VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Being a List of the Matters Considered and Acted Upon By the Official Commission of the Village of Birmingham. These Items Should be Of Interest to Every Local Taxpayer.

Regular meeting of the Village Commission held Monday evening, February 16th, 1925 at 8 o'clock.

Present: President Shain, Commissioners Bingham and Bell.

Minutes of meeting of February 9, 1925, approved as printed.

Moved by President Shain that the audit of the Village books for year 1924, as given by the Morton Audit Co., be accepted.

Yeas—3.

Nays—0.

Moved by commissioner Bell that the pay roll and bills be allowed as read:—George Prescott, $75.00; Mark Addison, $64.80; Charles Hicky, $64.80; Wm. Lotz, $64.80; Arthur Eldred, $27.00; John Becker, $54.00; Morton Audit Co. $277.50.

Yeas—3.

Nays—0.

Moved by Commissioner Bingham that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS this Commission on the 5th day of January A. D. 1925, adopted resolutions proposing amendments to Section 7, Section 22, Chapter 20 and Section 7, Chapter 21, of the revised charter of the Village of Birmingham; to be submitted to the qualified electors of said Village, called to the qualified electors of said Village at the annual election to be held on Monday, March 9th, 1925, and that the question appear upon the ballot as said amendments are prescribed by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Michigan, on the 9th day of March, A. D. 1925, which said proposed amendments have been published in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed in said City, once a week for three successive weeks, and which said amendments were ordered filed on the said 5th day of January, 1925.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that said proposed amendments to Section 7, Section 22, Chapter 20, and Section 7, Chapter 21, of the revised charter of the Village of Birmingham, be submitted to the qualified electors of said Village at the annual election to be held on Monday, March 9th, 1925, and that the following proposal be submitted to said electors, to-wit:

Proposition to amend Section 7, Chapter 21, of the Revised Charter of the Village of Birmingham.

Shall Section 7, Chapter 21, of the Revised Charter of the Village of Birmingham be amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER XXI. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

POWERS OF THE COMMISSION

TAX LIMIT.

Section 7. The Village Commission shall have power to establish special assessment districts, and the limits prescribed in the Charter may cause a special assessment to be levied upon property situated within such district and benefited thereby in a sum of not to exceed in any one year ten per cent (10%) of the assessed valuation of the lands in said district, according to the last preceding assessment roll. Provided, that in case the whole amount to be levied by special assessment upon any lot or premises for any one improvement exceeds fifty per cent (50%) of the value of such lot or land as shown by the last preceding tax roll, such excess shall be paid from the general funds of the village.

Yes—3.

No—0.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the notice hereby given that the foregoing proposals be submitted to the electors on Monday, March 9, A. D. 1925, in the Town Hall on the Northwest corner of Merrill and Hazel Streets in said Village, and that the polls will be open from 7:00 o'clock A. M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M. Central Standard Time.

Yeas—3.

No—0.

Moved by President Shain that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS the Commission of the Village of Birmingham deem it necessary that the amount of the special assessment, or to the amount of $12,500.00 and issue the bonds of the Village therefor, for the purpose of installing various sections of water main throughout the Village, and that the estimates on file with the Village Clerk, at a cost not to exceed the sum of, to-wit: $12,500.00, be confirmed, and

WHEREAS the Commission of the Village of Birmingham deem it necessary that the amount of the special assessment, or to the amount of $12,500.00 and issue the bonds of the Village therefor, for the purpose of constructing a sewer in the Village, particularly described in Section 1, Chapter 21, of the Revised Charter thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the question of issuing the amount of bonds and the making of the improvement upon the faith and credit of the Village for the purpose of extending the waterworks of the Village of Birmingham, main throughout the Village, for the purpose of increasing distribution and eliminating dead ends, and the construction of a sewer in the Village of Birmingham, together with all necessary connections and appurtenances, be submitted to the electors of the Village at the annual election to be held on Monday, March 9th, 1925, and that the following proposition be submitted to the electors for their approval as Proposition 1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the question of amending and revising the Charter of Birmingham by the amendment of Section 22, Chapter 20, of the Revised Charter of the Village of Birmingham, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 1, of the Session Laws of Michigan, as amended, be submitted to the electors of the Village at the annual election to be held on Monday, March 9th, 1925, and that the following proposal be submitted to said electors as PROPOSITION 2.

SAID PROPOSITIONS 1 and 2 to be voted on at the annual election to be held in the Village of Birmingham on Monday, the 9th day of March, 1925 between the hours of 7 o'clock A.M. and 8:30 o'clock P.M. (Central Standard Time) and election shall be conducted by the Village Clerk and the Board of Registration of the Village of Birmingham.

Yeas—3.

Nays—0.

Moved by Commissioner Bell that the following be appointed to serve on the Registration Board and Election Board, to be paid $6.00 per day:

Registration Board, Blanch Blumberg and Mabel Anderson.

Election Board,

Blanch Blumberg, Mabel Anderson, Florence Walker, Claire Stewart, George Mitchell, Gatekeepers, Wm. Brown and Wm. Harbison.

Yeas—3.

Nays—0.

Moved by Commissioner Bingham that D. H. Fenton be granted permit to operate taxi in the Village, and space be given him for parking of one car.

Yeas—3.

Nays—0.

Petition of Horace Cosley and others for sidewalk on elm street was read and referred to the Manager, for report.

Yeas—3.

Nays—0.

Moved by President Shain that the Village Commission acquire the block bounded by Maple, Chester, Merrill and Bates Streets for Village purposes and that the Village Attorney be instructed to procure the necessary powers to condemn such property or properties that cannot be acquired by purchase.

Yeas—3.

Nays—0.

Moved by President Shain that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED that this Commission hereby determine that it is expedient and necessary that lateral sanitary sewers with necessary manholes and house connections be constructed through the surface of the following streets.

Name	Size
Baldwin Avenue	8 inch
Greenwood Avenue	8 inch
Hazelwood	8 inch
Woodland Avenue	8 inch
Bonner Road	8 inch
Vinewood Avenue	8 inch
Park Street	8 inch
Harmon Avenue	8 inch
Dewey Street	8 inch
Kimball Street	8 inch
Willets Street	8 inch
Ferndale Avenue	8 inch
Park Street and Euclid Avenue	8 inch and 12 inch
Brookside Drive	12 inch
Ravine Road	8 inch
Oakland Avenue	8 inch

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Manager shall cause to be prepared and submitted to this Commission for its approval maps and diagrams of said lands and premises constituting said special assessment district, showing the boundaries and divisions of said lands and premises thereof, the proposed routes and locations of the sewers through the same, with its proposed depths, grades dimensions and all details together with an estimate of the cost and expense of construction of said sewers, manholes and house connections and appurtenances.

Yeas—3.

Nays—0.

Moved by Commissioner Bingham that the meeting Adjourn.

Yeas—3.

Nays—0.

HAZEL E. LAWLER,
Village Clerk.

READ 'EM—
Then Smile or Weep

Now with a definite width for the widening of Woodward avenue through Birmingham has been arrived at, all that remains necessary to do is to get at it.

Speaking of Woodward avenue, do you know that the State once staked it out at 200 feet wide, and actually owned it? But, down through the years, encroachments were made upon it until we now witness the State spending millions of dollars to get back its morally (not legal) right possessions.

It looks as though the people are pretty well satisfied with the services of village clerk Hazel Lawler and commissioner Bingham!

"Chinese natives who never ate any genuine American chop suey haven't missed much," believes Geo. H. Mitchell. "And Americans who have never eaten any genuine Chinese bird nests are in the same boat."

Correct this sentence: I really believe that our gas, water, and electric meters run too slowly.

"Some hotel guests take medicine after a bad dinner," writes Billy Brown of Bates street, "but I've noticed that others only take the 'spoons. There's no accounting for tastes, you know."

According to a story in last week's Eccentric, Will Masters once owned some rather poor cigars. Wonder who gave them to him? Can it be the proverbial joke on woman?

Rev. T. J. Edwards, of the local Baptist church, told members of the Exchange Club last week that churches are the best asset that any community can have. Rev. Edwards is certainly correct in his statement. The BEST thing any person can have is faith and trust in God; the best thing a community can have is an institution that promotes God.

Is Birmingham growing? Belcher tells me he hasn't Chief Anderson declared that we are to have another policeman? That will make twelve. That ought to stage a Fourth of July parade.

Let this be a reminder to local people who are brought with some scheme for the investment of their savings: Harry Hartle, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who sold his farm for $100,000 two years ago, lost all his money in wildcat schemes and is now in the poor house at the age of 75. Moral: Consult your local banker before making investments.

The return of cold weather during the latter part of the last week put an end to the premature approach of spring. It will also put an end to rapidly diminishing coal piles in and about Birmingham.

Science has now determined that plants will grow faster and better in ground that has been electrified. It would appear that man is inclined to improve upon Nature—a thing that is practically impossible for practical uses. Anyway, we hope the experiments are not confined to turnips.

Karl Mauman tied his napkin around his neck in a Chicago restaurant and a waiter said, "Hair cut or shave, sir?" The waiter is in the hospital and Mauman is in jail. Evidently the hair flew for a few minutes outside of a barber shop.

After living on bananas for several days, the crew of the schooner Herring, adrift and lost in a storm, made port at Tampico, Mexico. Sort of slipped in on the peels, as it were.

Chief of Police Collins, of Chicago, instructed a patrolman not to search clothing of suspects for liquor nor to enter homes without a search warrant. "If Chicago is so lenient with its wet goods no wonder it wants to get rid of Fred Lahrs," declared Dave Bell, of Oakland avenue.

News item: About 200 veteran carrier pigeons of the World War, some bearing battle scars, are being cared for at an aerie near Los Angeles. (This ought to be "consoling news" to the veteran human homers of the world war who are battle-scarred.)

Consider these facts: Natives of Australia eat millions of butterflies every year and consider them a delicacy when roasted. "No wonder the poor kow must work so hard to heifer one bread," laments Marco Blunt, well known auctioneer of Warren.

Already the prices of property along Woodward avenue and the Grand Trunk have begun to soar. "The most provoking thusband is one who takes delight in telling us he's right," said a bold woman last week.

Some men are so easy that they would pay perfectly good money for hair tonic to a bald-headed mother.

Ancient and amusing song title: "Old Folks At Home."

"Fellows who used to hire a hall now get things out of their system by broadcasting over a radio," agrees John Wendorph of Brown Street.

"Foreign Titles Are So Absurd," remarked the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks recently.

About the only show place some towns have is the circus lot.

Telephone girls have no business or profession—only is calling.

Valentine Reports 19 Buick Sales Here

James E. Valentine, of Worth street, local distributor for the Buick Motor Co., reports the sale of 19 Buicks in Birmingham and vicinity since December 1. Buyers are Maurice Lowman, James A. Valentine, Henry Norton, George Frye, H. Evans, C. G. McPherson, T. B. Smith, Homer Leonard, Roy Hawthorne, Charles G. Walker, Loren G. Stauffer, C. C. Patterson, W. Whiting Raymond, George H. Hebblewhite, J. Bert Peabody, Ernest Petry, W. J. Frost, Charles Randall and W. K. Poppleton.

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PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

Primary Election Act 372 of Public Acts of 1919, as amended by Act 49 of the Public Acts of 1923, the Township Board is authorized to hold a Primary Election.

Said Bloomfield Township Board on this 2nd day of February, 1925, at a regular meeting in Township Office, Room 5, First State Savings Bank Building, authorized said Primary Election to be held on the

7th day of March, 1925

Precinct No. 1—Located at Bates and Merrill Streets, Old Town Hall. Those living west of Woodward Avenue, South of Lone Pine Road and North of Lincoln Avenue vote here.

Precinct No. 2—Woodward and Maple Avenues, Room 6, First State Savings Bank Bldg. All living East of Woodward Avenue and South of Lone Pine Road vote at Precinct No. 2.

Precinct No. 3—At Circle School West of Woodward Avenue on Long Lake Road. All voters living North of Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Township vote at Precinct No. 3.

Precinct No. 5—Clark & Lowman Real Estate office, Eco City, at Woodward Avenue and Humphrey Avenue. All voters living south of Lincoln and East of the Southfield Road vote at Precinct No. 5.

Offices to be Filled:—1 Supervisor, 1 Township Clerk, 1 Township Treasurer, 1 Highway Commissioner, 1 Board of Review, 1 Justice of the Peace, 4 Constables, 4 Overseers.

Polls, will be open from 2:00 P. M. till 8:00 P. M. Wednesday, March 7, 1925.

James V. Bayley
TOWNSHIP CLERK.

No Job of Printing Too Large—None Too Small.

Registration Notice!

Saturday, February 28, 1925

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in conformity with Act 126, Public Acts of 1917, I, the undersigned Village Clerk, will upon any day except Sunday and a legal holiday, or the day of any regular or special election or official primary election, receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said Village not already registered, who may apply to me personally for such registration, except that I can receive the names for registration on the day of the meeting of the Board of Registration.

Notice is further hereby given that the Board of Registration will meet at the office of the Village Clerk, on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1925, from 7:00 o'clock A. M. to 8:30 o'clock P. M. (Central Standard Time) of said day for the purpose of completing the list of qualified electors of said Village.

The name of no person but an actual resident of said Village at the time of registration, and entitled under the Constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote on the next election, shall be entered in the registration book.

REGISTRATION OF ABSENTEE BY OATH

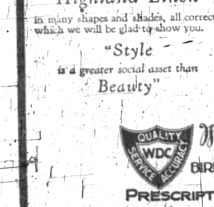
If any person whose name is not registered shall offer and claim the right to vote at any election, and shall UNDER OATH, state that he or she is a resident of said Village TWENTY DAYS next preceding such election, designating particularly the place of his residence, and that he or she possesses other qualifications of an elector under the Constitution; and that owing to sickness or bodily infirmity of himself, or some other member of his family, or owing to his absence from the Village on public business or his own business, and without intent to avoid or delay his or her registration, he was unable to make application for registration on the last day provided by law for the registration of electors preceding such election, then the name of such person shall be registered, and he shall then be permitted to vote at such election. If any applicant shall, in said matter, willfully make any false statement, he shall be deemed guilty of perjury and, upon conviction, be subjected to the pains and penalties thereof.

WOMEN ELECTORS

The names of all qualified women electors not already appearing on the registration list will be registered provided personal application is made in conformity with the foregoing provisions.

Hazel E. Lawler,
Clerk of the Said Village of Birmingham, Mich.

Dated February 16, 1925.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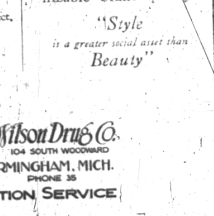
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