

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15th, 1930.**

The Chairman called the meeting to order, and on the roll call the following members responded: Chairman Walker, Committeemen Hanniball, Reilly, Falt and McCarthy.

The following communications were received:

Wayne C. Robinette
Assessment Commission (2)
W. B. Reed
Jos. F. Base
Jos. C. Federick
Board of Adjustment
Sanborn & Bogert
Lincoln Place Investigation Com.

Communication from Wayne C. Robinette requesting fire hydrants in Waynewood Park on Grace Terrace to Wyndham Road, Belle Avenue from Sagamore Avenue to Birch Street, Birch Street from Belle Avenue to Windsor Road, Windsor Road from Sagamore Avenue to Birch Street.

Referred to Engineering Department and Fire Department.

Communication from Assessment Commission - Upon investigation, we find that Block 366-A, lot 20, and Block 368-C, lot 1, have no sewer benefit and that an error was made in assessing this property under the Glenwood Park Area. We therefore recommend that the assessment against Block 366-A, lot 20, amounting to \$206.25 and the assessment against Block 368-C, lot 1, amounting to \$128.25, be relieved.

As only part of Block 366, lot 1, and Block 366-D, lot 1, receive a benefit from the sewer, we recommend that the assessment against Block 366, lot 1, be reduced from \$1090.00 to \$670.00, and that the assessment against Block 366-D, lot 1, be reduced from \$497.85 to \$325.00.

Referred to Tax Collector.

Communication from Assessment Commission - Upon investigation we find that Block 345, lots 17 to 23 inc., have no sewer benefit and feel that an error was made in assessing this property for sanitary sewer under Glenwood Park area.

Block 345	lot 17	-	\$18.75
"	18	-	18.75
"	19	-	18.75
"	20	-	18.75
"	21	-	18.75
"	22	-	18.75
"	23	-	15.75

We recommend that the above assessments be relieved and the two installments that have been paid should be refunded to the owner of this property.

Referred to Tax Collector.

Communication from W. B. Reed - After many attempts I found out this week a little about Springside Water Mains, and received a bill this P.M. where we had our own water mains, later turned over to Water Co. and was perfectly satisfied with them, did not want water or mains, where we had no houses, and water to 1/2 of Block 355, lot 48, and Block 360, lots 24-5, and don't see why I should pay for it twice. Trusting to have a hearing in regards to this, and find out who sponsored it and carried it through, W. B. Reed.

Referred to Eng. Dept. and Assessment Commission.

Application from Jos. F. Base and Jos. C. Federick for position of City Manager.

Referred to new Council.

Communication from Board of Adjustment enclosing communication from Albert O. Woll requesting that his property on the northwest corner of Summitt Avenue and Stevenson Lane, lots 24-25-26 and part of 23, block 406, map of Manhattan Heights, be placed in the business district.

Referred to Committee.

Communication from Sanborn & Bogert - We suggest that all plans for the

sewers required for extension or modification in State Highway No. 4 be submitted to your Consulting Sanitary Engineers for corrections and approval. In our studies to date we have decided on certain sewers which should be put in immediately if the development of the Township is to continue; we are prepared to report on these. All matters in connection with the State highway sewers require expert investigation. The State Highway Commission allows no work within the state property lines within five years. The State plans which we have recently seen are such as to do considerable damage to the sanitary sewers of the Township. They are incorrect in details. The deep manholes in particular are likely to be a source of trouble ever after.

Our contract dated Nov. 6, 1929, covering all sewer work whether done by the state or Township in connection with the state highway is still in force. The Township Engineer is aware of this, but has so far failed to call us into consultation on these important matters.

Referred to Committee,

Communication from C. B. Colpitts, Secretary of Lincoln Place Committee, enclosing their report and making the following recommendations -

- (1) That the resolution of your Committee reducing the assessment be rescinded and that the full original assessment for the work be placed against the properties and that no reductions be made, except on Court orders;
- (2) That if suit be filed against the Township by the property owners, the Township employ counsel to defend same;
- (3) That if the Township should lose the case in Court, the Court hearing will develop who was responsible for the payments made to contractors by the Township for which the property owners claim no work was performed by such contractors, and that suit be brought by the Township against the proper parties for the recovery of such excess moneys paid, if any.

For the future guidance of your Committee and believing that a large amount of work will be performed in the future, this Committee recommends that the plan of handling improvements advocated by former Chairman of the Township Committee, Mr. Frederic Andreas, be followed in all future work.

Roughly, Mr. Andreas' plan is as follows:

A deposit of \$1.00 per front foot for all street work, or some reasonable amount for all other work, to be made by the property holders to the Township with their petition for such improvement and before any survey or other work involving the Township in any expense be undertaken.

After deposit has been made the Township to make the necessary surveys, estimates, etc. and advise the property owners as to the first estimated costs including engineering, advertising, and all other expenses.

If approximate costs are satisfactory to the property owners, ordinances are then to be drawn up and bids asked for. All bidders being given to understand that any or all bids may be rejected, new bids asked or the work abandoned.

After bids have been received and tabulated, at which time costs could be very closely ascertained, the property owners should be made acquainted with same and then permitted to say if they desire to proceed with the work or not. If they do wish to proceed with the work they should be compelled to sign an agreement which would be virtually a note to pay their pro rata proportion of the total cost, based on front foot ownership.

If the property owners do not wish to proceed with the work, all costs of engineering, advertising, legal and other fees should be deducted from the amount deposited with the Township and the balance returned to the property owners. If they do wish to proceed with the work the deposit should then be applied on the payment of the assessed cost of the work.

The members of this Committee wish to thank your Committee for the confidence placed in us in asking us to handle this investigation. We also wish to thank Mr. Reginald W. Wells for the data and assistance he has rendered the Committee and Miss Clara Christensen for the very competent manner in which she handled the minutes of the meetings.

The minutes of the meetings of our Committee are on file with Miss Christensen and will be made available to your Committee should you desire them.

The Committee regrets that two of our members felt called upon to resign from the Committee the first time there was any disagreement amongst its members.

The Committee is of the opinion that the statements made by the taxpayers and the affidavits presented to your Committee were not sufficiently convincing to permit you to reduce the assessment made and such reductions should not have been made. (Complete report on file with the Clerk).

A motion was made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Falt, that the report be received and placed on file and a letter of appreciation sent to each member of the Committee thanking them for their efforts in this matter.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, motion was declared carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEESPolice Committee -

Mr. McCarthy presented report of Police Department for September showing amount collected - \$84.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Falt, seconded by Mr. Reilly, that the report be accepted and monies turned over to the Treasurer.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, motion was declared carried.

Finance Committee -

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Reilly, seconded by Mr. Hanniball: RESOLVED that bills listed on General Disbursement Sheet, dated October 15th, 1930, for the following accounts:

Interest on Bonds	\$ 2,350.00
General Government	1,790.26
Police Department	4,045.11
Fire Department	1,043.32
Engineering Department	705.99
Engineering Dept. Suspense	10.00
Road Department	2,031.93
Sewer & Disposal Plant	1,336.80
Refund on Taxes	21.70
Redemption of Tax Sale	277.11
Grounds & Buildings	327.02
Parks	261.28
Dumps	247.50
Street Signs	107.26
Snow & Weed Removal	196.52
Poor Relief	31.85
Capital Account	261.90
Trust Reserve Account	13.56
	<u>\$15,059.11</u>

amounting to a total of Fifteen thousand, and fifty-nine dollars and eleven cents, having been audited and found correct, the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the same provided he has, in his possession, sufficient funds.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Reilly, seconded by Mr. Hanniball: WHEREAS pursuant to an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the purchase of sanitary sewer in Lincoln Place from Maple Avenue to a point approximately one hundred and twenty (120) feet north of Martense Avenue, to be incorporated in the general sewer system of the Township of Teaneck, in the County of Bergen" adopted January 14th, 1930, the Township Committee was authorized to purchase said sewer and appurtenances and rights therein of Frank Leers, the owner thereof; and

WHEREAS Frank Leers has offered to transfer the title to said sewer as described in said ordinance and surrender all rights therein for the sum of One Thousand Dollars; and

WHEREAS the Township Committee of the Township of Teaneck has determined that said offer is advantageous and less than the actual construction cost thereof, and that it would be to the best interests of the Township of Teaneck to accept said offer,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the offer of Frank Leers to transfer and convey said sanitary sewer and appurtenances and all his right, title and interest therein, as more particularly described in the ordinance recited in the preamble hereof, be accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized to execute and deliver warrant for said sum of One Thousand Dollars to Frank Leers, upon receipt of necessary documents transferring legal title to said sewer and appurtenances, to be approved by the Township attorney.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Reilly, seconded by Mr. Hanniball:

WHEREAS it appears to the satisfaction of the Township Committee of the Township of Teaneck, that an error has been made in assessing property known as Block 267, lots 4-15,

WHEREAS in accordance with the findings of the Assessor, this property should be valued at \$2,880.00 instead of \$3,350.00 for the year 1929,

WHEREAS the property known as Block 283, lots 82-84, were assessed in 1930 for \$1050.00 and should have been \$975.00.

RESOLVED THEREFORE that the Tax Collector be and he is hereby authorized to credit 1929 taxes in amount of \$28.06 and 1930 taxes in amount of \$4.56.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Reilly, seconded by Mr. Hanniball:

WHEREAS it appears to the satisfaction of the Township Committee of the Township of Teaneck, N. J. that resolution adopted July 29, 1930, authorizing the Tax Collector to redeem property known as Block 51, lots 47 and 48 for the sum of \$149.66,

WHEREAS said property was sold on March 14th, 1930, for the sum of \$152.41,

WHEREAS purchaser of tax sale certificate (Paramount Investment Corp.) has filed in accordance with the statutes a statement of disbursements, to wit: searches \$12.00, affidavits \$2.50 and recording fee \$2.40,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to redeem this property for the following amount as listed:

Sold for	\$152.41	
Searches	12.00	
Affidavits	2.50	
Rec. Fee	2.40	\$169.31
Interest from Mar. 14, '30		8.80

a grand total of \$177.11

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hanniball, seconded by Mr. Reilly:

WHEREAS pursuant to an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the construction of concrete sidewalks on both sides of Lena Street from the northerly line of Kenwood Place to the southerly line of North Street; on the southerly side of Cedar Lane from the Hackensack River to the westerly line of Chestnut Avenue; and on the easterly side of Teaneck Road from Holland Terrace to Cedar Lane" adopted September 27th, 1927, the Township Committee of the Township of Teaneck did on March 19th, 1929, confirm and levy an assessment for sidewalks against lot No. 29 in Block No. 585 in the amount of Thirty-nine dollars and forty cents (\$39.40) and against lot No. 30 in Block No. 585 in the amount of Forty-six dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$46.77); and

WHEREAS satisfactory evidence has been produced by the property owner showing that said sidewalk was constructed and paid for privately by the property owner and that said assessments were confirmed and levied in error;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the assessments for construction of sidewalks confirmed and levied against lot No. 29 in Block No. 585 in the amount of Thirty-nine dollars and forty cents (\$39.40), and against lot No. 30 in Block No. 585 in the amount of Forty-six dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$46.77), be and the same are hereby cancelled and said lands released from the lien thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be delivered by the Township Clerk to the Tax Collector as proper authority for him to adjust his books accordingly.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hanniball, seconded by Mr. Reilly:

RESOLVED that the Hackensack Water Company be and they hereby are authorized to install a fire hydrant at the northwest corner of Beverly Road and Helen Street.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hanniball, seconded by Mr. Reilly:

RESOLVED that the Public Service G. and E. Company be and they hereby are

authorized to install -

1 - 100 C.P. Lamp on pole #805 Rutland Avenue, between Sussex & Essex Rds.

1 - 100 C.P. lamp on new pole to be installed on Grace Terr. between
Sagamore Avenue and Wyndham Road

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution
was declared adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hanniball, seconded by Mr. Reilly:

RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE AC-
CEPTANCE OF STANDISH ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN be
introduced and pass first reading, and the Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise
same for final hearing on October 28th, 1930.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution
was declared adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Hanniball, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, that the above
ordinance proceed to first reading.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, motion was
declared carried.

Ordinance was given first reading.

A motion was made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Hanniball, that the above
ordinance pass on first reading.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, motion was
declared carried.

On motion made, seconded and carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Hessler
Township Clerk.

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