June 19th, 1919

There is no vacancy in this position. Mr. Quigley who was employed formerly as City Storekeeper, died while I was absent and when I returned I found Mr. C.A. Riordon doing the work, and he has continued to do it ever since.

There seems to be an erroneous impression that such a vacancy could have been filled by appointment by the City Council. The City Charter provides that the City Council shall appoint certain permanent officials, but it was never intended that the City Council should appoint all the employees of the Works Department, as such a course would necessitate going over the appointments of perhaps fifty or one hundred men. Further, such a course would hamper the Department in dealing with men who should be treated as transients, although they may be employed every working day of the year. The Department must be in a position to discipline its employees and reduce or increase the number employed when required, without the necessity of going to the council to obtain their dismissal. Such men as the engineer of the Incinerator, the stablemen, drivers, blacksmiths and helpers, carpenters, painters, plumbers, mechanics, the Water Department and Street Department foremen, the patrolmen cleaning paved streets, etc., are practically permanent men, and in the same class for employment as the Storekeeper, but it would be an undesirable change in system to decide that these men should all be appointed by the City Council and consequently could not be dealt summarily when occasion arises.

F.W.W. Doane, City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Douglas that the reports be adopted.

Moved an amendment by Alderman Hoyt seconded by Alderman Bissett that the reports be referred back to the Committee on works for further report. Amendment put and lost.

The original motion is put and passed.

AFRICVILLE POLICE PROTECTION.

Read petition from residents of Africville - 76¢ -
June 19th, 1919

To His Worship the Mayor
and Aldermen of the City of Halifax.

Gentlemen-

We, the undersigned ratepayers, do hereby make application for better police protection at Africville.

We base our application on the following grounds - That a police officer seldom or never visits this district, except with a warrant or subpoena,

That conditions which now prevail here are worse than at any time heretofore,

That these lamentable conditions tend to turn the majority away from the good teachings which they have received,

That there is now an utter disregard of the Lord's Day by many residents,

That there are many persons, strangers in our midst, living openly in a state of debauchery, which must corrupt the minds of the youth, for we are more of less subject to our environment,

That there is nightly confusion, carousal and dissipation, which disturb the peaceful night,

That these carousals have been the centres for spreading infection through the village

That here believe, if this disgraceful state of affairs continue, there will be some grave crime or crimes committed,

Our earnest desire is that your honourable body, in this period of reconstruction, carefully consider our application so that the omissions of the past may be rectified and by your assistance the evil influences now at work may be greatly reduced, then shall be better able to train the young in the way of good citizenship and place the village on a better plane of Social Welfare -

Moved by Alderman Murphy seconded by Alderman Buckley that the petition be referred to the Police Committee. Motion passed.

LOAN $761,000.00

Read report Finance Committee recommending a loan totalling $761,000.00 for following named purposes -
Afri ville, 20. J une 17, 1919

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We remain,
Respectfully yours,

William C. Barry
Alex Barry
Edmund D. Don
Rachel Knox
George Barry
George Barry
James Barry
Mrs. Barry

A. Patrick
J. H. Don
John Byers
William Barry