

VILLAGE PRESIDENTS AND MAYORS

The persons whom I will speak about are what we now call mayors of a city. In early times these men were known as the Village Presidents. The first Village President was Hiram O. Rose. He was elected to office April 24, 1879 and was in office two years.

The next Village President was I. D. Toll. He was elected to office March 21, 1881. He held office two years.

March 12, 1883 Charles J. Pailthorp was elected to office. He was known mostly as Judge Pailthorp. Judge Pailthorp was Judge and city attorney for about forty years. He was Village President for one year.

William L. Curtis was sworn into office March 10, 1884. He held office one year.

On March 12, 1885 Philip B. Wachtel took the duty of being Village President. He served one year.

Henry T. Calkins was sworn into office March 8, 1886. He held office one year.

David P. Page was elected to office March 14, 1887. He held office one year.

On March 12, 1888 Henry T. Calkins was elected to office again. He only held office one year making a total of two years that he was Village President.

March 11, 1889 John G. Hill was sworn into office. He was in the office one year.

William W. Rice was elected March 10, 1890. He stayed in office two years. Mr. Rice was the owner of the tannery.

On March 14, 1892 James R. Wylie was sworn into office. He held office one year.

William M. Everett was elected on March 13, 1893. He held office one year.

March 12, 1894 John R. Davis was elected Village President. He served two years.

On April 1, 1895 The First Municipal Election was held. They made Petoskey no longer a village but a city. So from now on the Village Presidents are called City Mayors.

The first City Mayor was James Buckley. He was elected April 1, 1895. He held office one year. Buckley Ave. was named after him also.

April 6, 1896 Eugene L. Rose was elected. He served one year.

Marion F. Quaintance was elected April 5, 1897. He held office one year. Quaintance Avenue was named after him.

April 4, 1898 Eugene L. Rose was elected again. He served one year making a total of two years that he was City Mayor.

Myron A. Barber was elected April 3, 1899. He served one year.

Philip B. Wachtel was elected again on April 2, 1900. He held office one year. He was a Village President for one year too. Wachtel Avenue was named after him.

On April 4, 1901 Eugene L. Rose was elected for the third time. He held office two years making a total of four years that he was City Mayor.

George E. Reycraft was sworn into office on April 6, 1903. He held office one year.

On April 4, 1904 Reuben M. Winston was elected to office. He served one year.

George E. Reycraft was elected again on April 3, 1905. He held office three years making a total of four years that he was City Mayor.

Dirk De Ruiter was sworn into office on April 5, 1908. He held office one year.

On April 5, 1909 John J. Reycraft was elected. He held office two years. Mr. Reycraft was a doctor and also was the original owner of the Perry Hotel.

William L. McManus, Jr. was sworn into office on April 3, 1911. He built McManus dam and also had a large saw mill.

On April 1, 1912 Homer Sly was elected. He held office one year. He is still living and is an officer of the Cement Company.

John J. Reycraft was elected again on April 1, 1913. He held office one year making a total of three years that he served.

Charles J. Ditto was sworn into office on April 6, 1914. He served one year.

On April 5, 1915 Albert B. Klise was elected to office. He served six years.

John L. A. Galster was elected Nov. 7, 1921. He held office four years. Mr. Galster is still living and sells insurance.

William G. McCune was sworn into office April 16, 1925. He served four years.

Norman M. Risk was sworn into office on April 1, 1929. He held office three years. He is still living.

On April 4, 1932 D. Charles Levinson was elected. He served three years.

On April 1, 1935 Buell H. Van Leuven was sworn into office. He held office five years. Mr. Van Leuven is living and is a doctor.

Arthur M. Hinkley was elected on April 1, 1940. He served three years. Mr. Hinkley owns the Petoskey Evening News.