

CITY OF RENSSELAER?

IN

COMMON COUNCIL,

Tuesday evening Nov 16th, 1920,
Regular meeting.

The Council convened at 9:00 o'clock P. M. and was called to order
By President Henry Meurs.

The roll being called the following answered to their names.

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| Alderman Gardinier, | President Meurs, | Alderman Whalen, |
| " McMahon, | | " Rosekrans, |
| " Conlin, | Alderman Younghans, | " Whitman, |

READING OF MINUTES.

Alderman Rosekrans moved that the minutes be adopted as printed sub-
ject to correction.

Carried.

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 John E. VanValkenburgh reported having expended
for the month of October 1920 the sum of \$186.00 for the relief of
the poor.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS,
REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNI-
CATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, Rensselaer County,
New York, and to John Hall, Mayor of said city, and to John G. Salt
City Clerk, and to Arthur B. Lanphier, Corporation Counsel of said
City of Rensselaer, New York.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that William G. Hart, residing at 1617
Fourth Street in the City and County of Rensselaer and State of New
York, hereby presents a notice of claim against the City of
Rensselaer, Rensselaer County, New York, in the sum of One Thousand
(\$1,000.00) Dollars for damages to property owned by him and known
and designated as 1617 Fourth Street, City of Rensselaer, County of
Rensselaer and State of New York, by reason of the negligence of the
said city, its officers, agents, servants and employees in failing
to properly construct and maintain a certain drain or sewer situated
and located in the vicinity of petitioner's property and allowing to
exist certain faults, defects, imperfections and unsanitary condition.
In support of such petitioner presents the following facts. That a
certain sewer or drain in the City of Rensselaer, County of Rensselaer
State of New York, located and running through Fourth Street in said
City, between Central Avenue and Dale Street, and vicinity, has been
negligently maintained and allowed to exist in an unsanitary, defect-
ive condition for a period of several years, prior to the accruing
of the said damages to the petitioner. That unsanitary defects were
allowed to exist in said drain or sewer which is constantly used and
which had negligently been allowed to remain without repair, all of
which was well known to the members of the Common Council of the City
of Rensselaer, and to the Mayor and other officers and officials of
said City of Rensselaer and that by reason of the faulty and defective
condition of said drain, accumulations of waste matters, refuse and
debris clogged therein and caused said drain to back, clog and to
become unfit to discharge the purpose for which it was installed.

That on or about the 2nd, day of November, 1920 and in the evening
of said day, by reason of said defect and clogged condition of said
drain, great quantities of water accumulations of waste matter and
refuse and debris was forced to back up into the above named premises
through the drain, completely flooding the first floor and basement
thereof and discharging therein large quantities of water, refuse and
other unsanitary obnoxious debris and materials, causing the same to
become uninhabitable and doing great damage to the furniture, house-
hold effects and wearing apparel located therein, all to his damage
on the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars.

That your petitioner at the time of the commencement of this action
resided at No. 1617 Fourth Street in the City and County of Rensselaer,

State of New York.

That there was present at the time of said backing up of said drain your petitioner and Hart, His wife.

That the backing up of the said drain and damage to the petitioner was caused solely by the defective condition of said sewer or drain and through the negligence of the City of Rensselaer, its officers and servants without any fault or negligence to your petitioner contributing thereto.

AND YOU WILL FURTHER NOTICE that the petitioner herein intends to begin an action against the City of Rensselaer, New York, to recover the damages sustained by him on account of the aforesaid damaged described in this notice of claim.

Dated, at Rensselaer, N. Y.

November 15, 1920,

Wm, G. Hart.

Was received and referred to the Law Committee.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS.

Bill No,				
8056,	Lottie M. Fowler	inspector & chairman	primaries	12.50
8057,	N. J. Pregent	Inspector	Chairman Mileage	43.98
8058,	E. J. Flanigan	"	"	44.30
8059,	L. M. Fowler	"	"	43.98
8060,	Geo, P, Allen	"	"	44.76
8061,	J. E. Harrigan	"	"	43.98
8062,	Geo, Strohmaier	"	"	44.40
8063,	Geo, Vermilyea	"	"	44.62
8064,	Caroline E. Smith	"	"	43.98
8065,	Adaline Harris	"	"	44.25
8066,	Cynthia Rochford	"	"	38.50
9067,	Mrs Mary W. Doran	"	"	38.50
8068,	E. G. Hayner	"	"	38.50
8069,	John Ruby	"	"	38.50
8070,	Chas, A. Bergh	"	"	38.50
8071,	Geo, H. Ackerman	"	"	38.50
8072,	Geo, H. Cundall	"	"	38.50
8073,	Pauline Sager	"	"	38.50
8074,	Mary E. Reagan	"	"	38.50
8075,	Margaret McMahan	"	"	38.50
8076,	Wm, J. Quirk	"	"	38.50
8077,	Maude C. Hayford	"	"	38.50
8078,	Mary L. Sitzer	"	"	38.50
8079,	Frank J. Tully	"	"	38.50
8080,	Clarence Chandler	"	"	38.50
8081,	Alice M. Gilligan	"	"	38.50
8082,	E. A. MacAvoy	"	"	38.50
8083,	Wm, Quinn	"	"	38.50
8084,	Daniel J. Steller	"	"	38.50
8085,	Selah S. Barnard	"	"	38.50
8086,	C. A. VanValkenburgh	"	"	38.50
8087,	Christopher Peters	"	"	38.50
8088,	Wm, F. Virgil	"	"	38.50
8089,	Edw, A. Lepp	"	"	38.50
8090,	Thos, White	rent primaries, registration & election		35.00
8091,	Alexander Duff	auto Chief of Police Election day		15.00
8092,	Wm, C. Tompkins	auto to clerk & custodian election		39.00
8093,	Wm, P. Clifford	rent for primaries Registration & elect		30.00
8094,	Rensselaer Water Co,	rental hydrant & flushing		797.08
8095,	Rensselaer Water Co,	meter reading for city bldg		29.40
8096,	Albany Hardware & Iron Co,	blacksmith's vise		13.05
8097,	W & L. E. Gurley	supplies to city sealer		4.35
8098,	N. Y. Telephone Co,	service to Police Stations		7.51
8099,	James J. Hughes	special officer		3.66
8100,	N. Y. Telephone Co,	service to Chief of Police		2.00
8101,	Morgan Spring Water Co,	spring water to city depts		11.40
8102,	N. Y. Telephone Co,	extension & tolls Court & Clerk		5.00
8103,	N. Y. Telephone Co,	service to Blakeman & Salt		5.50
8104,	The Johnson Press	printing for city depts		50.25
8105,	Joseph Green	supplies to Treasurer		1.45
8106,	A. L. Owens	keys for city offices		1.00
8107,	Stetson-Fisk Inc	supplies to city offices		7.50
8108,	Colson, Brice & McCann	minutes for Corporation Counsel		15.80
8109,	Colson, Brice & McCann	minutes for Corporation Counsel		12.80
8110,	Burroughs Adding Machine Co,	adjusting Adding Machine		8.40

8111	E. S. Baldwin one pen Dept Public Works	2.75
8112	N. Y. Telephone Co, service to City Engineer	3.00
8113	W. L. Coughtry Co, cloth print for engineer	1.44
8114	Geo, L. Wiltse & Son teaming for street dept	176.00
8115	Chas, W. Reynolds gravel to street dept	7.50
8116	Self Propelling Nozzle Co, one nozzle	36.22
8117	R. G. Stewart supplies to fire dept	28.05
8118	John Aman electric bulbs	19.20
8119	Clark Wholey assisting City Electrician	18.00
8120	Lawrence Fedigan picking up hose	2.00
8121	Albany Southern R.R.Co, setting pole & cutting tree	15.50
8122	N. Y. Telephone Co, service & tolls to fire dept	27.70
8123	J. E. VanValkenburgh to expenses for stamps	2.00
8124	Albert VanWoert provisions delivered to poor	20.00
8125	John A. Knox provisions delivered to poor	22.00
8126	Geo, M. Palmer provisions delivered to poor	16.00
8127	Alexander Duff auto to Orphan Asylum	8.00
8128	Alexander Duff auto to Pawling sanitarium	6.00
8129	Wm, H. Cornell provisions delivered to poor	60.00
8130	St, Margaret's Homse care of city poor	235.93
8131	John A. Knox provisions delivered to Veterans	25.00
8132	Arthur E. Williams provisions delivered to poor	22.00
8133	Alexander Corbat provisions delivered to Veterans	20.00
8134	Alexander Corbat provisions delivered to Veterans	16.00
8135	Sarah J. McArdle washing bedding for fire dept	4.00
8136	W. Yates Lansing supplies to street dept	31.25
8137	Geo, H. Mollenkopf cleaning stoppage in sewer Wilson St	526.23
8138	Bailey & Parker coal delivered to Veterans	21.75
8139	Geo, A. Sheffer custodian voting machines	50.00
8140	Wm, I. Monroe custodian voting machines	50.00
8141	Jas, H. Dempsey inspector & instructions	38.50
8142	Ella Haynes Inspector & Instructions	38.50
8143	Grace A. McNalley inspector & Instructions	38.50
8144	Mary H. Staats rent primaries, registration & election	35.00
Alderman Rosekrans moved that all bills be referred to the Auditing Committee.		

Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

The Auditing Committee reported the following bills correct.

Bill No,		
8021,	C. L. R. Barnhart printing for city offices	16.00
8022,	F. D. Sargent supplies to city offices	1.20
8023,	Thos, Fahey expenses of Police	1.00
8024,	C, E. Houghtaling fire arms license to City Judge	2.50
8025,	C. D. Butler assisting city engineer	3.00
8026,	LeRoy Greenalch expenses to stamps for office	1.30
8027,	Chas, W. Gray repairs to heater Chemical No, 3,	43.57
8028,	Geo, L. Wiltse & Son teaming for street dept	176.00
8029,	Wm, P. Clifford supplies to street auto,	40.33
8030,	Jas, J. Rigney repairing East Street culvert	255.33
8031,	Kapp Bros supplies and work for street auto	77.64
8032,	The Austin-Western Road Machine Co, hickory beam	65.00
8033,	Gold Coin Furnace & Machine Co, Manhole covers	24.48
8034,	L. E. Newkirk work on street scraper	4.65
8035,	Wm, P. Clifford supplies to fire auto	154.27
8036,	Wm, P. Clifford supplies to city electrician	1.85
8037,	Sarah J. McArdle washing bedding for fire dept	4.00
8038,	Wm, L. Schupp & Sons repairs to fire apparatus	661.57
8039,	Henry Kalvelage picking up hose	2.00
8040,	Zepf Bros repairs to ladder on Truck No, 1, -	38.03
8041,	Woodhouse Manufacturing Co, gas masks	77.50
8042,	James Layman picking up hose	2.00
8043,	James F. Burns picking up hose	2.00
8044,	L. E. NewKirk repairs to hose hand cart	13.00
8045,	Zepf Bros repairs to fence Columbia Street	97.14
8046,	Zepf Bros repairs at City Building	10.10
8047,	Zepf Bros repairs at Truck Hose No, 1,	38.81
8048,	E. J. B. Murray rent relief of Veterans	9.00
9049,	Ira M. Derrick provisions delivered to poor	16.00
8050,	James Picken provisions delivered to poor	32.00
8051,	State Hospital care of city poor	21.43
8052,	Corbat & Greenberg provisions delivered to poor	24.00

8053, A. H. A. H. Drake provisions delivered to poor 8.00
 8054, A. E. Craig provisions delivered to poor 30.00
 8055, John J. Conklin provisions delivered to poor 45.00

STREET PAYROLL.

Wm, Hagan \$36.75 Chas Whitman \$33.00 Clarence Shaver \$33.00 Frederick Rabe \$43.50 August Rabe \$33.00 Henry Alguyer \$33.00 Ranson Ham \$36.00
 John Tuck \$27.00 Englebert Holstein \$3.75 Gilson Hayford \$12.00
 Isaac Benson \$42.00 Chas, Oldenburg \$33.00 Chas, Eiveleit \$30.00
 John Durkin \$21.00

Alderman Rosekrans moved that the report of the Auditing Committee be received and bills allowed and ordered paid also the Street payroll Ayes, Meurs, Gardinier, McMahon, Conlin, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman Younghans - - - - - 8

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Rensselaer, N. Y. Nov 15th, 1920,

Board of Aldermen, Rensselaer, N. Y.

Gentlemen:- Your committee appointed to investigate Berkshire Hall as to its condition and adaptability for a City Hall report as follows:-

We employed James D. Shoemaker, architect, who made plans herewith submitted and he also secured an estimate for work and improvements necessary to fit the building for use as a City Hall.

His estimate as to cost of repairs, received from an uninterested contractor, is \$13,750. \$2500. of said amount being intended for cells and cell plumbing.

After looking over the matter and giving it careful consideration, and much thought your committee has decided to report unfavorable.

Signed, C. Rosekrans,
Jos, McMahon, Committee.

Alderman Rosekrans moved that report be received and referred to the Board of Aldermen as a whole.

Carried.

STREET COMMITTEE.

To the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer,

The undersigned, designated as your Street Committee hereby make the following report in reference to the resolution of Alderman Goodrich, and referred to your committee on motion of Alderman Gardinier, relating to the widening of the Harrison Avenue highway bridge located on Harrison Avenue between fifth and Sixth Streets, ~~th~~ That the said resolution provides for the construction and repair of a necessary improvement for the purpose of making travel upon said highway safe and your committee recommends that the said resolution be adopted.

C. H. Gardinier,
C. Whitman.

Alderman Gardinier moved that report be received and recommendations adopted.

Carried.

Alderman Gardinier moved that/claims of Mrs Mary Bartram and Joseph DeJulio be reconsidered and referred back to the Law Committee for further investigation.

Carried.

Alderman Gardinier moved that the City Engineer furnish a report on sewer cleaning on Wilson Street.

Carried.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Rosekrans,

Resolved that the Board of Public Safety be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to purchase cushion tires for the two front wheels of Truck No, 1, of a type the same as similar to those now in use on said Truck; the same not to exceed in cost the sum of \$180.

I hereby certify that there remains unexpended in the Police and Fire Fund for the purchase of tires the sum of \$180;

R. A. Blakeman Jr., City Treasurer,
Ayes, Meurs, Gardinier, McMahon, Conlin, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman and Younghans - - - - - 8

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Rosekrans,

Resolved that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to purchase for the various city departments supplies not to exceed \$500.

Ayes, Meurs, Gardinier, McMahon, Conlin, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman and Younghans - - - - - 8

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Rosekrans,

Resolved that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to purchase ~~badges~~ for the Fire Department, not to exceed in cost \$75.00 the same to be a charge against the Police and Fire Fund..

Ayes, Meurs, Gardinier, McMahon, Conlin, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman and Younghans - - - - - 8

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Rosekrans,

Resolved that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to purchase twelve chairs for Chemical No, 1, fromx the State Prison Department and the same shall be a charge against the Building Fund .

Ayes, Meurs, Gardinier, McMahon, Conlin, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman and Younghans - - - - - 8

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Whitman,

Resolved that the Commission of Public Safety be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to have the upper floor of Truck House No, 1, repapered and repainted, The cost of same not to exceed \$150. the same to be paid from the Building Fund.

I hereby certigy that there remains unincumbered in the Building Fund, funds sufficient to pay the above sum of \$150.

R. A. Blakeman Jr., City Treasurer.

Ayes, Meurs, Gardinier, McMahon, Conlin, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman and Younghans - - - - - 8

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Younghans,

Resolved that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to assign to Morris Uhlman, Tax Sale Certificate No, 217 Sale of 1920 for its face value, namely \$24.99 plus the penalty of 1% per month from the date of sale to the date of the assignment.

Ayes, Meurs, Gardinier, McMahon, Conlin, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman and Younghans - - - - - 8

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Gardinier,

Resolved that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for and receive sealed proposals for the extension of the sewer at the foot of Central Avenue and Tracy Street, in accordance with the plans and specifications for said wrok now on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Rensselaer, said plans having been duly approved by the New York State Department of Health under date of October 15th, 1920, and said plans and specifications having been duly adopted by the Common Council on the 5th, day of October 1920.

Said advertisement to be inserted in the official paper for a period of at least two weeks. All bids or proposals to be addressed "John G. Salt, City Clerk, City of Rensselaer, and endorsed Proposals for the extension of the sewers at the foot of Central Avenue and Tracy Street"

All bids to be in the hands of the City Clerk not later than 8:00 P. M. on the 7th, day of December 1920, and to be made in accordance with the said specifications.

The Common Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Ayes, Meurs, Gardinier, McMahon, Conlin, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman and Younghans, - - - - - 8

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Gardinier,

Resolved that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make the following transfers reinstate his accounts as directed:-

From the Surplus account to School No. 1, Building Fund \$10,000.

From the Surplus account to Police and Fire Fund Fire Dept \$500.

From the Surplus account to the Street Fund \$1000.

From the Surplus account to the General Fund, Finance Dept \$200.

Ayes, Meurs, Gardinier, McMahon, Conlin, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman and Younghans ----- 8

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Gardinier,

Resolved that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to employ Tax Bill Clerks at not to exceed \$2.50 per day to get out the State and County Tax Bills, the total expenditure not to exceed \$45, the same to be paid on the General Payroll and to be a charge against the General Fund, Finance Dept.

Furthermore, the City Treasurer is hereby directed to notify the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission of the names of the clerks employed.

Ayes, Meurs, Gardinier, McMahon, Conlin, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman and Younghans ----- 8

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Whitman,

Resolved that the City Engineer be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to procure the necessary materials and labor to widen the existing bridge on Harrison Avenue near Fifth Street, The cost of same not to exceed \$500.00

Ayes, Meurs, Gardinier, McMahon, Conlin, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman and Younghans ----- 8

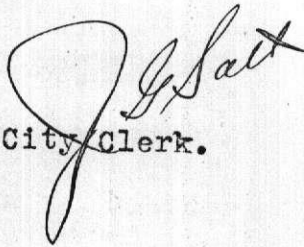
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

Alderman Rosekrans moved to adjourn,
Alderman Whitman seconded.

Carried.

I hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of proceedings of a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Rensselaer, N. Y. held Tuesday evening November 16th, 1920.


City Clerk.