

278. (1) In case the remuneration of any of the officers of the municipality has not been settled by Act of the Legislature, the council shall settle the same, and the council shall provide for the payment of all municipal officers, whether the remuneration is settled by statute or by by-law of the council.

(2) No municipal council shall assume to make any appointment to office, or any arrangement for the discharge of the duties thereof, by tender or to applicants at the lowest remuneration.

(3) Where a solicitor or counsel is employed by a municipality, whose remuneration is wholly or partly by salary, annual or otherwise, the municipality shall, notwithstanding, have the right to recover and collect lawful costs in all actions and proceedings in the same manner as if the solicitor or counsel, was not receiving a salary, when the costs are, by the terms of his employment, payable to the solicitor or counsel as part of his remuneration in addition to his salary. 46 V. c. 18, s. 280.

(1a) It shall also be the duty of the council to give a fair and reasonable remuneration to the clerk of the municipality for services and duties performed by him in carrying out the provisions of *The Ditches and Water Courses Act*, the same to be fixed by by-law of the council.

(1b) The council shall also fix by by-law the sum to be paid to the clerk by any person for copies of awards or other documents, or for any other services rendered by the clerk other than services which it is his duty to perform under the provisions of *The Ditches and Water Courses Act*.

NOTE.—The appointment and remuneration of officers should always be fixed by by-law.

279. All officers appointed by a council shall hold office until removed by the council, and shall, in addition to the duties assigned to them in this Act, perform all other duties required of them by any other statute, or by the by-laws of the council. 46 V. c. 18, s. 281.

NOTE.—This section is somewhat conflicting with sec. 271, ss. 1a and 1b. However, councils should make provisions for special services, enumerating the several Acts relating thereto in the by-law