The conclusion reached in the opinion above mentioned was based upon the proposition that one holding a public office by election or appointment, in the performance of the duties thereof, must necessarily take part in politics. The following is quoted from the body of said opinion:

"It is my view that any man is in politics who is appointed by any official adminstering government, and surely one who is elected by the people. It would, therefore, appear that a member of the city board of health appointed by the mayor, in performing the duties of his office is doing a great deal more in the way of political activity than merely voting as he pleases and expressing his political opinions."

It is believed that the reasoning in the opinion above mentioned, by analogy, would apply with equal force to the situation you now present.

Based upon the foregoing and in specific answer to your inquiry, you are advised that a person who is in the classified service of the city may not legally hold the office of mayor of a village for the reason that the holding of such office would result in his taking part in politics in violation of the provisions of Section 486-23, General Code.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,

*Attorney General.*

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APPROVAL, BOND FOR THE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES AS RESIDENT DISTRICT DEPUTY DIRECTOR—A. W. BROWN.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 12, 1929.

HON. ROBERT N. WAID, *Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a bond for the penal sum of five thousand dollars ($5.000.00) upon which the name of A. W. Brown appears as principal and the name of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company of Hamilton, Ohio, appears as surety.

Said bond is conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of said principal as Resident District Deputy Director assigned to Ross County.

Finding said bond to have been executed in proper legal form, I have endorsed my approval thereon, accordingly, and return the same herewith to you.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,

*Attorney General.*