

upon said improvement at the specified rate for each lineal foot and further that the cost of this improvement shall be charged against the Water Fund of the City of Detroit.

Revised Roll No. A-3, consisting of overdue and unpaid assessments on Water Board assessment rolls numbered 1848 and 1849 in accordance with Sec. 10 of Chapter 21 of the compiled ordinances of the City of Detroit for the year 1926

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Callahan, Castator, Dingeman, Ewald, Hall, Kronk, Walters and the President—8.

Nays—None.

#### From the Board of Water Commissioners

September 8, 1931.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We herewith transmit to your honorable body, the following resolutions for water pipe extensions as adopted September 8, 1931.

Revised Roll B-3—Consisting of overdue and unpaid assessments on Water Board Assessment Rolls numbered: 1850; 1851 and 1852 in accordance with Section 10 of Chapter 21 of the Compiled Ordinances of the City of Detroit for the year 1926.

Your honorable body is respectfully requested to declare that a necessity exists for the payment of the overdue and unpaid assessments for the cost of the work levied as provided by Section 10 of Chapter 21.

Respectfully, yours

ALEX DOW,

President.

D. C. GROBBEL,  
Acting Secretary.

By Councilman Kronk:

Resolved, That it be, and is hereby declared by Common Council of the City of Detroit, necessary to lay and install in said City, the following described water mains, and that a ratable assessment for the cost of such improvement has been levied upon all lots or real estate fronting upon said improvement at the specified rate for each lineal foot and further that the cost of this improvement shall be charged against the Water Fund of the City of Detroit.

Revised Roll No. B-3—Consisting of overdue and unpaid assessments on Water Board Assessment Rolls numbered: 1850; 1851 and 1852 in accordance with Section 10 of Chapter 21 of the compiled ordinances of the City of Detroit for the year 1926.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Callahan, Castator, Dingeman, Ewald, Hall, Kronk, Walters and the President—8.

Nays—None.

#### From the Clerk

That he presented such portion of the proceedings of the last regular session as is required by the charter to be so presented, to His Honor the Mayor for approval, on the 11th inst. and that they were approved on the 15th, inst.

Also, That he has been served with summons issued out of the Circuit Court for the County of the Circuit Michigan, wherein Frances Wayne, tette, administratrix of the estate of Frances Devlin, is plaintiff, and summons in which Grace St. Denis is plaintiff and the City of Detroit is both causes is defendant, and that he has referred the same to the Corporation Counsel.

Also, That he has been served with declaration and rule to plead issued out of Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, Michigan, wherein Orchestra Hall, a Michigan corporation, is plaintiff, and the City of Detroit is defendant, and that he has referred the same to the Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

#### From the Clerk

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I beg to inform your Honorable Body that quit claim deed of the Board of Education to the City of Detroit covering property dedicated for street and alley purposes has been filed in my office. Same having been approved by the Corporation Counsel and City Engineer, resolution accepting same is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD W. READING,

City Clerk.

By Councilman Hall:

Resolved, That quit claim deed of the Board of Education to the City of Detroit, covering property dedicated for street and alley purposes described as: "All that part of P. C. 119 described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the private claim line common to P. C.'s 119 and 524 with the northeasterly line of Visger avenue as platted in Ries Estates Sub. of part of P. C.'s 119 and 524 as recorded in liber 61, page 3, of Plats of Wayne County Records; thence along the northeasterly line of Visger avenue as platted in last mentioned subdivision south  $56^{\circ} 48' 51''$  east 427.78 feet to a point; thence along a line north  $32^{\circ} 03' 00''$  east 42.62 feet to a point; thence along a line north  $57^{\circ} 05'$  west 426.91 feet to a point on the P. C. line common to P. C.'s 119 and 524; thence along said P. C. line south  $33^{\circ} 14' 15''$  west 40.54 feet to the place of beginning to be used for street purposes and known as Visger avenue, also as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the P. C. line common to

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P. C.'s 119 and 524 with the southwesterly line of Hannan's American Park sub. heretofore mentioned; then along the southwesterly line of said Hannan's American Park Sub. south 57° 05' east 20.73 feet to a point; thence along a line south 32° 51' west 392.41 feet to a point; thence along a line north 57° 05' west 23.40 feet to a point on the P. C. line common to P. C.'s 119 and 524; thence along said P. C. line north 33° 14' 15" east 392.41 feet to the place of beginning to be used for street purposes and known as Greyfriars avenue, also

All that part of P. C. 119 described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the northwesterly line of Fort street (204 feet wide) with the southerly line of Hannan's American Park sub. heretofore mentioned; thence along the southwesterly line of said Hannan's American Park sub. on a course north 57° 05' west 398.10 feet to a point; thence along a line south 32° 51' west 9.0 feet to a point; thence along a line south 57° 05' east 398.24 feet to a point; thence along a line north 32° 03' east 9.0 feet to the place of beginning to be used for alley purposes, and the same is hereby accepted, and the City Controller be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to Register said quit claim deed in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wayne County.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Callahan, Castator, Dingeman, Ewald, Hall, Kronk, Walters and the President—8.

Nays—None.

#### From the Clerk

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I beg to inform your honorable body that I am in receipt of the following communication from the Committee on City Finances.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD W. READING,  
City Clerk.

#### Committee on City Finances

September 14, 1931.

To the Mayor, and the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—In our communication to you of July 7, 1931, we outlined nine steps which could be taken to reduce the burden of taxation and to improve the financial condition and credit of the City. The ninth was economy in county government. An opportunity to help make that effective will present itself to you at the coming meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Wayne County. There are 125 supervisors and 71 of these—a very substantial majority—are Detroit City officials or their appointees. The Mayor and members of the Com-

mon Council are among these and they practically control the most important committee, Ways and Means, which is very influential in shaping the policies of the Board and in fixing the County budget.

There are at least two ways in which you and your appointees, who control the Board of Supervisors, can bring about economy in county government and reduce the burden of taxation: (1) by bringing about the suspension of the one mill tax for roads, and (2) by material reductions in the budgets of the Road Commission and of the 65 county departments listed in the current budget. This communication has to do with the first, viz.: suspending the mill tax. We may address you later with respect to the second—reduction of county expenditures. That you are entitled to exercise your influence to these ends goes without saying, for Detroit taxpayers pay 81.6% of the county taxes.

So far as suspending the mill tax is concerned, you have already committed yourselves when you declared for a holiday in public improvements, for road building is distinctly a public improvement. The resolution of the Common Council, approved by the mayor, adopted July 14, 1931, reads as follows:

"The Common Council hereby fixes as a set policy that as far as practical no public improvements will be undertaken during the next five years, except those which are absolutely required for the peace, health and safety of the community.

We believe that the 54 representatives of the villages and townships in Wayne County outside Detroit will support you in suspending the mill tax, for the taxpayers of their communities are equally if not more concerned in reduction of taxation than the people of Detroit. The percentage of delinquent taxes in most of those communities is larger than Detroit, and their financial condition just as much if not more in need of strengthening. The assessed valuation of Wayne County for the year 1930-31 was \$4,687,083,900.00, and the one mill tax thereon would therefore be \$4,687,083.00—a very substantial sum to save for the taxpayers.

Thanks to the energy and efficiency of the Road Commissioners, Wayne County is already supplied with a system of improved county roads which is surpassed by none, anywhere in the country. That is generally conceded. There is certainly no present emergency which calls for extraordinary or even large expenditures for road building and certainly not for additional rights-of-way, if the latter are to be proposed in the