

CITY OF RENSSELAER,
IN
COMMON COUNCIL,
Tuesday evening Aug 31st, 1926.
Special meeting.

The Council convened at 8:30 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 Williams,		
Alderman Smith,		Alderman Hardt,	
" Sedgwick,		" Tidd,	
" Behan,		" Yonkers,	
	Alderman Johnstone.		

THE CALL.
Rensselaer, N. Y. Aug 27th, 1926.

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

Dear Sir:-

Kindly call a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Rensselaer, N. Y. for Tuesday evening August 31st, 1926 at 8:00 o'clock P. M. for General business.

Yours very truly,
Jas. W. Adams, Mayor.

READING OF MINUTES.

Alderman Smith moved that the minutes be adopted as printed subject 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.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS,
REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNI-
CATIONS.

Albany, N. Y. August 19th, 1926.

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

Dear Sir:-

We hand you herewith for filing, assessment for the Sacandaga Reservoir for the year 1926.

You will recall that for the year 1926, the City of Rensselaer failed to pay the assessment. It is understood between the City Attorney and C. W. Walton, Counsel for the Board, that the City of Rensselaer would put in its budget for the year 1926 the assessment in default so that the whole amount due would be paid at the time the assessment for 1926 falls due. Will you be good enough to take this up with the proper authorities and see that this matter is carried through to completion.

We give you herewith a copy of last year's assessment as well as two extra copies of this year's assessment.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,
Ranulf Compton, Secy.,

Was received and ordered filed.

Mr James W. Adams,
Honorable Mayor,
City of Rensselaer, N. Y.

Dear Sir:- Inclosed you will find bill and claim for damages done and of plumbing which was caused by city sewer being blocked by roots of popalax trees across the street...Five years ago this coming November this sewer blocked up with roots from the same trees and I had the same

trouble but not so bad as it was this time. At that time the city passed an ordinance that these trees had to be taken down, but sorry to say they are still standing. My cellar is 12 inches lower than the sewer and I had 5 inches of sewer in my cellar and had to dip it out with a pail and carry it out in the street. Sewer gas spoiled every thing in the house and every thing that was on the cellar floor. My family had to go out and stay to neighbors house that night and go away for eight days on account it was impossible to live in my house with sewer gas, I had my sewer up and it was blocked up over half way with roots from poplar trees that came up my pipe from main sewer. The city put iron pipe when they found out what caused the trouble so I had to put in iron pipe as the roots reach all across the street and if the trees are going to be allowed to stay where they are it would only be a matter of time when they would block up my pipe again. I had the city engineer in my cellar so he could see the condition but that was after I had most of the sewage dipped out. Five years ago when the sewer blocked up I stood for all my lose outside of a bill for digging up my sewer which I thought was blocked but was not, I don't see why I should have to stand this expense and loss as the city did not keep there agreement and do away with the trees that caused the damage. Please put this bill and claim before Board, City Engineer can explain conditions as he see them.

Yours truly,

T. J. Dunn, 93 Central Avenue,
Rensselaer, N. Y.
August 25rd, 1926.

Mr James Adams, Honor Mayor,
City Rensselaer, N. Y.

This is a claim for \$200.00 for damages done to my house by sewage and sewer gas and the inconvenience that my family was put to caused by city sewer becoming blocked and sewer backing up in cellar

Yours truly,

T. J. Dunn, 93 Central Avenue,
Rensselaer, N. Y.

Claims were received and referred to the Law Committee.

Rensselaer, N. Y. Aug 25rd, 1926.

Common Council,
City of Rensselaer, N. Y.
Gentlemen:-

I hereby make claim for damages done to merchandise, caused by flood from streets at the time of storms August 2nd, and August 7th, due to inadequate sewers, as follows:
August 2nd, The water in our storage caused us to handle a half a car-load of sash or 760 pieces and about 163 kegs of nails. These sash had to be uncrated, carried out placed on concrete and each sash washed with the brush in order to eliminate water stains and replaced in another building. The nails had to be opened, spread out on the concrete washed and returned to the kegs, Most of the nails had to be packed by hand in order to get 100 lbs to the keg. 60 kegs of these nails were so badly rusted that we are selling same below cost, not making any charge for cleaning out and drying at our buildings, but actual charge to us for labor and loss on nails stands as follows:

Labor - 5 men 4 1/2 days 10 hrs per day 228 hrs @.50 \$122.50

60 kegs of nails, advertised at a loss

which we are not all sure that we

can dispose of at \$2.00 a keg. 120.00

August 7th,; Damage to nails only - - - - 163 kegs, washed

and dried, the damage to nails already to cause loss, but

all nails had to be handled, actual labor of handling,

spreading and drying 163 kegs by three men 3 days or

90 hrs @.50 45.50

Total \$288.00

H. Yates Lansing

Rensselaer, N. Y. August 24th, 1926.

To Board of Aldermen,
City of Rensselaer, N. Y.

Gentlemen:- You no doubt are aware of the fact that the sewer on First St., between McNaughton and Fowler Avenues, are to small to carry the sewage away.

This has continued to back up and said sewage runs down under my home and in the side way and the odor had been absolutely unbarable. I have been under the care of Dr, Wm, E. Milbank of Albany,

N. Y. for several days and it is believed that the illness was caused by the over flow.

Gentlemen unless some effort is put forward to remedy same, I will have to take it up with the State Board of Health as at present we are jeopardizing our lives.

Mrs J. C. Beaman, - 1427 First Street.
Was received and referred to the Street Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Sedgwick,

Resolved that the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to notify the Eastern New York Utilities Corporation to move pole No. 25 located on the southeast corner of Washington Street and Herrick Street to within the curb and sidewalk line as the same as now located is in the line of improvement of Washington Street,
Ayes, Williams, Smith, Sedgwick, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Tidd and Johnstone, - - - - -

Adopted.

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The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Hardt,

Resolved that the City Engineer be and he is hereby directed to notify Wm. Campion the contractor on the improvement of Upper Broadway to repair the defective concrete walks along the said improvement within ten days, and if not done in that time the City Engineer to place the same in the hands of the Corporation Counsel for action.
Ayes, Williams, Smith, Sedgwick, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Tidd and Johnstone, - - - - -

Adopted.

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The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Johnstone,

Resolved that Philip J. Gomph be and he is hereby appointed to the office of Alderman of the Sixth Ward, to fill the unexpired term of Clarence Greenalch resigned.

Ayes, Williams, Smith, Sedgwick, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Tidd and Johnstone, - - - - -

Adopted.

8

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Johnstone,

Resolved that the City Treasurer be and she is hereby authorized empowered and directed to refund to Herbert Shepard the sum of \$7.64 he having paid erroneous City & School Taxes on Vacant lot 222 Fourth Street on 56 feet which should have been assessed for 31 feet, the difference in assessment for 56 feet and 31 feet being \$7.64

Ayes, Williams, Smith, Sedgwick, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Tidd and Johnstone, - - - - -

Adopted.

8

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Smith,

Resolved that the following be and they are hereby designated as and for the Polling Places in the City of Rensselaer, N. Y. for the Primary Election,

- First Ward, J. H. Ring Steamer Co, Second Avenue,
- Second Ward, Wm. F. Clifford's Garage, Ferry Street,
- Third Ward, E. F. Hart Hose Co, Herrick Street,
- Fourth Ward, Mink & Claxton Hose House, Broadway,
- Fifth Ward, Hill Hook & Ladder House, Partition Street,
- Sixth Ward, Rev., Thomas White's Kindergarten, Catherine St,
- Seventh Ward, K of P Hall, First Street.
- Eighth Ward, First Dist, J. Otis Snyder Store, Third Street,
- Eighth Ward, Second Dist, Chemical & Hose No, 4, Fifth Street.
- Ninth Ward, Staats Garage, foot of Nelson Avenue,

Ayes, Williams, Smith, Sedgwick, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Tidd and Johnstone, - - - - -

Adopted.

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The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Smith,

Resolved that the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to publish the usual election notice, with the officers to be voted for at the general election to be held Nov 2nd, 1926, with the boundary of each ward and the polling places as follows:-

- First Ward, J. N. Ring Steamer Co, Second Avenue,
- Second Ward, Wm, P, Clifford's Garage, Ferry Street,
- Third Ward, E. F. Hart Hose House, Herrick Street,
- Fourth Ward, Mink & Claxton Hose House, Broadway,
- Fifth Ward, Hill Hook & Ladder House, Partition Street,
- Sixth Ward, Rev., Thomas White's Kindergarten, Catherine Street,
- Seventh Ward, K of P Hall, First Street,
- Eighth Ward, First Dist, J. Otis Snyder Store, Third Street.
- Eighth Ward, Second Dist, Chemical & Hose No, 4, Fifth Street,
- Ninth Ward, Staats Garage, foot of Nelson Avenue,
- Ayes, Williams, Smith, Sedgwick, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Tidd and Johnstone, - - - - - 8

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Yonkers,

Resolved that the City Engineer be and he is hereby directed to enlarge coal bin, repair stairs, and close in the back of building at the Hill Hook & Ladder House these repairs being necessary before the cold weather sets in, same to be a charge against the Fire Building Fund.

- Ayes, Williams, Smith, Sedgwick, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Tidd and Johnstone, - - - - - 8

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

Alderman requested that the City Engineer make a report on the progress of the Washington Street improvement between Herrick St and Fourth Avenue.

Alderman Smith moved to adjourn
Alderman Johnstone seconded,

Carried.

I hereby certify that the foregoing 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 August 31st, 1926.

J. G. Salt
City Clerk.