

Mr. Neumann stated that the Department did not have engineers to send to municipalities, and that they did not, in any way, interfere in any municipality unless that municipality was in financial trouble but were only too glad at any time to help a municipality set up books or explain to the Council the proper steps to take in future financing.

Mr. Neumann inspected the water and sewerage system, houses and streets in the village. He explained that he could not find anything wrong about the sewerage system as the pipes were all covered, and had they not been covered he could not tell anyway as he wasn't an engineer. Mr. Neumann had been well acquainted with the village engineer, Mr. G. G. Reid, as he was clerk-treasurer in the town of Dundas when Mr. Reid installed the water and sewerage system there. He had never found anything wrong with the engineering there, and Mr. Reid, having a lot of contracts at times, was hard to get out the job.

Mr. Neumann stated that Cobden had undertaken a large debenture, and what the village needed was a very steady, confident and careful Council, and no other expenditures should be undertaken until the present job was cleared up, as the money market was very unsettled and interest would be twice as much as Cobden is paying on the water and sewerage debenture. This

Mr. Neumann recommended a building-by-law for the village to prepare for any increase in the population and pointed out that the small, cheap houses being built at present would, as a rule, have at least two children going to school and the cost (in the province) was from ^{\$}70.00 to ^{\$}80.00 per year for two children whereas the Municipality would only receive about ^{\$}25.00 in taxes from these houses. This could arrive at a point where it would be impossible to find money to maintain a school.

Mr. Neumann explained that there was some misunderstanding of the laws by the clerk on the resignation of Council for 1952 Council, and advised the clerk to consult Mr. McHale regarding same.

All books and records of the village were examined and found correct in a statement made to the clerk. He also said that any village could not expect to have the best set of books kept, nor could the clerk be expected to have all information at his fingertips, considering the salary paid, and it is only a part time job.

Mr. Neuman examined the auditors report for 1950 and again stated that the village was in good financial condition, but a confident, steady, careful and co-operative council would be needed in the future, and all expenditures, should be reduced to a minimum.

at any time, Mr. Neuman will be only too glad to give the municipality any advice or help needed.

J. A. Sampson, clerk.

[Signature]

Dec 17/51.

Nominations Meeting held in Memorial Hall on Dec 17th from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. for candidates for the offices of three Councillors.

Councillors nominated were: ~~Five~~

Mr. Herb Francis, Mr. Nelson Leach and Mr. S. H. Merkley.

Three Councillors qualified. The council for 1952 is as follows:

Reeve - K. B. McGregor

Councillors - Burgess, Francis, Leach and Merkley,

Dec 19/51

Special Meeting held in the Council Chambers Wednesday, Dec 19th at 8 P.M.

Present were Reeve McGregor, Councillors Francis, Merkley, Burgess and Leach.

applications for maintenance ^{and} man were opened.

1. E. d. Runholm \$2000.⁰⁰ per year
2. Lloyd Mc Intyre 2350.⁰⁰ "
3. S. R. Johnston 2400.⁰⁰ " "

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