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## BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York met at the office of the Board, No. 346 Broadway, on Monday, September 26, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to notice.

The roll was called and the following members were present and answered to their names:

The Commissioner of Water Supply (Deputy Commissioner Haslin), the Commissioner of Highways, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, the Commissioner of Bridges, the President of the Borough of Manhattan, the President of the Borough of The Bronx, the President of the Borough of Brooklyn and the President of the Board.

The following communication from the Department of Water Supply was read and placed on file:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,  
NEW YORK, September 24, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—For your official information, I have the honor to transmit herewith an order made this day by the Commissioner of Water Supply, designating and empowering me to possess the power and perform the duties of the office of the Commissioner of Water Supply from this date until and including October 1, 1898.

JAS. H. HASLIN, Deputy Commissioner of Water Supply.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,  
NEW YORK, September 24, 1898.

In pursuance of the authority conferred upon me as Commissioner of Water Supply, by section 432 of the Greater New York Charter, I do hereby designate and empower James H. Haslin, Deputy Commissioner of Water Supply, at the general office of the Department of Water Supply, to possess every power and perform all and every duty belonging to the office of Commissioner of Water Supply from this date until and including October 1, 1898.

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

The following resolution was presented by the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, A large number of fencing and flagging resolutions have been forwarded to this Board for its approval by the various local boards, and action thereon has been prevented because no funds for such purpose were known to be in the hands of the city; and

Whereas, It is reported that the Comptroller has received a sum of money applicable to such purpose, from the Comptroller of the former City of Brooklyn and from assessments;

Resolved, That the Comptroller be hereby requested to forward to this Board a statement of all the moneys applicable to fencing and flagging proceedings received by him up to this date, the contract or other charges against the same, and the net balance thereof now in his hands; and whether the same is applicable to all boroughs of the city, and if not, then to what boroughs, and how much thereof to each.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,  
NEW YORK, September 23, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—Under Contract No. 3, with Thomas Rhedding, for regulating, grading and paving with macadam the roadway of Washington avenue, from Amboy road to Fresh Kills road, Borough of Richmond, there are 43 3/4 days overtime charged against the contractor.

During the progress of the work a letter was addressed to the contractor by the Deputy Commissioner of Highways, Borough of Richmond, requesting that certain repairs be made. By the loss of this letter in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, the contractor was delayed eight days in performing the work called for in the letter. It is therefore only just that from the overtime of 43 3/4 days, the eight days lost by the contractor in the manner set forth should be deducted, leaving the overtime to be charged under the contract, 35 3/4 days.

I respectfully request the Board of Public Improvements to authorize the reduction of the overtime accordingly.

The only expense incurred by the City during the time for which reduction is asked was the pay of the Inspector, \$3.50 per day, amounting to \$28.

Very respectfully,  
(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

And the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways be and is hereby authorized to make the reduction of eight (8) days overtime, recommended by him, on the contract for paving Washington avenue, from Amboy road to Fresh Kills road, Borough of Richmond, the said overtime not having been caused by any fault of Thomas Rhedding, the contractor.

Affirmative—Commissioners of Water Supply, Highways, Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Bridges and the President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Department of Water Supply was read, and the Secretary was instructed to notify the petitioner of the report:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,  
NEW YORK, September 24, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—With a letter of 22d instant, from the Secretary of your Board, was transmitted to me for investigation and report the inclosed copy of a petition addressed to the Board of Aldermen, reciting the fact that the contract has been made for paving with asphalt, Union avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-sixth and Home street, in the Borough of The Bronx, and urging that water mains be placed in the avenue before the pavement is laid.

In reply I respectfully report that in consideration of the time which would be required to obtain the adoption of an ordinance by the Municipal Assembly to authorize the laying of the water-mains, and in the subsequent preparation, advertisement, letting and execution of a contract for the work and the execution of the work, it is not deemed advisable to interfere with or postpone the laying of the asphalt pavement beyond such time.

Very respectfully,  
(Signed) JAS. H. HASLIN, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Water Supply.

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read, and the Secretary was instructed to notify the petitioner:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,  
NEW YORK, September 22, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the inclosed communication addressed to you by the President of the Borough of The Bronx, embodying preamble and resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-second District in that Borough, urging the introduction of the Croton water service in the territory of the city east of the Bronx river, which was received with the letter of 15th instant, from the Secretary of your Board, for investigation and report, I have the honor to report:

The entire supply available from the Bronx and Byram rivers, through the Bronx river conduit, is now used in the territory of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, west of the Bronx river, except 500,000 gallons per day furnished and sold to the New York and Westchester Water Company for distribution in the territory east of the Bronx.

During the recent extreme hot weather and the present dry weather there have been numerous complaints from residents west of the Bronx that the pressures in the water-mains have greatly diminished, and the only answer which the Department could give is that during that time, the consumption and waste of water so increased that the depth of water in the Williamsbridge Reservoir was reduced seven feet and over, causing corresponding reduction of pressure in the delivery of the water, and that relief could only be had from copious rainfalls, which would diminish the consumption and waste of water, especially its use for sprinkling purposes. Consequently this Department is not at present prepared to divert any of that water supply to the territory east of the Bronx.

Another difficulty which confronts the Department is that the streets leading to the Bronx river, from the east, and those extending from the river westerly, are not graded, making it impracticable to lay water-mains, even if an ample water supply were at our disposal. The Department is, however, preparing for the extension of the water supply east of the Bronx, by making plans for a pumping plant at the new Jerome Park Reservoir, and for laying mains to and through that territory, and will be ready to execute these plans as soon as the necessary means are granted and the streets shall be in a condition to make the laying of water-mains practicable. In that event, the water supply for the new territory will be furnished through the Croton Aqueducts, in ample quantity.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAS. H. HASLIN, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Water Supply.

The following communication from the Department of Water Supply was read:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,  
NEW YORK, September 23, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the communication addressed to you by the President of the Borough of The Bronx and received with letter of 15th instant from the Secretary of your Board, for investigation and report, transmitting a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District of that Borough, recommending that water-mains be laid in Crotona Park, North, I have the honor to report that the water-mains are necessary, and I herewith submit, for the consideration and approval of your Board, a resolution authorizing the laying of water-mains in Crotona Park, North, between Arthur avenue and Crotona Park.

The distance is 2,203 lineal feet, on which there are eight houses to be supplied with water, and the estimated cost is \$1,800.

Very respectfully,

JAS. H. HASLIN, Deputy Commissioner of Water Supply.

And the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 416 of the City Charter, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, the Board of Public Improvements hereby authorizes and approves the making of a contract by the Commissioner of Water Supply for the furnishing and laying of water-mains in Crotona Park, North, between Arthur avenue and Crotona Park, Borough of The Bronx, at an estimated cost of one thousand eight hundred dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for "Laying Croton Pipes—Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx," for 1898.

And the Board hereby presents to the Municipal Assembly and recommends the adoption of the following ordinance:

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

That water-mains be laid in Crotona Park, North, between Arthur avenue and Crotona Park, Borough of The Bronx, the work to be done under the direction of the commissioner of water supply, and in pursuance of section 413, chapter 378 of the laws of 1897.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Commissioners of Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx, President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was read, and the matter was laid over for one week:

LAW DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,  
NEW YORK, September 21, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York:

DEAR SIR—A communication from the Board of Public Improvements, inclosing a copy of preamble and resolution adopted by the said Board at a meeting thereof held on the 24th day of August, 1898, regulating the rates and rules of private water companies, and requesting me to draw up a legal form of agreement covering the provisions of said resolution, has been received:

Accordingly, I had you herewith two copies of a proposed contract between the Jamaica Water Supply Company and The City of New York, such contract appearing to be the one under immediate consideration by the Board of Public Improvements.

I have embodied therein a provision releasing The City of New York from any claim for payment of rentals during the year 1898 for hydrants erected by the said company on the line of mains to be laid under the contract of December 30, 1897, between the Town of Jamaica and The Jamaica Water Supply Company, one of which contracts relates to the Queens Water Supply District in said town and the other to the Hollis Water Supply District, also in said town.

I have also embodied in the contract now submitted a provision that it shall be construed as modifying and supplementing each of said contracts of December 30, 1897, which said contracts, as modified and supplemented by this contract, are to remain of full force and effect.

This last provision has been inserted in order to preclude any presumption by The Jamaica Water Supply Company or its successors or assigns, that the present contract abrogates or rescinds the said contracts of December 30, 1897, between it and the Town of Jamaica.

Respectfully,

JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

Agreement, Made this day of September, 1898, by and between The City of New York, a municipal corporation, and The Jamaica Water Supply Company, a domestic corporation, having its principal place of business in the Fourth Ward of the Borough of Queens, City of New York.

Whereas, On the 30th day of December, 1897, the Town Board of the then Town of Jamaica did, for and in behalf of the said Town of Jamaica in Queens County, make and enter into certain agreements with the said Water Supply Company for a supply of water for fire, sanitary and other public purposes, all of which will more fully appear, reference unto said contracts being had; and

Whereas, On the 24th day of August, 1898, the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, at its regular meeting held on that day, did adopt a resolution fixing and establishing rates of charge in connection with the maintenance and supply of fire hydrants and governing the supply of water furnished by private water companies in The City of New York, and requiring that an agreement be executed by private water companies accepting rates and rules as set forth in said resolution before consent be given by said Board for the issuing of any permit to extend water-mains or to erect hydrants by private water companies; and

Whereas, The Jamaica Water Supply Company has heretofore made an application to the said Board of Public Improvements to extend water-mains and to erect hydrants within the Fourth Ward of the Borough of Queens, as called for by said contracts of December 30, 1897;

Now this agreement witnesseth that the said The Jamaica Water Supply Company for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1) to it in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby agree to and with the said City of New York, as follows, viz.:

First. That for all hydrants which may hereafter be erected by said The Jamaica Water

Supply Company, its successors or assigns, it, said The Jamaica Water Supply Company, and they, its successors or assigns, will receive the fixed price or sum of twenty dollars (\$20) per annum in full compensation for each and every hydrant as hereafter erected by it.

Second, That for said price or sum of twenty dollars (\$20) per annum for each and every hydrant as hereafter erected by it, The Jamaica Water Supply Company, covenants and agrees for itself, its successors and assigns, to furnish all the water that is necessary for fire purposes and for flushing sewers within that portion of the Fourth Ward of the Borough of Queens wherein mains are or may be laid and hydrants may hereafter be erected by it, said The Jamaica Water Supply Company, its successors and assigns; and, in addition thereto, covenants and agrees to furnish, and that its successors and assigns will furnish, five hundred (500) gallons of water per day from each of such hydrants for two hundred (200) days in each year where the same is needed, or may be demanded for sprinkling purposes by any department of the said The City of New York.

Third, The said The Jamaica Water Supply Company hereby covenants and agrees that it and its successors and assigns will supply pure and wholesome water at a pressure of at least twenty-five (25) pounds per square inch at each such hydrant and will keep each such hydrant at its own expense in perfect repair.

The said, The Jamaica Water Supply Company, in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby release the said, The City of New York and its successors, from any claim for payment of rentals during the year 1898 for hydrants erected by it upon the line of mains to be laid under said contracts of December 30, 1897.

The City of New York, in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and of the covenants and agreements of The Jamaica Water Supply Company, heretofore set forth, hereby covenants and agrees to pay to the said, The Jamaica Water Supply Company, its successors and assigns, the sum of twenty dollars (\$20) per annum for each and every hydrant hereafter erected by it as herebefore set forth, all such rentals to be paid semi-annually and in the middle of January and July, in each year, during the full unexpired portion of the term stated in said contract of December 30, 1897, viz: for a period of four years from the 1st day of January, 1899.

It is further mutually agreed, that this contract shall be construed as modifying and supplementing each of said contracts dated December 30, 1897, which said contracts, as modified and supplemented by this contract, are to remain of full force and effect.

In witness whereof, The Jamaica Water Supply Company has caused this instrument to be signed by its President and tested by its Secretary, and its corporate seal to be affixed thereto, and the President of the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York has executed this contract in behalf of the said City of New York as pursuant to resolution of the said Board duly adopted on the day of September, 1898.

City of New York, County of Queens, ss: On the day of September, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight,

before me personally came Charles A. Lockwood, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say:

That he resides in the Fourth Ward of the Borough of Queens, in The City of New York; that he is the President of The Jamaica Water Supply Company, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knew the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument was such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of such corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

City of New York, County of New York, ss: On the day of September, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight,

before me personally came Maurice F. Holahan, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say:

That he resides in the City and County of New York; that he is the President of the Board of Public Improvements of the said City of New York, one of the Departments of the Municipal Corporation of said City of New York, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he executed said instrument by and in behalf of the said City of New York in his official capacity as President of said Board of Public Improvements, and in pursuance of the resolution of said Board duly adopted on the day of September, 1898, and has signed same in pursuance of such resolution.

The following communication from the Department of Water Supply was read:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, September 23, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to request the adoption by your Board of the annexed resolution, approving and authorizing the making of the following contracts, in form approved by the Corporation Council, viz:

For furnishing cast iron water pipes, branches and special castings for the Borough of Brooklyn.

Table with 2 columns: Description of pipes and castings, and Estimated cost. Total estimated cost: \$1,240 00.

—payable from the special or trust fund derived from the collection of water revenue in the Borough of Brooklyn.

For furnishing coal for the pumping stations in the Borough of Queens—

Table with 2 columns: Description of coal for pumping stations, and Estimated cost. Total estimated cost: \$10,530 00.

—chargeable to the appropriation for "Pumping Stations, Fuel and Supplies—Borough of Queens" for 1898.

For furnishing and laying water-mains in the Southern Boulevard, between Home and One Hundred and Forty-ninth streets, in the Borough of The Bronx. Estimated cost, \$47,410, chargeable to the appropriation for "Laying Croton Pipes—Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx" for 1898.

For improvement of pumping plant at College Point, Borough of Queens. Estimated cost, \$6,233.60, chargeable to funds heretofore obtained by the issue of bonds for that purpose and now in the hands of the Comptroller.

Very respectfully, JAS. H. HASLIN, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Water Supply.

And the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, the Board of Public Improvements hereby authorizes the making of contracts by the Commissioner of Water Supply, as follows:

For furnishing cast iron water pipes, branches and special castings for the Borough of Brooklyn. Estimated cost, \$1,240, chargeable to the special or trust fund derived from the collections of water revenue in that borough.

For furnishing coal for the pumping stations in the Borough of Queens. Estimated cost, \$10,530, chargeable to the appropriation for "Pumping Stations, Fuel and Supplies—Borough of Queens" for 1898.

For furnishing and laying water-mains in the Southern Boulevard, between Home and One Hundred and Forty-ninth streets, Borough of The Bronx. Estimated cost, \$47,410, chargeable to the appropriation for "Laying Croton Pipes—Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx," for 1898.

For improvement of the pumping plant at College Point, Borough of Queens. Estimated cost, \$6,233.60, chargeable to funds heretofore obtained by the issue of bonds for that purpose and now in the hands of the Comptroller.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President Borough of The Bronx, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was read and filed:

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, NEW YORK, September 23, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President of the Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—I am in receipt of your communication of September 11, 1898, asking to be advised whether contracts for the repairs to bridges, for the lighting of the different boroughs by electricity, etc., and for making alterations and repairs to public buildings in The City of New York, have to be authorized and approved by a resolution of the Municipal Assembly.

You state that it appears to you "that this work does not come within the scope of 'public improvements' as specified in section 413 of the Charter," for the reason that "it was evidently the intention of the Commission who framed the Charter to have the words 'public improvements' to apply exclusively to new work, as the repaving of streets, laying water-mains, etc."

The difficulty is that the language of the section to which you refer is "any public work or improvement within the cognizance and control of any one or more of the departments of the commissioners who constitute the board of public improvements, that may be the subject of a contract," and not merely "public improvements," as stated by you.

"Any public work or improvement" are general words, and in my judgment are sufficiently comprehensive to embrace the classes of contracts to which you refer in your communication.

My opinion, therefore, is that the contracts in question "must first be duly authorized and approved by a resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, and an ordinance or resolution of the Municipal Assembly."

Respectfully yours, (Signed) JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

The following communication from the Department of Water Supply was read:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, September 23, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the inclosed communication addressed to you by the President of the Borough of The Bronx, transmitting a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District in that borough, recommending the laying of water-mains in Lafontaine avenue, from One Hundred and Seventy-ninth street to Quarry road, which was received with the letter of 15th instant from your Secretary, for investigation and report, I have the honor to report that the proposed water-mains are necessary.

The distance for which the proposed mains are to be laid is 1,400 lineal feet, on which there are four houses to be supplied with water, and the estimated cost of the work is \$1,500.

I therefore submit, for the consideration and approval of your Board, a resolution authorizing the laying of water-mains in Lafontaine avenue, from One Hundred and Seventy-ninth street to Quarry road, Borough of The Bronx.

Very respectfully, JAS. H. HASLIN, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Water Supply.

And the following resolution was thereupon adopted:

Resolved, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 416 of the City Charter, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, the Board of Public Improvements hereby authorizes and approves the making of a contract by the Commissioner of Water Supply for the furnishing and laying of water-mains in Lafontaine avenue, from One Hundred and Seventy-ninth street to Quarry road, Borough of The Bronx, at an estimated cost of one thousand five hundred dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for "Laying Croton Pipes—Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx," for 1898.

And the Board hereby presents to the Municipal Assembly and recommends the adoption of the following ordinance:

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

That water-mains be laid in Lafontaine avenue, from One Hundred and Seventy-ninth street to Quarry road, Borough of The Bronx, the work to be done under the direction of the commissioner of water supply, and in pursuance of section 413, chapter 378, Laws of 1897.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President Borough of The Bronx and the President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Department of Water Supply was read:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, September 27, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the inclosed communication, addressed to you by the President of the Borough of The Bronx, and the accompanying petition of Mr. Daniel McCormick, Secretary of the Bedford Park Taxpayers' Association, urging the introduction of the Croton water supply in the section bounded by Two Hundred and Seventh street, Bronx river, Webster avenue and Gun Hill road, Borough of The Bronx, which were received with letter of 15th instant from the Secretary of your Board, for investigation and report, I have the honor to report:

At the present time it is practicable to lay water-mains in the section referred to on Gun Hill road only, the other streets being not yet regulated and graded, but the residents on these streets may, after the water-main on Gun Hill road is laid, tap the main with temporary pipes through their several streets, at their own expense, and thus receive the needed water supply until permanent mains are laid.

I therefore submit, for the consideration and approval of your Board, a resolution authorizing the laying of a six-inch water-main on Gun Hill road, from Decatur avenue to the Bronx river, the distance being 1,000 feet and the estimated cost \$1,250.

Very respectfully, JAS. H. HASLIN, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Water Supply.

And the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 416 of the City Charter, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, the Board of Public Improvements hereby authorizes and approves the making of a contract by the Commissioner of Water Supply for the furnishing and laying of a six-inch water-main on Gun Hill road, from Decatur avenue to the Bronx river, in the Borough of The Bronx, at an estimated cost of one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for "Laying Croton Pipes—Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx," for 1898.

And the Board hereby presents to the Municipal Assembly and recommends the adoption of the following ordinance:

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

That a six-inch water-main be laid on Gun Hill road, from Decatur avenue to the Bronx river, in the Borough of The Bronx, the work to be done under the direction of the commissioner of water supply, and in pursuance of section 413, chapter 378, Laws of 1897.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read, and the Secretary instructed to notify the petitioner:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NO. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, September 24, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—With the letter of 22d instant from the Secretary of your Board was transmitted to me, for investigation and report, the inclosed copy of a report from the Chief Topographical Engineer, Borough of The Bronx, on the application of William F. Byrnes, for permission to open Fifth street, between Greene avenue and Union avenue, for the purpose of placing a water pipe or main in the same.

In reply, I respectfully report that Fifth street, between Greene and Union avenues, is in the territory east of the Bronx river, now supplied by the New York and Westchester Water Company, and that the City has no water-mains within three miles of the location. The water supply for the proposed pipe or main would, therefore, have to come from the New York and Westchester Water Company, which is even now unable to adequately supply the residents on the lines of its present distributing mains and is compelled to leave the higher points in that territory absolutely without water supply.

Under this condition of affairs, it would not be a good policy to allow any extension of the company's water-mains and its territory of distribution, either directly by the company or in the manner proposed in the application of Mr. Byrnes, until the company proves it is able to fully supply the present and additional territory.

Very respectfully, (Signed) JAS. H. HASLIN, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Water Supply.

The President of the Borough of Brooklyn submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Water Supply be requested to report to this Board all the private companies which are supplying water to The City of New York, their plants and capabilities, and the feasibility of the City extending its plant so as to cover the same territory.

Also, that information be given to this Board as to the terms and length of the contract between the City of New York and the Westchester Company, and, if possible, to ascertain what the terms of the private water companies are to the residents of that territory east of the Bronx river.

And further, that the report show the periods that the contracts have to run between the water companies and the various municipalities.

The following communication from the Department of Water Supply was read, and laid over for two weeks:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, No. 150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, September 23, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—Under section 473 of the Greater New York Charter, the authority and duty devolves upon the Municipal Assembly to establish, upon the recommendation of your Board, a uniform schedule of rents and charges for water supplied by the City to residents and consumers.

As there is now considerable disparity in the rates of the different boroughs handed over from preceding administrations, it is extremely desirable that such uniform schedule of charges be established as speedily as possible.

I present herewith a schedule of rates which I consider equitable and applicable to the entire city, and respectfully ask that your Board will approve the same, and present it to the Municipal Assembly for adoption.

Very respectfully, (Signed) JAS. H. HASLIN, Deputy Commissioner of Water Supply.

AN ORDINANCE establishing a scale of water rents for the City of New York. Be it Enacted by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows: That the minimum annual rents and charges to be collected by the Department of Water Supply shall be as follows, to wit:

Table with 6 columns: Front Width, One Story, Two Stories, Three Stories, Four Stories, Five Stories. Rows list various front widths from 10 feet and under to 37 1/2 to 40 feet.

The apportionment of the regular frontage rates upon dwelling houses are on the basis that but one family is to occupy the same, and for each additional family one dollar per year shall be charged.

Building Purposes—10 cents per 1,000 brick, all masonry at same rate, 500 brick being equal to one cubic yard.

Plastering—40 cents per 100 square yards, openings not included.

Baths—All baths \$3 per annum.

Water-closets and urinals of every description that are supplied with water from a measuring tank or cistern, from which only a limited quantity can be drawn, viz.: about three gallons at each pull, \$2.

When supplied with water from a tank other than a measuring tank, from which an unlimited quantity can be drawn by holding or fastening the valve open, or when the supply is received direct from the water supply, \$5.

Steam lighters and tugboats, H. P. \$8.00 per month.

Fire-drivers and hoisting engines, H. P. 4.00 "

Steam facials, 5.00 "

All others, 5.00 "

Water-boats supplying shipping, 10.00 "

Meter Rates.

For all stores, workshops, hotels, manufactories, office buildings, public edifices, on wharves, ferry-houses, stables and places not enumerated, the rate shall be ten (10) cents per one hundred (100) cubic feet. When only part of the water-supply of building is metered, the frontage rate will also be charged. Where water is obtained by pumping from wells or by purchase from other parties, all buildings shall be metered at a rate of fifteen (15) cents per one hundred (100) cubic feet.

Meters will be placed on all houses where there is an extra use of water; where required to ascertain the amount used and where waste water is found, they will be charged at rates fixed for all the water passing through them.

All charges not herein mentioned or fixed are reserved for special contract by and with the Commissioner of Water Supply.

The following communication from the President of The Borough of Queens was read, and referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer:

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, LONG ISLAND CITY, September 26, 1898.

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President:

The undersigned certifies that the Local Board of The Borough of Queens, at its meeting held on the 23d instant, duly adopted preamble and resolution, of which the annexed is a full and correct copy thereof.

Yours truly, FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, The Public School Board in the Borough of Queens did, by resolution adopted by it on August 16, 1898, as certified to us under date of September 20, 1898, make request that this Board use its utmost endeavors towards this city acquiring title to the triangular plot of ground front of Public School No. 1 of this First Ward of this borough, to be used for park purposes, and setting forth therein that such park would add to the general appearance of said public school building.

Now, in view of the foregoing, and after hearing expression of solicitude for the general welfare of said school by reason of the architectural beauty of said building, being made liable to be materially obscured by any unsightly structure that might be erected on said triangular plot and undesirable business that might be carried on thereon to the annoyance of the school kept in said school building; therefore

Resolved, That this, the Local Board of the Borough of Queens, in meeting assembled this 22d day of September, 1898, do unanimously and most unreservedly recommend to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that it promptly exercise the powers vested in it by section 415 of chapter 378, Laws 1897, in acquiring title for the use of the public of the land fronting Public School No. 1 for use as a park.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Sewers was read and referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer:

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, Nos. 265 AND 267 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, September 26, 1898.

The Honorable Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith transmit copies of communication from the Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Borough of Queens; President of the Borough of Queens, and Mr. Wallace C. Dowley and others, attorneys for property-owners on Debevoise avenue, between Grand and Jamaica avenues, with plans and specifications for the construction of a private sewer thereon, and ask your approval of the same. I am,

Yours respectfully, JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF QUEENS, NEW YORK, September 26, 1898.

Hon. JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers:

DEAR SIR—I have on file in this office copies of the plans, specifications and contract relating to the proposed construction of a sewer in Debevoise avenue, between Grand and Jamaica avenues, First Ward, Borough of Queens, by the property-owners along said line, at their own expense.

I am acquainted with the particulars thereof and hereby endorse the application for the issuance of your permit thereon.

The matter has been in abeyance for some time, and now that the season to lay the same and make connections under favorable conditions is limited, I am asked to request that you certify the same favorably to the Board of Public Improvements, for its action thereon this afternoon. I will see that expenses for supervision, etc., be paid before the permit is delivered.

Respectfully yours, (Signed) M. J. GOLDNER, Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Borough of Queens.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, LONG ISLAND CITY, September 26, 1898.

Hon. JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers, City of New York:

DEAR SIR—The board will herewith deliver to you, on behalf of private property-owners, plan, specifications and contract relating to proposed construction of sewer at their own cost, on Debevoise avenue, between Grand and Jamaica avenues, First Ward, this borough; also, application for permit therefor by you, together with communication from Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Honorable Matthew J. Goldner, and certified action of the Local Board in approval of granting same.

Yours truly, (Signed) FRED. BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, The private property-owners on Debevoise avenue (or Second avenue), between Grand avenue and Jamaica avenue, First Ward, this borough, have requested this Board to second its efforts in the contemplated construction of sewers at their own expense, said sewer to connect and to discharge into sewer at Jamaica avenue, and continued from there up towards Grand avenue, fronting their property as aforesaid; and

Whereas, Said owners have laid before us the plans, specifications and contract relating thereto; and

Whereas, A majority of this Board is familiar with the location, surroundings and special needs for the sewer thus contemplated to be constructed; therefore,

Resolved, That this Board does hereby recommend the subject matter to the prompt and favorable action of the Commissioner of Sewers and the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York.

LONG ISLAND CITY, September 26, 1898.

Hon. JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers, City of New York:

DEAR SIR—Pursuant to section 560 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, private property owners on Second avenue, between Grand and Jamaica avenues, late Long Island City, now First Ward, Borough of Queens, City of New York, whose attorneys the undersigned are, propose to construct a twelve (12) inch pipe sewer, with manholes, in said Second avenue, along their property, and to connect with and to discharge into sewer in Jamaica avenue; all to conform with the general plan for the construction of sewers in said city; also herewith file with you plans, specifications and contract for such proposed sewer for your approval and issuance of permit for the construction thereof, and hereby offer to have you furnished with a satisfactory guaranty for the payment of the necessary expense of your Department in the supervision of the construction of said sewer.

Awaiting same, remain

Yours truly, (Signed) WALLACE C. DOWLEY, JAMES V. AUSTIN, WILLIAM DUMSEY, Attorneys

The matter of the rules and regulations submitted by the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, which was laid over for one week at the last meeting, was, on motion of the Commissioner of Highways, laid over until October 12.

Adjourned.

Absent:

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

BOARD OF CITY RECORD.

MAYOR'S OFFICE—CITY HALL, NEW YORK, Saturday, October 1, 1898.

The Hon. Robert A. Van Wyck, Mayor; Bird S. Coler, Comptroller, and John Whalen, Corporation Counsel, the officers designated by section 426, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, this day adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Receiver of Taxes be and he is hereby authorized to publish the notice required by section 414 of the Greater New York Charter, that the assessment-rolls of real estate, personal property and bank stock of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx for the year 1898 have been delivered to the said Receiver of Taxes, and that the taxes on the said assessment rolls are due and payable, in the following-named newspapers:

- City Record, Morning Telegraph, The Evening Sun, Weekly Union, New York Sun, New York Press, Journal of Commerce, Mail and Express, Westchester Independent, North Side News, The World, New York Herald, Evening Journal, New York Journal and Advertiser, New York Daily News, Das Morgen Journal, Irish American, New York Tribune, New Yorker Staats Zeitung, Commercial Advertiser, Freeman's Journal, Harlem Local Reporter, Bronx Advocate, New York Times, Dickson's Up-town Weekly, Evening World.

WILLIAM A. BUTLER, Secretary.

BOARD OF ARMORY COMMISSIONERS.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1898.

A meeting of the Armory Board was held this day at 11 A. M., at the office of the Mayor. Present—The Mayor, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Brig.-Gen. James McLeer and Brig.-Gen. McCoskry Butt.

The minutes of the meetings held July 19 and September 14 were read, and resolutions adopting the same were passed by the following votes:

Ayes—The Mayor, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Brig.-Gen. James McLeer and Brig.-Gen. McCoskry Butt.

Brig.-Gen. Butt made a verbal report on the work of the committee to whom had been referred the requisitions of the commanding officers of the several organizations of active militia quartered in The City of New York, submitted to this Board at its last meeting, and recommended that the aggregate amount of such expenditures be certified to the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies at the sum of seventy-three thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight dollars and fourteen cents (\$73,958.14).

The Mayor offered the following:

Resolved, That the itemized estimates of the commanding officers of the several organizations of active militia quartered in The City of New York, submitted to this Board at its last meeting, for necessary expenditures to be made during the ensuing year for repairs to and furnishing of armories with utensils, materials and supplies to be furnished by the City, has been revised, and that the Armory Board does hereby determine and certify to the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies the amount necessary to be expended for such purposes to be seventy-three thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight dollars and fourteen cents (\$73,958.14).

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—The Mayor, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Brig.-Gen. James McLeer and Brig.-Gen. McCoskry Butt.

A communication was received from John G. Eddy, Colonel of the Forty-seventh Regiment, Infantry, in relation to salary of employees for the care of the armory of that organization, which the Secretary was requested to forward to the Comptroller.

The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments offered the following:

Resolved, That the Commandants in charge of the armories of the several organizations in The City of New York be requested to furnish to the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies a schedule inventory of the tools now in the custody of the Armorer and Engineer in each of the several armories.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—The Mayor, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Brig.-Gen. James McLeer, and Brig.-Gen. McCoskry Butt.

A motion to adjourn was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—The Mayor, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Brig.-Gen. James McLeer, and Brig.-Gen. McCoskry Butt.

THOMAS L. FEITNER, Secretary.





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