

## Suggest New Municipal Building On Fire Hall Site

**Council Hears Veterans' Delegation  
—Consider Fixing Up Town Hall  
Basement As Banquet Room**

The April meeting of the Village Council was held in the Council Chamber on Friday evening last with Reeve Evans and Councillors Compton, Evans and Wood in attendance.

Bills and accounts were passed for payment as follows:

Geo. Morton, stamps, \$4.00; Frank Rogers, sts., \$15.80; Bert Iceton, sts., \$21.35 and \$20.15; Frank Rogers, sts., \$14.25; County of Simcoe, hospitalization, \$63.25; Geo. Morton, unemployment stamps, \$5.13; Geo. Harman, salary, \$100.00; Mrs. Green, rent, \$30.00; Mrs. Piercey, relief, \$53.86; B. Iceton, sts., \$26.10 and \$23.75; Public Utilities Commission, hydro, \$65.24; Spence Lumber Co., sts., \$1.63; Municipal World, dog tags, \$10.00; Bell Telephone, Fire Dept. \$2.50, Police Dept. \$6.78; Elmer Robbins, signs, \$6.00; F. C. Cook, insurance, \$36.56; Co. of Simcoe, hospitalization, \$52.88; Grand & Toy, stationery, \$14.10; Prov. Treasurer, Prov. Police, \$313.28; C. E. Hickey, fire searchlight, \$50.85; M. Davey, salary, \$80.00.

Evans—Compton—That the tax roll be accepted and that several small amounts of arrears of taxes be written off as uncollectable.—Carried.

Mr. Clarence Wood interviewed Council regarding the lowering of the tile in the ditch in front of his residence. He had paid for the tile himself while the town had done the work, but the tile had not been put down deep enough and caused his cellar to be flooded. Council agreed to look after this matter.

Messrs. A. O. Davey and Geo. Morton, representing the Veterans, sug-

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## SUGGEST NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON FIRE HALL SITE

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gested to Council that the town erect a new municipal building on the site of the present fire hall property to accommodate the village clerk's office, police office, Utilities office and warehouse, fire hall, gaol, etc., on the first floor, with the second floor to be designated as a memorial and recreation quarters for the Veterans. Mr. Davey presented a rough drawing or plan for such a building with suggested location of various offices, etc., drawn in the plan. Mr. Davey thought a building of this nature could be erected for \$20,000 to \$25,000. Several members of Council, however, expressed it as their opinion that such a building—one which the town need not be ashamed of—would probably run nearer \$50,000 or \$60,000 at least in these days of high building costs. Mr. Davey suggested that a committee from Council and all interested citizens be appointed to consider the matter from all angles.

After some discussion, a motion by Councillors Evans and Wood was passed, "That Councillor Compton be a representative from Council to look into the above.

Considerable discussion arose as to the necessity for new sidewalks and better street lighting in the town. While the members were unanimous in their opinions that many sidewalks were in bad shape, it was felt that perhaps only the very bad sections need be rebuilt at the present time with more to be rebuilt each year, while those sections requiring lesser repairs be fixed up to do temporarily, thus spreading the cost over several years.

Councillor Fuller was named together with a representative of the Utilities Commission to inspect the lighting situation in the town to see what could be done to improve some of the dark spots along our streets.

The present fire siren having given trouble on a number of occasions of recent date by "freezing up" and failing to respond when needed, the question arose as to whether a siren or the old bell system of fire alarm was more satisfactory. Councillor Evans was appointed to look further in the matter and report at the next meeting.

Additional parking signs are to be purchased for the business section, as it is felt that the present signs are too widely spaced to adequately serve their purpose of informing persons parking on the street of the regulations.

Evans—Compton—That the tender of the Miller Paving Co. (formerly the A. E. Jupp Construction Co.) be accepted for oil for the town streets, the price being 19.15 cents per gallon in carload lots.—Carried.

Tentative estimates were received from Messrs. R. Saint and B. Turner on putting in a new floor and plastering walls in the basement of the Town Hall, which Council for some time has been considering improving for use as a banquet room and meeting place. At the conclusion of the Council meeting an inspection of the basement was made by Council members and all agreed (your editor too) that the possibilities were excellent of making it into an attractive and spacious dining hall and meeting place at very reasonable expenditure.

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