Debate Canceled; 500 Hear Zoning Measure Favored

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to be called upon to house the captains of industry who are connected with Pontiac and Detroit. It is the logical place for them to live," he said.

Citizens here must prepare to keep this an attractive residential community, he pointed out; prevent it from being dotted with houses quickly converted into stores of the nature that disrupt the business interests of capable merchants.

"All of you must think of the life of the village and plan for it in years to come. You must realize that there is a future to be thought of and plan to have the village placed on a firm financial basis," he declared.

"Zoning will regulate the growth of Birmingham. It will plan for the village just the same as though it were a large home being constructed. Each part of a home is carefully thought out before construction is begun. It should be the same with this community."

A Democracy

Reminding his audience that this country is a democracy, Mr. Bradway declared it is the right of citizens to control their communities through their government.

"When a man loses faith with the government it is pitiful," he said.

Blighted districts are common to many cities that have not adopted a zoning measure, he said, and declared they are one of the greatest handicaps to the community.

"We must offer the merchants some protection. What if business in well regulated stores on Maple avenue, for instance, were going along smoothly and suddenly persons in houses along the street had a large glass window put in the front and started in the grocery business. They would not be well equiped and as a consequence would cost the community a great deal of money because of the amount of extra work they would give the health department and many other departments.

"I can show you how this has worked out in Detroit to the disadvantage of the city. So you see the lack of a zoning ordinance ruins the business as well as the residential district of a community."

Mr. Bradway declared that New York City, Chicago and other municipalities of the country are paying dearly for factories that enter residential districts. He said it not only harmed the districts but that merchants lost business because of the invasion.

Many Worry

"While the streets in Detroit are, in many cases, restricted, persons who own property on them are often worried lest the restrictions be broken or factories move in.

"All persons have to be protected and this ordinance, which is well drawn, will do it. I believe the man who owns a home that costs $2,000 is just as worthy of consideration as the man with a $25,000 home. The former has his 'all' invested."

In reviewing the different sections of the proposed ordinance, Mr. Bradway scoffed at the idea that police would "be ready to arrest almost everyone as is claimed." He said it was the wrong interpretation to say that one could not rent a room in his home and declared it is not true that a permit would be necessary before one could move. This latter clause, he stated, merely regulates the changing of the use of one's property.

"The ordinance is carefully drawn and a just one," he said. "The Golden Rule is evident in it. It would have persons do unto their property as they would have others do."

He emphasized the fact in conclusion that the ordinance would not affect the present property restrictions.

J. B. Howarth of Birmingham introduced the speaker in his capacity of chairman of the meeting.

Ladd On Program

A member of the village commission who is believed by many to be David H. Ladd was to speak on the program but the plan was not carried out as Mr. Bradway covered the subject, it was announced by Mr. Howarth.

In commenting on the talk Mr. Ladd declared Mr. Bradway had done a thorough job of explaining the issue and said it was the first time the public had a chance to hear the correct interpretation of the proposed ordinance.

"The ordinance has been planned after careful study and is for the benefit of the village," Mr. Ladd said. "It is designed to steady conditions in general and to protect the village as a residential community against undesirable enterprises coming in."

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VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the Village Commission called to order Monday evening, October 11, 1926 at 8 o'clock.

Present: President Shain and Commissioner Bell, Absent: Commissioner Ladd.

Minutes of meeting of October 4th approved as corrected and printed: that Res. No. 585 be corrected to read as follows: Moved by Commissioner Ladd that the report be declined from Dr. Hugo Erichsen's July Tax statement.

607—Moved by Commissioner Bell that the bills and pay roll be allowed as read: Richard W. Lake, $48.63; Ray E. Walker Co., $105.68; Bills Place, $50.00; Acme Window Cleaning Co., $7.50; Grand Trunk R. R., $6.05; W. H. Miller, $24.86; Economy Baler Co., $63.68; Fred J. Douglas, $54.85; Scott Henry, $23.50; Birmingham Hardware Co., $5.70; P. E. Sternal, $2.00; F. W. Cozens, $34.54; Consumers Power Co., $1,751.77; W. S. McAlpine Map Co., $60.00; David Blissath, $10.95; Parks Coal Co., $25.00; Hawthorne Electric Co., $55.05; Low Henry, $64.30; E. & H. Henry, $471.65; Henry G. Stolt, $81.40; Pittsburgh Meter Co., $346.56; Crane Co., $84.92; Birmingham Wall Paper Co., $2.55; McBride Hardware Co., $2.10; A. G. A. Company, $13.00; Doubleday Bros. Co., $17.59; First State Savings Bank, $2.00; Pontiac Daily Press, $16.80; Daily Tribune, $7.20; City of Pontiac, $10.00; Yawman & Erbe Mfg. Co., $46.99; I. N. Bailey, $82.25; W. R. Cuthbertson, $26.91; R. B. Appell, $16.60; Birmingham Eccentric, $712.80; Bliss & Archibald, $1.50; Ann Arbor Foundry Co., $195.90; Detroit Testing Laboratory, $67.50; W. R. Miller, $437.44; Detroit Edison Co., $1677.43; Gregory Mayer & Thom Co., $107.54; H. S. Starr (Exp. Acct.) $58.75; Lake Domestic, $49.50; D. R. Wilkinson, $614.90; McKee Brothers, $1.00; Wm. G. Olom, $75.00; Charles M. Jones, $25.00; Vern Griffith, $25.00; Earl Gaskill, $18.75; Wm. Thornton, $18.75; Glenn Allen, $25.00; David Anderson, $25.00; Mrs. Jessie Wightman, $87.00; Wilson Drug Co. $9.80; Lawson-Erb Lumber Co., $342.74; Bigelow, Ball & Wotring Co., $4.43; Badger Meter Co., $2145.86; Park Service Station, $1.50; Bell Bros. Garage, $20.30; R. C. Mouthorpe Lumber Co., $86.45; Hawthorne Electric Co., $.63; C. E. Plumstead (Exp. Acct.) $96.75; F. L. Doty, $83.33; Birmingham Fire Dept., $345.00; Leinbach Rooms, Inc., $212.75; Mich. Bell Telephone Co., $33.73; Michigan Valve & Foundry Co., $450.25; George Newman, $80.00; W. Luth, $56.95; W. Brown, $70.20; C. Coburn, $70.20; L. Dunian, $61.80; D. Symons, $64.80; G. Smith, $64.80; H. Hewer, $70.20; W. Maxwell, $59.40; F. Luth, $50.00; John Berry, $64.80; C. Higby, $64.80; T. D. Roy, $84.00. Yeas: Shain and Bell, Nays: None.

Commissioner Ladd arrived.

602—Moved by Commissioner Bell that $89.51 be refunded to the Board of Education account of overpayment on George St. curb and gutter assessment. Yeas: Shain, Ladd and Bell. Nays: None.

603—Moved by Commissioner Ladd that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

Whereas October 11, 1926 was heretofore fixed by this Commission as the time for the meeting to hear objections and suggestions to the proposed construction of a storm sewer on Pleasant Avenue from Lake Oakland to Maple Avenue in the Village of Birmingham, and

Whereas due notice of the meeting has been given in the manner required by law to each property fronting upon the said special assessment within a special assessment district established for such purpose and the Commission duly met on this 11th day of October A. D. 1926, at 8 o'clock P. M. for the purpose aforesaid, and due hearing has been given to all persons making suggestions and objections to the proposed improvement, therefore

Be it resolved that a storm sewer be constructed beneath the surface of Pleasant Avenue from Lincoln Avenue to Maple Avenue in the Village of Birmingham, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a manhole at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Pleasant Avenue and extending south to a manhole at the intersection of Lincoln and Pleasant Avenue, and

Be it further resolved that all lots and parcels of land fronting and abutting on each side of Pleasant Avenue within the district hereinbefore described be constituted Special Assessment District No. 95, upon which shall be levied and assessed according to benefits, the sum of $7525.00 being 5/6 of the cost of the sewer, according to an estimate heretofore prepared by the Village Manager and now on file with the Village Clerk, and

Be it further resolved that the Village of Birmingham shall pay from the General Fund the sum of $1505.00 being 1/6 of the cost of the improvement, and,

Be it further resolved that the Assessor of the Village of Birmingham be hereby directed, in pursuance hereof, to make a Special assessment according to benefits as herein provided on all taxable lands and premises constituting Special Assessment District No. 95 for the sum of $7525.00 aforementioned, and report the same to this Commission with all due haste.

Yeas: Shain, Ladd and Bell. Nays: None.

604—Moved by Commissioner Bell that the bonds of Miller Concrete Construction Co., R. D. Mithaer, Hyland Plumbing Co., Taylor Construction Co. and Nesbet and Rooas, Inc., be accepted and placed on file. Yeas: Shain, Ladd and Bell. Nays: None.

605—Moved by President Shain that the Royal Oak Construction Co., be allowed $3808.20 on account of estimate No. 5, as prepared by McGaughan & Ransom. Yeas: Shain, Ladd and Bell. Nays: None.

606—Moved by Commissioner Ladd that the Pontiac Drainage Co., be allowed $5, 571.76 on the 1st estimate, that Taylor Construction Co., be allowed $47,707.54 on the 2nd estimate, and that McGaughan & Ransom be allowed $2,599.20 for engineering services, subject to Mr. H. S. Starr's O. K. Yeas: Shain, Ladd and Bell. Nays: None.

607—Bids were received for the sale of bonds in the amount of $152,500 approximately.

608—Moved by President Shain that the bid of the Security Trust Co., for $62,000 General obligation bonds, at an interest rate of 4½%, payable at the Security Trust Co., be accepted and that the bid of the Detroit Trust Co., for $76,000 Special bonds, at an interest rate of 5½%, payable at the Detroit Trust Co., be accepted as per the bids on file in the Village Clerk's Office. Yeas: Shain, Ladd and Bell. Nays: None.

609—Moved by President Shain that the Manager be instructed to construct storm sewer on the extension of Lincoln Avenue. Yeas: Shain, Ladd and Bell. Nays: None.

610—Moved by President Shain that a hearing be called for Monday, October 25, 1926, on the method of assessment on the Lincoln Avenue extension. Yeas: Shain, Ladd and Bell. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Ladd that the meeting adjourn. Yeas: Shain, Ladd and Bell. Nays: None.

HAZEL E. LAWLER,
Village Clerk.

James Riddell of Scotland was dragged from his boat and drowned by a large fish which he had hooked.

VILLAGE WOMAN OBTAINS DIVORCE

Mrs. Alta L. Plumstead of Birmingham obtained a divorce Monday in Circuit Court from Phillip A. Plumstead whom she charged with non-support. They were married Nov. 8, 1924 and lived together until February, 1926. No children were born to their union. Mrs. Plumstead charged her husband never provided her with a home and compelled her to live with her own people and to work for her support. A. L. Moore represented the wife.

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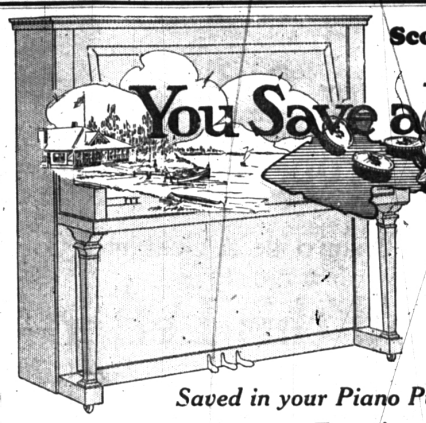

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