

CHESTER TIMES – January 18, 1923 – NEW BOROUGH OF FOLCROFT HAD LIVELY ELECTION –
Voters Select J. Warner Bullen to Be Their Chief Burgess

The new borough of Folcroft, which was made out of the township of Darby, held its first election for borough and school district officers on Tuesday. The election was quite interesting and there was a spirited contest for the election of school directors in which Mrs. Daisy W. Shaw, postmistress of Folcroft, and Mrs. Bella A. Shull were candidates together with a number of men candidates. The fight between the two women candidates was quite bitter, with the result that Mrs. Shull, whose husband was also elected tax collector, succeeded in winning for school director, Mrs. Shaw losing by a close margin.

It is further said, that while these two women were formerly inseparable friends, today they are not on the most friendly terms all because of the election, and that there has already sprung up in the little borough factionalism which will develop stronger at time grows.

The newly-created officers will begin to function within a few days, and then the wheels of the new municipal government is expected to give to the little borough fine streets, good sidewalks, good school, police protection, street light and water for fighting fires. Indeed, it is said that the hopes of the officers elected, is to make Folcroft the finest borough in the State.

The election resulted the following persons being chosen. All were elected by writing their names on the ballot, because there had been no previous nominations made:

Chief Burgess, J. Warner Bullen who had 146 votes. There were three other candidates who had a vote or two each.

Seven Councilmen – Those having the highest votes are the winners: Thor Rasmussen, 126; Daniel Thompson, 127; Stanley Haller, 143; Charles Osman, 145; Joseph Rauiston, 145; Niles Peterson, 106; Charles Greising, 135; George F. Flynn, 60; Joseph Stephenson, 10; George McGuire, 5.

Five school directors – E. P. Rauiston, 118; Clayton W. Higgins, 122; A. W. Reinhold, 122; Raymond Oliphant, 95; Mrs. Bella Shull, 89; Mrs. Daisy W. Shaw, 77; Albert W. Woods, 56; J. B. Reigner, 77.

High Constable – Paul Newburg, 28; Roger Shaw, 75.

Tax Collector – Clarence Shull, 129. Four other candidates opposing Mr. Shull received one or two votes each.

Assessor – Robert Keeley, 129; J. H. Abernathy, 15.

Judge of Election – J. H. Abernathy, 145; Inspection of Election, Raymond Rasmussen, 108; J. R. Reigner, 96.