

DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – CITY OF KINGSFORD – GOVERNMENT

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VILLAGE/CITY CHARTER

KINGSFORD: Chartered as a village December 29, 1923; chartered as a city August 5, 1947; named for Edward G. Kingsford, real estate agent and Ford dealer, married to Minnie Flaherty, cousin of Henry Ford I; Ford commissioned Kingsford to find a site upon which to establish an automobile plant in the Upper Peninsula which was located south of Iron Mountain.

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VILLAGE ELECTION BALLOTS READY

Vote Next Week On Pro- posal to Organize Kingsford

The official ballots for the special election to be held August 28, in Breitung township on the proposition of incorporating the village of Kingsford, were received this morning by County Clerk William Cudlip, who will distribute them on the morning of the election.

Two sets of ballots were ordered printed, one for voting on the village issue and another to elect five charter commissioners who will frame the charter for the proposed village. Only five names are listed on the ballots so that the candidates will form the commission, having no opposition. They are J.A. Minnear, Frank F. Honswetz, Amil M.

Perreault, John W. Peterson and Thomas Seymour, all residents of Kingsford Heights.

Much interest is being displayed in the election and it is thought that the proposal to organize the village will be approved. The vote, however, is not expected to be large.

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BELIEVE VILLAGE PROPOSAL CARRIED

Breitung Township Vot- ing Today on Incor- poration of District

Residents of Breitung township today were voting on the proposition of whether the district embracing about four and one-half square miles of territory and including Breitung, West Breitung, the Ford plant and Kingsford Heights should be incorporated as a village.

According to reports this afternoon voting was comparatively light with the exception of the affected area, where considerable interest was shown in the outcome although little discussion regarding the proposal has been heard since the board of supervisors set the date for the vote.

Polls were to close at 5 o'clock this afternoon and predictions made during the day were to the effect that the proposition would be carried by a large majority. Five commissioners, Frank F. Honoswetz, J.A. Minnear, Amil M. Perreault, John W. Peterson and Thomas Seymour, for the

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new village were also being voted upon. As they had no opposition their election was assured. It is intended to call the new village Kingsford and to set up a commission form of government.

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VILLAGE FAVORED BY BIG MAJORITY

Breitung Township Proposal is Carried, 212 to 15

By an overwhelming majority the township of Breitung yesterday voted approval of the proposal to organize the village of Kingsford Heights [sic]. Tabulation of the votes was completed shortly after the polls closed at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and showed 212 in favor with 15 against.

The vote was exceptionally light, the voting strength of the township being about 800. Kingsford Heights and Breitung, however, turned out in good force.

The vote follows:

	For	Against
Precinct No. 1 – Quinnesec	24	6
Precinct No. 2 – Twin Falls	7	7
Precinct No. 3 – Breitung-Heights	181	2

Five commissioners were elected without opposition and it will now be their duty to draw up a charter which will be submitted to the residents of the affected area within probably 60 days. The proposed village, which will be named

Kingsford, includes about four and one-half square miles of territory, taking in Kingsford Heights, Breitung, West Breitung and the Ford plant property.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 182 [Monday, November 12, 1923], page 8, column 1

GOVERNOR GIVEN VILLAGE CHARTER

Kingsford Will Vote on Government Within Short Time

Voters living in the newly formed village of Kingsford, which includes Kingsford Heights, Breitung, West Breitung and the Ford plant, will have an opportunity within the next few weeks to cast their ballots on the charter of their government.

The charter has been drawn up by the five commissioners selected when it was decided to organize the village and forwarded to Governor Groesbeck for his approval. It is expected that this will be received within a few days and the election will follow within a short time after that.

Commissioners have thus far refused to reveal the form of government the charter calls for, deciding to withhold any announcements until the governor's approval has been obtained and the document returned. It will be either aldermanic or commission form with a village president.

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Number 193 [Saturday, November 24, 1923], page 2, column 1

Propose Manager Form Of Government For Village

Kingsford Will Have Opportunity to Vote On Charter December 29; Divided Into Two Precincts.

Members of the charter commission of the village of Kingsford at a meeting last evening set December 29 as the day on which residents of the village will vote on the adoption of the proposed charter, which is based on the commission-manager form of government.

The full charter will be published in The News December 5, giving the voters plenty of time to study its provisions and decide for themselves whether it is the kind they wish the village to operate under. The charter covers 63 pages of typewritten manuscript and has received the official approval of Governor Groesbeck.

Five Commissioners.

The charter provides for the election of five commissioners at large who, in turn, will select a president from their own number. This president will virtually be a mayor with the exception that he will not possess a veto power. All the other officers of the village will be appointive.

The direct supervision of the village will be by a general manager who will also act as clerk. This manager will be hired by the commission and can also be released by it, the charter forbidding the commission to enter into a contract for more than a year

with the executive. The general manager will be responsible to the commission for his work and while having a part in the proposal and discussion of ordinances and regulation of the village will have no vote.

The commission will function in the same manner as a city council, passing and adopting other measures the president exercising his vote as a commissioner. Provision is also made for the removal of any elective officer in the manner provided by the laws of the state. This removal may be based on incompetency [*sic* – *incompetence*], violation of the charter or ordinances, intoxication, neglect of duty, willful misconduct to the injury of the public service of willful malfeasance or misfeasance in office. Any commissioner may seek the removal of another or 25 electors of the village can sign a petition for removal. The commission by a majority vote can then suspend the officer and he can be removed entirely if the charges against him are upheld at a hearing.

Initiative and Referendum.

The village also has the initiative and referendum under the charter. Five qualified electors can present a petition for an ordinance but the names of 20 per cent of those who voted in the last annual election must also be secured for the petition. The commission, if it believes the ordinance should be adopted, can then pass it, but if opposed to the measure must submit it to a vote of the people. If the voters desire that an ordinance be rescinded the same process is gone through.

The commissioners will be elected for terms of two years. At the first election all will serve until March, 1925. Five will then again be elected but two for terms of only one year. After that elections will all be for terms of two years but there will be an election every year, three commissioners running one year and two the next.

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Two Precincts.

The village, which includes Kingsford Heights, Breitung and West Breitung, or an area of about five square miles, has been divided into two precincts, to be known as Kingsford heights and Breitung. Election inspectors for the Breitung precinct are Mrs. Lottie Mynning[,] Mrs. Frank Hess and Mrs. Charles Monty; the clerks are Mrs. John Derpinghaus and Mrs. Fred Pitcher. Inspectors for the Kingsford Heights precinct are Mrs. John J. Jacobson, Mrs. Ernest Friestrom and Mrs. Walter Joslin; clerks are Mrs. Charles J. Juntunen and Mrs. Arthur J. Buffion. The Breitung gatekeeper is Bulter Johnston and the gatekeeper at Kingsford Heights is Peter E. Pearson. The board of canvassers is composed of Ephriam Fournier, William Marble and Omer Haelterman.

Every effort has been made, it is declared, to draw up a charter that would provide a most democratic form of government and keep the control of the village's affairs in the hands of the people. When the charter is printed it is urged that all the residents of the village give it careful perusal so that they will fully understand its purpose.

Registration Days.

Registration of voters for the election will take place December 8 and 15[,] the registration board going in session from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the schools in both precincts. All persons in the village are required to register in order to vote.

Members of the commission that drew up the charter are Amil M. Perreault, chairman; John W. Peterson, Frank F. Honsowetz, J.A. Minnear and Tom Seymour. Some of these will probably be candidates for election as commissioners when the charter is adopted. Minnear is clerk of the board.

VILLAGE/CITY HALL

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 33 [Tuesday, May 19, 1925], page 2, columns 3-4

VILLAGE HALL BEING TALKED

Kingsford Commissioners To Look For Good Site

The commission of the village of Kingsford last night took a step towards building a village hall.

President Minnear and Commissioner Green were authorized to investigate the proposition and look for a suitable and central location. The commissioners, according to their discussion, favor a site on Carpenter avenue at a point near the place where the Ford plant railroad tracks cross the highway.

The chief objection to the present village headquarters in the Kingsford Heights school is its location and size. The rent is considered very reasonable as the village pays the school board only \$10 per month for the use of two rooms in the basement.

Commissioner Peterson declared that a building suitable for the needs of the village offices could be constructed for approximately \$15,000. It was thought advisable to build the village hall near the tracks in order that a spur track may be built to the village warehouse, which would be erected in the rear. At the present time, the village uses one of the Ford Motor company's warehouses for storage purposes.

The proposed new city hall and warehouse, however, will not be

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constructed this year as the funds are not provided for in the 1925 budget.

Village officials will confer with members of the township board of education at a meeting this afternoon at 5 o'clock in an effort to obtain temporarily two rooms in the new Junior high school building on Hamilton street. The sole purpose of making a change, it was pointed out, is to have a more central location as residents of Breitung are now too far from the present offices.

The report of the conference with school officials will be submitted at a special meeting of the commission tomorrow night, at which time bids for the road improvement program in the village will be opened.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 35 [Thursday, May 21, 1925], page 6, column 1

KINGSFORD TO RETAIN OFFICE

Quarters in Present School Building Are Again Leased

The commission of the village of Kingsford at a special meeting last night decided to enter into a lease with the board of education of Breitung township for another year for the renting of the same two rooms that are now being used in the Kingsford Heights school for village offices. The rental price was fixed at \$10 per month, the same as paid heretofore.

The commission also acted favorably on a petition from the board of education to vacate part of an alleyway in Garden

Village, where the new school building will be constructed.

Other business transacted at the meeting was the awarding of contracts for the street improvement program in the village and also the letting of a contract for 1,000 feet of cast iron pipe.

A resolution was also passed asking the township board for permission to run one of the outlets of the proposed sewer system through property now under township supervision in order to reach Sewer creek.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 10, Number 188 [Wednesday, November 19, 1930], page 2, columns 1-3 and photograph, columns 4-6

Village's New Office Building Will Be Opened Monday Morning

Structure Modeled After Colonial Times; Tribute To Progress of Kingsford.

PART OF LAYOUT

Warehouse Occupies Rear Of Site That Has Al- Ready Been Fully Land- scaped.

Part of a layout occupying four acres of land, modern and complete in every detail, and costing approximately \$30,000, the new municipal building of the village of Kingsford, located on South Carpenter

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avenue, south of the Ford store, is without doubt one of the finest structures of its type to be found any where [*sic – anywhere*] throughout the upper Michigan territory.

Kingsford may be justly proud of this stately monument to its progressiveness the result of years of careful planning and painstaking, conservative administration. It stands, moreover, in rather haughty defiance of the so-called “trend of the times”, for it was begun and will be finished while the cries of “hard times” mingled with the staccato raps of the carpenter’s hammer.

To the casual observer, from the street, the building seems like a page torn from the picturesque history of the south, for its tall, colonial pillars, the ornate cornice above, the long, curving walks and the level, almost floor-like lawns convey the impression more of a stately mansion than an administration building. That effect will be enhanced in the spring when the lawns are completed, and the ornamental fountain installed in the center of the bell-shaped area between the two curving walks leading to the entrance.

Attractive Lay-Out.

Near the edge of the south lawn, in front, stands the 50-foot steel flagpole, its base marked off by an octagonal curbing, within which flowers will be planted. On the north lawn is a full-branched, mature, maple tree, moved there from the warehouse site in the rear.

Two, curving, cement walks lead the way to the Carpenter avenue entrance. Four cement steps, each 33 feet in width, approach the spacious veranda which forms also the base for the four 30-foot, cement pillars which rise in shapely dignity to the ornamental cornice above.

The building itself measures 47 by 75 feet. Of the total area of three and 92/100 acres, occupied by the administrative building and garage, 242 feet front on

South Carpenter avenue. Hamilton avenue provides the north boundary, with the garage at the rear, or east, while beyond that, to the east and south, a fringe of evergreen provides a picturesque background for the lay-out.

The exterior of the building throughout is of four-toned, tan-faced brick, each blending with the other. The roof is of purple-colored, fireproof asbestos shingle.

Three double doors, built of birch, stained and spar-varnished, constitute the entrance to the building property. On each side of the center door, and above, are two bronze, colonial lanterns, with decorative, frosted glass. Over each door the four-toned face brick is fashioned into an effective arch, with three arched windows above. Three smaller windows beneath the cornice admit light to the second-floor corridors.

The Interior.

Directly inside the Carpenter avenue entrance is a lobby, 14 by 24 feet, with ornamental, hanging lights. Three French doors, also trimmed in stained birch, open into a T-shaped corridor arrangement, the short lane running north and south, and the long one east and west through the center of the structure.

Ornamental lights, suspended, are provided along the corridors.

On the west wall of the short corridor north of the main entrance is the ladies’ rest room. Across the entrance to the first of the series of offices which line the north wall of the building, on the first floor. The first is the treasurer’s office. Adjoining to the east, with a door between, is the general office, measuring 16 by 20 feet, in which the water department and all other general administration work will be centered.

Ample windows of Florentine glass admit light through the partitions from one room to another, while wide, double windows are provided along the north wall,

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for each office. On the east wall of the general office is the reinforced concrete vault, ventilated and heated within. Shelving is provided for the valuable documents and other data to be kept there.

Facing the main corridor, on the south wall of the general office, are two wicker customers windows. At the end of the corridor, in the north wall, is the janitor's supply room and sink.

Along South Wall.

Starting again at the entrance, and turning south along the short corridor at the front of the building, there is installed, on the west wall, a 75-foot hose-reel and hose, in a glass case. Farther along, and near the stairs leading to the second floor, is a small wall cabinet where the electrical control switches, fuses and other equipment are installed.

Across the corridor, on the east wall and at the southeast corner of the building, is the office of the village engineer. It is roomy, well-lighted, and convenient to every other office in the building. Adjoining it, to the east, is the engineering and draughting [*sic – drafting*] room, the same size as the general office across the hall, 16 by 20 feet. A wall-panel is provided for the posting of maps and other engineering data.

Adjoining to the east is a small office for which no specific use has been designated as yet. That will be left to the discretion of the village board. It is likely, however, that it will be used, temporarily, as an engineering room, while the latter will be reserved for commission meetings, until the regular commission room, on the second floor, is completed. No definite arrangement has been made, however.

The men's wash-room is located at the end of the east and west corridor, along the south wall. Along that side of the corridor, also, are recesses in which steel lockers will be placed, for the convenience of

employees [*sic – employees*]. The lockers were received today, and will be installed at once.

Second Floor.

Access to the second floor is by a flight of stairs at the front of the building, at the southwest corner. Only the walls, ceiling and partitions of the second floor have been completed.

When finished[,] it will include the commission room, measuring 42 by 47 feet and taking up the greater part of the space. Two small committee rooms will be provided at the rear of the building, to the east, and a larger room, at the west end, which will probably be used, later, as a justice court. Wash-rooms are also provided at the west end of the second floor.

In the basement is the Kewanee, boiler-type heating plant, built of steel, and provided also with a 400-gallon hot water tank.

The coal bin, of carload capacity, adjoins the boiler room, and here also are located part of the electrical control system for the building. Spacious rooms for storage or any other purpose which may later be designated, make the rest of the basement arrangement.

To the east of the administration building, and separated by a wide, graveled area which provides not only ample driving space for trucks, tractors and automobiles, but a parking ground as well, is the warehouse and garage, measuring 60 by 113 feet. Neat, white curbings surround the structure, and the Hamilton avenue entrance is flanked by level lawns, with flagstone walks across that side of the building.

A gasoline pump with a tank of 550 gallons capacity is located near the northwest corner of the building. Entrances are provided on all four sides, the south entrance leading directly to the basement,

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or first floor – an unusual arrangement made possible by the sloping contour of the grade at that section of the grounds.

Wires Underground.

All power, electric light and telephone lines for both the administration building and the garage are in conduit, underground. There are no unsightly poles nor overhead wires anywhere about the premises.

Near the Hamilton avenue entrance, inside the building, is the pipe shop, occupying the northwest section. There are storage bins for repair parts, a work table, pipe racks and four full-sized windows admitting light through the west wall of the building. At the south end of the pipe shop is the office and meter room, with neatly arranged storage bins for all meter repair parts.

Included in the equipment for the pipe shop is the compressed air service which, by means of the complete installation in the basement, is available in every part of the building for painting, car washing, pumping tires, and every other purpose for which compressed air may be used.

The pipe shop is the only department partitioned off from the balance of the garage. In the main area, along the north wall, are located the bins, racks, lockers and other equipment for the systematic storage of repair parts. Here are the shovel and tire racks and steel bins for water department equipment while arranged in neat rows, on the top of the bins, are the street lanterns, each glistening with a fresh coat of red paint.

There is not better evidence than this of the old “rule of order” – a place for everything, and everything in its place.

Neatness Prevails.

Near the center of the building, and along the east wall, are lockers for the rainy-day equipment of the street workers – rubber coats, boots and hats, and behind

that, inclosed [*sic – enclosed*], is the wash room for garage, street and water department employes [*sic – employees*].

Everything inside and outside the garage and warehouse is spotlessly clean, glistening with fresh paint and bristling with neatness and order.

Of the four huge doors, for trucks and other equipment, two – on the main floor – are of the “lift” type. With comparatively little effort the doors are hoisted to the ceiling, sliding back on well-oiled rollers. Long, taut springs at the top provide the “pull.” A jerk on the rope brings them down again.

The two lift type doors admit the trucks, service cars and other lighter equipment. They are located on the west and north walls. On the east wall is the huge sliding gateway for the tractors, snow plows and other heavier rolling stock.

Arranged along the east and west walls are the trucks, tractors, service cars, a cement mixer and the huge steam engine used for thawing pipes and hydrants. A smaller truck carries the electrical thawing equipment. All of the equipment has been freshly painted, the brass and nickle [*sic – nickel*] brightly polished, and every item overhauled and ready for winter service.

Tunnel for Pipes.

In the center of the first floor is the drain and wash rack [*sic – rack*]. All sewer, water, steam and compressed air pipes are run through a tunnel which circles the building on the inside of the basement, or first floor, and are readily accessible for repairs or extensions. The tunnel is large enough to permit ready access by men who can work at any point therein with comparative ease.

Full length windows on the four sides of the structure admit ample light to every corner of the interior. A traveling, hoisting crane is available for any section of the main floor and will be in constant use.

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In the southeast corner is a complete battery charging plant, and adjoining it, along the south wall, the mechanics' bench, with an extensive array of tools and other equipment, while farther along the south wall, extending west, is the fully equipped blacksmith shop and the oil storage tanks.

In the basement is installed a new Capitol cast iron boiler, with all the appurtenances for the ample heating of the building throughout. Here also is located a well-ventilated storage space for the winter care of plants and flowers used in and outside of the two buildings.

Facing the west wall and lighted by two spacious windows above is a dining table and benches for the workers. That will be particularly convenient and comfortable during the cold winter months. The furnace room measures, in all, 40 by 60 feet.

In addition to the carload coal bins located here also are storage cabinets for paint and other equipment. An entrance for trucks is provided in the south wall, at the southeast corner. The wide, graveled road which circles the building to the south, east and west, provides access to that entrance.

Plant Cedar Trees.

Small cedar trees have been planted about the garage building, while a lone and stately pine has been preserved in the area between the administration building and garage. Iron railings guard the rain pits in front of each of the basement windows.

Parking space for the administrative force is provided in the rear of that building, and for the garage, east of that structure. It is significant, also, that the village maintains its own excellent gravel pit at the rear of the garage. Storage space for heavier pipes – too long for the interior of the building – is also provided outside.

Although the areas set aside for the lawns have not been seeded, they have been rolled level throughout, the front gradually sloping from the porch of the

structure to the sidewalk on Carpenter avenue.

Those Who Did It.

Hanson Brothers, of Crystal Falls, are completing the structural contract on both buildings. Face brick was provided by the Service and Supply company, of this city. All electrical equipment – lighting, etc. – has been installed by J.O. Langren. Branz Brothers, of Iron Mountain, were awarded the plumbing contract. Donald Anderson, of this city, supplied the deep-toned linoleum with which the administration is equipped throughout. Lewis G. Eisele, Iron Mountain building contractor, furnished the roofing for both buildings. The vault door, in the general office, and other office equipment, was purchased from the Upper Peninsula Office Supply company's local branch.

Carlin and Carlson were awarded the contract for the 300-foot cement sidewalk along the north side of both buildings, on Hamilton avenue.

The village commission of Kingsford will hold a special meeting tomorrow afternoon to inspect and accept the new building. The moving of furniture, fixtures and other equipment will probably be completed by Saturday of this week. It is planned to open the building for employes [*sic* – employees] on Monday, November 24, and to announce a public inspection for Saturday, November 29.

ADDITIONS TO THE VILLAGE/CITY

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 21 [Thursday, October 7, 1920], page 1, column 3

Roseland Addition.

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J.A. Minnear & Co. have secured the agency for the Corn sub-division of forty acres. This tract is just west of the Carpenter avenue road and east of the Breitung townsite. The property is desirable, being only a short distance from the plants of the Michigan Iron, Land & Lumber company.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 23 [Thursday, October 21, 1920], page 1, column 4

Newest Addition.

Engineer Cummings, of Marquette, is engaged in platting the forty acres adjoining the Breitung townsite on the west for the Iron Mountain Real Estate company. The lots will be in [*sic – on*] the market soon and will be handled by J.A. Minnear & Co. This property is located directly south of the immense body plant of the Michigan Iron, Land & Lumber company upon which work will commence at an early date.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 23 [Thursday, October 21, 1920], page 1, column 5

Ferndale.

Cruse & Co. have sold many lots in their Ferndale addition to people who intend building homes and become residents of Iron Mountain. A couple of business houses – meat market and provision store – is also assured.

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ANNEXATION BY VILLAGE SOUGHT

Skidmore Residents Start Movement to Have Election

Residents of the Skidmore addition, which adjoins the village of Kingsford on the south border line, today started a movement looking towards the annexation of the district by the village.

A delegation early today met with Supervisor Fred Langsford of Breitung township, in which Skidmore and the village are located, and discussed with him plans for calling a vote in the township on annexation.

Langsford and the delegation then visited the offices of J.C. Knight, township attorney, and an agreement was reached that he should begin at once making preparations for holding the election. The question will be taken up with the township board and the steps necessary to annexation, as outlined by Mr. Knight, explained.

Although the township might favor annexation, residents of the village must approve it at the polls. A petition requesting that an election be called will probably be presented to the village commission which, it is believed, will act favorably upon it.

At the present time it is proposed to annex only Skidmore addition, all of the property affected being west of Carpenter avenue. No proposal has been made to annex property east of Carpenter avenue, which includes East Kingsford.

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INFORMAL TALK ON ANNEXATION

Commission Indicates It Would Call Special Election

Village commissioners of Kingsford last night informally discussed the movement started by residents of Skidmore to have the district annexed by the village.

Although no formal action was taken the commissioners indicated that any request for an annexation election that came through the proper channels would be granted and the election called.

It was pointed out that the annexation would entail almost the same amount of work as was necessary in the organization of the village.

There were no new developments in the situation today. Preliminary steps are almost entirely in the hands of the Skidmore residents who, with Supervisor Fred Langsford of the township, yesterday called on J.C. Knight, township attorney, to have him prepare the necessary legal steps.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential Areas – Breitung

Residential Areas – Ford Addition

Residential Areas – Kingsford Heights

The Iron Mountain Daily News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 118 [Saturday, August 27, 1921], page 2, column 1

KINGSFORD HEIGHTS TO OPEN TOMORROW

New Subdivision South- west of City Will Be Exhibited

Tomorrow will see the formal opening of Kingsford Heights, the new subdivision southwest of the city which has been platted by J.A. Minnear & Co. Several reservations for lots have already been made, according to Mr. Minnear, and hundreds are expected to look the track over tomorrow.

The subdivision extends from the north line of the Ford lands immediately adjoining the plant to a point just south and west of the city park. The land is varied, some of it being flat, some rolling, some wooded, chiefly with hardwood, and some clear. The lots have been staked out, and streets are being graded by a crew under the direction of M.J. Bacco. In laying out the streets, the natural contour of the ground has been taken advantage of to provide the best grades. The subdivision comprises 440 lots in all.

Some of them are laid out for business blocks, and the rest for residence. All are restricted against offensive noise or odor, and many of them carry restrictions as to the value of property to be erected. Houses

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must be set back a fixed distance from the walk; a garage, which must harmonize in architecture and lines with the house is the only outbuilding permitted. This, it is believed, is the only restricted subdivision in the upper peninsula.

Attention is called to the fact that the subdivision is directly accessible from the trunk road via Woodward avenue, and also from the city park. It is believed that B street, in *[the]* future, will be the main thoroughfare to the plant, the route leading through the new subdivision.

Kingsford Heights may be reached by going west on Hughitt street to the city park, and then southwest, or by taking Carpenter avenue south and turning west on Woodward avenue.

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KINGSFORD HEIGHTS THRONGED YESTERDAY

Hundreds of Visitors Look Over New Subdivision – Many Sales

Literally thousands of people visited Kingsford Heights, the new subdivision being sold by J.A. Minnear Co., on the occasion of its formal opening yesterday. Many sales were made, and more lots reserved. The sales would have been larger had there been enough salesmen to take care of the crowds.

“The number was at least twice as large as we thought it would be. Only a small portion of the visitors saw Kingsford Heights in its true form, for it was impossible to take them all over it. The road work was not as far advanced as we had anticipated when the date of the big sale was decided upon. However, before the week is out many of the roads now under construction will be completed. Then it will be an easy matter to see Kingsford Heights.

“We regret that we did not have more salesmen on the grounds, but we never for one moment expected the avalanche of visitors. Hundreds left because they could not find a salesman to show men the lots. We tried to overcome this by putting up markers showing lot and block numbers, but then many picked out lots only to find that they were previously sold. We did not sell them all, by any means, but we sold many times more than we expected, and were sorry that darkness came as soon as it did.

“The choice buiness *[sic – business]* lot *[sic – lots]* were grabbed up rapidly by some of the most progressive interests in northern Michigan, who know and appreciate what Iron Mountain will be, and what Kingsford Heights will be in a short while. We have been adherent believers in a greater Iron Mountain, developing to the west and south, even as Breitung and West Breitung are being built up today.

“We have made every effort to conduct this sale in a straightforward manner, on the motto ‘first come, first served.’ The coming week-end *[sic – weekend]* will see hundreds of people from adjacent cities who did not know the sale was on. Meanwhile, the people from Iron Mountain and vicinity who did not make reservations can do so this week. Our salesmen will be on the grounds throughout the day, and out *[sic – our]* office two doors west of the Colonial theater will be open daily from 9

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a.m. to 9 p.m. Cars will be furnished to take those interested out to the addition, without cost.”

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LARGE INCREASE IN VILLAGE ROLL

Valuation of Kingsford Gains \$2,500,000 In Year's Time

An increase of more than \$2,500,000 in the assessed valuation of the village of Kingsford over last year was shown last night when members of the village board of review completed tabulation of the 1925 assessment roll.

The valuation for 1925 is \$7,017,525 as compared to \$4,425,000 in 1924, the exact gain being \$2,592,525.

As a result, the tax rate for village purposes will be lowered, although more money will be raised. The burden of this increase, however, will be borne principally by the Ford Motor company.

The village is planning to raise approximately \$105,000 in taxes this year, which will mean a tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100. The tax rate last year was \$1.80 per \$100 and only \$80,000 was raised. The

tentative budget for 1925 calls for \$93,000, but several thousand dollars will probably be added for other purposes.

Ford Valuation Big.

The new assessment roll total represents \$5,498,725 in real estate and \$1,518,800 in personal property. By far the biggest part of this is the valuation of the Ford Motor company, which this year has a real estate valuation of \$4,000,000 and a personal property valuation of \$1,500,000. The total valuation of the company last year was \$3,587,000, an increase of \$1,913,000.

Because of the big increase in valuation the village will be well able to issue bonds enough to pay for the installation of the complete arterial sewer system. The village is permitted to bond up to 10 per cent of its valuation. It now has \$190,000 in water works bonds outstanding, which would allow it to issue bonds as high as \$509,000 for other purposes. It is unlikely, however, that any such sum as this will be sought for the sewer system.

New Water Services.

Further evidence of the remarkable growth of the village during the last year is seen in the number of water services that have been connected. Installation of meters was started about a year ago. Today approximately 900 have been installed, requests are coming in at the rate of five or six daily and installations are going forward at the rate of about 120 per month. Although the village issued \$200,000 worth of bonds to purchase its water system, it not only increased the scope of its original plans for pipe installation, but purchased \$10,000 of the bonds, leaving only \$190,000 are outstanding [sic].

In addition, it is expected that the fiscal year will be closed in July with a small balance left in the general treasury.

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page 3, columns 4-5*

COMMISSION TO DISCUSS BUDGET

Final Action Will Not Be Taken Until Wednes- day Night

The Village of Kingsford's budget *[for]* the next fiscal year will be discussed at the regular meeting of the commission to be held tonight at 6:30 o'clock at the Kingsford Heights school.

Appropriations, however, will not be made until a special meeting Wednesday night, the session being provided for in the village charter. The tentative budget, prepared by Village Manager C.W. Seiler, calls for the raising of \$93,000 but this figure is expected to be increased in view of the fact that a few departments need more money this year with which to carry on operations.

Several applications for soft drink parlors will also come up for approval at tonight's session. At the last meeting 12 were granted and one rejected.

The committee appointed by President Minnear to confer with city officials regarding the widening and straightening of the outlet road bordering the city park will submit its report tonight. It was stated that the outcome of the conference of village and city officials was favorable to making the improvement. It is understood that an agreement was reached to share equally the cost of putting the road in first class condition.

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Number 45 [Wednesday, June 3, 1925],
page 6, column 5*

BUDGET WILL BE PASSED TONIGHT

Village Sewer Program Estimate Will Also Be Received

The annual budget of the village of Kingsford said to reach a figure this year of \$100,000, *[sic]* will be presented for approval at a regular meeting of the commission tonight. The session is called for 6:30 o'clock at the Kingsford Heights school.

The original budget called for appropriations aggregating \$93,000 but this amount was increased because of additional work contemplated by the village during the next year.

Estimates on the sewer program for the village will also be furnished the commissioners tonight, it was stated. Engineers working on the program declared today that approximately \$300,000 will be needed to install trunk sewers in the village.

Only homes in the Ford addition of the village are provided with sewers and these were installed by the Ford Motor company. The village officials plan to speed up work on the proposed bond issue as it is desired to get the work done this summer.

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VILLAGE BUDGET TOTALS \$107,000

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**Increase Over Last Year
But Tax Rate Will Be
Lower**
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The commission of the village of Kingsford last night approved an annual budget calling for the expenditure of \$107,250.

This figure is an increase of \$25,250 over last year's appropriations which amounted to an even \$80,000. The increases were allowed in the various departments because of the rapid growth of the village during the last year and additional work which the commission contemplates during the next fiscal year.

The increase[,] however, does not mean that taxes will be higher for the small property holder. Taxes will be practically the same as last year with the exception of the Ford Motor company which was increased \$2,000,000 in valuation by the state tax commission.

The total valuation of the village is \$7,017,525, or an increase of approximately \$2,000,000 over the assessment roll of 1924. With \$107,250 to be collected by taxation, the rate will be \$1.5275 per \$100. The rate last year was \$1.81 per \$100.

Pays 90 Per Cent.

A lower rate was made possible because of the higher valuation of the Ford company, which, it was pointed out, will pay approximately 90 per cent of the tax of the village.

Following are the funds provided for in the annual budget: contingent, \$31,650; health, \$4,800; lighting, \$4,800; fire, \$9,300; sinking, \$10,500; street, \$34,300, and water, \$12,000.

Last year's appropriations were as follows: contingent, \$12,000; health, \$3,250; lighting, \$3,000; fire, \$7,500; sinking, \$8,000; street, \$26,000, and street [sic – water], \$20,000.

The contingent fund was increased because the salary of the village policemen will be taken from it. It is the plan of village officials to hire three patrolmen, each to work eight hours per day. The extra officers, however, will not be put on until necessity demands it.

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CONSIDER SEILER FOR VILLAGE JOB

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**Will Probably Be Named
Manager at Salary of
\$3,000 a Year**
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Because of his work the last month during which he has been in complete management of the village of Kingsford it is probable that E. Walter Seiler, appointed acting manager following the discharge of Manager Lawrence W. Cox, will be named village manager for a period of one year at the next meeting of the commission.

Preliminary steps to this end were taken at the last commission meeting which fixed the manager salary at \$3,000 per year as

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compared to the \$4,500 paid Cox. At that time commissioners expressed themselves as being in favor of entering into a contract for Seiler's services for a period of one year.

Seiler was assistant village engineer under Cox. It is reported that Cox is among those being considered for the position of city engineer of Iron Mountain, the vacancy in this department having been created by the resignation of W.W. Dalzell.

Recommendations of President Minnear for committee appointments, a new feature in the village's administration, were adopted by the commission without a dissenting vote. The appointments were as follows:

Finance, taxation and auditing – Amil Perreault and Gust Peterson.

Street lighting and electrical inspection – Thomas Seymour and Amil Perreault.

Garbage and health department – Amos Greene and Gust Peterson.

Water department – Amos Greene and Thomas Seymour.

Streets and alleys – Gust Peterson and Amil Perreault.

Sewers – Amos Greene and Thomas Seymour.

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MANAGER TO BE NAMED TONIGHT

Seiler Mentioned as Favorite For Village Position

The appointment of village manager will probably be made at the regular meeting of the Kingsford commission at 6:30 o'clock this evening in the Kingsford Heights school.

The name of C.W. Seiler, acting village manager, has been frequently mentioned in connection with the position and the commissioners are understood to favor his appointment. Seiler has been managing the affairs of the village since L.W. Cox, former manager, was dismissed.

The street grading program which will be carried on this summer will be among the topics discussed tonight. The acting manager has made a survey of street conditions in the village and will submit a report. Only the bad spots will be graded and put into a passable condition this year, it was indicated.

It was stated today that the commission may take action on revising the system of numbering houses in the village. The present system is believed impractical and a new method has been recommended.

The sewer program will also be considered.

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KINGSFORD JOB GOES TO SEILER

Appointed Village Manager at Salary of \$3,000 A Year

C. Walter Seiler last night was named manager of the village of Kingsford at a

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salary of \$3,000 a year, the appointment being approved at a meeting of the village commission.

Seiler succeeds Lawrence W. Cox, who was discharged as village manager a few weeks ago. Seiler was Cox's engineering assistant and since the latter's dismissal had been serving in the capacity of acting manager.

Seiler's appointment occasioned no surprise as the commission indicted its attitude at a meeting a short time ago when it fixed salaries for the coming year. Final action on the payroll was taken last night and was followed with the appointment.

Soft Drink Applications.

Other business taken up at the meeting included the receiving of several petitions for soft drink licenses but action was withheld pending an inspection of the establishments by Village Health Officer O'Neill. The applications were from Harry Burkhardt, 459 Hooper avenue; Mary Galeazzi, corner of Sterling and Sagola streets; Amil M. Perreault, 1584 Burch [*sic* – *Birch*] street; R.L. Armstrong, 787 Wyman street; Joseph Recore, Breitung avenue; Mrs. Caesar Rossi, 2881 Wilson avenue; Dagny E. Bloomquist, corner of Hooper and Breen streets, and Joseph Cosetti, 3152 Harding avenue.

The application of Recore was rejected as the commissioners were informed that he has already paid a fine in circuit court for violation of the liquor laws.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

HEALTH OFFICER

HEALTH AND SANITATION

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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DETECTIVE WILL POLICE VILLAGE

Reports of Attempted House Robberies Bring Decision

The village of Kingsford last night took its first step towards the organization of a police force when the commission authorized Manager Seiler to hire a plain clothes man.

The action was the direct result of a communication recieved [*sic* – *received*] from W.R. Roell, 406 Cass avenue, who informed the commission that an attempt had been made to enter his house a few nights ago. Doell also stated that similar attempts had been reported elsewhere.

Up until this time village officials have felt that there was little need for a police officer and to save the expense had not hired any. The more important criminal offenses committed in the village have been handled in a satisfactory manner by the sheriff's department. Recently, however, petty sneak thievery has grown and several instances have been reported of efforts to break in and rob houses.

The plain clothes man will have no specified hours for work and his district will include the entire village. He may be on duty either day or night and his identity will remain a secret as long as possible in order

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that he may carry on his work unobserved as an officer.

In event that the need for a greater force is shown more men will be added.

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VILLAGE TO HIRE MOTORCYCLE COP

Commissioners Act Favorably on Recommendation of Downing

Acting in accordance with a recommendation by Captain Archie Doning [*sic* – Downing], of the Negaunee detachment of the state constabulary, the commission of the village of Kingsford at its special meeting last night instructed Manager Seiler to hire a motorcycle officer to police the village.

The officer will be provided with a special police motorcycle. It is understood that Seiler will hire a man recommended by Capt. Downing. The officer will appear at the next meeting of the commission in order that an effective police program may be worked out.

It is not known at this time if the plain clothes man hired a few weeks ago will be retained. It was pointed out by the commissioners last night that the present officer and the new man will work together for a week or 10 days to determine if better results can be obtained.

The health committee was also instructed last night by President Minnear to investigate the proposal of Dr. J.M. O'Neill,

village health officer, who recommended that the commission look forward to the establishment of a quarantine hospital for children afflicted with contagious diseases. It is understood that a farm house on West Woodward avenue is being considered for use as an isolation hospital.

Two more street lights on Breen avenue will also be installed, according to authorization given the manager last night. The lights are to be placed at the Breen intersections of Hooper and Birch streets.

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VILLAGE MOTOR COP APPOINTED

Munising Man Recommended by Downing is Given Job

Ed. J. O'Boyle, of Munising, has been selected for the position of motorcycle cop in the village of Kingsford, it was stated today by Manager Seiler.

O'Boyle has been provided with a motorcycle and will also be furnished a khaki uniform. He started work this afternoon.

The new officer comes to the village highly recommended by Archie Downing, in charge of the Negaunee post of the state constabulary. Last summer O'Boyle was the speed cop of Alger county. In addition to being recommended by the constabulary official, O'Boyle also has a good police record while serving with the U.S. forces in France and Germany.

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Motor Cop Goes On Duty Tuesday

Ed. O'Boyle, newly appointed motorcycle cop for the village of Kingsford, will go on duty tomorrow, it was announced today.

The motorcycle was received today and was expected to be unpacked this afternoon.

O'Boyle has been deputized as a deputy sheriff and is thus authorized to make arrests in any part of the county although his regular "beat" will be confined to Kingsford. The officer's uniform is expected to be received within a week or 10 days.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 180 [Tuesday, November 10, 1925], page 3, column 3

One Headlight Drivers Sought

The practice by motorists of operating their cars with only one headlight in the village of Kingsford has led village authorities to make an investigation.

Roger Wood, motorcycle officer of the village, has been instructed to arrest all drivers who deliberately violate the state law which provides that each automobile shall be operated with two headlights after darkness.

Several motorists were notified last night and a duplication of the offense will result in

their arrest, it was stated today. Driving on the streets with only one headlight is extremely hazardous as an approaching driver becomes confused as to which light is not operating.

WATER DEPARTMENT

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 170 [Monday, October 29, 1923], page 2, columns 6-7

EXTEND AVENUE TO SITE OF DAM

Ford Motor Company Awards Contract to Clifford Bridges

Woodward avenue, part of the boundary line between the city city [*sic*] and Breitung township, is being extended from the corner of Cleveland avenue, Kingsford Heights, to the Ford dam, the work being done by Clifford Bridges, contractor who was awarded the job by the Ford Motor company.

A large crew of men is already employed on the job, which is to be completed this winter. The avenue will extend to the edge of the river and will make the dam site easily accessible by road.

The extension is three-fourths of a mile long and will be 30 feet wide. The road is to be given an eight-inch coating of gravel. Camps are being erected to house the men employed on the work.

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VILLAGE STREETS TO BE IMPROVED

Bids Will Be Asked for Summer Construction Program

Bids will be asked for approximately \$20,000 worth of street work this summer in the village of Kingsford, according to action taken last night by the village commission.

The commission approved the proposed street improvement program presented by anager [*sic* – *Manager*] Walter Seiler and instructed him to group it in two sections so that two contracts can be awarded.

The probable division will be the work in the Breitung and the work in Kingsford Heights. Improvement of the following streets is proposed in Breitung: Sagola, Hooper avenue, Pinehurst avenue and Dickinson avenue and portions of Lyman, Sterling, Lawrence, Sherman and Riverview drive. The Kingsford Heights program includes the improvement of Saratoga avenue, Marquette boulevard, Osage street, Cleveland avenue, Harrison avenue High street and Hazel place.

In addition, the Breitung contract will probably include the improvement of Chestnut street, Breitung avenue and Spencer avenue in Garden Village.

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Number 33 [Tuesday, May 19, 1925],
page 3, column 1

URGES VILLAGE TO BUY GRAVEL PIT

Seiler Advises Purchase Because of Street Program

Purchase of a gravel pit by the village of Kingsford because of the large amount of street work that is contemplated was recommended to the village commission at its meeting last night by Village Manager Seiler.

Seiler will test several pits, and submit a report at the next regular meeting of the commission.

Among other things the commission last night ordered the installation of 11 new street lights. It also received a report from Seiler that in accordance with its authorization he had hired a plain clothes man at a salary of \$175 a month. The identity of this man is being kept secret and he will be provided with a car because of the large amount of territory he is called on to cover.

Petition Granted.

The petition of William Trudeau to install a public drinking fountain at the corner of Fulton and Wymore street, where he is building an oil filling station, was favorably acted upon. Trudeau will install the fountain at his own expense but the village must serve water free of charge, according to the agreement.

L.H. Reeves petitioned the commission for the installation of a gasoline pump in front of his store building on South

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Carpenter avenue, near Henford street, but it was rejected.

A number of business men [*sic* – *businessmen*] in the village also petitioned for an ordinance prohibiting peddlers from selling their wares on the streets. They declared that a house to house solicitation infringed on their business on their business [*sic*] and that peddlers should be made to pay a license fee. The entire commission, as a committee, will investigate the matter and a report will be made at the next meeting.

A communication was received from the Iron Mountain Chamber of Commerce in which the secretary stated that the chamber band would arrange dates suitable to the commission for a number of concerts to be given in the village this summer. Commissioners Green and Peterson were appointed a committee to investigate.

Budget Presented.

The proposed budget covering the estimates of expenditures for the next fiscal year was presented by Manager Seiler and after a brief discussion it was decided to take the matter up at a later meeting. The various appropriations amounted to \$93,550 as compared to last year's budget, which was an even \$80,000.

The increase is attributed to a new fund for police protection which heretofore had not been provided for, a sewer fund and several increases in other village departments.

A statement submitted at the meeting last night showed that the village still has \$10,869.62 with which to operate until July 1. It is believed that the fiscal year will be closed with a small balance on hand.

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STREET JOBS ARE LET BY VILLAGE

Four Contracts Aggregat- ing \$13,765 Are Awarded

Four contracts aggregating \$13,756 [*sic*] were awarded last night by the commission of the village of Kingsford in connection with the village street improvement program. The contracts were let to four different road builders, who were the lowest bidders.

Division No. 1 was given to Gust Fredeen & Son, of Norway, who bid \$5,500 for the grading of the following streets [*sic* – *following streets*]: Marquette boulevard to South Park street, Osage street to Marquette boulevard, Saratoga avenue to Montclair street, Cleveland avenue to Fulton street, Harrison avenue to Fulton street, High street to Hazel place and Hazel place to South Park street.

Thomas Hosking, of Homestead with a bid of \$4,069.50, was awarded the Division No. 2 contract which calls for the grading of Sagola street from Parkway street to Maple street; Hopper avenue to Breitung avenue, Pinehurst avenue to Breitung avenue, from Quincy avenue to Breitung avenue.

Gets Two Jobs

Hosking's bid of \$2,486 was also the lowest for Division No. 3, which includes the grading of Chestnut street to Breen street, from Breitung avenue to Chestnut street, spencer avenue to Woodbine street and Henford avenue to Woodbine street.

Hoose and Person, Iron Mountain contractors, were given the contract for Division No. 4 for \$1,709.60. The job calls for the grading of Lyman street to Riverview drive, Sterling street to Riverview drive,

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Lawrence street to Riverview drive and Riverview drive to Case street.

The successful bidders will meet within a few days with officials of the village to properly execute the contracts and furnish surety bonds to the amount of 50 per cent of the contract prices.

The United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry company, of Chicago, was awarded the contract for furnishing the village 1,000 feet of six-inch cast iron pipe for \$722.20. For the same amount of material, the National Cast Iron Pipe company, of Birmingham, Ala., submitted a bid of \$722.30.

Twelve road contractors bid on every division of the street improvement program.

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Village Receives New Road Machine

The village of Kingsford today received a new 3,700-pound road grader which was ordered several weeks ago. The grader will be used for the large amount of road work to be done in the village and will also be available to the successful bidders who were awarded grading contracts at the meeting of the village commission Wednesday night.

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TALK SIDEWALKS FOR KINGSFORD

Want County to Aid In Building One on South Carpenter

A sidewalk program for the village of Kingsford was informally discussed by the commissioners at their meeting last night.

The discussion centered principally on the proposed sidewalk along the east side of the concrete pavement on South Carpenter avenue where, it was stated, pedestrian traffic is heavy. The commissioners indicated that they believe the county should pay part of the expense of building the sidewalk in view of the fact that none-residents [*sic – non-residents*] of Kingsford use the county highway for walking.

Village officials will confer with members of the board of supervisors and road commission to feel out the sentiment regarding the improvement. It was estimated that a cement sidewalk along Carpenter avenue will cost approximately \$5,000. The commission is willing to pay half of the cost. It is probable that the board of supervisors and the county road commission will take the matter up at their next regular meetings.

Balance of Program Held Up

No action was taken on the proposed sidewalk program in various parts of the village because of the sewer and road construction work now going on. Manager C.W. Sailer [*sic – Seiler*], however, is now working on plans and specifications for the proposed improvements and it is expected that a report will be ready for the next commission meeting.

The Ford Motor company and many taxpayers in the village have already built sidewalks. In some cases property owners

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are buildings [sic – building] four-foot cement walks which are considered impractical by the commission.

Although no definite plan has been worked out, it was suggested at the meeting last night that the village pay 20 per cent of the cost of the sidewalks with property owners paying the balance.

In cases where property owners wish to construct sidewalks immediately, the village manager was requested to furnish the proper grades so that a uniform system of walks will be had.

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COUNTY REFUSES SIDEWALK HELP

Cannot Co-operate in Building Proposal, Says Commission

The hope of the village of Kingsford to have the county co-operate financially in the construction of a sidewalk on South Carpenter avenue was definitely ended late yesterday afternoon when the county road commission informed President J.A. Minnear that it could offer no help.

The commission said that it had refused similar requests from other communities and in line with this policy would have to decline the proposal of the village.

Mr. Minnear appeared before the commission in company with Fred Langsford, supervisor of Breitung township. In view of the fact that the highway at the point in question is used by considerable

traffic not originating in the village it was felt that the county should help.

BOND ISSUES

LAWS AND ORDINANCES

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BEVERAGE SHOP RULING STRICT

Gives Village Strong Control Over Soft Drink Parlors

The new soft drink parlor licensing ordinance passed by the village of Kingsford gives the commission, general manager and chief of police wide latitude in controlling such establishments and preventing their being used as moonshine resorts.

Each applicant for a license must be 21 years of age and a citizen of the United States. His application is investigated and if approved the license granted for a few of \$2. The license must be renewed in April of every year.

In addition, authorities are permitted at all reasonable times to inspect the beverage shops and the products they are selling and if there is well found suspicion or evidence that the ordinance is being violated the license can be suspended.

The licensee is permitted to bring his case before the commission which can either make the revocation permanent or

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restore the permit. If the licensee is convicted of violating the prohibition act he cannot obtain another license for a period of one year. Additional penalties are also provided for violation of the ordinance.

Commission committees have been appointed as follows: finance, taxation and auditing – Frank Honsowetz and Tom Seymour; street lighting and electrical inspection – Amil Perreault and John W. Peterson; health department – Tom Seymour and Amil Perreault; water works, John W. Peterson and Frank Honsowetz.

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ADOPT GARBAGE LAW IN VILLAGE

Residents Must Provide Receptacles or Burn Refuse

The village commission of Kingsford has adopted an ordinance requiring all residents to supply garbage receptacles or else make arrangements to dispose of garbage by incineration.

The ordinance goes into effect about June 2 and provides penalties for violation of the regulations. The receptacles must be placed where designated by the village health officer or clerk. Residents who do not provide receptacles must destroy garbage by burning.

Although no arrangements have been made yet for the collection of garbage this will be decided soon.

The commission has instructed the village clerk to advertise for bids for the contract of installing water mains and extensions. This is contingent upon passage of the \$200,000 bond issue. Bids will also be opened tomorrow afternoon for the removal of stumps and other obstructions from streets.

Action on a petition asking for permission to install a gasoline pump on Breitung avenue between Hemlock and Maple streets was delayed pending an investigation. The permit was sought by Joseph Recore.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 32 [Monday, May 18, 1925], page 2, column 3

LICENSES WILL BE ACTED UPON

Village Commission Will Also Receive Proposed Budget

The commission of the village of Kingsford will act on 12 applications for soft drink parlor permits at the regular meeting tonight at 6:30 o'clock at the village office in the Kingsford Heights school.

Manager C.W. Seiler will also submit his proposed budget for the fiscal year ending in March. Appropriations will not be made until the regular meeting June 1, the tax collection period opening in July.

The revised street numbering ordinance has been drawn up and will be presented at the meeting, it was stated. The village manager may also make his selection of a village policeman at the meeting.

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Authorization [sic – meeting, authorization] for this having been given at the last regular meeting.

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NEW NUMBERING SYSTEM ADOPTED

Kingsford to Use Plan of 100 Numerals To a Block

The revised house numbering ordinance was adopted last night at the commission meeting of the village of Kingsford without a dissenting vote.

The ordinance provides that houses numbered under the supervision of the village will furnish the numbers to that they will be uniform throughout.

The new system is the same as used in Iron Mountain [sic – Mountain], 100 numbers being allotted to a block where the streets are regular. On irregular streets a uniform method was worked out by village authorities which it is believed will meet with the approval of the residents.

Work in removing the old numbers and installing the new ones will begin in a few days.

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Village Grants

Drink Licenses

Twelve applications for permits to sell soft drinks were approved and one was rejected at the regular meeting of the commission of the village of Kingsford last night.

Joseph Recore was denied a license in view of the fact that several months ago he was arrested for violating the Volstead act. The following were granted licenses: Walter Taylor, 285 Breitung avenue; C.J. Krause, 1337 Hemlock avenue; Joseph Guizetti, 3152 Harding avenue; Paul Manke, 1682 Breitung avenue; Emert J. Desmarais, 3200 Wilson avenue; Harry Burkart, 1459 Hooper avenue; Mrs. Mary Galeazzi, Sterling street; R.L. Armstrong, 787 Lyman street; D.C. Bloomquist, corner of Hooper street and Breen avenue; Mrs. Caesar Rossi, 2881 Wilson avenue, and Amil M. Perreault, 1584 Birch avenue.

All places where beverages will be sold were inspected by Village Health Officer Dr. J.J. O'Neill and found to be satisfactory. The health officer must sign all applications before they are presented to the commission.

The commission granted the licenses with the understanding that they may be revoked should an investigation disclose that the places are not conducted properly.

LAWSUITS

VOTING WARDS, POLLING PLACES, ELECTIONS

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ANOTHER WOMAN IN VILLAGE RACE

Seven Candidates File Pe- titions; Entries Close Tonight

The political situation in the village of Kingsford had two developments today; one was unexpected and the other was approaching fruition.

The first was the entry into the list of candidates for election as commissioners of another woman, Mrs. Lillian Hartnett, of Breitung, also of Breitung [*sic*], who took out her nominating petition yesterday and, what's more, filed it today at the office of Village Manager Lawrence W. Cox.

The second development, which was in the process of evolution, was the nearing of midnight hour tonight when all candidates who intend to stay in the race must have their petitions filed.

Seven Have Filed

At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon seven candidates, and the one or two-year terms they were seeking, had filed as follows:

Frank Honsowetz, incumbent, two-year; Emil Perreault, incumbent, two-year; John W. Peterson, incumbent, one-year; William Weeden, one-year; Gus Peterson, one-year; Amos Green, one-year, and last but by no means least, Mrs. Jackson, two-year.

According to the number of nominating petitions taken out, there ought to be at least seven more who will file before midnight. But there were rumors that one or two would drop out, considering the field too crowded and not caring to go through both a primary election and election, the former made necessary because more than

twice as many candidates as there are offices to fill had entered the field.

First in U.P.

As far as is known Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Hartnett are the first women in the upper peninsula to seek election to membership of a municipal council.

There have been other women in the peninsula who have been in politics – and were successful politicians – but none, as far as recollection goes, sought positions on common council or commissions.

Aside from its interest in the general campaign the village is paying particular attention to the candidacies of Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Hartnett and will no doubt be greatly interested in the type of campaigns that they make and their success in obtaining votes.

Leaders in the Skidmore addition, which is not within the village, are reported to be actively engaged in promoting the candidacies of those among the field of entries who are believed to be favorable to the annexation of Skidmore. The addition is desirous of coming into the village in order to obtain water and other facilities.

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Village Election Gets Injection of Ginger

Last-Minute Alignment Stirs Interest of Kings- ford Voters.

What promised to be a nice, calm and polite election in the village of Kingsford

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turned out today to be somewhat of a whizzer.

Unexpected developments over the week-end [*sic – weekend*] in which, it was reported, Village Manager Cox took a hand, brought forth at the last minute two definite factions, the “ins” and “want-to-be-ins”, plus one defection from the ranks of the “ins.”

Mr. Cox, according to reports current about the village today, was behind the movement yesterday in which instruction ballots, marked in favor of candidates understood to be aligned against Village President Minnear, were distributed from house to house.

The Minnear faction retaliated this morning with cards bearing the names of candidates for whom the citizens were urged to vote.

Here’s The Line-Up.

The “Ins” – One-year terms: Gust Peterson and Amos Green; two-year terms, Amil Perreault, incumbent, Tom Seymour, incumbent, J.A. Minnear, incumbent. Frank Honsowitz, aligned with this faction, withdrew yesterday afternoon in order to throw his support to Amos Green.

The “Want-to-beins” – One-year terms: John Williams and John Peterson, incumbent; two-year terms, John Jacobson and J.H. Zimmerman, the latter a “midnight conference” candidate who was entered after Honsowitz’ withdrawal and whose candidacy was put forward on slips.

Although Zimmerman was lined up as a last-minute candidate and naturally was accepted by the public as opposition to the “ins” it was stated by representatives of both sides, however, that he was neutral and had been urged to enter when appraised of Honsowitz’ withdrawal.

The distribution of the ballots and cards were the first developments of a spirited campaign in the village. Until their advent there had been little political discussion and no money had been spent by either side.

Voting Is Brisk.

Voting at the village polling place on South Carpenter avenue was comparatively brisk today. At noon more than a hundred ballots had been cast. Free bus service for the voters was provided by the village and, in addition, private cars were put in use.

Several of the candidates had poll workers in evidence and a lively bid was made for votes.

Because of the last-minute moves in the campaign the necessary “steam” to make the election a “hot up” affair was not generated. Had the developments made their appearance two or three weeks ago it is believed the village would have a generous portion of the same kind of politics that is served in Iron Mountain. But as it was there was no absence of acrimony, the last-minute faction alignments only whetting the interest of the voters and putting some life into the election.

The polls opened at 7 o’clock this morning and will close at 8 o’clock tonight. A large number of voters were being sworn in at the voting precinct, having failed to register. It is hoped to have at least 400 vote so that two polling places can be established in accordance with the provisions of the village charter.

ELECTION RETURNS

The News has made arrangements to secure the results of the election today in the village of Kingsford as soon as the votes are counted when the polls close at 8 o’clock tonight. Those interested in obtaining the results may do so by telephoning The News office, which will be kept open until 9:30 o’clock.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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VILLAGE SCRAP STILL SIMMERS

Circulars Announce In- tention to Continue With Recall

Circulars being distributed throughout the village of Kingsford by the "Better Government Club" are the first intimation of what is to be done in the recall of J.A. Minnear as president of the village, following the decision of Judge John O'Hara in refusing to grant the election last week.

Claiming that if the best interests of the village are to be served Minnear must be removed, the club, in its circular, intimates that action is already being taken for another recall petition. According to the requirements of the law, as interpreted by Judge O'Hara, it will be necessary to wait with the circulating and filing of a petition until after June 23, the date on which Minnear will have served three months of his new term.

Paul Rahm, attorney for the anti-Minnear forces, has been determining the legal status of the case and the possibility of demanding mandamus proceedings to force acceptance of the petition ruled out by the judge but as yet has no definite statement to make.