

STREET OPENINGS.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition of Frederick Mewes, asking to be refunded an excessive tax for the opening of Buchanan street, respectfully report that we have carefully examined the matter and fail to find that your petitioner has any just claim to have his tax decreased, we therefore recommend that the prayer be denied, but that he be allowed to pay the original assessment of \$115 without penalty.

Respectfully submitted.

M. W. SCOVEL,
JOHN F. HACKER,
JOSEPH WUELLNER.

Accepted and leave being granted, the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. Scovel:
Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to accept the sum of \$115 in full payment for the assessment on lot 386 of Hammond & Rich's subdivision of part of private claims 47 and 583, north of Michigan avenue, for the opening of Buchanan street.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Batchelder, Beck, Behlow, Bleil, Coots, DeGaw, Deimel, Fisher, Gerecke, Goeschel, Grunow, Hacker, Hanes, Hoffmann, Jacob, Licht, Nagel, Patterson, Richert, Schmidt, Scovel, Stenius, Thompson, Vernor, Weidner, Weller, Welsh, Wesch, Wright, Wuellner and the President—31.

Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentleman — Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the matter of the verdict of a jury in the Recorder's Court in the matter of opening Welch avenue, from Ranspach street to Michigan avenue, where not already opened, respectfully report that they have examined the same, and are of the opinion that the property in that locality is largely benefited by the improvement and should bear a portion of the expense of making the same. The award of the jury is \$3,525, and your committee recommend that \$3,525 of that amount be assessed upon a local district, in accordance with the resolution herewith submitted.

Respectfully,
M. W. SCOVEL,
JOHN F. HACKER,
JOSEPH WUELLNER.

Accepted and leave being granted, the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. Scovel:
Resolved, That the Common Council of the City of Detroit do hereby fix and determine that the following district and portion of said City of Detroit, to wit:

Lots 1 to 20, inclusive, lots 63, 64, 65 and 66, and the north 120 feet of lot 61, all of Livernois subdivision of part of private claim 574.

Lots 1 to 15, inclusive, of People's subdivision of lots 62 and 61, except 120 feet south of Michigan avenue of subdivision of part of private claim 574, township 2 south, range 11 east.

Lots 30 to 43, inclusive, also lots 67 to 72, inclusive, the east ½ of lots 52 and 57, all being parts of the subdivision of Stephen Livernois estate being part of private claim 574.

Lots 70 to 84, inclusive, of Leavitt's subdivision of part of private claims 574 and 171.

Lots 19 to 71, inclusive, of Ranspach's subdivision of part of private claim 574.

Lots 17 to 24, inclusive, of Kent & Hurd's subdivision of lots 49, 50, 54, 55, 74, 75, 89, 92, 93, 98, 101 and 102 of Stephen Livernois' estate, private claim 574, township 2 south, range 11 east.

Lots 5 to 12, inclusive, of Lillibridge & Ohrms' subdivision of lots 51 and 73, private claim 574.

Lots 5 to 8, inclusive, of Stark's subdivision of lots 56 and 86 of Stephen Livernois' estate, private claim 574, township 2 south, range 11 east.

Lots 9 to 16, inclusive, also lots 41 to 48, inclusive, of Kent & Hurd's subdivision of lots 49, 50, 54, 55, 74, 75, 89, 92, 93, 98, 101 and 102 of Stephen Livernois' estate, private claim 574, township 2 south, range 11 east.

Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Stark's subdivision of lot 53 of Stephen Livernois' estate, private claim 574, township 2 south, range 11 east.

Lots 12 to 22, inclusive, of F. X. Stark's subdivision of part of private claim 574, north of lots 43 and 44 of subdivision of Stephen Livernois' estate, township 2 south, range 11 east.

All that part of private claim 574 lying north of lots 44, 43, 30 and 29 of Stephen Livernois' estate and south of Kent & Hurd's subdivision (except F. X. Stark's subdivision and except Welch avenue), is benefited by the opening of Welch avenue, from Ranspach street to Michigan avenue, where not already opened.

And further resolved, That there be assessed and levied upon the several pieces and parcels of real estate included in the above description the amount of \$3,525, in proportion, as near as may be, to the advantage which such lot or parcel is deemed to acquire by such improvement.

And further resolved, That the Board of Assessors of said City of Detroit, be and they are hereby directed to proceed forthwith to make an assessment roll, in conformity with the requirements of the Charter of the City of Detroit, relating to special assessments for collecting the expense of public improvements when a street is graded, comprising the property hereinbefore described, upon which they shall assess and levy the amount of \$3,525, each lot or parcel to be assessed a ratable proportion, as near as may be, of said amount in accordance to the amount of benefits derived by such improvements.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Batchelder, Beck, Behlow, Bleil, Coots, DeGaw, Deimel, Fisher, Gerecke, Goeschel, Grunow, Hacker, Hanes, Hoffmann, Jacob, Licht, Nagel, Patterson, Richert, Schmidt, Scovel, Stenius, Thompson, Vernor, Weidner, Weller, Welsh, Wesch, Wright, Wuellner and the President—31.

Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition of Carl Everding and others requesting that Houghton avenue be opened from Holcomb avenue to the easterly city limits, and further requesting that the proposed opening of St. Paul avenue, between the same limits, be discontinued, and that a

part of said avenue as already opened be vacated, respectfully report that we have examined the facts in the case and recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted in accordance with the accompanying resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,
M. W. SCOVEL,
JOHN F. HACKER,
JOSEPH WUELLNER,
Street Opening Committee.

Accepted and leave being granted, the following resolution was offered:
By Ald. Scovel:

Resolved, That St. Paul avenue between Holcomb and McClellan avenues as heretofore platted open be and the same is hereby vacated as a public street and highway on the following conditions:

First, That a bond in the sum of five thousand dollars with two sufficient sureties conditioned to insure the City of Detroit against all liability on account of the vacation of said avenue be filed with the City Clerk within thirty days after the passage of this resolution.

Second, That lots numbered 16 and 45 lying on the west and east sides respectively of Belvidere avenue and immediately south of St. Paul avenue as now open, be deeded to the City of Detroit for use as a public alley and lots 74 and 75 on Houghton street for a public street and outlet to Belvidere avenue. And it is further

Resolved, That on the compliance with the said conditions above set forth that the City Attorney be and he is hereby directed to discontinue all proceedings looking to the opening of St. Paul avenue from Holcomb avenue to the easterly city limits and the City Attorney is hereby directed to institute the proper proceedings to open Houghton avenue from Holcomb avenue to the easterly city limits.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Batchelder, Beck, Behlow, Bleil, Coots, DeGaw, Deimel, Fisher, Gerecke, Goeschel, Grunow, Hacker, Hanes, Hoffmann, Jacob, Licht, Nagel, Patterson, Richert, Schmidt, Scovel, Stenius, Thompson, Vernor, Weidner, Weiler, Welsh, Wesch, Wright, Wuellner and the President—31.

Nays—None.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Public Lighting to whom was referred the communication from the Public Lighting Commission stating that they had entered into a contract with the Peninsular Electric Light Co. for 136 electric light towers for the sum of \$525 each and asking for approval and confirmation of their contract, respectfully report that the above is the best contract obtainable for the city; we therefore recommend that the above contract be approved and confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,
ED H. PATTERSON,
JOHN S. HANES.

Accepted and leave being granted the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. Patterson:

Resolved, That the Contract entered into by the Public Lighting Commission with the Peninsular Electric Light Co. for the purchase of 136 electric light towers for the sum of \$525 each, be

and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

The following minority report was presented:

MINORITY REPORT.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Public Lighting to whom was referred the communication from the Public Lighting Commission asking the confirmation of their contract with the Peninsular Electric Light Co. for the purchase of 136 electric light towers, respectfully report that after careful consideration and examination into the merits of the case would recommend that all the bids for the purchase of towers be rejected and the Public Lighting Commission be instructed to readvertise for bids for electric light towers.

Respectfully submitted,
E. WELSH.

Ald. Goeschel moved that both reports be accepted, printed in the proceedings and laid on the table, which motion prevailed.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Public Lighting to whom was referred the resolution of the Detroit Electric Light & Power Co. with reference to the purchase of their poles and lines, respectfully report that we have carefully considered this matter, have listened to statements from both sides and we are convinced that the Electric Lighting Commission are doing all in their power to purchase said poles and lines at such price as they consider they are worth for use by the city, and have no recommendation to make.

Respectfully submitted,
ED H. PATTERSON,
JOHN S. HANES,
E. WELSH.

Accepted and placed on file.

LIQUOR BONDS.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Liquor Bonds to whom was referred the various bonds submitted by the Clerk, respectfully report that we have carefully examined the same and recommend that the bonds contained in the accompanying resolution be accepted and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. WRIGHT,
RUDOLF WEIDNER.

Accepted and leave being granted, the following was offered:

By Ald. Wright:

Resolved, That the liquor bonds of the following named persons be and the same are hereby accepted and approved: Sadie Wells, Martin Hoepfl, Fred C. Holtz, John C. Hickey.

Adopted as follows:
Yeas—Ald. Batchelder, Beck, Behlow, Bleil, Coots, DeGaw, Deimel, Fisher, Gerecke, Goeschel, Grunow, Hacker, Hanes, Hoffmann, Jacob, Licht, Nagel, Patterson, Richert, Schmidt, Scovel, Stenius, Thompson, Vernor, Weidner, Weiler, Welsh, Wesch, Wright, Wuellner and the President—31.

Nays—None.