

New Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Arthur Meggett, Chairman of the Planning Commission attended the meeting to discuss the proposed new Zoning Ordinance. Several items were discussed and approved as being acceptable for submission in the public hearing.

It was moved by F. J. O'Hora, seconded by C. W. Taylor, and passed that a Public Hearing be advertised for Wednesday, January 25, 1961, 7:30 P. M. at the Village Fire Station, and that the proposed new ordinance be published in the Mid-York Weekly.

Payment of Bills

It was moved by C. W. Taylor, seconded by E. D. Clark and passed that the bills listed on the following Abstracts of Audited Vouchers be paid: No. 19 - \$394.33, No. 20 - \$722.85, No. 21 - \$5,585.60.

On Motion, meeting adjourned.

R. H. Albrecht

R. H. Albrecht, Deputy Clerk

January 11, 1961

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday night, January 11th at 7:30 P. M. in the Village Office. Present were Mayor R. F. Stradling, Trustees C. W. Taylor and F. J. O'Hora, and R. H. Albrecht, Superintendent of Public Works. Absent were H. G. Stokes and E. D. Clark. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Review of Assessments

The changes in assessments as proposed by the Assessors were reviewed with Assessor Charles Edkins. New applications for Veterans exemptions were also approved. The Clerk was directed to send notice of assessment changes to all property owners affected. Notices are to be sent to all property owners who have veterans exemptions on property they disposed of, requesting that they submit new applications if the exemption is to be applied to another purchase of property.

Notice of Grievance Day

It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. O'Hora and passed that the Hearing of Complaints on the Assessment Roll be held on Tuesday, February 21st, from 1:00 to 5:00 P. M.

It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. O'Hora and passed that notice be published that Hearing of Complaints on the Assessment Roll will be held on Tuesday, February 21st from 1:00 to 5:00 P. M. at the Village Office, and that the Assessment Book will be open for public inspection from February 8th to February 21st at the Village Office.

List of Unpaid Taxes

On motion of Mr. O'Hora, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and passed, that the list of unpaid taxes presented by the Clerk be accepted and turned over to the Village Attorney for collection.

Village Election

It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. O'Hora, and passed that the Village Election be held on Tuesday, March 21, 1961 from 12:30 P. M. to 6:00 P. M. at the Village Fire Station.

Appointment of Registrar and Deputy Registrar

On motion by Mr. O'Hora, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and passed, Mr. R. H. Albrecht was appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics, and Mrs. Laura Ross was appointed Deputy Registrar, for four year terms from February 1st, 1961 to January 31st, 1965.

Letter from Mr. Powell

A letter was received and read from Mr. Wellington Powell, Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Colgate University. Mr. Powell advised the Board that the temporary Veteran Housing Units on College Street would no longer be used for housing purposes after June 30, 1961. The Clerk was directed to reply to Mr. Powell's letter.

Letter from Mr. Maeder

A letter and application forms were received from Mr. Lloyd A. Maeder, of the State Traffic Commission. It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. O'Hora, and passed that the application forms be submitted to the State Traffic Commission for use of school warning signs on Broad Street, upon the receipt of further information from Mr. Maeder regarding the approved sign.

N. Y. O. & W. Unpaid Taxes

It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. O'Hora, and passed that the following resolution be adopted:

"This taxing authority having heretofore authorized the compromise and settlement of its claims for unpaid real estate taxes in the above-entitled proceeding and the payment of William H. Fitzgerald, Esq. as special counsel and his associates on the basis of the amount received in such proceeding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the treasurer or other financial officer of this taxing authority be and he hereby is authorized to accept in full payment of its claims for unpaid real estate taxes in the above-entitled proceeding the sum of \$307.84 (such sum being in excess of the amount heretofore authorized to be so accepted), and upon receipt of said sum to pay William H. Fitzgerald, Esq. as special counsel the sum of \$83.24 in full payment for all costs and disbursements incurred on its behalf in connection with said proceeding and for all legal services rendered on its behalf in said proceeding by William H. Fitzgerald, Esq. and his associates, in accordance with the statement annexed hereto and made part hereof."

VILLAGE OF HAMILTON

TAXING AUTHORITY

R. H. Albrecht

BY: R. H. Albrecht, Deputy Treasurer

Dated: Jan. 11, 1961

Total recovery of unpaid taxes of the N. Y. O. & W. R.R. will total \$437.45 consisting of a prior payment of \$129.61 plus the payment accepted above of \$307.84. Total compensation for Mr. William H. Fitzgerald, Attorney will total \$115.64 consisting of an advance of \$32.40 plus the payment authorized above. This action accepts a payment of \$307.84 to settle the unpaid total of \$745.77 in taxes and penalties.

Letter to Lewis Harris

It was moved by Mr. O'Hora, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and passed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Lewis Harris in recognition of his 15 years of service to the Village in the Sanitation Department.

Proposed Vacation and Sick Leave Policy

A proposed vacation and sick leave policy was submitted to the Board for their consideration during the coming month and for action at the February meeting.

Payment of Bills

It was moved by Mr. O'Hora, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and passed that the bills on Abstract No. 22 amounting to \$394.33, Abstract No. 23 amounting to \$1,710.30, Abstract No. 24 amounting to \$204.51 and Abstract No. 25 amounting to \$2,628.30 be paid.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

R. H. Albrecht

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Public Zoning Hearing, Jan. 25, 1961

A public hearing on the proposed Zoning Ordinance revisions was held at the Village Fire Station on Wednesday, January 25, 1961 at 7:30 P. M. Members of the Village Board of Trustees present were Mayor R. F. Stradling, and Trustees C. W. Taylor and F. J. O'Hora. Mr. Arthur A. Meggett, Planning Commission and Zoning Commission chairman, Planning Consultant Russell D. Bailey, Village Attorney LeRoy Hodge, and Superintendent R. H. Albrecht also attended.

Mayor Stradling opened the meeting for questions from the floor. The following residents asked to be heard:

Mr. Calvin Crouch objected to the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance changes on the basis that Hamilton did not need Zoning Ordinances of this type and, the proposed ordinance was intended for large communities. He also discussed his conception of the affect on the community of the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Stradling advised Mr. Crouch that the introductory wording of the ordinance was phrased in legal terms which was necessary in an ordinance of this type. He also advised that Mr. Crouch was misinformed on his opinions regarding the results of adopting zoning ordinances.

Mr. Bailey stated that the ordinance represents plans for the future and is also intended to clarify wording and interpretation of the existing ordinances.

Mr. William Basher spoke in opposition to changing his side of Eaton Street from residential to commercial. He stated that the previous change to permit construction of the Grand Union had worked a hardship on the residents of that area. He thought that property values would be lowered.

Mr. Clair Brazee spoke in support of Mr. Basher's objection. He stated that property which was used for gasoline stations was often maintained poorly at the rear of the premises where hidden by fences or buildings. He felt that more restrictions should be placed in Zoning Ordinances regarding the use of land.

Mayor Stradling advised Mr. Basher that his objection would be taken under consideration. He advised Mr. Brazee that his residence at the rear of gasoline stations on Utica Street was in a commercial zone when he purchased it.

Mr. Charles Jaquay presented a written objection to rezoning his lot on Mill Street from Residential to Manufacturing M-1. He advised that he planned on constructing a home on Mill Street to provide housing for the farm land on the West side of the lot in question.

Mayor Stradling advised Mr. Jaquay that his objection would be taken into consideration.

Mr. Stanley Cook asked what constituted a junk yard. He also stated that he believed Hamilton should enforce existing ordinances before adopting new ones.

Mayor Stradling advised Mr. Cook that the Village Board acted upon complaints as received and that if Mr. Cook had any specific complaints regarding junk yards, the Board would consider them.

Mr. Bailey stated that if wrecked autos were stored in numbers, and parts were removed, it would appear to be a junk yard.

Mr. Ronald Snyder asked for details on permitted uses in M-1 zones.

Mr. Stradling read the list of uses in M-1 zones and advised Mr. Snyder that if his dairy was discontinued, any use of his land listed under M-1 zoning would be permitted.

Mr. Emerson Jones asked about the existing petroleum storage facilities on College Street presently in residential zone, and in residential zoning under the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Hodge advised Mr. Jones that a non-conforming use of buildings under the proposed ordinance would be allowed to exist as under the present ordinance unless discontinued by the owner for a certain period of time. Non-conforming use of land had to be discontinued after a two year period following adoption of the new ordinance.