. And because the American food army had little more than 100,000 tons left and was fast running out.

FAITH JUSTIFIED BY EVENTS. I do not believe that drastic force need be applied to maintain economic distribution and same use of supplies by a great majority of American people and I have learned a deep and abiding faith in the intelligence of the average American business man, whose aid we must depend on to remedy the evil developed by the war. Herbert Hoover, August 10, 1917.

She Had Grown Old. Frederick's mother was showing him a picture just sent from his cousin, a young woman whom he had not seen since she was a young girl. "Why, mother, she's almost Frederick," he exclaimed. "I'm almost Frederick enough to wear his clothes now."

Homeophony. Homeophony is another name for Phonology, where two or more voices or instruments have the same part. It is a favorite of Polyphony, where different parts are heard at the same time. The latter is not in general use in music.

Disappearing Lake. In the canyon of Valais, in Switzerland, at the foot of the great Aletsch glacier, lies a small body of water called Mariage, which at irregular intervals, every three or four years completely and suddenly disappears. The phenomenon always occurs during the last day of August.

Patriot's Plenty

Buy less - Serve less Eat only 3 meals a day Waste nothing Your guests will cheerfully share simple fare

Be Proud to be a food saver

Importance of the Post. The thing of our lives are matters of our lives. To be a post is the one most death. Which are at this moment, what we can do at this moment, depends not only upon making our minds at the time being and how upon how we have made up our minds to do it. It is not in thousands of minutes already gone by and now out of our control. The one thing we cannot control is the past; it may, however, control us for good or evil. - Louis's Compulsion.

1918 Village Taxes According to Assessment Roll	\$12,217.48
Taxes collected up to January 1, 1919	29,028.96
Taxes unpaid up to January 1, 1919	4,218.72
Total \$13,511 on a thousand.	
Outstanding obligations liquidated from 1918 Taxes:	
The Oberlin-Bayer Co., note due on purchase of Fire Truck	\$ 1,000.00
E. L. Adams Company, due on contract for purchase of road scraper	2,000.00
John F. Glendon, due for installing Woodland Ave. Water Main	1,000.00
W. C. Harris, due for installing Water Main on Greenwood Ave.	1,000.00
Subdivision	1,218.80
First State Savings Bank notes for borrowed money	4,162.92
Notes Contracted prior to 1918 and still unpaid	\$ 7,992.87
Sewer Clock	\$ 1,076.38
Allowed E. L. Torrey (including interest since February 29, 1917) for work done in collecting	1,297.48
Notes contracted during 1918 and unpaid	\$ 1,926.99
Total in unsecured liabilities	\$19,726.88
Short Term Bonds	\$15,000.00
Long Term Bonds	\$10,945.00
Total Bonded Liabilities	\$12,981.00
Cost of Hamilton Avenue Sanitary Sewer	\$ 1,266.74
Cost of Ann Street Storm Sewer	1,410.48
Cost of Salsburg Avenue Community Sewer Tank	1,000.00
Cost of Post Office Alley Storm Sewer	217.00
Cost of Installing and Repairing Sidewalks, opposite 85 Property	100.00
\$75 Miscellaneous	25.00
Cost of Replacing damaged storm sewers	126.34
Cost of Pruning Trees and Removing Brush	1,000.00
(Including street sweeping and "Clean-up")	
Cost of cleaning drains and sewers and repairing hydrants and stop valves	300.00
Cost of Graveling Frank Street	130.00
Cost of Graveling Diggins Street	30.00
Cost of Graveling Ann Street	70.00
Cost of Graveling Brown Street	60.00
Cost of Graveling Hazen Street	60.00
Cost of Graveling Park Street	174.00
Cost of Graveling Oakland Avenue	122.00
Cost of Graveling Ravine Road	50.00
Cost of Graveling Euclid Avenue	60.00
Cost of Graveling Brookside Avenue	74.00
Cost of Graveling Harmon Street	232.00
Cost of Graveling Baldwin Avenue and rebuilding Bridge	250.00
Cost of Graveling Forest Avenue	20.00
Resurfacing portions of Pierce Street and removing mud	70.00
Resurfacing portions of Bates Street	55.00
Resurfacing portions of Wilkes Street	80.00
Hauling away sand and grading Watkins Street	70.00
Resurfacing and grading N. Adams Avenue	20.00
Resurfacing and grading W. Maple Street	25.00
Miscellaneous Road Work, including sidewalks repairs, grading, filling cavities and marking streets	\$ 2,222.50
Cost of Street Lighting (Monthly)	\$ 1,200.00
48 100 C. P. Lamps @ \$1.50 Each per month	\$ 720.00
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Maintaining Health Dept. including Health Officers Fees, Disinfectants, Pathologists, Signs and Preventions	500.00
Cost of Albert Sym (Compensation)	100.00
Industrial Accident Board (Weekly)	8.00
Legal Dept. Retainer Fee due Village Counsel	100.00
Annual Salary of Commissioner (\$12,000 Each)	166.68
Manager's Salary (Monthly)	110.00
Clerk's Salary (Monthly)	60.00
Treasurer's Salary (Monthly)	60.00
Policeman's Salary (Monthly \$120 Each)	144.00
Engineers Salary (Monthly Water Works)	100.00
Asst. Engineers Salary (Monthly Water Works \$75 Each)	150.00
Street Cleaners Salary (Weekly)	20.00
Foreman Water Dept. (Monthly)	100.00
Cost of Henderson Motorcycle	70.00
Cost of Upkeep Henderson Motorcycle	88.47
Cost of Ford Roadster	48.00
Extra Road Equipment (including self-starter and winter top)	100.00
Cost of Lubricants, oils and gasoline used to operate both Vehicles	125.00
Am't. Paid Birmingham Fire Dept. (including fire calls, drills and expenses advanced two members in attendance to Fireman's Convention at Cadillac Michigan)	231.50