

1900

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

D. F. Chowen
John Christy
John Chastek

J. P. –

L. W. Pettijohn
Empanger

Clerk –

W. S. Frear

Treasurer –

C. Greenly

Assessor –

W. S. Chowen

Constables –

James Dobson
L. B. Barlow

Annual Meeting

March 23rd, 1900

Levies

- Road levy
- \$400 for Town
- \$300 for Poor
- \$600 for Road

Road Overseers:

- Eight appointed

Pounds

- Pound Master appointed.

Other

- Motion to build Town Hall failed.

In 1900, the town gave resident **Swan Westberg** a fishing boat so he could catch fish to feed his family. This was Minnetonka's first documented **relief effort**.

1900 Population (by census):

1,083

League of Women Voters of Minnetonka Village, *Meet Minnetonka*, Minnesota, 1958. Print.

At meeting March 23, 1900 a 3 mill road levy voted by board.
Levy \$1,000--Road \$600, Town \$400, Poor \$300.
8 road overseers elected. One Poundmaster.
Motion to build Town Hall lost.



MINNETONKA TOWNSHIP

Several small distinct communities, about three miles apart, developed in Minnetonka over the years: Minnetonka Mills, Glen Lake, Groveland, Deephaven, Wayzata, Hopkins, and Oak Knoll. As a township, Minnetonka was not considered to be incorporated, and nearby cities could annex its land with relative ease. Wayzata was the first to take advantage of this by annexing itself in 1883, followed by West Minneapolis (now Hopkins) in 1893, and eventually Deephaven in 1900.

1901

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

Geo Lay
John Christy
John Chastek

J. P. –

L. W. Pettijohn
C. H. Burwell

Clerk –

N. S. Smith

Treasurer –

C. Greenly

Assessor –

W. S. Chowen

Constables –

J. E. Pavalka
E. H. Ridel

Annual Meeting

March 12th, 1901

Levies

- 5 mill road levy (*voted on March 19th*)
- \$400 for Town
- \$700 for Road
- \$300 for Poor

Pounds

- One Pound Master appointed

Road Overseers

- Eight appointed

Other

- Voted against Road and Bridge Law
- Voted against “liquore.”

ANNUAL MEETING

March 12, 1901

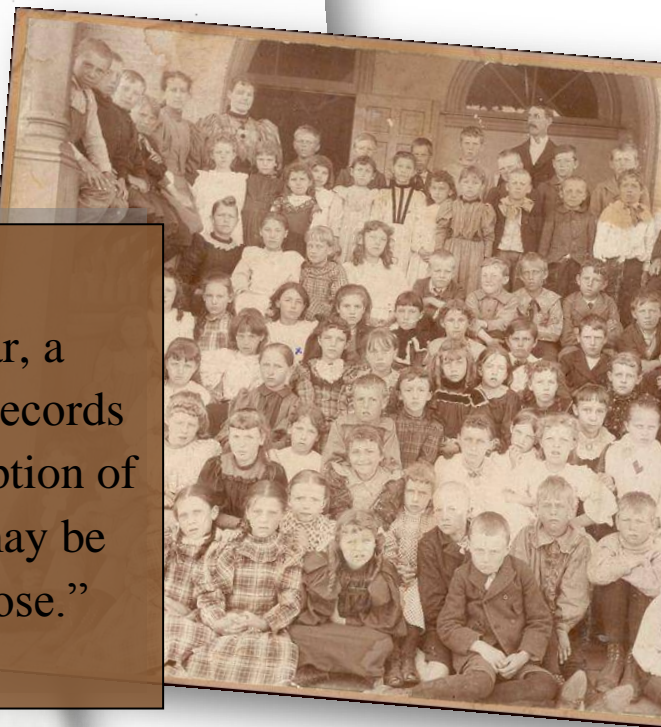
March 19, 1901 Board voted 5 mill road levy.

Levy-\$1400-Road \$700, Town \$400, Poor \$300.

Resolution that Treasurer's records and funds be
on 48 hour call excepted and that they be used

RESOLUTION

At the annual town meeting this year, a **resolution** was passed that the Treasurer's records and funds be on **48 hour call** (with the exception of Sunday and holidays), and that the funds may be used “for no purpose other than own purpose.”



1902

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

W. S. Frear
John Christy
Wm. Donlon

J. P. -

Geo. Ley
W. S. Frear

Clerk -

N. W. Smith

Treasurer -

C. Greenly

Assessor -

W. S. Chowen

Constables -

Sm. McNeil

Annual Meeting

March 11th, 1902

Levies

- \$400 for Town
- \$2100 for Road and Bridge

Pounds

- Poundmaster instructed to repair pound.

Road Overseers

- Three appointed

FISCAL MATTERS

At the annual town meeting of 1902, town supervisors W.S. Frear, John Christy, and Wm. Donlon were instructed **“not to put town in debt”** that year.

March 11, 1902

Levy \$2500-----Road and Bridge \$2100, Town \$400

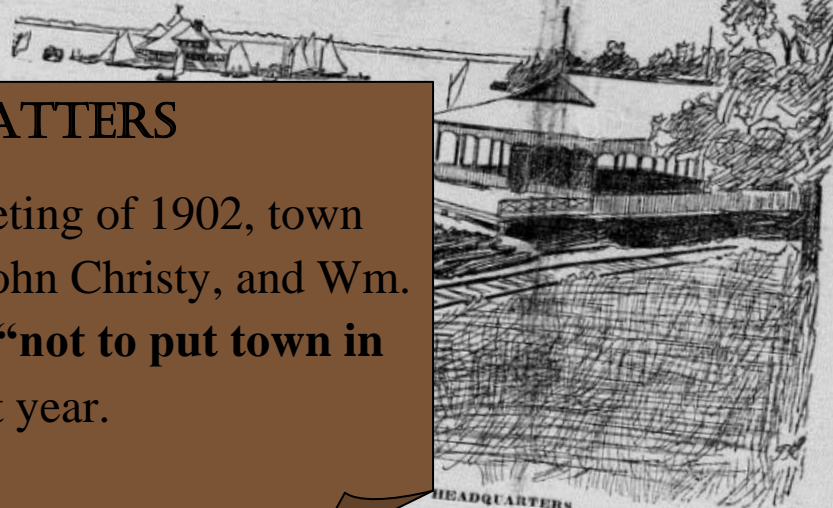
Three Road Overseers appts. Poundmaster instructed to repair pound.

Supervisors instructed not to put Town in debt.

Elected: W. S. Frear, John Christy, Wm. Donlon, Supervisors-
N. W. Smith, Clerk-G. Greely, Treas-W. S. Cowen, Assessor-
Geo. Ley, & W. S. Frear, J. P.-Sm. McNeil, Constable.

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and folding beds,
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rs, banjo cases and

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a building circles es-



HEADQUARTERS.

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...those who find the St. Louis
...the more

Lafayette was twice threatened, and
each time narrowly escaped destruc-
tion. The livery stable, a few rods
west of the hotel



1903

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

W. S. Frear
John Christy
Wm. Donlon

Clerk –

N. W. Smith

Annual Meeting

NO RECORD



1904

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

George Gammon
John Christy

Chairman –

C George Gammon

J. P. –

Soren. H. Smith

Clerk –

W.V. Dobson

Treasurer –

C. D. Burnes

Assessor –

W. D. Jennerson

Constables –

John Povolka
John Dosch

Annual Meeting

March 14th, 1904

Levies

- \$500 for Town
- \$2000 for Road
- \$200 for Poor

Other

- Motion to build Town Hall for \$1200 lost.

ANNUAL MEETING

No record of Meeting of 1903. It appears that W, S, Frear, John Christy and Wm. Donlon were Supervisors, N. W. Smith, Clerk



1905

Board of Supervisors

NO RECORD

Annual Meeting

NO RECORD

PARKS

On November 7th, Minnetonka contributed \$50 to the Groveland Improvement Association, a park improvement group. This marks Minnetonka's first documented appropriation to municipal parks.

Board Meeting

September 5th

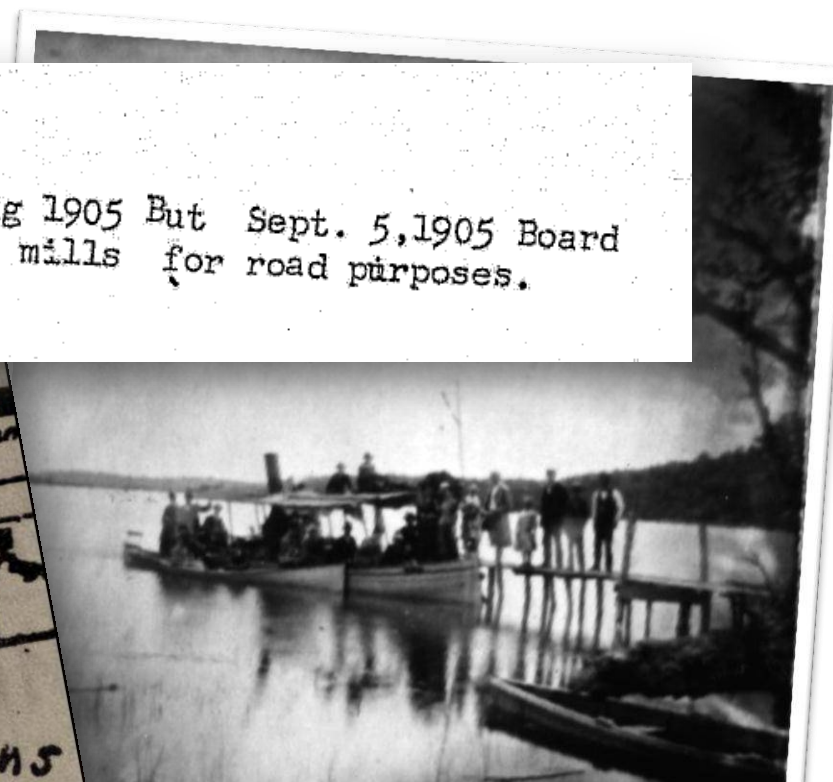
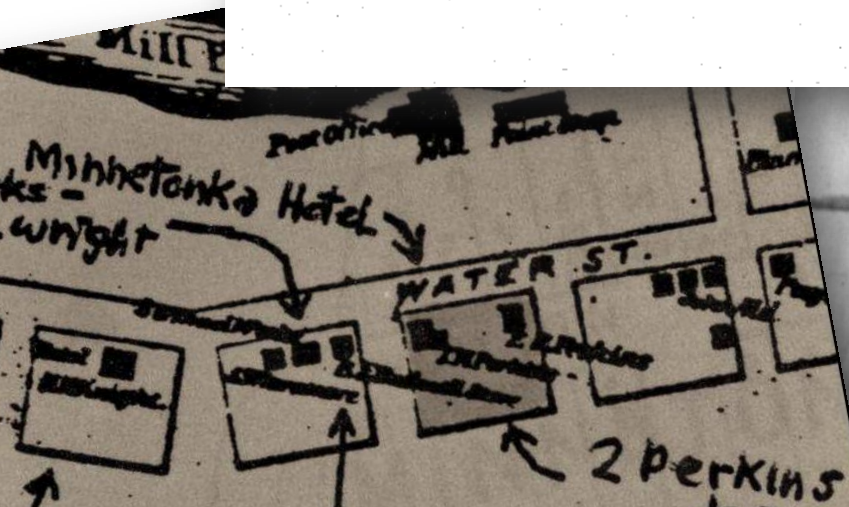
Levies:

- 2 ½ mills for road purposes

Minnetonka Historical Society.

ANNUAL MEETING

No record of ANNUAL Meeting 1905 But Sept. 5, 1905 Board levied a special tax of 2½ mills for road purposes.



1906

Board of Supervisors

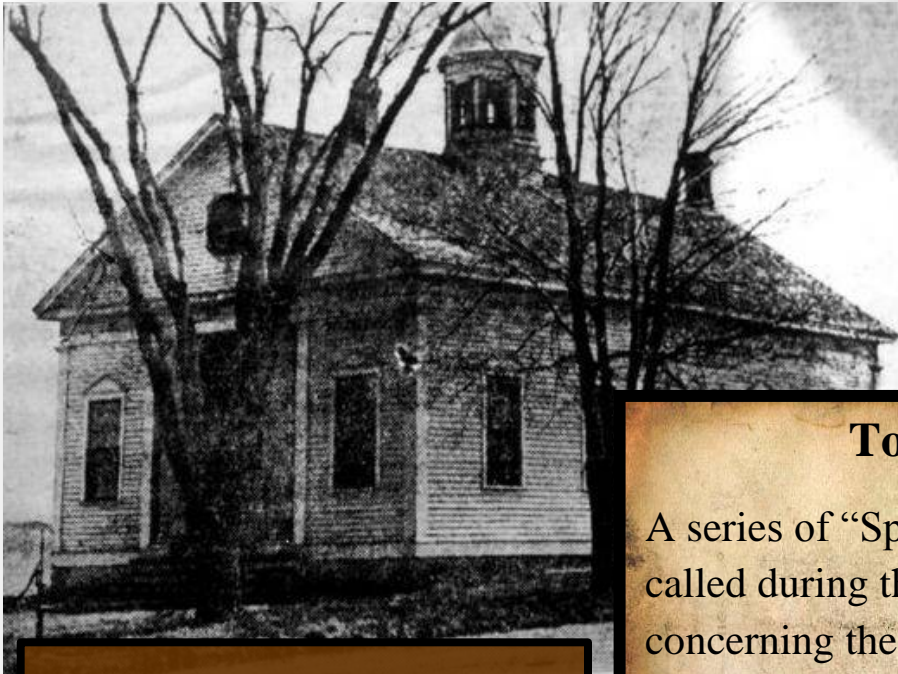
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Annual Meeting

March 13th, 1906

Levies

- \$600 for Town
- \$2500 for Road and Bridge



ANNUAL MEETING

March 13, 1906

Question as to whether or not a Town Hall

Levy \$3,100

Road and Bridge	\$2500
Town	600

Town Hall Meetings

A series of “Special” town meetings were called during the summer of 1906, each concerning the **construction** of the Town Hall.

May 21st meeting – C. D. Burwell suggests bonds are issued to fund the Hall.

August 8th meeting – The location of the Town Hall is chosen.

August 28th meeting – Voters agree to issue **\$2,500** in bonds for the construction of the Hall, Necessary papers are filed to the State Auditor Office in St. Paul.

The Town Hall was modeled on a **Greek Revival** architectural style, reminiscent of most of **New England’s** buildings, where many of Minnetonka’s settlers came from.

“Minnetonka Mills, a Historic Profile in Pictures and Stories of a community in Minnetonka, MN” Betty Johnson



1907-1912

Board of Supervisors

NO RECORDS

1900 Population (by census)

1,538

League of Women Voters of Minnetonka Village, *Meet Minnetonka, Minnesota, 1958. Print.*

Minnetonka Historical Society.



1913

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

W. S. Frear

J. P. –

J. C. Nelson

Clerk –

E. A. Lane

Treasurer –

E. D. Burnes

Assessor –

S. H. Smith

Constables –

Joseph Le Marr

Annual Meeting

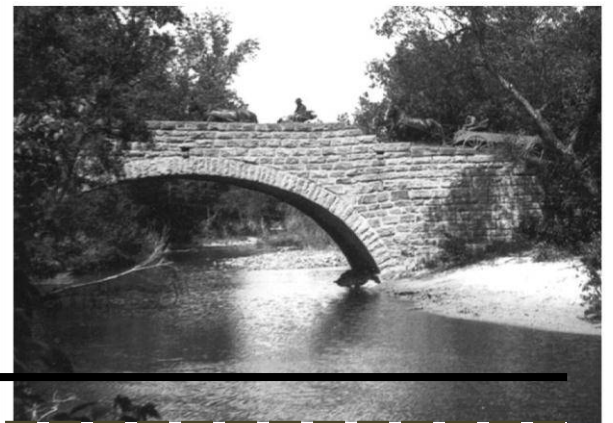
March 11th, 1913

Levies

- \$600 for Town
- \$3000 for Road and Bridge
- \$300 for Poor
- \$300 for Town Hall

Other

- Town Hall approved



1913

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

Maurice Luby

Clerk –

E. A. Lane

Treasurer –

Andrew Westburg

Annual Meeting

March 10th, 1914

Levies

- \$600 for Town
- \$4000 for Road and Bridge
- \$300 for Poor
- \$300 for Town Hall

Election Dates:

Primary: Jun. 16th

General: Nov. 2nd

1915

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

F. S. Chastek

J. P. –

H. A. Sweet

Clerk –

E. A. Lane

Treasurer –

A. H. Westberg

Assessor –

J. S. Empanger

Constables –

Conrad

Cedarblade

Joseph Malousky

Annual Meeting

March 9th, 1915

Levies

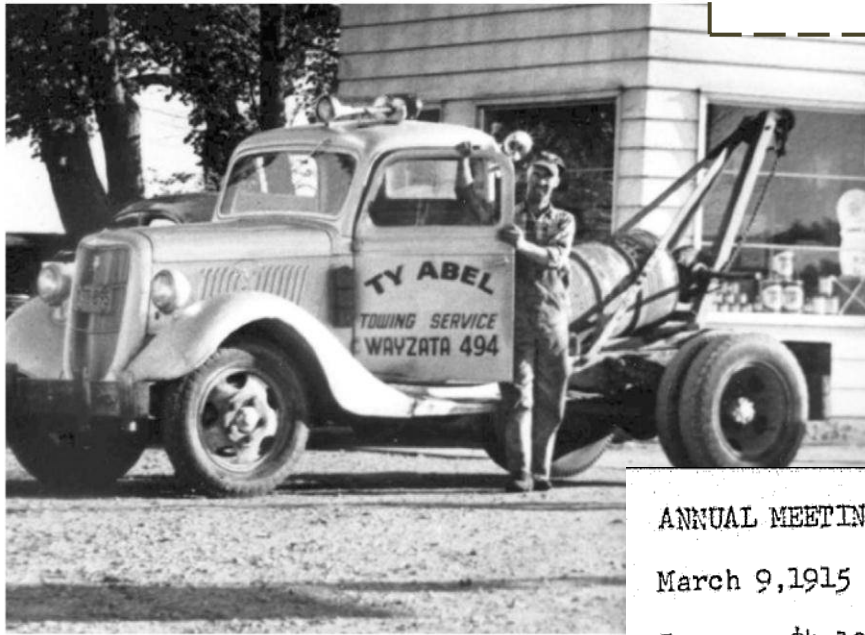
- \$600 for Town
- \$3000 for Road and Bridge
- \$300 for Poor

Other

- Salaries of officers increased to maximum

Election Dates:

Country Option: Oct. 4th



ANNUAL MEETING

March 9, 1915

Levy	\$4,100	
Town		\$ 600
Road and Bridge		3000
Poor		300

Increase salaries of officers to maximum

1916

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

Anton Johnson

J. P. –

L. A. Bean

Clerk –

F. J. Picha

Treasurer –

A. H. Westberg

Constables –

Daniel Larkin

Annual Meeting

March 24th, 1916

Levies

- \$600 for Town
- \$4000 for Road and Bridge
- \$400 for Poor

Election Dates

Primary: Jun. 6th

General: Nov. 6th

On September 5th, the **Board of Health** reported its first case of **rabies**. The next reported case wasn't until 1928.

Annual Meeting

March 24, 1916

Levy	\$5000	
Town		\$ 600
Rd. & Bridge		4000
Poor		400



1917

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

Geo. Larkin

J. P. –

S. H. Smith

Clerk –

F. J. Picha

Treasurer –

A. H. Westberg

Assessor –

J. S. Empanger

Constables –

Wm. V. Westberg

Annual Meeting

March 13th, 1917

Levies

- \$600 for Town
- \$5000 for Road and Bridge
- \$400 for Poor

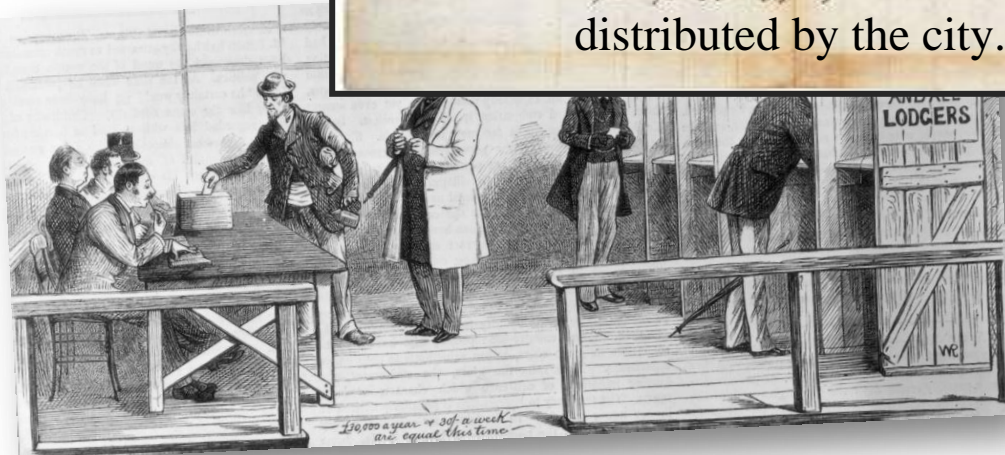
Election Dates:

General: Nov. 7th, Feb. 6th

On April 6th, a
new voting
precinct was
added in
Minnetonka.

NEW BALLOT

On February 6th, 1917, Minnetonka adopted the **Australian style ballot**. Also called secret [ballot](#), the Australian ballot is a system of [voting](#) in which voters mark their choices **in privacy** on uniform ballots printed and distributed by the city.





1918

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

Joseph Miller

J. P. –

H. A. Sweet

Clerk –

Frank Pincha

Treasurer –

A. H. Westberg

Constables –

R. S. Olson

Annual Meeting

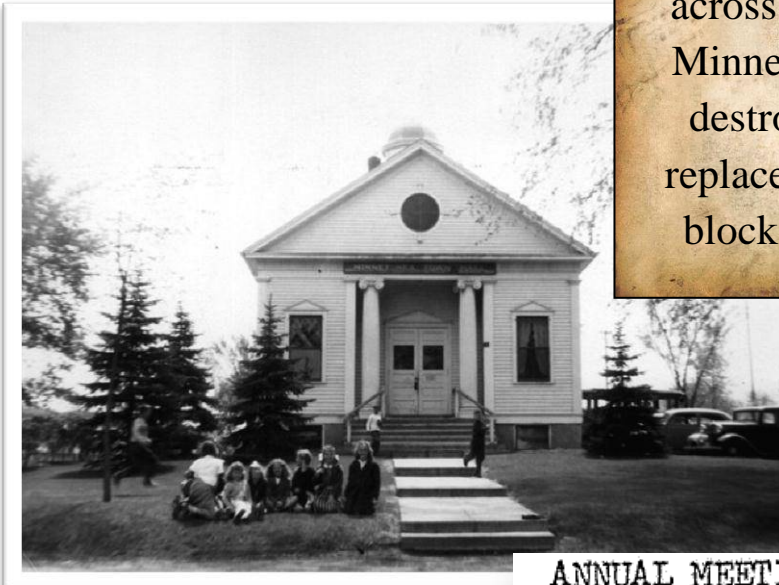
March 13th, 1917

Levies

- \$800 for Town
- \$4000 for Road and Bridge
- \$1000 for Poor

THE LIBRARY

Minnetonka's first library was on the 2nd floor of the **Smith Store** (located across from the Burwell House on Minnetonka Blvd). In 1918, a **fire** destroyed the library, and it was replaced and relocated about half a block south from the Town Hall.



ANNUAL MEETING March 12, 1918

Levy	\$5,800	
Town .		\$ 800
Rd. & Bridge		4,000
Poor		1,000



1919

Board of Supervisors

NO RECORD

Annual Meeting

NO RECORD.



1920

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

Geo. Larkin

J. P. –

E. J. Jeppeson

Clerk –

W. S. Frear

Treasurer –

A. H. Westberg

Constables –

Dan Larkin

Annual Meeting

March 9th, 1920

Levies

- \$600 for Town
- \$15,000 for Road and Bridge
- \$500 for Poor
- \$100 for Fair
- \$300 for Woodshed

Minnetonka
Historical Society.

1920 Population (by census)

2,298



ANNUAL MEETING

March 9, 1920

Levy	\$16,500	1,000
Town		15,000
Rd. & Bridge		100
Fair		300
Woodshed		500
Poor		

WOMEN IN POLITICS

Clara Elizabeth Frear organized the first Women's **Republican Club** of Minnetonka Mills in the 1920's.



1921

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

F. J. Picha

Clerk –

W. S. Frear

Treasurer –

A. H. Westberg

Assessor –

Jo. Empanger

Constables –

W. V. Westberg

Annual Meeting

March 8th, 1921

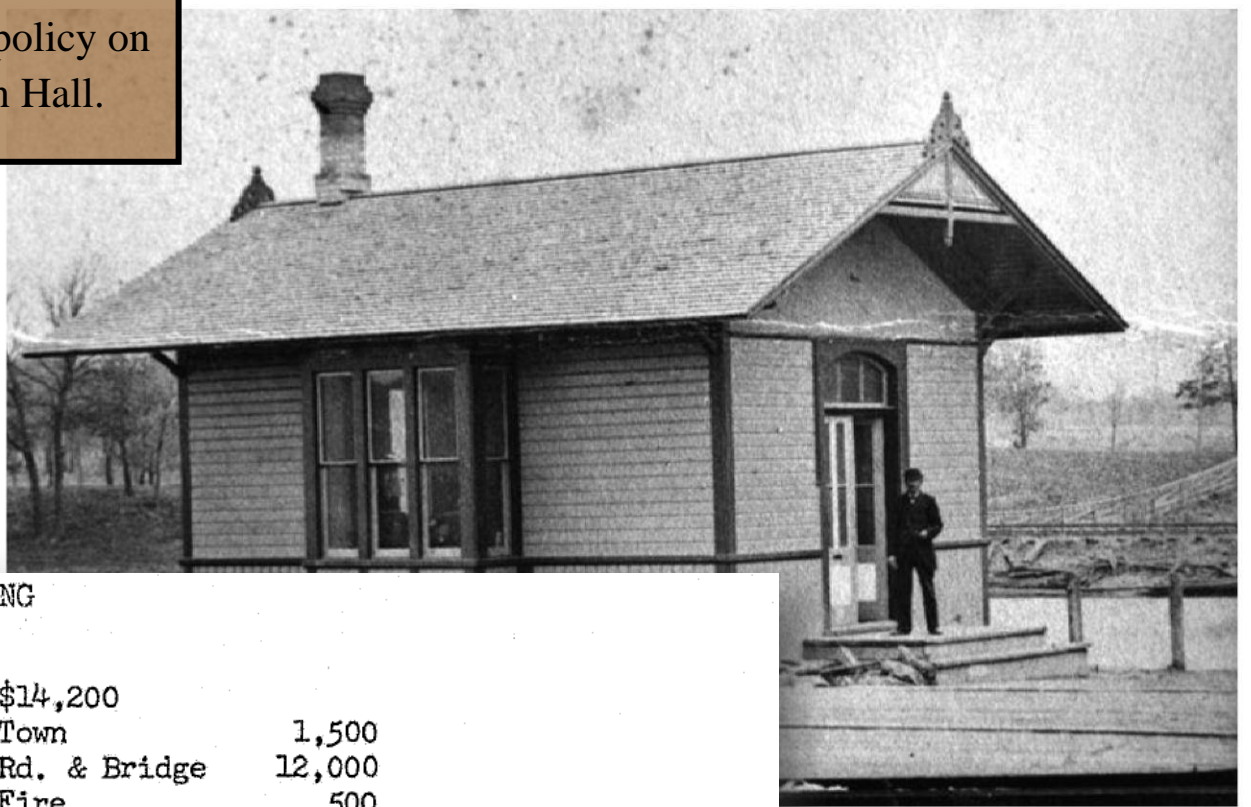
Levies

- 5 mill road levy (voted on April 5th)
- \$1,500 for Town
- \$12,000 for Road and Bridge
- \$500 for Fire
- \$200 for Building

Road

- Paul Schultz appointed as road overseer (March 15th)

On March 1st, the town paid its **insurance** policy on the Town Hall.



ANNUAL MEETING
March 8, 1921

Levy	\$14,200	
Town		1,500
Rd. & Bridge		12,000
Fire		500
Bldg.		200
April 5, 1921, additional 5 mills levied.		

1922

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

Anton Johnson

J. P. –

A. L. Bean

Clerk –

W. A. Lane

Treasurer –

A. H. Westberg

Constables –

Dan Larkin

Annual Meeting

March 14th, 1922

Levies

- 3 mill road levy (voted on July 3rd and October 3rd)
- \$1,800 for Town
- \$10,000 for Road and Bridge
- \$300 for Fair
- \$1,00 for Poor

Other

- Delegates elected for Democratic and Republican conventions

Election Date:

Primary: June 19th

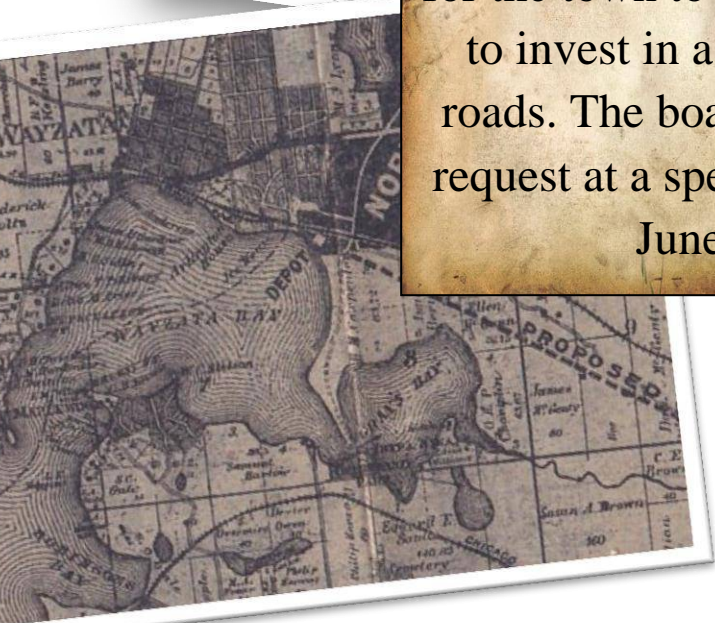
ANNUAL MEETING
March 14, 1922

Levy

Delegates for

PETITION

On May 2nd, residents of Minnetonka signed a **petition** for the town to provide **\$10,000** to invest in a tractor for the roads. The board **denied** their request at a special meeting on June 19th.



1923

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

Geo. Larkin

J. P. –

W. S. Frear

Clerk –

E. A. Lane

Treasurer –

A. H. Westberg

Assessor –

A. H. Holmes

Constables –

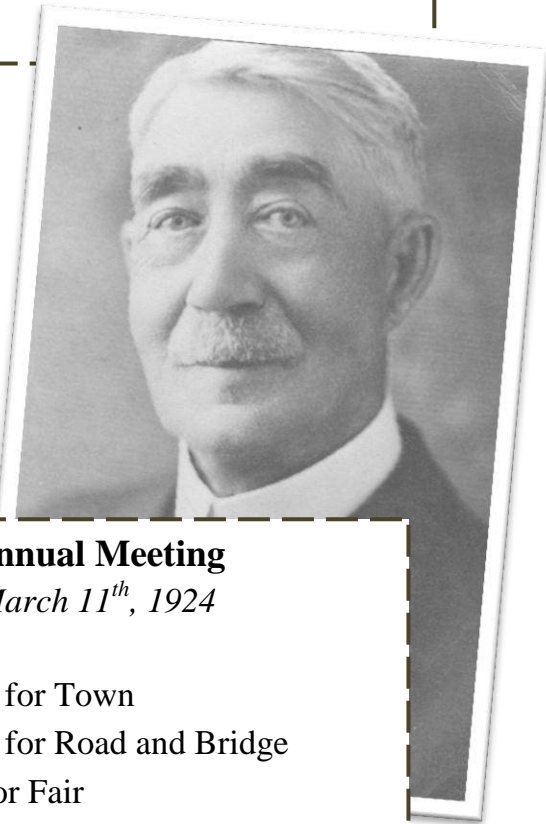
Irving Lane

Annual Meeting

March 13th, 1923

Levies

- \$1,800 for Town
- \$11,000 for Road and Bridge
- \$800 for Fire
- \$1,000 for Poor



1924

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

F. J. Picha

J. P. –

Geo. Quam

Clerk –

E. A. Lane

Treasurer –

A. H. Westberg

Constables –

Dan Larkin

Annual Meeting

March 11th, 1924

Levies

- \$1,200 for Town
- \$8,000 for Road and Bridge
- \$300 for Fair
- \$1,500 for Poor
- \$1,000 for Weed

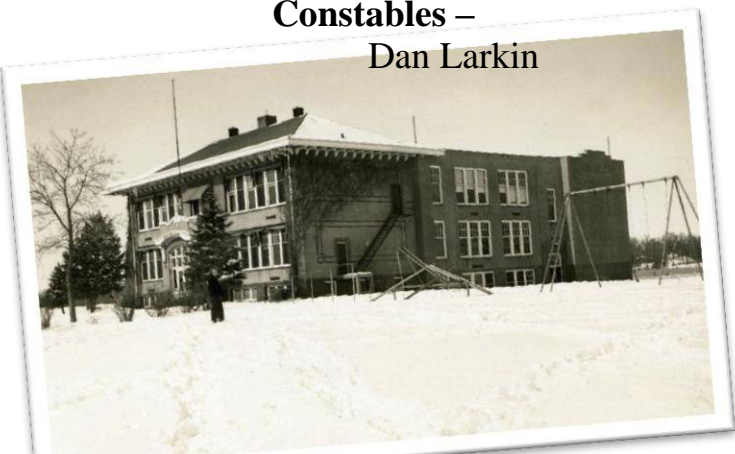
Referendums

- Vote against pool halls passed

Town Hall

- \$300 allotted for electricity in Town Hall

Minnetonka
Historical Society.



1925

Board of Supervisors

Supervisors-

Anton Johnson

J. P. -

R. R. Wakefield

Clerk -

E. A. Lane

Treasurer -

A. H. Westberg

Assessor -

J. E. Empanger

Constables -

W. V. Westberg

Annual Meeting

March 10th, 1925

Levies

- \$1,000 for Town
- \$10,100 for Road and Bridge
- \$300 for Fair
- \$500 for Poor
- \$1,300 for Fire

Other

- "Fire siren discussed"

WEEDS

On June 2nd, a rule was passed by the Board that each **supervisor** was to care for the **inspection** of weeds in his own district.

ANNUAL MEETING
March 10, 1925
Levy \$13,200

Town \$ 1,000
Poor 500
Fair 300
Fire 1,300
Rd & Bridge 10,100
Fire Siren 0,100

COMPLAINTS

In the spring of 1923, the town received a **complaint** when a road overseer was caught intoxicated on the job. A similar complaint was filed later that winter. To deal with the issue, on April 7th, 1923, the Board made a local rule **"against road men drinking."**

