

vacant for the past two years and is therefore not exempt from taxation. Under the state law, property acquired for church purposes is not exempt from taxation until houses of worship are erected, used and occupied, and such not being the case in this instance there is no course for the Committee to take but to deny the petition, which is our recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. R. SHAPLAND,
WM. GUTMAN,
GEORGE H. ELLIS,
R. M. WATSON,
AUGUST SCHULTE,
OTTO REINHARDT,
GEORGE S. FIELD.

Accepted and adopted.

Street Openings.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the communication from the City Engineer recommending the vacation of Southern avenue from Military to Hammond avenues and accepting in lieu of said vacation a deed from the Michigan Central R. R. Co. to the City of Detroit the northerly 46 feet of lots 11 to 20, both inclusive, situated on the north side of Southern avenue, between Military and Hammond avenues, respectfully report that we have had the matter under consideration and beg leave to state that the City Engineer suggests that the necessary steps be taken leading to the vacation of Southern avenue and the dedication to the city by the Michigan Central R. R. Co. of the 46 foot strip herein described, this being very essential in the estimation of the City Engineer by reason of the proposed separation of grades on Military avenue, and your Committee on the City Engineer's advice recommends that the suggestion be concurred in and therefore offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. W. BURTON,
GEORGE A. OWEN,
GEORGE H. ELLIS,
LOUIS H. LEMPKE,
AUGUST SCHULTE.

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

By Ald. Burton:

Resolved, That all that part of Southern avenue 66 feet wide, lying between the west line of Hammond avenue and east line of Military avenue, as shown on the plat of the sub. of the estate of Stephen Livernois, being part of P. C. 574, be and the same is hereby vacated;

Provided, That the Michigan Central R. R. Co. deeds unto the City of Detroit for street purposes the northerly 46 feet of lots 11 to 20, both inclusive, plat of the sub. of estate of Stephen Livernois, being part of P. C. 574, according to plat of record in Liber 180 of Deeds, page 343, and said deed is accepted by the Committee on Ways and Means to which Committee we recommend its reference when presented and approved by the Common Council, and further

Provided, That the Michigan Central R. R. Co. pay into the City Treasury whatever expense may have been incurred by the City in the matter of constructing pavement, curbing, sidewalks, crosswalks, etc., as may be certified to by the City Engineer within 30 days from the date of the approval of this resolution.

Objected to and laid on the table.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition of Mr. Bueckendorf for vacation of part of Winder street, respectfully report that we have had the matter under consideration and beg leave to state that when Winder street was opened from Brush to St. Antoine streets, it was necessary to open same on an angle between Beaubien and St. Antoine streets so that there are two portions of Winder street situated on the north and south sides respectively, which are not required by the City of Detroit as a portion of said street at this time, and the abutting property owners have paid taxes on same for the past thirty years; that they desire said strips vacated by the Council in order to clear title to their property. Winder street was opened in September, 1869, and your committee can see no objection in granting their request and therefore offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. W. BURTON
GEO. A. OWEN
GEO. H. ELLIS
LOUIS H. LEMPKE
AUG. SCHULTE.

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

Resolved, That all that part of Winder street as shown on Van Dyke's subdivision of A. Beaubien farm, which lies north of and adjoining lots 1, 9, 10, and 11, Block 5, of said sub., and south of the south line of Winder street, also all that part of Winder street as shown on F. J. B. Crane's sub. of the north one-half of out lot 177 of L. Beaubien farm, which lies south of and adjoining lots 11, 12, 13 and 14, and north of the north line of Winder street as opened by jury in September, 1869, be and the same are hereby vacated, and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Assessors be and is hereby directed to assess the vacated portions of Winder street herein specified as a part of the adjoining lots.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Allan, Burton, Deimel, Ellis, Field, Freiwald, Garvey, Glinnan, Goeschel, Gutman, Harpfer, Heireman, Keating, Koenig, Konkell, Korte, Lempke, Owen, Reinhardt, Rutter, Schulte, Shapland, Skrzycki, Theisen, Thompson, Tossy, Trevor, Vernor, Walsh, Watson, Wing, Zoeller and the President—33.

Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition of W. F. Hurd Company for vacation of an alley, respectfully report that we have had same under consideration and find

that petitioners are owners of lots 197, 198 and 199, situated on the south side of Henrietta avenue, east of Campbell avenue, and also lots 189 to 193, both inclusive, and 200 to 204, both inclusive, situated on the east side of Campbell avenue, between Driggs and Henrietta avenues; that there is a public alley 20 feet wide lying in the rear of lots 200, 201, 202, 203 and part of 204, and adjoining lot 199 above mentioned, which petitioners desire vacated for the purpose of enlarging their plant. Your Committee after investigation can see no objection to granting said request and therefore offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. W. BURTON
GEO. W. OWEN
GEO. H. ELLIS
LOUIS H. LEMPKE
AUG. SCHULTE.

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

Resolved, That all that part of public alley 20 feet wide lying in the rear of lots 200, 201, 203 and part of 204, and adjoining lot 199 of second plat of sub. of part of Walter Crane farm, P. C. 39, between public alley south of Fort street and Harvey avenue, and extending from the southerly line of Henrietta avenue to the northerly line of public alley 20 feet wide lying south of and parallel with Henrietta avenue, be and the same is hereby vacated.

Provided, That the owners of the adjoining property pay into the City Treasury whatever expense may have been incurred by the City in the matter of constructing sidewalks, crosswalks, etc., as certified to by the City Engineer within 30 days from the adoption of this resolution.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Allan, Burton, Deimel, Ellis, Field, Freiwald, Garvey, Glinnan, Goeschel, Gutman, Harpfer, Heineman, Keating, Koenig, Konkel, Korte, Lempke, Owen, Reinhardt, Rutter, Schulte, Shapland, Skrzycki, Theisen, Thompson, Tossy, Trevor, Vernor, Walsh, Watson, Wing, Zoeller and the President—33.
Nays—None.

Parks and Boulevards.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—Your Committee on Parks and Boulevards, to whom was referred the request of the Department of Parks and Boulevards for \$10,000 to do the landscaping around the new Belle Isle bathhouse and to prepare the beach about 1,000 feet long, to the end that the bathhouse can be opened as soon as the weather will permit, beg leave to report that we have examined the premises and believe that the money will be required, but in our judgment much of the work can be done after the appropriations for the coming fiscal year have been allowed; therefore we recommend that the sum of \$3,000 for this purpose be taken from moneys received from the House of Correction Fund and placed to the credit of the Park and Boulevard Fund, account No. 341, Bathhouse Grounds.

Respectfully submitted,
GODFREY FREIWALD
MAURICE J. KEATING
WM. R. SHAPLAND
ROBERT W. RUTTER
JOHN T. THOMPSON

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

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby directed to transfer from moneys received from the House of Correction the sum of \$3,000 and place the same to the credit of the Park and Boulevard Fund, account No. 341, Bathhouse Grounds, for the purpose of preparing the beach, etc., that the bathhouse may be opened when the weather permits.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—Your Committee on Parks and Boulevards, to whom was referred the request of the Department of Parks and Boulevards for funds with which to paint and repair the phaetons, carriages, sprinkling wagons and other vehicles on the park system, at this time, that they might be ready for use for the spring work, respectfully report that we have examined said vehicles and believe for their protection they should be painted and repaired now, and we find further that the work will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,500, and therefore offer the following resolution:

Respectfully submitted,
GODFREY FREIWALD
MAURICE J. KEATING
WM. R. SHAPLAND
ROBERT W. RUTTER
JOHN T. THOMPSON

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

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby directed to transfer from moneys received from the House of Correction the sum of \$1,000, and credit to Account No. 42 of the Park and Boulevard Fund, Vehicles, to be used for the purpose of painting and repairing the vehicles that most require it, and that the Commissioner of Parks and Boulevards be requested to place an item in the estimates for the coming year sufficient to repair the remainder.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Allan, Burton, Deimel, Ellis, Field, Freiwald, Garvey, Glinnan, Goeschel, Gutman, Harpfer, Heineman, Keating, Koenig, Konkel, Korte, Lempke, Owen, Reinhardt, Rutter, Schulte, Shapland, Skrzycki, Theisen, Thompson, Tossy, Trevor, Vernor, Walsh, Watson, Wing, Zoeller and the President—33.
Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—Your Committee on Parks and Boulevards, to whom was referred the request of the Department of Parks and Boulevards for permission to transfer the sum of \$51.75 from the surplus receipts of that department, account No. 90, to account No. 514, Shelter at Palmer Park, for the purpose of paying the architects, Stratton & Baldwin, the balance due for architectural services in connection with said building, recommend that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,
GODFREY FREIWALD
MAURICE J. KEATING
WM. R. SHAPLAND
ROBERT W. RUTTER
JOHN T. THOMPSON.