

On motion of Mr. Payne seconded by Mr. Barber, Mr. Kirk was instructed to procure legal advice re. the re-opening of that part of Goulds Road recently closed.

Mr. Barber gave notice that he would at this meeting of Council introduce a by-law to create another Road Division to include Lots Numbers 23 and 24 in the 1st and 2nd Cons. to be known as Road Division No 55.

On motion of Mr. Barber seconded by Mr. Payne, Mr. Muddock was instructed to examine road on Con. H leading towards Thos. O. Gibson's and report at next meeting of Council.

Mr. Barber then introduced by-law No 300 of which he had given notice to create another Road Division to include Lots Numbers 23 and 24 in the 1st and 2nd Cons. to be known as Road Division No. 55 and on his motion seconded by Mr. Payne said by-law was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Payne seconded by Mr. Muddock by-law No 300 was then read a 2nd and 3rd time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Payne seconded by Mr. Muddock the Council then adjourned to meet again on the last Saturday in June at 10 o'clock. A.M.

W.R. Kirk.
Reeve.

P.R. Ponder
Clerk

Foresters Falls June 29th 1912

Council met here this day at 10 o'clock A.M. all the members being present, the Reeve in the Chair.

The Minutes of last meeting of Council were read ^{and approved} by changing the words "leading towards Thos. O. Gibson's" in the instructions given Mr. Muddock, to "near Thoattalaya" and then passed.

A number of bills and accounts were presented & considered. The chief communication received was a legal opinion from Jas. H. Burritt re the re-opening of that part of Goulds Road most recently closed. That Mr. Burritt had entered into the subject exhaustively was evidenced by the details of his bill of costs. The gist of his opinion was that when the Council of the District of Bathurst passed the By-Law establishing this Road on the 15th day of August A. D. 1844, none of the Lots through which the recently closed part passed had been

patented with the exception of the East Half of Lot 16 in the 2nd Concession. Hence when the By-Law of 1844 was passed and the Road opened, the title to the soil and freehold of these lands was in the Crown. This road was a forced road and not a road on a Concession line shown on the Government survey map of the Township.

A search of the records in the Crown Lands office at Toronto disclosed the fact that the Patent Deeds afterwards issued for these lands contained no reservation with regard to this road. In Mr. Burritt's opinion the soil never vested in the Township of Ross. The Township had the right to use it as a road. The Council also had the right to close it. When closed the soil and freehold of the roadway would have ~~been~~ ^{still} vested in the Crown according to the Statute, if the Crown in the meantime had not issued Patents for these lands. As no reservations were made in these Patents the soil and freehold in these lands passed to the Patentees and is now private property. The Municipal Act gives Councils power to open roads on private lands, but compensation for the land taken must be paid if demanded. As none of the Councillors expressed any desire to purchase the roadway in question, the matter was allowed to drop.

Messrs. Kirk and Payne reported having examined Gravel pit at James McLaughlin's and recommended the leasing of the same for the term of six and a half years for the sum of \$150⁰⁰/₁₀₀.

Mr. Mudock reported that it would require about \$100 to make the repairs on Con. H Southward from Thos. Haley's ~~road~~ Applications from the C.N.R.R. were received asking permission to build a railway across certain public roads. After an examination of the plans and profiles Mr. Mudock moved, seconded by Mr. McEwen that the requests contained in these applications be granted, Carried.

The Council then adjourned for one hour.

On again meeting a petition from Edward Rouch and 58 others was received praying the Council to have closed that part of Gould's road which was closed by the by-law of Aug. 7th 1909 and expressing the opinion that any money spent in attempting to reopen it

would be an unjust and unnecessary expense on the Township.
On motion of Mr. Muddock, recorded by Mr. McEwen
the petition was received and placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Barber, recorded by Mr. Muddock
^{Mr. Payne} was appointed to meet with a representative from
Westmeath with a view to having repairs done on the Town-
line near John Thibault's

On motion of Mr. Muddock recorded by Mr. McEwen
Mr. Payne was instructed to examine road on Con 9
opposite Lot 23 and report at next meeting of Council.

Mr. ^{Wm} McLeese appeared before the Council asking assist-
ance for a ^{Ms. R. Holders} ~~widow~~ in the last stages of a fatal illness.

On motion of Mr. Muddock recorded by Mr. McEwen
the sum of \$10 was granted for this worthy and charitable purpose

On motion of Mr. Payne recorded by Mr. Barber the
Treasurer was authorized to pay after examination the
bill to be presented by Mr. Dugall Peever for operating
road machine for present season.

On motion of Mr. Barber recorded by Mr. McEwen
Mr. Kirk was instructed to examine Prop Line be-
tween Lots 10 and 11 Con 12 and to have the Corduroy road
thereon suitably repaired. Also to have notices posted
at Gravel Pit opposite Thos Davidson's between Con. 5 & 6
forbidding any person from taking gravel from said
Road allowance.

On motion of Mr. Barber recorded by Mr. Muddock
a Road Scraper was purchased from A. H. McLurg for the sum
of \$6⁵⁰/₁₀₀

On motion of Mr. Payne recorded by Mr. Barber the following
bills and accts. were accepted and orders drawn on the Treas for the print shop
Robt. Babner Sr. Culvert Tile ²⁵ Wm. McLeese to assist ^{Ms. Holders} ~~from~~ ^{14.00}
John Robinson S.L. Refund ³⁴ John Gibson Mine Jane Brown ^{18.30}
Jas. A. McLaughlin Lease of Gravel Pit ^{15.70} Wm. McLellan Work on Cobden Road ^{157.80}
Henry Smith Cedar ²⁸ Work done on Town Line between Ross & Horton ^{14.58}
Municipal World Supplies ^{21.31} Jas. H. Burritt, Legal Advice re Gravel Road ^{26.31}
A. H. McLurg, Road Scraper ^{6.50}

Total \$ 264.49

On motion of Mr. Murdock seconded by Mr. Barber the Council then adjourned to meet again on the Second Saturday in September at 10 o'clock, A. M.

W. R. Kirk
Reeve.

P. R. Ponder
Clerk

Foresters Falls Sept 14th 1912

A regular meeting of Council was held here this day all the members being present, the Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last meeting of Council were read and adopted. A number of communications and bills and accts. were presented and considered.

Mr. McEwen gave notice that he would at this meeting of Council introduce a by-law to authorize and provide for the levying of Rates to pay the County Rate, the Township Debt, the Township Rate, the General School Rate, the Debentures of S. S. numbers 6, 9, 10, 12 and 13 and the Trustees levy for the various School sections.

On motion of Mr. Payne, seconded by Mr. Barber the Women's Institute and the Street Committee of Foresters Falls were granted permission to erect poles for street lamps along the streets in said Village. The Council then adjourned for one hour.

On again meeting Mr. McEwen introduced the by-law of which he had given notice to authorize the levying all necessary rates for the present year and on his motion seconded by Mr. Payne said by-law was read a first time. On motion of Mr. Barber seconded by Mr. Payne the Reeve was instructed to try to secure compensation for the gravel taken for railway purposes from road opposite Lot 2 Con. 5.

On motion of Mr. Murdock seconded by Mr. Barber the Reeve and Treasurer were authorized to borrow the sum of \$375⁰⁰ from the Bank of Ottawa & Order to meet the current expenses of the Municipality. On motion of Mr. Payne seconded by Mr. Barber the blanks in by-law No 301 for the levying of rates were filled in as follows: