

Items. The bid for Contract PW-357 is approximately 30% above the City Engineer's estimate, but it is not believed that lower bids will result by re-advertising at this time in view of the closeness of the bids just received.

It is therefore recommended that the contracts be awarded to the bidders designated, and that the Controller be authorized and directed to set up the necessary accounts to cover the cost of these contracts and the cost of advertising, inspection, and contingencies.

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST JONES,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Oakman:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with the bidders as listed above; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby directed to honor vouchers when presented and to charge them against the accounts named in the foregoing communication, the vouchers to include the cost of advertising, inspection, and contingency items, as well as the contract costs; and be it further

Resolved, That from cash not immediately required for capital improvement appropriations, there be loaned to the special assessment revolving fund the total amount of the above approved contracts, such loan to be repaid from special assessments levied against the benefitted district or property or from the proceeds of Special Assessment Bonds payable from such special assessments.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Castator, Comstock, McNamara, Oakman, Rogell, Van Antwerp, and the President—7.
Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

September 25, 1947.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We are returning herewith petition No. 5670 filed by Good Housekeeping Shop and Krulim Investment Co requesting the vacation of 20 foot north and south public alley in block bounded by Wabash, Vermont, Mark and Kirby Avenues.

The vacation of this alley was approved and recommended by the City Plan Commission in their communication to your Honorable Body of July 24, 1947. The petition was then referred to this office by your Committee of the Whole for investigation and report.

We wish to advise that all of our investigations are completed. In response to our inquiries, we have received word from all city departments and private utility companies that they will be unaffected by the

vacation of said alley, or that they have reached satisfactory agreements with the petitioners regarding their installations therein.

In view of the above, we recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST JONES,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, That all of north and south public alley, 20 feet wide, in block bounded by Wabash, Vermont, Mark and Kirby Avenues, lying east of and adjoining the east line of lot 56 of Candler's Subdivision of Blk. 3 to 11, inclusive of lot 3 of the subdivision of the Lafferty Farm, N. of Grand River Road, as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 274, Wayne County Records, and west of and adjoining the west line of lots 51 to 54 both inclusive, of the subdivision of blk. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Outlot 2, Lafferty Farm, N. of Grand River Street as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 281, Wayne County Records.

Be and the same is hereby vacated as a public alley to become a part and parcel of the adjoining property

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Castator, Comstock, McNamara, Oakman, Rogell, Van Antwerp, and the President—7.
Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

September 24, 1947.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole referred petition of Karl W. Scott, et al (3132), requesting the vacation of Prest Avenue south of Tyler to this office for investigation and report.

The vacation of this street was previously approved and recommended by the City Plan Commission in their communication to your Honorable Body of December 11, 1946.

We wish to advise that all of our investigations are completed.

On September 24, 1947, the petitioners deposited into the City Treasury the sum of \$811.30, Receipt No. 21919, credited to Dept. of Water Supply fund Code No. 601-9300-0-6290-908, said amount being the estimated cost of rerouting their 6" water mains necessitated by vacation of said street.

On September 24, 1947 the petitioners deposited with the Permit Division of the Department of Public Works the sum of \$180.00, Receipt No. 71929, to cover the cost of constructing sidewalks on the south side of Tyler Avenue at intersection of Prest Avenue.

All other City departments and private utility companies reported

that they will be unaffected by the vacation of said street.

In view of the above, we recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST JONES,
 Commissioner.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, That all of Prest Avenue, 75 feet wide, south of Tyler Avenue, as platted in Fortuna Park Subdivision, being part of W. 1/2 of N. W. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 of Section 30, T. 1 S., R. 11 E., Greenfield Twp., Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 33, Page 31 of plats, Wayne County Records, lying east of and adjoining the east line of lots 63, 64 and 75, and west of and adjoining the west line of lots 66, 67 and 68, all lots being the same as platted in last mentioned subdivision.

Be and the same is hereby vacated as a public street to become a part and parcel of the adjoining property.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Castator, Comstock, McNamara, Oakman, Rogell, Van Antwerp, and the President—7.
 Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

September 30, 1947.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—In response to the published advertisement, bids were received on September 29, 1947, for the paving of Grandmont from Ellis to Chicago, Contract PW-371, as follows:

Bidder	Amount
Julius Porath and Son Company	\$27,507.60
Sachs and Kaufman	\$27,989.20

The low bid submitted by Julius Porath and Son Company is regular in all respects and is in accordance with the requirements of the contract documents. The bid price is approximately 10 per cent over the City Engineer's estimate, but is not considered out of line inasmuch as the work is to be done this fall. The property owners along the street have been advised that if this work is done in the late fall that prices undoubtedly would be higher than for summer construction.

It is therefore recommended that the contract be awarded to Julius Porath and Son Company in the amount of \$27,507.60, and that the Controller be authorized and directed to set up an account in the amount of \$28,550.00 to cover the cost of this contract and the cost of advertising, inspection and contingencies.

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST JONES,
 Commissioner.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with Julius Porath and Son Company for the paving of Grandmont from Ellis to Chicago, in the amount of \$27,507.60; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby directed to honor vouchers when presented and charge them against Account No. 911-2190-1165, the vouchers to include the cost of advertising, inspection, and contingency items, as well as the contract costs; and be it further

Resolved, That from cash not immediately required for capital improvement appropriations, there be loaned to the special assessment revolving fund the total amount of the above approved contract, such loan to be repaid from special assessments levied against the benefited district or property or from the proceeds of Special Assessment Bonds payable from such special assessments.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Castator, Comstock, McNamara, Oakman, Rogell, van Antwerp, and the President—7.
 Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

September 19, 1947.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Attached hereto is progress report and letter from the City Engineer's office on the grade crossing protection program, for the week ending September 19, 1947.

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST JONES,
 Commissioner.

Department of Public Works

September 19, 1947.

Mr. Ernest Jones,
 Commissioner of Public Works.

Dear Sir—Attached is a tabulation showing the status of progress in the negotiations with all the Railroads for a program of improved crossing protection as of this date.

The schedule below refers to specific construction progress that has been made during the current week.

Pennsylvania-Detroit Belt Line: The foreman for the railroad signal crew reports that warning bell equipment has finally been located for the Meyers Road crossing protection and that the new installation of short-arm gates will be placed in operation at noon today (September 19th).

Excellent progress in connection with the construction work under way, at both the Fullerton Avenue and Joy Road crossings, was accomplished during the week just ending. Completion percentage for Fullerton