

Town of Sycamore Illinois
Board of Trustees Minutes
April 15th, 1865

Board met in pursuance of Call. Present C Kellum H James J B Harkness C B Beckwith & C D Bennett.

On Motion D Farnsworth was appointed Clerk

On Motion the following Ordinance was passed by a vote of the Board.

Ordinance

Be it Ordained By the President & Board of Trustees of the Corporate Town of Sycamore, County of DeKalb & State of Illinois

1st That there Shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Sycamore One person in each year for general police service whose duty it shall be to arrest on view and bring before any Justice of the Peace of Said Town any person, or persons, who may violate any of the laws and Ordinances of the Said Town of Sycamore, to suppress all riots and unlawful assemblies, within the corporate limits thereof, to keep the peace in Said Corporation, to drive all cattle horses and other animals to the public pound when running at large in Said Corporation in violation of the laws thereof and generally to do and perform all things appertaining to police service within Said Corporate Town.

2nd Said Officer Shall be denominated a High Constable and Shall hold his office for one year and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

3rd Before entering upon the duties of Said Office of High Constable the person appointed to act as such shall take and subscribe an Oath that he will perform the duties of his said office diligently, and faithfully to the best of his skill & ability; That he will arrest no person for malice or ill will nor unless he believes him or her guilty of a violation of the town laws.

4th It Shall be the duty of the Justice of the Peace of Said Corporation before whom any person may be brought by the Said High Constable, charges with a violation of any of the town laws aforesaid to hear all allegations and proofs relating thereto may be offered or addressed and deal with the person so brought before him according to law.

5th Any violation of this Ordinance Shall subject the offender to a penalty of Fifty Dollars, to be recovered in an action of debt in the name and for the use of Said town, or the imprisonment in the common jail of the County not to exceed thirty days,-One or both in the discretion of the Court.

This Ordinance to take effect from, and after, its passage.

Attest Dated at Sycamore this 15th day of April 1865

David Farnsworth, Clerk

C Kellum, President

On Motion Hiram Buell was appointed High Constable for the current year.

On Motion the Board adjourned

David Farnsworth, Clerk