

Allendale Council Is Solidly Republican As Officials Organize For '48

Scafuro, Tucker and Dwyer, All Republicans, Seated on Council

With the swearing in of three new councilmen at the 1948 organization meeting on Friday night, the Allendale Borough Council is now solidly Republican after 11 years under the control of the Independent Voter's League. Assemblyman William B. Widnall of Saddle River, who was appointed as Borough Attorney succeeding James M. Muth of Hohokus, administered the oath of office to Albert O. Scafuro, John L. Tucker and Edward P. Dwyer. They succeed John Borger, Carl Wehner, and A. E. Ostertag, retiring members.

A new office was created which brings the general supervision of all Borough departments under one head. The new post, named appropriately enough "Co-ordinator of Public Utility Services," carries with it an annual salary of \$500. John O. Forshay was appointed to that position as well as being named Chief Marshal at an annual salary of \$2,500 and reappointed as Building Inspector at \$250. As Chief Marshal, Mr. Forshay re-

places Kenneth Booth who indicated he would not accept reappointment as he had been transferred to another district of the Erie Railroad.

The resignation of Arthur Mueller, which was received last month and was prompted by his imminent move to Ridgewood, was accepted with regret, but no action was taken to fill the vacancy on the council thereby created. A resolution of thanks for excellent services rendered was passed, to be sent to Mr. Mueller, who, as councilman, served the community well as chairman of finance.

The adjourned December 23rd meeting was reconvened by Mayor Frederick J. Burnett for a report of committees. Councilmen Ostertag and Mueller were not present. The finance committee, as reported by Harold Heidrich, submitted a report showing that outstanding 1947 taxes, as of December 31, amounted to \$6,188.64, with collections representing 93 per cent. Cash balance, December 31, was \$33,521.10 with prepaid 1948 taxes totaling \$2,425.42.

After the report of committees, a ripple of amusement went through the audience when Mr. Borger reminded the Mayor that he had overlooked calling for a report of the Road Committee, of which Borger was head. In the light of the present snow and ice-bound countryside, Mr. Borger's report, one word, "progress" added to the laughter.

Mayor Burnett then voiced tribute to retiring Independent councilmen Mueller, Carl T. Wehner, John Borger and A. E. Ostertag. "I want each to know how much all of us appreciate their spirited co-operation," he said, observing how the public "too often takes for granted" the services of the men who serve the borough without pay. Councilman Webb echoed the Mayor's tribute and the meeting adjourned sine die at 8:47 with Borger and Wehner retiring from the council table.

1948 Council Sits

Three minutes later the council re-assembled with new Republican councilmen Dwyer, Scafuro and Tucker joining their colleagues Heidrich and Webb and Mayor Burnett.

After the oaths of office had been administered appointments for 1948 were announced. Vollaro was appointed borough clerk, Webb was appointed president of the council. Meeting nights were designated as the second and fourth Thursday of each month in the Fire House at 8:15. Mrs. D. M. Colburn was named deputy tax collector. Mrs. Vollaro was named director of welfare.

First National Bank of Allendale was designated official depository. Rate of interest on unpaid taxes was announced as 8 per cent.

Councilman John D. Webb, who took the oath of office for the first time last year, was appointed as chairman of the highly-important committee of Finance and Insurance, with Heidrich and new councilman Dwyer as members of the committee. Webb was also named as a member of the water and building and grounds committees. Committees, appointed for the coming year by Mayor Burnett, with chairman being named first are: Public Safety, Heidrich, Scafuro and Tucker; Water, Scafuro, Webb and Heidrich; Streets and Roads Dwyer and Tucker; Building and Grounds, Tucker and Webb; Parks and Lights, Heidrich and Tucker; and ordinances, Scafuro and Dwyer.

Several Pay Boosts

In the list of annual salaries, fees and retainers to be paid for 1948, there are several pay boosts noted. The list is as follows, showing the increase over last year in brackets. Borough clerk, \$1,000 (\$50.); tax collector, \$1,000 (\$50); water collector, \$675 (\$25); auditor, \$750 (\$50); water registrar \$2,500 plus \$500 cost-of-living bonus (1947, \$2,000 plus \$500 c.l.b.) public utility employee, same as water registrar; chief marshal \$2,500 (\$500); desk marshal \$33 monthly (\$3) and marshals and casual labor \$1 (25c.).

There were no changes in the following: attorney, \$300 retainer; recorder, \$125; and building inspector, \$250.

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Appointments for 1948 included D. M. Colburn, tax search officer; Lawrence Scafuro, borough utility employee; Louis Rossner, borough plumber; E. E. Straut, borough electrician; Florio Job, borough engineer; Oswald B. Sanborn, borough auditor; George Wehner Jr., water collector, and C. J. Ryan, water registrar.

Police department appointments of Forshay as chief marshal and Scafuro and Aherns marshals, were accompanied by the appointment of Mabel Ceely as desk marshal.

Recorder J. Frank Rouault, who had tendered his resignation, was asked to accept the post for another 30 days until his successor could be selected. He did.