

## COUNCIL HAD A BUSY BUT QUIET MEETING LAST EVENING

Ratepayers Will Be Asked to Sanction the Purchase of the Baetz Farm—No Definite Action Taken On Request of Hospital Board—A New Industry in Sight

**WHAT THE COUNCIL DID**  
Received and disposed of a batch of communications.

Received an offer from the Lang Tanning Company to exchange land on the south side of Charles Street for an equal amount on the north side in order to make room for extensions.

Referred an industrial proposition to the Finance Committee.

Heard a deputation from the Horticultural Society, asking for a grant of \$100.

Received Engineer Johnston's report regarding the Victoria Street Storm Drain.

Dealt with a large number of by-laws.

Decided to hear a deputation from the Hospital Board before taking action on the request for \$15,000.

Appointed a committee to investigate charges against an employee of the Sewer Commission.

Received and adopted Committee reports.

Mayor Schmalz presided and those in attendance were Reeves, Euler, Assmusen, Dietrich, Rohleder and Ald. Kranz, Clement, Mills, Dunke, Pieper, Schilling, Utley, Weber.

**Communications.**

Communications were received as follows:

**Claims Damages.**  
N. B. McBride, representing Wm. Gottfried, wrote regarding an accident in which result his client had broken his arm. The injury was the result of a fall on the icy sidewalk. The injured man was still under the doctors' care and it would be impossible to state the damages at present. The letter stated that unless a settlement was arranged he had been instructed to issue a summons.

**A Wrong Survey.**

The following letter was received from O. Kimmle of the Walker Bin Co.: "In our communication to you of Jan. 23rd, 1911, we proposed to purchase from the town some 16 feet of Edward street adjoining our factory. You have accepted this proposition and are taking steps accordingly."

Since that date we have discovered convincing evidence that the true street line is 10 feet or thereabout, farther from our factory wall than has been supposed, so that of the 16 feet which we propose to purchase 10 feet or thereabout is already our property. We are however content that our original proposition should stand, it being understood that by so doing we are not waiving our rights in that land, if there should be any hitch in the closing of that portion of the street now being advertised to be closed."

**Peter Street Extension.**

From Millar & Sims, Town Solicitors, enclosing a by-law for the extension of Peter street, and stating that the proposed transaction with Mr. Grant for the purchase of the land in question did not seem entirely consistent with by-law 512 requiring expenditure of the character to be paid for by local assessment on the property benefited.

**Better Train Service.**

Industrial Commissioner McDonald, of Guelph, sent a copy of a resolution passed by the Guelph Council requesting better train service on the Great Western Division of the C. T. R. between Hamilton and the north. The letter asked for the support of the Berlin Council in the application.

**Test of Tile.**

Allan Shoemaker sent Council a copy of the test made of the tile manufactured at his works, and asking for an opportunity to tender for the tile required by the town.

**Want \$15,000.**

Secretary A. E. Eby of the B. & W. Hospital Board, sent a communication requesting that the amount to be raised by the town for an addition to the hospital be increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

**Agrees to Sell.**

Bartol Baetz, submitted a formal offer to dispose of his farm to the town for the sum of \$400,000.

**A New Industry.**

The Canadian Pyrofulgent Flooring Company informed the Council that it had bought a German patent for the manufacturing of a flooring composition. Manufacture would be carried on in Berlin, and the Company asked for a free site.

**Board of Works.**

The Board of Works recommended:

That the pay-sheet amounting to \$379.32 be passed for payment.

That the tender of Levi Lichty for cement tile be accepted on condition that he move his manufactory to Berlin and that all tile contracted for be manufactured in Berlin.

That Mr. M. H. Zinkkann be engaged as cement walk inspector and that Henry Hett be engaged as assistant inspector for season of 1911, at 20c. per hour.

That the wages for Corporation labor be 22c. 20c. and 16c. for 1st, 2nd and 3rd class men respectively, that no definite time be fixed for lunch but that it be left to the discretion of the foreman, and that no liquor be allowed on Corporation work.

**Cemetery Committee.**

The Cemetery Committee recommended:

That the pay-sheet amounting to \$53.32 be passed for payment.

That the caretaker's salary be increased by \$50 per year, such increase to commence on 1st April 1911.

**Market Committee.**

The Market Committee recommended:

That space for advertising purposes be rented in the Market building to local merchants and others at 85 per space per year, all advertisements being subject to approval of Market Committee.

That the Market Clerk be instructed not to permit public sales which will tend to the destruction of or damage to Town property.

When the Board of Works report was read Ald. Kranz moved, seconded by Ald. Mills, that the clause regarding the contract for tile be struck out.

After a brief discussion, the amendment was carried by the members feeling that since the tender from Mr. Lichty had been received after the other tenders were opened and discussed, it was but fair that tenders should again be called for.

**Brief Discussion.**

There was another brief discussion regarding the advisability of renting advertising spaces in the market. It was finally decided, however, that the system should be given a trial.

It was moved by Reeve Dietrich, seconded by Ald. Pieper that John Sanderson be employed during 1911, as engineer of the town road roller at a salary of \$2.50 per day, while in town's employ in charge of road roller and same salary when designated to other town work by Road Foreman Weber.

**A Report.**

Assessment Commissioner Huehner-gard submitted the following report: "I have the honor to submit the following report on collection of Taxes for the 1910 Collector's Rolls at return of same to the Treasurer March 1st 1911."

Taxes collected for 1910 \$160,042.32  
Discount ..... 183.09  
Outstanding ..... 2,449.70  
Struck off ..... 646.77

Total Taxes levied ..... \$163,255.21

Gain ..... \$ 28.68

Loss ..... \$ 29.50

In the gain account \$27.44 was refunded to the parties who were over-paid which were errors in tax bills. In the outstanding is included for Light Commission.

Light Commission plant, \$ 975.00

Gaukel Street, \$ 702.00

Street Railway Department \$ 1677.00

Other parties outstanding 772.70

\$2149.70

**The Gas Question.**

It was moved by Ald. Schilling, seconded by Ald. Pieper, that a Committee composed of the mover and second and Messrs. Euler, Assmusen and Weber be appointed to investigate the conditions of the cause of poor gas supplied by the Berlin Light Commission and report the conditions to the Council.

Mayor Schmalz, a member of the Light Commission explained that the cause of the poor gas was owing to the necessity of breaking in new men on the retorts, and also the fact that the pipes filling with tar had caused considerable trouble. Conditions were, however, expected to be improved almost immediately.

After the explanation by the Mayor and a short discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

**A Half Holiday.**

It was moved by Ald. Clement, seconded by Ald. Kranz and carried, that the town offices be closed on Saturdays at 12 o'clock from April 1st to October 1st.

**A Deputation.**

Messrs. Geo. Dekleinhaus and Robt. Smyth, a deputation from the Berlin Horticultural Society addressed the Council asking for a grant.

Mr. Smyth said that the Society had been organized last year and already had a membership of 270. The government grant next year would depend upon the work accomplished this year, and for this reason it was necessary to secure as much financial assistance as possible. The object of the Society was to beautify Berlin. The town would be divided into sections and prizes given for the best kept grounds, and the citizens would otherwise be encouraged to improve the appearance of the town. On behalf of the Society Mr. Smyth asked for a grant of \$100.

A number of local gentlemen were ofering prizes of \$10 each to help the Society along.

Mr. Dekleinhaus said that an effort would be made to induce not only the private citizens but also the manufacturers and the others in the work of beautifying the town.

The request was referred to the Finance Committee.

**Want To Extend.**

The following letter was received from the Lang Tanning Company:

In order to keep pace with the increasing requirements of the country, we concluded to enlarge our tannery, and shall be obliged to erect additions and make extensions to our present building.

ings. We deem it expedient to do away with as much fire hazard as possible, and for this reason propose to substitute our present frame tan yards with fire-proof buildings. In order that this may be done without much interruption and in order to put down the foundations, it will be necessary for us to have two feet of Charles street on the south side fronting those frame buildings (tan yards).

At the present time we have a fifty-year lease from the town of Berlin, dated the sixth day of November, 1890. We would ask you to grant us a lease for 99 years giving us the use of 9 feet of Charles street on the south side at a nominal rental per year, or if you prefer to give us a deed for nine feet for the part of Charles street referred to lying between Francis and Wilmut streets, we will in return give you a deed of nine feet on the north side of Charles street, more or less, part of the Lang Tanning Company's property. In this way the five-foot width would always remain the same.

We might further state that from a recent survey made and possibly through an error of a previous survey, the frame buildings referred to, were put beyond the company's property limits on the south west corner of Charles and Wilmut streets. These buildings are now nearly four feet beyond the three feet lease already referred to, or seven feet over the proper street line as recently surveyed by Mr. Ernest Snow, on Jan. 16th, 1911.

Now in order to put the foundation down it would be necessary to have two feet more, making altogether then, nine feet encroachment on the street line as formerly surveyed, or two feet more than the present buildings now occupy.

We might also state that these extra two feet which we still require, will be of no injury to the roadway as the Grand Trunk Railway Company tracks are laid so close to the camera now that there is no possibility of either a walk or roadway, and we might further say none is required on account of the width of the street lying on the north side of the railway track.

We would ask you to take this matter up at an early date so we can at once make preparations for the putting of the proposed buildings, which will be entirely fire-proof and more presentable than we have now. Most of the material used in this construction will be steel and will have to be made to order, so that early action on your part would be very desirable. We do not think that the extra two feet would be even noticeable to the ordinary passerby, nor would there be any inconvenience to any person for any reason whatsoever that we could think of.

We trust your honorable body may see fit to grant our request by either giving us a 99 year lease or by exchanging nine feet on the South side of Charles street for nine feet on the north.

**Finance Committee.**

Reeve Euler submitted the following report:

That a by-law be submitted to the ratepayers authorizing the issue of debentures to the amount of \$4,000.00 for the purchase of the Baetz farm. The report was adopted.

**The Hospital Request.**

Regarding the request from the Hospital Board, Ald. Clement moved that the request be granted.

Reeve Rohleder said that when Mr. Hughes had appeared before the Finance Committee he said that \$10,000 would provide for all accommodation for the next ten years, while \$15,000 would provide accommodation for twenty years. Reeve Rohleder thought the Board should stand by its original request of \$10,000 which the ratepayers would probably vote. It was rather doubtful if \$15,000 would be approved.

Ald. Clement thought if \$15,000 would provide for 20 years it was a much better proposition since a 20 year debenture would be a much better proposition.

Reeve Assmusen was of the opinion that the Council should do as requested and submit the question to the ratepayers.

Reeve Euler thought that a by-law for \$10,000 would stand a much better chance than one for \$15,000.

Reeve Rohleder voiced the opinion that if even \$15,000 was not sufficient the town would require to furnish the additional amount required.

Ald. Weber asked if \$25,000 be required, would \$10,000 be required.

Mayor Schmalz thought that \$15,000 would be sufficient.

The communication was referred to the Finance Committee.

The communication from the Pyrofulgent Flooring Company was referred to the Finance Committee.

**Proposed Transfer.**

On motion of Ald. Kranz and Rohleder, the requisite legal notice will be inserted in the newspapers of the town, to close up and dispose of a strip of land along the south side of Charles street from Wilmut to Francis streets of uniform width of nine feet immediately adjoining the property and lands of Lang Tanning Co., Ltd., and that the corporation accept of Lang Tanning Co., Ltd., a strip of nine feet in width from Wilmut to Francis on north side of Charles street as an exchange and the costs incidental thereto be borne by Lang Tanning Co., Ltd., including advertisement expenses.

**Will Meet Board.**

On motion of Ald. Mills and Dunke, the Mayor, Reeve Euler, Reeve Rohleder, Ald. Kranz and Clement were appointed to meet the Board of the Berlin-Waterloo Hospital, regarding the proposed by-law.

**By-Laws.**

By-Laws were introduced as follows:

To authorize the extension of Peter street.

To prevent the obstruction of King street.

To provide for the issue of local improvement debentures to the amount of \$11,623.21 for cement sidewalks laid in 1910.

To provide for the issue of local improvement debentures to the amount of \$11,007.94 to defray the cost of work and improvements upon certain parts of certain streets.

To provide for the issue of local improvement debentures to the amount of \$7,927.50 to defray the cost of sewers.

To issue local improvement debentures for \$3676.40 to defray cost of cement curbs and gutters.

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able, reports showing an increase over last year. Now is the time when the members must choose their premiums for 1911, many of them having already made their selection.

A committee was appointed to select the seeds for the schools, namely, C. W. Schierholtz and Perry Ruppel. The next meeting to be held will be for arranging of the Annual Flower Show. From the present outlook, our homes and gardens will be prettier than ever for the coming summer, for our Elmira citizens are alive in regard to Horticulture. There is a general hint and reminder to those who are going to plant out rose bushes and other shrubs this spring. In the first place see that the soil is fertile and rich, also, where the sun and air can get at them, and be sure to place a box or boards over plants and shrubs, so as to shelter same for at least two or three weeks after planting. This must be done, as it requires that time until the roots begin to feed from the soil. If the weather is cloudy and wet, the shelter is not so necessary, but if the sun plays right on the plant after planting, it will draw the sap from the bush or stem before the roots feed, thus killing the plant. Many blame the growers of these plants when they do not grow, but in most cases the plants die from neglect, as stated above, 35 per cent. should grow if properly planted and cared for, but if not sheltered during the above stated period very few will grow and thrive.

The many friends of Mr. Noah L. Martin are sorry to hear of his illness. He is lying in a critical condition with blood poisoning. A trained nurse arrived on Saturday evening. We hope and wish Mr. Martin recovery.

Mr. Dan, Esch has sold his fine new house to Mr. Grosch on Queen St. for \$2200.00. Mr. Esch intends going out West.

Mr. J. A. Harper and Mr. Beam, of Waterloo, busy business visitors here last week.

Mr. J. H. Ruppel was a business visitor to Berlin on Saturday.

From last reports, Mr. J. S. Weichel died nicely at the St. Joseph Hospital at Guelph after his operation.

Mrs. Aaron Morfer and daughter have returned to their home at Brighton, after visiting here for a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Steadick, and with friends at Florida.

The Ladies' Aid, of the Presbyterian Church, pleasantly surprised Mrs. J. Collinson at her home on Friday evening ere her departure for the West. A pleasant time was spent.

Mrs. Miller, of Wellesley, was visiting here on Sunday with her daughter Mrs. Will. Stearns, on Mill Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rahn have returned home after a two-months' visit with friends up north.

Mr. Arthur Klinek, Mr. Louis Beisel, Mr. Duennch, and Mr. Wetzelauer left here last week via G. T. R. to the West.

Mr. Badley shipped a carload of horses from here to the West via C. P. R., and Mr. Williams also shipped a carload of horses to Toronto last week via C. P. R.

Mrs. Jacob Vost, is, we are pleased to report, improving after an attack of paralysis.

Mr. Amasa Winger has bought the lot lying between Mr. Jeanette and Mrs. Jno. Ratz, from the Ratz Estate, for \$550.00, including the barn on same.

On March 17th, St. Patrick Day, the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church, were pleasantly entertained at the home of (Rev.) Mrs. Scanlan.

Saturday, March 18th, was a busy day at the Rose Millinery, it being the Spring opening day.

Mr. Henry Kane has moved with his family to Buffalo, N. Y.

A friendly game of hockey was played here on Friday evening between the Drayton Juniors and our Junior team. The game was fast and interesting, the score being 7-5, in favor of our boys.

Mr. Jno. S. Weichel spent Sunday at Guelph with her husband at the St. Joseph Hospital.

Mr. Cook, of Alma, has moved here into the home just vacated by Amasa Winger.

Mr. David Gooding, of Guelph, called on friends here last week.

Mr. Louis Ruppel has been confined at his home here with a bad sore throat.

Mrs. Con. Mann returned to her home here, after being laid up for several weeks at Berlin, with her son Edward.

Mrs. Henry Math is seriously ill. We wish her speedy recovery.

Mr. Edmund Klinek, who had his hand badly cut a short time ago, is progressing nicely.

Mr. Will. Rittinger, of Berlin, was a business visitor here last week.

**HOW'S THIS?**