

Annual Meeting

Beiseba, Alberta
February 13, 1950

The annual meeting of the rate payers of the Village of Beiseba was held in the meeting room of the Beiseba District Memorial Hall on Monday, February 13th, 1950 commencing at 8:00 P.M.

Twenty-five persons were in attendance namely Messrs Henry Reifnyde Sr., J.A. Hunt, Matt Schmalz, L.F. Kohler, Alvin Reifnyde, Jake Klein, Frank Wright, W.J. Savoie, Alex Goodman, Frank Schmalz, Ellis P. Schmalz, Wm. Didy, Leo Schmalz, Adam Velke, John Scheffelmaier, J.H. Schmalz, Carl H. Schmalz, Otto Setz, Ken Wright, L.H. Schmalz, Mike Bauhmaier, Peter Schmidt, Carl Kohler, and Peter Demes.

Carl Kohler was nominated chairman by Matt Schmalz. Leo Schmalz closed nominations. Carried.

Peter Demes was nominated Secretary by J.A. Hunt. Alvin Reifnyde closed nominations. Carried.

Moved by J.A. Hunt that the minutes read by the Secretary from the last annual meeting be adopted as read. Seconded by L.F. Kohler. Carried.

The chairman Carl Kohler then called upon the various officials of the Village to give their reports concerning their activities and work during the past year 1949.

The Mayor's Report:

Mayor L.H. Schmalz reported to the meeting that the Council during the past year held their meetings on the second Monday of each month, as well as special meetings on important matters. Whenever it was impossible to hold a meeting on their meeting nights, a meeting would be held as close to that date as possible. In closing Mayor L.H. Schmalz stated that the Councilors worked well together in the interests of the community and the Village.

The Secretary-Treasurer's Report:

The Secretary-Treasurer read the Financial Statement for the Village of Beiseba. He explained each item as fully as possible and answered questions concerning the figures as appearing on the statement. It was moved by Ken Wright and seconded by Alex Goodman that the Financial Statement be adopted as read. Carried. In closing the Secy-Treasurer explained the necessity or the requirement of the present high mill rate of 67 mills consisting of 41 mills for school purposes and 26 mills for municipal requirements. He also stated that 17 dog licenses had been issued and one dray license.

The Auditor's Report:

The Auditor, Mr. Katterhagen was unable to attend, but the rate payers were satisfied that the Secy Treasurer Peter Demes had explained the Auditor's Financial Statement as fully as possible.

The Commissioner of Roads and Buildings Report:

Mr Matt Schmalz explained to the ratepayers the necessity of obtaining Building Permits before building within the Village especially in the case of anticipation of installing cesspools as these had to be approved by government inspectors. He told the ratepayers that during the past year 12 permits had been issued valued at approximately \$30,000.00. He also hoped that in the near future, the Village of Beider would consider the installation of water & sewage system within the Village.

Sanitary Inspector and Child Welfare Inspector's Report:

As Mr E. J. Rohrer held both positions, he first reported as Sanitary Inspector. He stated that although the Village in general was fairly clean, many improvements could be made. He hoped that the ratepayers and residents would even make greater efforts in keeping our Village neat and clean - especially in our alleys by cutting weeds and keeping garbage in covered containers. As Child Welfare Inspector, Mr. E. J. Rohrer reported that our children were well looked after in nearly all cases & well behaved in most incidents.

Old Business:

No old business was discussed out of the minutes read.

New Business:

Mayor L. H. Schmalz suggested to the ratepayers that each ratepayer install new or better garbage containers, especially with lids, and if possible on wooden stands. He hoped that this would greatly reduce unclean and unsightly alleys, as well as protect the health of the community. Covered garbage cans would also discourage stray dogs and cats from entering our Village and remaining within the Village.

Mr Matt Schmalz dealt further with the plan of installing a water & sewage system within the Village. He stated that our Village was steadily growing and sooner or later this would actually become a necessity. He also suggested to the new Council which would be in office this year to study the possibility of imposing a business tax in addition to the property tax.

Carl H. Schmalz brought to the attention of the Council which was in attendance, that a street light was a necessity on the corner of First Ave and Eighth Street, as the heavy traffic along First Ave warranted a street light, especially in the fall of the year.

The ratepayers were not satisfied with the setting up and the printing of the Financial Statements which had been mailed to the ratepayers. They argued that the statement did not give enough information. It was therefore moved by Alex Goodman and seconded by Henry Reifmeyer that if the cost of having the Auditors Financial Statements "photographed" was not too great, that this should be done in the future Council. The Secy-Treasurer was advised to find out the cost of this work.

Mr J. H. Schmalz, as school trustee invited the rate-payers to attend the school meeting which was to be held the following Saturday in the school house. He explained to the persons attending, that the costs of operating the schools for the coming year was ever going to be higher than last year.

Moved by J. A. Hunt and seconded by Matt Schmalz that the meeting do now adjourn. Time 10:00 P.M.

Dated this 13th day of February 1950

J. A. Hunt

Secretary.