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BUSINESS/ COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND
MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY JUNE 10, 1896.

1. Election of a Secretary.
2. ~~X~~ Report and resolution to authorize renewal of lease of property in West 52d street for Street Cleaning Department.
3. Report and resolution to authorize lease of 1943 Amsterdam avenue for Department of Street Cleaning.
4. Resolution to concur in resolution of Armory Board to pay \$ 2,000 to Cable & Sargent, architects of 9th Regiment Armory.
5. Communication from Fire Department surrendering No. 66 Elm street. File.
6. ~~X~~ Report and resolution relative to application of Public Administrator for use of No. 5 Duane street.
7. ~~X~~ Report and resolution relative to redemption and cancellation of bonds redeemable July 2, 1896.
8. Report relative to request of Commissioner of Street Improvements 23d and 24th Wards, for a branch office in Williamsbridge. For consideration.
9. ~~X~~ Report and resolution to fix compensation for pipe line permit for Fleischhauer Brothers and John Keenan at 788 First avenue.

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of COUNCIL OF DELEGATES
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BUSINESS, COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND,

MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1896.

1. ☒ Report and resolution relative to cancellation and redemption of bonds maturing on and after November 1, 1896.
2. ☒ Resolution to exempt from local taxation City Bonds to be offered for sale. E.A.M.
3. ☒ Matter of 28th and 29th Street Railroad. For consideration
4. ☒ Resolution to authorize advertisement for proposals, etc., for Crotona Park building.
5. ☒ Report and resolution to amend resolution previously adopted authorizing the sale of City's interest in property, on petition of Eliza Smith.
6. ☒ Resolution to renew lease of No. 81 King street for Department of Street Cleaning.
7. ☒ Resolution to renew lease of 17th street storage yard for Department of Street Cleaning.
8. ☒ Report and resolution relative to reduction of rentals of certain stands in West Washington Market used for restaurant purposes.
9. ☒ Communication from Captain Wendel, First Battery, N.G.S.N.Y. relative to lease of armory (Minutes of March 26, 1896, page 435).
10. Report and resolution relative to lease of Room 123 in Stewart Building for Commissioner of Jurors.
11. ☒ Resolution to authorize Comptroller to pay \$ 300 back rent for Gouverneur Hospital stable.

- No. 12. ~~XX~~ Report and resolution relative to leasing additional space, for six months, for the Department of Buildings.
- No. 13. ~~XX~~ Report and resolutions to authorize two leases for the Police Department in the town of Westchester.
- No. 14. ~~XX~~ Report and resolution relative to request of Police Department for amendment of lease of premises corner 138th Street and Alexander Avenue.
- No. 15. ~~XX~~ Report and resolution relative to suitable accommodations for patrol wagon service of Ninth Precinct.
- No. 16. ~~XX~~ Report and resolution relative to lease of premises in Wakefield for Police Department (from Moreid Association).
- No. 17. ~~XX~~ Report and resolution relative to application of New East River Bridge Commission for purchase of city property on East River water-front.
- No. 18. ~~XX~~ *over for Report and request given by [unclear] & Capt. [unclear]*
Report on request of Armory Board for approval of site on West 66th Street for armory for First Battery. For consideration.
- No. 19. ~~XX~~ Report and resolution relative to issue of \$25,000 Armory Bonds for completing and furnishing Ninth Regiment Armory.
- No. 20. ~~XX~~ Report and resolution relative to issue of \$30,000 Armory Bonds for electric lighting plant, etc., for Seventh Regiment Armory.
- No. 21. ~~XX~~ Report relative to application of Charles B. Morris for new lease of premises 12th Avenue and 131st Street. For consideration.
- No. 22. ~~XX~~ Resolution to lease premises on Third Avenue, between 188th and 189th Streets, for the Department of Public Works.

- No. 23. ~~XX~~ Resolution to approve of agreement modifying lease of offices in American Tract Society Building for the Department of Public Works.
- No. 24. ~~XX~~ Report and resolution relative to new lease for Fourth Judicial District Court.
- No. 25. ~~XX~~ Communication from Commissioner of Street Improvements, 23d and 24th Wards, relative to lease of new storage yard. Refer.
- No. 26. ~~XX~~ Communication from Volunteer Firemen's Association. For consideration.
- No. 27. ~~XX~~ Communication from Counsel to the Corporation relative to petition of Mr. Homer Lee. File.
- No. 28. ~~XX~~ Report on request of Acting District Attorney in relation to certain suggested changes in Criminal Court Building. For consideration.
- No. 29. ~~XX~~ Petition of William F. Buckley relative to land on north side of 160th Street and Amsterdam Avenue. Refer.
- No. 30. ~~XX~~ Petition of John Duer relative to deed of property on north side of West 58th Street. Present and refer.
- No. 31. ~~XX~~ Report and resolution relative to lease of temporary quarters for nurses--Department of Public Charities.
- No. 32. ~~XX~~ Application of Health Department for temporary use of former offices of Board of Excise. For consideration.
- 33 ~~XX~~ Resolution to pay \$255 fines to American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
- 34 ~~XX~~ Resolution to pay \$300 fines to College of Pharmacy.

35 ~~X~~ Resolution to pay \$950 fines to County Medical Society.

36 ~~X~~ Resolution to pay \$50 fine to County Medical Society.

37 ~~X~~ Resolution to pay \$325 fines to American Society for prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

38 ~~X~~ Resolution to pay \$350 fines to New York Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

39 ~~X~~ Resolution to refund \$71.94, over paid for street vaults.

40 ~~X~~ Resolution to refund \$1,250.02 Croton Water rents paid in error.

41 ~~X~~ Resolution to pay \$2,130 fines to Health Department Pension Fund.

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BUSINESS, COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND

MEETING HELD OCTOBER 7th 1896.

1. Resolution to exempt various bond issues aggregating \$ 1,397,408.57.
2. Resolution to exempt \$ 1,000,000 bonds to be issued for repaving under chapter 475, Laws of 1895.
3. Report and resolution relative to stabling accommodations for patrol wagon service of 14th precinct.
4. Report on Bond sale of July 27, 1896. File.
5. Report on Bond Sale of July 28, 1896, File.
6. Communication from Commissioners of the East River Bridge, and resolution to request Corporation Counsel to prepare deed of property to be conveyed, pursuant to resolution of September 23, 1896.
7. Communication from Commissioners of East River Bridge. Refer.

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At a Meeting of The Greater New York
TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, held at their rooms
No. 150 Second Avenue in the City of New
York, on Wednesday, December 9th 1896.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS REGULARLY ADOPTED.

W H E R E A S it has come to the Notice of the Greater New York Taxpayers Association, that the Registers office in the City of New York, is an unfit building to contain the vast records of titles to real estate, where millions upon millions of dollars of property is recorded of land, Mortgages, leases, Satisfaction of mortgages and other valuable documents too numerous to mention, and WHEREAS, said building is not fit to contain these valuable records from the fact that it is not fire proof but an old building over 240 years old, and has been condemned by the Building Department, Fire department and Board of Health as being in an unsanitary condition, dangerous to health as well as life, and as all other property is liable to be affected by the destruction of said building which if not irreparable, may take years to perfect and may lead to a great deal of litigation and trouble, and as we are all directly interested as real estate owners, in the safe keeping and protection of these records.

BE IT RESOLVED, that a committee of five be appointed from this body tonight, to wait upon the Sinking Fund Commissioners to urge upon them the necessity to immediately have some building to keep and store these books and records in a good, safe and fireproof building, and that it is the sense of this Association, that said Commissioners be further requested to erect upon the site where the present Registers office stands including the Fire house, A building large enough to contain the records of the Registers office, County Clerks

and Surrogates office, and if practicable to have said building large enough to accommodate the Offices of Comptroller Corporation Counsel, Tax Commissioners, Tax collectors, Department of Public works, Parks, Aqueduct and all other City Departments now paying rent in private buildings.

The following Committee were appointed.

CHARLES L. SCHAMPAIR
I. PHILIPPS
S. RUBENSTEIN
A. I. BLEISTEIN
W. W. COWEN

Sinking Fund.

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W. W. COCHRAN
A. J. NICHOLS
S. J. HARRIS
I. B. LINDSAY
CHARLES T. SCHUBERT

Hon. W^m L. Strong.

Mayor
6 City Hall.

BUSINESS, COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND

MEETING HELD MARCH 12, 1897.

1. Report and resolution relative to upset prices of property to be sold at auction on March 30, 1897.
2. Report and resolution relative to lease for 4th District Court. *4.500 per Annum for 5 years*
3. Report and resolution relative to lease of Eden property for Fordham Hospital.
4. Report and resolution relative to rental of certain stands in West Washington Market.
5. Matter of application of Jacques & Mooney. For consideration. *134.300 Anna W. Morgan of South Park*
6. Report and resolution relative to lease of 8th floor of Bradley Building for Department of Buildings.
7. Resolution to authorize renewal of lease of second floor of 326 East 44th street for Health Department.
8. Report and resolution relative to plans for new 10th Precinct Police Building.
9. Report and resolution relative to plans and specifications for electric lighting of Criminal Court House.
10. Communication from President of the Health Department relative to unsanitary condition of Criminal Court Building. For consideration.
11. Report and resolution relative to lease of 346 East 23d street for the Department of Street Cleaning.
12. Report and resolution relative to lease of 63 East 82d street for Department of Street Cleaning.
13. Report and resolution relative to lease of 339 East 86th street for the Department of Street Cleaning.

14. Report and resolution relative to lease of 4374 Third avenue for Department of Street Cleaning.
15. Report and resolution relative to lease of 304 East 98th street for Department of Street Cleaning.
16. Resolution to pay fines for Cruelty to Children, \$ 75.00
17. Resolution to pay fines for Cruelty to Animals, \$ 300.00.
18. Resolution to pay fines for violation of Dental Law, \$50.00
19. Resolution to pay fines for illegal practice of medicine, \$ 400.00.
20. Resolution to refund over payments of Street Vaults, \$ 474.22.
21. Resolution to pay refund Croton Water Rents paid in error, \$ 390.05.

Buying.

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CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$1,706,825.96.

FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY
OF MARYLAND.

EDWIN WARFIELD, President.
NEW YORK DEPARTMENT.
HENRY B. PLATT, Vice President.
JOHN W. WOOTEN, Attorney.

35 WALL STREET,
Telephone 2701 Cordant.

NEW YORK, April 7th, 1897.

To the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty
of the City of New York;

To the
Comptroller of the City of New York;

To the
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund
of the City of New York.

Gentlemen:--

This is to advise you that we are prepared forthwith to execute for H. J. Braker, either or both of the bonds of \$50,000 each referred to in his communication of this date to you in regard to the purchase of the franchise of the railroads of the Sixth and Eighth Avenue Companies.

Yours truly,

FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND,

Henry B. Platt
Vice-President.

House of
Representatives

Executive for H. C.

Gentlemen:--

To the

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Comptroller

To the

UP-TOWN LAW OFFICES OF
CHARLES HENRY BUTLER
1402 BROADWAY
KNICKERBOCKER BUILDING, N. E. CORNER OF 38TH STREET

NEW YORK April 26, 1897.

Hon. John W. Goff, Recorder; :
Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor; :
Hon. Ashbel P. Fitch, Comptroller; :
As Commissioners of the Sinking
Fund of the City of New York.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith, I take the liberty of handing to you,
for your perusal, a copy of the printed papers in the suit
now pending in the Supreme Court, between Eugene Clifford
Potter, as plaintiff, and Charles H. T. Collis, as Commis-
sioner of Public Works, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty
of the City of New York, the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company
and the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, defendants, to
restrain the defendant Commissioner of Public Works from
granting any permit to the street railway companies to change
the motive power of the ~~Sixth and~~ Eighth Avenue Railroads in
violation of the existing franchises.

I request your examination of these papers, particularly
as to the offer of Henry J. Braker (pages 25 and 26), the
agreement to give bonds for \$100,000 by the Fidelity and De-
posit Company of Maryland (page 27), and the affidavits of
Messrs. Alfred S. Heidelberg, of the firm of Heidelberg,

Ickelheimer & Co., and Horace E. Garth, President of the Mechanics' National Bank of the City of New York, as to Mr. Braker's financial capacity to carry out his offer. (pp LXI & LXII)

In examining Mr. Braker's offer, I particularly ask you to notice (see top of p.26) that he agrees to accept the franchises subject to his being required to pay "all sums which the City of New York will be required to pay to the owners of the roads and franchises representing the cost of construction and ten per cent. additional, as required by the said contract of September, 1851."

I especially call your attention to this clause, in view of the Corporation Counsel's recent letter to Senator Raines, in which he expressed his approval of the Ford bill then pending before the Legislature (a newspaper copy of which letter appears at page LV of the printed book), and, while the bill, so approved, did not pass the Legislature--solely on account of lack of time--the issuing of bonds provided for in such bill is rendered wholly unnecessary in view of the

fact that Mr. Braker agrees (and I am authorized by him to state that he is prepared to give ample security in this respect) to pay these sums as a condition subject to which he will accept the franchise - thus placing himself in exactly the same position as the purchaser of an equity of redemption in a parcel of real estate who assumes a prior mortgage and whose entire amount invested would be wiped out if he did not pay the amount of such prior lien.

Certainly, under these circumstances, as the City is relieved of the only difficulty which the Corporation Counsel has brought forward, Mr. Braker's offer, in regard to the good faith of which there can be no question, is one which the City Officials should at least give some heed to at the present crisis.

I also particularly wish to call your attention to the fact that Mr. Braker agrees that he will only use such motive power as shall be "approved by the proper officers of the City of New York and the Board of Railroad Commissioners of the State of New York," and any one reading Mr. Braker's offer can see at once that he intends (as I am authorized to state on his behalf) to use the most improved motive power that has been invented as to speed, safety and convenience; and therefore the acceptance of his offer will not for a moment delay the better facilities of transit which the public demands on the two roads in question.

I also wish to call your attention to the fourth condition subject to which Mr. Braker offers to accept the franchises, to wit; that they "shall be subject to such provisions as shall be established by the City of New York and the said Board of Railroad Commissioners as to exchange of passengers with any and all connecting street surface railways," the offer further stating that it is Mr. Braker's intention "that the said roads shall accept transfers from all connecting roads and give transfers to all which will accept them."

I consider that in this respect Mr. Braker's offer is of grater advantage to the City of New York than it is as to

the very large sums which he offers to pay, both at the outset and for the annual rental in the shape of a franchise tax; for, while the cash which Mr. Braker offers to pay, to wit; two millions at once and the interest at four per cent. on two and a half millions besides, will inure only to the benefit of the taxpayers; the facilities which he guarantees as to transfers will benefit every person residing or sojourning in the City of New York, whether a taxpayer or not.

Anyone patronizing the Sixth or Eighth Avenue roads at the present time will very quickly ascertain how few transfer connections there now are; and if the transfer matter is carefully investigated it will be found that any system such as Mr. Braker proposes will greatly increase the facilities of all street railway passengers in the City of New York, using either those roads, or any roads connecting therewith.

I have addressed this letter to you as Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, as I consider that in that capacity you are the proper officers of the City of New York to protect the property rights of the taxpayers of this City; and I trust that this matter will be considered at your next meeting; and I am authorized by Mr. Braker to state that if you desire any further information in regard to his ability to carry out his offer or his good faith in making the same or the way in which the properties will be managed, he is prepared to fur-

nish the same, and, if you so request it, to attend personally before you at any time you may appoint.

In closing, let me ask you to note the clauses of the contracts under which the City has the right to re-enter, and which appear in heavy type on pages 16 and 17 of the printed book, and to the decision of the General Term of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals construing this contract as to the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company, a full statement whereof appears on page 31 of the printed book - the decisions themselves being reported in 43 Hun., p. 615, and 118 N.Y., p. 389.

Trusting that this matter will receive your careful consideration, I am,

Yours very truly,

John May Butler

Atty for H. J. Butler

Hon Wm L. Strong
Mayor

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ALEX. DOYLE,
SCULPTOR.
APR 26 1894
No. 229 E. 20th Street,
N. Y.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor; H
Chairman(ex-officio) of the Board of Sinking Fund
Commissioners.

Dear sir:

As I understand that the matter of contracting for the new building for the Supreme Court-Appellate Division-will shortly come before Commission, I desire to suggest that so far as concerns the sculptures on that building, and the design calls for many, they be contracted for direct with the sculptors and that every sculptor of good standing be allowed an equal chance to bid therefor under such regulations as will make any thing but good work impossible.

This being a public building, constructed at public cost, I take it for granted that the propriety of such a course is unquestionable.

It is the right of every sculptor of standing in this County at least to obtain this privilege-and there is nothing besides in such a course inconsistent with obtaining the best and most artistic work. The law gives the Commission full power to control this in such a manner as will be for the best interest of the work and that interest can best be served by one of the following methods:

First'-by accepting bids from all sculptors requiring security that the work shall meet the ultimate requirements of a commission of experts. Each sculptor would thus make his own price but the standard could be set as high as desired through the personnel of this expert commission and thus bar all incompetent bidders.

The other method would be for the Board to fix beforehand certain prices to be paid for the works and to allow every sculptor to submit models in competition-under proper rules and with an expert commission to judge the respective merits of all models submitted. It would be a notable competition and worthy of the public spirit and civic pride of a great city.

It is sincerely to be hoped that one of these methods will be adopted as no other method can meet the requirements of public policy, or at least of its cardinal principle,--equal rights for all.

Very respectfully submitted,

Alex. Doyle

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New building

Dear Sir:

Hon. W. J. J. J.

Mr. J. J. J. J.
Y. J. J. J.
J. J. J. J.
J. J. J. J.

To the Sinking Fund Commissioners of the City of New York:

MEMORANDUM FOR CONSIDERATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE
PROPOSED ALLOTMENT ~~OF~~ LAND OR LANDS TO THE NEW YORK
ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY, AS PER PLANS SUBMITTED TO THIS
BOARD.

Gentlemen:-

In looking over the memorandum as to proposed agreement with and jurisdiction of the Department of Public Parks in connection with the New York Zoological Society, I would state that I see no power ~~that~~ or jurisdiction that the Park Department will have in the matter excepting the following:

- 1st: The approval of the building plans and buildings of the Society.
- 2nd: The power to prevent the cutting down of trees by the Society.
- 3rd: Approval of planting by the Society.
- 4th: Approval of the occupancy of that portion of ground situated east of the Boston Road and all of the Bronx River below the Boston Road Bridge
- 5th: Provision that the said Zoological Society shall not occupy any of that portion of the area by animal herds or collections, without the consent of the Park Commissioners.

All other matters, pertaining to labor, maintenance, and income from every source are wholly in the power and under the jurisdiction of the Zoological Society; on the other hand, the City will have to maintain a police force, etc. for the care and protection of the property of the Society.

I would call the attention of the Sinking Fund Commissioners to ~~that~~ the fact that the City is to provide for the maintenance, care, protection by police and otherwise of the proposed park, its buildings, collections, enclosures and improvements made from time to time by the said Society, and notwithstanding this, the Society is to have the right under this proposed agreement, to mortgage any and all of its property not acquired from the City of State. In other

words, the City is to maintain, care for and develop this collection and this Society may sell or mortgage it or remove it at its will after a great expenditure by the City, there being no provision made for its continuance in this park. On the other hand, the Society could take its collection wholly or in part to any part of the city and dispose of it. The Zoological Society reserves for itself the power to exercise entire ~~xxxxxx~~ jurisdiction and management over all the affairs of the Zoological Park and its properties, excepting as above stated.

A question that presents itself to me is, how far should the Society be allowed to go in mortgaging the buildings that are built on the City's land and the collection that has been fed and maintained out of the City's funds. They have the right, under Chapter 435, laws of 1895 to own other property or properties as a private corporation. Section 5 of the said law states:

"Said corporation may raise money by the issue of bonds secured by a mortgage on any or all of its property not acquired from the City or State".

Another important question will be to define what is really the property of the Zoological Society and what is the property of the City or the Park Department. I think that the memorandum of agreement should fully set forth the status of ownership of property.

Because of the allotment of this valuable park or tract of land for this purpose to the said Society, I am ~~in~~ of the belief that the City should have more jurisdiction and power in its management and that provision should be made for the continuance of this Zoological Garden in this Park only and that the said Corporation should be restricted from maintaining any other garden or disposing of any of the animals or specimens with the consent of the City or its representatives.

I think because of the above named objections and recommendations, the memorandum submitted by the Zoological Society is faulty. I may add that the City will have but two officials on the Board of Managers of the Society, namely the Mayor and the President of the Park Department, out of a total Board of 38 members.

Sinking Fund
Board

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