

Forester's Falls, Town Hall Jan. 8/17.

The first meeting of Ross township council for the present year was held in the Town Hall Forester's Falls on Monday, Jan. 8th. at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. The council elect, namely W^m R Kirk, reeve; John Ireton, John Jamieson, Duncan McEwen, Andrew Rathwell Jr., councillors, having made the declarations of qualification and of office, the minutes of last meeting of council were read and adopted. A number of communications bills and accounts were presented and considered.

Mr Rathwell gave notice that he would at this meeting of council introduce a By-Law to provide for the appointment of township officials for the present year.

Mr Ireton gave notice that he would at this meeting of council introduce a By-Law to authorize and provide for the payment of salaries, bills and accounts and all other necessary expenditures for the present year.

Moved by Mr. Jamieson, seconded Mr. Rathwell, that council adjourn for one hour.

Carried.

On resuming work of the afternoon session, Mr Rathwell gave notice that he would at this meeting of council introduce a By-Law for the purpose of changing the rate for unperformed statute labor from one dollar per day to one and one-half dollars per day.

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moved by Mr Jamieson, seconded by Mr McEwen that W & Burns be refunded the amount of \$8 of school tax. Carried

Moved by Mr Rathwell, seconded by Mr. Ireton, that the councillors act as road commissioners in their respective districts. Carried.

Moved by Mr. McEwen, seconded by Mr Rathwell, that the bonus for wire fencing on side roads be raised to twenty cents per rod. Carried.

Mr Rathwell then introduced By-law no. 345, of which he had given notice, and on his motion, seconded by Mr McEwen, it was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Jamieson seconded by Mr Ireton, the blanks in By-law no. 345 were filled in as follows, and the By-law was then read a second third time short and finally passed:
 Clerk, Niles G. Ross, salary \$100 per annum; assessor and collector, R. E. Anderson, salary \$100 per annum; auditors Messrs J. C. McLaren and William J. Oates salary of each \$5; treasurer, P. R. Pounder, salary \$50; sanitary inspector, F. J. Moxam, salary \$10; medical health officer, Dr Jonathan Brown, salary \$10;
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Board of Health, Dr Brown
 Reeve Kirk ex-officio members
 and Mr Wm Payne appointed by
 the council; committee to look
 after quarantine patients, F. J.
 Moran, Francis Crozier, and
 John McGinn; poundkeepers,
 John H. Barr, William Campbell
 George Collins, James Johnston,
 Adam Crozier, Herbert Millar,
 Robert A. Freeland, Andrew Jack,
 John R. Byce, James McLeese,
 James A. Bennett, Richard Gould,
 Robert Little, William Cooke,
 John E. Waite, and William Foss;
 fence viewers, Wm J. Oates, Richard
 Gould, Robert Little, Wm Payne,
 James Childerhose, Wm J.
 Olmstead, A. Y. McLellan, Herbert
 Millar, Henry Smith, James Guest,
 Robert Fraser, Samuel Olmstead,
 James Mathieson, and Archie
 Peever.

Mr Ireton then introduced
 By-Law No. 346 of which he had
 given notice, to authorize and
 provide for the payment of all
 necessary expenditures for
 the present year, and on his
 motion seconded by Mr Rathwell
 it was read a first time.

On motion of Mr Jamieson,
 seconded by Mr McEwen By-Law
 no. 346 was read a second
 and third time short, and
 finally passed.

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On motion of Mr McEwen, seconded by Mr. Dieton, the contract for printing minutes of the proceedings of the municipality of Ross for the year 1917 was given to the Renfrew Mercury upon the same terms as for 1916.

Moved by Mr Rastwell seconded by Mr. Dieton, that Mr Jamieson be appointed to see Mr. Bulmer re-road fence on lot 10. Con 9. Carried

Moved by Mr Dieton, seconded by Mr McEwen, that Mr John Broome be given a deed for concession line between Cons. 10 & 11 opposite lot 11, he to pay costs of same. Carried

Moved by Mr Jamieson, seconded by Mr. McEwen, that the council do now adjourn to meet again on the last Saturday in March, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Niles G. Ross,
Clerk.