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Armory Board

1913, Sept.-Dec.



## BOARD

THE MAYOR  
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THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
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C. D. RHINEHART, SECRETARY

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

# THE ARMORY BOARD

BASEMENT ROOM 6  
HALL OF RECORDS

New York, Sept. 20th, 1913.

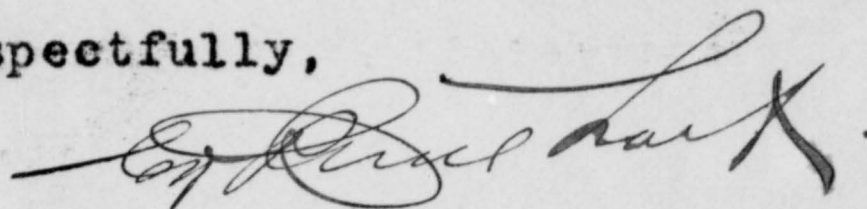
Hon. A. L. Kline, Mayor,

Chairman of The Armory Board.

Dear Sir:

A meeting of The Armory Board, to consider the enclosed calendar, will be held at the office of The Armory Board, Hall of Records, at 3:30 P. M. on Wednesday, Sept. 24th, 1913.

Respectfully,



Secretary.



----Calendar--

The Armory Board

Sept. 24/13.

1. Roll Call.

2. Consideration of Annual Budget for 1914, for Administration, Repairs and Supplies.

Resolution.

3. Communication from the Secretary requesting that the bond and cash balances in the retaining wall fund, new 8th Artillery District armory, namely, \$84,363.62 be made available for the erection of the new armory.

Three resolutions for adoption.

4. Communication from the commanding officer of the First Company Signal Corps, making requisition for a suitable pistol range of his organization.

The Secretary reports that up to the present time it has been necessary for this organization to shoot across the drill room floor, using a small portion of it for the pistol practice, which, however, eliminated the use of the rest of the drill floor on account of the danger of misdirected bullets. The organization has grown to such an extent that the use of the pistol range is necessary for two or more nights each week; it can therefore be readily seen that the use of the drill hall is restricted to the nights on which the pistol range is not in use. In the event of an enclosed range being constructed, it will not reduce the size of the floor to any great extent. The remaining portion thereof may be used for the purpose of instruction. The estimated cost is \$2,000. Funds are available in the budget to do this work.

Resolution.

5. Communication from the commanding officer of the 2nd Company F.A., 166th Street and Franklin Avenue, The Bronx, making application for the completion of the three unfinished rooms on the fifth and sixth floors of the armory of his organization.

The Secretary reports that this armory was originally erected for the use of the 2nd Battery only. Since that time a Regiment of Field Artillery has been formed, with Regimental headquarters in the Boroughs of Brooklyn, and Battalion Headquarters and three Batteries are housed in the 2nd Battery armory, which was originally intended for the use of one Battery.

The rooms in the upper portion of the building were left unfinished, anticipating their use at a future time by the growth of that branch of the service. The rooms have never been put to any use, owing to their unfinished condition. The estimated cost of the work, \$1800. is ample to provide accommodations for the two additional batteries now organized.

Funds are available.

Resolution.



6. The Secretary reports that the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity recently made an application to the Law Department to ascertain whether they had full charge and jurisdiction over the lighting of the various armories in the City of New York. The application was made upon the pretense that the armories were being lighted largely by gas, and the Armory Board refused up to this time to install the Welsbach system and place the same upon a maintenance basis. The cost of 25 cents per light was not excessive, in other words that it was a great saving to the city in the consumption of gas. Upon the representations of Mr. Lecombe, Chief Engineer of Light and Power, I am informed that the Law Department approved his application. Hence all the armories in the City of New York are about to be installed with Welsbach lights, wherever gas is used, at a cost of 25 cents per light.
7. The Secretary presents, for the consideration of the Board, a bill of the N. Y. Telephone Company for service in the First Battalion Naval Militia armory, showing an unusual number of foreign calls.



---Armory Board---

September 20. 1913.

To the Honorable,  
The Armory Board.  
Gentlemen:

In submitting the budget for the ensuing year I desire to state that most careful consideration has been given the preparation of the same, consistent with the requirements of the buildings occupied by the various organizations.

The total amount of the budget, in my estimation, should be \$347,945. The component parts to which I desire to call your attention, are as follows:

ADMINISTRATION:

Amount required for 1914.....	\$22,950.00
" allowed " 1913.....	20,100.00

FUEL:

Manhattan and The Bronx:

Amount required for 1914.....	12,850.00
" allowed " 1913.....	11,505.00

Brooklyn & Queens:

Amount required for 1914.....	8,000.00
" allowed " 1913.....	9,276.75

GENERAL PLANT SUPPLIES:

Manhattan and The Bronx:

Amount required for 1914.....	10,880.00
" allowed " 1913.....	12,736.25

Brooklyn and Queens:

Amount required for 1914.....	5,900.00
" allowed " 1913.....	6,787.00



GENERAL PLANT EQUIPMENT:

Manhattan and The Bronx:  
 Amount required for 1914.....\$21,900.00  
 " allowed " 1913..... 11,000.00

Brooklyn & Queens:  
 Amount required for 1914.....21,050.00  
 " allowed " 1913..... 16,775.00

GENERAL PLANT MATERIALS:

Manhattan and The Bronx:  
 Amount required for 1914..... 13,750.00  
 " allowed " 1913..... 12,737.25

Brooklyn & Queens:  
 Amount required for 1914..... 7,200.00  
 " allowed " 1913..... 6,715.25

GENERAL REPAIRS:

Manhattan and The Bronx:  
 Amount required for 1914..... 12,850.00  
 " allowed " 1913..... 1,500.00

Brooklyn and Queens:  
 Amount required for 1914..... 4,800.00  
 (No appropriation in this classification  
 made in 1913)

GENERAL PLANT SERVICE:

Manhattan and The Bronx  
 Amount required for 1914..... 42,650.00  
 " allowed " 1913..... 85,185.00

GENERAL PLANT SERVICE: (Telephone charge).

Amount required for 1914..... 2,250.00  
 (No appropriation for this classification  
 in 1913).

GENERAL PLANT SERVICE:

Brooklyn and Queens,  
 Amount required for 1914..... 77,700.00  
 " allowed " 1913..... 57,829.00

GENERAL PLANT SERVICE: (Telephone charge)

Amount required for 1914..... 1,135.00  
 (No appropriation for this classifica-  
 tion in 1913).



CONTINGENCIES: (including all Boroughs, and Administration):

Amount required for 1914.....\$ 5,600.  
 " allowed " 1913..... 5,050.

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NEW CLASSIFICATIONS:Temporary employees:

One Statistical expert, 200 days at \$5. per day...\$1,000.  
 One " " 125 " " \$4. per day... 500.  
 One Clerk, with knowledge of indexing, tabulating, etc., 250 days at \$3. per day..... 750.

Lighting of Armories:

Manhattan and The Bronx.....45,425.  
 Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond.....28,805

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The total appropriations for 1913 in the budget aggregated \$258,916.50, and the increase of \$89,028.50 is shown by the addition of \$74,230. for the lighting of the armories, \$4,800. in the General repairs, Brooklyn and Queens (which account did not exist in 1913, \$30,000. to Battery "B", 2nd Regiment F. A. to make the building adequate for three batteries and the headquarters of of the 2nd Regiment Field Artillery (as against the sum of \$500. for General Plant Service for this organization in the year 1913; and \$12,700. to provide for a railing and concrete up to the building line at the 47th Regiment armory, as the exterior of this building is a menace and an eyesore.

In the 2nd Battalion Naval Militia the sum of \$10,000. is appropriated, the major part of which will be required for a new roof, new gutters, etc.. as against \$3,000. appropriated in 1913 for General Plant Service.

On account of the very large amounts that are absolutely necessary for 1914, the appropriation has been kept to a minimum. Instead of an increase as shown by figures in the work contemplated and the assumption of the lighting of the various armories taken into consideration, a marked decrease from the appropriation of 1913 will be apparent.



The amount of money expended to August 31st, 1913, including contracts, was \$174,447. The total amount expended in 1912 was \$271,000.

Respectfully submitted:

Secretary, The Armory Board.



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10/7  
 New York, Sept. 27/13 191.....

The Hon. A. L. Kline,  
 Mayor, and Chairman of the Armory Board.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 25th inst., directing that a list of all increases in the Departmental Estimate for 1914 be submitted to you where the appropriation for the ensuing year is greater than that of last year, I have the honor to report that there are but four items I desire to call your attention to, viz:

1. The assumption of the lighting of the various armories of the National Guard, N.Y., the aggregate of which is \$74,230.30
2. Alterations to the Armory of Battery B, Borough of Brooklyn, in order to make the building suitable for the housing of three Batteries, and Headquarters of the Regiment, \$30,000.
3. Concrete sidewalk up to the building, and a railing around the same, at the 47th Regiment armory, \$12,700. The exterior of this building, at the present time is in a most deplorable condition
4. Reconstruction of lantern and portion of the roof of the 2nd Battalion Naval Militia, Borough of Brooklyn, \$10,000.

Were these four very important items not included in the Departmental Estimate a large reduction would have been shown.

Respectfully,

*C. D. Rhinehart*  
 Secretary.



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New York, November 14/13 191.....

Hon. A. L. Kline,

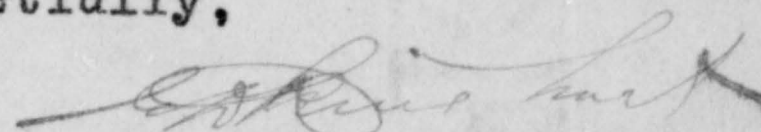
Mayor and Chairman of The Armory Board.

Dear Sir:--

Pursuant to your instructions, a meeting of the Armory Board,  
to consider the enclosed calendar will be held at the office of the  
Board, Hall of Records, Manhattan, at

3 o'clock P.M., TUESDAY, November 18, 1913.

Respectfully,



Secretary.



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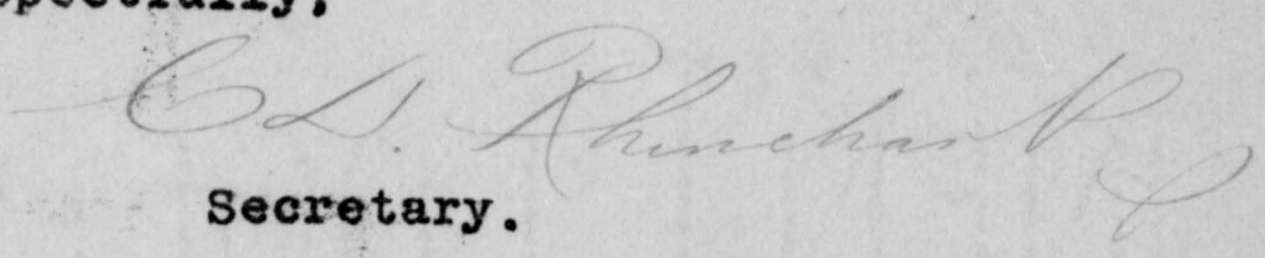
Hon. A. L. Kline,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your directions, I beg to advise you that I have called a meeting of the Armory Board, to be held at this office, at 2:30 o'clock, FRIDAY, December 19th, 1913.

Respectfully,

  
Secretary.