

## Street Lamps, Wire Rope & Willows

In November of 1875, Milford's Village Council had the first street lamps erected at these locations:

- Corner of Main & Water
- East side of the Huron River bridge on Main Street
- Railroad crossing on the east side of Main Street
- N.E. corner of Main & Liberty
- N.E. corner of Main & Phelps (Center Street)
- S.W. corner of Main & Commerce

By December of the same year, several citizens had erected their own lamp posts in front of their residences. N. Fuller was hired to light the street lamps. Several residents wanted him to light their private lamps also, but the council refused.

In 1877, Mr. Ratzek, proprietor of a clothing store where McMartin's is now, received permission from the council to move one of the lamp posts from the N.W. corner of Main & Commerce to the S.E. corner. He agreed to keep it in repair and lighted.

In November of 1877, William H. Sebring was appointed night watchman (to watch for fires) and to light and take care of the village lamps for fifty cents per night. The lamp post on the S.E. corner of Main and Commerce was moved back to the S.W. corner.

Then in December of 1880, the council ordered 36 Leonard Gasolene Lamps to light the village.

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October 13, 1877

A wire rope from the planing mill (south end of the south mill pond west of N. Main Street) to the elevator of Stephens & Roberts furnishes the motive power for elevating all the grain purchased by the firm. A wire rope from the elevator to the basement of S.B. Ferguson's Furniture ware rooms (Opera House) also furnishes power to propel a circular saw, jig saw, shaper and turning lathe.

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### The Willows

The Village Council, in April of 1876, planted willow trees on Main Street, from the railroad bridge to the river. These were Golden and Hedge willows. By May of 1877, the willows on the west side had been destroyed by "the cattle which roamed the street," and the council ordered them replaced.