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SWARTHMORE BOROUGH TO HAVE NEW TOWN HALL – Action Deciding to Construct New Buildings Taken at a Special Election

At the special election held in the Swarthmore town hall it was decided that the Swarthmore borough will have a new town hall and fire house. It was announced several weeks ago that a special election would be held for this purpose and the agitators of the question are very much pleased with the result.

The whole question arose over the need of a new fire wagon and hose in Swarthmore. It was at first thought that it would be a good plan to buy a new hook and ladder wagon for the borough, but the men interested in the question, after thinking it over, decided that as the present Borough hall was not exactly what they wanted, it would be wise to build a new hall. Several town meetings were held in view of this fact and interest ran high at times. A new fire company was organized and they have had regular meetings for the past few weeks. They then decided to ask Council for a loan of \$25,000, with which to build a borough hall.

The opposition to the movement said that the borough was already in great debt and they did not think it wise to increase the indebtedness any more. They also held that if the borough was to spend this sum in improvements it would be much better to spend it in some better way as there were several things that were needed much more than the hall.

This did not stop the fire company, however, and the members have worked hard for several weeks and as a result they won out in the election yesterday for 14 votes. The result was 52 to 66.

This fire company is very glad that it has won out and the members will at once start to make plans for the building. It is said that a new hall will be made about half of the size of the present hall, and will contain the Council rooms and the fire wagon. It is not known exactly where the hall will be situated, but it is thought that it will be placed somewhere near the present hall as it is very near the center of the town.

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