

DELAY SELECTION OF HOSPITAL SITE

Protest of Washington Crossing Residents Causes Committee to Postpone Action

Erection of a tuberculosis hospital on the River Road in the vicinity of Washington's Crossing would cause the properties there to greatly depreciate in value and would probably eliminate that section as one of the most desirable residential localities in this vicinity, in the opinion of persons owning property in that section. It has been learned that the sentiment of the Tuberculosis Committee, authorized by the Board of Freeholders to investigate the cost and other matter pertaining to the building of a tuberculosis hospital, favors the site of Harry Morgan, facing the River Road near Washington's Crossing. The committee met yesterday afternoon at the Court House for the purpose of deciding upon a site, bids for which had been received about two weeks ago.

Emphatic protests was registered to the selection of the Morgan site. A petition containing about 30 names of owners of property in that vicinity was filed with the Board of Freeholders and also with the tuberculosis committee. Herbert W. Backes and Frank W. Harper, owners of homes there appeared as spokesmen for the petitioners. The Harper home adjoins the Morgan land which was to be recommended by the committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Royle the matter of selecting a site, because of the protest entered to the Morgan property, was laid over until next week.

Following are the names which appeared on the petition of protest: Thomas P. Wriggins, J. G. Coleman, Guy K. Dean, Charles B. Todd, G. J. Gabriel, J. West, C. B. Angle, Catherine Springer, W. Lewis, Celestia Lewis, F. Whitlock, John H. Force, Frank E. Kimble, Charles H. Dilts, Thomas H. Wilson, Duncan Macphee, Charles J. Patterson, T. D. Sensor, T. R. Morse, Theodore B. Hunt, Lewis Lawton, Frank W. Harper, W. Scott Taylor, C. D. Clarkson, John V. Springer, E. C. Long, George H. Griffiths, W. W. Johnson, Raymond Cadwalader.

BRIDGE REPAIRS.

In view of the urgent necessity of having repairs made immediately to the Southard Street Bridge, the Board of Freeholders at the suggestion of County Engineer Harris yesterday decided to refrain from advertising for bids for that job. The N. A. K. Bugbee Company has been asked to make an immediate estimate.

A comprehensive report was submitted to the board by Mr. Harris and F. H. Franklin, consulting bridge engineer for the county, in which the opinion of the Pennsylvania Railroad engineers as to the condition of the bridge was concurred in and the recommendation made that the structure be used only for pedestrian travel until the repairs shall have been made. The repairs will be only of a temporary character as in the near future it will be necessary to build a new bridge.

Director Royle selected a committee consisting of himself, Crawford and Hutchinson to meet with the committee of the Board of Freeholders of Monmouth County to arrange to advertise for bids for the rebuilding of the Old York Road.

On resolution by Mr. Royle he was authorized to purchase without advertising for bids, Trinidad Lake Asphalt for use on Section No. 2 of the River Road. It is held that the Barber Asphalt Company is the only concern handling that material and that that company has agreed to supply an amount of asphalt up to 125 tons at the prices quoted to the Newton Paving Company in 1916 when the road contract was first awarded but that material above the 125 ton mark would be sold at current market prices. The first cost will be \$19.16 a ton.

Freeholder McCullough presented an agreement, which was entered into with the Greenwood Cemetery Association for the purpose of a plot of ground in the Greenwood Cemetery at a cost of \$6,800 as an enlargement of the county burial grounds.

At the suggestion of Director Royle his resolution, presented two weeks ago, providing for a rearrangement in the making out of pay rolls and the payment for labor and team hire by the county, was discussed in caucus, after which it was announced the matter was laid over indefinitely. When he presented the resolution Mr. Royle said that he was acting on the recommendation of the Grand Jury which made a presentment containing a few recommendations as the result of the recent probe into county affairs.