

NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

COUNCIL L.I.D. NO. 24. The first meeting of the council of Local Improvement District No. 24, D. 4, was held on Jan. 26th, at John Summers' residence. The meeting was originally called for Jan. 22nd but owing to a snow storm and consequent bad roads was postponed. An entire new council was elected in this district and judging by the business like manner in which they took hold of their new duties, it is safe to say that they will do creditable work. Three councillors were present, John I. Summers, John Symington and John J. Hope. John Hope was elected chairman and after the credentials of the councillors were examined and found correct, a considerable amount of business was transacted.

A good deal of discussion ensued on various subjects, before an agreement was reached as to how to deal with them. One subject was the granting of a 10 per cent. rebate on taxes paid before July 1st. In view of the fact that roadwork would not be nearly amount to the rebate, a rebate would not benefit the home-owners and although the different committees are in the district, would not likely pay in the district at the end of the year, yet if the district had to borrow from the bank, the interest would not nearly amount to the rebate. Consequently no rebate was given. Another item of discussion was section 26 of the Local Improvement Ordinance, which says that after the arrears of taxes of a district have been confirmed by the judge, the Minister of Public Works will pay to the secretary-treasurer of the district, these arrears of taxes. The arrears of taxes in this district were confirmed last November at Vermilion, but no taxes have been received by the secretary-treasurer. The secretary-treasurer was instructed by the Department of Public Works for an explanation of the above section.

Mr. Summers was of the opinion that one competent foreman appointed for the whole township would do more efficient work than several foremen appointed all over the township. This matter, however, was laid over till the next meeting. G. M. Cundal was re-appointed secretary-treasurer at same salary as last year, viz. \$100 as the amendments of the ordinance call for \$1,000 bonds instead of \$500. He was instructed to make satisfactory bonds by the next meeting. In the meantime the chairman will hold the bonds of last year. The council were unanimously of the opinion that the same rate of assessment as last year, 33-4c per acre, should be fixed for this year. The rate of wages will also be the same, viz. \$4.00 for man and team, \$2.00 for man and \$2.50 for foreman. The fees of counsellors were fixed at the limit without a dissenting vote.

After several acts were passed and ordered read, the council adjourned to meet at John Symington's, N.W. 24-2, on April 13th, 1909 at 1 o'clock p.m.

COUNCIL L.I.D. NO. 27. A meeting of the councillors of local improvement district No. 27, B. 5, was held at the home of W. K. Shields, Wabamun on Jan. 27th. The members present were W. K. Shields and Wm. MacDowell. J. E. McConnel and Wm. Stephenson, W. K. Shields, N.W. 27-2, were present for the evening. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was agreed that P. Ferguson be re-appointed secretary-treasurer. It was proposed by W. K. Shields, seconded by Wm. Stephenson that the taxes for the present year be raised to the maximum, viz. five cents per acre. The resolution was carried. The rate of pay for road work was fixed at \$2 per day for man and \$4 per day for man and team.

It was decided that all ratayers be allowed to work their taxes on their own property be allowed to do so for them. \$25.00 was granted for a bridge between sections 22-23 and 24-25. It was agreed that \$50.00 and all available taxes be allowed for roadwork between sections 22-23 and 24-25. The secretary-treasurer was instructed to write petitioning the Deputy Minister of the department of public works, Edmonton, if possible, a surveyor to survey around some lakes and ponds in district No. 27, B. 5, as per following resolution passed at a meeting held on Jan. 27th, 1909. Resolved, that we desire the services of a surveyor to survey around some lakes in these districts, 10 and 11, 12 and 13, 14 and 15, 16 and 17, 18 and 19, 20 and 21, 22 and 23, 24 and 25, 26 and 27, 28 and 29, 30 and 31, 32 and 33, 34 and 35, 36 and 37, 38 and 39, 40 and 41, 42 and 43, 44 and 45, 46 and 47, 48 and 49, 50 and 51, 52 and 53, 54 and 55, 56 and 57, 58 and 59, 60 and 61, 62 and 63, 64 and 65, 66 and 67, 68 and 69, 70 and 71, 72 and 73, 74 and 75, 76 and 77, 78 and 79, 80 and 81, 82 and 83, 84 and 85, 86 and 87, 88 and 89, 90 and 91, 92 and 93, 94 and 95, 96 and 97, 98 and 99, 100 and 101, 102 and 103, 104 and 105, 106 and 107, 108 and 109, 110 and 111, 112 and 113, 114 and 115, 116 and 117, 118 and 119, 120 and 121, 122 and 123, 124 and 125, 126 and 127, 128 and 129, 130 and 131, 132 and 133, 134 and 135, 136 and 137, 138 and 139, 140 and 141, 142 and 143, 144 and 145, 146 and 147, 148 and 149, 150 and 151, 152 and 153, 154 and 155, 156 and 157, 158 and 159, 160 and 161, 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