

WHO IS TO PAY?

The Question is Who is to Pay For Sprinkling Superior Street.

Quite a little discussion has been going on amongst the Superior street householders as to the proper mode of paying for street sprinkling. On Thursday a gentleman started out to obtain the signatures of all those who were willing to pay for sprinkling Superior street, and although this has been the custom during the past year, a great number refused to sign the paper, giving it as their opinion that the village ought to pay for the sprinkling.

A TRIBUNE reporter yesterday interviewed a few representative merchants on Superior street, with the following results:

Mayor Sutphin—I am willing to go on record as of the opinion that the residents Superior street should pay for the sprinkling of that street, and that those living up the hill should not be taxed for any such thing.

Blume and Buchanan—If every one would pay up for the work, we would just as soon pay for it direct, as in the shape of taxes.

R. F. Williamson—The city certainly should sprinkle all the streets, but I would rather pay for it myself than that it should not be done.

Ed. Inga's—Of course the village should do it. It is not fair to the business men on the street to lay every burden on them.

George M. Smith—I wish to state most emphatically that in my opinion the street sprinkling should be done by the village, and as every body in town uses Superior street, more or less, it is but right that the expense should be borne by all.

J. C. Schaefer—Certainly the householders should not have to pay for sprinkling the most frequented thoroughfare in town. We have burdens enough to bear in trade, and this very street is lighted by electricity at the expense of tenant's and storekeepers along the street, and that should be enough.

Isaac Bondy—I think that the village should be able to afford to sprinkle the streets. I am sure that we pay enough taxes.

H. W. Pearson—The people at large should pay for the accommodation of the people, and extra burdens should not be imposed on business men.

Dr. O. N. Murdock—Equal taxation for equal benefits, I say. The city should do it by general taxation, as nearly everyone does all their business on this street.

Max Wirth—I have always paid for street sprinkling, and am willing to do so, rather than there should be no sprinkling done, but I think that it is time for the city to do these things.

J. T. Rose—I think as Mr Wirth does, especially as there is dissatisfaction among all concerned at having to sprinkle the fronts of unoccupied lots.

Judge Martin—the sprinkling should be done by the village. Come, get out of here, as I am just about to close up.

Dr. S. C. McCormick—Everybody would be benefited, but of course the Superior street folks would receive the most benefit, and I don't know but that they should pay for it.

Some other business men who were also seen, expressed it as their opinion that the village should certainly pay for all sprinkling done, and probably the council will be petitioned to that effect at their next meeting.