

THE EARLY BEGINNINGS OF THE LAVALLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The following was taken from the Official minutes of the Village of LaValle Board Meetings.

January 1889

The Village Board orders the purchasing of 50 fire buckets and a set of ladders to be 40 ft. long in three joints. The matter of digging a well on the corner of Main + East Street was discussed and a committee of 3 were appointed. Comprising of the following men....

B. Douglas , Chairman
L. Hennenberg
G. Eder

The said committee is to see about a pump to use on the well at the mill.

July 8, 1890

Report from committee on Fire Apparatus. George Eder reported that Fire engine with 200 ft. of hose would cost \$ 330.00 . Moved and seconded that the question of buying Fire Apparatus be dropped. Motion carried.

December 7, 1891

An attempt to pass a Ordinance to establish a Fire Limit in the Village of LaValle was put up for vote. For: Asa Gale Against: George Eder
Bill Douglas
H. Paddock
George Marshall
L. Hennenberg

May 6, 1905

The Ordinance prescribing Fire Limits in the Village was read by the clerk and a motion was made and seconded that the same be published in the LaValle Leader a weekly newspaper. A vote for passage or rejection of the said Ordinance would take place at the next regular meeting June 5, 1905.

June 5, 1905

A motion was made and seconded that the Ordinance establishing Fire Limits in the Village. The Ordinance was then read and passed Unanimously. Willaim Hakes President
J. A. Duddleston
E. Briggs
J. Pugh
R.L. Sanborn
George Miller

August 7, 1905

The question of buying a Fire Engine was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to have

Oct. 2, 1905

The bill from Herrion + Hubbell for Fire Apparatus was \$ 408.20 plus \$ 9.20 Freight charges. The question of building a engine house was discussed . It was concluded to hire if convenient a room in T.F.Kitsons barn to place the engine and hose cart.

Oct. 5, 1905

Trustee's Edmund Briggs, R.L. Sanborn + J. Pugh are appointed as a committee to locate lot and draw plans for engine house and Village Hall.

Oct. 10, 1905

Committee reported back finding and supporting the purchasing of Lot 3, Block 1 Hennenberg Addition. Reccomended to offer \$ 100.00 for land.

Dec. 18, 1905

Village orders the purchasing of a Fire Bell (300 lbs) and the construction of Bell Tower

July 1906

The Village ordered the purchasing of rubber coats and boots for the firemen.

August 5, 1907

Moved and seconded that the Fire Co. be allowed \$1.00 for every time they are called out and do any actual work at a fire.

January 1910

After three years of discussion and planning the White School House was removed from the School House Hill and set on a foundation to be used as a Village Hall and the back end as the Engine house .

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