

Chapter 8: Taking Care of Business

Now that the new town had been established, the first order of business for the new town was to elect its governing body and town officials. On February 10, 1950, the new town elected its first governing body. Seven votes were cast in the election. Ollie Malcolm was elected as town trustee to represent Ward 1. Floyd Myers was elected to represent Ward 2 and was chosen by the other two trustees to be the first President of the Board of Trustees. A.W. Harrison was elected as the trustee for Ward 3. Cleo Myers was elected town clerk and Burtie Harrison was elected to the office of town treasurer.

All of the candidates, not surprisingly, were elected unanimously with each receiving seven votes. It certainly seems that we were a tight-knit group from the outset. With all the members of the town government being close associates of either Duffner or Harrison, the fledgling community was not your average run-of-the-mill one company town, but instead a full-fledged "two-company" town in its own right! Floyd Myers and Ollie Malcolm were both employees of C.E. Duffner. A.W. Harrison's son, Floyd Harrison, was a business associate of C.E. Duffner and close ally in the quest for incorporation. Cleo was married to Floyd and Burtie was married to A.W. The Village was indeed a family town!

The first meetings of the Board of Trustees were held at the Myers residence at 1825 Brighton, a location which served unofficially as The Village Town Hall throughout the remainder of the first governing body's term in office which ended in May, 1951.