

CITY OF RENSSELAER,
IN
COMMON COUNCIL,
Tuesday evening July 5th, 1927.
Regular meeting.

The Council convened at 8:00 o'clock P.M. and was called to order by President A. E. Williams,

The roll being called the following answered to their names.

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| Alderman Smith, | President Williams, | Alderman Fredenburgh |
| " Behan, | | " Tidd, |
| " Hardt, | | " Johnstone, |
| " Yonkers, | | " Schurick, |

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.

Charity Commissioner Jennie V. Dutcher reported having expended for the month of June 1927, the sum of \$215.00 for the relief of the poor.

Charity Commissioner Ella C. Haynes reported having expended for the month of June 1927, the sum of \$160.00 for the relief of the poor

Reports were received and ordered filed.

Rensselaer, N. Y. July 5th, 1927,
Honorable President and Members of the Common Council,
Gentlemen:-

The Conservation Commission has appropriated a sufficient sum of money to place markers commemorating the trip made by General Knox from Fort Ticonderoga, N. Y. to Cambridge, Mass., for the purpose of delivering a message to General Washington.

A. Committee from the Commission called on me several days ago and stated that they were about ready to place a foundation for one of the markers in our city. owing to the fact that we were not to meet until this evening, I gave the Commission permission to erect the foundation and marker at the intersection of Aiken Avenue and Columbia Street.

I trust a proper resolution will be adopted, approving my action.

Respectfully,
J. W. Adams, Mayor.

Was received and ordered filed.

Rensselaer, N. Y. July 5th, 1927,
To the President and Members of the
Board of Aldermen,
Gentlemen:-

I have in my files several cancelled bonds for Improvements in the City of Rensselaer, and as they are of no commercial value, kindly advise me as to what disposition you wish me to make of the same.

	They are as follows.
Rensselaer City Bonds 1904	issue No, 155 to 164 Inc.
" " " 1905	" No, 174
Fire House & Site Bond 1909	" Nos, 7-8-9-10-11-12
Fire Department Bonds 1909	" Nos, 7 to 17 inc.,
Rensselaer Paving Bonds 1909	" No, 188 to 200 inc.,
" " " 1909	" No, 206 to 217 inc.,
Sewer Bond 1909	" No, 9

Fire Dept Bonds 1915 issue Nos, 1 to 10 inc.,
 Rensselaer Improvement 1915 issue Nos, 1 to 20 Inc.
 Certificate 1916 " No, 1,
 Improvement Bonds 1916 " Nos, 1 to 15 inc.,

Respectfully

Katherine B. Sanderson, City Treasurer.

Alderman Smith moved that the City Treasurer be authorized and directed to destroy bonds by burning the same.

Carried.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS,
 REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNI-
 CATIONS.

Albany, N. Y. June 30th, 1927,

Hon., John G. Salt, City Clerk,
 Rensselaer, New York,
 My dear Sir:-

Pursuant to Section 9, Chapter 192, Laws of New York, 1925, we hereby present for your consideration the estimated expenditures of the Albany Port District Commission from July 1st, 1927, to the end of the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1928.

July 1, 1926
 to
 June 30, 1927.

Commissioners' Salaries - - - - -	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Clerk's Salaries - - - - -	13,400.00	3,500.00
Audit - - - - -	2,500.00	100.00
Office Rent - - - - -	3,380.00	2,400.00
Traveling Expense - - - - -	1,000.00	3,000.00
Interest - - - - -	2,594.00	20,192.00
Office Expense - - - - -	4,250.00	1,000.00
Contingencies - - - - -	10,000.00	17,000.00
Traffic Bureau - - - - -		3,000.00
Total - - - - -	\$62,124.00	\$75,192.00

Albany's Share based on Valuation figures 92.5% \$57,464.70
 Rensselaer's figures 7.5% 4,659.30
 Total Amount to be paid by Albany and Rensselaer. \$62,125.00

This estimate of expenditures as above is given for the consideration of your Board for the raising of your appropriate share of the above moneys for the expenses of the Albany Port District Commission, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1928.

Very truly yours,
 Frank C. Herrick, Chairman,

Was received and ordered filed.

Rensselaer, N. Y. June 27, 1927,

Report of Chairman of the Relief Committee of Fort Crailo Post 471 American Legion. Rensselaer, N.Y.

Jan 5, 1927, Rec'd from Edgar Farrington	\$379.45
Expended to date	233.45
Balance on hand 6/27/27	\$146.00

Jas. P. Albright,

Was received and ordered filed.

Rensselaer, N. Y. June 25, 1927,

The Honorable Board of Aldermen,
 Rensselaer, N. Y.

Gentlemen:- The undersigned property owners of property located on Upper Second Street, Rensselaer, New York, respectfully request that your body take such action as may be necessary to improve Upper Second Street, beginning at Fowler Avenue and extending northerly to the junction of Upper Second Street with that part of Second Street which is now being improved, said improvements to consist of establishing proper grades, and laying of curb and sidewalks similar to work now being done on Second Street between Fowler Avenue and Washington Avenue; R. J. Shollenberger, Chas, L. Leslie, I. E. Wagar, C. J. Brand, L; J. Robinson,

Was received and ordered filed.

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PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS.

Bill No,		
14914,	John E. Quinn professional services to engineer	100.00
14915,	J. W. Johnson printing for City Depts	52.50
14916,	J. W. Johnson printing for City Offices	57.00
14917,	Frank J. Deacy repairs for playgrounds	125.00
14918,	Frank J. Deacy repairs for playgrounds	490.00
14919,	Jacob Herman removing ashes from Chemical No, 1,	7.55
14920,	Chas, E. Craymer searches for Corporation Counsel	230.00
14921,	F. J. Kramer awning for City Bldg	148.00
14922,	Eastern N.Y.Util Corp ornamental poles	2.85
14923,	Eastern N.Y. Util,Corp Ornamental Poles	344.59
14924,	N.Y. Telephone Co, service & tolls City Depts	96.86
14925,	Morgan Spring Water Co, water to City Officers	20.10
14926,	Wm, F. Mineker auto service to Police Dept	16.50
14927,	Sarah J. McArdle washing bedding for fire dept	6.00
14928,	J. Max Hackel plating badge for fire chief	2.00
14929,	Wm, W. Gray repairs at Chemical No, 1,	2.13
14930,	The Gamewell Co, paint for fire boxes	6.90
14931,	G. A. March supplies to fire dept	1.25
14932,	John A. Knox provisions delivered to poor	24.00
14933,	John A. Knox provisions delivered to Veterans	12.00
14934,	Mrs Ida VanHeusen rent to poor relief	12.00
14935,	Albany Hospital care of city poor	81.00
14936,	W. Yates Lansing coal delivered to poor	7.25
14937,	P. Roppel provisions delivered to poor	44.00
14938,	Mrs A. Williams provisions delivered to Veterans	16.00
14939,	Rensselaer Water Co, moving hydrant on Partition St,	119.40
14940,	Standard Oil,Co, cold patch to street dept	19.80
14941,	Henry Meurs supplies to street dept	16.73
14942,	Albany Gravel Co, pipe to street dept	537.60
14943,	Amo Williams supplies to street dept	9.00
14944,	Fred Meloy repairs to tools for street dept	22.15
14945,	Betts Foundry & Mch Co, No Dumping signs	61.20
14946,	R. B. Wing & Son Corp brooms for street dept	12.00
14947,	Henry Meurs supplies to street dept	46.38
14948,	Austin Western Rd, Mchy Co, repairs to sweeper	64.00
14949,	Lundergan-Davenport parts for street auto	4.35
14950,	Lundergan-Davenport parts for street auto	.15
14951,	M. Lawrence Mould expenses of Police	1.00
14952,	Daniel Muller painting & repairing Police Station No,2,	175.70
14953,	Milo E. Newton premium on policy	15.00
14954,	Farrell Bros concrete blocks for Truck House	69.00
14955,	P. J..Powers supplies to fire dept	13.01
14956,	P. J. Powers supplies to street dept	55.45
14957,	P. J. Powers supplies to Police Dept	21.26
14958,	Mary S. Beville service at playgrounds,	30.00
14959,	Nathan Sutin service at playgrounds leader	36.00
14960,	Thos, Sherwood 2nd, service playground leader	36.00
14961,	Evelyn Osburn services at playground	30.00
14962,	Lela VanSchaick service at playground	30.00

Alderman Smith moved that all bills be referred to the Auditing Committee.

Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Auditing Committee reported the following bills correct.

Bill No,		
14868,	John E. Quinn professional services City Engineer	100.00
14869,	Kingsley Waugh cleaning windows in City Bldg	7.00
14870,	Katherine B. Anderson express charges	1.98
14871,	O. S. Pulman Co, supplies Civil Service Commission	6.00
14872,	Lundergan-Davenport repairs to Police Auto	5.45
14873,	Eastern N.Y. Util Corp electricity Streets & Bldgs	1551.51
14874,	William Doyle watching fire truck	24.00
14875,	Philip King Assisting Supt of Fire Alarm	20.25
14876,	Philip King supplies for Fire Dept	32.00
14877,	Terrence Barney picking up hose	2.00
14878,	Sarah J. McArdle washing bedding for fire dept	6.00
14879,	The George Paper Corp towel cabinet	1.75

14880, Eastern N. Y. Util Corp Gas & Electricity Fire Houses	53.90
14881, American LaFrance Fire Eng Co, repairs	24.23
14882, J. Fragomen provisions delivered to poor	14.00
14883, Max Ellenbogen provisions delivered to poor	4.00
14884, P. G. Foshay provisions delivered to poor	70.00
14885, Dr, J. J. Lally service to poor	4.00
14886, Henry J. Evans glasses for poor	11.50
14887, East Side Taxi taking poor children to dispensary	5.00
14888, C. J. Dailey glasses & repairs for poor children	15.50
14889, Singer & Kramer provisions delivered to Veterans	32.00
14890, Thos Sherwood Jr, coal delivered to Veterans	7.25
14891, Hyman Cornbluth provisions delivered to poor	39.00
14892, W. L. Coughtry supplies delivered to City Engineer	6.80
14893, W. Yates Lansing supplies to City Engineer	21.52
14894, W. H. Stewart sewer rods for engineer	236.00
14895, Townsend Fur & Mch Chop Co, parking signs	66.00
14896, William W. Gray repairs for street dept	115.04
14897, J. Tl F. Blackburn crushed stone to street dept	37.34
14898, Lundergan-Davenport repairs to street suto	.65
14899, Chas, H. Wenz expenses of office	5.17
14900, Albany Welding Boiler & Mch Shop repairs for engineer	6.00
14901, Eastern N.Y. Util Corp Gas & electricity Police dept	44.10
14902, Henry Meurs supplies to street dept	5.35
14903, George Brown lowering sewer on Tenth Street	30.20
14904, Lundergan-Davenport repairs to street auto	1.35
14905, Henry Meurs supplies to street dept	51.16
14906, Herman removing ashes fire houses	13.50
14907, Standard Oil Co, cold patch for street dept	1300.00
14908, George Brown lowering sewer on Tenth Street	40.00
14909, S. A. Dunn sand & stone to street dept	1433.25
14910, R. D. Gladding to repairs Hill Hook & Ladder House	262.50
14911, P. J. Powers supplies to Police Dept	13.10
14912, P. J. Powers supplies to Fire Dept	17.15
14913, P. J. Powers supplies to Street dept	61.00

Alderman Smith moved that the report of the Auditing Committee be received and bills allowed and ordered paid also the Street payroll except Bill No, 14909 of S. A. Dunn which be returned to Mr Dunn to be itemized.

Ayes, Williams, Smith, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Fredenburgh, Tidd, Johnstone and Schurick, - - - - - 9

The President declared rescoution duly adopted. Adopted.

Street payroll which should have followed Bill No, 14913, STREET PAYROLL.

Wm, P. Cady \$75.00	J. Thompson \$72.80	Rollo Davenport \$52.00	Ray Davenport \$59.15	G. Karrau \$57.60	Jas, Cooney \$57.60	J. Maloy \$63.00			
C. Shayer \$58.80	C. Herman \$57.60	J. Egan \$57.60	J. Burns \$23.60	E. Bender \$52.80	H. Garlock \$57.60	J. Rabbitt \$40.00	P. Ward \$14.40		
H. Sanderson \$24.00	J. Blackburn \$48.00	M. McEvoy \$48.00	J. Marganther Mergenthaler \$36.00	A. Pulver \$36.00	C. D. Cox \$36.00	L. Madison \$27.00	C. Robinson \$36.00	C. Wanmer \$48.00	Jas, Murray \$36.00

IMPROVEMENT FUND.

L. Majory \$78.00	Wm. Johnstone \$72.00	A. Hoogkamp \$72.00	J. O'Brien \$72.00	J. Carey \$24.00	C. Hutchinson \$72.00	Jas, Hudson \$62.40	Frank Drolette \$62.40
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RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Smith,
Resolved that the action of the Mayor in granting permission to the Conservation Commission to place a marker at the intersection of Aiken Avenue and Columbia Street be and the same is hereby approved.
Ayes, Williams, Smith, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Fredenburgh, Tidd, Johnstone and Schurick, - - - - - 9

The President declared resolution duly adopted. Adopted.

By Alderman Smith,
Resolved that Jim Buchannan be and he is hereby granted permission to erect a sign at his place of business corner of Washington and Herrick Streets, same to be done under the direction of the City Engineer.

By Alderman Smith,
Ayes, Williams, Smith, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Fredenburgh, Tidd,
Johnstone and Schurick, - - - - - 9
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Behan
Resolved that the City Engineer be and he is hereby directed to investigate the condition of Thomas Street near Third Avenue, to make a survey thereof, and to make recommendations to this Common Council as to the widening or changing of the roadway on said Street.
Ayes, Williams, Smith, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Fredenburgh, Tidd,
Johnstone and Schurick, - - - - - 9
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Yonkers,
Resolved, that the Street committee be and they are hereby directed to make an investigation as to the condition of water and waste material being drained on Sixth Street near Wilson Street by S. A. Dunn & Sons, Inc., and report to this Board at the next regular meeting, together with their recommendation.
Ayes, Williams, Smith, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Fredenburgh, Tidd,
Johnstone and Schurick, - - - - - 9
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Yonkers,
Resolved, that the action of the City Engineer in constructing a concrete culvert in Wilson Street over Quackendary Creek in this City as an emergency measure be and the same is hereby approved.
Ayes, Williams, Smith, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Fredenburgh, Tidd,
Johnstone and Schurick, - - - - - 9
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Yonkers,
Resolved that this Common Council does hereby declare it to be its intention to construct a concrete culvert in Partition Street between Fifth Street and Sixth Street over Quackendary Creek, and the City Engineer be and he is hereby directed to prepare maps, plans, profiles and specifications for the doing of said work and to present the same, together with his estimate of the cost thereof, to this Board with all convenient speed.
Ayes, Williams, Smith, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Fredenburgh, Tidd,
Johnstone and Schurick, - - - - - 9
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Behan,
Resolved that the maps, plans, profiles and specifications for laying and constructing a uniform concrete sidewalk five feet wide on the east side of East Street from Herrick Street to Fourth Avenue, prepared by the City Engineer pursuant to resolution of this Board, which maps, plans, profiles and specifications are now before this Board, be and the same and each and every one thereof are hereby approved and adopted, and the grades therein set forth be and the same are hereby established as and for the grades for said portion of East Street; and further

Resolved that the same be filed in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Rensselaer, N. Y.
Ayes, Williams, Smith, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Fredenburgh, Tidd,
Johnstone and Schurick, - - - - - 9
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Behan,
Resolved, that the Common Council deems it necessary that a uniform concrete sidewalk five feet wide be laid and constructed on the east side of East Street from Herrick Street to Fourth Avenue, and does hereby prescribe that such sidewalks be of the width and be constructed of the material and in the form and manner following:

Such areas on the sidewalks as may be directed by the City Engineer shall be paved with concrete six inches in thickness. Where the walks are built on clayey soil, the foundation shall be twelve inches in thickness of clean steam cinders or gravel. Where the cinder foundation is used, a six inch underdrain, with the joints wrapped with a strip of burlap at least six inches wide, and long enough to lap at least six inches on top of pipe, shall be laid under the foundation if ordered by the City Engineer. On sandy soil no foundation or cinders or gravel will be used for the concrete walks not will the vitrified pipe subdrain be used.

The concrete for the walk shall be mixed in the proportion of one bag of cement, two cubic feet of sand and four cubic feet of broken stone or gravel. Gravel may be used only if specified.

The concrete for the walks shall be placed in panels or sections of the size as directed, with joints between of one-eighth (1/8) of an inch in width clear through to the foundation. The forms used shall be appropriate for the purpose and are subject to the approval of the City Engineer; they shall be accurately placed to line and grade and be rigidly braced. Just before the concrete is placed the foundation of cinders or gravel shall be saturated with water to prevent it from absorbing water from the concrete. When the concrete is thoroughly mixed it shall be rapidly placed in the forms and tamped, bringing the top of the concrete one inch below the top of the finished surface. The wearing surface for a thickness of one inch shall then be immediately placed ~~and~~ the concrete just laid.

Approved premolded expansion joints one inch in thickness and six inches deep shall be placed along each curb and along the house line if the sidewalk abuts either house line or curb, or both.

The wearing surface shall be mixed in the proportion of one bag of cement to two cubic feet of clean iron tailings. The ingredients shall be mixed by turning with shovels, raking each shovelful as it is turned with a garden rake, adding sufficient water by spraying or springling to make a plastic consistency so that when floated very little water rises to the surface.

As soon as the wearing surface is placed, it shall be screeded with a straight edge and brought to one plane. Before the concrete thus screeded has set, the surface shall be floated, care being exercised to get an even surface, smooth but not slippery, to avoid float marks and to avoid bringing neat cement to the surface through excessive floating. Absolutely no neat cement shall be used to hurry the absorption of water on the surface.

The joints and sides of the walks shall be ~~rounded~~ rounded with an edger of one-quarter (1/4) inch radius. Each section of walk shall be completely finished the same day it is started. The surface of the concrete sidewalk shall be grooved or marked as directed by the City Engineer. The tops of water service extension boxes shall not be so cemented in the walks that they cannot readily be opened.

Immediately as finished, the walks shall be covered with tar paper or other suitable material, slightly raised from the surface.

From eight to sixteen hours after the sidewalks have been finished, the surface shall be sprinkled with calcium Chloride. This material shall be applied by means of shovels and brooms at the rate of three pounds to a square yard of sidewalk. This material must be protected during the first twenty-four hours after its application, that it will not be washed away by rain or other means. If it is not protected and is washed off the sidewalk, the contractor shall make a second application of the material at no additional expense.

And be it further

Resolved that the work shall be done on or before the 2nd, day of aug, 1927, and that such improvement shall conform to the grade thereof now on file with the City Clerk; and further

Resolved that the City Clerk shall forthwith and at least ten days before the said 2nd, day of Aug 1927, serve or cause to be served upob

the owners or occupants of land adjoining such sidewalk to be constructed as aforesaid, a copy of this resolution and notice that if the work is not done within the specified time by such owners or occupants, it will be done by the Common Council at the expense of the owners, and that such service be made in the manner provided by law; and further

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be published in the official paper of the City of Rensselaer at least once, not less than ten days prior to the said 2nd, day of Aug 1927,
Ayes, Williams, Smith, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Fredenburgh, Tidd,
Johnstone and Schurick, - - - - - 9

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Behan,

Resolution for laying and constructing a uniform concrete sidewalk five feet wide on the east side of East Street from Herrick Street to Fourth Avenue, in the City of Rensselaer, N. Y.

The City of Rensselaer in Common Council convened does hereby Resolve as follows:

Section 1, For laying and constructing a uniform concrete sidewalk five feet wide on the east side of East Street from Herrick Street to Fourth Avenue, in the City of Rensselaer, N. Y. that such work be done in accordance with the maps, plans, profiles and specifications prepared by the City Engineer and now before this Board, which are hereto annexed and made a part of this resolution, which specifications are marked No, 1,

Section 2. That the expense of the laying of said sidewalk be assessed and charged upon the adjoining land as provided by law.

Section 3. That the expense of such improvement, estimated by the City Engineer at \$1500.00 be paid by the issuance and sale of special certificate of indebtedness issued in such amounts as may be required, not exceeding the cost of such work as estimated by the City Engineer, such certificates to be paid at maturity by the collection of assessments against the adjoining land as provided by law, and in the event of said assessments not being collected, then a general tax upon all the property within the City of Rensselaer is to be levied for the payment of the whole or any deficiency arising therefrom.

Section 4. All resolutions and ordinances inconsistent therewith are hereby repealed.

Ayes, Williams, Smith, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Fredenburgh, Tidd,
Johnstone and Schurick, - - - - - 9

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Behan,

Resolved that the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to advertise for and receive sealed proposals for the laying and constructing of a uniform ~~sidewalk~~ concrete sidewalk five feet wide on the east side of East Street from Herrick Street to Fourth Avenue, in accordance with the maps, plans, profiles and specifications prepared by the City Engineer and adopted by the Common Council by resolution adopted at its meeting held on the 5th, day of July 1927; and further

Resolved that such advertisement take place in the official paper of this City at least once in each week until the 2nd, day of Aug 1927; that such proposals shall be received by the City Clerk at his office in said City until 8:00 P.M. on the 2nd, day of Aug 1927, and that such proposals shall be opened in the presence of such bidders as may attend at a meeting of the Common Council to be held on the 2nd, day of Aug 1927; at 8:00 o'clock P.M. The Common Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, And further

RESOLVED that such advertisement be substantially in the following form:

Proposal for laying and constructing a uniform concrete sidewalk five feet wide on the east side of East Street from Herrick Street to Fourth Avenue, In the City of Rensselaer, N.Y.

City Clerk's Office City of Rensselaer, N.Y.
July 5th, 1927,

The City Clerk of the City of Rensselaer, N. Y. will, pursuant to resolution adopted by the Common Council of said City, receive sealed

bids at his office in the City of Rensselaer, N. Y. until 8:00 o'clock P.M. on the 2nd, day of Aug 1927, for the laying and constructing of a uniform concrete sidewalk five feet wide on the east side of East Street from Herrick Street to Fourth Avenue, in accordance with the maps, plans, profiles and specifications adopted by the said Common Council and now on file in the said City Clerk's Office and in accordance with resolution duly adopted by the said Common Council on the 5th, day of July 1927.

The Common Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

John G. Salt,
City Clerk,

Ayes, Williams, Smith, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Fredenburgh, Tidd,
Johnstone and Schurick, - - - - -

Adopted. 9

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

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 July 5th, 1927.

J. G. Salt
City Clerk.