

the said Assessment Rolls are the correct ones which each individual or set of individuals should be assessed at and pay, and that the said assessments be collected from the several persons liable to pay the same according to law.

I approve the form of the above resolution.

P. T. DWYER, Corporation Counsel.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Connor, Lincoln, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—8.
Nays—None.

Board of Assessors

December 1, 1954.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—Attached we are presenting list of decreases covering real property as made by the Michigan State Tax Commission at its hearings held in Detroit October 27, 1954.

Will your Honorable Body instruct and authorize the City Treasurer to place the described property on the 1954 rolls in the valuation and tax as shown.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES LASKY, Secretary.

By Councilman Smith:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to place the property described in the foregoing communication on the 1954 general city tax rolls in the valuation and tax for the year as shown.

W. 18, I. 43, All that pt. of lots 98, 99, 100, 101 Plat of Sub. of Crawford's Fort Tract also lots 13 to 19 incl. of Wm. Dwight's Sub. of Crawford's Fort Tract, etc., orig. total val. \$13,462,860, total val. reduced \$545,610, adjusted total val. \$12,917,250, orig. total tax \$471,253.96, total tax reduced \$19,098.54, adjusted total tax \$452,155.42.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Connor, Lincoln, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—8.
Nays—None.

Board of Assessors

December 7, 1954.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—We herewith transmit to your Honorable Body Assessment Roll number 4-107 for street paving.

The usual notice by publication as required by law has been given to the parties in interest. No person has appeared to object to said roll or to ask any corrections thereof. We have, therefore, signed the same and report it to your Honorable Body.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES LASKY, Sec'y.

By Councilman Youngblood:

Resolved, That Assessment Roll and the respective assessable amount:

4-107. Moenart, from the N.P.L. of Stockton to the S.P. L. of Hildale, \$8,963.32; for grading and paving of the street above described is hereby approved and confirmed, that the description of premises and the names of persons contained therein are received as correct, and that the sums set forth in the said assessment roll in four parts are the correct ones which each individual or set of individuals should be assessed at and pay, and the said assessments be collected from the several persons liable to pay the same according to law.

I approve the form of the above resolution.

P. T. DWYER,
Corp. Counsel.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Connor, Lincoln, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—8.
Nays—None.

Reconsideration

Councilman Connor moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted.

Councilman Rogell moved to suspend Rule 23 for the purpose of indefinitely postponing the motion to reconsider, which motion prevailed as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Connor, Lincoln, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—8.
Nays—None.

Councilman Van Antwerp then moved that the motion to reconsider be indefinitely postponed, which motion prevailed.

The regular order was resumed.

City Plan Commission

August 16, 1954.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—Enclosed find quitclaim deed for the north 20 feet of the west half of the north-south alley between Mack, Beniteau, Goethe and Fairview Avenues.

The 10-foot strip of land south from the above release, better described as the west half of the north-south alley between said streets, is still included in the descriptions of the abutting properties lying west thereof and was not formally dedicated to public use.

In 1915, a fence was constructed on the west line of said strip thereby creating an assumed alley right of way 20 feet in width. Since that date the alley has been used by the abutting property owners for ingress and egress to the respective garages; by the City of Detroit for waste collection; and by the public utilities for community service, the right of way being maintained by the Department of Public Works.

On the basis of continued use, it is the opinion of the west side owners that the land belongs to the City of Detroit by "right of prescription"

and that title to the same should be established accordingly.

Upon consideration of the above facts, it is the recommendation of the City Plan Commission that the acquisition of the subject strip be referred to the office of the Corporation Counsel for further study and processing as the situation may require.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES A. BLESSING,
Director-Secretary.

By Councilman Smith:

Resolved, That quit claim deed of David B. Dolese, a single man, to the City of Detroit covering property dedicaed for alley purposes, described as "all that part of the N. 120 ft. of the E. 120 ft. of lot 16 of O'Flynn's Sub. of P C 688, Grosse Pointe, as recorded in Liber 1, page 119 of Plats of Wayne County Records, more particularly described as follows: beginning at a point in the east line of lot 16 of O'Flynn's Sub. distant S. 25 deg. 59 min. E 100.00 ft. from the northeast corner of said lot 16; thence along the east line of said lot 16 S. 25 deg. 59 min. E. 20.00 ft. to a point; thence S. 58 deg. 14 min. W. 10.05 ft. to a point; thence N. 25 deg 59 min. W. 20.00 ft. to a point; thence N. 58 deg. 14 min. E. 10.05 ft. to the point of beginning, be and the same is hereby accepted, and the City Controller is hereby directed to record said deed in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wayne County.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Connor, Lincoln, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—8.
Nays—None.

Department of Health

October 29, 1954.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—We are returning herewith Petition No. 3518 of Dr. Abraham Koven, claiming salary as a contractual Diagnostician from August 1 to September 13, 1954.

We wish to advise that Dr. Koven's appointment for this period on a salary basis equivalent to the salary he was receiving when he retired, effective August 1, was never approved. The procedure for appointments in this service provides that the request for appointment must be made by the Health Commissioner and approved by the Budget Bureau as to need. This Department, Dr. Koven, and the Budget Bureau were all aware of the fact that the need no longer existed for the appointment of any half time salaried physicians to this service.

Early in this calendar year the Department reviewed the diagnostic services and in view of the fact that in the past fifteen years the cost per call had risen from approximately

\$1.50 per call to \$16.00, due to the tremendous decrease in the number of calls, it was decided with the approval of the Board of Health that a change in this service was necessary. In the spring of this year, a meeting of the Diagnosticians was held at the Wayne County Medical Society at which meeting Dr. Koven was in attendance. The Diagnosticians were informed that a change in this program was necessary and the Department would either reduce the number of Diagnosticians, or place the service on a per call basis.

Steps were subsequently taken and on July 29 a communication was sent to your Honorable Body requesting approval for placing this service on a \$5.00 per call basis. On August 1, Dr. Koven found it to his benefit to retire at age 60 so that he might withdraw his contributions from the Pension Fund. As it had been the intention of the Department to retain all of the Diagnosticians who were willing to remain on the \$5.00 per call basis, we had no objection to Dr. Koven continuing to serve on the \$5.00 per call basis, even though drawing a pension, as this would not increase the cost of this service to the City. However, Dr. Koven, the Department and the Budget Bureau were all aware of the fact that there was no need for an additional contractual physician on the half time salary basis. This is evidenced by the fact that Dr. Koven, during the month of July just prior to his retirement, was paid \$294.67 and made just one call. It certainly would not have been logical for the Health Commissioner to certify to the Budget Bureau the need for this additional position, and the Budget Bureau would certainly never acquiesce to approving such a request.

Unfortunately, Dr. Koven, in carrying on his negotiations for reappointment at the same salary even though retired and drawing a pension, had no direct contact with either myself, as Health Commissioner, or Mr. DeMare, my Deputy, who is authorized to approve appointments in my absence. Had any direct contact with either of us been made, this situation would not have resulted. Through a misunderstanding, Dr. Koven was evidently under the impression that such an appointment could be made even though he knew the position was not necessary.

We have offered to pay Dr. Koven \$5.00 per call for all calls that he made during this period, which we feel is a fair fee for these services, and as there appears to be some question as to whether or not the Department has the authority to pay even this fee to a former employee now drawing a City pension, we re-