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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

NO. 15 CITY HALL, }
THURSDAY, June 4, 1874, }
2 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in their chamber, No. 15, City Hall.

Present:—Hon. S. B. H. VANCE, President, in the chair, and the following members:

O. P. C. Billings, Robert McCafferty,
S. V. R. Cooper, Joseph A. Monheimer,
John Falconer, John J. Morris,
Richard Flanagan, Oswald Ottendorfer,
Peter Kehr, John Reilly,
George Koch,

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

INVITATION.

Invitation of the directors of the Spring Rifle Association to attend spring meeting and opening matches of the association, to take place Saturday, the 6th inst., on the range at Creedmoor, L. I.

Which was accepted.

APPLICATION.

Application for armory by "G" Co., 27th Regiment Infantry, Mott Haven, N. G. S. N. Y.

Which was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places.

PETITIONS.

Petition of Mrs. Ella Wehrkamp to rent premises for Court rooms corner of 3d avenue and 155th street.

Alderman Billings moved to refer to the Committee on Public Works.

Alderman Monheimer moved to refer to the Committee on Law Department.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Flanagan, Kehr, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—8.

Negative—Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Koch—4.

APPOINTMENT OF JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The President here appointed as the Joint Committee on the part of this Board in reference to the celebration of the approaching anniversary of Independence day, July 4, 1874.

Aldermen Flanagan,

Morris,
Kehr,
Billings and
Reilly.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Flanagan—

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Accounts be and they are hereby directed to make a full and thorough investigation into the books, accounts and transactions of the Commissioners of Charities and Corrections, and to report thereon to this Board at as early a day as they conveniently can.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman McCafferty—

Resolved, That an improved free drinking hydrant be placed on the south-east corner of Second avenue and Fifty-seventh street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Cooper—

Resolved, That Andrew J. Roe, be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Alderman for concurrence.

By Alderman Monheimer—

Resolved, That Samuel M. Slater be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in

place and stead of Wm. H. McCorkle who has failed to qualify.

The president put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
New York, June 4, 1874. }

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN: I have received the report made by a Committee of your number, and the resolution adopted by your Honorable Board in reference to Police Commissioners, Messrs. Gardner and Charlck.

As you decline to make any charge against the officers named, I must assume that you are not at present in a position to substantiate any of the allegations made, either in the report referred to, or in the first resolution adopted by you on this subject in so far as these allegations would authorize any action by me for the removal of these officers.

I have read the report of the Legislative Committee on the Street Cleaning investigation, and also the lengthy proceedings contained in the printed pamphlet of what took place before one of the Judges of the Supreme Court at the instance of Mr. John Kelly and others. As I read the report of your Committee and the resolution of your Honorable Board these are all the papers which were considered by you, and upon which you base the resolution calling upon me to remove the Commissioners, I have never seen the evidence upon which the report of the Legislative Committee is founded.

However much you may be justified by the latter report and by the proceedings before the Supreme Court in directing my attention to the matters therein referred to, it would, in my opinion, be a clear breach of the duty imposed upon me by the charter were I to act as you suggest, and remove the commissioners without any investigation by me, and without affording to the parties complained against the fullest opportunity of explaining whatever is laid to their charge.

My entire duty in the premises I shall perform, and as you have failed to take advantage of the invitation extended to you by me, and prefer charges which you were prepared to substantiate, not by your mere opinion (which, however highly I may think of it, is not the opinion by which my final action must be determined) but by facts verified before me, I shall direct that a thorough investigation be forthwith proceeded with under my immediate supervision, and will take care that you are duly apprised thereof, so that all the facts within your knowledge, if any, may be produced, and my final judgment thereon obtained.

Very respectfully,

W. F. HAVEMEYER,
Mayor.

Alderman Monheimer moved to lay the message on the table.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Flanagan, McCafferty, Monheimer, Ottendorfer, Reilly—7.

Negative—Aldermen Cooper, Falconer, Kehr, Koch, Morris—5.

Also the following:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }

New York, June 4, 1874. }

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—Through the agency of those mysterious influences so potent in and around our legislative halls, a bill was passed by both the Senate and Assembly in the expiring hours of the last session, entitled "An act to incorporate the New York Warehouse and Railway Company, and to improve the commercial facilities of New York," which is now before his Excellency the Governor, for his action thereon.

To the provisions of this bill I invite your attention and the earnest attention of the public.

The bill is pre-eminently the most objectionable of all the legislation attempted or enacted during the last session in reference to the city of New York. It embodies the scheme of a few political and needy adventurers, by which, if consummated, they will be enabled to perpetuate, under the guise of legislative sanction, a more gigantic act of confiscation of the public property than their Tammany predecessors ever dreamt of.

Under the specious plea of improving the commercial facilities of the city, a company is proposed to be organized, authorized to contract and maintain piers, to build warehouses, to construct an elevated railway along the entire water front around the Island. Upon the company no restrictions of any character is proposed to be imposed; their piers, warehouses and railway are to be built and constructed upon the property of the city.

By statutes already in force the city is directed to proceed with certain works in building a new river front, with piers, extending from a new bulkhead line, and the space covered by or embraced within the area of the works bounded by the bulkhead line, it is proposed by

the bill in question to hand over, so far as may be determined, to the adventurous directors of this pretentious company, ostensibly for improving the commercial facilities of the city, but really to improve their own pecuniary facilities by transferring the property of the city to themselves.

As is well known, part of the plan of the new works along the river front, now being proceeded with by the Department of Docks, is the formation of a new street, intended for improving the commercial facilities of the harbor.

It will be the unanimous opinion of the gentlemen connected with the commerce of the harbor, that of all the streets in the city this one should be kept the freest from obstructions. A different opinion is entertained by the directors of this company. The restrictions in their bill, that the line of their proposed railway must be located within 200 feet of the bulkhead line, authorizes them to take possession of this new street, as fast as completed by the Dock Department, and to monopolize the same by constructing thereon their elevated railway, with four tracks, stations, side-tracks and depots, and for this use of the street the bill expressly provides that no compensation shall be awarded or demanded."

Further, the bill authorizes the city "to acquire such real estate and property as may be necessary for the company to carry out its objects and purposes," and the company is authorized to issue to the city "full paid stock in payment thereof." This stock the bill directs to be paid into the "Sinking Fund of the City and County of New York."

This railway the company is authorized to connect with their warehouses and their wharves, and upon the property taken from the city, in exchange for full paid stock of the company, they are authorized to provide facilities for receiving and discharging the cargoes of ships and vessels at the wharves of the city.

In what manner this four-track railway is to be built is left entirely to the discretion of the directors. They may build it as they please, and as high as they please. The space covered by the arches the bill authorizes the company to use for warehouse purposes, or any other purpose they may think proper. The water front of the city is about 17 miles in extent, and to give some idea of the importance of the value of the land thus given to the use and benefit of this company, I have had an estimate made of the value of a small section of the same, extending from the Battery to West Eleventh street, along the North River.

The distance is 11,400 feet, about one-tenth the length of the railway. The space used as the company is authorized to occupy it, would be a good investment at a valuation of eleven million of dollars, and this is merely the surface under the railway used and leased for market stalls, stores, shops, &c., and this without interfering with the revenue of the railway at all. The railway, built as the directors of the company may determine, will form a wall around the city, separating it from its water front. This wall is to be pierced by loo-holes in front of every pier or wharf, twenty-five feet in width, for a cart-way. No provision is made for foot passengers. Imagine the access to Fulton Ferry for vehicles and foot passengers being restricted to twenty-five feet, and what a scene of danger and confusion and scrambling would exist.

It requires very little penetration to see that the rights, franchises, privileges and immunities proposed to be conferred by this bill would create in this company the most gigantic monopoly of modern times. It will place the entire commerce of the harbor under the absolute control of these irresponsible speculators. Almost the entire carriage of goods will be in their hands, and with the privilege of charging for transportation upon the railway whatever rates they please, and discriminating in whatever manner they may think proper; to their warehouses all property must of necessity be consigned, and the facilities provided by them for loading and unloading will alone be patronized. The inevitable result would be that a company incorporated under the false pretence of improving the commercial facilities of the city would be instrumental in destroying its commerce and at the same time would rob it of its sources of revenue.

I must confess that I look upon this bill as of so iniquitous a character in all its provisions that I entertain no fear of its ever receiving the approval of our present Governor. Still, as the influences which secured its passage through both houses of the Legislature, continue at work to manufacture a false public opinion in its favor, the subject is one which ought to receive your immediate attention. That such a bill as this, so infamous in its provisions, so barefaced in its scheme of plunder, should have passed so far on its passage to become a law, suggests a state of public morals of an exceedingly disheartening character.

The commercial interests of the city appear to be wholly unaware of the attempt made to injure their interests through the instrumentality of this Bill, and the Press of the City, with one exception, has been unaccountably silent on the subject. The exception to which I refer has been more of a misfortune than a benefit; for the indiscriminate condemnation which has of late characterized the action of this journal, its puerile malignity, its inability to see anything to approve, except what accords with the worst tactics of party action, and its readiness to condemn, whatever is not strictly in accordance therewith, or calculated to promote its interests, has rendered whatever this journal says of little weight and commands but little attention.

While the public are thus apparently indifferent, the promoters of this Bill are prosecuting actively their measures, to have it placed upon the Statute book. Agents are, I am informed, engaged at a fixed and certain price per name to obtain signatures, with a view of

influencing the action of the Governor in this matter. The facility with which such signatures have been obtained, considering the character of the measure they are given to indorse, show the little reliance which can be placed upon such representations of public opinion. Second mortgage bonds of the company, have, I am informed, been given promiscuously, or promised to be given to secure the same object, and whether the silence of the press, and the inertness of the commercial interest are immediately or remotely attributable to this cause must be a matter of conjecture. But inasmuch as the project is engineered by the persistent adventurer, who attempted the swindle of the Industrial Exhibition, you may rely upon it, that no stone will be left unturned to make this Bill a law.

This adventurer has not the manhood to come forward and publicly defend his scheme, but like a ground mole is working his way silently, and as he thinks effectively, to accomplish his object. If successful, he and his coadjutors boast that they will procure from the Legislature, which they will then be able to command, a bill authorizing the immediate completion of the stone bulkhead, and for this purpose, they confidently hope to invest the Department of Docks with the power to issue untrammeled by the Department of Finance, all bonds necessary to complete this undertaking within two years.

All the facts demonstrate that the entire scheme has been manipulated on the pattern of the Industrial Exhibition Bill. Finding among the incorporators of the present bill the name of Mr. Abram S. Hewitt, a gentleman for whose judgment and patriotism I entertain the highest respect, I addressed him a note to ascertain his views regarding this bill, when he informed me that his name had been used without his consent, that he was opposed to the whole project, and that he had written the Governor to veto the bill.

I have looked in vain for the name of the projector of this and the Industrial Exhibition scheme among the list of incorporators and directors, but true to his instincts he has withheld it, lest the use of it in this connection, as indeed with any other project, with which it might be brought in contact, might prove fatal to the final success of the present fraud.

Very respectfully,

W. F. HAVEMEYER,
Mayor.

Aldermen Reilly moved to refer to the Committee on Railroads.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Also the following:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }

NEW YORK, June 4, 1874. }

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—I return, herewith, without my approval, an ordinance to curb, gutter and flag full width both sides of One hundred and thirty-first street, from Fourth to Fifth avenues, for the reason that I find upon examination, that the north side of said street, between said avenues, is already curbed and flagged with a four foot flag, and there being no houses on that side of the street, it does not appear that the public convenience requires that the same should be flagged full width, while the south side of the street, excepting in front of ten houses, is neither curbed, guttered or flagged, and any ordinance passed by your honorable body having in view curbing, guttering and flagging with a four foot flag this last-mentioned side of the street, would meet with my approval.

W. F. HAVEMEYER.

Which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed in THE CITY RECORD.

REPORTS.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of repealing the resolutions and ordinances for flagging north side Thirty-sixth street, from Lexington to Third avenues, and for flagging east side of Lexington avenue, from Thirty-sixth to Thirty-seventh streets, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed repeal to be proper. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in rescinding said resolution and ordinance, be concurred in.

Resolved, That the resolutions and ordinances approved by the Mayor April 3, 1874, providing for the flagging of north side of Thirty-sixth street, from Lexington to Third avenues, and for flagging east side of Lexington avenue from Thirty-six to Thirty-seventh street, be and the same is hereby annulled, rescinded and repealed.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER,
ROBERT McCAFFERTY,
O. P. C. BILLINGS,

Committee on Streets.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

G. O. 547.

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west side First avenue, between Eighty-second and Eighty-third streets, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution and ordinance, be concurred in.

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the east side of Second avenue, between Eighty-second and Eighty-third streets, on the south side of Eighty-third, between First and Second avenues, and the west side of First avenue, between Eighty-second and Eighty-third streets, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

GEO. KOCH,
JOHN J. MORRIS,
Committee on Public Works.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 548.

The Committee on Street Pavements of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance for paving West Eleventh street, from Sixth to Seventh avenues, with square granite block pavement, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend the adoption of said resolution and ordinance.

Resolved, That West Eleventh street, from Sixth to Seventh avenues, be paved with square granite block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOHN FALCONER,
JOS. A. MONHEIMER,
Committee on Street Pavements.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 549.

The Committee on Street Pavements of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance for paving Sixty-seventh street with granite trap-block pavement, from Fourth to Fifth avenue, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend the adoption of said resolution and ordinance.

Resolved, Sixty-seventh street, from Fourth avenue to Fifth avenue, be paved with granite trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOHN FALCONER,
JOS. A. MONHEIMER,
Committee on Street Pavements.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Street Pavements of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, requesting the Commissioner of Public Works to repair the Belgian pavement on Thirty-fourth street, from the Third avenue to East river, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed repairs to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution, be concurred in.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby requested to repair the Belgian pavement on Thirty-fourth street, from the Third avenue to East river, immediately.

JOHN FALCONER,
JOS. A. MONHEIMER,
Committee on Street Pavements.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

The Committee on Arts and Sciences, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. L. M. Randel in relation to disposing of original field notes, &c., of the Randel Survey of this city, north of North street, respectfully

REPORT:

That they have given the matter careful consideration, and find that the maps and field notes in question comprise an original manuscript map of the harbor of New York, surveyed and protracted by John Randel, Jr., 1806, showing the Long Island shore, from Fort Hamilton to Newtown Creek, and the Jersey shore, from Bergen Point to Weehawken, with the entire north shore of Staten Island, from Fort Tompkins to the Kill von Kull. One map, showing the balance of the above survey, and extending from Weehawken to two miles above Fort Lee, also 69 packages containing 92 maps, various field notes, books and papers, all of great value to the city.

It is true that in the Department of Public Works there are copies of these maps, which do not contain, however, all the land marks, etc., to be found on the originals. It is also undoubtedly true that Mr. Randel rendered the city great benefit for all future time in the preparation of these maps and notes without receiving adequate compensation.

Your Committee requested the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works as to the desirability of purchasing these field notes, and received in reply a letter which is hereto attached, in which he states that in his opinion the city ought to possess these field notes if they can be purchased at a reasonable price, as by their aid it will be possible to establish old water courses, marsh lines and other land marks now partly or entirely obliterated.

Your Committee therefor recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and they are hereby requested to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to purchase the original maps, field notes, etc., of the Randel survey of the city north of North street.

O. P. C. BILLINGS,
JOS. A. MONHEIMER,
JOHN REILLY,
Committee on Arts and Sciences.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

The Committee on Law Department, to whom was referred the annexed communication from the Commissioners of Police, asking the Common Council to ratify an agreement entered into by them with John Davidson, for the purchase of a site for a new station house for the police force of the Nineteenth precinct, together with a resolution giving such endorsement to the acts of the Commissioners, respectfully

REPORT:

That the necessity for the new site and building for the police force of the Nineteenth precinct has been conceded on all hands, and the Commissioners have only acted in obedience to directions from the Common Council in selecting the proposed site, and as provided in section 49 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873. All that is now necessary is the approval by the Common Council, as a matter of fact, of the selection made by the Commissioners. Your committee, therefore, respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

Resolved, That this Common Council does hereby authorize and approve, as provided in section 49 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the purchase from John Davidson, for the sum of thirty thousand dollars, by the Board of Police of the Police Department of the City of New York, of the piece or parcel of land situated on the northerly side of Fifty-seventh street, in the Nineteenth Ward of said city, beginning at a point ninety feet and one inch easterly from the easterly line of Third avenue; running thence northerly, and parallel with Third avenue, one hundred feet to the middle of the block between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets; thence easterly along said middle line of the block, and parallel to the north line of Fifty-seventh street, fifty-nine feet and eleven inches; thence southerly and parallel with the easterly line of Third avenue, and a portion of the distance through a party wall, one hundred feet to the northerly line of Fifty-seventh street; thence westerly, fifty-nine feet eleven inches, to the place of beginning, including that portion of the said party wall which is within the above boundary lines, for the purposes, and on the other terms and conditions more particularly mentioned and contained in the articles of agreement between the above named parties herewith accompanying, dated May 22, 1874.

S. V. R. COOPER,
O. P. C. BILLINGS,
Committee on Law Department.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Ottendorfer, Reilly—7.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—5.

Alderman Billings asked unanimous consent to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That Stephen V. R. Cooper be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City of New York.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—11.

Negative—Alderman Koch—1.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

Resolution to pave Sixty-fifth street, from First to Fifth avenues.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

Resolution to permit Thomas Carroll to erect watering trough corner of Sixth avenue and Twenty-eighth street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Resolution to fence in vacant lots on Fifty-fourth street, 150 feet west of Ninth avenue.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Petition and resolution to pave One hundred and twentieth street, from First to Second avenues.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

G. O. 550.

Resolved, That the centre portion of Second avenue, between Forty-second and Sixty-first

streets, between the railroad tracks which has never been paved, where not now paved, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

Subsequently Alderman Monheimer moved to take up the above paper.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

He then moved to amend by striking from the ordinance the words "which has never been paved," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "where not now paved."

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

The paper was again laid over.

G. O. 551.

Resolved, That the grade of Seventy-first street, from the Ninth avenue to the Boulevard, be changed so as to conform to the red lines and figures on the annexed diagram, and the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to give effect to the provisions of this resolution.

Which was laid over.

Resolution to place an improved free drinking hydrant on northeast corner Eighth avenue and Ninety-third street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Alderman Billings called up

G. O. 404.

being a resolution and ordinance as follows:

Resolved, That on both sides of Sixty-fourth street, between Lexington and Fifth avenues, curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and re-flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

Alderman Billings called up

G. O. 430.

being a resolution and ordinance as follows:

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the south side of Fifty-fourth street, between Madison and Fifth avenues, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

Alderman Cooper called up

G. O. 545.

being a resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, as follows:

Resolved, That lamp-posts be erected, and street lamps lighted in Second avenue, from Sixty-ninth to Seventy-seventh streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would concur with the Board of Assistant Aldermen in adopting said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—11.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

Alderman Cooper called up

G. O. 528.

being a resolution and ordinance as follows:

Resolved, That gas mains be laid and street lamps lighted in Sixty-eighth street, between Lexington and Third avenues, by the Gas Company, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

Alderman Falconer called up

G. O. 537.

being a resolution and ordinance as follows:

Resolved, That Sixty-first street, from the Boulevard to the Ninth avenue, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

Alderman Falconer called up

G. O. 530.

being a resolution and ordinance as follows:

Resolved, That gas mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street lamps lighted in Sixty-eighth street, from Third to Fourth avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed

Alderman McCafferty called up
G. O. 406,

being a resolution and ordinance as follows:

Resolved, That on the east side of Fourth avenue between Forty-second and Forty-fifth streets curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and reflagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Alderman Koch moved to refer to the Committee on Railroads.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman McCafferty called up
G. O. 442,

being a resolution and ordinance as follows:

Resolved, That the sidewalk on north side of Fifty street from Fourth to Madison avenue be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

Alderman Kehr called up
G. O. 405,

being a resolution and ordinance as follows:

Resolved, That the crosswalks across Forty-third, Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, at the easterly intersections of Fourth avenue, be relaid, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected not voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—Aldermen Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, McCafferty, Ottendorfer, Reilly—7.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Koch, Monheimer, Morris—5.

Subsequently, on motion of Alderman McCafferty, the above vote was reconsidered and the paper referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Alderman Ottendorfer called up
G. O. 448,

being a resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, as follows:

Resolved, That Sixty-fourth street, between First and Third avenues, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would concur with the Board of Assistant Aldermen in adopting said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

Alderman Ottendorfer called up
G. O. 542,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That a sewer, with the necessary receiving basins and culverts be built in Sixty-eighth street, from Third to Fourth avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

Alderman Flanagan called up
G. O. 449,

being a resolution and ordinance as follows:

Resolved, That Eighty-first street, from Second to Third avenue, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the

following vote, (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

Alderman Flanagan called up
G. O. 505,

being a resolution and ordinance as follows:

Resolved, That the sidewalks on both sides of Seventy-third street, from Third to Fifth avenues, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

Alderman Reilly called up
G. O. 504,

being a resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, as follows:

Resolved, That a sewer, with the necessary receiving basins and culverts, be built in Madison street, from Gouverneur to Scammell streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would concur with the Board of Assistant Aldermen in adopting said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

Alderman Reilly called up
G. O. 539,

being a resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, as follows:

Resolved, That a free drinking hydrant be placed on the south-east corner of Broome and Essex streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would concur with the Board of Assistant Aldermen in adopting said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

Alderman Morris called up
G. O. 536,

being a resolution and ordinance as follows:

Resolved, That Eighty-Eighth street, between Avenue A and First avenue, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

Alderman Morris called up
G. O. 531,

being a resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, as follows:

Resolved, That the sidewalk on north side of Fifty-fourth street, Sixth to Seventh avenues, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would concur with the Board of Assistant Aldermen in adopting said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

Alderman Monheimer called up
G. O. 457,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That Eighty-first street, from

Fourth avenue to Fifth avenue, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Flanagan, Kehr, McCafferty, Morris, Reilly—5.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Monheimer, Ottendorfer—9.

Alderman Monheimer moved to take from the table paper No. 20, being a resolution in favor of placing and lighting two lamps in front of the residence of each of the ex-Mayors of this city.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen McCafferty, Morris, Reilly—3.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Monheimer, Ottendorfer—9.

Alderman Billings called up
G. O. 393,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That on both sides of Sixty-third street, between Lexington and Fifth avenues, curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and reflagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected not voting in favor of the said motion):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer—11.

On motion of Alderman Billings the above vote was re-considered and the paper was again laid over.

Alderman Morris moved that the Board do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

And the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Thursday next, the 11th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M.

JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY,
Clerk.

BOARD OF CITY RECORD.

The Board of City Record met in the Mayor's Office, Wednesday, June 3, 1874.

Present—The Mayor, Counsel to the Corporation, Commissioner of Public Works and Comptroller.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Counsel to the Corporation offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following bill be approved and referred to the Chairman of the Board, for certification and requisition upon the Comptroller for payment, to be paid for out of the appropriation specified.

Publication of the CITY RECORD.

P. W. Rhodes, printing, &c., CITY RECORD for May, 1874.....\$944 63

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree with such resolution, which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Counsel to the Corporation and Commissioner of Public Works.

The Commissioner of Public Works offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following bills be referred to the Chairman of the Board for certification, and if found in accordance with the terms of the contract, to be paid for out of the appropriation for the same :

James A. Flack, printing and binding proceedings of Board of Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen, 1872.....\$1,337 30

James A. Flack, printing and binding proceedings of Board of Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen, 1872.....1,768 90

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree with such resolution, which

was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Counsel to the Corporation and Commissioner of Public Works.

The Commissioner of Public Works offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That we now proceed to open the bids for printing and distributing the CITY RECORD.

The chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to such resolution, which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor, Counsel to the Corporation and Commissioner of Public Works.

The following bids were opened and severally read :

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OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

STATEMENT OF THE HOURS DURING WHICH all the Public Offices in the City are open for business, and at which each Court regularly opens and adjourns, as well as of the places where such offices are kept and such Courts are held.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office, No. 6, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. Mayor's Marshal, No. 5, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. Permit Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 2 P. M. License Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 2 P. M.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Clerk of the Common Council and of Board of Supervisors, 7 and 8, City Hall, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Clerk of Board of Assistant Aldermen, 9½ City Hall, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

NEW COUNTY COURT HOUSE, OFFICE HOURS 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.

Comptroller's Office, West end.

1. Bureau for the collection of the revenue accruing from rents and interest on bonds and mortgages, and revenue arising from the use or sale of property belonging to or managed by the city; Ground floor, west end.

2. Bureau for the Collection of Taxes; Brown stone building, City Hall Park.

3. Bureau for the Collection of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and Water Rents; Ground floor, west end.

4. Auditing Bureau; Main floor, west end.

5. Bureau of Licenses; Ground floor, west end.

6. Bureau of Markets; Ground floor, west end.

7. Bureau for the reception of all moneys paid into the Treasury in the City, and for the payment of money on warrants drawn by the Comptroller and countersigned by the Mayor, at the Office of Chamberlain and County Treasurer; Main floor, west end.

8. Bureau for the Collection of Assessments; Rotunda.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Counsel to the Corporation, Staats Zeitung Building, 3d floor; 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Public Administrator, 115 and 117 Nassau street, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Corporation Attorney, 115 and 117 Nassau street, 8½ a. m. to 4½ p. m.

Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes, 237 Broadway, room 5, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Attorney to the Department of Buildings, 20 Nassau street, room 52, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

NO. 300 MULBERRY STREET, ALWAYS OPEN.

Central Office.

Commissioners' Office.

Superintendent's Office.

Inspectors' Office.

Chief Clerk's Office, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Property Clerk,

Bureau of Street Cleaning, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Bureau of Elections, " "

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

CITY HALL, 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.

Commissioners' Office, No. 19.

Chief Clerk's Office, No. 20.

Contract Clerk's Office, No. 21.

Engineer in charge of Sewers, No. 22.

" Boulevard & Avenues, No. 18½.

Bureau of Repairs and Supplies, No. 18.

" " Lamps and Gas, No. 13.

" " Incumbrances, No. 13.

" " Street Improvements, No. 11.

" " Chief Engineer Croton Aqueduct, No. 11½.

" " Water Register, No. 10.

" " Water Purveyor, No. 4.

" " Streets and Roads, No. 13.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Central Office, No. 66 Third avenue, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Out Door Poor Department, No. 66 Third avenue, always open; entrance on 11th street.

Free Labor Bureau, 8 and 10 Clinton pl. 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Reception Hospital, City Hall Park, N. E. corner, always open.

Reception Hospital, 99th st. and 10th av., always open.

Bellevue Hospital, foot of 26th street, E. R. " "

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

NOS. 127 AND 129 MERCER ST, 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.

Commissioners' Office, Chief of Department.

Inspectors of Combustibles, Fire Marshal.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

NO. 301 MOTT STREET.

Commissioner's Office, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Sanitary Superintendent, always open.

Register of Records, for granting burial permits, on all days of the week except Sunday from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m., and on Sundays from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Commissioners' Office, 36 Union Sq., 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Commissioners' Office, 346 and 348 Broadway corner Leonard street, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

Commissioners' Office, Brown stone building, City Hall Park, 32 Chambers st., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. on Saturday 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Surveyor's Bureau, 19 Chatham st., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Board of Assessors, " "

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

Superintendent's Office, 2 Fourth av., 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.

BOARD OF EXCISE.

Commissioners' Office, 299 Mulberry st., 9 a. m., 4 p. m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

CORNER GRAND AND ELM STREETS.

Office of the Board, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Superintendent of Schools, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

Office, No. 32 Chambers street, (basement.)

COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION.

CASLE GARDEN.

Commissioners' Office, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Superintendent's Office, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

THE CITY RECORD.

Office No. 2, City Hall, N. W. corner basement, 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS OFFICES.

HOURS 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.

Coroner's Office, 40 E. Houston street.

Sheriff's Office, first floor, N. E. corner New Court House.

County Clerk's Office, first floor, S. W. corner New Court House.

Surrogate's Office, first floor, S. E. corner New Court House.

Register's Office, Hall of Records, City Hall Park.

District Attorney's Office, second floor Old Court House, 32 Chambers street, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.

Commissioner's Office, basement brown stone building City Hall Park, 32 Chambers st., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

COURTS.

SUPREME COURT.

General Term, Special Term, Chambers, Circuit Part I, Circuit Part II, Second floor, New Court House, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

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