

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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TOWNSHIP ELECTION RETURNS

March 10, 1857

MODERATOR.....	George W. Bell
TOWNSHIP CLERK.....	Benjamin Griggs (D)
ASSESSOR.....	Edward Black (R)
COLLECTOR.....	Thomas I. Bedle
JUDGE OF ELECTION.....	Daniel B. Strong
CHOSEN FREEHOLDER.....	Aaron Longstreet (D)
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.....	Lewis H. Coe Gordon D. White John W. Suydam
OVERSEER OF THE POOR.....	Thomas I. Bedle
SUP'T. OF SCHOOLS.....	Rev. Charles Webster
SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS (2).....	John W. Holmes Tunis Hubbard
COMMISSIONERS OF APPEALS.....	John E. Woods Michael Conover David H. Wyckoff
OVERSEERS OF ROADS.....	Jacob Van Brakle John C. Burnham John Thompson
CONSTABLE.....	Benjamin P. Cooper
POUNDKEEPERS.....	Peter B. Hankinson Martin D. Wymbs Henry W. Abbot

Ordered: That \$500 be raised for Roads

Ordered: That \$600 be raised for Schools

Ordered: That Interest of Surplus revenue be applied to Schools

Ordered: That \$800 be raised for Ways & Means

Ordered: That Dog Tax be 50c each

Next Election at Mrs. E. Ware's Hotel

Next Township Meeting at H. W. Abbot's Hotel

The Monmouth Weekly Herald, March __, 1858

TOWNSHIP ELECTION RETURNS

March 9, 1858

MODERATOR.....	George W. Bell
TOWNSHIP CLERK.....	Benjamin Griggs (D)
ASSESSOR.....	Edward Black (R)
COLLECTOR.....	William S. Hornor (D)
JUDGE OF ELECTION.....	Daniel B. Strong
CHOSEN FREEHOLDER.....	Aaron Longstreet (D)
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.....	Lewis H. Coe Theodore Fountain Theodore Lambertson
OVERSEER OF THE POOR.....	Reyneer Suydam
SUP'T. OF SCHOOLS.....	Rev. Charles Webster
SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS (2).....	Michael Conover John W. Holmes
COMMISSIONERS OF APPEAL.....	Michael Conover L. J. Ball Aaron H. Hopkins
OVERSEERS OF ROADS.....	Jacob Van Brakle William L. Roberts Peter B. Hankinson
CONSTABLE.....	Benjamin P. Cooper
POUNDKEEPERS.....	Charles Fardon William J. Van Brakle
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.....	Daniel B. Strong John W. DeNyse

Ordered: --- That \$300 be raised for Roads; \$600 for Schools; interest of Surplus Revenue be applied to Schools; \$1000 be raised for Ways and Means; that it is expedient that the poor (whenever it is possible) shall be kept at the Town House. Next Election at Mrs. E. Ware's; next Town Meeting at the Abbot House.

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TOWNSHIP ELECTION RETURNS

March 8, 1859

TOWNSHIP CLERK.....	D. H. Wyckoff
ASSESSOR.....	Edward Black (R)
COLLECTOR.....	William S. Hornor (D)
CHOSEN FREEHOLDER.....	Aaron Longstreet (D)
OVERSEER OF THE POOR.....	Reyneer Suydam
JUDGE OF ELECTION.....	Daniel B. Strong
SUP'T. OF SCHOOLS.....	Rev. Charles Webster
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.....	Theodore Fountain
	J. Maggs
	Dudley P. Bailey
COMMISSIONERS OF APPEAL.....	Lewis H. Coe
	George Lippincott
	Alexander P. Van Pelt
SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS (2).....	John Greenwood
	John W. Holmes
CONSTABLE.....	Alfred H. Campbell
SCHOOLS.....	\$600
WAYS & MEANS.....	\$1000
ROADS.....	500

Next Election and Town Meeting at Middletown Point.

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TOWNSHIP ELECTION RETURNS

March 13, 1860

TOWNSHIP CLERK.....	Charles W. Fountain
ASSESSOR.....	John West Suydam
COLLECTOR.....	David H. Wyckoff
JUDGE OF ELECTION.....	Daniel B. Strong
CHOSEN FREEHOLDER.....	William S. Hornor
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.....	D. S. Stillwell
	Sidney Bray
	Dudley P. Bailey
OVERSEER OF THE POOR.....	Reyneer Suydam
SUP'T. OF SCHOOLS.....	Rev. Charles Webster
SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS (2).....	Edward Black
	John W. Holmes
COMMISSIONERS OF APPEAL.....	Lewis H. Coe
	James H. Hornor
	Asher B. Clark
OVERSEERS OF ROADS	
1 st District.....	Jacob Conk
2 nd District.....	John E. Kuhns
3 rd District.....	Joseph Imlay
CONSTABLE.....	Alfred H. Campbell
POUNDKEEPERS.....	Richard Worrell
	William J. Van Brakle

For ways and means:.....	\$1200.
Amount for Schools:.....	\$600.
do for Roads:.....	\$500.

Surplus money for School purposes
Bill for setting off township to be paid

Election at Union Hotel

Town Meeting at Abbott House

Wm. D. Bailey
Garret A. Roberts
Thos. W. Thorne
E. A. Dunn
Peter V. Hyer

Town
Committee

The Matawan Journal, June 15, 1878

SMALLPOX—At the suggestion of Dr. Bartlett, the Township Committee have decided to have the dependents of the town vaccinated; also others resident here who are unable to bear the expense of vaccination themselves, the object being to lessen the number who would be subjects of contagion in the event of another visitation of this pestilence. The above is a good measure, as the trade of this town would likely be affected if this disease were prevalent.

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Matawan Nov. 25, 1879

To the Clerk of the County of Monmouth

The Township Committee of this Township have appointed Martin T. Bissell Township Clerk to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Michael Foley former clerk.

By order of the board
Garret Hendrickson
Chairman

The Matawan Journal, July 9, 1881

The Township Committee have appointed Officer Disbrow as special constable to collect the taxes of Matawan Township.

The Matawan Journal, April 7, 1883

The Township Committee on Tuesday evening appointed Dr. C. Knecht as Township Physician, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Shackleton.

The Matawan Journal, June 23, 1883

Township Notice.

James Walling, Constable of Raritan township, having been appointed by the Committee of Matawan township to collect the taxes of said township, he will be at the office of Martin T. Bissell every Wednesday afternoon, from 2 to 3 o'clock, to receive said past due taxes.

Prompt attention is requested.

By order of the Committee

The Matawan Journal, March 22, 1884

The new Township Committee met last Friday morning, as required by law, to organize and swear in the other township officers and take bonds from those where the same are required. The committee elected Garret Hendrickson chairman and John C. Conover treasurer.

The Matawan Journal, May 16, 1885

The attention of the Board of Health of Matawan township is called to the rank odors that come from some places along Main street where horses are left standing. Pestilence will come soon enough without inviting it.

The Matawan Journal, March 20, 1886

The Township Committee of Matawan Township met on Friday, March 12th, for organization for the fiscal year. Garret Hendrickson was chosen as President of the Board and John C. Conover, Treasurer.

Dr. C. Knecht was elected Township Physician, at a salary of \$50 a year.

The bond of D. E. Close for \$500 as Overseer of the Poor was approved and filed.

The Township Treasurer gave his bond for \$9,000, and Township Collector J. H. Hornor his bond for \$10,000, both of which were approved.

The certificates showing the result of the election in the four road districts were presented. There being no results in the 3^d and 4th districts, the Committee appointed Wm. L. Roberts, Jr., to fill the vacancy in the 3^d, and Austin Casler to the vacancy in the 4th.

The question of road money was taken up, and the sum of \$325 was applied as follows: 1st dist., \$75; 2^d dist., \$50; 3^d dist., \$100; 4th dist., \$100.

A **resolution** was adopted to pay bills every quarter.

Benj. Griggs appeared before the Board and was sworn in as Assessor.

The Matawan Journal, April 10, 1886

Our New Constable (*Editorial*)

Mr. George Thompson, who was two years ago elected constable for Matawan Township, this spring declined to renew his bond for the present or last year of his term and sent his resignation to the Township Committee. In order to fill the vacancy and give Matawan a guardian of the peace, the Committee met on Monday evening and appointed Capt. Peter C. Disbrow to the vacancy for the year. He has accepted the appointment and will file his bond.

We do not think the Committee could have made a better selection for efficiency, nor one that will be more acceptable to the people. If he proves as competent as his brother, the late John N. Disbrow, Matawan will have again, as it had when the brother lived, the most efficient officer in the county; and who died wearing his badge of office notwithstanding the machinations and cold heartedness of plotting and designing politicians and would-be magnates.

The Matawan Journal, May 8, 1886
PRESENTATION OF BADGE TO CONSTABLE

The Township Committee of Matawan Township held their May meeting at the office of Martin T. Bissell, Town Clerk, on Monday evening. The several bills presented at the meeting in March were passed upon and ordered paid, except one small bill which was laid over for investigation.

The interesting incident of the evening was the presentation of a very neat nickel badge to the recently appointed Constable and Inspector of the Board of Health, Capt. Peter C. Disbrow. Mr. John F. Lisk, of the Town Committee, in presenting the Badge said: "MR. DISBROW: It becomes my pleasant duty, on behalf of the The Township Committee and Board of Health, to present you with this symbol of your respective offices. If in the execution of your duties you shall emulate your relative, who for so many years represented this township, we are sure you will not be restrained by fear or controlled by affection; but that in all things you will be guided by that conscientiousness of purpose, as under your oath and under the law you understand it. Take then this badge of office, and may it be your shield of defense in the prosecution of wrong and never be tarnished by neglect to do right."

Mr. Disbrow, in accepting the badge, said:

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:

"To respond in a suitable manner to your remarks in presenting this badge, representing as you do the Township Committee and the Board of Health, is a task I will not presume to undertake. I desire, however, to say that it will be my sole purpose to so fill the positions which you, gentlemen, have seen fit to delegate to me, as shown on the badge herewith tendered to me, as to receive your approval and that of the general public, and to merit such unquestioned approbation as was generously shown toward my esteemed brother while your officer. Again I thank you gentlemen, for this voluntary mark of esteem."

The Overseers of the Poor of Matawan, Raritan and Holmdel townships met on Saturday last to elect a Steward of the Town House for the ensuing year. A law passed this winter

made it necessary for them to elect one of their own number, and Overseer Magee, of Holmdel, was elected.

The Matawan Journal, March 19, 1887

The first meeting of the Township Committee of Matawan Township was held at the hotel of John H. Farry on Friday, March 11. The meeting was called to order at 11 A. M., and the Board organized by electing Garret Hendrickson chairman and John C. Conover treasurer. Wm. A. Rodgers, the newly elected Town Clerk, took the oath of office and then administered the oath to other officers.

Peter C. Disbrow presented his bond in the sum of \$2,000 and qualified as Constable for 3 years. The bond is endorsed by the following sureties: P. C. Disbrow, John H. Farry, Wm. Miller, L. Cartan, Wm. Spader, F. Lupton, C. A. Geran, Wm. Zimmerman, James Van Brackle – 9.

James H. Hornor presented his bond for \$8,000 as Township Collector, and it was accepted and he qualified. The sureties are, James H. Hornor, Rens. W. Dayton, Josiah VanSchoick, Aaron Longstreet, John H. Farry, W. A. Dunlop, Wm. Miller, L. Cartan, Jas. Lamberson, Stockton Hornor – 10.

John C. Conover gave bond in the sum of \$2,000 as Township Treasurer, which was accepted and he qualified. The sureties are John C. Conover, John H. Farry, J. P. Applegate – 3.

The Clerk administered the oath to Benjamin Griggs as Assessor; Jas. Lamberson, L. Cartan and J. VanSchoick as Commissioners of Appeal, and William Burnham as a Surveyor of the Highways.

Jehu P. Applegate was elected Counsel for the Board and Dr. C. Knecht as Township Physician.

The following were approved as Overseers of Roads, having been elected in their road districts on Thursday: 1st dist., Robert P. Harris; 2^d dist., Christopher Winter; 3^d dist., Wm. L. Roberts; 4th dist., Austin Casler.

WM. A. RODGERS, *Clerk.*

The Matawan Journal, May 14, 1887

Peter V. Hyer Selected Assessor

By the recent death of Benjamin Griggs (April 17, 1887) a vacancy occurred in the office of Assessor of Matawan Township, which it became the duty of the Township Committee to fill. There was a feeling among many citizens that Garret Hendrickson would make a suitable offer for the vacant place, as he had been with Mr. Griggs in arranging his assessments and was to a degree already familiar with the work. But when the Town Committee met on Monday evening it was found that Mr. Hendrickson, being a member of the Committee, was not eligible to the office. After several ballots Peter V. Hyer was chosen. Mr. Hyer is a gentleman of integrity and well qualified for the place, and we extend our congratulations.

The Matawan Journal, May 21, 1887

Now It Is Richard Bedle

We stated last week that the Township Committee had selected Peter V. Hyer for Assessor, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Benjamin Griggs. Mr. Hyer declined to accept. This made another selection necessary and the Committee met on Friday evening, 13th inst., and appointed Richard Bedle, who has accepted. Mr. Bedle is a practical builder and is familiar with valuations of real estate. His selection is a recognition of labor and of honest worth.

The Matawan Journal, March 24, 1888

The first regular meeting of the Township Committee of Matawan Township for the present fiscal year was held in the rooms of Washington Engine Company, on Friday, March 16th.

The meeting was called to order by Wm. A. Rodgers, Township Clerk, at 10:30 A. M. The three members of the Committee were present, as follows: Garret Hendrickson, J. F. Lisk, W. A. Close. Garret Hendrickson was elected chairman and W. A. Close, treasurer. Jehu P. Applegate, Esq., was appointed counsel to the Committee, and Dr. C. Knecht was appointed Township Physician.

James H. Hornor, Township Collector, presented his bond in the sum of \$8,000, with nine bondsmen, which was accepted.

W. A. Close, as Treasurer of the Committee, presented his bond in the sum of \$2,000, with three bondsmen, which was accepted.

The following officers elected at the township election were sworn into office by the Clerk:-

Overseer of Poor – D. E. Close.

Assessor – Richard Bedle.

Commissioners of Appeal – James Lambertson, L. Cartan, Josiah VanSchoick.

Surveyors of Highways – Chas. E. Clark, Wm. Burnham.

On motion, it was resolved to hold regular monthly meetings on the first Wednesday evening of each month, at the engine-house, to transact township business.

A **resolution** was adopted that the Committee meet at the town-house on Thursday, 22^d, at 2 P. M., to investigate affairs there, and that the Clerk be directed to notify the Township Committees of Holmdel and Raritan.

There will be a special road meeting of the Township Committee at the Engine House, on Monday, March 26, at 2 o'clock, P. M., sharp, to confer with, advise and direct the overseers of the township roads, and apportion moneys. It would be well for all citizens and officers interested in the roads to attend.

Meeting at the Town-House

The Township Committees of Matawan, Holmdel and Raritan Townships met at the town-house on Thursday, at 2:30 P. M.

The meeting was called to order, and T. S. R. Brown, of Raritan, was chosen as chairman, and Wm. A. Rodgers, Clerk of Matawan, as secretary.

On the roll of the townships being called, Matawan was represented by Committeemen G. Hendrickson, J. F. Lisk and W. A. Close, Clerk Rodgers and Overseer D. E. Close; Holmdel by Committeemen Wm. Morrell and James W. Hoff, and Overseer Garret Magee; Raritan, by Committeeman T. S. R. Brown, Clerk Cook and Overseer John K. Carhart.

A recess was taken to make an inspection of the premises.

Garret Magee, steward, made a report. There are 7 inmates in the town-house; 5 from Matawan, 1 from Raritan and 1 from Holmdel.

W. A. Close moved that the three townships make the necessary improvements, painting, filling in, etc. –carried.

G. Hendrickson moved that one from the Town Committee from each township supervise the necessary work –carried.

The chair appointed W. A. Close for Matawan, Wm. Morrell for Holmdel and T. S. R. Brown for Raritan.

A bill of 12.84 was presented by the steward for repairs, and ordered paid.

An inventory of the personal property of the townships at the town-house was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 4 o'clock.

The Matawan Journal, Dec. 29, 1888

Matawan Township Ordinance

An ordinance against the shutting up, blocking or obstruction of causeways, trunks or roadbeds, or interfering with the work of Overseers of the Highways, upon any road or highway in the township of Matawan.

SEC. 1---Be it enacted, That it shall be unlawful for any person to go upon any road or highway in the township of Matawan, and block, shut up or obstruct any causeway, trunk, sluiceway or roadbed, made, built or erected by any overseer of the road of said township, upon any highway therein, unless by the request of the Overseer of said road, or the Township Committee of said township.

SEC. 2---Be it enacted, That no person or persons shall create, or cause to create, any nuisance upon any public road in the township of Matawan, or interfere with or hinder the work of the said overseer therein.

SEC. 3---Be it enacted, That any person or persons violating any of the above ordinances shall, upon conviction thereof, pay a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars, as is prescribed in the act entitled "An act to increase the powers of Township Committees," approved March 11, 1888.

This ordinance shall take effect Jan. 5, 1889.

**GARRET HENDRICKSON,
Chairman of Committee.**

Dated Dec. 27, 1888.

The Matawan Journal, Feb. 23, 1889
Shall the Town-House be Sold?

Pursuant to notice, the Township Committees of the townships of Matawan, Holmdel and Raritan met at the Town Hall in Keyport, on Monday last, Feb. 18, at 2 P. M., to consider the propriety of disposing of the property known as the Town-House, owned by the three townships above named jointly.

The meeting was organized by the election of Hon. Michael Taylor, of Holmdel, for Chairman, and Mr. Garret Hendrickson, of Matawan, for Secretary.

The roll being called, the following answered:

HOLMDEL – Michael Taylor, Wm. Morrell, James W. Hoff.

RARITAN – T. S. R. Brown.

MATAWAN – Wm. A. Close, Garret Hendrickson.

Mr. William A. Close stated the purpose of the meeting, to consider the matter of selling or dividing the Town-House property.

After some discussion, the following **resolution** was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this meeting that the interests of the three townships interested require that the poor house property, now and jointly owned by the townships of Holmdel, Raritan and Matawan, be divided, and that the several Township Committees here represented will recommend to their respective townships the adoption of the following resolution at the next annual township election:

“Resolved, That the interest of this township in the poor house property now owned by the townships of Holmdel, Raritan and Matawan, be sold in such manner and time as the Township Committees may deem advisable.”

After some general remarks the meeting adjourned.

MICHAEL TAYLOR, Chairman.

GARRET HENDRICKSON, Sec’y.

The Matawan Journal, March 9, 1889

Get rid of the elephant! Be sure to vote to give the Township Committee power to sell the poor house. It has long been more of an expense than a benefit.

Be sure to vote for the resolution on your ticket next Tuesday authorizing the Township Committee to sell the Poor-House owned by Matawan, Holmdel and Raritan. It is an expense and a nuisance, and the paupers don’t want to go there.

The Matawan Journal, March 23, 1889
Township Committee Organizes

The first regular meeting of the Township Committee of Matawan Township, for the fiscal year, was held at the engine house on Friday, March 15.

The meeting was called to order by Wm. A. Rodgers, Township Clerk, and the three committeemen responded to their names, as follows: Garret Hendrickson, Wm. A. Close, John F. Lisk, who were severally sworn.

On motion, Garret Hendrickson was made Chairman of the Board, and Wm. A. Close, Treasurer. The Committee appointed Jehu P. Applegate as Counsel and fixed his salary the same as last year. He came before the board and expressed his thanks.

The following bonds were presented by those who are required to give sureties, and they were accepted: James H. Hornor, Collector, bond \$10,000, with ten bondsmen; Wm. A. Close, treasurer, bond \$2,000, with three bondsmen; Peter C. Disbrow, Constable, bond \$500, with five bondsmen; D. E. Close, Overseer of Poor, bond \$500, with two bondsmen.

The committee passed the following **resolutions**:-

Resolved, That the board will pay no bills except such as are presented and passed at a regular meeting of the Committee, and an affidavit thereto taken.

Resolved, To purchase a suitable safe for the township, to keep more securely the records of the township.

Resolved, That the regular monthly meeting of the board be held on the first Thursday evening of each month, at the engine-house, to transact township business.

Peter C. Disbrow was appointed Special Collector for the fiscal year.

The following officers were sworn in by the Township Clerk:

Constable – Peter C. Disbrow.

Overseer of Poor – D. E. Close.

Assessor – David C. Mealio

Surveyors of Highways – Charles E. Clark, Wm. Burnham.

Com. of Appeals – James Lambertson, Lawrence Cartan, Josiah VanSchoick.

Bills amounting to \$122.24 were passed and paid, and the Board adjourned.

W. A. RODGERS, *Clerk*.

At the adjourned meeting held Thursday evening, Dr. C. Knecht was unanimously re elected Township Physician, with salary the same as last year.

The Matawan Journal, April 6, 1889

"Happenings Hereabouts"

The Township Committee give notice by posters for a meeting to be held in Washington Hall, Wednesday evening, April 17, at 8 o'clock, to discuss the question of a Town Hall for Matawan.

The Matawan Journal, April 20, 1889

EDITORIAL

Shall We Have a Town Hall?

This is the question that will be presented to the consideration of our citizens this Friday evening, at a meeting to be held at Washington Hall. The meeting should be attended by all who have the substantial interest of our town and township at heart. It is an economic question, and an affirmative action necessarily means certain taxation to raise the amount in one sum, or annual appropriations and the issuing of bonds. The matter for careful consideration is, whether the benefits to be derived will compensate for the cost. The proposition has been, to purchase a suitably large lot to put up a large building, the ground floor of which could be used by the two fire companies for their apparatus and meeting rooms and the second floor for a hall and for meetings of the Township Committee, etc. We have no desire to forestall any expression of views, but hope those who pay the maximum of the taxes will attend and express themselves pro or con, or if carried and they have been silent, let them thereafter hold their peace.

The Matawan Journal, April 27, 1889
"Decided Against a Town Hall"

Pursuant to previous announcement by posters and in our columns, there were about 50 of our citizens at the meeting on Friday evening, April 19, in Washington Hall. At about 8:30 the meeting was called to order by W. A. Close, of the Township Committee, and Rens. W. Dayton, Esq., was elected chairman and Henry Arrowsmith, secretary.

Mr. Close, on behalf of the Township Committee, said the object of the meeting was to discuss the matter of building a town hall and lock-up for Matawan, with rooms for the fire apparatus; that several gentlemen had spoken to them about the matter, and the Committee had decided that the best plan would be to call this meeting and let the people discuss the matter together and then decide what advice to give, and to bring the subject properly before the meeting he moved that it is the sense of the taxpayers here assembled that a town hall be built, the cost not to exceed \$6,000.

Jehu P. Applegate, Esq., cited the laws of 1882, 1886 and 1888, showing what powers the Committee has, and that the people would have to vote upon the question at an election before the work could be done.

W. A. Close gave figures to show that the interest on bonds to raise money to build the hall would not be so much as the amount now expended by the township.

Rens. W. Dayton spoke against the project. He said our taxes were too high now, and this work if done would largely increase them; that a high rate of taxation drove capital away and hurt the men of moderate circumstances who might want to borrow.

Wm. L. Terhune, Esq., spoke in much the same strain, and on the motion being put, it was almost unanimously decided not to build at present.

The meeting then adjourned.

The Matawan Journal, February 13, 1890
Township Committee Meeting

The annual meeting of the Township Committee of Matawan Township was held at the engine-house on Thursday, Feb. 13th, to close up the business of the township for the current year.

Thirty bills were presented, passed, and ordered paid, amounting to \$1,202.99.

Mr. David A. Bell came before the Board, stated that having sold out, he had presented probably the last bill he would have against the township, and, on motion of J. F. Lisk, it was **resolved** that an expression of the appreciation of the Committee for Mr. Bell in all his business connections with them be spread upon the minutes.

The Committee adjourned to meet Wednesday evening, Feb. 19, to pass upon the remaining bills.

W. A. RODGERS, Clerk.

The Matawan Journal, March 22, 1890

Resolutions

At the meeting of the Township Committee, held on Friday, March 14, the following resolutions were passed.

WHEREAS, Mr. Garret Hendrickson has served the Township of Matawan as a faithful and conscientious commissioner for ten executive years, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this committee testify their appreciation of the valuable and efficient services which he has rendered the township for so long a term. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be entered upon the minutes of the board and published in the MATAWAN JOURNAL.

THOS. L. PETERSON,
Chairman

Approved by

J. F. LISK

C. E. CLOSE

The Matawan Journal, April 12, 1890

Township Committee Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the committee was held at the Truck House on Wednesday evening. After organization the joint report of the committees of Raritan, Holmdel and Matawan, approving the sale of the Poor House Property, was submitted, and the counsel authorized to institute such legal proceedings as might be necessary to effect that object, the other townships having agreed to bear their proportion of the expenses.

Mr. Dayton was present and signified his acceptance of the appointment of counsel for the township at the regular salary of \$25 per year, and stated to the committee that in any charge for special services rendered they should be satisfied that the charges were fair

and reasonable, so that the taxpayers could take no exception to their action. After the auditing of a few small bills the committee adjourned.

The Matawan Journal, Aug. 9, 1890
Township Board of Health Organized

Many complaints have been received by our Township Committee of the carting of offensive materials through the township by farmers living at a distance. A petition signed by many persons was recently presented to the Board and on Wednesday evening a meeting of the committee was held in the Truck House and a Board of Health organized. Mr. John F. Lisk was elected president, and W. A. Rodgers, clerk. The ordinances as passed will be found in another column, and the attention of persons living out of the Borough is directed to them.

ORDINANCES
OF
THE BOARD OF HEALTH
OF
The Township of Matawan.

The Local Board of Health of the township of Matawan, in the county of Monmouth, by virtue of the provisions of the act of the Legislature of New Jersey, entitled "An act to establish in this State Boards of Health and a Bureau of Vital Statistics, and to define their respective powers and duties," approved March 3, 1887, do ordain:

SECTION 1. That whatever is dangerous to human health, or whatever renders the ground, the water, the air or food a hazard or an injury to human health is hereby declared to be a nuisance, and any person or persons creating or maintaining, or aiding in the creation or maintenance of any such nuisance, shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars.

SECTION 2. That any person who shall carelessly, negligently or willfully aid in or contribute to the doing of any act dangerous to life or detrimental to the health of any human being, except for justifiable motives and for adequate reasons, or who shall omit any precaution reasonable and proper to prevent or remove danger or detriment to life or health of any human being, shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars.

SECTION 3. That the accumulation of any decaying animal or vegetable substance or substances, or of other offensive matter in the form of rubbish, garbage or offal, in or upon any lot, street or high way, or in or upon any public or private place, until the same shall become hazardous to health, or until the same shall, by reason of offensive odors, become a source of discomfort to persons living or passing in the vicinity thereof, is hereby declared to be a nuisance, and any person or persons who shall cause any such accumulation, or who shall aid therein, shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars.

SECTION 4. That the pollution of any stream, well, spring or reservoir of water used for drinking purposes is hereby prohibited, and any person or persons who shall cause such pollution, or who shall aid therein, shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars.

SECTION 5. That the construction of any drain or sewer, or the pouring out of fouled liquids on the surface of the ground in such manner as to become the source from which offensive odors shall emanate, or in such manner as to pollute the ground, air or water, to the risk or detriment of the health of persons living or passing in the vicinity thereof, is hereby declared to be a nuisance, and any person or persons who shall cause or sustain, or who shall aid in causing or sustaining any such nuisance, shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars.

SECTION 6. That the storage of animal refuse or decayably or putrescible matter in liquid or solid form in any vault, cesspool or other receptacle in such manner as to endanger health, or in such manner that the same shall, by reason of offensive odors emanating therefrom, become a source of discomfort to persons living or passing in the vicinity thereof, is hereby declared to be a nuisance, and any person or persons causing or maintaining any such nuisance, or aiding therein, shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars.

SECTION 7. That the overflow of any foul liquids or gases into any place where they may become injurious to health, or the keeping or forming such sunken places or excavations upon any lot or land as accumulate foul water of offensive animal or vegetable matter, is hereby declared to be a nuisance, and any person or persons who shall cause or maintain any such nuisance, or who shall aid in causing or maintaining the same, shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars.

SECTION 8. That the keeping of any tenement house, or other house or building, or any part thereof, in such a state of uncleanness, or the crowding of persons in any tenement house in such manner as to endanger the health of the persons dwelling therein is hereby declared to be a nuisance, and any person or persons through whose act or negligence such state of uncleanness shall be caused, and any person or persons by whom such crowding shall be caused, shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars.

SECTION 9. That the keeping of any jail, prison, almshouse or other public building, or any part thereof, in such a state of uncleanness, or the crowding of prisoners or inmates therein in such manner as to endanger the health of such prisoners or inmates, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance; and any person or persons, officer or officers, through whose act or neglect such state of uncleanness shall be caused, shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars; PROVIDED HOWEVER, that this shall not apply to any person or officer having the care of prisoners or inmates in any jail, prison, almshouse or other public building, where such building is of insufficient dimensions for the proper care of such persons or inmates, and such person or officer has no authority or power under the law to limit the number of prisoners or inmates that shall be committed to such building or to enlarge such building.

SECTION 10. That the keeping of any dwelling-house in which there is or has been any polluting or communicable disease without thorough airing, cleansing and disinfection is hereby prohibited; any person or persons offending against this section shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars.

SECTION 11. That the keeping of any pen or enclosure for goats, swine or other animals, or of any slaughter-house, tannery or other factory, in such manner that offensive odors shall emanate therefrom to the discomfort or to the detriment of the health of persons living or passing in the vicinity thereof, is hereby declared to be a nuisance; any person or

persons who shall keep any such pen, enclosure, slaughter-house, tannery or factory, in such manner as aforesaid, shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars.

SECTION 12. That the sale of any meat or vegetable food or drink that is unwholesome or unfit for food, is hereby prohibited; any person or persons making such sale as aforesaid, shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars.

SECTION 13. That any physician, midwife, nurse, clergyman, magistrate or other person who shall officiate at any death, birth or marriage, and who shall neglect to make return thereof to the proper officer, according to law, and any physician who shall neglect or refuse to report to the Local Board of Health any case of contagious or infectious disease during any period when said Board shall require notice of such cases to be given, shall for each and every failure to make such return or report be liable to a penalty of ten dollars.

SECTION 14. That any penalty incurred under the provisions of this ordinance shall be collected in the manner prescribed by the act cited in the preamble hereof; or in lieu thereof, the Local Board of Health may file a bill in the Court of Chancery for an injunction pursuant to the provisions of this act.

SECTION 15. That no night-soil, horse manure, or other offensive fertilizer, shall be deposited in or carted through the streets of the township at any time without written permission signed by the President of the Board of Health, and countersigned by the Clerk, under a penalty of ten dollars for each offense.

SECTION 16. All local or public nuisances shall be removed on notice of the President, under penalty of ten dollars.

By order of the Board.

J. F. LISK, PRESIDENT

WM. A. RODGERS, Clerk.

Dated August 6, 1890.

The Matawan Journal, November 15, 1890 **Township Committee Meeting**

The regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday evening. Bills amounting to \$122.70 were ordered paid.

The committee are looking after the roads outside of the borough and 200 loads of gravel were given the overseers in districts No. 1 and 4, in addition to those already put on. The Holmdel turnpike was in very bad condition and the committee determined to gravel it the entire length in the township. This will take about 2,500 loads of gravel, and when done the road should be in perfect condition for some time to come.

The Matawan Journal, Dec. 13, 1890 **Township Committee Meeting**

The monthly meeting of the Township Committee was held in the Truck House Wednesday evening. All the members were present.

Mr. P. A. Calyer appeared before the Board and requested that the road running past his property be attended to. Committeemen Lisk and Close were appointed to look after it. Watson Stilwaggon, Road Overseer of District No. 2, was present and asked the Committee to advance him \$75. After some discussion a motion prevailed to give him \$50.

The reading of bills then began and the following were passed and ordered paid:

J. G. Conover & Co.....	10.00
Thomas Quackenbush.....	14.52
Emma A. Stryker.....	4.50
John Henry West, 593 loads gravel.....	41.51
B. F. S. Brown.....	7.00
Peter V. Hyer.....	28.02
Peter C. Disbrow.....	30.00
James Matthews.....	30.00
T. L. Peterson.....	62.61

The bill of John C. Conover of \$5.52 for material furnished in 1888 and 1889 was laid over for signatures of road overseers.

The opinion of counsel was read on matters referred to him at the last meeting. The committee did not agree altogether with the counsel on the question of the legality of the claim of John K. Carhart, Steward of the Poor House belonging to Holmdel, Raritan and Matawan Townships, and the matter was deferred for another month.

After the business of the committee had been finished the Board of Health held a meeting. No complaints coming before it the Board adjourned.

The Matawan Journal, Dec. 13, 1890

One of the Township Roads Fixed

The road leading from Mt. Pleasant to the township line near Ticetown has received the careful attention of the Township Committee and is now in first-class condition. The township furnished the necessary gravel and paid \$10.80 for work on the road, while our merchants and a few others contributed \$220.70 in work and money. The total cost amounted to \$329.44, and the people who drive over the road are very well pleased with its present condition.

The Committee have had a large force of men at work on the Holmdel turnpike, and have furnished all the gravel that was needed. The road is not yet finished, and perhaps will not be until next spring. Some of the farmers have loaned their teams on several occasions, and the township has furnished the driver. The expense to the taxpayers in fixing up the roads will not be so great as one would suppose, as the assistance received from outside sources amounts to several times as much as the township is asked to pay for. A number of the delinquent taxpayers embrace this method of working out their old taxes, which otherwise the township would receive no benefit from.

The condition of the Holmdel turnpike has been the cause of much complaint by people driving to our town, and we hope when the present work is completed, that the farmers

living contiguous to the road will show their appreciation of the efforts of our people to give them a good road and continue their trading at this place.

The Matawan Journal, January 17, 1891
Township Committee Meeting

The January meeting of the Township Committee was held at the Truck House Wednesday evening, Messrs. Peterson, Lisk and Close being present. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting the following bills amounting to \$276. 78 were ordered paid.

J. K. Wagner, gravel.....	\$14.90
G. Linzmayer, Jr., on Poor account.....	48.86
J. F. Lisk, on Poor account.....	7.78
T. Conover & Bro., gravel.....	22.50
D. H. & C. E. Close, Blasting gravel bank.....	3.20
Mrs. K. Stryker, on Poor account.....	6.00
P. J. Sullivan.....	17.00
A. J. Cartan.....	7.00
A. J. Cartan.....	118.18
T. E. Shepherd.....	27.41
W. A. Close.....	2.00

Messrs. Fountain, Knecht and Maggs, committee from the Fire Commissioners, were present and requested the Township Committee to build a tower for drying hose at the Engine House, the cost of which would be from \$75 to \$100. The Township Committee questioned their authority to comply with the request and referred the matter to counsel for an opinion.

Mr. Maggs addressed the Board relative to the proposed new road across Matawan Creek near the railroad tracks. The land had been condemned for road purposes some time ago but no further action was taken in the matter. Mr. Close was appointed committee to confer with counsel and find out what was necessary to be done in order to go on with the work.

Meeting adjourned.

The Matawan Journal, February 7, 1891
Township Committee Meeting

A special meeting of the Township Committee was held last Friday night to hear the reports of counsel on matters referred to him at the last meeting, and attend to such other matters as should come before them.

Mr. Dayton reported that he had searched the records from 1870 and failed to find a record of the conveyance of the lot bought of Mr. Little for an engine house. He gave it as his opinion that the proper persons to add improvements to the property were the fire

commissioners inasmuch as they could raise whatever sum required by special taxation for fire purposes.

In the matter of the claim of John Carhart, of Raritan, for Matawan's share of the cost of maintaining a steward of the Poor House property jointly owned by Holmdel, Raritan and Matawan townships, the committee decided to pay the amount agreed upon between counsel. A letter was read before the meeting stating that unless the claim was paid suit would be initiated, and in order to avoid further costs, inasmuch as the counsel had previously advised that it was a just claim, the above action was taken.

A. M. Lambertson and J. W. Maggs appeared before the committee in reference to opening the new road laid out some time ago, which starts at Jacob Doll's on the road leading from Morristown to Matawan, and runs in almost a straight line to a point opposite the street near the station, along which Captain P. C. Disbrow's house stands. The road was surveyed, land condemned and damages awarded and the gentlemen present desired the committee to complete the work by paying the awards, filling in the meadows and getting it in shape for summer travel. The committee then decided that they would have to go on with the work and a **resolution** was passed to that effect.

The Matawan Journal, March 14, 1891 **Township Committee Organized**

A few minutes after 10 o'clock this morning the Township Committee met and were sworn in by the clerk. They organized by the election of J. F. Lisk, chairman, and C. E. Close, treasurer.

Rens. W. Dayton was elected counsel to the board at a salary of \$25, and Dr. C. Knecht was elected township physician.

The bonds of the newly-elected township officials were presented and accepted.

Because no election was held on Thursday in Road District No. 4 for an overseer, James Kelly was appointed by the board.

The usual routine business was then taken up and transacted, report of which will be made next week.

The Matawan Journal, March 14, 1891 **Township Committee Meeting.**

Last week we published part of the proceedings of the meeting of the Township Committee, and from the minutes of the clerk we give a report of the business not already known.

The salary of Dr. Knecht, township physician, was made at \$50 a year, and his election was for a lawful term. W. A. Rodgers' salary as clerk was fixed at \$75.

The following officers gave bonds: J. H. Hornor, collector, \$10,000; C. E. Close, treasurer, \$4,000; A. H. Harris, overseer of poor, \$500; P. C. Disbrow, constable, \$500.

Counselor Dayton was asked for his opinion if the township was entitled to two constables. He said he had not fully examined the law on that point, but gave as his

opinion that this township is entitled to but one constable, and said he would look further into the matter and if he found anything to change his present views he would report to the committee. William Brown, who had received twenty votes for that office, presented his bond and said that he had been elected. The Committee refused to accept it by virtue of the opinion rendered.

The following bills were passed and ordered paid:

Richard Bedle, spring election, six men at \$15 each.....	\$90.00
W. Imlay, Road Dist. №. 5.....	15.39
Hook and Ladder Co., rent, spring election.....	20.00
B. F. S. Brown, printing.....	80.15
T. L. Peterson, for poor.....	30.32

Mr. Close called attention to the necessity of placing finger boards and posts at proper places in the township and Mr. Farry was appointed to act with the chairman and clerk and have them put in.

It was moved to hire the town hall for the coming year, if it could be secured for \$25 or less, and Mr. Farry was named to confer with the borough authorities.

The second Wednesday of each month, at 8 p. m., was decided to be the regular time of meeting for the committee.

The following salaries were agreed upon for the ensuing year:

Three Committeemen @ \$30.....	\$90
Treasurer.....	50
Overseer of Poor.....	75
Clerk.....	75
Counsel.....	25
Physician.....	50
“ to Board of Health.....	50

Total.....\$415

On motion of Mr. Close it was **resolved** to furnish 200 loads of gravel to each road district.

Mr. Close was appointed a committee to act with Mr. Kuhns in reference to road at drawbridge.

It was **resolved** to divide Road District №. 4 and make a new district, the boundaries of which are as follows: Holmdel road from railroad trestle to township line, Lloyd road from Holmdel turnpike to D. Mack’s corner, thence to propeller dock; and from Mack’s corner to railroad near piano factory; the same to be known as District №. 5.

The road appropriation was divided as follows:

First District, John Stemler, Overseer.....	\$175
Second “ J. E. Kuhns, “	200
Third “ W. Burnham, “	175
Fourth “ James Kelly, “	100
Fifth “ To be appointed. “	150

\$800

The Township Board of Health was organized by J. F. Lisk being elected president, Dr. C. Knecht, physician, and W. A. Rodgers clerk. Dr. Knecht was elected for three years.

The Matawan Journal, Apr. 11, 1891

Township Committee Meeting

At the opening of the meeting on Wednesday night Messrs. Lisk and Close were present. Mr. Farry came in a short time afterward. The clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved.

John Mulhall appeared before the board and advocated dividing the township into two districts, that the turnpike be the dividing line, and each district to have a superintendent of roads.

Mr. Lisk offered a motion that Garret Hendrickson be appointed superintendent of the roads on the east side and John C. Stemler to act in like capacity for the west side.

Carried.

The secretary was instructed by **resolution** to notify J. E. Kuhns, W. Burnham and James Kelly, road overseers, to appear before the board at a special meeting to be held Saturday evening in the town hall and adjust their accounts up to the time of receipt of notice and to do no work after receipt of notice.

Mr. Lisk moved to have a standing advertisement in the JOURNAL, which is to set forth the place and time of meeting, the names of the committee, the name and residence of the clerk and overseer of the poor. Carried.

The committee on finger boards reported that they had gone over the township and that it would require twenty-nine posts and eighty finger-boards to meet the requirements of the law. A **resolution** was passed giving the work of making and putting up to John Ivins and Oscar Lisk, but was afterward reconsidered and proposals for having the work done was ordered printed in the JOURNAL.

Bill for care of Deborah Stryker was laid over for correction, and that of P. C. Disbrow, special marshal at the spring election, was ordered paid. Bill for team hire for locating sign boards was also ordered paid.

On motion the chairman appointed Mr. Close to confer with Freeholder Dunlop relative to bridge across the creek for the new road from Morristown.

It was also **resolved** to have the assessor notified to make the necessary assessment to pay the awards for damages for opening the roads.

Adjourned.

A complaint was made to the board of Health which asked that no night soil or manure be allowed dumped within the township limits after May 1. This was laid over for further consideration, and the meeting adjourned.

The Matawan Journal, April 18, 1891

Township Committee Meeting

A special meeting of the Township Committee was held in the Town Hall Saturday evening last. Messrs. Lisk, Close and Farry were present. On motion the clerk was required to draw plans and specifications for signboards and posts, to be placed at crossroads in this township. Bids to be opened April 18. By request of Township Committee J. C. Stemler, Overseer of District No. 1, and J. Kelly, Overseer of District No. 4 were present and handed in their bills for all work done in said Districts to date. Messrs. Kuhns and Burnham were not present. Mrs. Julia Sullivan requested the Township Committee to issue her a township deed for property bought at tax sale; the same was referred to counsel for consideration. Mr. John C. Stemler accepted the position of superintendent of roads west of Matawan, and Garret Hendrickson accepted a like position east side. Mr. Close moved to allow each superintendent \$50 a year, and the counsel was instructed to draw an agreement for superintendents to sign. Meeting adjourned to meet at 8 p. m. on Saturday, April 18.

The Matawan Journal, June 13, 1891
Township Committee Meeting

The usual monthly meeting of the Township Committee was held in the Town Hall Wednesday evening, Messrs. Lisk, Close and Farry being present. The following bills were presented and ordered paid:

Farry Brothers.....	\$52.34
Cartan & Devlin.....	144.00
George Linzmayer.....	26.00
D. C. Mealio.....	22.00
A. M. Lambertson.....	48.05
Pat Whalen.....	2.00

Mr. Close stated to the committee that Freeholder Dunlop objected to having the county bridge certain ravines and gullies along the new road and proposed instead to put in 30 inch iron culverts. If this was done Mr. Close said that the township would have to spend at least \$500 more in filling up the said gullies. The impression prevailed that the county could be compelled to bridge said gullies and upon motion Mr. Close was appointed committee to submit the matter to counsel for an opinion. The treasurer was authorized to pay off the men working on the new road every Saturday upon vouchers being presented properly endorsed by Superintendent Hendrickson and countersigned by two members of the committee.

Special Meeting

The special meeting called for last Saturday evening to receive proposals for contracting the building of the new road from the creek to its terminus was held at Farry Brother's store. All the members were present. Upon calling for bids it was found that no one

wanted the contract and it was thereupon decided to go on with the work as already begun.

The Matawan Journal, July 11, 1891
Township Committee Meeting

The Township Committee met in the Town Hall Wednesday evening. Present --- Messrs. Lisk, Close and Farry. Superintendent Hendrickson was also present.

Minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Close as committee on getting opinion of counsel as to piping the two gullies on the new road, reported that counsel advised waiting to see what action the Board of Freeholders would take. He also reported that Freeholder Dunlop had told him that the county would build a 45 foot bridge with a fifteen foot abutment over the gully between Mr. Mulhall and Mr. Little's farm, and would pipe the other gully.

A report was made that all the finger boards and post had been put in, and with one or two exceptions were reported as being perfectly satisfactory.

Bills of M. A. Fardon, \$3.00; Smith Bros., \$3.50; P. V. Hyer, \$7.37; P. C. Disbrow, \$10.20; B. F. S. Brown, \$11.70; D. E. Close, 60.00; Ben. E. Griggs, \$4.00, were received and ordered paid. Bills of Mary C. Ryer for rent of house and J. G. Conover & Co. for burial of Mary Keegan were referred to Overseer of Poor. Bill of W. A. Fountain ordered returned for correction.

Complaint was made by P. A. Calyer that the ditches were filled up on the road facing his property. Upon motion Superintendent Stemler was notified to have the ditches opened. Superintendent Hendrickson reported that the new road was about finished, or as much as could be done until the bridge and culvert was put in, and invited the Board to go over the road and see the condition of it. The Board accepted the invitation and fixed Thursday as the time for inspection.

Board adjourned.

Board of Health Meeting.

After the routine business of the Township Committee was finished the Township Board of Health was called to order. Present: Messrs. Lisk, Close, Farry and Dr. Knecht.

Assessor Bedle, the other member, was absent.

President Lisk stated that several complaints had been made to him of the offensive smells coming from the manure unloaded by Capt. Wells near the Gas house property, and also said that people living in that vicinity had been made sick by the stench arising from said manure. He further said that he and a township official visited the place and that he had examined the pile in several places and found that it was composed of horse manure, which had never been considered injurious to health.

Mr. Close, who lives in that section of the town, said there could be no question that the smells were offensive, but that he was willing to endure them if the farmers were to be benefited by the unloading at this time.

A. M. Lambertson appeared before the Board and said that there should be no objection on the part of the Board of Health to the unloading of horse manure and that if it was stopped it would be a detriment to the place; that the farmers had no other way of getting their fertilizer and that if you deprived them of the right the merchants might as well shut up shop, as they would not deal with them.

Dr. Knecht, the inspector, reported that he had visited the dumping place, but said it was not necessary to go to it to know that it was there, as the stench arising from it permeated the atmosphere along the public highway when the wind was in the right direction. He also said there was no question that the sickness of some of the residents was caused and aggravated by the foul air, while it had no effects on others; that the question of the health of the community was of more importance than that of driving away the farmers or closing up the stores, and he reported that the unloading of the manure was a nuisance. A motion was made and carried that the report be received.

Mr. Close then said that as a private citizen he was willing that the unloading should be continued, but as a member of the Board of Health he should vote to abate it and he then offered a motion that action be taken to abate the nuisance. The roll was called and Messrs. Knecht and Close voted in the affirmative and Lisk and Farry in the negative. The motion was declared lost.

A statement was then made that the attention of the State Board of Health would be directed to it with a view of having some action taken.

Meeting adjourned.

The Matawan Journal, Sept. 12, 1891
Township Committee Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Township Committee was held in the Town Hall Wednesday evening. Present—J. F. Lisk, C. E. Close.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid:

G. P. Clayton, \$11.45; Mrs. Ann Smith, \$18; A. H. Harris, \$50; J. G. Conover & Co., \$10; Garret Hendrickson, \$14.25; John Baird, \$15.

On motion of Mr. Close \$100 was ordered to be paid A. M. Lambertson on September 12 on account of bridge contract. Assessor Bedle was present and asked to know the amount of money necessary to be raised the coming year by taxation for township purposes. The sums of \$1,200 was ordered raised for poor; \$2,000 for roads and \$3,000 for the new road, making a total of \$6,200.

A complaint having been made that a nuisance existed at the town house, upon motion it was referred to overseer of poor with instructions to have it abated.

Meeting adjourned.

The Matawan Journal, Sept. 26, 1891
Township Committee Meeting.

A special meeting of the Township Committee was held in Edward Farry's store Wednesday night for the purpose of determining the amount necessary and providing a means of raising sufficient money to carry the township through the current year. After discussing for what purposes the money would be required it was decided to raise \$750 on a six month's note in the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank.

John Mulhall was present and stated to the Board that the overseer of his road district was removing clay from the ditches in front of his property and carting it along the road and dumping it in front of Mr. Hankinson's property. He objected to its being done, unless it was done under the sanction of the law. The committee were unable to give him any satisfaction, and the clerk was instructed to get a written opinion from the counsel.

The road to Texas from Charles Layton's corner is about to be fixed up, mostly by private subscriptions, and the Board decided to furnish 250 loads of gravel to be applied on the part in this township.

The question as to whether the county could be required to fix up the Holmdel turnpike was discussed and it was resolved to get counsel's opinion on it.

The new bridge was reported as being finished and the members of the committee were asked to visit it and see if the work was properly done. It was said to be a good piece of mechanical skill.

The Matawan Journal, Oct. 17, 1891 **Township Committee Meeting.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Township Committee was held in the Town Hall Wednesday evening. Present---Chairman Lisk, Farry and Close.

On motion reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

Mr. Stemler, Superintendent of Roads for the Western District presented his bill for work to date. On motion Mr. Stemler was paid \$250 on account of his bill, which amounted to \$390.62.

The township is the owner of a tool box and many tools used in working on the roads and as many of them are at present around in different places a motion was made and carried to have them all placed in charge of John Stemler. The understanding was that Mr. Stemler is not to make any charge for storage other than what is paid him for taking care of the Township scraper.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid:

John C. Stemler.....	\$10.00
Thomas Williams.....	1.25
Holmes V. Walling.....	1.10
T. I. Bedle.....	13.00
T. E. Shepherd.....	100.25
W. L. Van Brunt.....	5.69
Benj. Stryker.....	6.00

Bills of Garrett Hendrickson for \$20 and H. S. Little for \$50 were laid over.

Overseer of the Poor A. H. Harris was present and made the statement that the bills incurred for poor to date amounted to \$750.22 and of that sum \$188 had been used in the poor house, which included matron's salary but not rent of property. He called the

attention of the committee to the bad condition of the town house and said that needed repairs should be made before cold weather set in.

The committee instructed Mr. Harris to notify the owner of the premises to make needed repairs, and if not done to look for other quarters. Mr. Stemler said that he had been asked to take the Township scraper to Raritan and asked if there was any objections. On motion he was authorized to hire it out at \$3 per day and he to be responsible for all damages.

Mr. Farry said that he had been frequently asked what were the charges for carts in working on the new road. Treasurer Close gave him the information and upon motion the bills relating to same were ordered brought before the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

The Matawan Journal, March 19, 1892

THREE TIMES ORGANIZED

The Township Committee Upon Its Third Attempt Effects a Legal Organization.

Last week we stated that the Township Committee had met Friday morning and organized by the election of David G. Ryer chairman and Edward Farry treasurer, and that the balance of the proceedings would be given this week.

In making that promise we did not realize what an undertaking it would be, as there have been three settings of the committee before it was declared legally organized, and we do not now believe that our readers care to be burdened with a perusal of the entire proceedings, so we will give only a summary of the first proceedings, and a report of the legal ones.

FRIDAY—After the selection of the two officers first named the appointment of counsel was brought up by Mr. Close. He nominated Mr. Applegate. Mr. Ryer nominated Mr. Dayton. Mr. Farry when the vote was taken said “no counsel.” Mr. Close insisted on counsel and a second ballot resulted in Mr. Close and Mr. Farry voting as before, Mr. Ryer voting for Mr. Terhune. Mr. Ryer then moved that counsel only be employed in special cases, which was carried; Mr. Farry voting with him. The selection of a physician was then brought up. Mr. Ryer stated that he thought it no more than right that the two physicians should each have an office; that Dr. Knecht was now a member of the board of health at a salary of \$50 and that the township physician should be given to Dr. Jackson. A question was raised whether the two offices could be separated and it was decided to defer the appointment until they were satisfied on this point. The bonds of Treasurer Farry, Collector Hornor, Constable Disbrow and Overseer of the Poor Harris were offered and accepted. James Lambertson as commissioner of appeal was sworn in and John Stemler and William Burnham were elected road superintendents. William Brown’s bond as constable was offered, but no action was taken. The committee was in need of legal advice and upon motion J. P. Applegate was called in as temporary counsel. He soon discovered that the board had not been properly organized, as the result of the election had not been given to the clerk in legal shape. The board adjourned to meet in the evening.

EVENING—After the board had been properly organized by the clerk, Messrs. Ryer and Farry were re-elected to the offices of chairman and treasurer. For counsel Mr. Farry nominated H. S. Terhune and Mr. Close J. P. Applegate. Mr. Terhune was elected, but

when brought before the board declined the office on the ground that as he was already the counsel to the borough and as there were differences between the borough and the township he did not consider it proper to act in both capacities. He thanked the board for the appointment but declined. Mr. Applegate was then elected, Mr. Ryer voting for M. B. Taylor of Keyport.

Counsel's advice as to the appointment of township physician was asked, but he was not prepared to give it.

When the bond of William Brown was offered, Mr. Dayton asked to be heard in behalf of Constable Disbrow. He quoted the law of 1859, which allowed but one constable to this township in support of his claim that Mr. Brown was not legally elected to the office of constable. Mr. Applegate gave an opinion that the committee did not sit there as judges to determine whether there was a vacancy or not, but that it was their duty to say whether the bond was sufficient surety. He said the committee could not go beyond the returns of the election for the office.

The counsel's advice was not taken and the committee refused to accept the bond.

Counsel's opinion was asked on other questions, but he declined to give any more on the ground that it was useless as the committee would not accept the one already given.

An adjournment was taken to Monday night.

On Saturday it was found that notices of the result of the election had not been posted and the clerk was instructed to see that the law was complied with in that respect, which was done.

It was also learned on Monday that Mr. Rodgers had not been sworn in as township clerk, and counsel Applegate declared that the previous proceedings were invalid because of that oversight and advised a re-organization.

Mr. Ryer, being a new member of the board and altogether unfamiliar with the proceedings, engaged Mr. Dayton as his special counsel to see that the board was legally organized and give him such advice as he should ask for.

MONDAY NIGHT'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Town Hall was packed to its utmost and at 8 o'clock Clerk Rodgers announced that he was properly qualified to act as township clerk and proceeded to organize the board. He omitted to swear in Mr. Ryer and this was not noticed at that time.

Mr. Ryer was elected chairman and when nominations for treasurer were called there was a long pause. Mr. Close stated as no nominations had been made within the board he would nominate Collector Hornor. Mr. Farry was then nominated by Mr. Ryer and he was elected, Mr. Close not voting.

Mr. Applegate was nominated by Mr. Farry for counsel and seconded by Mr. Close, and elected by the vote of all the members of the committee. Counsel's salary was fixed at \$25, although Mr. Close offered an amendment to make it \$50.

Bond of Edward Farry as treasurer, in the sum of \$1,000, was offered. The bond had been prepared for acceptance on March 11, and counsel was asked if it would invalidate the bond to change the date without a reacknowledgment. By advice a new bond was prepared and executed and then accepted.

Collector James H. Hornor's renewal bond, in the sum of \$10,000, and with J. H. Farry, W. Miller, R. W. Dayton, L. Cartan, E. A. Dunn, J. H. Van Schoick, A. Longstreet, J.

Lambertson, S. Hornor, J. H. Hornor and W. A. Dunlop was offered, accepted and ordered filed with the County Clerk.

Bond of Constable P. C. Disbrow, with F. Lupton, R. W. Dayton, L. Cartan, W. Miller and W. Zimmermann was security was accepted.

Overseer of the Poor A. H. Harris' bond for \$500 was accepted and Mr. Harris sworn in. Mr. Harris' salary was fixed at \$100 for overseer and steward.

The bond of William Brown as constable was presented. Counsel was asked his opinion upon the right of the board to accept it. He replied in effect as above stated, to which Mr. Dayton made reply in opposition to the counsel. A motion was made to accept the bond, but not being seconded no action was taken.

For township physician, Dr. Knecht and Dr. Jackson were nominated. The former was voted for by Messrs. Ryer and Close and the latter by Mr. Farry. The salary was made \$50.

The salary of township clerk was next brought up. Mr. Farry moved that it be \$75, the same as last year. Mr. Close moved to raise it to \$100, while Mr. Ryer amended to \$87.50. Mr. Farry accepted Mr. Ryer's amendment and the salary was fixed at \$87.50. Mr. Close offered a motion that \$25 additional be paid to counsel, but it did not prevail. Mr. Farry moved that the salary of the committeemen be \$2 a day, as fixed by law. Mr. Ryer seconded it and it was carried by their votes, Mr. Close not voting. Heretofore the salary was \$30, and under this motion, if no special meetings are held, there will be a saving to the taxpayers.

On motion of Mr. Farry the treasurer's salary was fixed at \$40.

The appointment of road superintendents was laid over and clerk was instructed to notify the old superintendents to continue in office until further notice.

On motion it was **resolved** that the regular meetings be on the second Saturday in each month at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Applegate's law office was fixed as the place at an annual rental of \$15.

The question of fixing the money for road purposes was discussed. Counsel was appealed to for advice and he said that the money from licenses could not be used until after the expiration of the year. He stated, also, that he was not sure that he was right and would look into the question further. No action was taken and the meeting adjourned.

WEDNESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

This meeting was called by order of Chairman Ryer upon the discovery that he was not technically a member of the board, as he had nor been sworn in after the clerk had qualified to perform his duties.

All the members were present and after the minutes were approved Mr. Dayton, as special counsel of the chairman, asked to be heard in his capacity as special counsel. He read a communication from Counsel Applegate to Clerk Rodgers complaining that the special counsel in the previous meeting had given advice which was not legal and suggested that more special counsel be employed. It also said that the neglect to swear in Mr. Ryer was a most serious error and advised that it be done at once.

Mr. Dayton read an opinion which was in effect that the previous meeting was legally qualified to transact business.

Mr. Applegate, as counsel, was asked his opinion and stated that he agreed with Mr. Dayton. He also said that at the previous meeting after he was elected counsel the board ignored him entirely and acted upon advice given by special counsel. Mr. Farry took exception to this and said that he had asked his opinion on several questions, but could get no reply.

Counsel then gave opinion that all bonds be filed with the county clerk. On the road appropriation question his opinion was that the license fees can be used for township purposes at any time.

Mr. Close offered a **resolution** that the money to be used in making and repairing roads be appropriated from the license fees and from surplus and ways and means accounts, said amount not to exceed \$1,000, exclusive of gravel bills. Messrs. Ryer and Close voted for it and Mr. Farry against it.

Counsel was asked if Matawan was entitled to more than one constable, and he replied no.

Motion to reconsider the **resolution** of previous meeting as to meeting place was carried and a motion prevailed to offer the (*Matawan Borough*) commissioners \$15 for use of Town Hall. Mr. Ryer was appointed committee to notify the commissioners.

On motion of Mr. Close it was decided to pay bills only at regular meetings. This was objected to by Mr. Farry, but he was outvoted.

After the meeting an attempt to organize the board of health was made, but by advice of counsel was laid over.

The Matawan Journal, May 21, 1892 **Township Committee Meeting, May 14, 1892**

The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held in the Town Hall, Saturday evening (May 14). All the members were present. After roll call the minutes were read and approved.

John P. Hyer, superintendent of Road District No.1, was present and submitted his report up to date. He furnished the clerk with a list of township tools in his possession. Mr. Hyer was directed to gravel the road near Van Pelt's hill. Other parts of his district were reported as needing some attention, but there was no immediate hurry for it.

John Mulhall made a report of District No.4. He reported some of the roads required gravel, particularly a piece on the Morristown road between W. E. Arrowsmith and Mr. Hankinson; ordered to put 50 loads of gravel on it. He also reported that the part of the new Morristown road near Mr. Little's place needed ditching and fixing. Mr. Close was appointed to see what was required and have it done. Mr. Close offered a motion that 100 loads of gravel be put on it and the bank slabbed for about fifty feet, to prevent further landslides. Mr. Farry objected to putting any further expense on the road, as there had already been too much money spent on it. Mr. Ryer seconded the motion and it was carried.

On motion of Mr. Close, Chairman Ryer was made a committee to confer with Borough to fix Atlantic Avenue.

Counsel Applegate gave a verbal opinion on the Atlantic Avenue road question.

Mr. Ryer then offered a motion that counsel give a written opinion on the rights of the township to expend moneys on Atlantic Avenue; carried.

Mr. Farry offered a motion that the Collector be instructed to pay back the taxes illegally collected on the new Morristown road; seconded by Mr. Close and carried unanimously. Mr. Close stated that only sufficient money should be added to the budget in making up the assessment as is allowed by law and not to put on \$2,000 as was done last year. The question of how much money to raise for this year was discussed. The appropriations voted amounted to \$2,700 and the unpaid notes of \$2,250 and interest for about a year was said to be the money necessary to be raised. Counsel's opinion was asked as to how the assessor should be instructed to assess the money for the roads and it was decided to have a special meeting next Saturday evening in J. P. Applegate's office to get an opinion.

A small piece of Road was ordered changed from Road District No.1 to Road District No.2.

Counsel Applegate handed a copy of the deeds and surveys of the new Morristown road and asked that they be spread upon the minutes. On motion the request was complied with.

Mr. Applegate read his opinion upon the question of assessor's fees submitted to him. It was adverse to the payment of the \$49.70 to Assessor Bedle for making the special road assessment last year. Received and placed on file.

Mr. Ryer stated that inasmuch as the assessor was not entitled to his fees that the collector having received his fees some time ago should pay them back, and a motion prevailed that the clerk notify the collector to do so.

The following bills were ordered paid:

- George Linzmayer, Jr.....**
- John P. Hyer.....**
- F. c. Bedle.....**
- Edward Farry & Co.....**
- J. P. Applegate.....**
- Borough Commissioners.....**
- John H. Farry.....**
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The bill of J. H. Farry was for \$27 entertainment of committee of Board of Freeholders and caused a long discussion. Mr. Ryer was favorable to paying one third of it out of his own pocket if the other members would agree to do the same. Mr. Close and Mr. Farry would not agree to that proposition. Mr. Close thought that \$15 would be sufficient for the township to pay and offered a motion to that effect several times before it was seconded. Mr. Farry thought the bill was proper as the committee came here by invitation and it was no more than right that the township should pay the bill as rendered. After spending three-quarters of an hour in discussing it Mr. Ryer seconded Mr. Close's motion to offer Mr. Farry \$15 in settlement of the bill, and it was carried by their votes.

Counsel Applegate's bill was for services rendered and expenses paid in getting the Board of Freeholders to accept the approaches to two of the county bridges in this township. It was considered moderate and the committee voted as a unit to pay the bill.

In relation to the delinquent taxes the Collector and Justice of the Peace were to be notified to have an alias tax warrant issued and then the collection of back taxes would begin, by process of law if necessary.

Mr. Close offered a resolution that the thanks of the committee be tendered to Freeholder Dunlop and Counsel Applegate for services rendered in inducing the Board of Freeholders to take the ownership to the approaches on the new Morristown road and to the Cliffwood drawbridge. Carried.
Adjourned for one week.

The Matawan Journal, May 28, 1892
Township Committee Meeting, May 21, 1892

The special meeting of Township Committee in Lawyer Applegate's office on Saturday evening to hear decisions of counsel on certain questions submitted to him was attended by the full board.

Mr. Applegate read the law passed last winter to aid the township committee in paying the notes for building the new Morristown road. It is as follows:

“That it shall be lawful for the township committee of any township to order raised by taxation in same manner as other township moneys are raised, and for the assessor to assess the same, a sum sufficient to pay the principal and interest of any promissory note or notes given prior to the year 1892 by order of the township committee, and signed by the township committee and chairman thereof, for moneys borrowed for use of the township, and such money when raised shall be applied to the payment of such notes.”

The question was raised if new notes were given to pay the other old ones whether this law would cover it. Mr. Wardell was present and he said he was willing for the notes to remain as they are and then no chances would be taken as to their payment.

Collector Hornor was present at the request of the committee in reference to paying back the illegal assessment. He said he was willing to repay the money back as soon as received a release from the borough, as they had notified him not to pay it over. He also wanted the action in the supreme court discontinued, because if this was carried through it would place him in a bad position. He said it would take a week or so to get the books in readiness before he could begin the repayment. He was assured that matters would be arranged to his satisfaction before he was ready to disburse the money.

In the report of the meeting held last week the sum of \$49 was said to be the amount due Assessor Bedle as his fees on the special road assessment of last year. Mr. Hornor explained that \$31.74 was the cost of that assessment and the balance was for assessing the tax in the fire district.

The amount of the notes due and unpaid and the interest up to march next was \$2,383.59.

Mr. Hornor was asked what per cent should be added in order to get the full amount of the notes. He said that last year about 7.5% was added. It was finally concluded only to order the exact amount raised, so that there would be no chance for the taxpayers to refuse to pay their taxes. Counsel Applegate said that the assessment to pay the notes should be a special one which authorizes payment.

Mr. Close offered a motion that the assessor be ordered to the sum of \$2383.59 to pay notes and interest due on same given prior to 1892 and signed by the Township Committee; also \$1500 for Ways and Means and \$1200 for Poor, being the amounts ordered raised by the town meeting; and that he add a sum not to exceed 10 per cent to

meet contingencies as permitted by law. Seconded by Mr. Farry and carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Hornor stated that Knickerbocker Lodge and Fireman's Relief Association refused to pay their taxes on the ground of their being charitable organizations. The question was submitted to counsel for an opinion whether they were exempt or not. The question of the collection of poll taxes was brought up. Counsel said that if the delinquents refuse to pay you take the body. He read the law upon the subject. Mr. Farry moved that the township proceed to collect these taxes; seconded by Mr. Close and carried unanimously.

Mr. Farry offered a motion that the assessor be instructed to place a description of all properties upon his duplicate; carried.

Mr. Applegate read the following opinion on the right of the committee to expend moneys on the Atlantic Avenue road:

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The Matawan Journal, June 18, 1892
Township Committee Meeting, June 11, 1892

The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held in the Town Hall on Saturday evening. The full board was in attendance. The minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

Mr. Close reported that it would require about sixty feet of bulkheading along Mr. Little's place on the new Morristown road in order to prevent further washouts.

Bill of Supt. Hyer for work on Road District No.1, of \$25.11 was ordered paid.

Mr. Close said that under a previous resolution the road overseers were paid \$1.50 for their day's work and he moved to amend the bill of Mr. Hyer by making the charge \$1.50 for work done by himself. Mr. Farry said that the resolution was passed by the old board and was not in force at the present time. A spirited discussion ensued over a motion giving the increased 25 cents per day to the overseers, and was finally carried, Ryer and Close voting in favor and Farry against. Mr. Hyer's bill was then increased to \$25.48 to correspond with the resolution and it was passed.

Supt. Kuhns of Road District No.3 was present and reported a washout near Mulcahy's hotel. The trunk had rotted out and he suggested that a pipe be put in its place. Mr. Kuhns was instructed to secure 12 to 14 inch pipe and put it in good condition. The piece of road from the school house to the station was reported as needing clay gravel and that perhaps 400 or 500 loads would be required. On motion \$75 if necessary was ordered spent in fixing up that road.

Mr. Close offered a motion that Mr. Burnham be instructed to repair Atlantic Avenue at a cost to the township not exceeding \$25; carried. Mr. Close and Mr. Farry were appointed to see that the work was done properly.

Clerk Rodgers handed the tax warrant to the board, saying that it had been given to the Constable, who had returned it because he did not think it was properly drawn. On motion the warrant was referred to counsel and if he says it is properly drawn a special meeting will be held to determine in whose hands the warrant shall be placed.

The \$15 proffered to Mr. J. H. Farry in payment of his bill of \$27 for entertainment of committee of freeholders was returned. Mr. Ryer made the statement that counsel was

instructed not to exceed \$15 for the expense of the dinner, and Mr. Close said he also understood that that was the amount. No action was taken on the bill, Mr. Ryer stating that he will try and see Mr. Farry and have it fixed up.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid:

T. L. Peterson, poor orders.....	\$45.06
Geo. Cooper, laying out new road, etc.....	9.75
John T. Haight, filing bonds.....	32
Wm. Van Brunt, stage hire.....	3.00
Peter V. Hyer, milk for poor house, etc.....	10.28
Mrs. Ann Smith, matron of poor house	12.00
M. A. Fardon, groceries for poor house	14.49

Adjourned,

The Matawan Journal, July 16, 1892
Township Committee Meeting, July 9, 1892

The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held in the Town Hall on Saturday evening. Present - Chairman Ryer, Farry and Close.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Superintendent Hyer of Road District No.1 was present and said that the people were complaining about the bushes along the Lloyd Road, and he was instructed to have the road from Ackerson's corner to the Holmdel Turnpike trimmed up. He also reported that part of the Holmdel Turnpike needed graveling and the committee agreed that this road should be kept in good condition. The committee told Mr. Hyer that he could have all the gravel he required, but desired him to see if some of the farmers could not aid him in carting. He was instructed to make such repairs as necessary in fixing up small jobs without waiting and reporting to the committee.

Mr. Close stated that George Craig had been to him and asked the Township Committee to take steps to compel John Collins to erect a line fence between him and Craig, as Craig had built his part and Collins refused to do his part. Both Mr. Ryer and Mr. Farry knew nothing of the law on the subject. After talking the matter over Mr. Close offered a motion that Mr. Collins be notified to have the line fence built, which was seconded by Mr. Ryer and the motion was carried.

The tax warrant was returned by Mr. Disbrow who said that he could not distinguish the real from the personal tax and he could not proceed. On motion it was referred back to Collector Hornor for correction.

In reference to Mr. Farry's bill for entertainment of Freeholders, etc., Mr. Ryer stated that he had not seen Mr. Farry but had come to the conclusion that Mr. Farry had furnished the goods and ought to be paid for them; that he had done it innocently and should not suffer for it. Inasmuch as the Borough had paid its share of the bill he was now favorable to the Township paying the amount claimed. He said, however, that in the future more care should be taken in bills of this character.

Superintendent Mulhall, of Road District No.4, was present and handed in a bill for \$65.96 for work on new Morristown road. Mr. Farry asked Mr. Close if he furnished two teams on that road to which an affirmative reply. Mr. Farry asked if his teams were not

driven by boys and Mr. Close said that he had sent one boy and a man. Mr. Farry objected to paying a boy a man's wages with a team, the price being \$3 for a man and team, but not for a boy and team. Mr. Close stated that all he wanted was what was right. If his boy and team earned \$3 he wanted it and left it to the superintendent, who said he had done as much as any of the other teams. Mr. Ryer stated that he thought a good boy could do as much work as some men and he was favorable to the bill being paid. A motion to pay the bill failed to pass on the first ballot, Mr. Ryer voting yes, Mr. Farry no, and Mr. Close refusing to vote. Mr. Mulhall paid Mr. Close for his teams and then the bill was again brought up and passed by the votes of Ryer and Close, Farry voting no. Mr. Ryer then told Mr. Mulhall to avoid further trouble by hiring men instead of boys. Taxed bill of costs for \$30.82 in the case of James Lambertson, et als., against Collector Hornor was ordered paid. This is the suit which was brought to have the special road assessment declared illegal, but which was discontinued after the committee had ordered the money to be refunded to those who had paid their tax. Bill of Charles E. Close, for taking the school census in four districts in the township for \$28.60 was ordered paid. The bill of Mr. Farry for \$27 was brought up. Mr. Close said he could not vote for paying the bill, but would chip in toward settling it. Mr. Ryer then moved that the bill be paid and it was carried, Mr. Close voting no. The following additional bills were ordered paid:

John Mulhall for posts.....	\$8.40
Mrs. J. W. Suydam, gravel.....	10.00

Adjourned to Saturday evening, July 16, at Mr. Applegate's office to consider the tax warrant.

The Matawan Journal, September 17, 1892
Township Committee Meeting, September 10, 1892

The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held in Counsel Applegate's office on Saturday evening. The full board was present, together with Counsel. The minutes of the regular and special meetings were read. Before their adoption Mr. Farry objected to the approval of the minutes of the meeting on August 20. In these minutes it appeared that William Winterton had been elected special tax collector on the vote of Chairman Ryer, both Mr. Farry and Mr. Close refusing to vote. Mr. Farry asked Counsel's opinion as to the legality of the election, and he said in consideration of the subsequent action of the committee in accepting the bond that it was all right. Upon that decision the minutes were approved.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid:

John Mulhall, Road Supt	\$16.25
Edward Farry & Co	6.00
T. E. Shepherd	103 .25
H. P. Lisk	10.42
P. J. Whelan	12 .25
A. H. Harris	50. 00
M. A. Fardon.....	13 .46

Ben. E. Griggs 90. 00

Supt. Hyer reported a bridge near James Van Brakle as needing repairs and he was authorized to attend to it. He also reported gravel needed in some places in his district. He was given 150 loads of gravel for the Holmdel Turnpike and was instructed to have it done by October 1.

Chief Jesse Sickels came before the board and asked to know something about the deed to the Engine House property, as it belonged to the township. He said it was not recorded and he had looked all over for it, but could not find anything about it. Mr. Sickels was told that the committee would look it up and let him know about it by next month.

The bill of Rens. W. Dayton, which was laid over at a present meeting, was again brought up. It was for costs and services in the suit of James Lambertson, et als., in the suit against Collector Hornor. On motion it was referred to counsel, who said that if Mr. Dayton had not been authorized to attend to the case by the committee in session that the township was not liable. On motion the Clerk was instructed to search the minutes for anything bearing on this claim, and the bill was laid over one month.

Overseer of the Poor Harris sent a communication to the board in which he stated that poor orders had been issued for about \$650, which was about \$50 in excess of last years expenditures at this time. The communication was ordered filed.

Special Tax Collector Winterton was present and reported the receipt of \$170. On motion he was instructed to turn over all moneys to the township treasurer, taking his receipt therefore.

Mr. Mulhall asked for 60 loads of gravel to finish the Morristown road, and it was given to him. He also asked for gravel on the new Morristown road, saying that he could get the farmers to cart it. When asked as to the number of loads he needed he said he thought 500 would be sufficient. Mr. Farry thought 250 ought to answer, while Mr. Close moved for 400 loads. Mr. Ryer told Mr. Close that he thought he was interested in that road and he said that 250 or 300 loads ought to do. A motion prevailed that 300 loads be given by the township, and the labor of three shovelers.

Township Board of Health Meeting, Sept. 10, 1892

The Township Board of Health held a meeting after the session of the Township Committee on Saturday evening, at which Messrs. Close, Ryer, Farry and Bedle were present.

Mr. Close stated the other townships were taking precautions against the invasions of cholera and asked if this township would take any steps in the matter. Matawan has about two miles of shore front which should be looked after. Mr. Ryer made a motion that the board would ratify any steps within reason that the inspector might take.

Mr. Edward Taylor asked the board if he could be heard for a moment, and assent being given he told of the precaution taken along the shore from the Highlands to Keyport, and also how some of the residents along the shore had picked up bedding, etc., and taken it to their homes, but were afterward compelled to have it burned. He urged promptness in looking after the shore front of this township.

Nothing further coming up the meeting adjourned.

The Matawan Journal, October 15, 1892
Township Committee Meeting, October 8, 1892

The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held in the Town Hall on Saturday evening. Present - Chairman Ryer, Farry and Close.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Superintendent Mulhall reported that he had not graveled the new Morristown road, but had fixed up the other Morristown road as directed. He presented a bill for \$37.12 which was ordered paid.

Superintendent Burnham had no bill to present and said that he had not carted any gravel yet for the reason that he did not know where to get it, as the banks from which it was usually taken were exhausted.

Superintendent Hyer presented a bill for \$82.75 for work done in his district and it was ordered paid. He said that it yet required about 250 loads of gravel to put his district in good shape. He said he had put on 108 loads of gravel.

The following additional bills were ordered paid.

P. V. Hyer	\$8.85
William Hopkins upon order of Board of Health	32.50
B. F. S. Brown	14 .50
L. S. Emmons	5 .00

The bill of Rens. W. Dayton for defending Collector Hornor in the suit of James Lambertson, et als., which was laid over last month was again brought up. Mr. Dayton was present and made a statement of the authorization by the Collector to him as counsel for the township and also by members of the committee. He said that the township committee had willingly paid the bill of costs of the persons who were fighting the township at its first presentation and that the bill for defending the collector had been laid over from time to time. He also said that the committee had not only paid the taxed bill for costs but had paid for Mr. Applegate's services in prosecuting the claim against the township. Mr. Ryer desired to have the bill again laid over as he wanted to see Mr. Lisk, the old member of the board, and Collector Hornor before acting. Mr. Farry had no knowledge of the services performed as he was not spoken to concerning it, but he was ready to act upon it when brought up. Mr. Close said he was ready to vote on the bill if brought up for action. A motion was carried to lay it over until next meeting, but was reconsidered. Mr. Close stated he had particular reasons why he would not make a motion to bring it before the committee whereupon Mr. Farry moved the bill be paid and all the members voted in its favor.

Special Collector Winterton reported the receipt of \$41.48, and said he would have had more but for the article in a previous issue of the *Journal*.

Chairman Ryer stated that, as the local press had taken exception to the action of the committee in appointing William Winterton a special collector, he had obtained a legal opinion as to the legality of the appointment. It was from Counselor M. B. Taylor, of Keyport and to the effect that the appointment, although voted for by but one member of the committee, was legal as the other members were present and by their silence indicated that they did not object to the election. Mr. Taylor stated that he could not find any legal authority for his decision, although he cited a case where there were two

members, a minority, voting on a question, the others refraining from voting, and that the action of the minority was sustained in the upper courts.

Overseer of the Poor Harris stated that an inmate of the Poor House would relieve the township of further maintenance if the committee would pay the sum of \$15 to get the person to friends in North Carolina. The overseer was instructed to draft a bill for \$15, which upon motion was ordered paid, the understanding being that the money was not to be paid until the charge was safely on the journey.

Clerk Rodgers reported that he had examined the records of the township to find something about the engine house property, and all that he could find was an entry in 1874 of \$200 due H. S. Little for lot. On motion of Mr. Farry the counsel was instructed to get a deed from Mr. Little, as counsel stated that Mr. Terhune had said if the deed was lost there would be no trouble about securing another.

The Matawan Journal, November 19, 1892
Township Committee Meeting, November 8, 1892

The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held in the Town Hall on Saturday evening. All the members were present.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Stemler made request for the use of the road scraper for Raritan Township at the same price as last year. On motion the request was granted, with the proviso that he should go with it himself and pay \$3 to the township for its use.

Reports from the road overseers were called for. Mr. Mulhall said he had not got all the gravel on his road but wanted to get it finished up soon. He presented his bill for the past month amounting to \$23.24, and the same was ordered paid.

Superintendent Burnham reported that he had carted 145 loads of gravel on the roads in his district and he said the roads in his district now were in good condition. His bill of \$89.51 was ordered paid

Superintendent Hyer presented his bill to date, \$17.90, and it was ordered paid. His roads were reported as being in excellent condition, with the exception of one place near Mt. Pleasant.

Superintendent Kuhns presented his bill for work to date. It amounted to \$120.57 and was ordered paid. He reported that his roads were also in good shape.

The following additional bills were ordered paid:

E. Farry & Co., coal	\$11.00
Ann Smith, poorhouse supplies.....	4.50
E. I. Brown, clothing for poor.....	8.65
Ann Smith, matron of poor house	25.00
J. B. Woolley, six months rent of house.....	18.00

Special Collector Winterton reported the collection of \$85 on account of delinquent taxes. Mr. Ryer asked if there was any of it for personal taxes, and he replied very little.

Mr. Ryer thought that something should be done to collect the personal taxes. Mr. Winterton told how it was brought about at Keyport, but the committee did not think well of it. They instructed Mr. Winterton to take the first man he comes to who refuses to pay and the committee would stand by him.

Fred Craig came before the board and made complaint that Mr. Collins, his neighbor, did not have the line fence built yet, and asked to know what the committee would do about it. The board was unable to satisfy Mr. Craig, but referred the question to counsel. He was instructed to attend the next meeting when the counsel's opinion would be had.

Township Board of Health Meeting

After the adjournment of the Township Committee the Board of Health held a meeting. Dr. Knecht was present with the other members of the committee.

Mr. Close stated that a boat load of poudrette was unloaded on the Hart property and that another boat load was at the mouth of the creek. He asked Dr. Knecht, the inspector, if he knew anything about its being detrimental to health.

The doctor stated that many contagious diseases were prevalent in the cities, which it was possible to spread about through the agency of the poudrette, and that it was dangerous to health. He said that it was necessary to protect the lives of the people, but he did not want to oppress the farmer. He desired the members of the board to express themselves upon the subject.

Mr. Close stated that it was very offensive to him and that people frequently made complaint to him concerning it. He also said that he had seen District Deputy Mitchell, of the state Board of Health, and he had advised prompt steps be taken to stop the nuisance, and promised his assistance if necessary.

Mr. Ryer thought it would be a good plan if it could be carted away from the boat, without first being thrown out and then carted away.

Mr. Close wanted the board to settle whether the next boat would be permitted to be unloaded.

Mr. Farry stated that he was favorable to protecting the farmer in securing their fertilizer by having them get it here in preference to going several miles for it.

The inspector thought it was detrimental to public health to remain where it is, and as much so if carted away. The germs are there no matter where the material is.

President Close offered a motion that the further unloading or dumping of poudrette or nightsoil within the limits of the township be prohibited. Mr. Ryer seconded the motion and put the question. The motion prevailed, Messrs. Close, Ryer and Knecht voting for it, and Mr. Farry against.

Adjourned.

The Matawan Journal, December 17, 1892 **Township Committee Meeting, December 10, 1892**

The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held in the Town Hall on Saturday evening. All the members were present.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The reports of the road overseers were called for. Superintendent Mulhall reported that all the roads in his district had been scraped but one and were in good shape. His bill for \$41.27 was ordered paid.

Counsel Applegate was asked to give his opinion relating to the line fence question between George Craig and John Collins. He told Mr. Craig that if he knew the line to give Mr. Collins notice and if he did not put it up to put it up himself and make Mr. Collins pay for it; that if he didn't know the line to call out the Township Committee who would fix it and he could put the fence up and collect the same by suit if necessary. Clerk Rodgers was instructed to put in writing the opinion of the Counsel and give Mr. Craig a copy of it.

James Kelley complained before the committee that Mr. J. W. Felter had a tile drain which emptied on his land and wanted to know what he should do. He was advised that the committee had nothing to do with it and that he should bring a civil action to remedy the matter.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid:

James Kelly, gravel.....	\$2.20
John Mulhall, posts.....	1.60
Cornelius Lambertson, gravel.....	20.40
John E. Kuhns, gravel.....	27. 00
Watson Stillwaggon, gravel.....	7.50
T. L. Peterson, poor orders.....	22.00
T. L. Peterson, poor orders town house.....	24.67
E. Farry & Co., poor orders.....	4.25

Superintendent Burnham reported that he had done but little work and had no bill. He said the hill near Peter Crawley's wanted fixing and he was authorized to do it.

Counsel was authorized to draw a tax warrant to sell real estate. The counsel said it was necessary to advertise by the 20th inst., or the taxes would be outlawed.

Special Collector Winterton handed \$76.09 to Treasurer Farry as having been collected since last meeting.

The Matawan Journal, January 15, 1893
Township Committee Meeting, January 8, 1893

The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held in the Town Hall on Saturday evening. Present - Chairman D. G. Ryer, E. Farry and C. E. Close. Clerk Rodgers was in attendance as usual.

Minutes of regular meeting were read and approved and the reading of those of special meeting dispensed with.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid:

John Mulhall, work on roads.....	\$4.57
John P. Heyer “ “ “	5.30
Holmes Stillwell, sand.....	1.12
Ten Eyck Conover & Bro., gravel.....	1.50
William Burnham, work on roads.....	16.60
J. P. Tilton, gravel.....	14.50
John E. Kuhns, Jr., work on roads.....	34.28
Dunn, Dunlop & Co., pipe.....	16.50
W. D. Bailey, glass for poor house.....	1.50

M. A. Fardon, poor house supplies..... 14.02
 Mrs. Ann Smith, matron of poor house..... 17.00
 J. H. Roberts, poor house supplies..... 6.00
 Overseer of the Poor Harris sent a communication to the Board stating that the appropriation voted by the people was about exhausted and asked the Committee for instructions as to what he should do in the future.
 Mr. Close offered a motion that the matter be referred to counsel for immediate investigation.
 Treasurer Farry reported the receipt of \$6 for rent of house owned by township. The well was reported as needing repairs and Mr. Farry was appointed to look after it.
 Special Collector Winterton made report of some of the delinquent taxpayers and handed in \$76.58 as having been collected since last meeting.
 Committee adjourned to meet on February 11, at 10 o'clock, when all bills against the township are expected to be presented.

The Matawan Journal, March 18, 1893
The Township Committee Organizes.

The Township Committee met at 10 o'clock this Friday morning in the Town Hall for organization. It is composed of D. G. Ryer and Isaac T. Rue, Republicans, and Edward Farry, Democrat. Clerk Rodgers called the meeting to order and the board organized by the election of D. G. Ryer as chairman and Edward Farry treasurer. The further proceedings of the meeting will be given next week.

The Matawan Journal, August 19, 1893
Township Committee Meeting, August 12, 1893

The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held in the law office of Counselor Applegate Saturday Evening. The full board was present, viz.: Chairman D. G. Ryer, Treasurer Edward Farry and I. T. Rue. Clerk Rodgers was in his accustomed place and Overseer of the Poor Sickles was there to give such information pertaining to his charges as desired.

After the formality of reading and approving minutes of the previous meeting had been gone through with the following bills were read and ordered paid:

Mrs. Mary E. Smith, care of Miss Lizzie.....	\$5.00
Mrs. J. Weevie, board for Mrs. F. Weevie.....	5.00
Jesse S. Sickels, money advanced.....	4.50
M. A. Fardon, groceries.....	15.00
W. A. Fountain, for grave, etc.....	5.00
J. G. Conover, for burying a Pole.....	10.00
T. L. Peterson, groceries.....	32.21
Ann Smith, Matron Poor House.....	19.50
F. C. Bedle, vital statistics.....	16.80

Benj. Stryker, work on Stewart's hill..... 9.50

There was some talk about having an alias warrant issued for the collection of delinquent taxes on real estate, after which a resolution was passed to meet the following Tuesday to go over the Assessor's duplicate and make such suggestions and alterations in his figures as would seem to them proper. The Collector was also notified to meet with them. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Special Meeting, August 15, 1893

The special meeting of the committee on Tuesday was attended by Messrs. Farry and Rue. Collector Hornor and Assessor Bedle were also present.

The assessor's duplicate was examined and it was not found necessary to make any changes in it as presented. Several hours were spent in going over it in order that the work might be properly done.

The Matawan Journal, September 16, 1893 **Township Committee Meeting, September 9, 1893**

The meeting was held in J. P. Applegate's law office, Saturday evening, September 9, with D. G. Ryer in the chair. Edward Farry was the other committeeman present. After the approval of the minutes of previous meetings, a bill of J. B. Woolley for Mrs. C. Van Pelt's rent allowance for 3 months amounting to \$18, was ordered paid.

The clerk was ordered by the committee to request Superintendent W. V. Clark to have plank put between the rails of the Freehold R. R. where a public road crosses it near the Ryer farm. It was decided to have a special meeting at the same place on Saturday evening, September 16, to hear Special Tax Collector Winterton's report on his collection of back taxes. Counsel is to be present, also road superintendents to report as to the condition of roads in their districts and to get orders relative to further road-work.

The Matawan Journal, March 24, 1894

...At the meeting of the Township Committee last Friday the several officers were sworn in and handed in their bonds, which were accepted. The Township Board of Health was organized in the afternoon by the election of J. E. Kuhns, Jr., as chairman. Dr. Knecht was elected inspector at a salary of \$50 a year and J. P. Applegate counsel at a salary of \$10 a year. The law office of Mr. Applegate will continue to be the meeting place.

The Matawan Journal, March 23, 1895

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE **A Report of the First day's Session of the New Committee.**

The meeting of the Township Committee was held at J. P. Applegate's office on Friday last and called to order at 10 a. m. by the clerk, who had administered the oath of office to Committeeman P. J. Devlin. All the committee was present.

The selection of chairman being in order Mr. Rue nominated Mr. Kuhns, and he was unanimously elected. Upon taking the chair he briefly thanked the committee for the honor conferred and said he would fill the office to the best of his judgment. Mr. Devlin nominated Mr. Rue for treasurer, and he was also unanimously elected.

Collector James H. Hornor presented a renewal bond in the sum of \$10,000. The same was accepted and approved.

Overseer of Poor Jesse S. Sickles presented his bond in the sum of \$500, and it was accepted and approved and he was sworn in. His salary was fixed at \$100.

Treasurer Rue presented his bond in the sum of \$500, and it was also accepted and approved.

On motion of Mr. Rue it was **resolved** to appoint the following road superintendents: John P. Hyer, for District No. 1; William Burnham for District No. 2; Christopher Winter for District No. 3; and John Mulhall for District No. 4. The salary of each superintendent of roads was fixed at \$20.

It was **resolved** to allow for teams and man to work on roads per day of ten hours, \$3; for man alone, \$1.25; and not to exceed 10c per load of 2,000 pounds for gravel.

The salary of each committeeman was fixed as allowed by law at \$2 per meeting, the treasurer's salary at \$40, and clerk's at \$100.

On motion of Mr. Rue Dr. A. J. Jackson was appointed as township physician for the ensuing year, and it was **resolved** to fix his salary at \$50, which includes services and medicine for the poor.

Mr. Devlin moved, as the treasurer has no funds in hand appropriated to ways and means account to pay bills due against said account, for the clerk to notify the collector to turn over to the committee a sufficient amount if he has it to pay bills due against said account. The collector upon notice turned over to the treasurer a sufficient amount to meet the demands.

A **resolution** was adopted to hold regular meetings on the first Saturday evening of each month, and to pay no bills only at regular meetings.

William W. Winterton, who was elected constable for Matawan township in March, 1893, tendered his resignation as constable and special collector as he had moved out of the township. It was accepted by the committee. Mr. Rue moved, inasmuch as the office of constable for Matawan township was vacant, to appoint Richard P. Van Brackle to that office for the unexpired term. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Mr. Van Brackle was notified of his appointment and came before the committee and accepted it and gave a bond in the amount of \$500 as constable, which was also accepted and approved by the committee. Mr. Van Brackle also took the oath of office.

It was **resolved** for the treasurer to purchase a book in which to keep his accounts, the same to be the property of the township. Bills in the amount of \$292.74 were ordered paid.

The committee **resolved** to pay Board of Health bills from ways and means not to exceed \$100.

The committee adjourned at 5 p. m.

Township Board of Health.

The Township Board of Health organized by the election of Charles A. Geran as president and W. A. Rodgers as clerk.

It was **resolved** by the board to ask the Township Committee to make provisions to pay the board of health bills. Also **resolved** that the salaries of the members of the board be as fixed by law---\$2 per meeting---and that inspector's salary be the same as last year, viz. \$50. On motion the board adjourned to meet at call of president.

The Matawan Journal, Dec. 28, 1895

There is a movement on foot to increase the bounds of the fire district, the intention being to extend the limits along the turnpike to the township line at both ends.

The Matawan Journal, March 28, 1896

The Township Committee has changed its regular meeting night to the last Saturday in the month and the first regular meeting will be held at the Town Hall this Saturday night. The change was made so as to have the meetings on moonlight nights, an accommodation those from out of town will appreciate when they have business with the committee. Last week we neglected to state that Dr. Jackson had been appointed the Township Physician.

The Matawan Journal, May 2, 1896

The Township Committee was in regular session last Saturday night. Aside from the payment of bills the only matter of importance attended to was the appointment of Fred. Schock, Jr., as a member of the committee to fill the vacancy caused by W. A. Dunlop's refusal to serve after having been elected at the annual town meeting. The selection is a good one will commend itself.

The Matawan Journal, March 18, 1897

The Township Officials.

The new Township Committee met at the Town Hall last Friday and organized by selecting TenEyck Conover for Chairman and J. E. Kuhns, Jr., for treasurer. Alonzo Rose is the other member. They were sworn in by Township Clerk, John P. Lloyd, who had been previously sworn in. Assessor Chris. Winter and Overseer of the Poor Coward were sworn in and the latter's bonds was fixed at \$200. Harry Churchman was also sworn in as Constable and his bond was fixed at \$250. Most of the other officers elect presented themselves and were sworn in.

Peter V. Hyer, who had been elected Collector, declined to serve and the committee deferred filling the office until the next meeting.

Dr. A. J. Jackson was appointed Township Physician.

The salaries of most of the officers were reduced, in keeping with the volume of work to be done. The old road superintendents were reappointed at the same salaries, as their work was likely to be as great as before.

The committee decided to meet the third Saturdays in the month at the Town Hall.

The Board of Health did not appoint an inspector, as it was thought that his services could be dispensed with and the salary of \$50 saved to the taxpayers. A number of bills were paid and the Clerk's salary fixed at \$75, after which an adjournment was taken to Saturday night, in order that the officers-elect could present themselves and qualify for their offices.

The Matawan Journal, March 17, 1898

THE COMMITTEE ORGANIZED

COLLECTOR STEWART'S BOND ACCEPTED AND FILED.

The Salaries Fixed – Appointments Made – Price of Team and Man – Board of Health Organized.

The new Township Committee met at 10:30 o'clock last Friday morning and organized by the election of T. E. Conover as chairman and John E. Kuhns, Jr., as treasurer.

The Committeemen were sworn in by Clerk Lloyd and the oath of office was administered to James Kelly and August Heuser as Surveyors of Highway and also John Mulhall as Commissioner of Appeals.

Collector Arthur F. Stewart presented his bond as Collector of the Township. It was for \$5,000 and his sureties were Dr. Knecht, Lawrence Cartan and Christopher Winter and it was accepted. John E. Kuhns, Jr., will give his bond as treasurer at the next meeting.

Harry Churchman, Constable, is required to renew his bond each year within thirty days of the organization of the Committee and unless this is done his office becomes vacant. It is likely that Mr. C. will attend to this at the next meeting.

The Committee fixed the salaries as follows for the ensuing year: Treasurer, \$30; Committeeman, per diem, \$2; Overseer of Poor, \$75; Clerk, \$75; Road Superintendents, \$20; Physician, \$35.

The following appointments were made:

Physician—Dr. C. Knecht.

Supt Roads, dist №. 1 – John P. Hyer.

Supt Roads, dist №. 2 – Wm. Burnham.

“ “ “ “ 3 – Chris. Winter.

“ “ “ “ 4 – John Mulhall.

The price of team and man for work on roads was fixed at \$3 per day and for man \$1.25 per day.

Hereafter the Special Tax Collector will receive 10 per cent of his collections, by **resolution** of committee.

After the payment of several bills, adjournment was taken to Saturday evening, March 26. The regular meetings of the committee will be held on the last Saturday in the month at 8 p. m.

Board of Health.

The Township Board of Health organized last Friday by the election of John H. Fallon, president, and Dr. Knecht inspector. The latter's salary was fixed at \$50 for the year and the board appropriated that amount for its use.

The board is composed of the Township Committee, the Assessor and the Township Physician.

The Matawan Journal, March 23, 1899

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Organized with J. H. Fallon Chairman and J. E. Kuhns, Jr., Treasurer.

In accordance with the requirements of the statute the Township Committee met in the Town Hall last Friday morning and organized by the election of J. H. Fallon chairman and J. E. Kuhns, Jr., treasurer.

The oaths of James Kelly, Surveyor of the Highway, and Robert P. Harris, Commissioner of Appeal, were taken before Clerk John P. Lloyd.

The bonds of J. E. Kuhns, as treasurer was fixed at \$2,000 and the bond of Constable Churchman at \$250.

The following salaries were fixed for the coming year:

Treasurer.....	\$30.
Overseer of Poor.....	75.
Clerk.....	75.
Inspector.....	50.
Committeemen, per meeting.....	2.

The appointment of a Township Physician was deferred until the next meeting.

The following Road Superintendents were appointed:

District №. 1 – John S. Woolley.

District №. 2 – William Burnham.

District №. 3 – William H. Coward.

District №. 4 – John Mulhall.

There were three applicants for the first district, viz.: John S. Woolley. John P. Hyer, Michael Dolan. Mr. Woolley had presented a petition signed by a majority of the residents in that district, while Messrs. Hyer and Dolan had no petitions.

The Matawan Journal, July 13, 1899

AN ORDINANCE, To authorize establishment and operation, within the Township of Matawan, of a plant for, and a system of, electric heat, light and power supply in the Township of Matawan, New Jersey.

FIRST.—Be it ordained by the Township Committee of the Township of Matawan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the Middlesex and Monmouth Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, a corporation of the State of New Jersey, be and it is hereby authorized, and the franchise and right therefor is hereby granted to said Company, its successors and assigns, to erect, establish and maintain a plant, power house and all necessary equipments for a system of electric heat, light and power supply within the limits of the said Township of Matawan, for and during the term of fifty years from the date of the adoption of this ordinance, and in furtherance of and in the operation of such system of electric heat, light and power supply, and franchise, the said Middlesex and Monmouth Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, be and is hereby authorized and empowered to erect and maintain and to keep in repair all necessary poles, posts, standards, wires, conduits and requisite lamps and appliances therefor, along, over, upon and across the several public roads, lanes and avenues within the limits of said Township of Matawan, and to connect said wires and conduits to and with the plant and power house, to be erected and maintained by said Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, and also to connect said wires and conduits to and with dwellings, factories and buildings of customers for electric light, heat and power of the said Company, its successors and assigns.

SECOND.—That the said Middlesex and Monmouth Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, its successors and assigns in erecting, removing or changing poles, wires or appurtenances shall use material of such kind, quality and description as may be approved by the said Committee or a Superintendent or Special Committee appointed by them for that purpose, and that the said Township of Matawan shall have the right, through the direction of said Committee, Superintendent or Special Committee appointed by them, as above stated, from time to time to require such removal and change of poles, wires and appurtenances, as, in their judgment, public convenience may demand, actual cost only of such removal to be borne and paid by the said Company or its successor and assigns.

THIRD.—That the entire equipment in streets, main offices, on the premises of consumers and elsewhere, shall be and remain in strict conformity with the standard of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, and with any amendments thereto, which shall have been or may hereafter be adopted; inspector's certificate of compliance with this provision to be furnished from time to time without charge by the said Middlesex and Monmouth Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, its successors and assigns, upon request of the said Township Committee.

FOURTH.—That the plant comprising the building, power house, power supply and the machinery and equipment necessary for the generating of electricity for all purposes for which this ordinance is granted, may be located and erected within the limits of the Township of Matawan, and shall be capable of lighting at least one thousand 16-candle power incandescent lamps and such number of arc lights as may hereafter be agreed upon. During the existence of any contract authorized by this ordinance, or any renewal thereof, or of any new contract between the parties named therein, the rates charged for commercial and domestic lighting shall not exceed the rate of seven and one half mills ($\frac{3}{4}$ of one cent) per hour for sixteen candle power lamps.

FIFTH.—It is further provided that the work of erecting the said plant, power house and system of electric heat, light and power supply shall be commenced within six months

from the date of the adoption of this ordinance, and the plant be completely ready for operation within one year from such adoption of this ordinance, and if not so completed within said period of time, then in such case, this ordinance shall be considered null and void.

And further provided, that this ordinance and the rights and franchises hereby granted, are and shall be subject to the rights of any and all property owners and householders within said Township of Matawan, in front of or upon whose property, premises or tenements the said Middlesex and Monmouth Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, its successors and assigns may desire to place, erect, establish and maintain any such poles, posts, standards, wires, conduits, lamps, appliances and connections under this franchise.

And further provided, that the said Township of Matawan shall not be subject to damages to any person or persons, corporation or corporations, for or by reason of the erection, maintenance and operation of said plant and system of electric light, heat and power supply.

SIXTH.—That before this ordinance or any of the conditions shall be operative or binding, the same, shall be published in the Matawan JOURNAL, for two weeks and posted for ten days in ten of the most public places in said Township, and the expense of publishing and posting notices shall be borne by said Middlesex and Monmouth Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, its successors and assigns.

That this ordinance shall take effect on the 14th day of July, A. D. 1899. Passed the twenty-seventh day of June, A. D. 1899.

JOHN H. FALLON,
Chairman, Township Committee,
Matawan Township,
Monmouth County
New Jersey.

Attest:

JOHN P. LLOYD,
Clerk, Township Committee.

The Matawan Journal, Dec. 28, 1899
Township Committee Meeting.

The Township Committee held its December meeting on Tuesday evening, Messrs. Kuhns and Conover were present.

Mrs. Anna Pearsall, who bought the W. H. Sutphin property at Freneau in 1897, asked the committee to release her from the payment of \$500 in taxes on the property for 1898 and 1899, as she was a soldiers' widow. Clerk Lloyd read the law and the exemption was allowed.

Bills to the amount of \$275 were paid.

Special Collector J. Don Conover handed in \$107 on back taxes. Mr. Conover stated that Constable J. M. Walling of Keyport was willing to undertake the collection of the delinquent poll taxes and he asked the committee what he should do about it. He thought that Mr. Walling was just the man for that work and that he would collect all of the taxes due. The Committee thought that was a matter that should be arranged between Mr.

Conover and Mr. Walling, as the former had the alias tax warrant, and left it with Mr. Conover to do as he saw fit.

The receipt of \$61.25 from the Patrick Cooney estate, in settlement of a claim made for money advanced from poor funds of the township in his lifetime for his support, was acknowledged.

Clerk Lloyd reported the township bill against the borough still unpaid.

The Matawan Journal, Feb. 15, 1900

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Met on Monday and Closed its Business for the Year—\$1,455.58 Taxes Unpaid.

The Township Committee held its final meeting for the fiscal year in the Town Hall on Monday, convening at 10 o'clock. Besides the Committeemen there were present Clerk Lloyd, Collector Stewart, Special Collector Conover, Overseer of the poor Coward and Road Superintendents Mulhall, Coward and Woolley.

Collector Stewart paid Treasurer Kuhns \$1,000 on the taxes of 1899. He presented a report showing that \$1,415.58 were still due on last year's taxes, together with the list of delinquents. Mr. Stewart's resignation was accepted, to take effect when his successor, who will be elected at the Town Meeting next month, shall qualify.

The consideration of bills occupied most of the time. There was not enough money voted for ways and means and for roads last year and by **resolution** the committee voted from the surplus sufficient to pay the bills passed.

The Committee started in last year with a note in the bank for \$800 and a cash balance from the previous year of \$434.55. The note was reduced \$300 during the year and later increased that amount, so that at the close of the fiscal year there is still due \$800 to the Farmers & Merchants Bank, while the committee has a balance to its credit of \$249.53. Complaint was made relative to the railroad crossing at Freneau by the station. Also the need of boards placed between the tracks as a continuation of the sidewalk. The Committee passed a **resolution** requesting the Central railroad authorities to put in a gate there and also to fix the walk and a copy of it was forwarded to the proper persons. The financial report was prepared for publication and it will appear in the next issue of the JOURNAL.

The Matawan Journal, March 29, 1900

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Most All the Officers Qualify—C. Winter Appointed Assessor.

The new Township Committee met on Saturday morning in the Town Hall and proceeded to organize at 10:30 o'clock. Ten Eyck Conover, John H. Fallon and J. E. Kuhns, Jr., the Committee, were sworn in by Clerk William B. Dolan. Mr. Dolan took the oath of office before Isaac W. Bedle, Justice.

John H. Fallon was elected chairman and John E. Kuhns, Jr., treasurer.
 The salaries of the appointed and elective officers were fixed, with the exception of the road superintendents, as follows:

Township Treasurer.....	\$30.00
Township Clerk.....	75.00
Overseer of Poor.....	75.00
Township Physician.....	25.00
Team and man, per day.....	3.00
Laborers, per day.....	1.25

The following road superintendents were appointed:

- First District—John S. Woolley.
- Second District—William Burnham.
- Third District—William H. Coward.
- Fourth District—John Mulhall.
- Fifth District—John P. Hyer.

Dr. Knecht was elected Township Physician.

The Committee fixed the Constable's bond at \$250, the Overseer of the Poor's bond at \$200, and the Collector's bond at \$5,000.

The following officials were present and took the oath of office:

- Overseer of the Poor—W. H. Coward.
- Collector—J. Don Conover.
- Surveyor of Highway—James Kelly.
- Commissioners of Appeals—R. P. Harris, John P. Hyer, John Mulhall.
- Constable—Patrick Hagan.

The road superintendents were also sworn in.

Christopher Winter did not present himself to be sworn in and his office was declared vacant. The same action was taken with Watson Stillwaggon, a Surveyor of the Highway. At 12 o'clock the Committee adjourned until Monday.

Monday's Session.

At 9:10 the Committee was called to order by Chairman Fallon, Treasurer Kuhns and Mr. Conover being present.

After approving the minutes the following bills were passed and paid:

W. H. Wheeden, election expenses.....	\$40.00
John Mulhall, roads.....	22.50
William Burnham, roads.....	10.25
J. S. Woolley, roads.....	22.85
F. & M. Bank, discount.....	12.00
J. P. Lloyd, late Clerk.....	12.35
B. F. S. Brown, advertising and printing.....	59.55
Cartan and Devlin. Poor account.....	38.26
C. A. Geran, ways and means.....	3.20
I. W. Bedle, ways and means.....	50
W. H. Coward, poor account.....	14.50
C. Winter, ways and means.....	60
J. D. Conover, ways and means.....	49.84

By **resolution** a note for \$300 was ordered to be made in the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank to pay outstanding bills.

Patrick Hagan was authorized to get a Constable's badge at the expense of the township and Mr. Hagan to be responsible for it while in his keeping.

The bond of J. Don Conover as Collector, with Cyrus Knecht, M. A. Fardon, C. A. Geran, A. F. Stewart and P. J. Devlin as sureties was offered, accepted, and ordered filed at the County Clerk's office.

W. H. Coward's bond, as Overseer of the Poor, with Christopher Winter and John Mulhall as sureties, was accepted and filed.

J. Don Conover, as Special Collector, handed in \$100 to treasurer Kuhns on the old tax warrant in his hands.

Christopher Winter was appointed Assessor until the next election and was sworn into office.

John D. Ivins was appointed a Surveyor of the Highways, in place of Watson Stillwaggon, who failed to qualify on Saturday.

The Committee decided to have a sale of properties for unpaid taxes earlier this year than heretofore and accordingly ordered a notice published in the JOURNAL to the effect that all taxes unpaid by May 1 would be collected by advertising sale of properties. This would make the sale come about in the middle of June and it was contended that people had more money at that time to pay their taxes with than in the middle of December.

The first Saturday nights in the month was fixed for the regular meeting nights of the Committee and adjournment was taken to April 7 at 8 o'clock.

Board of Health.

The Township Board of Health was organized after the adjournment of the Committee by the election of Ten Eyck Conover as president. That was the only business before them and the Board adjourned.

The Matawan Journal, April 26, 1900 **Not a Quorum Present**

A special meeting of the Township Committee was called for Monday night to accept the bond of Patrick Hagan, the Constable – elect. Only Mr. Kuhns of the committee was present and it was decided to hold another meeting on Monday night next. Unless Mr. Hagan qualifies before May 1 there will be a vacancy in the office. Mr. Hagan was present at the last meeting, as also was Clerk Dolan and Collector J. Don Conover. Former Collector Stewart is expected to be present with his report at the meeting next Monday.

The Matawan Journal, May 3, 1900

The Township Committee had a special meeting Monday evening. (Patrick A.) Hagan was sworn in as Constable and his bond accepted.

The Matawan Journal, March 28, 1901

TOWN COMMITTEE ORGANIZED.

Old Officials Reappointed Except in one Road District – To Meet Saturday Night.

The Township Committee met Saturday morning and organized by electing TenEyck Conover Chairman and J. E. Kuhns, Jr., treasurer.

After reading the minutes the duty of swearing in the newly elective officers was begun.

All the officials required to give bond presented the same, with the exception of Constable Hagan, and they were accepted.

The Road Superintendents W. H. Coward, John Mulhall, and J. P. Hyer were reappointed. Thomas Brady presented a petition asking for his appointment in the district over which William Burnham last year had supervision. Mr. Burnham also desired to be reappointed and the Committee decided to let that appointment go over until the next meeting.

The salaries of the officers were fixed the same as last year.

A number of bills were paid, while others were left over until the next meeting.

The Committee decided to have their regular meeting night on the last Saturday in the month at 8 o'clock and it adjourned to meet in the Town Hall on Saturday night of this week.

Board of Health.

After the adjournment of the Town Committee the Township Board of Health was organized by the election of Michael Halleran as president. Assessor Winter, who by virtue of his office is a member of the board, met with them. The Township Physician, Dr. Knecht, another member, was absent. Besides organizing nothing else was done.

The Matawan Journal, July 4, 1901

The Township Committee met last Saturday night. Two bills were paid, after which the meeting adjourned. All the members were present, but the weather was too hot for Clerk Dolan.

The Matawan Journal, March 20, 1902

Township Committee Organized

The Township Committee met this morning in the Town Hall. TenEyck Conover was sworn in Committeeman by Clerk Dolan and the committee organized by electing Michael Halleran chairman.

It was decided to adjourn until Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock when the regular business will be taken up. On Saturday the committee will inspect the township roads.

The Matawan Journal, March 26, 1903

TOWN COMMITTEE ORGANIZES

L. H. Stemler Chairman, M. Halleran Treasurer, Appointments Made.

The Township Committee met in the Town Hall last Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. After L. H. Stemler had been sworn in the committee organized by electing him chairman and Michael Halleran treasurer. Daniel Martin, the newly-elected clerk, was present and began the performance of his duties in a business-like way.

The following presented themselves and were sworn in:

Constable – Patrick Hagan.

Overseer of the Poor – A. Heuser.

Poundkeeper -- James Short.

Commissioners of Appeal – R. P. Harris, John Mulhall.

Surveyor of Highway – James Kelly.

The bonds of the newly-elected officers were fixed as follows:

Collector -- \$3,500.

Treasurer -- \$2,000.

Overseer of the Poor -- \$200.

Constable -- \$500.

The salaries of the officers were made as follows:

Clerk -- \$75.

Overseer of Poor -- \$75.

Treasurer -- \$35.

In the appointment of Road Superintendents three districts were filled without opposition – the second, fourth and fifth. In the first district there were two candidates, John S. Woolley and Henry Henninger. Each presented a petition with their application and as Mr. Woolley had the largest number of signers he was appointed. In the third district F. F. Heuser was a candidate against W. H. Coward, who has filled the position for several years, and the committee named Heuser. The following is the complete list:

District No. 1. – J. S. Woolley.

“ “ 2. – Thomas Brady.

“ “ 3. – F. F. Heuser.

“ “ 4. – John Mulhall.

“ “ 5. – John P. Hyer.

The Committee decided to go over the township roads on Monday and upon adjourning to reconvene again Saturday night, March 28, to pass upon the bonds and transact any other business which may come up.

Board of Health.

The Board of Health organized last Saturday night by electing TenEyck Conover chairman and Daniel Martin secretary. The other members present were Michael Halleran, L. H. Stemler and Assessor Chris. Winter. There was nothing to come before the Board and the meeting soon adjourned.

The Matawan Journal, Jan. 21, 1904
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING.
New Building on Township Lot to Be Erected Before Town Meeting.

The January meeting of the Township Committee was held in the Town Hall last Thursday evening. Committeemen Stemler and Halleran were present, as were also Collector J. Don Conover, and Road Superintendents Heuser, Mulhall and Brady. On motion of Mr. Halleran Friday, February 5, was fixed as the time for settling up the business for the fiscal year. The committee will meet at 10 o'clock a. m.

A letter from Marcus L. Bryan referring to the unpaid taxes against the Jennie Dobson property was read and ordered placed on file. The property had been sold and bought in by the township for a term of thirty years and had been sold to Peter Barber and Adolf Menzel after the time for redemption had expired. The letter was addressed to Collector Conover and he reported that he had made reply to the same.

Deeds of the above property were executed by Chairman Stemler, attested by Clerk Martin.

Collector Conover gave Treasurer Halleran a check for \$550 on account of taxes collected for 1903.

The following bills were passed and paid:

August Heuser, tax reimbursed.....	\$1.83
Thomas Martin, poor orders.....	29.50
P. J. Whalen, “ “	30.00
J. P. Lloyd, making deeds, etc.....	12.00

The deed for the newly purchased lot on Atlantic Avenue was received from the County Clerk. Messrs. Stemler and Halleran decided to meet with Committeeman Conover to arrange about the erecting of the new township building.

The Matawan Journal, March 17, 1904
TOWN COMMITTEE ORGANIZES.
Re-elects Old Officers—Walter D. Brown Appointed Road Superintendent.

The Township Committee met in the new Township Hall yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. The oath of office was administered to Mr. Halleran, the re-elected Committeeman, after which an organization was effected by re-electing the old officers as follows:

Chairman—L. H. Stemler.

Treasurer—M. Halleran.

A petition containing thirty-nine names was read asking for the appointment of Walter D. Brown as road superintendent of District No. 1. This district has been in charge of John S. Woolley for some years, but he was not present and no one asked for his reappointment.

The following were then appointed:

District №. 1—Walter D. Brown.

District №. 2—Thomas Brady, Jr.

District №. 3—F. F. Heuser.

District №. 4—John Mulhall.

District №. 5—John P. Hyer.

Messrs. Brown, Brady and Hyer were present and sworn in. James Kelly was also sworn in as Surveyor of Highway.

The salaries of Clerk, Overseer of the Poor, Committeeman and Treasurer are to remain as last year.

Assessor Winter's salary was fixed at \$125, as under the new law his duties will be somewhat increased.

Road Superintendent Brown was instructed to get the road tools from his predecessor.

The fourth Thursday night in each month was fixed for the regular meeting time and the hour at 8 o'clock.

None of the officials presented their bonds and the payment of bills was deferred until March 24, to which time an adjournment was taken.

Board of Health.

The Township Board of Health was reorganized by the election of Ten Eyck Conover chairman and Daniel Martin secretary. The others present at the meeting were Committeemen Stemler and Halleran and Assessor Winter. Dr. Ervin, the Township Physician, was not present.

There was nothing brought to the attention of the Board and it adjourned.

The Matawan Journal, September 29, 1904
Township Committee Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held in the Township Hall on Thursday night last. Chairman Stemler and Treasurer Halleran were present, Mr. Conover being absent.

Treasurer Halleran reported the receipt of \$124.44 for license fee.

The following bills were paid:

John Mulhall.....	\$150.97
John P. Hyer.....	82.50
Thomas Brady.....	7.00
W. D. Brown.....	64.98
W. D. Brown.....	2.70

A discussion on the condition of the roads and their needs was followed by the allowance of the following, in addition to what has already been expended:

John Mulhall.....	\$75.00
John P. Hyer.....	60.00
Thomas Brady.....	25.00
W. D. Brown.....	50.00
F. F. Heuser.....	50.00

Nothing else coming up for action the committee adjourned.

The Matawan Journal, January 18, 1906

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

Old Officers Re-Elected—Road Superintendents Reappointed—Meeting Night.

The Township Committee was reorganized at its first meeting this year by the re-election of L. H. Stemler chairman and M. Halleran treasurer. The other Committeeman—TenEyck Conover—was also present, together with Clerk Daniel Martin. The road superintendents were reappointed, as follows:

First District—W. D. Brown.

Second District—Thomas J. Brady.

Third District—F. F. Heuser.

Fourth District—John Mulhall.

Fifth District—John P. Hyer.

The Committee also filled the vacancies of Surveyors of Highways by appointing Thomas Brady and James Kelly. Mr. Brady was sworn in, as were the road superintendents. The salary of each of the latter was fixed at \$20, the same as heretofore. Township Collector J. D. Conover submitted his report, which shows \$2,280.88 taxes uncollected.

The first Wednesday night in each month was designated as the regular meeting night.

Board of Health.

The Township Board of Health was organized after the Committee adjourned by choosing TenEyck Conover chairman and Daniel Martin clerk. There was nothing to come before the Board and it adjourned.

The Matawan Journal, May 17, 1906

Matawan and Vicinity.

...At a special meeting of the Township Committee last night the resignation of Assessor Winter was offered and accepted. Richard Heuser, a graduate of Rutgers College and a civil engineer, was appointed to fill the vacancy until the next election. All the members of the committee were present, Chairman Stemler presiding.

The Matawan Journal, Jan. 3, 1907

Matawan and Vicinity.

...The Township Committee met on Tuesday and organized by electing L. H. Stemler chairman, and Michael Halleran treasurer.

The Matawan Journal, Oct. 31, 1907

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO THE
Voters of Matawan Township.

A VOTING MACHINE

Having been installed in our Election District, an opportunity will be given to the voters to learn how to operate it at the

TOWNSHIP HALL

ON

Friday, November 1, from 7 to 9 p. m.

Saturday, November 2, from 1 to 6 p. m.

Monday, November 4, from 1 to 6 p. m.

At which time a competent person will be present to explain its workings.

Voters must know how to operate the machine themselves as they can have no assistance from the Election Board on Election Day.

DANIEL MARTIN,
Township Clerk.

The Matawan Journal, April 9, 1908

At the meeting of the Township Committee last night a **resolution** was adopted agreeing to pay 10% of the costs of the building through the township of the Keyport – South Amboy Stone road.

The examination into the Matawan Township affairs, by order of Justice Voorhees, will be begun in the Township Hall on Saturday morning. Mayor W. E. Florence of New Brunswick will make the examination.

The Matawan Journal, May 14, 1908

At the meeting of the Township Committee last night M. E. Haley was appointed Collector to succeed the late J. Don Conover.

The Matawan Journal, May 21, 1908

Township Committee Meeting.

The May meeting of the Matawan Township Committee was held in the Township Hall on Wednesday night, May 18. Chairman Stemler and Treasurer Halleran were present.

John P. Lloyd, representing T. M. Antisell, came before the committee and asked that two certificates filed against Mr. Antisell's factory for unpaid taxes in the County Clerk's office be cancelled of record. He produced tax receipts for the years covered by the liens. Mr. Lloyd said he was making a search against the property and found these in the way of a clear title. The request was granted.

The township for a number of years has been without a counsel and H. S. Terhune was appointed to that position.

The appointment of Michael E. Haley as Collector to fill out the present year was made. The bond required was fixed at \$7,000 and it was decided to have a Surety Company give it, the township to bear the expense. The committee also authorized Mr. Haley to purchase his stationery at the township's expense. Mr. Haley was not present and Mr. Halleran was appointed to confer with him, after which the committee adjourned to meet with their new Collector upon call of the chairman.

The Matawan Journal, August 6, 1908

A petition containing the names of 146 voters was presented to the Township Committee at a special meeting held last week, the signers asking that an election be held for the purpose of voting upon the retention of the voting machine. The Committee fixed upon Friday, August 28, as the date for the election.

The Matawan Journal, Jan. 14, 1909

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING.

Held Last Night—Regular Meetings First Wednesday in Month Hereafter.

The Matawan Township Committee was in regular session in the Township Hall last night. Chairman Stemler presided.

Collector Haley was authorized to have the 1907 taxes against the Tunis Bergen estate cancelled from the records at Freehold, they having been paid.

Mr. Haley made his report on the 1907 taxes placed in his hands for collection and asked to be released from further liability. Action on the request was deferred until the next meeting.

The Lenox Brick Company of Cliffwood, through George Craigen of Keyport, asked the committee to take some action relative to defining the road from the New York and Long Branch railroad near Cliffwood to Whale Creek. The road passes through the Gehlhaus property and north of the road from Keyport to South Amboy it is said to have been changed by reason of the excavation of clay for brickmaking purposes. Mr. Halleran was appointed to get a legal opinion as to the Committee's jurisdiction in the matter.

It was **resolved** to employ Hon. H. S. Terhune as counsel for the year at a salary of \$50, if he would accept it.

Two bills aggregating \$8.10 were ordered paid.

The committee fixed the first Wednesday night in each month as the time for the regular meeting.

New Committee Organized.

On January 1 at 12 o'clock noon the Township Committee met and organized for the year. John D. Ivins was sworn in as Committeeman and Collector M. E. Haley took the oath of office. The old officers were re-elected, viz.:

Chairman—L. H. Stemler.

Treasurer—M. Halleran.

The appointment of road superintendents were then made as follows:

First District—Walter D. Brown.

Second—Thomas J. Brady.

Third—W. H. Coward.

Fourth—Augustus Heuser.

Fifth—John P. Hyer.

In the Second District Elmer A. Lambertson's name was presented by Mr. Ivins, but he withdrew it before a vote was taken.

The salaries were fixed as follows: Collector, \$200; Treasurer, \$65; Road Superintendents, \$20 each.

The appropriations for the year were fixed thus:

Ways and Means, \$1,000; roads, \$1,200; poor, \$500. The committee then adjourned.

The Matawan Journal, Dec. 30, 1909

COMMITTEE PAYS OUT \$1,900.

The Expense of Examining Into the Late Collector's Accounts Is \$396.45.

The Township Committee met on Monday and settled up the financial business of the year. Chairman Stemler presided and Treasurer Halleran was there with his check book. Over \$1,900 was paid out, of which sum Collector Haley gave Treasurer Halleran \$1,000 on the taxes collected this year.

Supreme Court Justice Voorhees certified to the committee the amount to be paid for the investigation into the affairs of the late Collector J. Don Conover, and it aggregated \$396.45, of which Examiner Florence was awarded \$250 and Stenographer Kelly \$82.25.

A letter was read from the Board of Freeholders in which it was stated the county would not bear the expense of sprinkling the county roads after January 1 and that the sprinkling apparatus would be sold.

Clerk Martin reported that the Township would receive \$724 from L. S. Emmons, Jr., administrator of the estate of the late Collector, in settlement of the township's claim against Mr. Conover. This will be about 2 per cent of the amount found due the township. The traction engine and two cars of the Lenox Brick Company were reported having become stalled on the public road near John F. Selover's at Cliffwood last Friday and that it was difficult for wagons to pass them. After some discussion it was decided to have Road Superintendent Harvey Stillwaggon notify the company to remove the obstruction as soon as possible.

A bill of the electric light company for \$5.49 was discussed. This is for lighting the Township Hall since the service was installed and this was the first bill ever presented

during the nearly two years the light has been used. Clerk Martin was requested to carefully examine the minutes and see if the company had not agreed to furnish free this light when the franchise was granted for an extension of the poles through the township, and if so to notify the company. Mr. Ivins of the Committee was desirous of returning to oil lamps rather than pay for further electric lighting, if it was found that this service was not to be furnished free. It was brought out that in Matawan Borough a number of free lights was furnished by the company and the Committee felt it was deserving of the same treatment, only to a lesser extent, as the adjoining municipality. The committee will meet again on New Years at 12 o'clock to organize for the coming year. Chairman Stemler was re-elected last month for another term so that there will be no change in the membership of the Committee the coming year.

The Matawan Journal, Jan. 6, 1910
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ORGANIZES.
L. H. Stemler Re-elected Chairman and M. Halleran Treasurer.

The Matawan Township Committee met in the Town Hall last Saturday and Clerk martin swore in L. H. Stemler, who was re-elected a member last November for a term of three years.

The new Committee organized by re-electing Mr. Stemler chairman and Michael Halleran treasurer.

All the old road superintendents were reappointed, as follows:

First District—Walter D. Brown.

Second District—Thomas J. Brady, Jr.

Third District—Harvey Stillwaggon.

Fourth District—August Heuser.

Fifth District—John P. Hyer.

Dr. Nathan Ervin was re-elected Township Physician, and his salary fixed at \$50 per year.

Collector Haley reported he had his accounts for 1909 ready for examination and the Committee fixed Wednesday evening, January 5, as the time to audit the books.

BOARD OF HEALTH ORGANIZED

The Board of Health was organized upon the adjournment of the Committee by the election of John D. Ivins as president and Clerk martin as secretary. Nothing came before it and the meeting adjourned upon completing the organization.

At the special meeting last night the Committee audited the Collector's accounts, paid four bills and fixed the third Wednesday in each month as the regular time for meeting. Only President Stemler and Treasurer Halleran of the Committee were present.

The Matawan Journal, Jan. 5, 1911
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ORGANIZES
J. D. Ivins the New Chairman and L. H. Stemler, Treasurer.

The Matawan Township Committee met in the Town Hall Monday at noon. Jacob Meinzer is the new member of the committee, taking the place of Michael Halleran. The other members are John D. Ivins and Lewis H. Stemler.

In the organization Mr. Ivins was elected chairman and Mr. Stemler treasurer. The treasurer's bond was fixed at \$2,500 and it was decided to obtain a surety company's bond.

All the old road superintendents were reappointed with a single exception. Mr. Brady, who was over District No. 2, was not a candidate again for the position, but applications were made by Elmer Lambertson and Fred Wilson. Mr. Lambertson was named for the position. The other appointments were Walter D. Brown, Harvey Stillwaggon, August Heuser and J. P. Hyer. Their salaries were fixed the same as last year, \$20 each. The committee adjourned and the Board of Health was organized by electing Jacob Meinzer president and Daniel Martin, the Township Clerk, secretary. There was no further business transacted.

The Matawan Journal, Jan. 4, 1912
THE NEW TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
Old Officers Re-elected---Road Supts. And Overseer of Poor Reappointed.

The Township Committee of Matawan Township met at noon on Monday and in the absence of Clerk Martin Richard Heuser performed his duties. John D. Ivins was re-elected to succeed himself and after he was sworn in the committee organized by electing the following:

Chairman --- John D. Ivins.

Treasurer --- Lewis H. Stemler.

A change in the law governing the Overseer of the Poor was made last year and his term is now for five years and the office is filled by appointment. August Heuser, who has served in that capacity for several years, was reappointed, and the following road superintendents were also reappointed:

- District No. 1. W. D. Brown.
2. Harvey Stilwaggon.
3. Elmer Lambertson.
4. August Heuser.
5. John P. Hyer.

A petition containing fifty-seven names asking for the reappointment of Mr. Lambertson was presented. It was said that a petition favoring the appointment of John Brady had been in circulation in the district, but if so it was not handed to the clerk.

Collector George F. Keller's bond for \$5,000 and Treasurer Stemler's bond for \$2,500 were received and ordered filed at Freehold. They were surety company bonds.

Alvin N. Lambertson presented his bond for \$500 as Constable and it was accepted. His bondsmen were James L. Terhune, Harvey Stilwaggon and Harry Bolte.

The Committee adjourned to meet in regular session at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the Township Hall.

BOARD OF HEALTH ORGANIZES

The Matawan Township Board of Health was organized after the Township Committee adjourned. Jacob Meinzer was elected President and Daniel W. Martin secretary. The appointment of Township Physician to succeed Dr. Ervin was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

The Matawan Journal, Jan. 11, 1912

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

A. N. Lambertson Appointed Constable --- Petition For Stone Road Filed.

The Township Committee met in the Township Hall last Saturday afternoon. Chairman Ivins presided and Committeemen Stemler and Meinzer were present.

Alvin N. Lambertson was appointed Constable, his term to expire on December 31, next. He gave the required bond, which was accepted.

The following salaries were fixed:

Treasurer, \$65 per year; road superintendents, \$20 each per year; counsel, \$50 per year.

By **resolution** it was decided to pay \$4 per day for teams to work on the roads and \$1.62½ per day for laborers.

J. Clarence Conover was appointed Counsel to the Committee.

A petition was received for a stone road to be built on Cliffwood Avenue from the brickhouse on the Amboy road to the Middlesex County line, and this was ordered forwarded to the Board of Freeholders for their acceptance.

Mr. Johnson, representing the Middlesex and Monmouth Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, presented an **ordinance** which asked for a franchise to erect poles and string wires in the township. This was given a first reading and will be published before action is taken. The ordinance was placed in the hands of Chairman Ivins for the present.

Collector Keller paid over to Treasurer Stemler \$1,000 collected on the 1911 duplicate.

Marshal Lambertson stated there was \$12 due from Justice Nivison for fines imposed and Clerk Martin was directed to ask the Justice to make a statement to the Committee at its next meeting of the monies in his hands.

Bill of W. A. Fountain for \$40, for two-fifths of his salary as Custodian of School Funds, was ordered paid, as was also a bill of W. G. Bedle for \$33 for premium on surety bonds.

The Matawan Journal, Feb. 1, 1912

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO THE MIDDLESEX AND MONMOUTH ELECTRIC LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER COMPANY, ITS LESSEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE AN ELECTRIC LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER SYSTEM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MATAWAN, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND

TO USE THE STREETS, AVENUES, PARKS, HIGHWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES THEREIN THEREFOR.

Be it ordained by the Committeemen of the Township of Matawan:

FIRST.—That the Middlesex and Monmouth Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, body corporate of New Jersey, its successors, lessees and assigns, be and they are hereby authorized with full power and authority and the franchise, consent and right therefore is hereby granted to it and to them to erect, establish, operate and maintain a plant, power house, or sub-station and all necessary equipments for a system of electric light, heat and power supply within the corporate limits of said Township of Matawan, in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, or any part of said township, and the premises of the inhabitants thereof, for and during the term of fifty years from the date of the adoption of this ordinance, and in furtherance of and in the operation of such system of electric light, heat and power supply and consent, the said Middlesex and Monmouth Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to erect and maintain and to keep in repair all necessary poles, posts, standards, wires, conduits and requisite appliances therefor, along, over, upon and across the several streets, avenues, parks, parkways, highways or other public places or place through which the same shall extend, within the corporate limits of the said Township of Matawan, and to connect said wires and conduits to and with the said plant, power house or sub-station to be erected and maintained by the said company, its successors and assigns, and also to connect said wires to and with dwellings and factories and any other buildings for electric light, heat and power of said company, its successors and assigns; and until the said company shall build its said power house or substation, it may connect its wires and conduits with any wires of any system that it may now have or may hereafter put up or maintain, whether maintaining a power house or substation within the corporate limits of said township or not.

SECOND.—That the Middlesex and Monmouth Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, its successors, lessees or assigns, in erecting or moving or changing poles, wires or apparatus shall use material of good standard quality and good workmanship and that the entire equipment in all public places, main offices, and on the premises of consumers and elsewhere, shall be and remain in strict conformity with the strict standard of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, as from time to time promulgated by such board or any board having jurisdiction over fire underwriting over the territory, including the said Township of Matawan.

THIRD.—That in case of any controversy as to the location of poles and conduits, the location shall be determined by resolution of the Committeemen, or members of the Committee, or any person delegated to do so by resolution of the Committee, but in any event poles shall not be required to be placed more than one hundred and twenty-five feet apart and the said Committee shall, upon request, adopt a resolution designating such location or designating the Chairman, one of its members, or some person to locate the position for poles and conduits and the said Committee may, from time to time require the removal and change of poles, wires and appurtenances, as in their judgment public convenience may demand, the cost only of such removal then to be borne and paid by the said township or any person applying for and securing such removal for such public convenience, but in no case shall such removal cause the poles to be more than one

hundred and twenty-five feet apart without the consent of the said company, its successors or assigns.

FOURTH.—The system of said company shall be capable of supplying at least one hundred kilowatts.

FIFTH.—During the existence of the consent and franchise authorized by this ordinance, the rates charged for common or domestic lighting shall not exceed the rate of fifteen cents per kilowatt hour; provided, however, the company may charge a minimum monthly rate of One Dollar.

SIXTH.—And, further provided, that this ordinance and the rights and franchises hereby granted are and shall be subject to the rights of any and all property owners and householders within said Township of Matawan, in front or upon whose property, premises or tenements the said company, its successors and assigns, may desire to place, erect, establish and maintain any such poles, posts, standards, wires, conduits, appliances and connections under this franchise.

And, further provided, that the said Township of Matawan shall not be subject to damages to any persons or person, corporation or corporations for or by reason of the execution, maintenance and operation of said plant and system of electric lights, heat and power supply. But the said company, its successors, lessees or assigns shall be liable for all injuries to persons or property by reason of any negligent act of the said company, its successors or assigns respectively, their agents, servants or employees acting within the scope of their authority.

SEVENTH.—The price for street lamps shall not exceed for 450 watt arc lamps ninety dollars each per year and for 16 candle power incandescent lamps, fifteen dollars each per year, and for 32 candle power incandescent lamps, twenty dollars each per year, 50 watt Tungston lamps, twenty-five dollars each per year and 100 watt Tungston lamps, thirty dollars each per year, for lighting of street and other public places in said township. And that the price for current for power or heat shall not exceed that charged by the said company in any other place of the same number of inhabitants or next in population supplied by said company.

EIGHTH.—Provided, further, that during the continuance of this franchise, the company, its successors lessees and assigns, shall, if required, provide said township with electric current for the purpose of lighting the Township Hall of said township, provided the amount of value of current consumed in lighting said hall, shall not exceed five dollars (\$5.00) per year in any one year; the value of said current consumed to be computed at the regular rates charged by said company to other consumers in said township.

NINTH.—This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and publication according to law, if the said company shall signify their acceptance of this ordinance in writing filed with the Township Clerk, which acceptance shall be filed within thirty days after the adoption thereof, and in default of such acceptance within said time, then this ordinance shall become void and of no effect and all extra expenses to the township as well as the expenses of publishing and posting incident to the passage of this ordinance shall be borne by the said company.

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Petition Accepted For Improving Morristown Road With State and County Aid.

The February meeting of the Matawan Township Committee was held in the Township Hall last Saturday afternoon. Chairman John D. Ivins presided and Treasurer L. H. Stemler and Committeeman Jacob Meinzer were present. Other township officials also present were Clerk Daniel Martin, Collector George F. Keller, Overseer of the Poor Augustus Heuser, Road Superintendents Walter D. Brown and Heuser and Constable A. N. Lambertson.

By **resolution** the Committee fixed the appropriations for 1912 the same as last year. They are: For roads, \$1,200; ways and means, \$1,000; poor, \$500.

The salary of the Overseer of the Poor was fixed at \$85, an increase of \$10 over last year. Under the new Overseer of the Poor law Mr. Heuser will have enlarged duties and he did not think the increase was sufficient. He accepted the salary, but gave the Committee to understand that he would not move the poor from one place to another without additional compensation for the use of his horse and wagon. He was instructed to get such books and stationery as were needed under the new law.

Josiah H. Douglass presented a petition for improving the old road to Morristown from the White Bridge to the road running from Cliffwood to Morristown. The petition bore the names of Emil H. Gelenius, Augustus Heuser, R. P. Harris, W. H. Hillier, Jacob Meinzer, W. H. Meinzer, Richard Heuser, James H. Ward, Charles Taylor, Mrs. Jennie Morrow, Clara G. Douglass, Isaac Dawe, Fred F. Heuser, Frank Norris, Henrietta Deats and the Rose Hill Cemetery, through W. A. Fountain, secretary. All those owning property abutting the road but one (W. H. Hankinson estate) signed for the road and others living adjacent to it also petitioned for it. The Committee accepted the petition and a **resolution** was passed by the committee to have it forwarded to the Board of Freeholders, together with a **resolution** agreeing to pay 10 per cent of the cost of the road, as required by the State Road Law.

Justice Nivison had been notified to appear before the Committee at this meeting, but he sent word that because of illness he was unable to leave the house. He wrote, however, that he would be pleased to meet the Committee at his home at any time, but if this was not agreeable he would endeavor to be present at the next meeting.

Prosecutor Applegate wrote to the Committee and requested the latter to advise his office of any violations of the law. His letter was referred to Constable Lambertson.

Josiah H. Douglass was granted a permit to carry a revolver for a year.

A **resolution** was passed to place the balance of last year, \$173. 51, in the Ways and Means account.

Walter D. Brown was sworn in as Road Superintendent and the following bills were paid:

Am. Rice Food Co., cinders.....	\$1.50
Albert Woolley, board of Bridget Hughes.....	18.00
J. H. Martin, poor orders.....	38.00
T. J. Ward, for rent of house for J. Allen.....	8.00
R. F. Schock.....	2.00
B. F. S. Brown, advertising and printing.....	43.65

The **ordinance** granting a franchise to the M. & M. E. L., H. & P. Co. was taken up and given a second reading. It was published in the JOURNAL last week for the information of

the taxpayers and will come up for final action at the next regular meeting, the first Saturday in March.

The Matawan Journal, Feb. 22, 1912
PROCLAMATION AGAINST DOGS.
A Mad Dog Killed at Cliffwood Causes Township Committee to Act.

A dog without an owner last week ran rampant in Cliffwood, killing poultry and biting other dogs in the vicinity of the Cliffwood Brick Company's plant. John Frange shot the dog and it was decided to learn if he had been afflicted with the rabies and his head was sent to Trenton for examination. Word came back that the dog had had the rabies and the Township Committee, as a protection to the public, held a special meeting on Thursday last and authorized Township Clerk Martin to issue a proclamation, of which the following is a copy:

"I, Daniel Martin, clerk of the township of Matawan, by virtue of a **resolution** of the Township Committee of said township passed February 14, 1912, and by authority of the statute, do hereby proclaim and give notice for the public safety that Alvin N. Lambertson, of Matawan, N. J., by appointment of the Committee, is authorized after one day's notice by hand bills set up in the township, to kill and destroy any and all dogs, male and female, found running at large without a wire muzzle about the nose, and not accompanied by the owner, within the Township of Matawan."

The residents of the township who value their dogs will act wisely if they obey this notice.

The Matawan Journal, March 7, 1912
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
Proclamation Against Dogs To Be Continued to May 14.

The Matawan Township Committee held the March meeting on Saturday last. Chairman Ivins presided and besides Committeemen Stemler and Meinzer being present, other township officials there were Clerk Martin, Assessor Heuser, Overseer of Poor Heuser and Road Superintendents Brown and Lambertson.

Bills aggregating \$70.74 were paid, including one of A. N. Lambertson, the official dog killer, for \$24 for killing and burying twenty-four dogs. Mr. Lambertson had been hired to kill them for 50 cents each, nothing being said as to what disposition he was to make with their bodies. He took it upon himself to bury them and charged accordingly for the service. A bill of S. C. Towler for carriage hire for Mr. Lambertson while on the hunt for dogs was laid over.

The Road Superintendents were each given an allowance of \$100 to start the work in their districts. Elmer Lambertson was authorized to have his scraper repaired and Mr. Heuser directed to make a drag scraper for use over all the township roads.

Thomas Cox complained of the water running over his property and the Committee decided to look into the complaint when a tour of the roads was made.

A. A. Boyce also was on hand with a complaint, which had a reference to the manner the dogs had been killed. No action was taken.

Thomas J. Brady said the roads in his district were not being properly cared for, alleging that they should have been graded before being graveled.

Mr. Stemler offered a motion that further killing of the dogs be dispensed with but was the only one to favor it, Messrs Ivins and Meinzer voting against it. Mr. Meinzer's motion to continue the proclamation in force for ninety days from February 14 was carried by the same vote, Mr. Stemler voting "no."

Clerk Martin was instructed to procure a book in which to keep a record of the communicable diseases of the township. This is required to be done by a law passed last year prescribing additional duties to boards of health.

The Matawan Journal, April 11, 1912
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
Application to Cross Township Road With Railroad Switch Considered.

The Township Committee met Saturday afternoon in the Township Hall. Chairman John D. Ivins presided and Treasurer Stemler and Committeeman Meinzer were present. A number of road superintendents were there also, as well as Overseer of the Poor Heuser, Collector Keller, Assessor Heuser and Clerk Martin.

A good part of the session was occupied in passing bills, many of them for small amounts and aggregating \$144.65.

Justice Nivison turned in \$5, being in full for fines imposed and collected by him and due the township.

A policy of insurance on the township building was also received.

Mr. Voelcher, representing the New Jersey Company, was present and desired to know if the Township Committee would permit the laying of a switch across a public road leading from the new Morristown road to Cliffwood, as the company was desirous of making a connection with the New York and Long Branch Railroad track from the brickyard. He said it would be necessary to raise the road about five feet, because of the requirements of the engineer of the railroad company, and that if the consent was granted the company would begin operations at once.

Chairman Ivins called Mr. Voelcher's attention to the fact that a similar request had been granted several years ago, but that nothing came from it, and he was not sure that another application was necessary, if it was to cross the road at the same place as formerly stipulated.

Mr. Voelcher said that because of the requirements of the railroad engineer the old lines would not be followed, but that they would be changed about four feet.

A general discussion followed, in which it was made plain that the application would have to be made in the regular way, when it would be given proper consideration, after which, if it was decided to grant it, the approval of the State Utilities Commission would have to be secured. Mr. Voelcher desired a speedy decision, as it was intended to spend some \$20,000 or more in building the switch, and the company wanted to get the advantage of shipments by rail as early as possible.

The committee agreed to adjourn until Wednesday afternoon, in order that Mr. Voelcher might have his application prepared and presented in legal form.

At a meeting of the Township Committee yesterday afternoon all the members were present and a **resolution** offered by Mr. Stemler was adopted granting the New Jersey Company the right to lay a switch across the public road above referred to. A profile and specifications accompanied the application and these were ordered filed. Mr. Voelcher stated that his lawyers advised him that approval of the Public Utilities Commission was not necessary, and Chairman Ivins said he also had been so advised. The New Jersey Company is to furnish free all the dirt required for the fill, provided the county would not do it.

The Matawan Journal, May 9, 1912
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
Proclamation Against Dogs Continued For Thirty Days From May 14.

The Matawan Township Committee held the regular monthly meeting for May in the Township Hall on Saturday afternoon. Chairman Ivins presided and Committeemen Stemler and Meinzer were present, as were also Clerk Martin and a number of township officials.

The following bills were paid:

S. C. Towler.....	\$16.00
A. N. Lambertson.....	1.00
Alfred Woolley.....	12.00
A. N. Lambertson.....	10.96
P. J. Whalen.....	59.00
Richard Heuser.....	10.00
Harvey Stillwaggon.....	82.00

Treasurer Stemler reported the receipt from the County Clerk of license fee of Ellen Sullivan, \$124.44.

Mr. Meinzer wanted the proclamation against dogs continued for thirty days from May 14 and a motion to that effect was carried by the votes of Messrs. Ivins and Meinzer. Mr. Stemler declined to second the motion in order to get it up for action, whereupon Chairman Ivins surrendered the chair to Mr. Meinzer and gave his support to it.

Fred Heuser was authorized to employ a man to open a ditch running from a culvert across Mrs. Deats' field from the road to another ditch.

The Matawan Journal, June 13, 1912
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
Special Collector Lambertson Gives Bond --- Bridge In Bad Condition.

At the June meeting of the Township Committee Chairman John D. Ivins presided and treasurer L. H. Stemler and Jacob Meinzer were present, together with Clerk Daniel Martin.

Alvin N. Lambertson, who had been appointed special collector of taxes for the present year, presented his bond for \$200, which was accepted. Besides himself the sureties were W. A. Kennedy, A. J. Cartan, Harry Bolte, A. F. Nivison and W. D. Geran.

Treasurer Stemler reported the receipt of the following taxes from Collector Keller: On 1910 duplicate, \$15.97; on 1911 duplicate, \$400.

The bridge over the trolley tracks at Gehlhaus' brickyard was reported to be in a dangerous condition and it was decided to have a conference with the superintendent of the trolley company with the view of having it made safe for public travel. Clerk martin was instructed to write the superintendent that the committee would meet him at his office at 4 p. m., on June 10. The following bills were passed and paid:

M. E. Timmins.....	\$26.00
Nathan Ervin.....	24.00
Albert Woolley.....	12.00
A. N. Lambertson.....	4.00

Board of Health Meeting

After the Committee adjourned a meeting of the Township Board of Health was held, at which the application of Judson Conover to unload manure for fifteen days longer was granted.

The Matawan Journal, July 11, 1912

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice Ordered Served on New Jersey Company Relative to Switch.

The Matawan Township Committee held its July meeting in the Township Hall last Saturday afternoon, all the members being present.

Chairman Ivins reported having had a conference with Supt. Perrin of the Jersey Central traction Company relative to the overhead bridge at Gehlhaus' Brickyard and that the latter had promised to put it in good shape, which he had done.

Collector Keller was directed by **resolution** to advertise and sell the properties of John and Thomas Carney for unpaid taxes.

Mr. Keller turned over \$6.21 for taxes on the 1910 duplicate and reported a balance of \$22.10 uncollected.

It was reported that the switch from the New York & Long Branch Railroad to the plant of the New Jersey Company was b... ..in and that it was proposedthe public highway according... ..new survey. A **resolution** was adopted that the Clerk be directed to notify Supt. Voelcher not to proceed across the highway unless in accordance with the plan and survey heretofore submitted; that if he desires to change the location he must first present his application to the committeemen for their approval.

The following bills were paid:

Albert Woolley, poor.....	\$15.00
Richard Heuser, w. & m.	100.00
F. F. Heuser, w. & m.	2.00

The Matawan Journal, Sept. __, 1912
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETS
Freneau and Oak Shades To Have Electric Street Lights.

The September meeting of the Township Committee was held Saturday afternoon in the Township Hall. All the members were present.

Mr. Stemler reported the county bridge over Matawan Creek, known as the P. V. Hyer bridge, as dangerous to public travel.

Messrs. Meinzer and Stemler were appointed a committee to see Messrs. Wood and Byron Arrowsmith with the view of securing sufficient earth to widen the fill leading to the Hyer bridge.

Treasurer Stemler reported the receipt of \$300 on the 1911 tax duplicate from Collector Keller.

A written opinion from Counsel J. Clarence Conover as to the committee's power in lighting certain parts of the township was received and ordered filed. It was to the effect that the committee has a right to contract for the same for one year.

A committee from Freneau was present asking for electric lights for that part of the township, but action was deferred until Monday night, when a special meeting was to be held.

The following bills were paid:

Augustus Heuser, roads.....	\$8.00
Fred Kripps, poor.....	15.00
G. F. Keller, W. & M.....	90.60
R. F. Schock, poor.....	3.00
W. L. Van Brunt, roads.....	3.63
W. L. Van Brunt, roads.....	14.40
M. Frawley, W. & M.....	7.20
T. B. Usher, W. & M.....	10.30

MONDAY EVENING

Chairman Ivins presided at this meeting and Messrs. Stemler and Meinzer were present.

A **resolution** was passed authorizing the execution of a contract for one year with the M. & M. E. L. H. & P. Co. for placing five 100 watt incandescent electric lights along the county road at Freneau and two similar lights at Oak Shades at a cost of \$25 per annum per light.

Chairman Ivins was appointed to represent the township in a conference with a committee from Freneau with the Board of Freeholders on Wednesday, with the view of having the county bear a portion of the cost of the lights.

Mr. Stemler was appointed to act with local citizens in placing the lights.

Board of Health

President Meinzer called a meeting of the Township Board of Health on Monday night, and other members present were Messrs. Stemler, Ivins and Richard Heuser. The Inspector reported there were several cases of diphtheria at the Lenox Brickyard; that he had disinfected the apartments at the request of the Board of Health where there had been two deaths from that disease; that he was treating two cases now and one of them was nearly well and the other, aged 4 years, was seriously ill. Mr. Heuser offered a **resolution** that the premises, in which the family resided, be quarantined and that the same be lifted when the danger of infection is over. Mr. Ivins offered a motion that the inspector be authorized to inspect all cases of contagious diseases without first consulting the Board, and to quarantine such places at a cost not to exceed \$2 per man for each twelve hours. This was carried. Mr. Heuser then offered a **resolution** directing Secretary Martin to notify the State Board of Health that Dr. Hartman of Keyport was attending two cases of diphtheria in Matawan Township and had failed to make a report according to law of the same. It was adopted, and Mr. Martin forwarded a copy of the same to Trenton on Tuesday.

The Matawan Journal, Oct. 10, 1912

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETS

Liquor License Fees Aggregating \$672.04 Paid to Treasurer.

The Matawan Township Committee held the October meeting in the Township Hall last Saturday afternoon. Chairman Ivins presided and Committeemen Stemler and Meinzer were present. Clerk Martin took down the minutes.

Mr. Meinzer, as a committee to confer with the Board of Freeholders about conference for electric lights at Freneau reported that he had performed the duty assigned him and Mr. Stemler reported the result of the conference with the Freeholders on September 17. This was that the Freeholders were to allow the three lights given them in exchange for the franchise on the county road to be placed at Freneau. The committee authorized five more to be placed, so that the county road is fairly well lighted from the Marlboro Township line to the Keyport Borough line. Treasurer Stemler reported that the receipt of \$672.08 for license fees from the County Clerk.

Supt. John P. Hyer was authorized to expend \$75 more on his district than the amount originally appropriated.

The contract with the M. & M. E. L., H. & P. Co., for lighting at Freneau and Oak Shades, was presented, discussed and ordered executed if the Counsel of the Committee approves the same.

Report of Committee on file at the P. V. Hyer bridge was received and the committee continued. Byron Arrowsmith was reported as willing to contribute the dirt.

Permits were granted Township Collector George F. Keller and Patsy Zarabogra to carry revolvers for a year.

The following bills were paid:

Albert Woolley.....	\$12.00
John P. Hyer.....	48.17
Fred Kripps.....	3.00

The Matawan Journal, Nov. 7, 1912

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Accepts Grade Crossing on O'Brien Hill --- Bills Paid.

The November meeting of the Matawan Township Committee was held in the Township Hall on Saturday afternoon last. All the Committeemen were present, as were Clerk Martin and a number of road superintendents.

Mr. Stemler reported that there would be no difficulty in getting the necessary dirt contributed for fill on the P. V. Hyer Hill and he was discharged from that committee.

The grade at the new railroad crossing on the O'Brien Hill was by motion ordered to be accepted as presented and Clerk Martin was instructed to notify the New Jersey Company of the action taken by the committee.

Treasurer Stemler reported the receipt of \$3 from Supt. Brown for a road scraper.

The condition of the roads of the township was discussed and this resulted in authorizing Augustus Heuser to spend \$100 on his district and Elmer A. Lambertson and Harvey Stilwaggon to work out \$50 on their respective districts.

The following bills were paid:

Harvey Stilwaggon.....	\$16.39
Harvey Stilwaggon.....	98.65
R. F. Schock.....	2.00
Albert Woolley.....	10.29
Augustus Heuser.....	68.13
Michael Frawley.....	5.10
Chris. Winter.....	9.00
Arrowsmith Bros.....	45.00
Walter D. Brown.....	48.96
John P. Hyer.....	121.71
E. A. Lambertson.....	71.72
Jacob Dietrich.....	2.55
Frank Nunziato.....	15.75

The Matawan Journal, Dec. 12, 1912

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Paid Many Bills and Will Meet December 28 for Final Settlement.

The regular monthly meeting of the Matawan Township Committee was held Saturday afternoon in the Township Hall. Chairman Ivins presided and Committeemen Stemler and Meinzer were also present.

Treasurer Stemler reported the receipt of \$50.27 from Collector Keller and \$22 from Overseer of the Poor Heuser. This latter sum was a reimbursement to the township for the burial of an indigent person.

Ernest Dunham was granted a permit to carry a revolver for one year.

The committee fixed December 11 as the date for making an inspection of the township roads.

By motion Saturday, December 28, was fixed as the time for payment of any bills against the township and the committee will meet at 9 a. m., on that day. To insure their payment bills should be sent to Clerk Daniel Martin prior to that day or at the morning session.

Notice of Settling Day was ordered published in THE JOURNAL.

Clerk Martin was instructed to request Justice Nivison to make a settlement and report on December 28 of the fines due the township.

The appropriation for the poor account was reported exhausted and by **resolution** \$25 was ordered taken from the Ways and Means account and placed in that account.

Henry D. Brinley, representing the M. & M. E. L., H. & P. Co., was present and called the committee's attention to a ruling of the Public Utilities Commission on the fixing of rates for electricity and a **resolution** was adopted changing the rates now in force to comply with the ruling of the Public Utilities Commission. The adoption of this resolution was by a unanimous vote.

Twenty bills were presented, passed and ordered paid. They aggregated \$549.39.

Clerk Martin was instructed to notify Thomas Kelly to at once pay the interest due on the mortgage held by the Township against his property, otherwise steps would be taken to collect the mortgage.

The Matawan Journal, Jan. 2, 1913 NEW TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

The Matawan Township Committee met at noon yesterday in the Town Hall, in accordance with the requirements of the law, and organized for the ensuing year. The old officers were named as follows, L. H. Stemler having been elected last year to succeed himself:

Chairman --- John D. Ivins.

Treasurer --- L. H. Stemler.

The following appointments were made:

Township Physician --- Dr. Ervin.

Township Counsel --- J. Clarence Conover.

Road Superintendents --- John P. Hyer, Elmer A. Lambertson, Walter D. Brown, Harvey Stillwaggon and August Heuser.

Collector George F. Keller, Treasurer L. H. Stemler and Constable Alvin N. Lambertson presented their bonds, and they were accepted.

The Committee fixed the first Saturday in the month for the next three months as the regular meeting day. The hours are from 2 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Adjournment

was taken until Saturday afternoon, when other matters not disposed of will be considered.

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Township Board of Health, which is comprised of the Township Committee, the Assessor, Township Physician and Clerk, was organized by the reelection of the old officers, viz.:

President --- Jacob Meinzer.

Clerk --- Daniel Martin.

No other business was transacted.

The Matawan Journal, Jan. 8, 1914

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

The reorganization of the Township Committee was perfected at a meeting held in the Township Hall at noon on New Years Day. Walter D. Brown of Freneau, the new member, was sworn in by Clerk Daniel Martin. John D. Ivins was re-elected chairman and Lewis H. Stemler was also re-elected treasurer.

The appointment of road superintendents was made, Aaron Warne succeeding W. D. Brown and James W. Lyle his father-in-law, John P. Hyer. The others were reappointments---Elmer A. Lambertson, Harvey Stillwaggon and Augustus Heuser. J. Clarence Conover was reappointed counsel to the committee.

The first Wednesday night in the month at 7:30 o'clock was selected for the time for the regular meeting, after which Clerk Martin was requested to notify Collector Keller of the change and ask him to attend the next meeting.

The Board of Health was organized by electing Lewis H. Stemler president, Mr. Brown declining to accept the office, and Daniel Martin secretary.

MEETING LAST NIGHT

The first regular meeting of the committee was held last night and in the absence of Chairman Ivins Mr. Stemler presided. Mr. Brown and Clerk Martin were present. The annual report for 1913 shows a balance of \$312.23 and a **resolution** was adopted to place the same in the ways and means account.

The bonds of Alvin N. Lambertson and Patrick Hagan, Constables, in the sum of \$500 each were accepted.

A letter was read from the American Security notifying the committee that Collector Keller had paid for the renewal of his bond and asking that a copy of his report be sent. The letter was ordered filed.

Treasurer Stemler reported having paid the premium for the renewal of his bond in the Aetna Insurance Company. He also reported the receipt from Collector Keller of \$1,500 on the 1913 duplicate.

The road superintendents were given \$100 each to work out and were instructed to make a report when the same was expended.

A **resolution** was adopted appropriating \$200 for lighting purposes and **another** fixing the appropriations for the coming year, which were as follows: Ways and Means, \$1,000; roads, \$1,300; poor, \$600. The last two are \$100 more than in 1913.

Collector Keller, by **resolution**, was released in full of \$10,001.90, being the amount of the 1911 duplicate. A similar **resolution** covering the 1912 duplicate was passed. This amounted to \$10,822.93, most of which he had been released from in July last. Clerk Martin was directed to notify the surety company of the action taken.

Holmdel Township had carried a drain pipe across the road at James M. Van Brakle's and the pipe was about three feet too short, allowing a washout at the point it emptied into the ditch. Inasmuch as a wagon had recently been upset at that place Clerk Martin was directed to ask the Holmdel Township Committee to extend the pipe the full width of the road.

Engineer Richard Heuser was authorized to have deeds and maps made of the change in the road at what is known as Sickles' Mill and see that they are executed, the township to reimburse him for the consideration of \$1 he pays to each owner. He is expected to have this done by the next regular meeting.

A **resolution** was adopted binding the committee to pay one-half of the cost of a 100-watt electric light on what is known as the P. V. Hyer bridge.

The Matawan Journal, April 2, 1914

AN ORDINANCE

of the Inhabitants of the Township of Matawan, in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, by its Township Committee, accepting two certain tracts of land for part of a public road leading from Freneau to Layton's Mills:

WHEREAS, on January 30, 1914, Susan Lovejoy Neidlinger and Charles A., her husband, conveyed to the Inhabitants of the Township of Matawan, in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, all that certain tract of land situate in the Township of Matawan, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, thirty-three feet in width extending sixteen and a half feet on each side of the centre line, which is described as follows:

Beginning at a point in or near the centre line of the road leading from Freneau to Layton's Mills, distant 61 feet on a course of south 79 degrees and 53 minutes east as the needle pointed October, 1913, from a cherry tree standing near the northerly edge of said road and distant 47 and 8-10 feet on a course of north 62 degrees and 27 minutes east from a telephone pole near the southerly edge of said road, thence (1) north 80 degrees and 15 minutes east 127 and 15-100 feet to the point of a curve, thence (2) along a curve with a radius of 187 feet to the left 149 and 3-10 feet, thence (3) north 33 degrees and 58 minutes east 95 and 3-10 feet to the end, a point in or near the center of the bridge over Gravelly Brook, said tract to be used for the purpose of a public road only and to take the place of the present road connecting the beginning and ending points, the deed of dedication for which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County of Monmouth in Book 970 of deeds, page 111 &c.; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 1914, Sarah A. Punderford and James A., her husband, conveyed to the Inhabitants of the Township of Matawan, in the County of Monmouth

and State of New Jersey, all that certain other tract of land situate in the Township of Matawan, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, thirty-three feet in width extending sixteen and a half feet on each side of the centre line, which is described as follows:

Beginning at a point in or near the centre line of the road leading from Freneau to Layton's Mills, distant 61 feet on a course of south 79 degrees and 53 minutes east as the needle pointed October, 1913, from a cherry tree standing near the northerly edge of said road and distant 47 and 8-10 feet on a course of north 62 degrees and 27 minutes east from a telephone pole near the southerly edge of said road, thence (1) north 80 degrees and 15 minutes east 127 and 15-100 feet to the point of a curve, thence (2) along a curve with a radius of 187 feet to the left 149 and 3-10 feet, thence (3) north 33 degrees and 58 minutes east 95 and 3-10 feet to the end, a point in or near the center of the bridge over Gravelly Brook, said tract to be used for the purpose of a public road only and to take the place of the present road connecting the beginning and ending points, the deed of dedication for which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County of Monmouth in Book 970 of deeds, page 110 &c. Now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Matawan, in the County of Monmouth:

Section 1. That the said tracts of land as above described be and the same are hereby accepted by the Township Committee of the Township of Matawan as and for part of the public road above mentioned, according to said deeds of dedication.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its publication, according to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated March 3, 1914.

Passed April 1, 1914.

JOHN D. IVINS.

Chairman.

Attest:

DANIEL MARTIN, Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE

Of the Inhabitants of the Township of Matawan, in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, by its Township Committee, vacating part of the public road in the Township of Matawan, leading from Freneau to Layton's Mills.

WHEREAS, a petition in writing duly verified and signed by at least ten freeholders of the township, in the manner and form prescribed by Chapter 71 of the Laws of 1913, was duly presented to the Township Committee at a meeting thereof held on the eighteenth day of March, 1914, praying that all that part of the public road leading from Freneau to Layton's Mills as hereinafter particularly described be vacated.

Now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Matawan in the County of Monmouth:

Section 1. That all that part of said public road leading from Freneau to Layton's Mills in the Township of Matawan, in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, being thirty-three feet in width and extending sixteen feet and a half on each side of the centre

line thereof, as hereinafter particularly described, be and the same is hereby vacated, to wit:

Beginning at a point in or near the centre line of the road leading from Freneau to Layton's Mills, distant sixty-one feet on a course of south seventy-nine degrees and fifty-three minutes, as the needle pointed October 1913, from a cherry tree standing near the northerly edge of said road and distant forty-seven and eight-tenths feet on a course of north sixty-two degrees and twenty-seven minutes east from a telephone pole near the southerly edge of said road, thence (1) south eighty-four degrees and thirty-eight minutes east one hundred and seventy and six-tenths feet, thence (2) north sixty-six degrees and seven minutes east one hundred and thirty-three and four-tenths feet, thence (3) north four degrees and one minute east one hundred and forty-two and four-tenths feet to the end, a point in or near the centre of the bridge over Gravelly Brook.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its publication.

Dated March 3, 1914.

Passed April 1, 1914.

JOHN D. IVINS.

Chairman.

Attest:

DANIEL MARTIN, Clerk.

The Matawan Journal, Jan. 7, 1915 Township Committee Organized.

Last Friday the Matawan Township Committee met and organized. Thomas Sinnett succeeded John D. Ivins as a member of the committee and he was elected chairman upon the refusal of Committeeman Walter D. Brown to accept the honor. Lewis H. Stemler was re-elected treasurer. The officials were sworn in by Clerk Daniel Martin. All the road superintendents were reappointed except one---John Brady succeeding E. A. Lambertson.

The reports of Treasurer Stemler and Collector Keller were ordered to be published in THE JOURNAL and will appear next week. The regular meetings were fixed for the first Wednesday night in the month in the Township Hall.

The Board of Health was organized by electing Mr. Stemler chairman and Clerk Martin secretary.