

Council Chamber, Ann Arbor, Mich.,
Jan. 3, 1910.

REGULAR SESSION.

Meeting called to order by Pres. Mills. Present: Ald. Georg, Staffan, Sherk, Manwaring, Blaich, Lutz, Patton, Pres. Mills, 8. Absent: Ald. Stark, Murray, Hochrein, Sweet, Pipp, St. James, Smith, 7. Minutes of previous meeting approved. (Enter Ald. Murray.)

PETITIONS.

Of L. D. Carr, agent White estate, for opening of Creek st., received and referred to Street and Sidewalk committees.

Of Mrs. K. C. Caspari, relative to charge for sidewalk constructed in 1906, received and referred to Sidewalk committee.

(Enter Ald. Smith.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Finance Report.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Jan. 3rd, 1910.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—Your committee on finance have had the city bills under consideration and recommend their allowance and warrants ordered drawn for the following amounts.

George Blaich, Wm. H. Murray, Finance Committee.

Contingent Fund—

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| Ann Arbor Gas Co., City Hall, council, etc | \$ 4.80 |
| Washtenaw Light & Pow. Co., city hall and clock | 26.99 |
| Horatio J. Abbottt, services | 1.06 |
| Mrs. Lena Brink, settlement of claim | 45.00 |
| Mrs. M. E. Easterly, washing, city hall | 12.00 |
| The Times-News Co., printing | 46.40 |
| Schairer & Kerr, printing | 3.00 |
| Wm. Goodyear & Co., supplies | 1.25 |
| M. M. Seabolt, supplies | .50 |
| Schumacher & Backhaus, supplies, etc. | .60 |
| Heinzmann & Laubengayer coal | 15.00 |
| E. D. Hiscock, coal | 28.75 |
| E. P. Cook, cartage | 1.00 |
| Burroughs Adding Machine Co., attention to machine | 2.50 |
| G. F. Willey, milk analyses | 3.00 |
| H. J. Brown, supplies | 9.75 |
| League of Mich. Municipalities, annual dues | 15.00 |

Total Contingent fund . . . \$ 216.60

Fire Fund—

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| Ann Arbor Gas Co., light etc. | \$ 13.83 |
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| Washtenaw Light & Pow Co. light | 6.36 |
| Martin Haller, supplies | 2.00 |
| Scrumacher's Hardware, supplies | 3.59 |
| Schumacher & Backhaus, supplies | 3.50 |
| M. M. Seabolt, supplies | .40 |
| D. J. Malloy, supplies and repairs | 27.85 |
| G. J. Klager, hay | 37.17 |
| Seybold & Esslinger, re-fitting hose wagon | 184.45 |
| C. W. Cornell, horseshoeing | 6.20 |
| H. Otto & Son, horseshoeing | 7.00 |

Total Fire fund \$ 292.35

Police Fund—

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| Michigan State Tel. Co., tolls | \$ 1.25 |
| Schumacher's Hardware supplies, etc. | 13.75 |
| Theo. C. Apfel, expenses paid | 2.15 |

Total Police fund \$ 17.15

Poor Fund—

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| Theurer & Walker, supplies | \$ 18.86 |
| Helber Bros., supplies | 6.00 |
| Gruner & Co., supplies | 2.70 |
| O. F. Blaess, supplies | 1.88 |
| W. M. Shadford, wood | 116.66 |
| Ernest Rehberg, hauling wood | 5.00 |
| John Huber, labor | 3.56 |
| Clarence Hobert, labor | 2.25 |

Total Poor fund \$ 156.79

Street Lighting Fund—

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| Washtenaw Light & Pow Co., light | \$ 953.19 |
| Welsbach St. Lighting Co., light | 224.37 |
| Ann Arbor Gas Co., light | 4.30 |

Total \$ 1,181.86

Street Fund—

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| William Bury, labor | \$ 8.89 |
| Julius Loehrke, labor | 6.22 |
| Fred Ulrich, labor | 7.11 |
| Walter Schneider, team | 2.23 |
| Elsifor Bros. snow plowing | 51.00 |
| John Herrst, snow plowing | 30.00 |
| Jos. Wallaker, snow plowing | 7.50 |
| George Weeks, snow plowing | 13.50 |

Total labor \$ 126.45

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| Jno. C. Fischer, supplies | \$ 6.30 |
| Staebler & Co., supplies | 2.40 |
| Christian Schlenker, supplies | 3.50 |
| L. Weinman, gravel | 9.70 |
| G. F. Allmendinger, gravel | 13.80 |
| Hutzel & Co., repairs, etc. | 2.50 |
| Seybold & Esslinger, repairs etc. | 19.60 |

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| Total supplies, etc. | \$ 57.80 |
| Total Street fund | \$ 184.25 |
| Sidewalk Fund— | |
| King Bruce, labor .. | \$ 3.60 |
| William Bury, labor .. | 10.67 |
| Michael Herey, labor .. | 3.60 |
| Michael Hession, labor | 15.20 |
| Michael Hession, Jr., labor.. | 4.00 |
| John Holka, labor .. | 2.00 |
| William Kuehn, labor .. | 1.00 |
| Matthias Luippold, labor .. | 1.60 |
| Fred Ulrich, labor .. | 12.45 |
| William Wood, labor .. | 2.80 |

Total Sidewalk fund .. \$ 56.92

Recapitulation.

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| Contingent fund .. | \$ 216.60 |
| Fire.... | 292.35 |
| Police .. | 17.15 |
| Poor .. | 156.79 |
| Street lighting .. | 1,181.86 |
| Street..... | 184.25 |
| Sidewalk .. | 56.92 |

Total .. \$2,105.92

Approved and respectfully submitted to the Finance committee.

ROSS GRANGER, City Clerk.

Ald. Blaich moved the adoption of the report. Adopted as follows: Yeas—Ald. Georg, Murray, Staffan, Sherk, Manwaring, Smith, Blaich, Lutz, Paton, Pres. Mills, 10. Nays, none.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan: Gentlemen—Your committee, having under consideration the petition of Louis P. Hall and Marie L. H. Walker, respectfully report that we recommend that said petition be granted.

E. B. Manwaring, Geo. Blaich, A. H. Paton, C. L. Staffan, Street Committee.

Ald. Paton moved the adoption of the report. Adopted as follows: Yeas—Ald. Georg, Murray, Staffan, Sherk, Manwaring, Smith, Blaich, Lutz, Paton, Pres. Mills 10. Nays, none.

Petition follows—

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 28, 1909.

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan: Gentlemen—We, the undersigned, heirs of Olivia B. Hall, deceased, respectfully petitioning your Honorable Body, herewith call to your attention the following facts upon which we base our petition:

1. On May 18, 1903, Louis P. Hall, on behalf of Olivia B. Hall, filed a petition with your Honorable Body asking that the alleys between Lincoln

ave. and Martin ave. and between Martin ave. and Baldwin ave. in the city of Ann Arbor, be changed in accordance with a map attached to said petition.

2. Your Honorable Body, on said date, by resolution, granted this petition so far only as it related to the alleys between Martin ave. and Baldwin ave. and instructed the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and accept the necessary deeds to make such changes, but no action was taken upon the petition, so far as it related to the alleys between Lincoln ave. and Martin ave.

3. On May 26, 1903, Olivia B. Hall executed a deed conveying two alleys to the city of Ann Arbor, one between Martin ave. and Baldwin ave. and one between Lincoln ave. and Martin ave., one hundred and thirty-two feet south of Israel ave., and said deed was recorded on June 2, 1903.

4. On June 16, 1909, your petitioners, as heirs of Olivia B. Hall, deceased, believing that the city of Ann Arbor had accepted said deed only so far as it referred to the first alley, namely, that between Martin and Baldwin avenues, but had not accepted it so far as it related to the second alley, namely, that between Lincoln and Martin avenues, filed with the City Clerk a notice directed to your Honorable Body, withdrawing the offer of the second alley, contained in said deed, and respectfully asked that the city of Ann Arbor quit claim this second alley back to the heirs of Olivia B. Hall, deceased.

5. Upon receiving notice of this petition, Jacob Reighard, owner of a portion of the land abutting upon this alley, objected to its being granted, on the ground that he, as an abutting owner, had rights in said alley, which would be infringed by such action on the part of the city, and by reason of his objection said petition was not granted.

6. All the owners of land abutting upon this alley are now desirous of having it vacated, and having the titles to their respective portions of said alley cleared and quieted.

7. Unless the city formally accepts the said alley, there will be a perpetual cloud upon the title of this strip of land, for the reason that this alley was excluded from the resolution granting the aforementioned petition of Louis P. Hall, and such cloud, if not removed by your Honorable Body, cannot be removed otherwise than by a resort to litigation.

8. This strip of land is of no value to the city as an alley, for no alley is needed in this location, and to open it and maintain it as an alley would be a useless expense to the city; furthermore, if retained as an alley, it will make the adjoining property less desirable and less valuable, and will seriously interfere with plans now pending for the improvement of the property contiguous to said alley, and will tend to discourage and prevent the erection of valuable residences in that neighborhood.

For the foregoing reasons, your petitioners hereby withdraw the aforesaid notice, which they filed with the City Clerk on June 13, 1909, and respectfully pray that your Honorable Body accept said alley running from Lincoln ave. to Martin ave., one hundred and thirty-two feet south of Israel ave., and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and instructed to make deeds conveying this strip of land to the owners of the property abutting on the same, each to receive a ten-foot strip abutting upon his property, said deeds to be delivered whenever there shall be filed with the City Clerk a petition to that effect signed by the owners of all the property abutting upon said alley. Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS P. HALL.

MARIE L. H. WALKER.

I approve the granting of this petition.

JACOB REIGHARD.

By Ald. Paton: Whereas, the abutting property owners on the alley between Lincoln and Martin aves., 132 feet south of Israel ave., have agreed upon a division of said alley,

Therefore be it resolved, that the petition of Louis P. Hall and Marie L. H. Walker, dated Dec. 28, 1909, relative to said alley, be granted, and that the said alley be, and the same is hereby accepted, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized, and they are hereby directed to execute and deliver quit-claim deeds to said abutting owners, on their filing with the City Clerk their said agreement signed by all of the abutting owners.

Adopted as follows: Yeas—Ald. Georg, Murray, Staffan, Sherk, Manwaring, Smith, Blaich, Lutz, Paton, Pres. Mills, 10. Nays, none.

OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Reports of Wm. G. Doty and Frank A. Ritchie, Justices of the Peace, for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1909; City Marshal's report for month ending Dec. 31, 1909, and report from Board of Health for year ending Dec. 31,

1909, received, and, on motion of Ald. Sherk, accepted and ordered on file, the report from Board of Health to be printed in the minutes.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor: Since the monthly bulletin of this city, formerly published by the Board of Health, was discontinued by resolution of the Council last January, a brief report of the work of that Board for the year 1909 is hereby presented.

During the past year, 290 cases of contagious disease have been reported to the Health Officer. As a matter of comparison, the following figures are given for the years 1906, 1907, 1908, and 1909 inclusive:

| | 1906 | 1907 | 1908 | 1909 |
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| Chickenpox..... | 13 | 2 | 8 | 28 |
| Smallpox..... | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Measles..... | 194 | 7 | 4 | 97 |
| Tuberculosis... | 52 | 32 | 12 | 71 |
| Pneumonia..... | 19 | 17 | 11 | 9 |
| Scarlet fever... | 18 | 6 | 20 | 15 |
| Typhoid fever... | 10 | 13 | 8 | 10 |
| Diphtheria..... | 13 | 7 | 9 | 4 |
| Erysipelas..... | 12 | 11 | 3 | 9 |
| Whooping cough | 18 | 20 | 4 | 46 |
| Mumps..... | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 |

Totals..... 351 120 80 290

In some cases, these statistics are misleading, because: physicians are careless in regard to reporting the less dangerous or less communicable diseases, so-called, i. e., measles, chickenpox, whooping cough, erysipelas and pneumonia, and it is extremely doubtful whether the figures given for these are very reliable.

For instance, in 1906, there were 194 cases of measles reported, while in 1907 there were but 7, and only 4 in 1908.

However, smallpox, scarlet fever, typhoid fever and diphtheria have, I believe, always been promptly reported, and under the new law, tuberculosis is reported also. Considering the first four we have:

| | 1906 | 1907 | 1908 | 1909 |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Smallpox..... | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Scarlet fever... | 18 | 6 | 20 | 15 |
| Typhoid fever... | 10 | 13 | 8 | 10 |
| Diphtheria..... | 13 | 7 | 9 | 4 |
| Totals..... | 43 | 27 | 37 | 19 |

But nineteen of the more serious contagious diseases during the year is a most remarkable record for a city the size of Ann Arbor.

The increase in the number of cases of tuberculosis reported, can be attributed to the effect of the new state law. The reports under this law be-

gan Oct. 1, 1909. Since that time there have been reported to this Board 27 cases of tuberculosis. Of this number, 10 were residents of Ann Arbor, while 17 were non-residents, coming here only for medical examinations. Unfortunately, Ann Arbor is credited with this number by the State Bureau.

Practically all the cases of typhoid fever, during the past four years, can be traced to outside infections, or infections from other patients, while it has been impossible to demonstrate positively any cases of infection from our city water supply. In this regard it is pertinent to say that with the new system of ozonization of all river water used by the local company, danger of any typhoid epidemic seems to be minimized.

During the past year there were 357 births reported, and 294 deaths. The mortality report, however, is most unjustly misleading—of the number of deaths 139, or nearly half, were among non-residents, i. e., patients from out of town coming to the hospitals, or among students, who are not included in our population.

Regarding the expense incurred, directly or indirectly, by this Board, in combating contagious disease: the following figures for the years 1906 to 1909 inclusive, as taken from the files of the County Clerk, are of interest.

In 1906 for the city of Ann Arbor the county paid \$1,351.25 for medical attendance upon patients suffering from contagious diseases etc.; \$933.90 for supplies, nursing, etc., to such patients. Total \$2,285.15.

In 1907 for medical attendance \$568.00
For supplies and nurses, etc... 592.49

Total \$1 160.49
In 1908 for medical attendance \$360.50
For supplies and nurses, etc... 684.02

Total \$1,044.52
In 1909 for medical attendance \$ 85.00
For supplies, etc..... 277.27

Total \$362.27

During the year past, the city has had to pay for this department other than regular salaries, practically nothing except for milk analyses. This work, i. e., milk analysis, is justified in the showing of the mortality reports, and the limited infectious and contagious diseases. Our dairy and milk inspection undoubtedly could be improved upon, but at present farm and herd conditions and character of milk are all far in advance of those

found in the larger cities throughout the country. If much more stringent rules are enforced, milkmen will send their milk to other markets (as many do now), where the requirements are not so strict, and we will face either a milk famine, or an increase in the price of milk.

The streets of the city generally are well supplied with sanitary sewers. Unfortunately, in some cases, such streets are not piped for water, and the sewers are rendered useless, from lack of opportunity to use them. This seems an unjust tax on the residents along such streets, and it is advised that in the future the committees having such matters in charge work together, to the end that water pipes may in all cases accompany sewers. An early effort should also be made to place water pipes on streets not now so supplied, but having sewers.

The proper collection and disposal of garbage is a problem which has not yet been satisfactorily solved. Both the existing garbage ordinance and contract, are unsatisfactory in some points, and need revision at the first opportunity. The Council should allow itself sufficient time before the expiration of the present contract (Sept., 1911), to carefully study this question, and to remedy, in so far as possible, existing deficiencies.

The many complaints daily coming to the office of the Health Officer, amply demonstrate the need of the Sanitary Policeman. He investigates all complaints, in addition to his regular duties of dairy inspections, collecting milk samples, placarding and maintaining quarantines, and is a large factor in keeping the garbage nuisance reduced to the minimum.

While the city has been singularly fortunate, during the past two years, in escaping serious epidemics of any sort, such continued good fortune can not be hoped for. Suitable provision should be made for the care of patients suffering from contagious diseases.

The present contagious disease hospital is both inefficient and unsuitable. Without either water or sewer connections, and located as it is, it is practically prohibited for the care of those seriously sick. I have declined to send women patients there in the winter time, preferring to quarantine them in their quarters to sending them to this building.

If necessary, the city should issue bonds for the erection of a proper

contagious disease hospital, to which patients could be removed and where they could be properly cared for.

It is, of course, manifest that many matters of minor importance come daily before the Health Officer, the enumeration of which seems unnecessary in this report, which is intended simply as a brief outline of the work accomplished during the past years, together with such suggestions for the coming year as seem

most important.

J. F. BREAKEY, Health Officer.

Jan. 3, 1910.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Staffan: Resolved, that crosswalks be constructed on the S. side of Summit st., across Fourth and Fifth aves. Referred to Street committee.

The Council adjourned.

ROSS GRANGER, Clerk.