

SINKING FUND.

Bank of Detroit 10,505.02

\$30,141.31

Respectfully submitted,
GUY L. INGALLS,
City Treasurer.

Accepted and placed on file.

From the Department of Public Works.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Since December 13, 1851, the Detroit and Pontiac Railroad Company (Grand Trunk System) has had title to a thirty-five foot strip of land extending from Jefferson Avenue southerly to Woodbridge Street, and lying immediately east of and adjoining the Railway's right-of-way. This strip is known as Dequindre Street. It seems never to have been used extensively as a street. There is a walk along the easterly side. The unpaved roadway grade was 4% descending toward Woodbridge street.

To continue this strip as a street and conform the grades thereof to the new grades on Jefferson Avenue and Woodbridge Street would necessitates an 8% grade. It is the writer's belief that this condition would be an impractical one; that the street has not been and never would be used sufficiently to warrant its continuance as a public way, and it, therefore, should be vacated and abandoned. Both of the abutting property owners, the Grand Trunk Railway Company and Mr. Jas. T. Whitehead are agreeable to such action on the part of the City.

Attached is copy of the original deed to the Railway Company and a blue print showing the location and the street grades referred to.

Very truly yours,
JOSEPH A. MARTIN,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Vernor:

Resolved, That there being no public necessity for continuing the existence of the thirty-five foot public way, known as Dequindre Street, extending from Jefferson Avenue to Woodbridge Street, and lying immediately east of and adjoining the Grand Trunk Railway right-of-way, be and the same is hereby vacated, provided, Mr. Jas. T. Whitehead files within thirty days from the date of this resolution, a written agreement waiving claims for any grade separation or other damages affecting the strip vacated or resulting from the vacation of said public way.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Ewald, Kronk, Littlefield, Vernor, Watson and the President Pro Tem—6.
Nays—None.

From the Department of Public Works.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Under date of July 17th, your Honorable Body confirmed contract between the Department of Public Works and Joseph Leo, for the construction of Lateral Sewer No. 3979, in the amount of \$9,300.00.

Mr. Leo has made request to be relieved of this contract and to have his certified check in the amount of \$400.00, which accompanied proposal, returned, for the reason that he bid on the job without investigating soil conditions or other difficulties incident to its execution, and is financially unable to carry out terms of contract at bidding price.

We recommend that request be granted and that contract be awarded to the next lowest bidder, Hammen & Co., in the amount of \$11,998.00.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH A. MARTIN,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Vernor:

Resolved, That confirmation of contract entered into between the Department of Public Works and Joseph Leo, for the construction of Lateral Sewer No. 3979, be and is herewith rescinded, and that the Department of Public Works is herewith directed to return to Joseph Leo certified check in the amount of \$400.00, which accompanied proposal.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Ewald, Kronk, Littlefield, Vernor, Watson and the President Pro Tem—6.
Nays—None.

By Councilman Vernor:

Resolved, That contract entered into with the Department of Public Works and Hammen & Co., in the amount of \$11,998.00, for the construction of Lateral Sewer No. 3979, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Ewald, Kronk, Littlefield, Vernor, Watson and the President Pro Tem—6.
Nays—None.

From the Department of Public Works.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—In the paving of Pasadena avenue west of Wabash, a strip of the street abutting P. M. R. R. right-of-way, was left unpaved, and we recommend that this