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# PROCEEDINGS

OF

# THE COMMON COUNCIL

OF THE

# CITY OF ROCHESTER,

**For 1866-7.**

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ROCHESTER:

EXPRESS STEAM PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT, 23 BUFFALO STREET.

1867.

Ald. Guggenheim presented the following:

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WATER-  
WORKS.**

*To the Honorable, the Common Council of the City  
of Rochester:*

GENTLEMEN: The Special Committee appointed by the Common Council to report the amount of work done by the Contractor, would report that so far as the real mechanical labor is concerned, the work done since August 15th, the day on which, according to agreement, the work had to commence, amounts almost to nothing, the Contractor candidly admitting that it was merely done to fulfil technically the stipulations of the contract; but the Contractor has stated to the Committee that he had been all the time busily engaged in making contracts for pipes, &c.; also with other financial matters concerning the Water Works; and he promises to continue the work with all reasonable speed.

The Committee could not ascertain for the present the parties with whom the contracts were made, or in progress to be made.

Your committee in conjunction with the standing committee on Waterworks, have visited Hemlock Lake and the surrounding country, and if Aldermen can be relied on as good judges of water, the special committee would recommend Hemlock Lake as the head of the Waterworks; although the opinion seems to prevail that a spot from 5 to 7 miles below the Lake might furnish water just as pure. We think the confidence in the enterprise would considerably gain, by making Hemlock Lake the starting point.

The importance of Water Works for our beautiful city cannot be over-estimated, and we hope the contractor will speedily realize the expectations of our citizens.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM GUGGENHEIM,  
D. COPELAND, Jun.,  
S. REMINGTON,  
JOHN QUIN,

Special Committee.

Received and ordered published.

**COMMUNICATIONS.**

Ald. Remington presented the resignation of Henry S. Redfield, Supervisor of the 4th Ward. Accepted.

The Clerk presented a communication from the Surveyor, relative to a tax against Elizabeth Murr. Filed.

**ORDINANCES.**

**MT. HOPE AVENUE IMPROVEMENT, REASSESSMENT.**

By Ald. Quin—Whereas, The Common Council of the City of Rochester, did, on the 22nd day of August, 1865, ordain and determine that Mt. Hope Avenue should be improved from the Erie Canal to the entrance to Mt. Hope Cemetery, and that the whole expense thereof should be assessed upon the owners of lots on each side of houses and lands to be benefited thereby, and did estimate such expense at \$5,980, and

Whereas, A great sum of money has been expended in making such improvement, and that such greater sum thus expended amounts to \$3,319.92; therefore,

Resolved, That said sum of \$3,319.92 be assessed upon the owners and occupants of one tier of lots on each side of Mt. Hope Avenue from the Erie Canal to the south line of land owned and occupied by Jerry Munger, and one tier of lots on each side of South Avenue, from Mr. Hope Avenue to the city line

And David McKay, E. T. Oatley and C. M. St. John, the Assessors of said city, not interested in any of the property so benefited, and not of kin to any person so interested, are hereby designated and directed to make an assessment upon all the owners and occupants of lands and houses within the portion or part of said City

so designated, of the said amount of expense, in proportion, as nearly as may be, to the advantage which each shall be deemed to acquire by the making of said improvement; and said assessors are hereby notified to meet for this purpose, on Saturday, the 26th day of Jan., 1867, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Office of the City Clerk.

Ald. Groot moved its postponement for two weeks. Carried as follows.

And Ald. Quin, through Groot, Hyde, Graham, Warren, G. Spencer, Beir, Adams, McQuatters, Horchler, Draper, Mauder, Hogoboom—12

Says—Ald. Sp. ncr. Cam Remington, Gorsline, Copeland, Taylor, Brown, Kelly Quin 9.

**WOODEN RAILING ON NORTH ST. PAUL STREET.**

On motion of Ald. Quin, the Board proceeded to hear allegations in relation to the improvement described in the ordinance below:

After hearing such allegations from all the persons appearing.

Ald. Quin submitted the following:

An ordinance to construct a railing on St. Paul street. The Common Council of the city of Rochester do ordain and determine as follows:

A wooden fence or railing on the west side of North St. Paul street, from the north end of the iron railing opposite Scramton street, to a point 383 feet north of the same, shall be constructed.

And the whole expense shall be defrayed by an assessment upon the owners and occupants of houses and lands to be benefited thereby; and the City Surveyor, under the direction of this Board, having made an estimate of such expense, and reported the same at \$110, which estimate was and is hereby approved; the sum of \$110, being the whole amount of the estimate aforesaid, shall be assessed on such owners and occupants. And the portion of said city which said Common Council deem will be benefited by said improvement is described as follows:

One tier of lots on each side of North St. Paul street, from Hart avenue to the city line

On which above described portion of the city, the said sum of \$110 is hereby ordered to be assessed.

And David McKay, E. T. Oatley and C. M. St. John, the assessors of said city, not interested in any of the property so benefited, and not of kin to any person so interested, are hereby designated and directed to make an assessment upon all the owners and occupants of lands and houses within the portion or part of said city so designated, of the said amount of expense, in proportion, as nearly as may be, to the advantage which each shall be deemed to acquire by the making of said improvement; and said assessors are hereby notified to meet for this purpose, on Saturday, the 26th day of Jan., 1867, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of the City Clerk.

Passed, by the following vote: All ayes—22.

**RAILING ON MT. HOPE AND SOUTH AVENUES.**

On motion of Ald. Quin, the Board proceeded to hear allegations in relation to the improvement described in the ordinance below:

After hearing such allegations from all the persons appearing.

Ald. Quin submitted the following:

An ordinance to construct a railing on Mt. Hope and South avenues

The Common Council of the city of Rochester do ordain and determine as follows:

An iron railing on the wall on Mt. Hope and South avenues, between the Erie Canal to the south line of Holley street, shall be constructed.

And the whole expense shall be defrayed by an assessment upon the owners and occupants of houses and lands to be benefited thereby, and the City Surveyor, under the direction of this Board, having made an estimate of such expense, and reported the same at \$40, which estimate was and is hereby approved; the sum of \$800, being the whole amount of the estimate aforesaid, shall be assessed on such owners and occupants. And the portion of said city which said Common Council deem will be benefited by said improvement is described as follows:

One tier of lots on each side of Mt. Hope Avenue and South Avenue from the Erie Canal to the city line.

On which above described portion of the city, the said sum of \$800 is hereby ordered to be assessed.

And David McKay, E. T. Oatley and C. M. St. John, the assessors of said city, not interested in any of the property so benefited, and not of kin to any person so interested, are hereby designated and directed to make an assessment upon all the owners and occupants of lands and houses within the portion or part of said city so designated, of the said amount of expense, in proportion, as nearly as may be, to the advantage which each shall be deemed to acquire by making of said improvement; and said assessors are hereby notified to meet for this purpose, on Saturday, the 26th day of Jan., 1867, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of the City Clerk.

Lost as follows:

Ayes—Ald. Sp. ncr. Quattrough, Groot, Hyde, Remington, Graham, Warren, Beir, Gorsline, Copeland,