

Council Chambers, April 7th 1906

The Municipal Council of the Township of Ross met in the Town Hall here this day at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the transaction of ~~general~~ business. All the members were present, The Reeve in the chair.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting held on the 29th ult. having been read were, on motion of Mr. McCallan, seconded by Mr. Haley approved and then signed by the Reeve and Clerk.

The Road Commissioner having made a verbal report on the various matters into which he had been instructed to inquire, it was moved by Mr. McLurg and seconded by Mr. Haley that the Council adjourn for one hour. Carried.

Upon the re-assembling of the Council, it was moved by Mr. Haley and seconded by Mr. Elliott that ~~Mr~~ ^{Wm} Murdock be appointed Road Machine Operator for the season of 1906 at Two Dollars per day for each day's service. Carried.

On motion of Mr. McLurg seconded by Mr. Haley the Road Commissioner was authorized ^{arrange with} to have the pathmaster of the proper Road Division, to build a culvert at least 3 ft square on the blind line in the rear of John O'Hara's Lot and to put in his bill for same to the Council.

On motion of Mr. McCallan seconded by Mr. Haley ~~Wm~~ ^{Wm} Cummings was appointed pathmaster instead of James Cummings who has removed.

On motion of Mr. McLurg seconded by Mr. McCallan the following bills and accounts were accepted and orders drawn on the Treasurer for payment of the same.

Wm Dummigan, repairing road on town line Ross & Bromley	\$ 19.00
Wm Burns repairing Culvert	\$ 1.50
W. S. Coleman, Spikes for Foresters Falls Bridge	3.50
Geo. Pettigrew, Jr. placing placards before appointment of successor	1.00

Moved by Mr. McClurg, seconded by Mr. Elliott that the sum of Thirty Dollars be granted towards opening the Road along the Townline between Ross and Westmeath from the Cobden and Pembroke Road eastward to Muskrat Lake, provided that the Township of Westmeath grant a similar amount for the same purpose and provided also that Mr. Robt Haley shall not be required to remove his fence along said road before the 1st day of December next should he find it inconvenient to do so earlier, said sum to be expended under the supervision of Mr. F. Berry Road Commissioner for the Township of Westmeath. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Haley seconded by Mr. Elliott Mr. Edward Carswell was authorized to procure four steel road scrapers No. 1 at \$8⁰⁰ each for use of the Township.

On motion of Mr. Haley, seconded by Mr. McSellar the Road Commissioner was instructed to give out a job on the Proving Line ~~opposite Lot 1~~ cutting down hill between H. Kohl-schmidt's and Jas. Burton's, cost of said job not to exceed \$20⁰⁰.

On motion of Mr. McSellar seconded by Mr. Elliott the Reeve and Clerk were authorized to examine the Books, papers &c in the Clerk's office and to destroy those that are clearly of no possible value.

The Council then took the County Good Roads scheme under consideration and deliberated upon and discussed it for some time. Then it was moved by Mr. McSellar and seconded by Mr. Haley, that this Council heartily endorses the general scheme and approves of Roads numbers 1, 2, 4 and 5 in this Township defined by County By-Law No. 414 as having been wisely and properly selected, but strongly objects to Road No. 3

as being unnecessary and unjust—unnecessary because running parallel with Road No. 5 and part of Road No. 1, that is the Foresters Falls—Cobden Road, and at no great distance from the latter, nearly all the people whom it would accommodate, would have the advantage of the Good Roads system whether going to Cobden or Foresters Falls by driving about half-a-mile further, unjust, because owing to the restricted mileage the adoption of this Road would leave the people of all the south-western portion of the Township practically deprived of any benefit from the project, inasmuch as that part of Road No. 4 between the Queen's Line and Haley's Station while of substantial service to the eastern part of the Township is, and would be scarcely ever used by the people of the south-western portion:

For these and other reasons the Council strongly recommends that in lieu of Road No 3 as defined by the afore-mentioned By-Law the following be substituted; first: as a measure of justice to Grant's Settlement as well as for the accommodation of the general and heavy traffic Jamieson's Line Kilm, commencing at the point of intersection where the line running southerly between Concessions 8 and 9 crosses the line running east and west between lots 10 and 11 running ^{along the proving line my proposed road} easterly one mile and a half towards the Grant's Settlement; secondly, commencing where Road No 1 turns northerly towards Cobden at or near Mill Creek, thence southerly along the Cobden-Haley road a distance of 4 miles more or less, that is to say the residue of the mileage allotted to this Township. Carried unanimously

On motion of Mr. Haley, seconded by Mr. Melny that the Council adjourn to meet as a Court of Revision at 10 o'clock about the 2nd day of June next at the close of which, general business of the Township will be transacted

Geo. M. Castille
Reeve

P. R. Bourdier
Clerk