

supervision and inspection of the Department of Public Works and all costs entailed to be borne by the petitioners, their successors, or assigns; and further

3) Provided, That no buildings shall be constructed over said sewer without the prior approval of such building construction by the City Engineer and the Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering; and further

4) Provided, in the event that the sewer located in said alley, if built upon, shall break causing damage to any construction above, the petitioners and their assigns, by acceptance of the permit for building over said sewer, waive all claims for damages to such construction and agree to pay all costs incident to the repair of such broken sewer.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Connor, Kronk, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—9.

Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

January 29, 1954.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole referred to this office for investigation and report the petition of the Department of Parks and Recreation requesting the vacation of Minnesota Avenue, between Swift and Hawthorne Avenues within the limits of a recreational site. The vacation of said street was previously approved by the City Plan Commission.

We wish to advise that our investigations are completed.

As per our request, interdepartmental purchase orders were issued by the Department of Parks and Recreation in favor of the following City departments:

(a) Public Lighting Commission, in the amount of \$820.00 to cover costs of removing overhead line equipment in connection with the vacation of the street.

(b) Board of Water Commissioners, in the amount of \$738.70 to cover costs of abandoning 190 feet of 6 inch water main and to plug two tees, necessitated by the vacation of said Minnesota Avenue.

(c) Department of Public Works, in the amount of \$1,050.00 to cover costs of removing the paved returns at the entrance to Minnesota Avenue, between Swift and Hawthorne Avenues and to construct new curbing across the vacated street.

In reply to our inquiries all other City departments and privately owned utility companies reported that they will be unaffected by the vacation of said street, or that they would remove their installations at no cost to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

We recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL D. WARNER,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Van Antwerp:

Resolved, That all of Minnesota Avenue, 50 feet wide as now established, between Swift and Hawthorne Avenues, as platted in Kiefer Homes Subdivision of Part of S.E. ¼ of N.W. ¼ of Section 12, and Part of the N.E. ¼ of S.W. ¼ of Section 12, of T. 1, S., R. 11 E., lying east of D. G. H. and M. R. R., Greenfield Township, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 34, Page 14 of Plats, Wayne County Records, lying north of and adjoining the north line of lots 1 and 2, and south of and adjoining the south line of lots 3 to 6, both inclusive, of 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 Beck, Connor, Kronk, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—9.

Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

January 29, 1954.

Honorable Common Council

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole referred to this office for investigation and report the petition of the Boulevard Congregational Church (4225-1948) (5621-1953) requesting the vacation of the east-west public alley south of Joy Road between Sorrento and Steel Avenues. The vacation of said alley was approved by the City Plan Commission. During our processing of the petition, the petitioner requested that the alley be converted into an easement so that the rights of the utility companies can be more adequately protected.

We wish to advise that our investigations are completed.

As per our directive, on January 29, 1954, the petitioner paid into the City Treasury the sum of \$630.54, Receipt No. A37757, credited to Public Works Maintenance Fund Code No. 143-6221-1, to reimburse the City for the original cost of paving the east ½ of Sorrento Avenue and the west ½ of Steel Avenue at the intersection of the alley requested to be vacated.

The petitioner requested that the paved returns at the entrance to the vacated alleys remain in their present status as they intend to utilize same and have agreed by letter filed with the original petition, to pay all costs incident to the removal of the returns at such time in the future as

their removal becomes necessary, either at the City's or the petitioner's request.

A proper provision is incorporated into the vacating resolution protecting the City's interests in the alley to be vacated.

All other City departments and privately owned utility companies reported that they will be unaffected by the conversion of said alley into an easement.

We recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL D. WARNER,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Van Antwerp:

Resolved, That all that part of east-west public alley, 20 feet wide, in the block south of Joy Road between Sorrento and Steel Avenues, as platted in Robert Oakman Land Company's Aviation Field Subdivision No. 4, as recorded in Liber 58, Page 48 of plats, Wayne County Records, lying north of and adjoining the north line of Lots 2809 and 2901, south of and adjoining the south line of Lots 2802 to 2808, both inclusive, and south of and adjoining the south line of Lots 2902 to 2908, both inclusive, of last mentioned subdivision,

Be and the same is vacated as a public alley and is hereby converted into a public easement of the full width of the alley, which easement shall be subject to the following covenants, agreements, uses, reservations and regulations which shall be observed by the owners of the lots abutting on said alley and by their grantees and assigns, and their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever, to-wit:

First, said owners hereby grant to and for the use of the public an easement or right-of-way over said vacated public alley hereinabove described, for the purpose of installing, maintaining, preparing, removing or replacing any sewer, conduit, telephone, telegraph, electric light or other poles or things usually placed or installed in a public alley in the City of Detroit, with the right to ingress and egress at any time to and over said easements for the purposes above set forth;

Second, said owners for their heirs and assigns further agree that no buildings or structures of any nature whatsoever (except necessary line fences) shall be built or placed upon said easement, unless permission therefor is obtained from the City Engineer;

Third, that if at any time in the future the owners of any lots abutting on said vacated alley shall request the removal and/or relocation of any existing poles or other utilities in said easement, such own-

ers upon whose property the poles or other utilities are located shall pay all costs incident to such removal and/or relocation, unless such charges are waived by the utility owners.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Councilmen Beck, Connor, Kronk, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—9.
Nays—None.

Purchases and Supplies

February 9, 1954.

Honorable Common Council:
Gentlemen—Attached is a copy of a letter from the Department of Water Supply concerning an emergency need for repairs to two (2) motors at the Springwells Pumping Station.

On the basis of prices quoted by Westinghouse Electric Corp. and the National Electric Coil Co., we respectfully request that authority be granted this department to place an order with the low bidder, the National Electric Coil Co., of Columbus, Ohio, as follows:

Rewind Stator of 350 HP Motor No. 2 and 750 HP Motor No. 8, in accordance with specifications, at prices of \$3,580 and \$3,380, respectively, which include freight both ways and are based on completion in three (3) weeks.

Respectfully submitted,
DON E. TROMBLY,
Secretary.

Board of Water Commissioners

February 9, 1954.

Honorable Common Council:
Gentlemen—This is in further reference to the need for emergency repairs for the two motors at the Springwells Pumping Station.

As outlined in our previous letter, we have had troubles with the motors at the Station for the past fifteen years. In this time we have experienced twenty-one main pump electric motor failures. The last two failures occurred in motors of the Low Lift Plant, which is the bottle neck of our entire operations at the Springwells Station. Any further failures occurring in the Low Lift Station while these two pumps are out of service will seriously curtail the pumpage of water for the entire west side of the city.

During the entire time that we have had motor troubles we have been consulting with various experts in the field, such as the General Electric Company, Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, and Electric Machinery Company among the manufacturers. Others with whom we have consulted as to our problem are the Public Lighting Commission, Detroit Edison Company, and experts from the General Motors Company—including Mr. Kettering. For the past