MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

Board of Aldermen.

[OFFICIAL.]

STATED SESSION—MONDAY, Feb. 1, 1864.

Present—John T. Henry, Esq., President; Aldermen Fox, McMahon, McCool, Shannon, Chipp, McKnight, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Masterson, Ottiwell, Farley and Long.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Alderman RYERS—

Remonstrance of the Blind Mechanics' Association against having an appropriation donated to them by the Common Council.

Which was referred to Committee on Finance.

By the President—

Petition of Jane S. Barrett to be relieved from erroneous taxes.

Which was referred to Committee on Taxes.

INVITATION.

Invitation to attend the annual ball of the Live Oak Club.

Which was accepted.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman HARDY—

Whereas, The Special Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, appointed upon recommendations contained in the annual message of his Honor the Mayor, are now engaged in investigating the affairs of the City Inspector's Department, particularly the charges of malfeasance contained in communications from Thomas N. Carr, Esq., late Superintendent of Sanitary Inspection; and whereas, several witnesses, whose testimony is supposed to have an important bearing on the question, and whose evidence it is absolutely necessary to obtain in order to assist such committee in arriving at a clear understanding of the merits of the case have failed to appear and testify of them, having been duly notified to do so; be it therefore

Resolved, That the said Special Committee be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to send for persons and papers and to compel the attendance of such witnesses as in their judgment may be necessary to assist them in their investigations in the affairs of that department of the city government.

By Alderman McKNIGHT—

Whereas, in the increased cost of every article of consumption, house rent, fuel, &c., adding greatly to the expense of living, and from all appearance this rate of expense will continue; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the salary of the laborers in the Street Commissioner and City Inspector's Departments be increased from one dollar and seventy-five cents to the sum of two dollars per day, said increase to take effect from the 1st day of January, 1864.

Which was referred to Committee on Finance.

By Alderman OTTIWELL—

Resolved, That permission be, and the same is hereby, given to Bennett, Hale & Co., No. 356 Broadway, to keep show case in front of their premises, the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman [illegible]—

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for building a pier at the foot of Twenty-sixth street, North river, said pier to be of the usual dimensions.

Which was referred to Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

By Alderman OTTIWELL—

Resolved, That the Committee on National Affairs be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to procure a stand of colors for the Eighty-fourth regiment New York State Volunteers.

Which was referred to Committee on National Affairs.

By Alderman LONG—

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to have the Sixth avenue, from 129th street to Harlem river, regulated and graded without delay.

Which was referred to Committee on Roads.

By Alderman SHANNON—

Whereas, the Hudson River Railroad Company, under regulations authorized by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, having been permitted to use their several tracks on Tenth avenue, West and Hudson streets, for the purpose of drawing thereon freight cars, but have of late coupled together said cars, so that they are drawn at so slow a rate of speed and at such a length as to interfere with the travel of said streets, and at times to cause undue obstructions thereof, particularly at street intersections; and whereas, a new regulation is expedient to correct said evils; therefore be it resolved—

1. That said company are prohibited from drawing upon and over said tracks more than one freight car with a team or teams of horses and mules at a time, or from so drawing a car at a less speed, except when starting or necessarily coming to a stop, of ten miles per hour, or from stopping said car on any portion of said tracks in the public streets longer than is absolutely necessary to avoid collisions; but nothing herein contained shall prevent said company from drawing as many several freight cars, with said limitation of one team or teams of horses attached to each single car, as may be necessary to the said transaction of its freighting business; provided that no car shall follow another car at a shorter distance apart than the length of one block, and only at the rate of speed aforesaid.

2. That if any agent or employe of said Company shall offend against the foregoing regulation, he shall forfeit, as a penalty, on conviction before any police justice, the sum of $5 for each offence, one-half of said penalty to be paid by the police justice collecting or receiving said sum of penalty to the informer, and the remaining one-half to be paid into the City Treasury.

3. And it shall hereby make the duty of the Superintendent of Railroads, and of each [illegible], to see that the foregoing regulations are observed.

Which were adopted.

By Alderman McKNIGHT—

Resolved, That the Gas Light Company be directed to lay mains and set lamp posts, &c., and to have Seventy-ninth street, from Second avenue to the East river, lighted with gas immediately, the same to be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman RYERS—

Resolved, That the Committee on National Affairs be authorized and directed to procure a regimental stand of colors for the Sixteenth regiment New York State Artillery.

Which was referred to Committee on National Affairs.

By Alderman LONG—

Resolved, That the Fourth avenue, from One Hundred and Ninth to One Hundred and Sixteenth streets, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones reset, and the sidewalks be flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to Committee on Roads.

By the same—

Resolved, That One Hundred and Twenty-third street, from the Third to the Fourth avenues be regulated and graded, and the curb and gutter stones reset, and the sidewalks be flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to Committee on Roads.

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2. That if any agent or employe of said Company shall offend against the foregoing regulation, he shall forfeit, as a penalty, on conviction before any police justice, the sum of $5 for each offence, one-half of said penalty to be paid by the police justice collecting or receiving said sum of penalty to the informer, and the remaining one-half to be paid into the City Treasury.

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Which were adopted.

By Alderman McKNIGHT—

Resolved, That the Gas Light Company be directed to lay mains and set lamp posts, &c., and to have Seventy-ninth street, from Second avenue to the East river, lighted with gas immediately, the same to be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was adopted.

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Which was referred to Committee on Roads.

By Alderman HARDY—

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire Department be requested to report a resolution for the purchase of a new hose carriage for Hose Company No. 31.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Finance presented a report concurring to pay Thomas Carroll for the funerals of the late Colonel O'Meara and General Corcoran.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Streets presented a report to raise the sidewalks of Nos. 35 and 37 Desbrosses street, and Nos. 268 and 26 West street, to conform to the established grades.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Fire Department presented a report concurring with the Board of Councilmen, granting a new hose carriage to Hose Company No. 31.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Finance presented a report concurring to pay Thomas Coman excess of inspector's fees as Inspector of Incumbrances.

Which was laid over.

MESSAGE FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, Feb. 1, 1864.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:—

GENTLEMEN—The accompanying resolution, giving permission to Calvin Witty to exhibit goods on the stoop of his place of business, No. 450 Broadway, is returned without my approval.

My objection thereto is based on the statement made to me by Mr. Jeffries, who is engaged in business at the same building, who represents that the privilege proposed in the resolution to be granted to Mr. Witty will obstruct the light and cause a serious injury to the remonstrant. I am convinced that your honorable body would in no case grant permits of a character similar to the above where the neighbors or persons engaged in business in the vicinity are incommoded thereby. It would be inequitable thus to allow one man a privilege that operates to the inconvenience or detriment of others.

C. GODFREY GUNTHER, Mayor.

Which was received, laid on the table, entered in the minutes and ordered to be published in all the corporation papers.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Comptroller transmitting statement of payments to families of volunteer soldiers for the fortnight ending January 23, 1864.

Which was ordered on file.

A communication was received from the Central Park Commissioners, transmitting their annual report for the year ending 1864.

Which was received, and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed in due form.

A communication was received from the Street Commissioner relative to an appropriation required to complete work, in case of failure on the part of contractors to finish work, &c., when the same is paid for by assessments.

Which was referred to Committee on Finance.

A communication was received from the City Inspector nominating John S. Roach as Assistant Health Warden of the Fourth ward, in place of James Walsh, resigned.

Which was confirmed on a division, viz:—

Affirmative—Alderman Fox, the President, Aldermen McMahon, Shannon, Chipp, McKnight, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Masterson, Ottiwell, Farley and Long—13.

PAPERS HERETOFORE LAID OVER.

Report of Committee on Finance, in favor of adopting resolution that the Comptroller be authorized to draw his warrant in favor of Jesse Kane, for the sum of $250, to be in full payment for loss of horse, cart and harness from the dumping ground, foot of Roosevelt street, the same to be charged to the account of Donations.

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Alderman Fox, the President, Aldermen McMahon, Shannon, Chipp, McKnight, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Masterson, Ottiwell, Farley and Long—13.

Report of Committee on Roads, in favor of adopting resolution that Ninetieth street, from Broadway to the Ninth avenue, be regulated and graded and the curb and gutter stones set, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and the accompanying ordinance therefore be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Alderman Fox, the President, Aldermen McMahon, Shannon, Chipp, McKnight, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Masterson, Ottiwell, Farley and Long—14.

The Committee on Finance presented a report concurring to pay William Carroll for the funerals of the late Colonel O'Meara and General Corcoran.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Streets presented a report concurring in the following resolution, viz:—

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to have the Sixth avenue, from 129th street to Harlem river, regulated and graded without delay.

Which was referred to Committee on Roads.

By Alderman SHANNON—

Whereas, the Hudson River Railroad Company, under regulations authorized by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, having been permitted to use their several tracks on Tenth avenue, West and Hudson streets, for the purpose of drawing thereon freight cars, but have of late coupled together said cars, so that they are drawn at so slow a rate of speed and at such a length as to interfere with the travel of said streets, and at times to cause undue obstructions thereof, particularly at street intersections; and whereas, a new regulation is expedient to correct said evils; therefore be it resolved—

1. That said company are prohibited from drawing upon and over said tracks more than one freight car with a team or teams of horses and mules at a time, or from so drawing a car at a less speed, except when starting or necessarily coming to a stop, of ten miles per hour, or from stopping said car on any portion of said tracks in the public streets longer than is absolutely necessary to avoid collisions; but nothing herein contained shall prevent said company from drawing as many several freight cars, with said limitation of one team or teams of horses attached to each single car, as may be necessary to the said transaction of its freighting business; provided that no car shall follow another car at a shorter distance apart than the length of one block, and only at the rate of speed aforesaid.

2. That if any agent or employe of said Company shall offend against the foregoing regulation, he shall forfeit, as a penalty, on conviction before any police justice, the sum of $5 for each offence, one-half of said penalty to be paid by the police justice collecting or receiving said sum of penalty to the informer, and the remaining one-half to be paid into the City Treasury.

3. And it shall hereby make the duty of the Superintendent of Railroads, and of each [illegible], to see that the foregoing regulations are observed.

Which were adopted.

By Alderman McKNIGHT—

Resolved, That the Gas Light Company be directed to lay mains and set lamp posts, &c., and to have Seventy-ninth street, from Second avenue to the East river, lighted with gas immediately, the same to be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman RYERS—

Resolved, That the Committee on National Affairs be authorized and directed to procure a regimental stand of colors for the Sixteenth regiment New York State Artillery.

Which was referred to Committee on National Affairs.

By Alderman LONG—

Resolved, That the Fourth avenue, from One Hundred and Ninth to One Hundred and Sixteenth streets, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones reset, and the sidewalks be flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to Committee on Roads.

By the same—

Resolved, That One Hundred and Twenty-third street, from the Third to the Fourth avenues be regulated and graded, and the curb and gutter stones reset, and the sidewalks be flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to Committee on Roads.

The Committee on Finance presented a report concurring in the following resolution, viz:—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of the Tenth street Ferry Company for the sum of forty-five dollars, being for ferriage of the Sixty-ninth regiment New York State National Guard, on the occasion of the funeral of General Corcoran, and charge the same to its appropriate account.

Which was referred to the Committee on National Affairs.

INVITATIONS.

An invitation was received from the Live Oak Club to attend their annual ball at the Apollo Rooms, on the evening of February 1.

Which was accepted.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Resolution that the sunken lots Nos. 225, 227, 229 and 231 West Forty-first street, about one hundred feet east of Tenth avenue, be filled in, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and the accompanying ordinance therefor adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Keenan, Riley, Brophy, Hagerty, Hayes, Webster, Heffernan, Ryan, Gross, Repper, Koster, Houghtalin, Haviland, McGrath, Jaques, Schaefer, Cook, Brandon, Brice and Russell—20.

Report of Committee on National Affairs of Board of Aldermen of 1863, in favor of adopting resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of the following persons for the amount set opposite their names.

MUSIC BILLS.

C. S. Grafulla, amounting to	$1,525 00
Dodworth's band, amounting to	1,327 00
Seventy-first regiment band (Dodworth)	264 00
Eighth regiment band (Dodworth)	272 00
F. B. Helmsmuller	450 00
Jacob Muller	120 00
J. Rubel	178 00
Wm. Robertson	162 00
Schenmuller's band	93 00
Charles F. Haller's band	478 00
Fifth Regiment band	170 00
Wiegand's brass band	434 00
Washington brass band	65 00
Eleventh Regiment band	166 00
	—$5,234 00

PRINTING AND ADVERTISING.

The World newspaper	$162 50
Tribune Association	90 60
Journal of Commerce	53 90
Commercial Advertiser	141 45
New York Times	210 35
New York Herald	82 80
New York Daily Express	19 95
Evening Post	4 50
New York Leader	5 60
Sunday Mercury	17 50
New Yorker Demokrat	9 20
Daily News	24 15
New York Dispatch	15 40
Saturday Evening Courier	14 80
New York Sun	107 71
New York Era	64 00
Baptist & Taylor	157 50
	—$1,141 71

City Assembly rooms—use of—George W. Vesey	500 00
John E. Bendix—bill of—cleaning muskets	25 00
W. P. Goodwin, firing salute	95 50
T. Ahlers, refreshments	20 00
Seventy-first regiment band, funeral of Captain Huson	62 00
Sixty-ninth regiment band, funeral of Colonel O'Brien	86 00
Total amount	$7,344 71

—and charge the amount to the account of "City Contingencies."

Which was adopted by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Keenan, Riley, Brophy, Hagerty, Hayes, Webster, Heffernan, Ryan, Gross, Repper, Koster, Houghtalin, Haviland, McGrath, Jaques, Schaefer, Cook, Brandon, Brice and Russell—20.

Councilman HAGERTY moved that the Board do now adjourn.

Which was carried.

Whereupon the President declared that the Board stood adjourned until Thursday, 4th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M.

JAS. M. SWEENY, Clerk.

STATED SESSION—THURSDAY, Feb. 4, 1864—1 P. M.

The Board met, pursuant to adjournment, in their Chamber, No. 16 City Hall.

Present—Councilmen Healy, Brophy, Hagerty, Heffernan, Repper, Koster, McGrath, Jaques, Schaefer, Cook and Brice—11.

A quorum not answering to their names on roll call, the President declared that the Board stood adjourned until Monday, 8th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M.

JAMES M. SWEENY, Clerk.

STATED SESSION—MONDAY, Feb. 8—1 P. M.

The Board met, pursuant to adjournment, in their chamber, No. 16 City Hall.

Present—James Hayes, Esq., President, in the chair, and the following members—Councilmen Keenan, Riley, Brophy, Hagerty, Webster, Heffernan, Gross, Repper, Koster, Houghtalin, Haviland, McGrath, Opdyke, Jaques, Schaefer, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell, Fitzgerald and Joyce—22.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Councilman JOYCE—

Petition of P. M. Barrow to be remunerated for damages sustained by building of sewer through Broadway, corner of West Forty-ninth street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Councilman WEBSTER—

Petition of Peter Nugent, for redress and reimbursement for taxes paid erroneously.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Councilman [illegible]—

Petition of L. D. Gale, asking an examination of his process of neutralizing, disinfecting and rendering innocuous decaying animal matter.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Health.

By Councilman JOYCE—

Petition of property owners in Forty-sixth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, for a sewer in said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

By Councilman BURR—

Petition of citizens, recommending Mackey's Patent Clamp for burst hose.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

BILL.

By Councilman WEBSTER—

Bill of W. W. Wetmore, amounting to $100, for fitting up Election district polls of the Sixth Aldermanic district.

Which was referred to the Comptroller, with power.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Councilman RESSEGUIE—

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the north side of Fortieth street, between Third and Sixth avenues, also curb and gutter stones, be set and reset where necessary, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Councilman BURR—

Resolved, That Seventy-second street, between First avenue and the East river, be regulated and graded, curb and gutter stones set, and sidewalks flagged, a space four feet wide, through the same, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Councilman HORGHTALIN—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to cause the lease of the small slip at the foot of Christopher street, on south side of pier 51, North river, now under lease for the term of one year from the first day of May, 1863, to be transferred to, and invested in the name of the Association of Amateur Rowing Clubs, and that the sum of six hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated in furtherance of said object, to be taken from the appropriation for "Donations."

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Councilman HAGERTY—

Resolved, That Maiden lane be renumbered under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman JAQUES—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to apply to the Legislature for authority to borrow, upon the faith and credit of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to pay and redeem the Union Defense Fund Redemption Bonds, payable November 1, 1864, and the moneys so borrowed to issue other bonds of said Corporation, payable November 1, 1866.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman JAQUES—

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed forthwith to advertise for proposals and contract with the lowest bidder for the grubbing to be done for the Board of Common Council and the departments of the city government, also for the stationery to be furnished the same during the remainder of the current year 1864.

Which was referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

By Councilman JAQUES—

Resolved, That the Finance Committee of this Board be directed to forthwith prepare and report a suitable memorial to the Congress of the United States, praying the reimbursement to the Corporation of the city of New York of the balance of principal and interest due on account of the sum of $1,000,000 advanced for the equipment and transportation of volunteers, under the ordinance of April 23, 1861.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman RUSSELL—

Resolved, That the vacant lot on the east side of Second avenue, between Sixty-ninth and Eightieth streets, be fenced in under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Health.

By Councilman RUSSELL—

Resolved, That Broadway, between Seventieth and Seventy-first streets, be regulated and graded, curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide therein, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By Councilman BRICE—

Resolved, That, if the Board of Aldermen concur, a Special Committee of Five from each Board be appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the celebration of the approaching anniversary of the birthday of the immortal Washington—the 22d of February—and that the sum of —— dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated therefor.

Which was adopted by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Keenan, Riley, Brophy, Hagerty, Hayes, Webster, Heffernan, Gross, Repper, Koster, Houghtalin, Haviland, McGrath, Opdyke, Jaques, Schaefer, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell, Fitzgerald and Joyce—20.

By Councilman RESSEGUIE—

Resolved, That Forty-eighth street, between Third and Lexington avenues, be paved with Belgian pavement, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department.

Which was referred to the Committee on Belgian Pavement.

By Councilman BRANDON—

Resolved, That the Committee on National Affairs be authorized and directed to procure a stand of colors for the Tenth regiment New York Volunteers, now organizing for three years or during the war, being one of the city regiments, and one of the first regiments in the field.

Which was referred to the Committee on National Affairs.

By Councilman GROSS—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of Daniel Bausen (assignee) for the sum of $300, to be in full for damage sustained by John Jennings in consequence of a fire adjoining his premises in Ninety ninth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, and charge the same to the appropriate account the same having passed both Boards of the Common Council, and was approved by his Honor the Mayor, but the Comptroller refuses to pay on account of its not having received the required number of votes in the Board of Councilmen.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

By Councilman BRANDON—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of Wm. H. Hinman, acting Treasurer, for the sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars, the same being a donation to the trustees of the church corner of Twenty ninth street and Madison avenue, to refund them amount paid for an assessment against said church for the opening of Madison avenue, between Forty-second and Eighty-sixth streets, and charge the same to account of "Donations."

Which was referred to the Committee on Donations and Charities.

By Councilman MCGRATH—

Whereas, by an order, number five hundred and forty-six, dated December 9, 1863, issued by the War Department, the One Hundred and Forty fifth regiment, New York State Volunteers (and known as the Stanton Legion), was broken up, and the officers and non-commissioned officers mustered out of the service, and the men distributed to other regiments;

And, whereas, this regiment was raised and organized in this city, and has received a flag from this Corporation for its distinguished services in battle, and has been particularly distinguished for its efficiency, discipline, gallantry and devotion, and, as a representative regiment of this city, we have reason to be proud of its glorious conduct;

And, whereas, the mustering out of service of the officers and non-commissioned officers, depriving them of sharing in the future perils and glories of the war in which they have so often and so generously braved the storm of battle, acts unjustly and creates discouragement and discontent with gallant officers and men; therefore

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Common Council of the city of New York the policy of the general government of breaking up old and honored regiments is deemed prejudicial to the service, prevents recruiting, and is a wrong to the officers and men, and to be discountenanced in the future conduct of the war, and hereby request the revocation of said Order No. 546, and the restoration of said regiment to its unity and integrity of rank and file, as an act of justice to tried and brave soldiers, and that a copy of the foregoing be sent to the President of the United States and to the Honorable Secretary of War.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman BRICE—

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be authorized to accept the bell in Macdougal street bell tower, of ten thousand eight hundred pounds, under the contract made by him with E. R. King, and that the Comptroller be authorized and directed to pay for the same under the said contract, at the contract price.

Which was laid over.

By Councilman HORGHTALIN—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he hereby is, authorized to draw his warrant in favor of George S. Walsh, Treasurer, for the sum of $814 for loss sustained by Hose Company No. 85, in having their house destroyed by fire on January 7, 1864.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

By Councilman FITZGERALD—

Resolved, That avenue A, from 118th to 125th streets, be curbed and guttered, and the sidewalks flagged a space of four feet wide through the middle of the same, where not already done, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By Councilman FITZGERALD—

Resolved, That Second avenue, from 116th street to 128th, be curbed and guttered, also the sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the middle of the same, where not already done, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By Councilman JOYCE—

Resolved, That Forty-sixth street, between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues, be paved with cobble stone pavement, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department, and the accompanying ordinance therefor adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Councilman JOYCE—

Resolved, That low and sunken lots on Eighty-sixth street, between Third and Fourth avenues, be filled in, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Health.

By Councilman BRICE—

Whereas, by an order, number five hundred and forty-six, dated December 9, 1863, issued by the War Department, the One Hundred and Forty fifth regiment, New York State Volunteers (and known as the Stanton Legion), was broken up, and the officers and non-commissioned officers mustered out of the service, and the men distributed to other regiments;

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Which was adopted.

By Councilman BRICE—

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be authorized to accept the bell in Macdougal street bell tower, of ten thousand eight hundred pounds, under the contract made by him with E. R. King, and that the Comptroller be authorized and directed to pay for the same under the said contract, at the contract price.

Which was laid over.

By Councilman HORGHTALIN—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he hereby is, authorized to draw his warrant in favor of George S. Walsh, Treasurer, for the sum of $814 for loss sustained by Hose Company No. 85, in having their house destroyed by fire on January 7, 1864.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

By Councilman FITZGERALD—

Resolved, That avenue A, from 118th to 125th streets, be curbed and guttered, and the sidewalks flagged a space of four feet wide through the middle of the same, where not already done, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By Councilman FITZGERALD—

Resolved, That Second avenue, from 116th street to 128th, be curbed and guttered, also the sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the middle of the same, where not already done, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By Councilman JOYCE—

Resolved, That Forty-sixth street, between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues, be paved with cobble stone pavement, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department, and the accompanying ordinance therefor adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Councilman JOYCE—

Resolved, That low and sunken lots on Eighty-sixth street, between Third and Fourth avenues, be filled in, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Health.

By Councilman BRICE—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of Wm. Brandon or his assigns, for the sum of $15,575, together with interest on the said amount from the 1st day of July, 1863, until the said amount shall be paid, for silk colors furnished to the city volunteer regiments by order of the Joint Committee on National Affairs of the Common Council of 1862, and ordered to be paid for, the sum of $175 for each regiment, by resolution adopted by the Common Council of 1863, but on which the Comptroller declines payment, for the reason that each regiment was not duly specified in such resolution, the said colors having been presented on behalf of the city to the following New York volunteer regiments, who have expressed through the colonel or officer in command of each regiment in terms of praise and thanks to the Common Council for the kind remembrance of the city of its volunteer soldiers while at the seat of war:—

1st regiment N. Y. S. V.	73d regiment N. Y. S. V.
4th regiment N. Y. S. V.	74th regiment N. Y. S. V.
5th regiment N. Y. S. V.	78th regiment N. Y. S. V.
6th regiment N. Y. S. V.	79th regiment N. Y. S. V.
7th regiment N. Y. S. V.	82d regiment N. Y. S. V.
8th regiment N. Y. S. V.	83d regiment N. Y. S. V.
9th regiment N. Y. S. V.	88th regiment N. Y. S. V.
10th regiment N. Y. S. V.	90th regiment N. Y. S. V.
12th regiment N. Y. S. V.	95th regiment N. Y. S. V.
16th regiment N. Y. S. V.	99th regiment N. Y. S. V.
17th regiment N. Y. S. V.	102d regiment N. Y. S. V.
20th regiment N. Y. S. V.	103d regiment N. Y. S. V.
25th regiment N. Y. S. V.	119th regiment N. Y. S. V.
29th regiment N. Y. S. V.	127th regiment N. Y. S. V.
31st regiment N. Y. S. V.	131st regiment N. Y. S. V.
32d regiment N. Y. S. V.	132d regiment N. Y. S. V.
36th regiment N. Y. S. V.	133d regiment N. Y. S. V.
37th regiment N. Y. S. V.	139th regiment N. Y. S. V.
38th regiment N. Y. S. V.	145th regiment N. Y. S. V.
39th regiment N. Y. S. V.	155th regiment N. Y. S. V.
40th regiment N. Y. S. V.	158th regiment N. Y. S. V.
41st regiment N. Y. S. V.	162d regiment N. Y. S. V.
42d regiment N. Y. S. V.	164th regiment N. Y. S. V.
45th regiment N. Y. S. V.	165th regiment N. Y. S. V.
48th regiment N. Y. S. V.	170th regiment N. Y. S. V.
47th regiment N. Y. S. V.	173d regiment N. Y. S. V.
48th regiment N. Y. S. V.	174th regiment N. Y. S. V.
51st regiment N. Y. S. V.	175th regiment N. Y. S. V.
52d regiment N. Y. S. V.	176th regiment N. Y. S. V.
54th regiment N. Y. S. V.	178th regiment N. Y. S. V.
57th regiment N. Y. S. V.	1st regiment art. N. Y. S. V.
58th regiment N. Y. S. V.	2d regiment art. N. Y. S. V.
59th regiment N. Y. S. V.	5th regiment art. N. Y. S. V.
61st regiment N. Y. S. V.	1st regiment cav. N. Y. S. V.
62d regiment N. Y. S. V.	3d regiment cav. N. Y. S. V.
63d regiment N. Y. S. V.	4th regiment cav. N. Y. S. V.
65th regiment N. Y. S. V.	5th regiment cav. N. Y. S. V.
66th regiment N. Y. S. V.	6th regiment cav. N. Y. S. V.
68th regiment N. Y. S. V.	7th regiment cav. N. Y. S. V.
69th regiment N. Y. S. V.	12th regiment cav. N. Y. S. V.
69th regiment N. Y. S. N. G.	13th regiment cav. N. Y. S. V.
70th regiment N. Y. S. V.	14th regiment cav. N. Y. S. V.
71st regiment N. Y. S. V.	Independent regiment N. Y. S. V.
72d regiment N. Y. S. V.	Marine art. N. Y. S. V.

Independent corps of light infantry (Les Enfant Perdu), and that the same be charged to and paid out of the appropriated to "Contingencies" under the ordinance under which the same is correct.

Which was laid over.

By Councilman GROSS—

Resolved, That the use of this chamber be and the same is hereby granted to the use of the Superior Court, general term (without jury), for one week from this date.

Councilman HAGERTY moved to refer said resolution to the Committee on Law Department.

Which was lost.

The resolution was then adopted by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Brophy, Hayes, Webster, Heffernan, Gross, Haviland, McGrath, Opdyke, Jaques, Schaefer, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell, Fitzgerald and Joyce—13.

Negative—Councilmen Keenan, Hagerty, Repper, Koster and Russell—5.

By Councilmen REPPER—

Resolved, That a crosswalk be laid in Second street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, in front of the First German Methodist Episcopal church, Nos. 252 and 254, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Councilman GROSS—

Whereas, irregularities have occurred in the appointment of Commissioners of Deeds by the Common Council of the city of New York, more Commissioners having been appointed for said city than were authorized by the Legislature of this State, and it being impossible to correct these irregularities; and

Whereas, the present Commissioners although some of them were irregularly appointed, continue to act until their successors be appointed; and it is beyond the power of said Common Council either to designate the Commissioners irregularly appointed, or to deprive them of their power of acting as such Commissioners; and

Whereas, the interests of the city are greatly affected by said irregularities, and it is essential for the accommodation of this community that additional Commissioners should be appointed; therefore,

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby instructed to prepare a memorial to the Legislature of the State of New York for the passage of an act to legalize the official acts of the Commissioners of Deeds appointed for the city and county of New York by the Common Council of said city; and also to authorize the appointment of additional Commissioners of Deeds, not to exceed five hundred in number, including those already appointed.

Which was adopted.

REPORTS.

Report of Committee on Finance to pay expenses at reception of Brigadier General Corcoran.

Which was laid over.

Report of Committee on Roads to lay crosswalks at 116th, 117th and 119th streets and avenue A.

Which was laid over.

Report of Committee on Public Health to fence vacant lots in Forty-eighth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues.

Which was laid over.

MOTIONS.

Councilman HAGERTY moved to take from the table the veto message of his Honor the Mayor of resolution appointing sundry persons Commissioners of Deeds.

Which was carried.

The resolution was adopted, notwithstanding the objection of his Honor the Mayor (two thirds of all the members voting in favor thereof), by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Keenan, Brophy, Hagerty, Hayes, Webster, Heffernan, Gross, Repper, Koster, Houghtalin, Haviland, McGrath, Schaefer, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell, Fitzgerald and Joyce—19.