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TOWN HALL RECESSONAL

LEST WE FORGET

During the next three weeks the actions of our municipal representatives in respect to the building of a town hall will be carefully considered, and with a view of placing the ratepayers in possession of the facts for ready reference, we publish the following record. We have omitted mention of the smaller matters of finance, as these have appeared or will appear in the annual financial statement.

MARCH 3, 1902
 Mr. Lamb moved, seconded by Mr. Jacob, that the reeve be instructed to arrange with Mr. W. A. Lewis to prepare a by-law to raise the sum of \$6,000 in debentures to run 20 years, to provide funds to build a town hall.—Carried

MARCH 31, 1902
 Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, that town hall by law be read a first time, and Mr. Jacob moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, be read a second time.—Carried

MAY 5, 1902
 The clerk reported that the vote on the town hall by-law had resulted as follows: 102 for and 11 against, and on motion of Mr. Lamb, seconded by Mr. Jacob, the by-law was given its third reading and passed.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1902
 The sum of \$201.50 was placed in the levy by-law, for payment of town hall debentures.

OCTOBER 28, 1902
 Mr. Lamb moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, that the offer of Mrs. Mary Green be accepted for town hall site.—Carried

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Lamb, that the reeve and clerk be authorized to sign a corporation note in favor of Mrs. Mary Green for the sum of \$1,000 as purchase money for town hall site.—Carried

NOVEMBER 12, 1902
 Letter read from Mr. Lewis re the title to town hall site, and on motion of Mr. Lamb, seconded by Mr. Taylor, the reeve was authorized to have the deed registered.

Ordered, that the clerk advertise town hall debentures for sale.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Lamb, that the reeve be authorized to arrange an interview with W. R. McDowall, architect, of Arnprior, the council to be called together to consult with him in respect to the plan and specifications for the town hall.

DECEMBER 11, 1902
 On motion of Mr. Lamb, seconded by Mr. Smith, the clerk was instructed to correspond with Architect McDowall re plan for hall.

Mr. Jacob moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, that Messrs. Smith, Lamb and the clerk be a committee to decide on measurements and prepare a rough plan for the guidance of the architect and forward same to him in case he accepts the council's proposition.—Carried

JANUARY 20, 1903
 Mr. Jacob moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton, that the clerk be instructed to write W. R. McDowall and ascertain if he can draw new plans from the rough plan prepared, and if he cannot do so, to ask his terms for making a trip to Athens to confer with council as to plans for town hall.—Carried

FEBRUARY 2, 1903
 Moved by Mr. Eaton, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, that the new town hall plan be adopted, and the building be 50x80 feet.—Carried

MARCH 23, 1903
 Clerk presented plans prepared for town hall by Architect McDowall, and on motion it was resolved to advertise tenders for construction.

APRIL 15, 1903
 Meeting held to consider tenders for erection of town hall, but after a lengthy consideration the whole question was left over for future consideration.

JUNE 1, 1903
 On motion of Mr. Lamb, seconded by Mr. Jacob, the reeve and Mr. Blanchard were appointed a committee to examine the hall at Havelock and get cost of a hall 40x80 as per plans.

JUNE 22, 1903
 Committee reported on suitability of Havelock town hall and a letter from the superintendent of building was read to the council and filed.

JULY 6, 1903
 Moved by Mr. Lamb, seconded by

Mr. Jacob, that we do not submit a by-law to raise more money to build a town hall and that no vote be taken on the site.—Lost

Moved in amendment by Mr. Eaton, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, that a by-law be submitted asking for \$3,000 to be applied towards the erection of a town hall and also that a vote be taken re the site.—Carried

AUGUST 8, 1903
 Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, that T. R. Beale be instructed to prepare a by-law to raise \$3,000 to apply towards building the town hall.—Carried

AUGUST 31, 1903
 On motion of Messrs. Eaton and Blanchard, by-law to raise \$3,000 was read a first and second time.
 [By-law defeated by 56 to 28].

OCTOBER 9, 1903
 Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Mr. Jacob, that the reeve and full council be a committee to wait on the township council at a special meeting to try to arrange in regard to building an addition to township hall to answer all township and village purposes.

OCTOBER 29, 1903
 On motion of Mr. Eaton, seconded by Mr. Jacob, the reeve was authorized to consult with Mr. Beale re the selling of town hall site.

DECEMBER 7, 1903
 On motion of Mr. Blanchard, seconded by Mr. Eaton, it was resolved that a vote be taken on the question of a site for the new hall at the municipal elections in January next. Messrs. Jacob and Lamb contra.

It is not our desire to do any special pleading for the council of this year or last, but a spirit of censoriousness, breeding bitterness, has been manifested, both in private and public discussion, that does not make for the well being of the village. This is a matter for regret.

The gentlemen elected to the council in '02 and '03 are citizens whose every interest is identified with the prosperity of the village. That they have given their time and talents freely to the public service and to the best of their judgment and ability have discharged the duties of their office faithfully and well may be conceded without forfeiting the right to honestly and fairly criticize "things done and passed."

In regard to the long-drawn-out town hall project, there is room for an honest difference of opinion, and the subject may be and should be discussed without the imputation of unworthy motives. One feature of the matter is now up for final settlement by the ratepayers, and the council of '04 will possess a mandate from the people that will enable them to proceed vigorously and with confidence.

It is said that last year political considerations did not influence the selection of the council and that this year the same freedom of choice is to be maintained, so it should not be difficult for the electors to select from the wise men who will attend nomination meeting a council possessed of every requisite for the transaction of public business.

VILLAGE COUNCIL

The Athens council met on Tuesday evening as provided by statute to wind up the business of the year. All present. The clerk read a number of bills, which were disposed of.

Cheques were given for the amount of salaries and other expenses provided for by law or resolution of council.

The nomination and election by-law was introduced and passed as per advt in Reporter this week. A by-law was also passed for the taking of a vote at same time on the question of a town hall site, the choice to be between the Green and Karley lots.

A bill for \$4.50 for postage, stationery, and making out collector's slips, was ordered paid to B. Loverin, clerk; also a bill for \$15.00 for printing town hall by law in 1902 to B. Loverin.

The chief of police reported that the sum of \$36.00 had been collected as dog and poll tax for 1903, with a couple of collections yet to be made.

The collector was given an extension of fifteen days to make a final return of his roll. No extension to be granted after that date.

B. LOVERIN, Clerk.
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