

FACTS FOR VOTERS

In The Forthcoming Town Election

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION SHOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE TOWN'S CITIZENS VOTING ON MAY 4th.

Is The Holding Of Possible Future ABC Store Elections An Issue?

Under the present laws governing Burnsville, the Town Board must call an ABC Store election upon receipt of a valid petition signed by 15 per cent of the number of voters who participated in the last regular municipal election. Such an election, however, may not be held within three years of the last previous election. The last election on this issue, held August 5, 1969, was called as a result of such a valid petition. The Town Board had no option, and no future town board would have an option under the present law, provided three years had elapsed since the last election. To present all the facts a member of the slate of candidates opposing the present board not only favored the ABC side in the 1969 election, but actively worked for that side.

Is There An Issue Relative To Extending The Town's Water Lines Outside The Town Limits Into Areas Not Now Served With Water?

A real estate developer is anxious to get town water extended to new houses being built about a half mile beyond the present limit of the town's water service. The town's engineers estimate that costs involved in furnishing water to these new houses would be at least \$20,000. Several factors are here involved, including elevation of the new houses, and capacity of the existing water lines beyond the town limits. Most important is the town's policy, written into its ordinances, requiring customers outside the town to bear the expense of building the water lines beyond the town limits. We believe this matter has no place as an election issue. The present town board can be trusted to protect the interest of Burnsville taxpayers, and not saddle them with the costs of furnishing service outside the town.

What About The Town's Debt?

Four years ago when the present town administration was first elected to office the town debt stood at \$250,000. During these four years the debt is being reduced to \$218,000. This is an admirable record of debt reduction, and is simply further evidence of the sound businesslike administration the town has enjoyed.

Is There Any Election Issue Regarding The Towns \$330,000 Project, Now "In The Works" To Improve The Burnsville Water Facilities?

The only election issue here is the wisdom of "changing horses in mid-stream". The present town board has been working on this project for over four years -- studying the town's needs and negotiating with Federal agencies relative to possible grants and loans. The FHA has approved giving financial assistance, and Burnsville citizens have voted overwhelmingly to authorize the necessary bond issue. The town's engineers are now completing their plans and specifications, and construction should start this summer. The present town board has an extensive knowledge of all phases of the project, which will be invaluable in seeing it through to completion.

Is The Town's Large Cash Reserve (Now Drawing Interest At The Bank) An Issue?

According to the town's last certified audit the town had a cash reserve of \$95,600. There has been some occasional sniping at the building of this reserve (principally from parties who we believe would just love to have a voice in spending it). With the town facing a very expensive water project, we believe that the town board has been commendably prudent in resisting the temptation to "blow it in". The greater part of this reserve will now be applied toward the water project, thus reducing the amount the town will have to borrow.

Are The Town's Parking Meters An Issue?

Although universally recognized as being something of an aggravation, the installation of meters in Burnsville nine years ago was overwhelmingly supported by the town's business community. Without them, most parking spaces in the downtown area were occupied all day by those working in town. Shoppers were inconvenienced by finding no place to park, and business suffered accordingly. If further building on the by-pass changes the shopping pattern in town, the town board will be happy to reconsider whether the meters serve a useful purpose.

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