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Township Councils.

HARWICH COUNCIL.

The Municipal Council of Harwich met on Monday, Sept. 6, as a Court of Revision on Proctor, Hartwick and McKinley Drains.

Members all present. The members of the council excepting C. W. Huffman, who was an interested party, took the necessary oath to set on the Court of Revision on the Proctor drain. The appellants were heard as well as the drain viewers the evidence of same being on file with the drain papers. The members of the council all having taken the necessary oath, entered into a court of revision on the Hartwick drain, the appellants being heard and the evidence on file with the drain papers. The court of revision on the McKinley drain was next taken up, all the members acting excepting Jas. Campbell, he being an assessed ratepayer to the drain.

On motion of Bentley and Clark the court of revision on the Proctor, McKinley and Hartwick drains were adjourned until Monday, Sept. 19th, inst., for adjusting the assessments thereon.

The Collector's bond for 1904 being presented, was duly accepted by the council.

The reeve was served with a copy of the engineer's report on the McCargon drain from Howard, the assessment on Harwich lands and roads being \$66.50; also received a service from Kaleigh of a copy of the engineer's report on the Lewis drain in said township, the assessment on lands and roads in Harwich being \$290.63.

Moved by Clark and Bentley that the Reeve and Mr. Campbell be a committee to meet the Howard council at its court of revision on the McCargon drain on Sept. 18th inst.—Carried.

A communication was received from Chas. A. Doyle re work on the Doyle drain, urging it to be done at once to avoid damages to him.

The commissioner reported the contractor having stated he was going at it at once.

A number of accounts were ordered paid.

Meeting adjourned.

GEO. M. BAIRD, Clerk.

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A regular meeting was held on Monday, Sept. 12th, at 10 a. m., members all present. Minutes of Aug. 8th and 16th read and adopted.

Communications were read as follows:—John Stenton, with report of G. T. Rye re assessment on Harwich drain; C. S. Rye re assessment on the Proctor drain; J. McCormick with explanation re McCormick and Nash ditches as per request; J. McCully re grievance Howard drain; R. Palmer requesting the engineer to be sent on the Geo. Smyth D. & W. for inspection; Houston & Stone with notice re damages J. K. Laird; Bell & McCubbin with plans re Morgan, Rushton and Mull drains; A. Bell, Judge Co. Kent, fixing date for appeals on drains as follows:—Cameron drain, on Wednesday Sept. 28th, at 10 a. m.; Morrison drain, Thursday, Sept. 29th, at 10 a. m.; and the Pearson drain Monday, Oct. 3rd at 10 a. m.; Wilson, Pike & Gundy, with by-law re automobiles.

A notice was received from J. H. Hughes requesting notice to be given to Blenheim to have the work on the Pearson drain done at once.—Referred to Blenheim council.

Petitions were received from John Green and John Dowling to be placed in the County House of Refuge as Township indigents. On motion of Clark—Bentley, was referred to a committee of the Reeve, Campbell and Huffman to investigate.

G. W. Huffman, commissioner, reported the Township portion of the Reed-Wilson and Jackson-Nash ditches completed. Adopted.

A. McDowell, C. E., reported the bridge over Barfoot drain completed. Moved by Bentley and Clark, that the Reeve and Clerk be a committee to investigate the complaint of J. McCully re Howard drain.—Carried.

Moved by Clark and Bentley, that a month's extension be given for the completion of the work on the Cameron, Scott and Lucas extension drains.—Carried.

Moved by Huffman and Clark, that the Clerk prepare a by-law instructing the Reeve to take steps to have a drain constructed under the D. & W. Act for draining the Centre Line along concession 5, R. T.—Carried.

Moved by Clark and Huffman, that the Clerk notify the drain viewers, engineers and also the Township solicitor to attend the Court of Appeal on the Cameron, Pearson and Morrison drains.—Carried.

Moved by Huffman and Clark, that the Clerk forward the by-law for sale of road allowance between concessions 1 and 2 E. C. R., across lot 25 to the County Clerk for ratification.—Carried.

Moved by Campbell and Huffman, that this Council grant the West Kent Agricultural Society the sum of \$75 for the year 1904.

Yea—Huffman, Campbell, Nays—Buchanan, Clark, Bentley.—Lost.

Moved by Clark and Bentley, that the grant to the West Kent Agricultural Society for 1904 be \$60. Carried on following division: Yea—Huffman, Campbell, Clark and Bentley. Nays—Buchanan.

There were also a number of accounts, which were passed.

The adjourned Court of Revision on the McPhail and Barfoot drains was taken up and further adjourned until Monday, Sept. 19th.

The engineers' reports on the Mor-

gan, Rushton and Mull drains were read. The report on the Rushton drain was referred back to the engineer on account of a portion of the same being changed, one of the parties affected by the change claiming that it would injure him.

On motion of Bentley and Clark the report on the Morgan and Mull drains was adopted and by-laws on them provisionally adopted, fixing the Court of Revision on Monday, Oct. 17th, the Morgan at 10 a. m., the Mull at 2 p. m.

A by-law regulating the speed of automobiles was read and passed, limiting the speed to 15 miles per hour, and other precautionary provisions embodied therein.

The Clerk reported receiving word of the death of D. Miller, a ward of the township, at the Home of the Incurables at Toronto.

Also reported a telephone communication from the Clerk of Howard, that Howard Council had reduced the assessment on the McCargon drains by \$5 off roads.

Meeting adjourned.

GEO. M. BAIRD, Clerk.

CHATHAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL.

The Township of Chatham Council met at the Township Hall on Monday, the 15th day of August, 1904, pursuant to adjournment and notice in that behalf.

The members were all present except Coun. Templeton.

The report of W. G. McGeorge on the construction of a new drain, being the upper portion and the diversion of the Carlton drain somewhere through lot 14 in the 9th con. to Little Bear Creek,

was read in the presence of the ratepayers present. The report was discussed and considered by the ratepayers and the council. As there were none of the ratepayers requested to have their names withdrawn from the petition, on motion of Couns. Abraham and Irwin, the report was adopted and the by-law to provide funds for the completing of the work was provisionally adopted and the clerk instructed to have the same published in the Dresden Times newspaper. It was also appointed that a court of revision on the engineer's assessment, contained in said report, be held in the township hall on the 16th day of September, 1904, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

A letter was read from the clerk of Camden township, stating that the council of said township had been notified that the Miller drain is out of repair within the limits of the township of Camden; also that the township of Chatham township of Chatham have the portion of said Miller drain within the limits of the said township of Chatham repaired under the provisions of the drainage act.

A notice was received from R. A. Tompkins and other ratepayers to the effect that the 4th con. drain in the township of Chatham is out of repair and that the said drain should be put in good condition.

A notice was received from Alvin Campbell and others to have the Purdie drain repaired.

George—Irwin, that as notice has been received from the council of the township of Camden to have the portion of the Miller drain in the township of Chatham repaired, J. W. Shingleton, C. E., is hereby instructed and appointed to make an examination and survey of the said Miller drain in Chatham township, and report on its repair as soon as possible. Carried.

Abraham—George, that the clerk notify W. G. McGeorge, C. E., that he is hereby requested to make an examination and survey of the 4th concession drain in the township of Chatham with a view to its repair. Carried.

Abraham—Irwin, that the clerk notify W. G. McGeorge, C. E., to make an examination and survey of the 4th con. or Purdie drain, as this council has received notice from Alvin Campbell and three others complaining that the said drain is not of sufficient capacity to carry off the water that it should. Carried.

Abraham—George, that the tax collector for the first division be instructed that the taxes of Jas. and Thorne Everett are cancelled for the year 1903 for the reason that the said persons have sustained a serious loss by fire. Carried.

Abraham—Irwin, that the commissioner of the first division inspect some work of grading on the centre sidewalk in the 4th con. that G. Blackburn claims was let to him by ex-commissioner Tompkins last year, and report at next meeting. Carried.

Abraham—George, that the clerk be instructed to notify the council of Dover township that the said municipality will be held liable for any damage that may be caused from the non-repair of the Mills extension drain as said drain is a continuation and an outlet for the Mills drain in the township of Chatham, as the township of Dover council has notified in 1903 that the said Mills extension drain is out of repair. Carried.

Abraham—Irwin, that the engineer's report on the report of the Carlton drain west of the out-off be adopted and the by-law on the same be provisionally adopted and published in the Dresden Times newspaper, and that a court of revision on the engineer's assessment be held at the township hall on the 16th day of September, 1904, at the hour of 10 a. m. Carried.

Abraham—Irwin, that the by-law providing for the repair of the Bear drain in the township of Chatham is hereby finally passed and that Hugh Humming (reeve) is appointed to let and superintend the work of said repair according to the plans and profile of the engineer. Carried.

Abraham—Irwin, that Engineer W. G. McGeorge be instructed to make an examination and survey of the part of the Mills extension drain in the township of Chatham as soon as possible, as said drain is out of repair. Carried.

George—Abraham, that the matter of injury to a horse belonging to Mr. Albert Vandusen in a bridge across the Caledonia road be referred

to the reeve with power. Carried. The striking of the several general rates to be levied and placed on the tax rolls for collection was proceeded with.

George—Abraham, that the following be the general rate to be rated upon the whole assessment of the township of Chatham and Gore for the current year, and same to be placed upon the collector's roll for collection, and the by-law determining the same is hereby finally passed: On rate, 2.5 mills, general township rate 4 mills, roads for drains 1.5 mills, general school 1.8 mills, Whitebread indebtedness debenture 1 mill, Turn Bridge debenture and additional cost of construction 1.2 mills, indigent and Board of Health 1 mill. Carried.

Abraham—George, that the clerk notify Andrew Buist, commissioner on Headley drain, to have said drain completed as soon as possible. Carried.

Resolutions ordering payment of the following were passed: W. Marshall, goods furnished, M. Carey, . . . \$1 30

W. Marshall, goods, Mrs. Hinch, indigent, . . . 25 00

J. H. Oldershaw, tile for tp. . . 4 88

A. Murphy, cutting chaises and weeds . . . 4 00

M. Carroll, rep. bridge, Whitebread drain . . . 2 00

M. Munro, sheep killed by dogs 12 00

A. D. Thornton, sheep ins. fees 2 00

Meeting adjourned.

Regular meeting held Sept. 5, also court of revision on the engineer's assessment for repair of McFarlan outlet drain in Dover township. The members took and subscribed the necessary oaths.

The clerk presented the following list of appeals, all being against the number of acres assessed: B. Warnock, n w cor lot 8, con. 1. H. Clements, w pt lot 8, con. 1. D. Forsyth, lot 11, con. 4. Wm. McRobb, n hf 12, con. 4. Chas. Agar, n hf 13, con. 4. M. Moir, s w cor 5, con. 5. T. J. Bellamy, s w cor 5, con. 5. J. Johnston, n hf s hf 6, con. 5. J. McKay, e hf s hf 8, con. 5. J. Gray, n hf s hf 9, con. 5. The appellants were heard in evidence and the following resolution passed:

Abraham—Templeton, that the following lands be struck off the engineer's assessment for repair of the McFarlan outlet drain in the township of Dover, as the owners of the said lands made oath that they drain no water into the said drain: Pt n w pt lot 8, con. 1. 47 acres

N w cor lot 8, con. 1. 9 ac R. Warnock lot 11, con. 4. 60 ac D. Forsyth N hf lot 12, con. 4. 100 ac W. McRobb N hf lot 13, con. 4. 100 ac Chas. Agar S w cor lot 5, con. 5. 40 ac M. Moir S e cor lot 5, con. 5. 50 ac J. Bellamy E hf lot 8, con. 5. 50 ac J. Johnston E hf s hf lot 8, con. 5. 50 ac J. Gray N hf s hf lot 9, con. 5. 50 ac J. Gray and that the said court of revision is hereby finally closed. Carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and adopted.

A petition for a new drain to be constructed along the boundary between lots 4 and 5 in the 10th and 11th cons. to Little Bear Creek, signed by Jas. Baynard and others, was received and read.

A deputation of ratepayers on the Johnston drain addressed the council in reference to having some repairs done on said drain.

Irwin—Abraham, that the petition of Jas. Baynard, Stanley Strain and others for a new drain be entertained, and if the clerk find a majority of the names of the ratepayers in the area described to be on said petition to notify W. G. McGeorge, C. E., to make an examination and survey of the location of the proposed drain and report as soon as possible. Carried.

Abraham—George, that Mark Moir be appointed commissioner on Johnston drain to let and superintend the work of cleaning out said drain, as applied for by Jas. Bellamy and other ratepayers. Carried.

Resolutions were passed ordering payment of the following amounts: Dresden Times, printing by laws: McFarlan outlet drain . . . \$25.00 Carlton West drain . . . 12.50 Carlton drain east of out off 17.50

A. Forbes, serv. as f. viewer . . . 2 00 J. S. Baker, serv. as f. viewer . . . 2 00 Burns, serv. as f. viewer . . . 2 00 Chas. Agar, serv. as f. viewer . . . 2 00 Wm. Weaver, serv. as f. viewer . . . 2 00 J. Johnston, serv. as f. viewer . . . 2 00

Templeton—Abraham, that this council adjourn to meet at the township hall on Friday, Sept. 16, at 10 a. m., as a court of revision on the engineer's assessment on the Carlton drain assessment. Carried.

A. McArthur, Clerk.

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