

CITY OF RENSSELAER
IN
COMMON COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY EVENING *Nov 12* 1936

adjourned ~~REGULAR~~ MEETING

The council convened at 9 o'clock P. M. and was called to order by Pres. Clark

The roll being called the following answered to their names.

Pres. Clark ✓

Alderman Hayford ✓
Hoogkamp ✓
Distell
Whalen

Alderman Raymond ✓
Redden ~~Livingston~~
Whish ✓
Waugh ✓

Alderman Pratt ✓

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR
HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND CITY OFFICES

The clerk reports that the Mayor had approved of all resolutions passed at the last meeting of the board.

Treasurers report
Charity commissioners report

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS
REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

Alderman moved that all bills be referred to the auditing committee

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The auditing committee reports the following bills correct.

Alderman Moved that the report of the auditing committee be received and all bills be allowed and ordered paid.
Also the Street pay roll

AUTOMATIC VOTING MACHINE CORPORATION

JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK

November 10, 1936

Hon. Clerk and Members of City Council
City of Rensselaer
Rensselaer, New York

Gentlemen:

For several years, this Company has recommended to all communities in the State of New York using 7 Party voting machines that these be exchanged for the New York State standard 9 Party type. In fact, we discontinued the manufacture of the 7 Party machines over twelve (12) years ago.

Because of the increased price of material and labor, there is to be a higher price for the voting machines, \$960.00 f.o.b. cars, Jamestown, New York, effective January 1, 1937, and also a reduction in the allowance on old machines (\$50.00).

We are addressing this letter to all Towns and Cities in the State using 7 Party machines in order that the officials in these Towns and Cities may consider the advisability of exchanging their old equipment for new prior to the first of the year, thereby taking advantage of the present price and trade-in allowance.

In placing an order for new machines, please understand that there would be no obligation to accept the machines until your election next year, and likewise payment.

We have no desire to press the matter, but if there is any feeling on your part that you would like to consider an exchange proposal, kindly instruct your Clerk to advise us as to a convenient time so our representative can meet with you, and let us assure you that this involves no obligation whatever.

We regret the necessity for an increase in the price and a reduction in the allowance for old machines. In sending this notice, we desire to provide a definite period of time during which old customers may be protected if there is any disposition to make the exchange.

Awaiting your pleasure, we remain

*Committee
Raymond
Herschman
Waugh*

RFG:MR

Very respectfully yours,

AUTOMATIC VOTING MACHINE CORPORATION

Russell F. Griffen
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Vice President

Department of Public Instruction

Rensselaer, N. Y.

Board of Education

George Osburn, President
Roy P. Chandler
James J. Rigney
Howard Van Alstine
Myron Filkins
Walter S. Clark, Superintendent

November 10, 1936

Mr. Charles Parsons, Acting Clerk
City Hall
Rensselaer, New York.

My dear Mr. Parsons:

Your communication to the Board of Education, requesting a joint meeting of the Common Council and the Board of Education to consider the matter of re-districting the school pupils of the city, has been received and considered. The Board of Education has made a very careful survey of the housing conditions effecting elementary school pupils. Some three years ago the Board rescinded its former action in relation to district boundaries and adopted the principle of allocation of pupils to make the teaching load as nearly equal as possible.

Our aim is to keep each grade enrollment at a maximum of forty. When the enrollment in any grade exceeds that number pupils who live farthest from the school are transferred to an adjoining school. The system of allocation of pupils seems to effect School Two because of the large number of pupils living in the immediate vicinity. No division by streets or districts boundaries will solve our present crowded conditions in School Two. Until such time as additional facilities are provided for elementary school pupils living in the vicinity of School Two, the system of allocation to Schools One and Three must be continued.

Very truly yours,



President of the Board of Education

WSC:C

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Rev. Charles F. Farrelly
St. Joseph's Rectory
Russell, N. Y.

Nov. 18th 1926.

To the Hon Board of Aldermen:
Russell, N. Y.

Gentlemen:- This is to certify that permission has been granted to
Mr John J. Cusker, to lower the side walk, adjacent to St Joseph's
Church Property, on upper level of Russell, with the understanding that
he will replace the present sidewalk on said property, with a new walk

which is trust in substance our present Church Property.

Signed (P) Chas. J. Donnelly, Pastor.

St. Joseph, Pennsylv^a 24

The petition of John J. Amsden respectfully shows,
That the petitioner is the owner of the premises located at
No 1640 Second St. in the City of Rensselaer N.Y.
Blk. 135 Plot 10 as laid down on the Tax Map of the
City of Rensselaer now on file in the office of the Commissioner
of Assessment & Taxation, and which are located on the E. side
of Second St. in the Eighth Ward.

That, The petitioner is desirous of erecting a garage upon said
premises to be located with respect to lot and Street line as
described, That a public hearing in connection with this permit
be dispensed with. Wherefore your petitioner respectfully prays
that they be granted permission to erect garage as hereinbefore
set forth.

John J. Amsden

State of New York)
County of Rensselaer)
City of Rensselaer)

John J. Amsden being severally
duly sworn, state that he ^{is} ~~are~~ the petitioner named in the
foregoing petition, that they have read said petition and that the
same is true to their own knowledge except as to matters therein
stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those
matters they believe it to be true.

John J. Amsden

Sworn to before me this
12 day of Nov 1936

Charles S. Frinkle

Com. Deeds City of Rensselaer, N.Y.

Report of the committee of petition of John J. Amsden

We, the undersigned committee this day appointed to investigate the petition of John J. Amsden Owner of the premises described as 1640 Sec. St for permission to erect a garage upon said premises, hereby respectfully report that we have investigated the facts in connection therewith and we respectfully recommend that a public hearing be dispensed with and the desired permission granted.

Carl W. Waugh
W. B. Pratt
W. B. Pratt

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By Alderman: *Waugh*

Resolved: That the annexed report of the committee dated _____ in relation to the petition to investigate the petition of John J. Amsden as owner of the premises described as 1640 Sec. St. for permission to erect a garage upon said premises be and the same is hereby received and the recommendations therein contained be and the same hereby are adopted.

Dated _____ 1936

Approved as to form and sufficiency

Corp. Council.

ALDERMEN	AYES	NOES
T. CLARK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. HAYFORD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
W. HOOBKAMP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
J. DISTELL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. WHALEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. RAYMOND	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
REDDEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. WHISH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. WAUGH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
W. PRATT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL		

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BY ALDERMAN HOOGHKAMP,

RESOLVED, That the City Engineer be and he hereby is directed to prepare a project for completion as a W. P. A. project consisting of the resurfacing of ^{High Street} Third Avenue and the construction of concrete gutters/ extending easterly to the Mill Creek Bridge.
from ~~3rd Ave~~

Dated, November 12, 1936

Approved as to form and sufficiency

Rolland Quinn
CORPORATION COUNSEL.

ALDERMEN	AYES	NOES
T. CLARK	✓	
G. HAYFORD	✓	
W. HOOGHKAMP	✓	
J. DISTELL		
D. WHALEN		
F. RAYMOND	✓	
REDDEN	✓	
F. WHISH	✓	
E. WAUGH	✓	
W. PRATT	✓	
TOTAL		

501

RESOLUTION

BY ALDERMAN WAUGH,

RESOLVED, That Helen L. Amsden, as owner of the premises known as No. 1640 Second Street, be and she hereby is granted permission to lower so much of the curbing in front of said premises as maybe suitable and necessary for driveway purposes; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That said property owner be and she hereby is granted permission to re-lay so much of the sidewalk in front of said premises at such grade as the City Engineer may approve.

Dated, November 18th, 1936

Approved as to form and sufficiency

Robert O. O'Neil
CORPORATION COUNSEL.

~~*Walter Pratt*~~ *lay on table*
~~*Second Raymond*~~ *next meeting*

ALDERMEN	AYES	NOES
T. CLARK	✓	
G. HAYFORD	✓	
W. HOOBKAMP	✓	
J. DISTELL		
B. WHALEN	✓	
F. HAYFORD	✓	
REDDEN	✓	
F. WOOD	✓	
E. WAUGH	✓	
W. PRATT	✓	
TOTAL		

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RESOLUTION BY ALDERMAN

Raymond

RESOLVED that James A. Galvin, registered architect, be and he hereby is retained as architect to prepare plans and specifications for the addition to the present building of the Hill Hook and Ladder Company truck 1, on Partition Street and for the necessary alterations in that building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said James A. Galvin receive for the preparing of plans and specifications and the supervision of the work under the contract six per cent of the total contract price.

ALDERMEN	AYES	NOES
T. CLARK	✓	
G. HAYFORD		✓
W. HOOBKAMP	✓	
J. DISTELL		
D. WHALEN		
F. RAYMOND	✓	
REDDEN		
F. WHISH		✓
E. WAUGH		✓
W. PRATT	✓	
TOTAL		

ALDERMEN	AYES	NOES
T. CLARK		
G. HAYFORD		
W. HOOBKAMP		
J. DISTELL		
D. WHALEN		
F. RAYMOND		
REDDEN		
F. WHISH		
E. WAUGH		
W. PRATT		

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RESOLUTION BY ALDERMAN

Raymond

RESOLVED that the plans and specifications presented by James A. Galvin, architect, attached hereto, for the proposed addition and alterations at the Hill Hook building on Partition Street be and the same hereby are approved.

ALDERMEN	AYES	NOES
T. CLARK	✓	
G. HAYFORD		✓
W. HOOBKAMP	✓	
J. DISTELL		
D. WHALEN		
F. RAYMOND	✓	
REDDEN	✓	
F. WHISH		✓
E. WAUGH		✓
W. PRATT	✓	
TOTAL		

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RESOLUTION BY ALDERMAN

Raymond

RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for sealed proposals and bids for the alterations and addition to the Hill Hook and Ladder Company building on Partition Street, according to the plans and specifications prepared by James A. Galvin, the bids to be received on or before December 2, 1936.

ALDERMEN	AYES	NOTES
T. CLARK	✓	
G. HAYFORD		✓
W. HOOBKAMP	✓	
J. BISTELL		
D. WHALEN		
F. RAYMOND	✓	
REDDEN	✓	
F. WHISH		✓
E. WAGNER		✓
W. BRATT	✓	
TOTAL		