

Common Council Chamber
November 20th 1854

The Council met at half past Six O'clock P M. Present the Mayor and all the Councilmen

The following accounts were presented and allowed

Samuel Murphy for Labor	\$	30.00
Hiram Lewis " "		10.00
S Hoffner " "		6.25
	\$	<u>46.25</u>

The following report was received

The undersigned reports to the Council, that he measured the Cistern at intersection of Illinois and North Streets, built by William Wood and it will hold 494 Barrels of water, which, at 50 cents, as per contract, amounts to two hundred and forty seven (247) dollars, two-thirds payable when the cistern is completed and the other third when it is fully tested and found to be water tight

Indianapolis James Wood
Nov 20 1854 Civil Engineer

Mr Maguire moved That the City Clerk be authorized to draw a warrant in favor of William Wood for two thirds of the contract price for said cistern

Which motion prevailed

The following report was received

The City of Indianapolis Dr
To George Durham & Robert Talkington

To estimate for building the Invincible Fire Engine House according to plan, and specifications, as per contract.

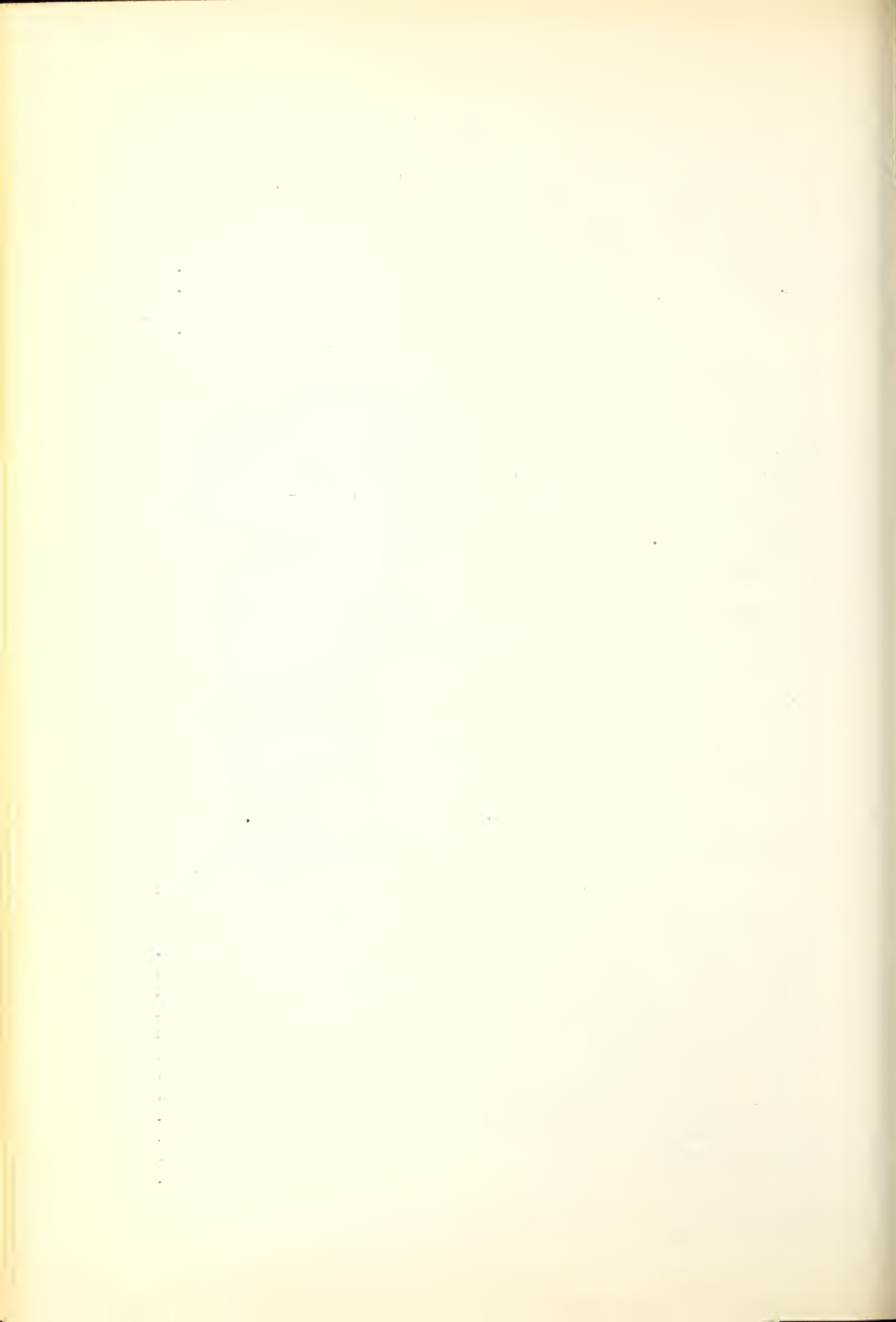
\$992.00

Extra Work

To 168 Cubic yards of excavation at 23 cents per yard	\$	38.64
" 20,000 brick in cellar walls, at \$7 per thousand		140.00
" 2000 " " well at \$5 per thousand		10.00
" walling two cellar grates		2.00
" one tier of joisting in lower floor 49x12x2½		32.62
" framing under joists		16.74
" 1000 feet of rough floor		20.00
" 1000 " " dressed pine floor		32.00
" making gutter in lower floor		3.00
" making cellar door and steps		6.50
" erecting cupola		50.00
" putting cornice in front		10.50
	\$	<u>1354.00</u>

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I certify the above correct
James Wood, Civil Engineer



Mr Keely moved That said reported account be allowed

Which motion prevailed

The following report was presented

Estimate of stone crossings at Washington and Illinois Street: Viz:

	Crossing Washington Street	
29	Cubic yards of excavation @ 30 cents per yard	\$ 8.70
20	Cubic yards of Sand @ 60 cents per yard	12.00
282	Superficial feet of pavement @ 55 cents per foot	155.10
198	Superficial feet of paving with boulders, @ 25 cents per foot	49.50
		<u>\$225.30</u>

	Crossing between Palmer House & the Blake Building	
50	Cubic yards of excavation, @ 25 cents per yard	\$ 12.50
42	Cubic yards of Sand @ 60 cents per yard	25.20
480	Superficial feet of pavement, @ 55 cents per foot	264 00
342	Superficial feet of paving with boulders at 25 cents	85.50
	Total	<u>387.20</u>
		<u>\$612.50</u>

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James Wood
Civil Engineer

On motion of Mr Dunlap said report was laid on the table

The following report was received

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Police Proceedings.

Number of arrests made by the Watchmen since Monday Nov 6th ending Monday Nov 20th/54

For being drunk	14 persons
" disturbing the peace	2 "
" fighting	1 "
" committing assault & Battery	3 "
" associating with prostitutes	11 "
" females for prostitution	2 "
" " " being drunk	2

Whole number 35

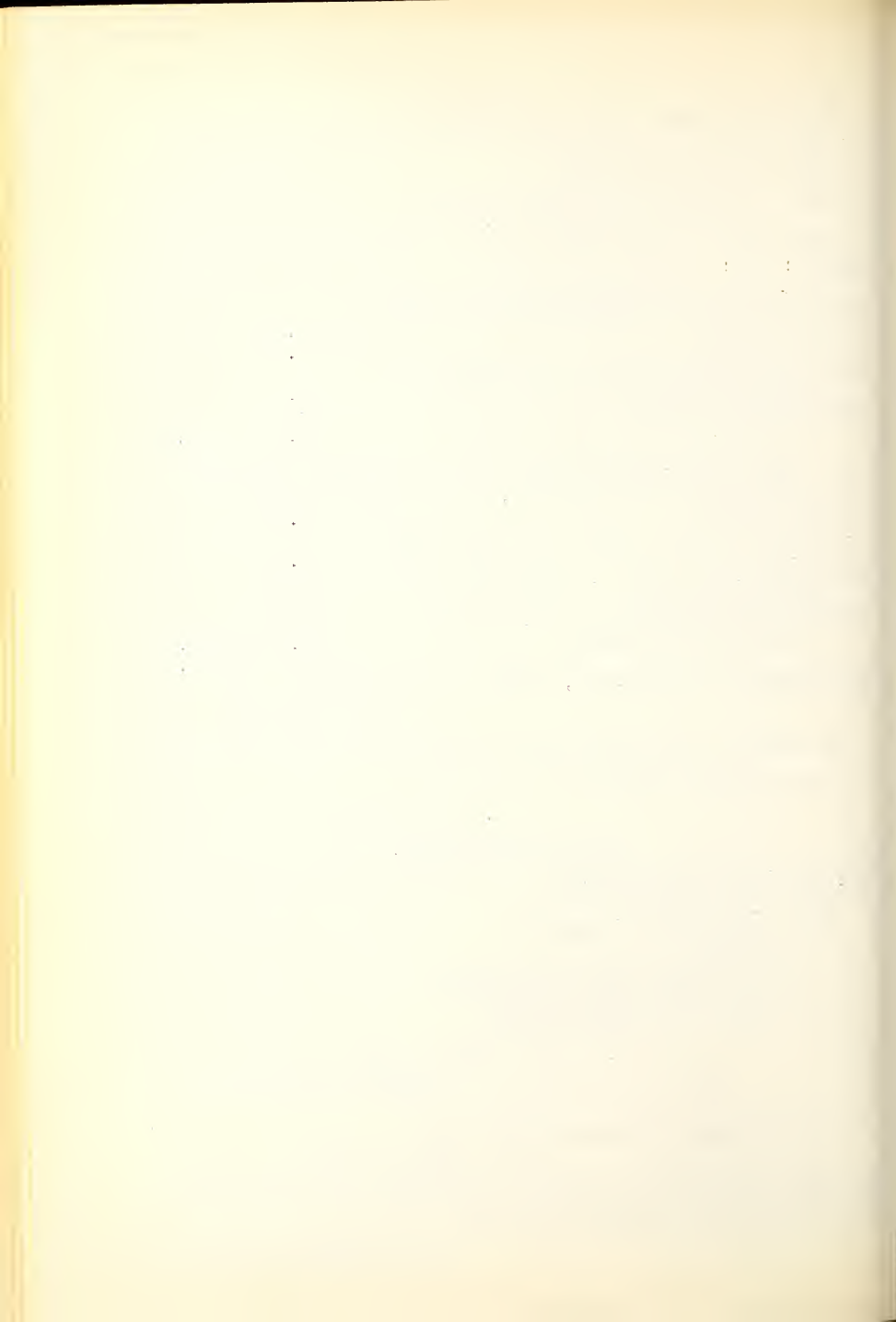
Jefferson Springsteen
Capt of the Watch

The following report was received

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The undersigned to whom was referred the Treasurers Monthly account, respectfully report that they have examined said account and found it correct

James McCreedy Mayor
Jas W Sweetser, City Clerk



The following report was received

Mr President, The Committee to whom was referred the account of Elder & Harkness, have examined the same and find that all the charges are in accordance with the regular prices for printing and would recommend that the bill be allowed.

Wm H Karns
William Boaz
Hiram Seibert

And accompanying said report was Messrs Elder & Harkness' bill for \$294.93

On motion of Mr Nelson said bill was allowed

Mr Maguire moved That the Street Commissioner be directed to make walks in the yard of the High School to the wells, to the coal house, and to the out houses, and also that he extend the walk on the north side of New York Street to Meridian Street

Which motion prevailed

The following report was presented.

Mr President. The select Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Captain of the night watch in relation to equalization his pay, have had the same under consideration are of the opinion, that in view of the responsibility which is placed upon him, and the additional amount of labour which he is necessarily required to perform in travelling through the different wards, would respectfully recommend that an additional amount of twenty five cents be allowed him per day

Wm H Karns
Canada Gowan
J L Avery

On motion of Mr Dunlap said report was concurred in

Mr Graydon offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner is hereby directed to make a gravel walk, four feet wide in front of State property, occupied by Asylum for the Blind, on the West Side of Pennsylvania Street, between North Street and St Clair Street, and also at the west crossing of St Clair Street and Pennsylvania Street

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns Keeley, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Truxsess 13

In the Negative - None



Mr Seibert offered the following resolution

Resolved That the City Engineer be authorized to advertise for the paving of the Market House on South Street and also the graveling around the same sufficient to render it convenient for Market purposes

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Truxsess.

In the Negative - None

Mr Avery offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Civil Engineer be requested to measure the Cistern at the crossing of Ohio & East Street and accept the same provided it is done according to contract, waiving the objection of the said cistern being above the grade, and that Mr Wood be allowed the amount due him for said cistern

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Gowan, Jones, Keeley, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Truckses. 11

In the Negative - None

Mr Seibert offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner be authorized to fill the mud holes in Merrill Street between Delaware and Alabama Street sufficient for the passage of wagons, and also fill in like manner, the mud hole in Vermont Street between Delaware and Alabama Streets

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Nelson & Seibert 10

In the Negative - Messrs Pitts & Truxsess 2

Mr Seibert moved That the Street Commissioner be authorized to grade around the Market house on South Street and to use the dirt therefrom in filling the mud holes in Merrill & Vermont Streets

Which motion prevailed

Mr Jones offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to enquire into the legality of the Mayor, Marshall, or watchmen receiving any money or other articles of value from any person arrested and put in prison by said watchmen, for their appearance before they have had a hearing

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz,



Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Nelson,
Pitts, Seibert & Truxsess
In the Negative - None

Mr Dunlap offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Captain of the watch be authorized
to procure a signal mace for each watchman - also a brass
star to be worn on the left breast when on duty

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz,
Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Nelson,
Pitts, Seibert & Truxsess
In the Negative - None

Mr Keeley offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Invincible Fire Company be authorized
to have window shutters placed on the Engine House

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz,
Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Nelson,
Seibert & Truxsess
In the Negative - None

Mr Pitts offered the following resolution

Resolved That the City Engineer have the Bridge across
the Canal on Ohio Street repaired with new railing

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz,
Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Nelson,
Pitts, Seibert & Truxsess
In the Negative - None

Mr Karns moved That the certificate of Purchase from the
City Treasurer of property sold for taxes due the City be
referred to the City Attorney

Which motion prevailed

Mr Keeley offered the following resolution

Resolved That James Blake be notified by the Street
Commissioner to deepen the gutter in front of his building
on Washington Street between Illinois and Tennessee Streets
so as to let the water pass off freely from the gutter West
of his said building, and in default thereof that the Com-
missioner immediately proceed to do the same at James Blake's
expense under the direction of the Civil Engineer

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz,
Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Seibert
and Truxsess 12
In the Negative - Mr Pitts



Mr Colley offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Captain of the Watch be authorized to employ a suitable person to act as watchman in his place until the next meeting of this Council, and that he devote his whole time throughout the City as Captain of said Watch, and that he be authorized to change the Watchmen from one ward to another whenever he shall believe that the true objects of the appointment of said watch can be more fully carried out by making such change for the time being, and the Judiciary Committee be requested to report such amendments to the Watch ordinance at their earliest convenience, as referred to above

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative, are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Pitts & Seibert 10
In the Negative - Messrs Graydon, Nelson, & Truxsess 3

Mr Avery offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner be requested to repair the gutter on the East side of Alabama Street, between Ohio & New York Streets; and make two foot crossings over the same, under the direction of the Civil Engineer

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Seibert & Truxsess

In the Negative - None

Mr Nelson moved That the City Clerk be authorized to draw a warrant in favor of Mr Harbison for the amount due from the City for work done on New York between Meridian & Illinois Street

Which motion prevailed

Mr Jones offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Judiciary Committee enquire in to the expediency of reporting an Ordinance regulating the Sale of wood and also establishing a stand for the Sale of the same

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Truxsess 10

In the Negative - Messrs Avery, Boaz & Keeley, 3

Mr Colley moved That the City Attorney be authorized to bring suit against the property holders on Georgia Street for the Amount of an estimate of work done on said Street by Messrs Gaughan & Duffy

Which motion prevailed



Mr Colley moved That the Civil Engineer be instructed to make an estimate of the work done in 7th ward School Lot, and that the City Clerk draw a warrant, for amount of said estimate, on the School fund

Which motion prevailed

Mr Karns moved That the City Clerk be instructed to draw an order on the School fund for the items in Elder & Harkness printing bill, done for School purposes

Which motion prevailed

Mr Karns moved That the Street Commissioner be instructed to place, immediately, temporary fences around the Cisterns at the corner of Penna & Washington and the corner of Penna & Market Streets

Which motion prevailed

Mr Seibert moved, That the Contractor be authorized, under the direction of the Civil Engineer to build the Cisterns in the 7th ward, in a suitable manner to the best advantage of the City

Which motion prevailed

Attest

James N Sweetser
City Clerk

James McCreedy Mayor