

*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* \_\_\_\_\_ November 2, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

✓ No 957. To pave Pleasant Avenue, from East 114th to East 115th Street, with asphalt.

✓ No 958. To pave with asphalt 22nd Street, from 6th to 8th Avenue.

✓ No 980. To repave 71st Street, from Central Park West to the Boulevard, with asphalt.

X ✓ No 981. To repave 32nd Street, from 1st to Madison Avenue, and 30th Street, from 4th to 1st Avenue, with asphalt.

All these improvements are necessary, except the repaving of 32nd Street, from 1st to Madison Avenue, provided for in resolution No 981, which work has already been authorized and a contract entered into.

✓ No 978. To repave 62nd Street, from 2nd to Madison Avenue, with asphalt.

✓ No 959. To pave 22nd Street, from 10th to 11th Avenue, within land grants, with asphalt.

The improvements provided for in these two resolutions are necessary, and it is recommended that they be approved.

✓ No 985. To permit M. C. Spencer and Co. to lay a crosswalk from Nos 144 and 146 West 125th Street to the opposite curb.

There is no objection to this resolution, as the



crosswalk will be laid at the expense of the applicants therefor, and under the direction of this Department.

✓ No 990. To permit Julius Dolgner to erect an iron awning at No 277 Avenue A.

There is no objection to this resolution. The awning will be in accordance with the ordinance passed by the Common Council in April, 1886.

✓ No 930. To regulate, grade, etc., Isham Street, from Kingsbridge Road to 10th Avenue.

✓ No 956. To fence vacant lots south side of 98th Street, 100 feet east of 2nd Avenue.

✓ No 982. To flag, etc., the south side of 91st Street, between Amsterdam and West End Avenues.

✓ No 983. To flag, etc., south side of 80th Street, between the Boulevard and West End Avenue, etc.

The regulating and grading, fencing and flagging provided for in these resolutions are necessary. It is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

✓ No 931. To lay water-mains in 164th Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to Edgecombe Road.

✓ No 940. To lay water-mains in Teller Avenue, between 162nd Street and 164th Street.

✓ No 942. To lay water-mains in Decatur Avenue, from Brookline Street to Isaac Street.

✓ No 944. To lay water-mains in West 94th Street, between West End Avenue and Riverside Drive.

✓ No 945. To lay water-mains in Pelham Avenue, from Washington Avenue to the Southern Boulevard.

✓ No 948. To lay water-mains in Crotona (Franklin) Avenue, between 175th Street and Tremont Avenue.

✓ No 949. To lay water-mains in Valentine Avenue, between the Southern Boulevard and Garfield Street.

✓ No 950. To lay water-mains in Anthony Avenue, from Burnside Avenue to a point 300 feet north.

✓ No 951. To lay water-mains in 109th Street, between the Boulevard and Riverside Drive.

✓ No 952. To lay water-mains in Giles Place, between Boston Avenue and Sedgwick Avenue.

✓ No 953. To lay water-mains in Taylor Avenue, between Kingsbridge Road and 187th Street.



✓ No 944. To lay water-mains in Wadsworth Street, between Jerome Avenue and Hampden Street.

The water-mains provided for in the twelve preceding resolutions are necessary, and it is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

✓ No 932. To erect and light three lamps in front of Grammar School No 75, in Norfolk Street.

✓ No 933. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Fulton Avenue, from Pelham Avenue to a point 250 feet north.

✓ No 936. To lay gas-mains, etc., on the east side of Park Avenue, from 97th to 99th Street.

✓ No 960. For two additional lamp-posts and lamps in front of St. Celia Church Parish School, 218 and 224 East 106th Street.

✓ No 961. For gas mains and lamps in 111th Street, from 8th to Manhattan Avenue.

✓ No 962. To light 109th Street, from Central Park West to Columbus Avenue, etc.

✓ No 964. For gas mains and lamps in Riverview Terrace, from Powell Place to Cedar Avenue.

✓ No 968. For gas mains and public lamps in Eastburn Avenue, from Walnut Street to 173rd Street.

✓ No 970. For gas mains and public lamps in Anthony Avenue to a point about 300 feet north from Burnside Avenue.

✓ No 972. For lamps in Union Avenue, from 149th to 152nd Street.

✓ No 973. For gas-mains and lamps in Hoe Avenue, between Jennings Street and Cooke Place.

✓ No 974. For gas-mains and lamps in Locust Avenue, from 132nd to 138th Street.

✓ No 975. For gas mains and lamps in 134th Street, etc.

✓ No 977. To light 135th Street, from the Southern Boulevard to the tracks of the Newhaven Railroad.

The gas mains and lamps provided for in these 14 resolutions are necessary. It is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

✓ No 984. To permit James Linden to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 169 Amsterdam Avenue.



No 988. To permit Francis J. McNamara Association to place transparencies on unused lamp-posts, etc.

No 994. To permit Leon Flouret to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of Nos 126 and 128 5th Avenue.

These three resolutions for ornamental lamp-posts and transparencies are unobjectionable, and their approval is recommended.

No 992. To permit Thomas J. Brennan to keep a watering-trough on the sidewalk at 1550 Madison Avenue.

This resolution should be amended to provide for an iron watering-trough.

No 995. To permit the American Art Association to erect a canopy at the entrance to their public Art Galleries.

The ordinance of 1886 does not provide for the erection of canopies, but permits the erection and maintenance of iron awnings across sidewalks, supported at the curb. The resolution does not specify whether the supports are to be placed on the sidewalk or not. It would be illegal to place the supports on the sidewalk, but if it is intended to place them at the curb, there is no objection to the resolution.

No 991. To permit the Hebrew Institute to keep a sign board in front of their premises.

This resolution is opposed on the ground that a bulletin board of the character described in the resolution, placed on the sidewalk, would constitute an illegal obstruction.

No 941. To lay water-mains in Cambreling Avenue, from Pelham Avenue to 187th Street, etc.

No 943. To lay water-mains in Anthony Avenue, between 173rd and 174th Street.

No 946. To lay water-mains in Franklin Avenue, from East 175th Street to Crotona Park North.



X ✓ No 947. To lay water-mains in East 173rd Street, from Eastburn Avenue to Jerome Avenue.

X ✓ No 955. To lay water-mains in Dawson Street, from Westchester Avenue to Leggett Avenue.

These five resolutions for water-mains are opposed on the ground that the avenues and streets named in the resolutions are not regulated and graded. They should be regulated and graded before water-mains are laid.

X ✓ No 934. To lay gas-mains in Giles Place, between Boston and Sedgwick Avenues.

X ✓ No 935. For gas-mains and lamps in St. John's Avenue, from Pelham Avenue to Crescent Avenue

X ✓ No 963. For gas-mains, etc., in 185th Street, between Washington and Vanderbilt Avenues.

X ✓ No 965. For gas-mains, etc., in West Street, from the Southern Boulevard to 1st Street.

X ✓ No 967. For gas-mains, etc., in 183rd Street, between Valentine and Jerome Avenues.

X ✓ No 971. For gas-mains, etc., in 181st Street, from Prospect Avenue to Clinton Avenue.

X ✓ No 976. For gas-mains, etc., in Dawson Street, from Westchester Avenue to Leggett Avenue.

These seven resolutions for gas-mains, etc., are objected to because the streets are not regulated and graded. The regulating and grading should be done before gas-mains are laid.

X ✓ No 966. For two lamp-posts and lamps in front of Morris Heights M. E. Church.

X ✓ No 969. To place lamps on the two lamp-posts on Washington Avenue, near 176th Street.

The lamps provided for in these two resolutions have already been placed and lighted. The resolutions are therefore unnecessary.

X ✓ No 993. To permit the Young Men's Christian Association to place transparencies on lamp-posts.

This resolution is objectionable inasmuch as it



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does not specify the time during which the transparencies shall remain in place. It should be amended to fix the time at two weeks, or not to exceed 30 days.

Very respectfully,

*Wm Brookfield*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* November 14, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I present herewith reports on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 14. To permit John McGinnis to keep a watering-trough at No 205 Greenwich Street.

There is no objection to this resolution.

No 19. To permit Olin J. Stephens to keep a movable sign at No 241 West 125th Street.

This resolution is objected to on the ground that signs on the public sidewalks are illegal.

No 15. To permit Nichola Galgano to place and keep a barber's pole in front of No 260-1/2 Bowery.

This resolution is opposed because the proposed barber's pole would constitute an illegal obstruction.

No 5. To regulate, grade, etc., 111th Street, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive.

This resolution is defective inasmuch as it makes no provision for grading the sidewalks. It should be amended to read:

"That 111th Street, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive, be regulated and graded, the curb stones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof."

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. D. Collins*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* November 18, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I present herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

✓ No 34. To regulate and grade 180th Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to Kingsbridge Road.

This improvement is necessary, and it is recommended that the resolution be approved.

✓ No 37. For water-mains in 168th Street, from 3rd Avenue to Boston Road.

✓ No 36. For water-mains in Briggs Avenue, from the Southern Boulevard to Garfield Street, etc.

✓ No 39. For water-mains in Locust Avenue, from 132nd to 138th Street.

✓ No 40. For water-mains in 134th Street, from the Southern Boulevard to a line 270 feet east of Locust Ave., etc.

✓ No 41. For water-mains in 112th Street, from Lenox to 7th Avenue.

The water-mains provided for in these five resolutions are necessary. It is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

✓ No 22. To erect two lamp-posts at the Chapel of the Church of Heavenly Rest, Nos 114 and 116 East 47th Street.

There is no objection to this resolution.

✓ No 32. To pave a part of a street with Australian wood pavement.

It is recommended that this resolution be approved



and that 20th Street, between Broadway and 5th Avenue, be selected to be paved.

✓ No 36. For water-mains in 111th Street, between the Boulevard and Riverside Drive.

The Chief Engineer reports that the street should be graded and a sewer constructed therein before water-mains are laid.

✓ No 38. For water-mains in Vanderbilt Avenue, between 158th and 168th Streets.

The Chief Engineer reports that water-mains have already been laid in that part of Vanderbilt Avenue which has been regulated and graded. The remainder should be regulated and graded before additional water-mains are laid.

✓ No 29. To permit Joseph P. McHugh and Co. to place and keep a lamp on the unused lamp-post at 42nd Street and 5th Avenue.

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This resolution is objectionable inasmuch as it would permit the use of a City lamp-post for a private purpose, it being the evident intention of Messrs McHugh and Co. to use the lamp for advertising purposes.

✓ No 43. To pave Manhattan Avenue, from 106th to 110th Street, with asphalt blocks.

The Water Purveyor reports that it is desirable to pave Manhattan Avenue between 106th and 110th Street, but the resolution should be amended to except from the repaving that part of the avenue between the rail-tracks of the Metropolitan Traction Company (between 109th and 110th Streets) and to omit crosswalks except those of asphalt block because crosswalks of other material would be a detriment and would mar the appearance of the pavement.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. McKim*  
Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*  
*Commissioner's Office,*  
*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* December 3, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I beg leave to report on the following resolutions passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

✓ No 50. For two additional lamp-posts in front of the Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews in 106th Street, between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues.

✓ No 63. To permit Henry Emde to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of No 229 Grand Street.

✓ No 64. To permit Wilson and Co. to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 152 East 23rd Street.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that there is no objection to these resolutions. I recommend that they be approved.

✓ No 66. To permit Susie Kirwin to place and keep a carriage-step in front of No 253 West 22nd Street.

I recommend that this resolution be not approved because a stepping stone on the sidewalk, at the curb, would constitute a dangerous and illegal obstruction.

✓ No 68. To permit Edwin Evans to place and keep a sign at No 871 Park Avenue.

Signs of this description are illegal obstructions, and it is therefore recommended that the resolution be not approved.

✓ No 69. To permit Charles Harnishfeger to erect an iron awning in front of No 1031 Second Avenue.

The erection of awnings of this character is permitted



by the general Ordinance of May, 1886. The present resolution is therefore unnecessary.

✓ No 67. To permit G. B. Seeley's Sons to lay a 6-inch iron pipe along West 15th Street, from No 311 to 319, for the purpose of conducting water from a private well at 319, as shown on the accompanying diagram, etc.

The Chief Engineer reports that it is not good policy to permit the laying of private pipes for water or steam in front of property not belonging to the applicants for the privilege, and that the consent of the owners of Nos 313, 315 and 317 should be obtained before granting the desired permission.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. D. Collins*  
Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,  
Commissioner's Office,  
No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* December 6, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,  
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

✓ No 46. To appoint Mansfield Judah, C. E., a City Surveyor.

The Consulting Engineer reports that he has ascertained that Mr Judah is a competent City Surveyor. I therefore recommend that the resolution be approved.

✓ No 82. To fence vacant lots on the north side of 76th Street, etc.

The fencing of these lots is necessary, and it is recommended that the resolution be approved.

Very respectfully,

*W. L. Strong*  
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* December 17, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I beg leave to transmit report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 121. To lay water-mains in 125th Street, between Madison and 3rd Avenues.

The Chief Engineer reports that water-mains in this part of 125th Street are necessary to extend the 36-inch main to 3rd Avenue when the railroad cut under Park Avenue is filled up, and to increase the supply of water east of Park Avenue.

No 118. To lay water-mains in 173rd Street, between Amsterdam Avenue and Kingsbridge Road.

No 120. To lay water-mains in 183rd Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to Kingsbridge Road.

No 119. To lay water-mains in 158th Street, between 11th Avenue and the Hudson River.

The Chief Engineer reports that the water-mains provided for in these three resolutions are necessary, and I recommend that the resolutions be approved.

No 112. Permitting Lochman and Co. to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 1573 Third Street.

No 113. To permit Samuel S. Childs to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of No 122 West 23rd Street.

There is no objection to these two resolutions.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. T. Collins*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works*  
*Commissioner's Office,*  
*No. 31 Chambers Street*

*New York,* December 23, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,  
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 138. That two additional lamp-posts and lamps be erected and lighted in front of No 135 West 106th Street.

No 140. Permitting the Murray Hill Building and Loan Association to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 537 3rd Avenue.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that there is no objection to these two resolutions.

No 129. To permit A. Copin, 222 6th Avenue, to erect and keep an arch covered with greens across the sidewalk in front of his premises.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that the arch referred to in this resolution is already erected, and that there is no objection to its maintenance during the Christmas holidays.

Very respectfully,

*A. C. C.*  
Dy Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* December 30, 1895.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 148. To permit Michael Lawlor to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 861 10th Avenue. ✓

No 160. To erect and light two lamps in front of St. Luke's Church, 141st Street and Convent Avenue. ✓

No 161. To lay gas-mains and light public lamps in 183rd Street, from Amsterdam to 11th Avenue. ✓

No 162. To lay gas-mains and place and light public lamps in Hamilton Terrace, from 141st to 145th Street. ✓

No 163. To lay gas-mains and place and light public lamps in Terrace View Avenue. ✓

No 164. To lay gas-mains and place and light public lamps in 164th Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to Edgcombe Road. ✓

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that there is no objection to these resolutions, and I, therefore, recommend that they be approved.

No 154. To pave 98th Street, from Lexington to 3rd Avenue, with asphalt block pavement on concrete foundation. ✓

This improvement is necessary, and the Water Purveyor reports that asphalt block pavement on concrete foundation is probably the most acceptable pavement that could be laid there. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.



No 159. To lay a crosswalk across 137th Street, within the westerly sidewalk of 7th Avenue. ✓

This resolution is based on my certificate that a crosswalk is necessary. The resolution should be approved.

No 155. To pave 100th Street, between Madison and 4th Avenues, with granite blocks on concrete foundation, etc. ✓

The Water Purveyor reports that the grade of this part of 100th Street is not too steep for an asphalt pavement, the first cost of which would be less than that of a granite pavement on concrete foundation. The latter pavement would be maintained by the contractor only six months, while the former would be kept in repair for five years at the contract price. Under these circumstances, it appears that the interests of the property owners to be assessed for the cost of the improvement would be served by amending the resolution so that it shall provide for an asphalt pavement instead of a granite block pavement. I respectfully recommend that the resolution be amended accordingly.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. T. Collins*  
Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* January 2, 1896.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 153. To flag, etc., the east side of Columbus Avenue, between 81st and 82nd Streets.

The Consulting Engineer reports that the sidewalk referred to in this resolution is in dangerous condition. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 156. To fence, etc., vacant lots on East 116th Street, between Pleasant Avenue and the Harlem River.

No 157. To fence vacant lots on the north side of 118th Street, west of Park Avenue.

These resolutions are necessary, the lots proposed to be fenced being a nuisance in their present condition.

No 147. To appoint A. M. Smyth a city surveyor.

The Consulting Engineer reports that Mr Smyth is competent to perform the duties of a city surveyor. I, therefore, recommend that the resolution be approved.

No 158. To fence vacant lots on the south side of 133rd Street, 300 feet west of Lenox Avenue.

These lots have already been fenced, therefore the resolution is unnecessary.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. T. Collins*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* January 6, 1896.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I herewith transmit report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

✓ No 173. To permit L. Marks to place and keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 126 Second Avenue.

✓ No 183. To lay gas-mains, etc., in College Street, from St. John's Avenue to Cross Street, etc.

✓ No 184. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Elmwood Place from Franklin Avenue to Prospect Avenue.

✓ No 185. To lay gas-mains, etc., in East 182nd Street, from Bathgate Avenue to Bassford Avenue.

✓ No 186. To lay gas-mains in 189th Street, from Webster Avenue to Vanderbilt Avenue West.

✓ No 187. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Wendover Avenue, from 3rd Avenue to Webster Avenue, etc.

✓ No 188. To lay gas-mains in Bailey Avenue, from Kingsbridge Road to Sedgwick Avenue.

✓ No 189. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Bronx River Road, from Grand Avenue to McLean Avenue.

✓ No 190. To lay gas-mains in Clifford Street, from Katonah Street to Grand Avenue.

✓ No 191. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Holly Street, from Vario Avenue to a point 200 feet west therefrom.

✓ No 192. To lay gas-mains in Knox Street, from Vario Avenue to a point 200 feet west.

✓ No 193. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Kemble Street, from Vario Avenue to a point about 200 feet west.

✓ No 194. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Mile Square Road, from 4th Street to City Line.



✓ No 195. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Columbine Avenue, from Jackson Avenue to Taylor Avenue.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that there is no objection to either of these resolutions, and I recommend that they be approved.

✓ No 178. To lay water-mains in Vanderbilt Avenue West, between 158th and 168th Street.

✓ No 179. To lay water-mains in Union Avenue, from 149th Street to the Southern Boulevard.

The Chief Engineer reports that water-mains are necessary in these two avenues. It is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

✓ No 213. To repave 24th Street, from 5th to 10th Avenue, with asphalt on the present pavement.

I have certified to the Board of Aldermen that this improvement is necessary for "the safety, health and convenience of the public."

✓ No 172. To permit the Fountain Grove Vineyard Co. to use an unused lamp-post in front of No 58 Vesey Street.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that it is the intention of the Fountain Grove Vineyard Co. to use the lamp-post referred to for advertising purposes. I, therefore, recommend that the resolution be not approved.

✓ No 180. To lay water-mains in Anthony Avenue, between 174th Street and Gray Street.

✓ No 181. To lay water-mains in Monroe Avenue, between Columbus Street and 187th Street.

✓ No 182. To lay water-mains in Spuyten Duyvil Road, from opposite Johnston's Foundry to the Spuyten Duyvil Station.

The Chief Engineer reports that the sections of Anthony and Monroe Avenues, and of Spuyten Duyvil Road, specified in the three preceding resolutions have not been regulated and graded, and should be regulated and



graded before water-mains are laid.

✓ No 200. To permit the erection of an improved drinking fountain at 161st Street and Sedgwick Avenue.

There is no objection to this resolution on the part of this Department, but as the location of the proposed drinking fountain is within the district over which the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the 23rd and 24th Wards has jurisdiction, it might be well to refer the resolution to Commissioner Haffen as a matter of courtesy.

✓ No 208. To pave 95th Street, from Madison to 5th Avenue, with trap block pavement on concrete foundation.

According to the minutes printed in THE CITY RECORD, the Board of Aldermen, at the meeting held December 30th ultimo, passed a resolution and ordinance (General Order No 207) to pave this street "with asphalt, on concrete foundation"; whereas the one received from your office, and herewith returned, provides for "trap block pavement, on concrete foundation". I am unable to account for the difference. An asphalt pavement is necessary, and I report in favor of the resolution and ordinance as printed in THE CITY RECORD.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. D. Colli's*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* January 8, 1896.

The Honorable William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 212. To fence vacant lots on the south side of 102nd Street, between West End Avenue and Riverside Drive.

No 217. To fence, etc., the south side of 80th Street, from the Boulevard to West End Avenue, etc.

The Consulting Engineer reports that it is necessary to fence these vacant lots, and it is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

No 215. For crosswalks on the north and south sides of 179th Street, across Audubon, 11th and Wadsworth Avenues.

The regulating and grading of 179th Street has only just been completed. The Water Purveyor reports that there is only one house on the street between these avenues. On 11th Avenue there is a new Macadam pavement, which affords good crossing and would be injured by placing crosswalks in it. There is no present need of crosswalks on the line of this street, as there is little occasion for foot-travel over it. For these reasons it is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 216. To lay crosswalks across Dyckman Street at its intersection with Kingsbridge Road, Prescott Avenue, B Street and C. Street.



A resolution and ordinance are now pending in the Board of Aldermen to reset the curb stones so as to narrow the roadway of Dyckman Street, and to pave it with asphalt. This improvement could be accomplished about as early in the coming season as the laying of crosswalks, and would make the latter unnecessary. An assessment for crosswalks would prohibit a subsequent assessment for asphalt pavement for the space occupied by the walks. I recommend the disapproval of the resolution and ordinance.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. D. Collins*  
Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works*  
*Commissioner's Office,*  
*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* January 21, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

✓ No 240. To permit James and William Lyall to lay a water pipe from No 540 to No 541 West 23rd Street.

As this resolution provides for the laying of a water-pipe to furnish a supply of water for protection from fire, and ~~provides~~ that the pipe shall be laid under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, there is no objection to the resolution.

✓ No 226. To permit Frank Patterson to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 342 Bleecker Street.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that there is no objection to this resolution.

✓ No 231. To permit the Quigg Club to keep an ornamental lamp in front of No 371 Amsterdam Avenue.

There is no objection to this resolution.

✓ No 244. To annul, etc., the resolution to lay gas-mains, etc., in 173rd Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to Kingsbridge Road.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that there is no objection to this resolution.

✓ No 236. Permitting Dr O. W. Hall to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 953 Broadway.

While the resolution states that the lamp shall not



be used for advertising purposes, the accompanying sketch of the lamp shows that it is the intention to use it for advertising purposes.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. T. Collis*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*City of New York.*  
*Department of Public Works,*  
*31 Chambers Street,*  
*Commissioner's Office.*

January 24, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

On the accompanying resolution, No 241, to lay a crosswalk across 6th Avenue, within the lines of the north sidewalk of 44th Street, I have the honor to report that the crosswalk is necessary, as shown by the certificate of the Commissioner of Public Works attached to the resolution.

Very respectfully,



Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*  
*Commissioner's Office,*  
*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* January 27, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to present reports on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 256. To permit John Kehoe to erect an awning at No 260 West Street.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that as this awning is to be erected in accordance with the conditions of the General Ordinance of the Common Council of 1886, there is no objection to the resolution.

No 253. To fence vacant lots at No 58 West 133rd Street.

No 254. To fence vacant lots at Nos 222 to 258 West 122nd Street.

It is necessary to fence these vacant lots to prevent the commission of nuisances thereon. It is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

No 252. To fence vacant lots Nos 667 to 673 East 137th Street.

These lots being in the 23rd Ward, the resolution should be referred to the Commissioner of Street Improvements, 23rd and 24th Wards, for report.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. T. Collins*  
Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*  
*Commissioner's Office,*  
*No. 31 Chambers Street.*

*New York,* February 3, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to present report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

✓ No 270. To permit the Crown Jewelry and Optical Co. to place a thermometer on an unused lamp-post in front of No 16 West 14th Street.

There is no objection to this resolution, provided the thermometer shall not be of such dimensions as to constitute an obstruction to the free use of the sidewalk.

✓ No 268. To permit B. D. Depierris to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of No 1705 Broadway.

✓ No 271. To permit the Lenox Republican Club to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps in front of No 122 West 129th Street.

✓ No 272. To permit the Republican Club of the 34th Assembly District to keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of No 229 East 123rd Street.

There is no objection to either of these three resolutions. It is recommended that they be approved.

✓ No 282. To lay water-mains in 119th Street, between Park and Madison Avenues.

✓ No 285. To lay water-mains in Grand Avenue, between 149th and 165th Streets.

✓ No 287. To lay water-mains in 153rd Street, between 8th Avenue and McComb's Dam Road, etc.

The water-mains provided for in these three resolutions are necessary. I recommend that the resolutions



be approved.

✓ No 286. To lay water-mains in Park Avenue, from 97th to 102nd Street.

Water-mains have already been laid on both sides of this part of Park Avenue, therefore the present resolution is unnecessary.

Very respectfully,

*Charles D. Collis*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*City of New York.*  
*Department of Public Works,*  
*31 Chambers Street,*  
*Commissioner's Office.*

February 4, *1896.*

Hon. William L. Strong,  
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

On the accompanying resolution of the Board of Aldermen, No 289, to pave Convent Avenue, from 145th to 146th Street, with asphalt, I have the honor to report that this is a very desirable improvement, and to recommend that the resolution be approved.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. T. Collis*  
Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street.*

*New York,* February 11, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I have the honor to present report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of ~~Aldermen~~ and now awaiting your action:

No 308. To pave 112th Street, between Lenox and 7th Avenues, with asphalt.

This is a very desirable improvement, and it is recommended that the resolution be approved, the improvement being desired by the property owners and payable by assessment on their property.

No 298. To permit A. Friedlander and Co. to place and keep an ornamental clock at Nos 1, 3 and 5 Bond St.

As the proposed clock will not exceed the limits prescribed in the Revised Ordinances, there is no objection to the resolution .

No 309. To flag East 116th Street, between Pleasant Avenue and the Harlem River.

The work provided for in this resolution is necessary, and it is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 302. To permit James McMurray to erect and keep an iron awning across the sidewalk in front of No 121 Madison Avenue, and one in front of No 25 East 30th Street.

The erection of awnings on the sidewalks of Madison Avenue is prohibited by the General Ordinance of the Common Council adopted in 1886. There is no objection, however, to the erection of an awning across the sidewalk



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at No 25 East 30th Street, as the provisions of the ordinances regulating the placing of such awnings will in this case be complied with.

Very respectfully,



Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.



*City of New York.*  
*Department of Public Works,*

*31 Chambers Street,*

*Commissioner's Office.*

February 13, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

On the enclosed resolution of the Board of Aldermen, No 300, to permit Fred Dreher to place and keep an iron watering-trough on the sidewalk in front of No 1399 Fifth Avenue, I beg leave to report that watering-troughs on main avenues are objectionable inasmuch as they are liable to cause congestion of traffic, teams very often turning in at right angles to the curb-line and thus preventing the free passage of other teams. Moreover, 5th Avenue is paved with asphalt and there is not a watering-trough on it from 110th Street up. For these reasons I suggest that the resolution be amended to provide for placing the proposed watering-trough opposite Mr Dreher's premises on 115th Street, which would serve the same purpose as if placed in front of said premises on 5th Avenue.

Very respectfully,



Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.



*Department of Public Works*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street*

*New York,* February 17, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to submit reports on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 319. To lay gas-mains and light public lamps in 98th Street, from Lexington to Park Avenue.

No 320. To lay gas-mains and light public lamps in Webers Lane, from Ackerman Street to Church Street.

No 321. To lay gas-mains and light public lamps in Bailey Avenue, from Boston Avenue to Albany Post Road.

No 322. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Forest Avenue, from Home Street to 168th Street.

No 323. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Caldwell Avenue, from 165th Street to Boston Road.

No 324. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Andrews Avenue, from Hampden Street to a point 150 feet south.

No 325. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Lisbon Place, from Ernescliff Place to Mosholu Parkway.

No 326. To erect two lamp-posts, etc., in front of West Thirty-third Street Baptist Church.

These eight resolutions are unobjectionable, and it is recommended that they be approved.

No 307. To lay water-mains in Andrews Avenue, from Hampden Street to a point 150 feet south.

No 333. To lay water-mains in St. Nicholas Avenue, from 112th to 113th Street, etc.

No 332. To lay water-mains in Forest Avenue, from Home Street to 168th Street.

No 335. To lay water-mains in Bailey Avenue, from Boston Avenue to Albany Post Road.



No 331. To lay water-mains in 109th Street, between Columbus and Manhattan Avenues.

The water-mains provided for in the five preceding resolutions are necessary. It is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

No 328. To pave 120th Street, from Manhattan Avenue to Morningside Avenue East, with asphalt.

No 327. To pave 105th Street, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive, with asphalt.

These two improvements are very desirable and necessary for the convenience and comfort of the public. It is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

No 329. To lay crosswalks on Audubon Avenue, at the northerly and southerly sides of 173rd Street.

The Water Purveyor reports that there is no objection to the passage of this resolution and ordinance.

No 314. To permit the Roman Catholic Church of the Ascension to extend the vault at the Church on the north side of 107th Street, 300 feet west of Amsterdam Avenue.

There is no objection to this resolution as it provides that the Church of the Ascension shall stipulate with the Commissioner of Public Works to save the City harmless from any loss or damage that may be occasioned by the exercise of the privilege granted, and that the work shall be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

No 334. To lay water-mains in 176th Street, from Jerome Avenue to Fleetwood Avenue.

This part of 176th Street is not graded, and filling will be required in some places to the depth of five feet. The street should be graded before water-mains are laid.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. J. Collis*

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosures.

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C.H.J. Collis



*Department of Public Works*  
*Commissioner's Office,*  
*No. 31 Chambers Street*

*New York,* March 2, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 353. To erect and light two lamps at the entrance to the Flower Hospital, on the north side of 63rd Street, west of Avenue A; and one additional lamp at the entrance on Avenue A, west side, north of 63rd Street.

There is no objection to this resolution, and it is recommended that it be approved.

No 348. To permit Solomon Sayles to keep a swinging crane on West 10th Street, 40 feet east of 6th Avenue.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reports that the swinging crane provided for in this resolution has already been placed and is used for loading and unloading trucks. When the crane is not in use it is swung back against the building, but when in use it obstructs the free use of the sidewalk, and thus violates the law. For this reason authority to maintain the swinging crane should not be granted.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. T. Collins*  
Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*  
*Commissioner's Office,*  
*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* March 10, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 372. To pave 98th Street, from the Boulevard to West End Avenue.

No 373. To pave with asphalt 93rd Street, between West End Avenue and Riverside Drive.

No 375. To repave 25th Street, from 8th to 10th Avenue, with asphalt.

No 368. To repave 44th Street, from 6th to 11th Avenue, with asphalt.

No 369. To repave 46th Street, from 6th to 11th Avenue, with asphalt.

No 374. To pave 53rd Street, at the intersection of Avenue A, with granite blocks.

All these improvements are necessary, and it is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

No 362. To permit Edward Holten to keep a watering-trough in front of his premises N. W. corner of 7th Avenue and 18th Street.

The Water Purveyor reports that there is now a wooden watering-trough on the S. W. corner of 7th Avenue and 18th Street, and that the watering trough called for in this resolution is unnecessary.

No 370. To erect and light three gas lamps in front of St. Monica's school, on the south side of 80th Street, between 1st Avenue and Avenue A.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that



80th Street is lighted by electric lamps, and that there is one electric light near the west end of St. Monica's school building and another about 30 feet east of the building, and that the school is not open at night. Under these circumstances, the three gas lamps provided for in the resolution would appear to be unnecessary.

Very respectfully,

*Charles D. Collins*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*  
*Commissioner's Office,*  
*No. 31 Chambers Street*

*New York,* March 16, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 356. Appointing William Selmer, 828 East 161st Street, a City Surveyor.

The Consulting Engineer reports that Mr Selmer is competent to perform the duties of a City Surveyor. It is therefore recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 377. Permitting Charles Beekman to place an iron watering-trough in front of No 2,670 8th Avenue.

Upon examination it is found that there are watering-troughs at Nos 2,609, 2,667 and 2,689 8th Avenue, and it is doubtful if there is any public necessity for the additional watering-trough called for in this resolution.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. T. Collins*  
Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,*

March 24,

1896

Hon. William L. Strong,  
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

On the accompanying resolution, No 387, permitting Moses Zimmermann to extend a vault in front of his premises, No 324 East Houston Street, two feet beyond the curb-line, I have the honor to report that this street is so narrow that there is not room enough for necessary subways, water-mains, etc., and that permission to extend the vault beyond the curb-line should not be granted.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. D. Collins*

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.



*Department of Public Works,*  
*Commissioner's Office,*  
*No. 31 Chambers Street*

*New York,* March 26, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 390. To permit Herman Cohen to place and keep a stairway of wood and iron on the side of the premises, No 38 Avenue B.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that the proposed stairway is for an outside entrance and exit to and from the second story floor of the building. A stairway of this description on the outside of the building, resting on the public sidewalk, would be an illegal obstruction. It is therefore recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 393. To permit William Burns to remove a watering-trough from No 154 Christopher Street to No 158 Christopher Street.

As this watering-trough belongs to the City, it is not competent for Mr Burns to remove it. The resolution should therefore not be approved.

Very respectfully,

*Charles W. D. Collis*  
Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,* March 28th 1896.

Dear Sir;

A resolution of the Board of Aldermen, No. 478, will be laid before you, authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to expend \$2,000 for necessary carpenter work, railings and other fixtures, in the American Tract Society Building, without advertising therefor.

In view of my statement to the Sinking Fund Commissioners, that all fixtures would be erected by the landlord, and that the cost per annum of the new quarters for this Department would be within the annual expenditure for the present one, it is due to you that I should make an explanation of the necessity for the passage of the resolution.

In advance, I may say that since the resolution was introduced, I have revised the plans and specifications, and find that instead of expending \$2,000, I shall consume less than \$1,200.

The work to be done under this resolution is the erection of substantial <sup>enclosed by railings</sup> closets for the storage of valuable books and records, and for shelves for engineers' maps and plans, which are rapidly accumulating and this expenditure would have to be made if the Department remained in its present location.

Under the terms of the lease, the landlord has agreed to expend between five and six thousand dollars,



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for the necessary fixtures required by me, but the amount proposed to be expended under this resolution is for work and material, which will always belong to the City, and is absolutely needed.

Yours very truly,

*Charles H. Collins*

Commissioner.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor,  
N.Y. City.



*Department of Public Works,*  
*Commissioner's Office,*  
*No. 31 Chambers Street*

*New York,* April 2, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

✓ No 406. To pave 28th Street, from 394 feet east of 1st Avenue to the bulkhead line of the East River, within and not within land grants.

This improvement is very necessary, the headquarters of the Naval Reserve being at the foot of 28th Street, which is in very bad condition. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 409. To appoint H. S. Thomson of 308 West 51st Street a City Surveyor.

The Consulting Engineer reports that Mr Thomson has had several years' practical experience in city surveying, and is fully qualified to discharge the duties of that position.

No 397. To pave the east and west carriageway of Park Avenue, from 97th to 102nd St., with asphalt blocks on concrete foundation.

The paving of the avenue is necessary, and block asphalt pavement is suitable and practicable for the existing grades, except on the easterly carriageway, between 101st and 102nd Streets, where the grade is 7 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>10</sub> per cent, which is too steep for any kind of asphalt pavement. It is, therefore, recommended that the ordinance be amended by leaving out the east carriageway



between 101st and 102nd Streets, and that a separate ordinance be adopted to pave that carriageway with granite blocks on concrete foundation.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. D. Collis*  
Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street*

*New York,* April 7, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 413. To pave 107th Street, from Columbus to Amsterdam Avenue, with granite blocks.

This improvement is necessary and it is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 418. To lay water-mains in Undercliff Avenue, from Sedgwick Avenue to 176th Street.

No 420. To lay water-mains in Wales Avenue, between 144th and 149th Streets.

The Chief Engineer reports that the water-mains provided for in these resolutions are necessary, and it is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

No 425. To permit F. F. Schilling to place and keep an iron watering-trough on the S. W. corner of Houston and Essex Streets.

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While there are no watering-troughs very near the location named in the resolution, a watering-trough in such a narrow street is objectionable, because it would obstruct traffic to a considerable extent. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 414. To change the location of a drinking fountain from the end of Scammel Street to the S. W. corner of Clinton and South Streets.

The proposed change would involve an expenditure of



\$50, chargeable to the City at large. It is doubtful if the benefit to the community which would result from the change would be adequate return for an expenditure of \$50. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 433. To remove an improved iron drinking-fountain from 154 to No 185 Christopher.

The report on the preceding resolution applies to this with equal force.

No 415. To pave Lexington Avenue, from 97th to 103rd Street, with asphalt block pavement, on concrete foundation.

The passage of this resolution should be deferred until the question of grading a passage-way for the cable cars is settled. When this passage-way is made, over one-third of the street will be paved by the railroad company, thus saving the owners of abutting property more than one-third of the expense of the improvement.

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No 419. To lay water-mains in Hampden Street, between Jerome Avenue and McComb's Dam Road.

This work has already been provided for under a resolution of the Common Council approved by the Mayor November 6th, 1895. The water-mains will be laid the coming summer.

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No 417. To lay water-mains in Morris Park Avenue, from West Farms Road to Morris Park Race Track.

Morris Park Avenue is included in the territory recently annexed to the City, and there is no water-main within a mile of that avenue. Moreover, the streets and avenues in that section are not graded, and no money has been appropriated for water supply.



✓ No 432. To permit the Amsterdam Bank to erect and keep a clock in front of their premises, N. W. corner of 40th Street and Broadway.

As the proposed clock will not exceed the dimensions prescribed by the City Ordinances, there is no objection to its erection; but the resolution incorrectly gives the location of the Bank as "north-west corner of 40th Street and Broadway." It should be "north-west corner of 39th Street and Broadway."

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. J. Collier*  
Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street*

*New York,* April 21, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 464. Regulating, grading, etc., Audubon Avenue, from 165th to 175th Street.

This improvement is necessary and it is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 435. To permit L. Kronenberger to keep a watering-trough at Nos 1351-53 Boston Road.

There is no objection to this resolution on the part of this Department. As the location of the proposed watering-trough is within the territory under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the 23rd and 24th Wards, I have communicated with his office on the subject, and have received by telephone a message to the effect that he has no objection to granting permission to place the watering-trough, provided Mr Kronenberger will undertake to have properly restored, at his own expense, any part of the pavement that may be disturbed in placing the trough.

Very respectfully,

*Charles H. Collins*

Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street*

*New York,* April 21, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

✓ No 455. To permit Patrick Byrne to keep an iron watering-trough in front of No 1,745 Avenue A.

A watering-trough at that place is necessary, and it is recommended that the resolution be approved.

✓ No 465. For two additional lamps at the Church of The Reconciliation--244-46 East 31st Street.

✓ No 473. To light 111th Street, from 8th to Manhattan Avenue.

✓ No 474. For gas-mains, etc., in 109th Street, from Central Park West to Riverside Drive.

The lamps and gas-mains provided for in these three resolutions are necessary. It is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

✓ No 462. To permit Henry Niemoeller to keep an awning at No 337 East 33rd Street.

As this awning is to be constructed in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance of April, 1886, there is no objection to the resolution.

✓ No 469. To lay water-mains in Franklin Avenue, from East 175th Street to Crotona Park North.

✓ No 472. To lay water-mains in 124th Street, from Columbus to Amsterdam Avenue.



✓ No 470. To lay water-mains in Ryer Avenue, from Riverside Avenue to a point about 450 feet north.

✓ No 471. To lay water-mains in Dawson Street, from Prospect Avenue East to Leggett Avenue.

✓ No 468. To lay water-mains in 179th Street, between Amsterdam Avenue and Kingsbridge Road.

✓ No 467. To lay water-mains in 135th Street, from the Southern Boulevard to Locust Avenue.

The Chief Engineer reports that the water-mains called for in the six preceding resolutions are necessary. It is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

✓ No 466. To lay water-mains in Samuel Street, from Prospect Avenue to Mapes Avenue, and in Mapes Avenue to a point about 500 feet north.

Neither Samuel Street nor Mapes Avenue, between the points mentioned, is graded. The grading should be done before water-mains are laid.

✓ No <sup>457</sup>~~475~~. To permit George Hopper to replace a hitching post and stepping stone at No 1136 Tinton Avenue.

Stepping stones and hitching posts constitute the worst kind of obstructions on the sidewalks of this City, and numerous complaints are made against them by citizens. Hitching posts should in all cases be replaced with rings and staples fastened to the sidewalks at the curbs. These serve the same purpose as hitching-posts and are less objectionable and dangerous. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. D. Collins*  
Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*No. 31 Chambers Street,*

*New York,*

April 28, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the resolution No 487, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action, to permit L. R. Mestaniz to erect a temporary smoke stack against the building N. W. corner of 43rd Street and Lexington Avenue, I have the honor to report:

The Superintendent of Incumbrances states that the smoke stack is to be within the stoop-line, from the sidewalk to the roof, and to remain only during an electrical exhibition at the close of which it is to be removed. Under these conditions, there is no objection to the resolution.

Very respectfully,

*Samuel J. Weeks*

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

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150 Nassau Street,

*New York,* April 30, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
M a y o r .

Dear Sir:

On the accompanying resolution, No 482, to permit Patrick McGirr to keep a watering-trough at No 602 West 47th Street, I have the honor to report that No 602 is on the south-west corner of 47th Street and 11th Avenue; that there is now a watering-trough on the north-west corner of 47th Street and 11th Avenue; that it is difficult to see how an additional watering-trough would benefit anybody except Mr McGirr, and that for these reasons it is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,

*Samuel Augustus Mearns*

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

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150 Nassau Street.

*New York,*

May 1, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed three resolutions of the Board of Aldermen, Nos 496, 497 and 499, have just been received from your office for report. They provide for watering-troughs on streets in the 23rd and 24th Wards, under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Street Improvements, 23rd and 24th Wards.

The only objections which this Department has ever made to watering-troughs have been in cases where the sidewalks were too narrow to admit of the placing of troughs, or where the drippings from them would injure asphalt or other new pavements. In respect to these matters, when the locations are in the 23rd and 24th Wards, report should be obtained from Commissioner Haffen, and if the resolutions are satisfactory to him, this Department has no objections to offer.

Very respectfully,

*Edward Thynne Wilder*

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosures.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office.*

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150 Nassau Street,

*New York,* May 11, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I respectfully submit reports on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

✓ No 507. To lay water-mains in 10th Avenue, between 21st and 38th Streets, and in 29th Street, between 9th and 10th Avenues.

✓ No 503. To lay water-mains in 136th and 137th Streets, between Willis and Brook Avenues.

✓ No 502. To lay water-mains in 114th Street, between Western Boulevard and Riverside Drive.

The water-mains provided for in these three resolutions are necessary, and it is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

✓ No 539. To pave 11th Avenue, from 20th to 27th Street, with asphalt, within land grants.

✓ No 540. To pave 23rd Street, from 10th Avenue to the Hudson River, with granite blocks, within land grants.

✓ No 533. To pave 21st Street, from 10th to 13th Avenue, with asphalt, within land grants.

✓ No 537. To pave 22nd Street, from 11th to 13th Avenue, with asphalt, within land grants.

✓ No 517. To pave 111th Street, between 5th and Lenox Avenue, with granite blocks.

✓ No 523. To pave 111th Street, between 7th and Manhattan Avenues, with asphalt block pavement.

✓ No 511. To pave 158th Street, from the Boulevard Lafayette to New York Central and Hudson River Railroad.

✓ No 518. To pave 25th Street, from 10th to 13th



Avenue, with asphalt, within land grants.

The paving works provided for in these eight resolutions are necessary. It is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

✓ No 510. To regulate, grade, etc., 139th Street, from 7th Avenue to the Harlem River.

✓ No 525. To regulate, grade, etc., 182nd Street, from Amsterdam Avenue to Kingsbridge Road.

✓ No 526. To regulate, grade, etc., Nagle Avenue, from Kingsbridge Road to 10th Avenue.

The City having acquired title to the streets named in the three preceding resolutions, and the improvements called for being necessary, it is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

✓ No 519. To fence vacant lots on the north side of 102nd Street, between Amsterdam and Columbus Avenue.

It is necessary to fence these lots, as they are in the vicinity of dwelling houses, and dirt from the lots falls down on the sidewalks to the inconvenience of pedestrians. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

✓ No 506. For water-mains in Crotona Avenue, from Lebanon Street to Oakland Place.

Crotona Avenue is partly graded, but there is no water-main to connect with between Lebanon Street and Oakland Place. It is therefore recommended that the resolution be amended so as to read, "between Tremont Avenue and Oakland Place."

✓ No 505. For water-mains in Bronx Terrace, between 12th and 14th Streets.

OK This location is in Wakefield, part of the newly annexed territory. The City has no water-mains within a mile of Bronx Terrace, and there is no appropriation



for obtaining water from other sources for the supply of this district. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 504. To lay water-mains in Sheridan Avenue, between 158th and 161st Streets.

Sheridan Avenue should be graded before water mains are laid. At present it is neither on line nor grade. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 544. Permitting Herman Bischoff to place an iron watering-trough at No 79 East 103rd Street.

This location is an inconvenient place for a drinking hydrant, and it is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 529. To place an improved iron drinking fountain on the east side of Macdougall Street, fifty feet north of Prince Street.

As there is a new asphalt pavement on Macdougall Street it is deemed inadvisable to tear it up for the purpose of placing a drinking fountain, particularly as there is a fountain on the corner of Varick and Spring Streets and another at Houston Street and West Broadway. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

No 512. To pave Hamilton Place, from the Boulevard to Amsterdam Avenue, with asphalt block pavement.

This resolution should be amended so as to provide that the pavement shall be laid on concrete foundation.

No 542. To permit the N. Y. Life Insurance Co. to extend a vault on Catherine Lane.

According to the accompanying diagram, it is intended to extend the vault to the centre of Catherine Lane. The resolution is opposed on the ground that the space to be occupied by the vault will hereafter be



required for water-mains, gas-mains, sewers and other sub-structures. It is recommended that the resolution be not approved.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Howard Thomas Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

P. S. No 541. Appointing Jacob Louis Bauer, of 68 Bible House, a City Surveyor.

The Consulting Engineer reports that Mr Bauer is competent to perform the duties of City Surveyor. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.



*Brown Resolution*

*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

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150 Nassau Street,

*New York,* May 18, 1896.

Hon. Nicholas T. Brown,  
Board of Aldermen.

Dear Sir:

The President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has asked the permission of this Department to place a drinking-fountain in James Slip. I have informed President Haines that the Department considers the location an excellent one, and that as the power to locate such fountains is vested in your Board, I have transmitted to you the enclosed resolution for presentation at to-morrow's meeting.

Very respectfully,

*James Rogers Wood,*

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.



*Department of Public Works,*  
*Commissioner's Office,*

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150 Nassau Street,

*New York,* May 26, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

On the accompanying resolution, No 561, to permit S. R. Jonap and Co. to place a bulletin board in front of their premises, Nos 287 to 295 8th Avenue, I beg leave to report that, upon investigation, it is ascertained that the bulletin board is to be attached to an unused lamp-post in front of said premises. The resolution is opposed on the ground that a bulletin board or sign on the sidewalk at the curb would be illegal. Moreover, the placing of a sign of this character on such a busy thoroughfare as 8th Avenue would cause obstruction to the free use of the sidewalk. The sign should be placed against the wall of the building, if placed at all, where it would be less objectionable.

Very respectfully,

*Howard Thomas Wilder*

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

~~150 Nassau Street,~~

150 Nassau Street,

*New York,* May 26, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

As requested, I transmit herewith report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 566. To pave 1st Avenue, from 32nd to 36th Street, with asphalt, within the limits of grants of land under water.

This resolution is necessary, and it is recommended that it be approved.

No 592. To pave 109th Street, from Central Park West to Riverside (except from Manhattan to Columbus Avenue) with asphalt block pavement on concrete foundation.

This improvement is necessary. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

Very respectfully,

*Charles A. D. Colli's*

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.



*Department of Public Works.*

*Commissioner's Office,*

~~150 Nassau Street,~~

150 Nassau Street,

*New York,* May 26, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir :

I have the honor to present report on the following resolutions, passed by the Board of Aldermen and now awaiting your action:

No 576. To lay water-mains in 145th Street (south side) from St. Nicholas to Amsterdam Avenue.

No 575. To lay water-mains in 11th Avenue (east side) from 181st to 185th Street.

No 574. To lay water-mains in Amsterdam Avenue, between 58th and 71st Streets.

The water-mains provided for in these three resolutions are necessary, and it is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

No 563. To permit Fleischhauer Bros and John Keenan to lay a steam pipe from No 788 to 789 1st Ave.

There is no objection to this resolution, as it provides that the pipe shall be laid under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

No 581. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Dawson Street, from Prospect Avenue east to Leggett Ave.

No 582. To lay gas-mains in Bradhurst Avenue, between 145th and 147th Streets.

No 583. To lay gas-mains in 146th Street, from 8th to Bradhurst Avenue.

No 584. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Giles Avenue, from Boston Avenue to Sedgwick Avenue.

No 585. To lay gas-mains in Jefferson Avenue, from Kingsbridge Road to Samuel Street.



No 586. To lay gas-mains in Bronx River Road, from Woodlawn Station to the City Line.

No 587. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Elm Street, from the Southern Boulevard to Prospect Avenue.

No 588. To lay gas-mains in East 182nd Street, from Washington Avenue to a point 200 feet west.

No 590. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Vyse Avenue, from Jennings Street to Cook Place.

No 591. For two lamps, etc., in front of the entrance to the Villa Maria Academy on Lexington Avenue, between 79th and 80th Streets.

The gas-mains, lamps, etc., provided for in the preceding ten resolutions are necessary. It is recommended that the resolutions be approved.

No 568. To fence vacant lots on the north side of 84th Street, between Madison and 5th Avenues.

These vacant lots being in the vicinity of improved property, it is necessary to fence them. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 571. To regulate and grade 178th Street, between Amsterdam Avenue and Kingsbridge Road.

This improvement is necessary. It is recommended that the resolution be approved.

No 589. To lay gas-mains, etc., in Undercliff Avenue, from Sedgwick Avenue to 176th Street.

The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas reports that Undercliff Avenue is already lighted, therefore the gas-mains and public lamps called for in this resolution are unnecessary.

No 580. To remove the fire-hydrant in front of No 148 West 54th Street.

The expense of changing hydrants for private parties has always been borne by the parties benefited. This Department has no appropriation for work of this character.

Very respectfully,

*Charles S. T. Collins*  
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.