

partment, having in that connection, the benefit of the advice and assistance of a man who is regarded as an authority upon that division of the administration of the affairs of large cities. The change in the methods of doing this work above alluded to will necessitate a large amount of additional typewriting in connection with the reports and records of the work to be done by these inspectors, and it is thought, by the Board of Health, that it will be necessary to employ, perhaps four typewriters, for this purpose, the salaries of which might be paid, with the consent of your Honorable Body, out of a surplus in the salaries fund of that board, and which course the Board of Health would respectfully request your Honorable Body to sanction and authorize.

Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF HEALTH,

By John F. McKinlay,
Secretary.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

From Public Lighting Commission.

To the Honorable, the Common Council: Gentlemen—Due to the great increase in the cost of all supplies required for this year's conduit construction and an increase in wages of the employees in the construction gangs, not entirely provided for in the estimates, we find some of the appropriations received for this work inadequate.

In order to be able to complete all of the conduit construction work provided for in this year's appropriations, permission is asked to use balances on hand, for conduit construction for the Police and Fire Departments for the year ending June 30th, 1915; provided that the amounts paid out for the work of each department—the Public Lighting Commission, the Fire Department and the Police Department—be charged to such department.

Respectfully submitted,
PUBLIC LIGHTING COMMISSION,
F. T. Bowler, Secretary,

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

From the Clerk of the Recorder's Court

To the Honorable, the Common Council: Gentlemen—I respectfully report to your Honorable Body that a jury duly impanelled in the Recorder's Court, in the matter of opening Ewers Avenue from Michigan Avenue to St. John Avenue, where not already open, 50 feet wide, as a public street and highway, rendered a verdict in favor of said opening February 16th, 1917, which was confirmed by the Court February 21st 1917.

In accordance with the statute, I herewith transmit a certified copy of said verdict, and of the judgment of confirmation.

Respectfully,
JOHN A. GROGAN,
Clerk.

Accepted and referred to the Committee on Street Openings.

From the Clerk.

That he presented such portion of the proceedings of the last session as is required by the Charter to be so presented, to his Honor the Mayor for approval, on the 26th inst., and that they were approved on the 27th inst.
Placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Ways and Means.

To the Honorable, the Common Council: Gentlemen—Your Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the reports of the various city officers for the week ending February 24, 1917, respectfully report that with the Controller we have examined the same, and believing them to be correct recommend their approval. We also recommend the approval of the bond, waiver and agreement of George E. Haskell, covering the grant for permission to construct spur track (J. C. C., p. 1788), same having been approved by the Corporation Counsel. Also bond of Allan Coal & Lumber Company, covering the grant for permission to construct spur track (J. C. C., p. 129), approved by the Corporation Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. W. BURTON,
JAMES VERNOR,
JOHN C. LODGE,
JACOB GUTHARD,
RALPH G. MITTER.

Accepted and adopted as follows:
Yeas.—Ald. Allan, Ashe, Auch, Bleil, Bradley, Braun, Burton, Cowan, Cranshaw, Dill, Dodt, Glinnan, Holden, Kocher, Kronk, Littlefield, Lodge, Miotke, Mitter Nowc, Richert, Riopelle, Robinson, Ross, Schultz, Starkey, Thompson, Vernor, Walsh, Wartell, Wenzel, Wilson, and the President Pro Tem—33.

Nays—None.

Ald. Kunz entered and took his seat.

Ways and Means.

To the Honorable Common Council: Gentlemen—To your Committee on Ways and Means was referred the communication from the Board of Poor Commissioners requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$2,000, from the Revenue Fund of the Receiving Hospital to fund for maintenance of ambulances and automobiles. Your Committee have given same careful consideration, and recommend that request be granted, in accordance with the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. W. BURTON,
JAMES VERNOR,
JOHN C. LODGE,
JACOB GUTHARD,
RALPH G. MITTER.

Accepted, and on leave, the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. Burton:
Resolved, That the sum of \$2,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated from the Revenue Fund of the Receiving Hospital and placed to the credit of account for maintenance of ambulances and automobiles, in the Poor Commission funds, and the City Controller be and he is hereby directed to make the proper entries upon his books to effect said transfer.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Allan, Ashe, Auch, Bleil, Bradley, Braun, Burton, Cowan, Cranshaw, Dill, Dodt, Glinnan, Holden, Kocher, Kronk, Kunz, Littlefield, Lodge, Miotke, Mitter, Nowc, Richert, Riopelle, Robinson, Ross, Schultz, Starkey, Thompson, Vernor, Walsh, Wartell, Wenzel, Wilson and the President Pro Tem—34

Nays—None.

Ways and Means.

To the Honorable Common Council: Gentlemen—To your Committee on Ways and Means was referred the warranty deed of the Detroit Brass Works