

CITY OF RENSSELAER,  
 IN  
 COMMON COUNCIL,  
 Tuesday evening June 2nd, 1931.  
 Regular Meeting.

The Council convened at 8:20 o'clock P. M. and was called to order by President A. E. Williams.

The roll being called the following answered to their names.

	President Bonacker,	
Alderman Smith,		Alderman Boos,
" Scheibly,		" Goode,
" Fogarty,		" VanAlstyne,
" Yonkers,		" Wiltse,

READING OF MINUTES.

Alderman VanAlstyne moved that the minutes be adopted as printed subject to correction.

Carried.

Opening of bids for Pine Street Improvement.

Michael Criste \$3025.00  
 Vincent DeJulie \$2483.80  
 M. F. Dollard \$2566.50  
 James J. Rigney \$2732.75

Alderman VanAlstyne moved that bids be referred to a Committee to be tabulated.

Carried.

The President appointed as such committee Aldermen, Smith, VanAlstyne and Yonkers as such committee.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR,  
 HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND CITY  
 OFFICERS.

The Clerk reported that the Mayor had approved of all resolutions passed at the last meeting of the Board.  
 Report was received.

Charity Commissioner Charles Hoffman reported having expended for the month of May 1931, the sum of \$360.85 for the relief of the poor.

Charity Commissioner Mrs Anna V. Quirk reported having expended for the month of May 1931, the sum of \$751.85 for the relief of the poor.  
 Reports were received and ordered filed.

Rensselaer, N. Y. June 1st, 1931.

Honorable President and Members of the  
 Board of Aldermen,  
 Rensselaer, N. Y.  
 Gentlemen:-

I herewith submit to your honorable body a tentative budget for 1931 and 1932, estimates as have been submitted to me by the different departments.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Clarence A. McNally, Mayor.

CITY OF RENSSELAER,  
 Budget 1931 -32.

General Fund - - - - -	\$55,234.91
Building Fund- - - - -	1,238.00
Water Fund - - - - -	11,520.00
Street Fund- - - - -	49,600.00
Police & Fire Fund - - - - -	81,303.54
Light Fund - - - - -	36,988.24
Sewer Fund - - - - -	3,500.00
Peer Fund- - - - -	9,770.00
Bond & Interest Fund - - - - -	128,562.00
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	\$377,716.69

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## Estimate City Revenues

City Court - - - - -	- \$ 500.00	
Office of City Treasurer - - - - -	100.00	
Examining Board of Plumbers- - - - -	5.00	
Public Works Department - - - - -	200.00	
City Clerk's Office - - - - -	1,450.00	
Mortgage Tax - - - - -	1,362.65	
Bank Tax - - - - -	3,459.13	
Interest on Taxes- - - - -	1,500.00	
Interest on General Fund - - - - -	2,500.00	
City Owned Certificates- - - - -	1,000.00	
Business Corporation Tax - - - - -	-10,000.00	
Income Tax - - - - -	5,000.00	
Balance on Old Accounts (Surplus)- - - - -	5,000.00	\$32,076.78
		<u>\$345,639.91</u>

Was received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Rensselaer, N. Y. June 1st, 1931.

Hon., J. G. Salt,  
City Clerk,  
Dear Sir:-

In the preparation of the new budget will you kindly place the additional sum of \$500.00 at the disposal of the City Court?

Said sum is an absolute necessity for the proper continuation of the ~~tax~~ duties of the Couty.

The said sum is to be used for the purchase of necessary supplies, blanks, and equipment for the Court and the Court Room.

Very truly yours,  
Walter H. Keenholts,  
City Judge, Rensselaer, N. Y.

Was received and ordered filed.

Rensselaer, N. Y. June 2nd, 1931.

Common Council,  
City of Rensselaer,  
Gentlemen:-

Kindly accept my deep appreciation of the respect and consideration shown me during my recent Bereavement, I remain.

Very truly yours,  
J. W. Fogarty,

Was received and ordered filed.

New York Telephone Co,  
Albany, N. Y. June 1, 1931.

Mr J. G. Salt, City Clerk,  
Rensselaer, New York,  
Dear Sir:-

In reply to the request in your letter of May 22nd, 1931, relative to the authority granted to this Company for placing pole in front of 1807 Ninth Street, this is to advise that our records indicate the necessary permit was granted by Mr Kaufman, City Engineer, and pole was erected under his direction.

Very truly yours,  
F. B. Martin,  
Right of Way Supervisor.

Was received and ordered filed,

Hon., John J. Scully,  
Corperation Counsel of the City of Rensselaer,  
Albany, N. Y.

Sir:-

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I, Raymond C. Reed of 1751 Fifth Street, Rensselaer, New York, intend to bring an action against the City of Rensselaer, upon the cause of action arising out of the facts and circumstances set forth in the annexed ~~skaim~~ against the City of Rensselaer filed by me this day for the sum of Two Thousand (\$2000.00) Dollars.

Yours etc,  
Raymond C. Reed,

Dated May 16, 1931,

Was received and referred to the Law Committee.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS  
REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNI-  
CATIONS.

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Albany, N. Y. May 25th, 1931.

Mr John G. Salt,  
City Clerk, Rensselaer, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I am today in receipt of a letter from you about the barn woned by me at 551 Broadway, Rensselaer,

It was not until this afternoon that I had any knowledge that my tenant was using the barn for any purpose which was annoying to the Neighbors.

As soon as I learned that fact I at once took it up with Mr Miller, he said there were no dogs there now, and that he would not use it again as a dog pound if he does do, I will cancel his lease as soon as I learn the fact.

I protest that to destory my property because of the act of another (of which act I had no knowledge till this afternoon) is unjust to me and I hereby notify the City authorities that I will hold the City responsible for the damage that may be done me.

Very truly yours,

John Horrigan;

P.S. I will be absent from the City after Thursday May 28th, until Friday June 5th, on my return will be ready to appear before the Board if it so desires. J.H.

Was received and ordered filed.

Rensselaer, N. Y. June 1st, 1931.

To, The Honorable Mayor and Members of Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

On Tuesday April 28th, sewage water backed up into the cellars at the premises of No, 1509 and 1521 Broadway flooding cellars and running out through cellar doors into the back yard. Digging up street in front of the premises it was found that sewer pipes leading into the property was free but were connected to a sewer system built and maintained by the Village of Bath.

We immediately got City Engineer Kenneth Fraser on the premises and after investigation he informed us that the City had no record of this sewer system and advised that we connect on to the main sewer, which is on the opposite side of the street, and take the matter up later with the City.

This necessitated breaking of concrete pavement across the entire width of the street and digging to an average depth of about ten feet to install new system.

Our contention is that when the City of Rensselaer was incorporated and took over the Village of Bath as a part of that corporation, they assumed all ~~responsibility~~ Responsibility for the maintenance of the sewer system in question.

Therefore, we are enclosing herewith our bills for labor and materials used for putting in new service to connect with main sewer, as we feel that the City of Rensselaer, should recompence us for the expense entailed.

Respectfully Submitted.

Milo E. Newton,

George J. Feats,

Was received and referred to the Law Committee.

State Department Health,  
Albany, N. Y. May 22, 1931.

Dr Charles E. Harbinson,  
1800 Seventh Street,  
Rensselaer, N. Y.

Dear Doctor:-

This Department has received a communication signed by Nicholas W. Kirsch of 80 Third Avenue, Rensselaer, N. Y. and five other residents of Third and Second Avenue, in which complaint is made against the backing up of sewage into the cellars of their properties. It is alleged that very unsanitary conditions are created thereby, and that although the matter has been brought to the attention of the city authorities no action has been taken to correct these conditions.

This matter is being referred to you for such action as you may deem necessary.

Very truly yours,  
Director, Division of Sanitation.

Rensselaer, N. Y. May 26th, 1931.

City Clerk, John Salt,  
Rensselaer, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I have found the facts as outlined in the accompanying complaint to be true. As the solution of the difficulty is an engineering problem, the City Engineer accompanied me in my investigation and I refer you to him for the remedy.

Very truly yours,  
C. H. Harbinson. M.D.

Was received and referred to the sewer Committee.

Rensselaer, N. Y. May 29th, 1931,

Board of Aldermen,  
Rensselaer, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:-

Reference is made to sidewalk and curbing assessment on Eighth Street (corner Washington Avenue) for year 1925 in the sum of \$44.00

Previous to this time I had paid for granite curb which was in good condition in 1925, and about twenty feet of same is still in position, having been left there by the contractor..

I therefore protest the duplicate assessment and respectfully make claim for the refund of Twenty Dollars charged therefore as having been erroneously assessed.

Very truly yours,  
Mrs Bessie Berry.

Received and referred to the City Engineer.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS.

Bill No,		
730,	The Transcript official paper	125.00
731,	N.Y. Power & Light Corp electricity to Common Council	14.05
732,	C. N. Stewart supplies to Health Officer & Nurse	44.84
733,	A.C. Window Cleaning Co, cleaning windows City Bldg	7.50
734,	Bender Hygienic Laboratory milk tests	6.00
735,	Chas, E. Houghtaling supplies to City Clerk	22.22
736,	S. Lieberman supplies to Health Officer	4.75
737,	Morgan Linen Co, towel supplies City offices & Police	3.60
738,	Harry Reed supplies to City Depts	49.90
739,	Chas, E. Houghtaling supplies to City Judge	1.50
740,	N.Y. Power & Light Corp gas & electricity Fire Houses	57.44
741,	N.Y. Power & Light Corp electricity Fire Alarm	15.14
742,	N.Y. Power & Light Corp electricity Fire Alarm	14.00
743,	Joseph Barney picking up hose Third Ave Dump	2.00
744,	Frank Kennesten picking up hose Third Ave Dump	2.00
745,	American LaFrance & Foamite Inds, supplies Fire Dept	1.56
746,	Everson-Ress Co, cap covers to Police Dept	10.83
747,	Mrs Elizabeth Maloy Laundry to Fire Dept	18.60
748,	Clements & Richason supplies City Depts	27.24
749,	Benjamin Miller Dog Warden	72.00
750,	Mrs Jessie Vanderpool acting as matron Police Dept	5.00
751,	N.Y. Power & Light Corp Gas & electricity Police Dept	25.08
752,	D. J. Mara supplies to Police Dept	9.82
753,	John J. Hill ice to City Depts	38.88
754,	Albany Hospital care of poor	31.75
755,	Earle W. Wilkins M.D. professional services to Veterans	4.00
756,	East Side Taxi auto hire Mothers club Hospital	10.00
757,	Robert A. Hickey professional service poor children	28.50
758,	St, Peter's Hospital care of Poor Children	40.00
759,	Heller & Ainspan provisions delivered to poor	55.00
760,	John A. Knex provisions delivered to poor	35.00
761,	Edwin C. Maggs auto to Hospital Poor children	1.00
762,	Eugene Riley shoes to poor children	5.10
763,	Eugene Riley shoes to poor	24.85
764,	C. Hill provisions delivered to poor	7.00
765,	Edwin C. Maggs auto to Hospital	8.00
766,	A. Deglin provisions delivered to poor	49.00
767,	John C. Raney provisions delivered to Veterans	19.14

768, John C. Raney provisions delivered to Veterans	22.18
769, St, Peter's Hospital care of poor	3.00
770, James Picken provisions delivered to poor	55.00
771, Harry Wiltse provisions delivered to poor	3.00
772, St, Peter's Hospital care of poor	288.00
773, St, Peter's Hospital care of poor	25.00
774, Fred Ertz provisions delivered to poor	35.00
775, N. Y. Power & Light Corp electricity to Store House	2.25
776, Edwin C. Maggs supplies to Street dept	11.62
777, Milton VanHoeseen repairs to tapes for Engineer	4.80
778, Cleveland steel Specialty Corp supplies to Engineer	17.01
779, Austin Riley crushed stone to Street dept	12.22
780, Austin-Western Rd, Mch, Co, supplies to Street dept	24.31
781, D. J. Mara supplies delivered to street dept	12.95
782, Walkers Filling Station gas to Street dept	5.75
783, John Thompson supplies to City Depts	22.57
Alderman VanAlstyne moved that all bills be referred to the Auditing Committee.	

Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Auditing Committee reported the following bills correct.

Bill No,	
681, N.Y. Power & Light Corp electricity & gas Police Dept	26.72
682, N.Y. Power & Light Corp electricity Common Council	14.77
683, A.C. Window Cleaning Co, cleaning windows City Bldg	7.50
684, Bender Hygienic Laboratory milk tests	3.00
685, N.Y. Telephone Co, service & tells City Depts	139.52
686, N.Y. Power & Light Corp electricity & gas Fire Houses	56.57
687, Wm, Leahey picking up hose Third Ave dump	2.00
688, Mel Mergel picking up hose Third Ave dump	2.00
689, John J. Fahey picking up hose Fowler Ave dump	2.00
690, John J. Fahey picking up hose Patton Ave dump	2.00
691, Herbert Bond picking up hose Fowler Ave dump	2.00
692, Herbert Bond picking up hose Patton Ave dump	2.00
693, Western Union Telegraph Co, time service Police Dept	1.50
694, Ellen C. Makar rent to poor relief	13.00
695, Memorial Hospital care of City poor	54.00
696, Eugene Riley shoes to poor relief	13.50
697, Samuel Cuttler rent to poor relief	25.00
698, W. Yates Lansing coal delivered to Veterans	7.50
699, E. J. B. Murray rent to Veteran relief	12.00
700, E. G. Bailey coal delivered to poor	18.25
701, J. C. Raney provisions delivered to Veterans	53.84
702, J. C. Raney provisions delivered to Veterans	19.33
703, J. C. Raney provisions delivered to poor	37.00
704, N.Y. Power & Light Corp electricity to Store House	3.55
705, N.Y. Power & Light Corp electricity Traffic lights	89.59
706, Benjamin Miller dog warden	80.00
707, N.Y. Power & Light Corp street lighting	3009.97
708, John J. Hill removing ashes Fire Bldgs	11.40
709, W. Yates Lansing supplies to City Depts	28.41
710, Ready Mixed & Supply Corp cement to Street dept	17.60
711, John J. Hill removing ashes from City Bldgs	8.85
712, D. J. Mara supplies to Police Dept	8.23
713, Chas, E. Parsens Generator Brushes Street dept	1.25
714, J. M. Steinhardt repairing magneto	1.00
715, D. J. Mara supplies to Street dept	15.29
716, Clements & Richason supplies to Police & Street Depts	2089
717, George J. Zepf repairs & supplies City Bldgs	20.58
718, Peter McCabe supplies to Street dept	36.30
719, Paper Makers Chemical Corp supplies Street dept	16.60
720, Peerless Paper Products Corp paper cups	7.25
721, Persons-Majestic Mfg Co, stop signs street dept	15.70
722, F. O. Meley repairs to tools for St, Dept	11.65
723, Townsend Furnace & Machine Shop Co, repairs to St Dept	6.30
724, James Guilfeil supplies to Street dept	23.61
725, Henry V. Rector installing doors Truck House No, 1	1224.00
726, Nera C. Farrell grading for street dept	93.75
727, Fred Farrell grading for street dept	75.00
728, Edward J. Farrell grading for street dept	25.63
729, Tuffibre Co, supplies to street dept	26.88

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Street Payroll.

W. Doney \$78.00 J. O'Conner \$54.60 W. Monroe \$68.60 P. Boos \$56.60  
 J. Eagan \$57.20 J. Maloy \$57.20 J. Farrell \$54.60 Jos, Farrell \$49.40  
 J. Healey \$31.20, W. Hardy \$57.20 P. Costelli \$57.20 C. Welch \$55.80  
 T. Barney \$57.20 G. Karrau \$54.60 G. Card \$54.60 Rex Packard \$85.80  
 J. Coffey \$62.40 W. Lyons \$48.00 C. D. Cox \$36.00 W. Folmsbee \$36.00  
 Thos, McGraw \$36.00 J. Earl \$36.00 Peter Hart \$62.40 J. K. O'Neil  
 \$62.40 P. J. Burns \$62.40 Cl E. Parsons \$62.40 J. L. Leahey \$72.00  
 Alderman VanAlstyne moved that the report of the Auditing Committee  
 be received and bills allowed and ordered paid also the Street Payroll.  
 Ayes, Bonacker, Smith, Scheibly, Fogarty, Yonkers, Boos, Goode,  
 VanAlstyne and Wiltse, - - - - - 9

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

We the undersigned members appointed as a committee to tabulate bids  
 received for the laying of uniform sidewalks and curbing on Pine Str-  
 eet between Third Street and the east end of street do report as  
 follows:-

Bids received

Michael Cristo	\$3025.00
Vincent DeJulio	2483.80
M. F. Dollard	2566.50
James J. Rigney	2732.75

That the bid received from Vincent DeJulio for the sum of \$2483.80  
 is the lowest responsible bid.

That we recommend that the contract for said work be awarded to  
 Vincent De Julio at the rpice bid namely \$2483.80

S. E. Smith,  
 John Yonkers,  
 H. M. VanAlstyne,

Alderman VanAlstyne moved that report be received and recommendations  
 adopted.

Carried.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Yonkers,

Resolved that the City Engineer be and he hereby is directed to  
 make a survey of the cost of a new bridge across the creek at Harrison  
 Avenue between Fifth and Sixth streets and report same to the counsel.  
 Ayes, Bonacker, Smith, Scheibly, Fogarty, Yonkers, Boos, Goode,  
 VanAlstyne and Wiltse, - - - - - 9

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Yonkers,

Resolved, that the City Engineer be and he hereby is directed to  
 make a survey of the door at the Mink Steamer House, Chemical No, 2,  
 and report to this Board the approximate cost for the changing of said  
 door to make an adequate entrance for the apparatus.

Ayes, Bonacker, Smith, Scheibly, Fogarty, Yonkers, Boos, Goode,  
 VanAlstyne and Wiltse, - - - - - 9

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Smith,

Resolved that the City Engineer be and he hereby is directed to  
 meet with the Committee of Fort Cralo Post to determine where the ~~XXXX~~  
 canon should be erected and that thanCity Engineer be and he hereby  
 is authorized to erect the canon at the place designated.

Ayes, Bonacker, Smith, Scheibly, Fogarty, Yonkers, Boos, Goode,  
 VanAlstyne and Wiltse, - - - - - 9

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman VanAlstyne,

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized  
 directed and empowered to transfer the sum of \$3500.00 to the Fund  
 marked "Code 191" from the Fund Refunding Reserve.

And that the City Treasurer restate her accounts accordingly.  
 Ayes, Bonacker, Smith, Scheibly, Fogarty, Yonkers, Boos, Goode,  
 VanAlstyne and Wiltse, - - - - - 9

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman VanAlstyne,

Whereas the State of New York has appropriated money for the erection of a new bridge across the Hudson River to replace the one now at Third Avenue, and

Whereas the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer favors the erection of said bridge,

Resolved, That the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer request and hereby does request the Board of Supervisors of the County of Rensselaer to provide the necessary funds for the share of the County of Rensselaer and it is further

Resolved, that the City Clerk be and he hereby is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Rensselaer,

Ayes, Bonacker, Smith, Scheibly, Fogarty, Yonkers, Boos, Goode, VanAlstyne and Wiltse, - - - - - 9  
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman VanAlstyne,

Resolved that the Rensselaer Water Company be and it hereby is directed to install a fire hydrant at the City Line on Iowa Avenue.

Ayes, Bonacker, Smith, Scheibly, Fogarty, Yonkers, Boos, Goode, VanAlstyne and Wiltse, - - - - - 9  
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman VanAlstyne,

Resolved that H. G. Leonard be and he hereby is granted permission to lower the curb in front of his premises at 39 Chestnut Street, Rensselaer, N. Y.

This work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer and that he be notified when such work is to be done.

Ayes, Bonacker, Smith, Scheibly, Fogarty, Yonkers, Boos, Goode, VanAlstyne and Wiltse, - - - - - 9  
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted

By Alderman Boos,

Whereas bids have been received for the laying of uniform concrete sidewalks and curbing on Pine Street between Third Street and the east end of said Street and

Whereas among the bids received was one from Vincent De Julio for the sum of \$2483.80 which bid was the lowest responsible bid received and

Whereas the Committee appointed to tabulate the said bids recommended that the contract be awarded to Vincent De Julio at the bid price of \$2483.80

Resolved that the Mayor and City Clerk be and they hereby are authorized, directed and empowered to enter into a contract with Vincent De Julio for the laying of uniform sidewalks on Pine Street from Third Street to the east end of said street according to the bid received, Said contract to be prepared by the Corporation Counsel.

Ayes, Bonacker, Smith, Scheibly, Fogarty, Yonkers, Boos, Goode, VanAlstyne and Wiltse. - - - - - 9  
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman VanAlstyne,

Whereas, The Cities comprised of the Capitol District have entered into and sanctioned the Outboard Motor Boat Races to be held on the Hudson River on June 1931, and

Whereas, in the sanctioning of said event the Cities in the capitol District have agreed to contribute to a fund to supply prizes for the event and to install enthusiasm and create competition in the different classes of events that will be scheduled for that day, and

Whereas, The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer deemed it advisable that the City of Rensselaer join in with the other cities of the Capitol District in the success of the said event.

Resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer authorize, and does hereby authorize a donation of \$100.00 toward the Fund established for the prizes and the City Treasurer be and she hereby is authorized, directed and empowered to issue a check in the sum of \$100.00 payable to the prize committee having charge of the said event.

The same to be charged to the Fund refunding reserve.  
Ayes, Bonacker, Smith, Scheibly, Fogarty, Yonkers, Noos, Goode,  
VanAlstyne and Wiltse, - - - - - 9

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman VanAlstyne:

Whereas, Hubert G. Savage has brought an action against the City of Rensselaer for alleged negligence by reason of the condition of the sidewalk at the corner of Washington Avenue and Third Street and

Whereas, the attorney representing Mr Savage and the plaintiff have agreed to accept the sum of \$150.00 in settlement of this claim, which settlement has been recommended by the Corporation Counsel.

Resolved, that the City Treasurer be and she hereby is authorized, directed and empowered to pay to the order of Hubert G. Savage the sum of \$150.00 upon the receipt of a general release approved by the Corporation Counsel.

The same to be charged to the Fund Settlement of Claims.

Ayes, Bonacker, Smith, Goode, VanAlstyne & Wiltse, - - - - - 5  
Noos, Scheibly, Fogarty, Yonkers & Boos - - - - - 4

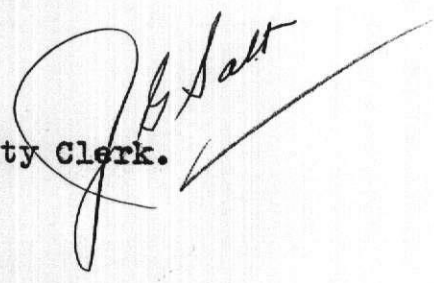
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

Alderman Smith moved to adjourn,  
Alderman Fogarty seconded.

Carried.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings of a meeting held Tuesday evening June 2nd, 1931, of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Rensselaer, N. Y.

  
City Clerk.