

PROCEEDINGS

—OF—

THE COMMON COUNCIL,

—OF THE—

CITY OF ROCHESTER,

For 1869-70.



ROCHESTER, N. Y. :

CURTIS, MOREY & CO., PRINTERS, UNION AND ADVERTISER OFFICE.

1870.

amount due depositors and the balance shall be assessed to said bank.

If such officer shall refuse or neglect upon such application to give such statement to said Assessors, he shall forfeit and pay to said city the sum of \$500 for each offence to be sued for and collected by said city.

Sec. 13. The real and personal estate liable to taxation, shall be estimated and assessed by said Assessors at its true and full value as they would appraise the same in payment of a just debt, due from a solvent debtor.

Sec. 14. In making such assessment said Assessors shall not deduct from the property assessed to any person or corporation, any contingent debt or liability of such person or corporation.

Sec. 15. Real estate alleged in the ordinance or resolution for a local improvement adopted by the Common Council to be benefited thereby, shall be assessed to the owner or the occupant, or by any description by which the same may be known and distinguished, without reference to the owner or occupant.

Sec. 16. Every general, or local tax or assessment levied or made against any person or corporation in said city in conformity with this, or any other law of this State shall create a personal liability or obligation against such person or corporation to pay the same to the city of Rochester, for the collection of which, said city may maintain in its own name, an action in any court of competent jurisdiction in addition to any other remedies now provided by law for enforcing the same.

Sec. 17. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Ald. Roche moved the report be received and published. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Ald. Andrews presented the following:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Nov. 30, '69. }

To the Hon. the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN;—At the request of the Special Committee on Water Works, I opened correspondence with the bond holders of the Rochester Water Works Company. I have received from them the enclosed reply.

Yours respectfully,

EDWIN M. SMITH, Mayor.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25, 1869. }

No. 430 Walnut street. }

The Hon. Edwin M. Smith, Mayor of the City of Rochester:

DEAR SIR:—The undersigned committee, representing the bond holders of the Rochester Water Works Company's bonds, had the honor to receive your communication of the 15th inst. representing the present position of the works of said company, coupled with the kind offer "to consider, on the part of the Mayor and Council of the city of Rochester, promptly and carefully any plan looking to the early completion of the works which the bondholders might offer to them."

The bondholders relying on the assurances of the company from time to time, composed mainly of your own citizens, and on the security offered them, as well as upon the conviction that they would have the hearty co-operation of the good people of Rochester, have already invested a large sum of money in the work in question, and such arrangements have been made of late as will, we believe, secure an early

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completion of the enterprise. This, we suppose, is all that can be desired in any quarter. We regret that the proposition recently laid before the city authorities, looking to a loan to aid in the completion of the work, did not meet with favorable action, as we are under the impression that in a business, improving and enterprising city like Rochester, requiring an expenditure of \$20,000 per annum for water rent for public use, the security would have been ample, and the aid thus rendered would have secured the more speedy introduction of water into the city.

In regard to the difficulties pointed out in your communication, respecting the completion and success of the enterprise, we apprehend they are not more serious than those which companies organized for similar purposes frequently have to contend with. We are much pleased to learn, as we do from your letter, that there is "no real hostility to the present works in Rochester," and that you "know of no better source of supply than Hemlock Lake." Any other company seeking to supply your city with water from that source (and it seems to be the only available one meeting all the requirements of the public,) would have to contend with the same difficulties in regard to rights of way, damages, &c., which the present company may, in your judgement, have to contend with. In reviewing the whole subject we are of the opinion that nothing remains to be done here to drive on the work as rapidly as possible by the present company. We do not see that we can do anything else, even if it were desirable, and in this conclusion let us hope for the kind co-operation of the citizens of Rochester, and if not their pecuniary aid, at least their sympathy in our behalf.

For yourself, please accept our thanks, and be pleased to tender our acknowledgments to the gentlemen of the Council for the interest they have manifested on the subject, as well as for your and their kind invitation to meet them as a committee, a pleasure we hope some day to realize.

We have the honor to be, yours truly,

J. S. WILLIAMSON,
JAMES H. CAMPBELL,
ALAN WOOD,

Committee for Bondholders R. W. W. Co. Bonds.

Received and ordered published.

ASSESSMENT ROLLS.

Ald. Mauder presented the assessment rolls for a pipe sewer in Bloss st, pipe sewer in Vought st, and the repairing of Spring street sewer, and moved their confirmation.

Carried as follows:

Ayes—Ald. Whitcomb, Briggs, Qualtrough, Rochester, Andrews, Crouch, Remington, Cochrane, Caring, Relyea, Morrison, Jeffords, Caulfield, Craig, Wilson, Withall, Woodruff, Roche, Gerling, Stebbins, Mauoer, Parsons, Aikenhead—23.

Nays—None.

Ald. Mauder presented the assessment roll for a pipe sewer in Savannah st, from George st to Monroe ave, and moved its confirmation.

Ald. Craig moved to postpone action upon the motion until the next regular meeting.

Ald. Roche moved to table the motion of Ald. Craig to postpone. Carried.

The motion to confirm the roll was carried as follows:

Ayes—Ald. Whitcomb, Qualtrough, Rochester, Andrews, Crouch, Remington, Cochrane, Relyea, Morrison, Jeffords, Caulfield, Wilson, Withall, Woodruff, Roche, Stebbins, Mauder, Parsons, Aikenhead—19.

Nays—Ald. Briggs, Caring, Craig, Gerling—4.

ORDINANCES.

PIPE SEWER IN SAVANNAH STREET.

Ald. Mauder presented the final ordinance for a pipe sewer in Savannah street, from George street to the sewer in Court st.