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Investigation

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council failed in its duty in not approving and getting a bond from the Village Treasurer and from the bank in which the funds were deposited; that they were derelict in their duty in that, for a great period of years, they did not publish an annual report in accordance with the law.

Village Trustees
That the council did not comply with the statute relating to the publishing of their proceedings within fifteen days (Section 1522 C. L. 1929); nor in the allowance of accounts or claims certified by an officer of the corporation, or by an affidavit of the person rendering the service (1524 C. L. 1929); nor in complying with the publication of ordinance (1538 C. L. 1929); nor in advertising nor in the appointment of three freeholders as cemetery trustees (1605 C. L. 1929); nor the fixing of a bond in any sum to be furnished the cemetery trustees by the cemetery treasurer; nor in the giving of notice and publication in respect to special assessments (1616 C. L. 1929); nor in the levying or collecting the cost of special assessments before making the improvement (1618-1619-1620-1624 C. L. 1929); nor in settling and auditing of the Treasurer's books and the publishing of the financial annual reports (1611 C. L. 1929); nor in obtaining the vote of the electors in several instances where expenditures were contracted in excess of the amount allowed by law (1656-1659-1676-1686 C. L. 1929); nor for a number of years were there any applications to the Cemetery Board of Trustees.

Village Treasurer
That the Village Treasurer was not eligible to serve for more than two years in succession (Sec. 1513 C. L. 1929) yet did so; nor did he keep a separate account of each fund; nor did he file and publish an annual account with the Clerk (1516 C. L. 1929). That the village treasurer did not comply in any particular with the law in furnishing of a bond before entering upon the duties of Village Treasurer and deposited moneys in banks in the excess of any bond filed or furnished.

Bank
That the First State and Savings bank did not comply with the law in furnishing a bond approved by the Village Council and received moneys in excess of the bond furnished by the Village Treasurer.

Clerk
That the Village Clerk was guilty of dereliction in his duties in not keeping an account with the Treasurer of keeping of books of showing the financial condition of the Village (Sec. 1513, C. L. 1929) and in not requiring the Treasurer to file an annual report and the publishing of same (1516 C. L. 1929); nor in the certifying of ordinances (1538 C. L. 1929); in not acting as Clerk of the Cemetery Trustees (1606 C. L. 1929); nor in certifying the roll of special assessments (1621 C. L. 1929).

Cemetery Trustees
In no case have they, the Cemetery Trustees, ever complied with the statute relative to the appointment of a Treasurer in the giving of a bond (1612 C. L. 1929); nor was there in the past thirteen (13) years any record of any meeting held by the Cemetery Trustees.

The Grand Jury further finds that conveyances for cemetery lots were never signed by the Clerk, a legal requirement, but were always signed by the President of the Village Trustees; that the following stocks and bonds were accepted through a reorganization of other companies for the original security and are invalid for purchase by any municipal cemetery association and a direct violation of the Criminal Code . . .

In many cases, these securities are in the name of Mark W. Tenney and Robert Allen, not in the name of the Village or Cemetery. From a fund of approximately \$16,000.00 on hand when Mark W. Tenney took office this has dwindled to \$19,333.33 cash and the questionable value of \$3,540.00 of the stocks and bonds. Money received from the sale of lots and moneys which unquestionably should be in an endowment fund has also been dissipated by placing it in a general fund and using it as needed for general upkeep.

It is apparent also that the reorganization of the Cemetery, of streets and the creating of a special assessment district was done without the filing of a petition and determination of necessity or the giving of a public notice of levy. Plans specifications and costs of construction of Mark W. Collins a registered engineer, for two new wells, three new pumps, and the improvement of the water supply system, were submitted to the Village Trustees and an ordinance based on these plans and specifications was adopted unanimously by the Village Trustees on May 15, 1938. These plans and specifications of Mark W. Collins were submitted to the Board of Health for a certificate as is required by Act 273 of 1935. The bonds were approved by the State

Loan Board and sold in accordance with the plans and specifications of Mark W. Collins. Subsequently the Village Trustees let the contract to William A. DeLee at a fixed sum of \$13,755.65. The published ordinance in the Holly Herald of February 17, 1938, in Section 1, also stated that the project shall be in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Mark W. Collins. Nowhere in the records of the village is there any indication that the specification, plans or contract of William A. DeLee was ever approved or of an ordinance adopted in accordance therewith. Bonds were sold in the amount of \$13,241.60 and \$11,474.50 spent in payment on the contract, yet the auditor's report shows that \$12,708.46 went to water works improvement and \$526.15 went into the General Fund; and further that no trust account for the retirement of the bonds was ever set up.

The Village Treasurer's annual report shows operating costs of the Water Department as \$6,726.39 whereas the auditor's report shows \$5,772.52 or a difference of \$953.87 which cannot be reconciled. The contract called for the installation of tiling, waterproofing on the cement, manhole covers, and an aerator, which were never installed, and further testimony shows that if the aerator was not installed, the Village would be entitled to a refund of approximately \$1,000.00 which they did not get. The contract further provided that every foot under two hundred (200) feet, which the contractor was not compelled to drive the wells, that the village was to receive a credit of \$6.00 per foot. Testimony indicates that the contractor went only to a depth of one hundred fifteen (115) feet but no charge was made in the contract price but, on the contrary, the entire contract price was paid. A check numbered 119,933 was apparently issued, but no record appears to whom this was paid or for what amount. . . .

Conclusion
In spite of considerable pressure from different groups, the officials conducting this investigation have gone about it with an open mind, ever mindful of being fair with everyone concerned.

As set forth, there have been numerous crimes committed and acts which constitute misdemeanors as well as felonies and non-feasance of office. Warrants could be issued in many instances and suits should be brought by taxpayers against the officials responsible for the funds which have been dissipated and misappropriated. However, we can do nothing about the civil matters in this proceeding. Mr. or the state's constitute grounds for removal from office.

As far as the criminal law violations are concerned, this Grand Jury does not indict but only recommends. Inasmuch as the residents and taxpayers of the Village of Holly are the only ones affected by the mishandling, misappropriation and dissipation of funds and other derelictions, we are leaving the matters for the present in the hands of those affected. If they wish to forget these matters and charge this sad state of affairs to profit and loss, and continue to permit the village affairs to be run in a haphazard manner, we feel that we have performed our duty in bringing these things officially to their attention.

If, on the other hand, any citizen or taxpayer of the Village of Holly desires to make complaints based upon the findings of this Grand Jury, warrants will be issued and the offenders vigorously prosecuted.

Respectfully submitted,
John J. Schulte, Jr.,
Justice of the Peace,
City of Farmington, Michigan.

Approved:
Charles L. Wilson,
Prosecuting Attorney,
Oakland County, Michigan.
Dated: June 28, 1939.

Wilson are now engaged in a grand jury inquiry into the operations of locally finance companies, which is expected to result in some startling revelations.

SCHULTE & PARRY, Attorneys, 2314 State Bank Building, Farmington, Mich. STATE OF MICHIGAN.

THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND.
At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County on the 26th day of June A. D. 1939.

Present, Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of Henry D. Maynard, Deceased.
Alma Maynard, widow of said deceased having filed in said court a petition praying that administration of said estate be granted to Edward Maynard or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 26th day of July A. D. 1939, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Farmington Enterprise newspaper printed and circulated in said county.
Arthur E. Moore
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