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LEWIS H. POUNDS, PRESIDENT

The City of New York  
Office of the  
President of the Borough of Brooklyn

Brooklyn Sept. 25, 1913

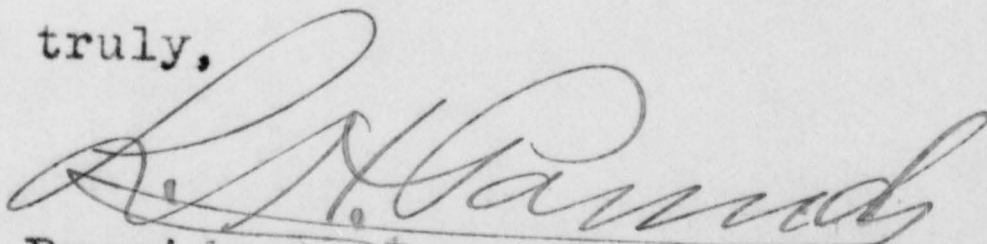
Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York,  
City Hall, Manhattan.

Dear Sir:-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 23rd enclosing a communication from Rev. Maurice P. Fitzgerald, Rector of St. Gregory's Church, 997 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn, protesting against the building of a moving picture theatre on St. Johns Place, between Kingston and Brooklyn Avenues. No permit has been issued by the Building Department for this structure and none will be issued until the Bureau of Licenses shall write a letter to the Building Department stating that the site has been approved by that bureau for the purpose of a moving picture theatre.

I am writing Father Fitzgerald to-day telling him that he should make his protest to the Bureau of Licenses.

Yours very truly,

  
President, Borough of Brooklyn.





LEWIS H. POUNDS, PRESIDENT

The City of New York  
Office of the  
President of the Borough of Brooklyn

Brooklyn Sept. 30, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, The City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of September 29, asking that my Consulting Engineer be present at a conference to be held in the office of the Bureau of Standardization of Supplies, Room 131, 280 Broadway, Manhattan, on Wednesday, October 1, at 11 o'clock in the morning. With regard to this I would say that my Consulting Engineer will be present.

Yours very truly,

President of the Borough.





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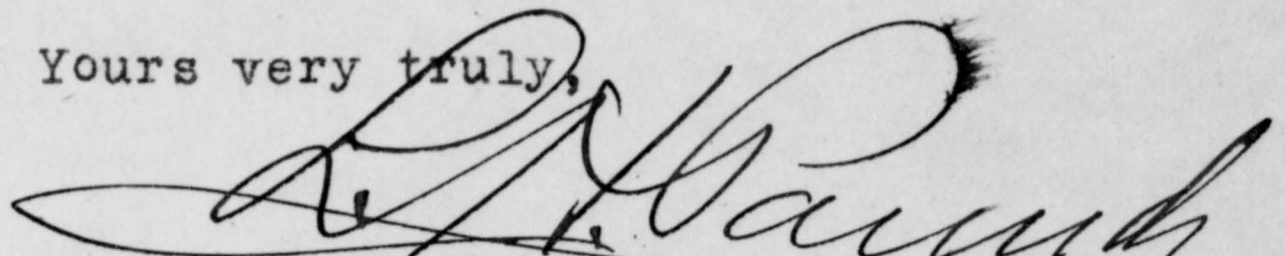
Brooklyn October 8, 1913.L.

Hon. A. L. Kline,  
Mayor, The City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

Herewith I hand you copy of my departmental estimate  
for the year 1914.

Yours very truly,



President of the Borough.

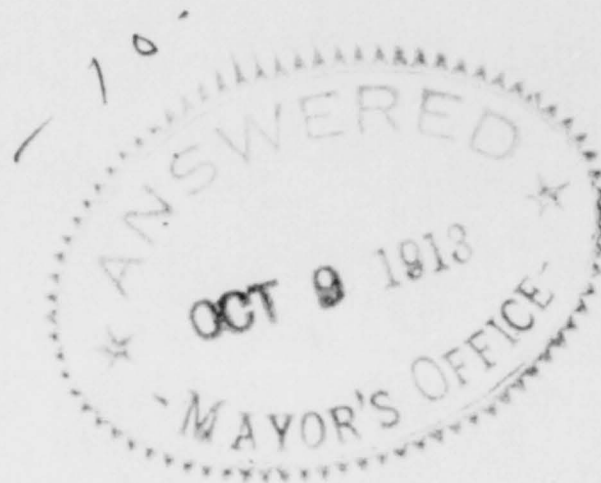




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LEWIS H. POUNDS, PRESIDENT  
JOHN B. CREIGHTON, SECRETARY

The City of New York  
Office of the  
President of the Borough of Brooklyn

Brooklyn Oct. 9, 1913.



Mr. Julian Beaty,  
Secretary to the Mayor,  
City Hall, Manhattan.

My dear Mr. Beaty:-

I have your letter of October 7th informing me that Mayor Kline will be present at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, on October 24th at eleven A. M. to welcome the delegates in the World's Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

I have communicated this information to the President of the Society and the same will be placed on the program of the proceedings.

If it meets with the Mayor's pleasure I shall be pleased to call for him with an automobile, taking him from his home or such other place as he may designate to the Academy of Music and then bringing him to the City Hall.

With kind regards to your personal self, I beg to remain,

Very truly,

*John B. Creighton*





The City of New York  
Office of the  
President of the Borough of Brooklyn

Brooklyn October 22, 1913.

LEWIS H. POUNDS, PRESIDENT  
GEO. W. TILLSON, CONSULTING ENGINEER  
AND ACTING COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. J. A. Broderick,  
Bureau of Highways,  
Borough of Manhattan.

My dear Mr. Broderick:-

I enclose you herewith copy of a letter sent to Mr. Buskirk to-day regarding the matter referred to in Mr. Mathews' letter to you, which is also enclosed.

Respectfully,

*Geo. W. Tillson*  
Acting Commissioner  
of Public Works.

Enc.



October 22, 1913.

Mr. Geo. W. Buskirk,  
No. 1 West 34th st., New York.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of October 10, addressed to the Bureau of Street Openings, 164 Montague st., Brooklyn, asking if "between July, 1909, and February, 1910, was there a permit asked for and granted for opening the highway in front of the premises "146-154 Bedford ave.," I would say that on November 4, 1909, a permit was granted to I. D. Simonson for opening Bedford ave., west side, 80 feet south of North 9th st. Our Bureau of Highways' number was 40,675, and the Bureau of Sewers' number 392.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner  
of Public Works.



*My dear Mr. Tillson:  
Will you kindly  
oblige Mr. Matthews  
yourself  
John Broderick.*

CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

October 20, 1913.      s

Dear John:

So as to enable me to send an answer to the enclosed as promptly as possible, will you kindly have it looked up by one of your people and let me have a memorandum which I can send to Mr. Buskirk. If the matter is not one which comes directly under your bureau, I shall be indebted if you will have it properly referred.

Very truly yours,

*James Matthews*

Executive Secretary.

Mr. John Broderick,  
Bureau of Highways,  
21 Park Row.



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CONNECTING ALL DEPARTMENTS.

JOBGING AND EXPORT

NEW METHOD  
BOOK BINDING

THE BUSKIRK COMPANY

MANUFACTURING STATIONERS

NO. 1 WEST 34TH STREET

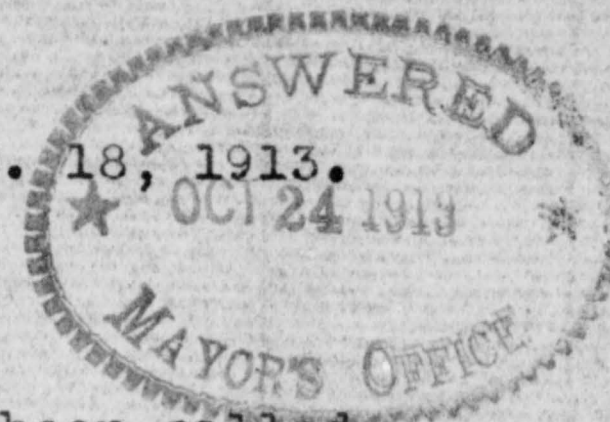
NEW YORK

(CENTURY BUILDING)

SUITE 604

Mayor Kline,  
Honorable Mayor of the City  
of New York,  
New York City.

Oct. 18, 1913.



Dear Sir:-

As executor and Trustee of an estate, I have been called upon by the guardians of five infantile interests to make a report. One of the subjects of this report, requires information that I must obtain from a City Department. I enclose copy of letter and answer which is self explanatory.

I do not wish to appear impatient nor do I think these officials are neglegent, but as I must render this report at a certain time, I thought by writing you it might facilitate the matter some.

Thanking you for any efforts on your part in my behalf to facilitate this matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Geo. W. Buskirk



COPY.

Oct. 10, 1913.

Bureau of Street Openings,  
164 Montague St.,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:-

May I ask you kindly to look up your records and advise me at your earliest convenience as follows:-

Between July 1909 and February 1910 was there a permit asked for and granted for opening the highway in front of the premises 146-154 Bedford Avenue?

, This opening was to extend to the main sewer on Bedford Avenue.

I require this data for a report which I am making up.

Thanking you for your kind attention, I remain,

Yours truly,

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Executor.



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LAW DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF STREET OPENINGS,

Borough of Brooklyn, Oct. 14, 1913.

George W. Buskirk, Esq.,  
1 West 34th Street,  
New York.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of October 10th, 1913, relative to a permit for opening the Highway in front of 146-154 Bedford Avenue, I beg to advise you that the same has been referred to the Borough President's office for answer, that department having charge of matters of that kind.

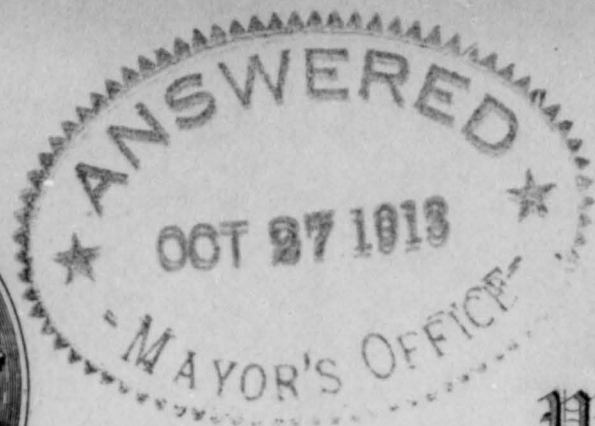
Respectfully yours,

Assistant Corporation Counsel  
in charge of Bureau of Street  
Openings, Borough of Brooklyn.





LEWIS H. FOUNDS, PRESIDENT



The City of New York  
Office of the  
President of the Borough of Brooklyn

Brooklyn October 24th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

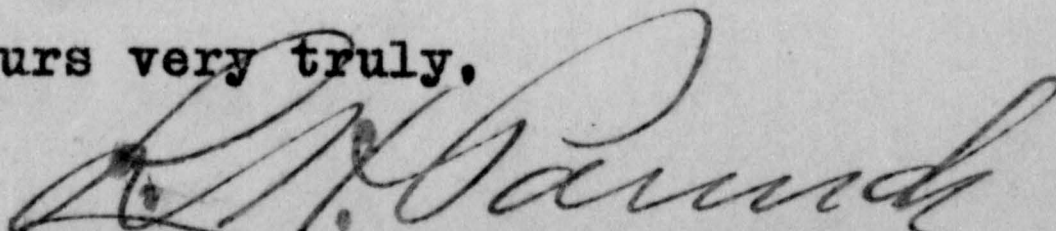
In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 353, Laws of 1912, and Section 1568 of the Greater New York Charter, your consent is hereby requested to a leave of absence with pay at the rate of \$2.50 per day, to

WILLIAM WEISNER                      1429 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn  
Laborer in the Bureau of Highways in this department, for a period of two months, to date from September 20th, 1913.

Mr. Weisner is a Veteran of the Civil War and is a faithful employee of this department, and who has always been attentive to his duties. He was thrown from a trolley car at Borough Hall, Brooklyn, on the 19th day of August, 1913, while in the performance of his duties.

Mr. Weisner has already been paid from August 19th to September 19th, 1913, but in order to continue his leave of absence with pay it is necessary for me to obtain your approval as required by Section 1568 of the Charter.

Yours very truly,

  
President, Borough of Brooklyn.

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LEWIS H. POUNDS, PRESIDENT

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The City of New York  
Office of the  
President of the Borough of Brooklyn

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Brooklyn October 28, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, City of New York,  
City Hall, Manhattan.  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Mayor;

I wish to call your attention to an Ordinance that passed the Board of Aldermen today, copy of which I enclose. It is entitled "An Ordinance to amend Section 91 of Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Part 1 of the Code of Ordinances" relating to "The Borough Presidents - Contracts and General Powers".

This Ordinance came up today in the Board of Aldermen and was passed and of course will be transmitted to you.

Some of those who are urging it state that hearings have been held and they supposed it was generally known that such ordinance was pending. It is quite possible that the regular published notices had been made, but we knew nothing about it and no special notice was ever received by me, and I cannot find that one came to the office.

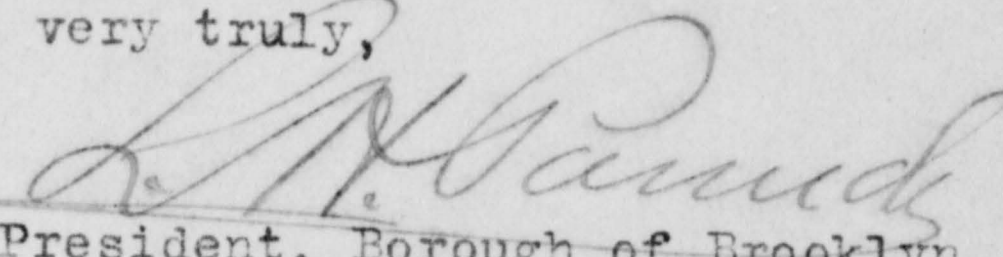
From a hasty examination of this ordinance it certainly does not seem to be a wise provision, and is similar to one that Mayor Gaynor vetoed some time ago. I have not yet had time to make a careful study of it, and I herewith request that before you sign or approve this ordinance you give all the Borough Presidents an opportunity to be heard, Whether or not the other Borough Presidents make such request, I personally request that you give me an opportunity to go into the merits of



this ordinance with you. As nearly as I can gather, it affects our methods of inspection and tends to impare the integrity of the very efficient inspection <sup>services</sup> that we now have in this borough.

I will add that I was unable to be in the Board of Aldermen myself today but my Consulting Engineer, Mr. Tillson, who is now Commissioner of Public Works, advised against the ordinance, and voted against it.

Yours very truly,

  
President, Borough of Brooklyn.

Enclosure.



An Ordinance to amend Section 91 of Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Part 1 of the Code of Ordinances relating to "THE BOROUGH PRESIDENTS - CONTRACTS AND GENERAL POWERS".

Be it ordained by the BOARD OF ALDERMEN of the City of New York as follows:

Section 1, Section 91 of Article 1 Chapter 5 of Part 1 of the Code of Ordinances relating to the Borough Presidents - Contracts and Powers, is hereby amended to read as follows.

THE BOROUGH PRESIDENTS - CONTRACTS AND GENERAL POWERS.

Section 91, The President of each Borough shall prevent and report to the Corporation Counsel all encroachments on the Streets or Avenues in the City of New York which may be brought to his notice or take such other action thereon as may be prescribed by ordinance in relation thereto. He shall appoint on all contract work of regulating, grading and paving and sewer construction a competent inspector (of contract work) with the title of Inspector of Public Works connected with his department (in all cases) where he may deem the public service requires such inspector. All inspectors with the title of Inspector of Regulating, Grading and Paving and Inspector of Sewer Construction are hereby constituted Inspectors of Public Work with the title of Inspector of Public Work. In all cases where an assessment shall be levied for any improvements the amount paid for inspection on any contract work connected therewith shall be assessed and collected with the other expenses of such improvement, except where the inspectors wages are legally chargeable to the contractor.

(Words in brackets, - matter from the old Ordinance to be eliminated  
(Words in italics, namely that which is underlined, is new matter amending ordinance)





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LEWIS H. POUNDS, PRESIDENT  
JOHN B. CREIGHTON, SECRETARY

The City of New York  
Office of the  
President of the Borough of Brooklyn

Brooklyn Nov. 12, 1913.

Hon. Robert Adamson,  
Secretary to the Mayor,  
City Hall, New York.

My dear Mr. Adamson:-

After leaving you yesterday I saw Mr. Frank L. Babbott at the Hardware Club and he has made arrangements to have Mayor Kline and Borough President Pounds as his guests there to-morrow, following the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

I enclose herewith six box seats for the football game to be played at Ebbets Field on Friday afternoon, November 14th, between the Poly and Adelphi teams. This will be a good game to watch and quite a society event in Brooklyn. The Committee very cordially invites the Mayor and yourself to attend.

Yours very truly,

John B. Creighton  
Secretary.

Mr. Adamson - Will you appoint a date convenient for the Mayor to lunch with Mr. Babbott?





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Office of the  
President of the Borough of Brooklyn

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LEWIS H. POUNDS, PRESIDENT

GEO. W. TILLSON, CONSULTING ENGINEER  
AND ACTING COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

Brooklyn Dec. 5, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,  
Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Under date of November 21st, we received from your office a communication enclosing a letter from Mrs. M.C. Sweeney, #88 Luqueer Street, this Borough, claiming that her property had been damaged by the backing up of sewer in front of her premises.

This matter has been carefully investigated by the Superintendent of our Sewer Bureau, and I enclose herewith copy of report made by him, which explains the matter in detail.

Yours very truly,

*Geo. W. Tillson*  
Acting Borough President.





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Hon. George W. Tillson,  
Acting Commissioner of Public Works.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I return communication dated November 18, 1913, addressed to His Honor, the Mayor, by Mrs. M. C. Sweeney, #88 Luqueer St., Brooklyn; also, a communication dated November 21, 1913, directed to the Borough President by James Matthews, Executive Secretary to the Mayor. This is a complaint of backing up of sewer and a request for certain repairs to be made at

#88 Luqueer St.

This complaint was referred to the Foreman of Repair Yards Higgins, who has reported to me in great detail but in substance as follows: He called at 88 Luqueer St., and saw both Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney. Mr. Sweeney stated to him that he knew nothing about this communication and believes it was composed and written by the boys, (one of them probably his son), who had a club-room in the rear building; that he has made no claim for damages.

The sewer in front of these premises is 11 ft. 7 in. below the street, the floor of the cellar is 9 ft. 4 in. In heavy storms this sewer, as many others in this Borough, is not large enough to carry off the surface water during the storm. Mr. Sweeney understands thoroughly, and has once more been notified that he can remedy this by placing a backwater trap in his cellar; this he must do at his own expense to protect his property. The sewer is in first class condition.



Under the floor of this cellar Mr. Sweeney has an old style vitrified pipe, with holes, covered with tins, and when water backs up in the cellar it drains off very slowly. If the boys belonging to the club that framed this letter could induce some one to cement their yard to be used as a play ground I presume it would please them, certainly the flooding of the cellar would not affect a yard many feet above the water in the cellar. Many hundred business places in this Borough own buildings where the conditions are the same as at this point, in all cases we advise a backwater trap, and in nearly all cases the owner of the property secures a plumber to install a trap which shuts off the water from backing up in heavy storms.

Respectfully,

*Wm. J. Taylor*  
Superintendent of Sewers.