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Wednesday, May 7, 1879.] 1

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7th, 1879.**

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REGULAR MEETING—9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

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Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

McAlpine, W. J., Riverside Drive.

From William J. McAlpine, Superintending Engineer Riverside Drive, submitting his semi-monthly report relative to the prosecution of the work on Riverside Drive.

Ordered filed.

Crooks' Band-music.

From Crooks' Amateur Band Association, offering to give free musical entertainment on the Battery, during the coming season.

The PRESIDENT stated that in conformity with the authority given him by the Board, he had accepted the offer, and made the necessary arrangement.

Ordered filed.

Sewer 133d St.

Sewer Alexander Ave.

From Lewis B. Brown, Frank G. Brown and others, making application for the construction of sewers in One Hundred and Thirty-third Street, between Third and Willis Avenues, and in Alexander Avenue between One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street and the Harlem River.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction to report upon.

Tompkins Square—appropriation.

From the Clerk of the Common Council transmitting the following :

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

*Whereas*, By Chapter 177 of the Laws of 1879, power is conferred upon the Common Council to complete the restoration of Tompkins Square, as a Public Park :

*Resolved*, That the Department of Public Parks, be and the same is hereby directed to immediately take and adopt all necessary measures to complete the work of restoring said Square as a Public Park ; always provided that said work be done only by day's work, and not by contract.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, April 29, 1879, a majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

Approved by the Mayor, April 30th, 1879,

J. M. PATTERSON, Jr.,

*Clerk of the Common Council.*

Per F. J. TWOMEY,

*Deputy.*

Filed.

Mowing Machines.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending the exchange of mowing machines.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the President be authorized to make an exchange of mowing machines, the old ones now in use to be given in part payment for new ones.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane

Culverts 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Engineer of Construction relative to the complaint of the Board of Health, of the stoppage of culverts in 23d and 24th Wards, and recommending that immediate attention be given to the same.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of the 23d and 24th Wards be and he is hereby directed to repair the culverts and basins complained of by the Board of Health, and put them in a safe and proper condition.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Fairmount Roads—repairs to.

From James C. Hull and others, residents of the village of Fairmount, 23d Ward, asking that streets and roads in that vicinity be put in proper condition.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards be directed to give the streets and roads complained of immediate attention, and make necessary repairs to to the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Parapet Wall—3d Ave. Bridge.

From Henry Hart asking that the piece of parapet wall of Harlem Bridge opposite his property on the northwest corner

of One Hundred and Thirtieth Street and Third Avenue be removed.

Referred to the Superintendent of Parks to report upon.

Brook Avenue Sewer.

From the Engineer of Construction relative to the extending of Brook Avenue sewer to Fordham.

Laid over.

(Minutes, April 2, 1879, p. 604.)

Audit.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Adams, Chas. L. & Co., timber.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards ...		\$202 77
Benoit, A. V., engineer's supplies.....	Tompkins Sq. ....	\$122 17	
	Const. Bridges over Harlem River..	38 81	
		<hr/>	160 98
Bottger, A., wire guards.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		24 92
Babbit, B. T., soap.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		2 40
Central Gaslight Co., gas.....	Harlem R.B.,Reps., Impt. and Maint.		46 67
Crissey, W. V. & Co., star paper and chamois.....	Maint. and Govmt P. and P....		7 50
Composite Iron Works Co., iron fence..	Fourth Av. Parks		1,111 50
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		58 79
Demarest, John, iron works, wheels, &c..	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	13 60	
	Har. R. B. Reps., I. and M.....	575 00	
		<hr/>	588 60

Devlin, John B., stone edging.....	Tompkins Square	703 66
Devlin, John B., labor and materials....	Sewers Third Av. 134th and 135th Streets, &c.....	1,148 85
Devlin, John B., gravel.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	410 40
Devin, John B., gravel.....	Repairs and lay- ing pavement, City Parks....	180 88
Devlin, John B., sand.....	Impt. Manhattan Square.....	30 00
Douglass, W. P., rent Mus. of Art.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	1,625 00
Edwards, Chas. A., hose.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	22 50
Fales, Thomas J., parts of engine, &c.	Maint., &c., 23d and 24th Wards	49 13
Frazer, J., animals.....	Maint and Govt. P. and P.....	38 00
Fox, Geo. & Son, tar boilers.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	335 00
Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line ..	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	60 00
Gordon, Robert, Treas., expenses, Mus. of Art.....	Equip't Mus. of Art.....	217 87
Gordon, Robert, Treas., expenses, Mus. of Art.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	748 00
Going, Prof. J. A., services and medi- cine.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P... ..	76 70
Harmer, Hays & Co., harness.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	14 00
Handibode, P., coal.....	City Parks, Impt. Fund.....	8 50



Handibode, P., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	58	70
	Harlem R. B. Reps.		
	I. and M.....	1	10
	Manhattan Square	0	82
	Tompkins Square.	1	38
		<hr/>	62 00
Handibode, P., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	123	27
	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards.....	17	00
	Harlem R. B. Reps.		
	I. and M.....	55	
	Tompkins Square	1	93
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Harlem Gas Light Co., meter gas.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	60	39
	Harlem R. B. Reps.		
	I. and M.....	33	55
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Hawley, Jas. C., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
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Holbrook, Bros., glass.....	Museum of Art...		20 48
Halbrook Bros., glass.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		15 39
Jube, John P., & Co., wagon materials...	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		366 45
Lefferts Marshall, galvanized iron.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		419 90
McNab & Harlan Mfg. Co., plumbing			
materials, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		20 85
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		128 38
Merchant, S. L. & Co., cement.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		36 00
Milliken, David, sawdust.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		10 00

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Mott J. L., Iron Works, iron guards... Museum Natural History.....	32 00
Schwarzwaelder, W., window shade... Museum Natural History.....	8 00
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treasurer, expenses Museum Natural History..... Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	978 00
Moffat, David, leather ..... Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	17 46
New York Gas Light Co., gas. .... Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	389 00
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., rent... Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	625 00
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., gas... Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	212 29
New York Mastic Works, laying pavement..... Repairing and laying pavement City Parks ...	559 37
Nolan & McGrath, granite and labor ... Fourth Av. Parks	1,822 50
Parsons & Sons Co., flowers and plants.. Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	171 00
Parsons & Sons Co., trees and shrubs... Tompkins Square.	302 50
Reiche, Chas. & Bro., mocking bird food. Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	15 84
Reeves, Robt. C., rakes and mower parts. Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	42 90
Rogers, H. A., bolts and screws. .... Tompkins Square. \$4 90 Museum of Art .. 8 48	13 38
Roach, John & Son, wheels and pinions. Harlem R.B., Reps., Imp. and Maint.	452 01
Stewart, A. T & Co., gloves and towels. Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	75 53
Seaman, John A., pails, towels, &c. .... Maint. and Govmt. P. and P..... \$121 61 Maint., 23d and 24th Wards ... 1 50 Museum of Nat'l History..... 15 95 Museum of Art .. 43 15	182 21

Talcott, James C., hay and oats. . . . .	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards. . . . .	49 82
Van Winkle, E. B., petty expenses. . . . .	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards. . . . .	23 79
Whitney, A. R., iron . . . . .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. . . . .	105 55
Wilson, W. C., flowers and plants. . . . .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. . . . .	87 50
Willis & Dyer, labor, materials . . . . .	Fourth Av. Parks.	1,919 70
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## RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places. . . . .	\$7,171 79
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards. . . . .	340 60
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint. . . . .	1,108 88
Tompkins Square. . . . .	1,141 70
Laying new and repairing old walks in City Parks. . . . .	740 25
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards. . . . .	23 79
City Parks Improvement Fund . . . . .	8 50
Fourth Avenue Parks. . . . .	4,853 70
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Construction Bridges over Harlem River. . . . .	38 81
Sewers, 3d Avenue &c. 135th & 134th Streets. . . . .	1,148 85
Museum of Art, Equipment of. . . . .	217 87
Museum of Art, Construction of. . . . .	72 11
Museum of Natural History. . . . .	55 95
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	\$16,953 62
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixteen thousand nine hundred and fifty-three dollars and sixty-two cents.

(Signed)

S. E. LANE, } *Auditing*  
SAM. CONOVER, } *Committee.*

New York, May 7, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now ap-

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prove them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Commissioner LANE, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Jones, Chas., and Thos. P. McQuade, la-		
bor and materials.....	Brook Ave. Sewer	\$9,285 52
Devlin, John B., gravel.....	Maint. & Govmt.	
	P. & P.	202 16
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		\$9,487 68
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RECAPITULATION.

Brook Avenue Sewer.....	\$9,285 52
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	202 16
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	\$9,487 68
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ninety-four hundred and eighty-seven dollars and sixty-eight cents.

(Signed) S. E. LANE, } *Auditing*  
SAMUEL CONOVER, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, May 7, 1879.

The above mentioned bills, having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was ordered to be entered on the minutes :

*Department of Public Parks, in account with*

*Smith E. Lane, Treasurer.*

1879.		CR.	
April 2.	By balance.....		\$30 00
April 2	} " cash rec'd from permits, licenses & sundries		362 61
to			
May 7.			\$392 61
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		DR.	
April 17.	To cash paid into City Treasury.....		\$310 61
May 7.	balance .....		82 00
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			\$392 61
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Cash in Drawer.....			\$82 00
(Signed)		SMITH E. LANE,	
		<i>Treasurer D. P. P.</i>	

Wednesday, May 7, 1879.

Dead Trees in Parks.

From the Landscape Gardner, submitting a report in answer to the inquiry of New York Municipal Society relative to dead trees in the parks.

Ordered filed.

The Secretary was directed to transmit a copy of the same to the New York Municipal Society.

John McDonough, James McNally.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That JOHN McDonough, carpenter, and James McNally, laborer, absent in consequence of sickness be, and they are hereby ordered restored to duty.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Central Bridge Repairs.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the employment of four laborers, one mason and one helper, for repairs to Central Bridge over the Harlem River be, and the same is hereby authorized.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Plants for Normal College.

From Benjamin F. Mannierre, Chairman of the Committee on Normal College of the Board of Education asking for a donation of plants for the College grounds.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the same be referred to the President with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Aye*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Grass, Riverside Park.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to sell the grass on Riverside Park, in such manner as he may deem most advantageous.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Brook Avenue Sewer.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved,* That it be referred to the Engineer of Construction to report to the Board on the present condition of the work on the Brook Avenue Sewer, what amount of work has been completed, and what remains to be done.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

John Boyle appointed Foreman.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved,* That John Boyle be, and he is hereby appointed Foreman, and assigned to duty on Tompkins Square.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Laborers—23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the employment of sixteen laborers for work

on the streets, roads and avenues of the 23d and 24th Wards be, and the same is hereby authorized.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Tompkins Square Appropriation.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

*Resolved*, That pursuant to Chap. 177, Laws of 1879, and a resolution of the Common Council of April 30, 1879, requisition be, and the same is hereby made upon the Comptroller of the City of New York, for the issue of a public fund, or stock, to the amount of twenty five thousand dollars, for the purpose of paying the expense of completing the restoration of Tompkins Square as a public park.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Eighty-first Street—Grading of.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Honorable the Board of Aldermen be, and they are hereby respectfully requested to direct that Eighty-first street, from Eighth avenue to Ninth avenue, be regulated and graded, and curb and gutter stones set.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.



Harlem Bridge Steps.

A communication was received from A. L. Kerker, relative to steps at Harlem Bridge.

Ordered filed.

Election of Officers.]

The PRESIDENT announced that the election of officers of the Board for the ensuing year was in order.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the Board do now proceed to elect by ballot a President for the year ending with May 1st, 1880.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT designated the Secretary to act as teller.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for President, the teller announcing the following result :

For Commissioner WENMAN..... 4 votes.

Commissioner WENMAN heving received all the votes cast, was declared duly elected President.

Commissioner WETMORE moved that the Board do now proceed to the election of Treasurer for the ensuing year ending with May 1st, 1880.

Adopted.

The same teller acting and announcing the following result :

For Commissioner CONOVER..... 3 votes.

“ Blank..... 1 “

Commissioner CONOVER having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Treasurer.

The PRESIDENT announced the following standing committees :

*Executive Committee.*

COMMISSIONERS WETMORE AND CONOVER.

*Auditing Committee.*

COMMISSIONERS CONOVER AND LANE.

At 10:45 o'clock, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1879.**

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Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.  
“ CONOVER.  
“ LANE.

Proposals for Sewers and Drains

At the hour of nine o'clock, as indicated in the advertisement, the Comptroller of the City being present and the meeting open to the public, the President of the Department, in the presence of the Comptroller and of such of the parties making proposals as desired to be present, opened the estimate box and publicly opened and read all the proposals which had been received, in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the *City Record*, for

No. 1. For constructing sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-second Street, from Alexander Avenue to Brook Avenue, with branches in Alexander Avenue and Willis Avenue.

No. 2. For constructing sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Street, from 410 feet east of Willis Avenue to Brook Avenue, with branch in Brown Place.

No. 3. For constructing sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-first street, from Alexander Avenue to Brook Avenue, with branches in Alexander Avenue and Willis Avenue.

No. 4. For constructing drains on and for the lands bounded by George Street on the north, Union Avenue and White's Lane on the east, Delmonico and Concord Avenues on the west, thence southerly to Long Island Sound in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, and denominated "Woodstock Drains."

The following proposals were received :

1. SEWER IN ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SECOND STREET, WITH BRANCHES, &c.

NAME.	12-in. Pipe Sewer, per ft.	16-in. Pipe Sewer, per ft.	Receiving Basins, each.	Manholes, each.	Time.	Amount.
1. John H. McCabe.....	\$1 68	\$1 75	\$100 00	\$36 00	60 days.	\$5,815 42
2. Edward Bradburn.....	1 75	1 85	100 00	40 00	70 "	6,155 30
3. Michael Gavin.....	1 57	1 75	90 00	45 00	40 "	5,761 58
4. John Slattery.....	1 85	2 25	125 00	15 00	95 "	6,296 90
5. Wm. C. Thornton.....	2 25	2 50	150 00	30 00	70 "	7,529 00
6. James J. Jones.....	1 75	2 00	125 00	38 00	45 "	6,306 90
7. John B. Devlin.....	75	85	85 00	20 00	25 "	3,003 30
8. James Everard.....	2 34	2 54	95 00	60 00	90 "	8,220 68
9. Patrick Mulholland...	1 95	1 95	110 00	30 00	38 "	6,197 90

2. SEWER IN ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOURTH STREET.

NAME.	Rock Excavation, per cubic yard.	12-in. Pipe Sewer, per ft.	Receiving Basins, each.	Manholes, each.	Time.	Amount.
1. John B. Devlin.....	\$3 00	\$0 90	\$90 00	\$20 00	None bid.	
2. Patrick Mulholland...	3 50	1 00	100 00	30 00	90 days.	\$8,663 00
3. John Slattery.....	3 00	1 65	125 00	15 00	60 "	8,033 95
4. Wm. C. Thornton....	2 25	2 50	140 00	40 00	90 "	7,653 53
5. James J. Jones.....	3 00	2 00	125 00	38 00	70 "	8,560 00
6. James Everard.....	4 50	2 34	95 00	No bid	200 "	
7. Michael Gavin.....	2 75	1 50	90 00	40 00	80 "	7,614 50
8. John H. McCabe.....	3 1	7 60	75 00	38 00	100 "	7,432 80
9. Edward Bradburn ...	3 50	1 75	90 00	35 00	80 "	9,290 25

3. SEWER IN ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIRST STREET.

NAME.	12-in. Pipe Sewer, per ft.	15-in. Pipe Sewer, per ft.	Receiving Basins, each.	Manholes, each.	Time.	Amount.
1. Patrick Mulholland...	\$1 50	\$1 95	\$100 00	\$25 00	69 days.	\$5,941 00
2. Wm. C. Thornton....	2 25	2 50	140 00	30 00	70 "	8,080 00
3. Michael Gavin.....	1 57	1 90	95 00	43 00	45 "	6,355 20
4. James J. Jones.....	1 75	1 95	125 00	38 00	35 "	6,721 00
5. John Slattery.....	1 80	2 20	125 00	15 00	110 "	6,728 00
6. Edward Bradburn....	1 75	1 85	90 00	35 00	100 "	6,555 00
7. John H. McCabe.....	1 68	1 88	100 00	36 00	66 "	6,436 80
8. John B. Devlin.....	75	85	85 00	20 00	35 "	3,295 00
9. James Everard.....	2 34	2 54	95 00	60 00	90 "	8,835 40

WOODSTOCK DRAINS.

NAME.	Earth Excavation, per cubic yard.	Brick, open Drain, Section 1 of Plan, per lineal foot.	Rock Excavation, per cubic yard.	Brick, covered Drain, Sect. 3 of Plan, per lineal foot.	Brick, Drain, Section 4 of Plan, per lineal foot.	Brick, Drain, Section 12 of Plan, per lineal foot.	Brick, Drain, Section 15 of Plan, per lineal foot.	Covered Drain, Section 7 of Plan, per lineal foot.	Open Drain, Section 10 of Plan, per lineal foot.	Covered Drain, Section 8 of Plan, per lineal foot.	Covered Drain, Section 17 of Plan.	Blind Drains, Section 11 of Plan.	16-inch Pipe Drain, Section 20 of Plan.	12-inch Pipe Laid, per lineal foot.	6-inch Pipe, per lineal foot.	Manholes, complete, each.	TIME.	AMOUNT.
1. Patrick Mulholland.....	\$0 30	\$4 75	\$2 75	\$5 15	\$2 50	\$2 50	\$2 15	\$3 25	\$2 90	\$2 70	\$1 40	\$0 85	\$0 70	\$0 50	\$0 20	\$30 00	300 days.	\$47,720 50
2. James Everard.....	0 38	5 57	4 00	6 30	3 87	3 87	4 02	3 06	2 07	2 75	2 00	0 35	1 00	0 60	0 30	50 00	450 "	56,424 20
3. Charles Guidet.....	0 39	5 75	3 00	7 42	5 61	6 50	7 19	5 33	3 67	5 50	3 73	1 80	1 90	1 60	0 60	80 00	600 "	81,207 40
4. M. A. Kellogg.....	0 60	5 50	3 50	7 75	2 50	2 50	2 30	2 85	2 90	3 20	1 75	0 75	1 15	1 00	0 50	65 00	300 "	60,246 00
5. Edward Bradburn.....	0 32	2 70	2 50	4 00	1 74	2 30	1 40	2 10	1 80	2 10	1 27	0 30	0 65	0 50	0 27	86 00	100 "	36,733 70
6. John F. Broderick.....	0 25	2 00	6 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	0 50	40 00	300 "	35,695 00
7. John H. McCabe.....	0 45	5 00	2 75	6 00	4 00	3 75	3 09	2 60	2 20	2 20	2 00	0 30	1 00	0 90	0 50	37 00	300 "	51,393 50
8. James J. Jones.....	0 40	4 50	5 00	4 50	2 62	2 62	2 44	3 60	1 55	3 45	2 05	1 50	0 70	0 60	0 20	35 00	100 "	57,375 10

The Comptroller of the City then retired.

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REGULAR MEETING AT 9.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Regular meeting hour, the Board convened in regular session.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

McAlpine, W. J. Riverside Drive.

From W. J. McAlpine, Superintending Engineer of Riverside Drive, submitting his semi-monthly report regarding the condition and progress of the work.

Ordered filed.

Goeller, Geo. C. Names on Lamps 23d and 24th Wards.

From George C. Goeller, with reference to placing names on street lamps, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Ordered filed.

Special Park Keepers.

From Acting Captain Beatty, recommending the appointment of Special Park Keepers.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the appointment of sixteen special Park Keepers be, and the same is hereby authorized, and that said keepers, when selected, be required to appear before this Board for examination before appointment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirm-

ative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
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Parapet Wall, 3d Ave. Bridge.

From the Superintendent of Parks, reporting against the petition of Henry Hart for the removal of the parapet wall to Harlem Bridge.

The recommendation of the Superintendent was adopted, and the communication ordered filed.

Albert Aub. Complaint against Park Keeper.

From Albert Aub, making complaint against Park Keeper No. 136.

Referred to Commissioner Lane to investigate.

Carpenters. Reduction of force.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending a reduction in the force of carpenters, and asking for authority to transfer two men from the mechanical engineers to take care of the pumping engines in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Whereupon, on motion of Commissioner CONOVER, it was

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent be directed to report to this Board a list of all carpenters now in the employ of the Department, as well as a list of those he recommends for discharge.

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent be authorized to transfer two men from the force of mechanical engineers, to take care of the pumping engines, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Horses.

From the Superintendent of Parks, stating that suitable horses cannot be purchased at the price authorized—\$150

each—and recommending that the price be increased to \$175 each.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President be, and he is hereby authorized, to pay \$175 each for four horses, the purchase of which was authorized by Board, April 30, 1879, for Park use.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*.—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Carts. Tompkins Square.

From the Disbursing Clerk, relative to the pay of four horses and carts, formerly employed on Tompkins Square.

Commissioner Lane offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Disbursing Clerk be, and he is hereby authorized, to allow time on the pay-roll for four horses and carts that were employed on Tompkins Square :

John Mullally.....	11 days.
William Hall.....	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Chris. Binney.....	8 "
Patrick McKeon.....	5 "

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Sewer in Alexander Ave.

From the Engineer of Construction, in relation to application of property owners for sewer in Alexander Avenue.

Ordered filed.



Sewer in 133d Street.

From the Engineer of Construction, in relation to application of property owners for sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-third street.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare and submit to this Board, plans and specifications for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-third Street, from Third Avenue to Willis Avenue, with branches in Lincoln, Alexander and Willis Avenues.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Bath at Battery.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, for permission to place a floating Bath at Battery.

Referred to the President.

Museum of Natural History.

From W. A. Haines, Chairman, &c., Museum of Natural History, with reference to work on Manhattan Square.

Ordered filed.

Well. Riverside Drive.

From Wm. J. McAlpine, relative to preserving a well on the line of Riverside Drive.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Superintending Engineer be authorized to preserve the well, and have a pump placed in the same for public use.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative,

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a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Secretary of State.

The following communications from the Secretary of State and the Prefect of the Seine, were received and ordered entered at length upon the minutes.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
WASHINGTON, May 15, 1879. }

JAMES F. WENMAN, Esq.,  
*President of the Department of Public Parks,*  
*New York City:*

Sir,—Mr. Noyes, the Minister of the United States at Paris, informs the Department, in a despatch of the 28th ultimo, that he has conveyed the thanks of the Department of Public Parks of New York to the Prefect of the Seine, for the books and publications received through his legation from that functionary, and that he has also transmitted to him the case containing photographs, reports, and a map of Central Park, which accompanied your letter of the 17th of March last, for presentation to the City of Paris.

I now enclose a letter forwarded by Mr. Noyes, from the Prefect of the Seine, acknowledging the gift in question, and which is intended for the President of the Department of Public Parks, though wrongly directed.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,  
(Signed)

F. W. SEWARD,  
*Asst. Secretary.*

[ENCLOSURE.]

Letter before referred to.

PARIS, April 26th, 1879.

OFFICE OF THE SENATOR,  
PREFET DE LA SEINE,  
BUREAU OF THE LIBRARIES. }

Mr. President,—I have received the following documents, which you have been pleased to transmit :

- 1st. Two albums with photographic views of the Park of New York.
- 2d. Three volumes of reports of the Department of Public Works, New York.
- 3d. One plan of the Central Park, New York.

I pray you to accept my sincere thanks for the transmission of these precious documents, which I have examined with the greatest interest, and ordered the same to be placed in the Library of the City of Paris, where they can be consulted with benefit to my administration.

Mr. President, please receive the assurance of my highest esteem.

THE SENATOR,  
*Prefet of the Seine.*  
M. NEROLE.

*To the President of the Department of Public Works,*  
*New York.*

Sprinkling Jerome Avenue.

From the Superintendent of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, relative to sprinkling Jerome Avenue.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Jerome Avenue be watered, on the race days of the coming meeting, from McCombs Dam Bridge to Jerome Park, and that eight double teams be authorized to be employed for that purpose.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Sewer in 141st Street.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting plan, profiles and specifications for sewer in One Hundred and Forty-first Street, between Third Avenue and Alexander Avenue, with branches in Alexander Avenue.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the plans, profiles and specifications for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-first Street, between the Third Avenue and Alexander Avenue, with branches in Alexander Avenue, submitted by the Engineer of Construction, be, and the same are hereby approved ; that the Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to prepare and publish advertisements for proposals for said work, and that Mr. Eugene E. McLean be, and he is hereby, appointed City Surveyor on said works, without any additional compensation.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioner Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Plastering Art Museum Building.

From the Superintending Architect, in relation to the payment of Mr. D. C. Weeks, for work under his contract, for plastering Art Museum Buildings, and recommending that Mr. Weeks be given his final payment with a reservation of \$100.

Commissioner LANE moved that the recommendations of the Superintending Architect be approved, and the payment made accordingly.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Music Pavilion—Tompkins Square.

From the Superintending Architect submitting plans for a music pavilion for Tompkins Square, which were approved.

Rotary Boat.

From F. V. Fletcher, asking permission to place a rotary boat on the lake at the Central Park.

Ordered filed and the application refused.

Chainman Riverside Drive.

From Wm. J. McAlphine, Superintending Engineer, recommending the appointment of William A. Dawson, as chainman on Riverside Drive, at a salary of \$78 per month.

Wm. A. Dawson, appointed Chainman.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That William A. Dawson be, and he is hereby appointed chainman on Riverside Drive, at a salary of \$78 per month.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Brook Avenue Sewer.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the condition and progress of the work on Brook Avenue sewer.

Ordered filed.

(Minutes, May 7, 1879, p. 12.)

4th Ave. Parks. Central Park, increase of force.

From the Superintendent of Parks asking for an increase of force for work on the Central Park and the Fourth Avenue Parks.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the employment of the following named force be, and the same is hereby authorized—for work on the Central Park—twenty laborers—and on the Fourth Avenue Parks, twenty laborers and one foreman.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Glass. Museum of Art.

From John Taylor Johnston, President Metropolitan Museum of Art, relative to glass for cases.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be directed to prepare specifications and advertise for proposals for furnishing glass for

cases for Metropolitan Museum of Art, after having submitted the specifications and form of contract to the Counsel to the Corporation, and received his approval of the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—  
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Maps. Hunt's Point District.

From the Topographical Engineer submitting for filing according to law three copies of monument maps of the Hunt's Point District—monumented in connection with the Fox estate.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the three similar copies of maps or plans entitled "Map or Plan and Profiles, showing the location, width, windings, courses and grades of that part of "The Hunt's Point District," in the City of New York—bounded on the west by Freeman Street, Lyon Street and West Farms Road, on the east by Wilkins Place, Hoe Street and Edgewater Road, and on the south by Westchester Avenue, as laid out, established and classified by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, and 436 of the Laws of 1876, of the Laws of the State of New York," and signed Julius Munckwitz, Superintending Architect, Department of Public Parks, and E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, Department of Public Parks—dated "New York, 20th May, 1879," be and the same are hereby approved and ordered filed, and that James F. Wenman, the President, and one of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be, and he is hereby designated and directed to certify and file said maps, as provided by law.

Wool to be sold.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President be and he is hereby, authorized to sell the wool taken from the sheep at the Central Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Trees.

From A. Hepp, Superintendent Gardener in relation to article published in the *Tribune*, reflecting upon the gardening at the Central Park.

Ordered filed.

Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee presented the following report.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

Am. Dist. Telegraph Co., rent and service.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		\$15 64
Central Gas Light Co., gas .....	Harlem R. Bridge Reps.Impt.& M.		46 67
Thomas J. Crombie, lumber .. .. .	Manhattan Sq....	\$40 00	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		15 03
			<hr/> 55 03
Thomas J. Crombie, pine boards.. . . .	Museum of Art Equipt.....		5 00
Composite Iron Works, work and materials. ....	Fourth Av. Parks		1,111 50
Donaldson, T. & Son, lantern globes....	Manhattan Sq ...		1 75
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$60 39	
	Harlem R. Bridge Reps.Impt.& M.		33 55
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Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. & P.....	\$24	60
Handibode, P., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. & P....	42	50
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards.....	19	80
Metropolitan Gas L. Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	130	00
Metropolitan Gas L. Co., meter gas....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	72	80
Mulholland, P., work and materials....	Mott Ave. 138th		
	and 144th St.		
	Sewers.....	1,050	45
New York Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	338	50
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	250	79
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	10	50
Reiche, Chas. & Bro., bull-finches.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	9	00
Seaman, John A., screws, &c.....	Museum of Art		
	Equipt....	\$1	50
	Tompkins Sq....	7	20
	Manhattan Sq...	3	60
		12	30
Seaman, John A., sundries.....	Brook Ave. Sewer	33	01
Seaman, John A., steel shovels.....	Laying New and		
	repairing Old		
	Walks City Pks.	42	60
Seaman, John A., steel shovels, brooms,			
&c.....	Maint. and Maint.		
	P. and P.....	\$23	83
	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards....	56	90
	Harlem R. Bridge		
	Reps. Impt. & M.	13	27
	Tompkins Sq....	6	50
		100	50



Seaman, John A., steel spades, &c. . . . .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. . . . .	\$39 10
Shady, Jas. H., fish. . . . .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. . . . .	10 80
Weeks, D. C., work and materiats. . . . .	Museum of Art. . . . .	1,139 54
A. R. Whitney, iron . . . . .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. . . . .	23 95
Vaux, Calvert, commissions. . . . .	Museum of Art. . . . .	97 50
		\$4,777 77

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places . . . . .	\$1,067 43
Harlem River Bridge Repairs, Impt. and Maint. . . . .	93 49
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards. . . . .	76 70
Manhattan Square. . . . .	45 35
Museum of Art. . . . .	1,243 54
Fourth Avenue Parks. . . . .	1,111 50
Tompkins Square. . . . .	13 70
Mott Avenue, 138th and 144th Street sewers. . . . .	1,050 45
Brook Avenue Sewer. . . . .	33 01
Laying New and repairing Old Walks City Parks. . . . .	42 60
	\$4,777 77

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-seven hundred and seventy-seven dollars and seventy-seven cents.

(Signed) SAM. CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, May 21st, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Arnold, D. P., meat and vegetables. . . . .	Maint and Govmt.		
	P. and P. . . . .	.....	\$252 30
Devlin, John B., blue stone edging. . . . .	Tompkins Square. . . . .		525 82
Devlin, John B., mould. . . . .	Fourth Av. Parks. . . . .		750 00
Mullane, John, hay, oats, feed, &c. . . . .	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P. . . . .	.....	416 61
Page, Kidder & Fletcher, paving cement. Laying New and	Repairing Old		
	Walks City P'ks . . . . .		247 50
Willing & Co., plating shields. . . . .	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P. . . . .	.....	9 25
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			\$2,201 48
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places. . . . .	\$678 16
Tompkins Square. . . . .	525 82
Fourth Avenue Parks. . . . .	750 00
Laying New and Repairing Old Walks City Parks. . . . .	247 50
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	\$2,201 48
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-two hundred and one dollar and forty-eight cents.

(Signed) SAM. CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, May 21, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on

separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was ordered at length upon the minutes :

*Department of Public Parks,*

*In account with Sam'l Conover, Treasurer.*

		Cr.	
1879.			
May	8. By Isidor Isaac, license.....	\$14	40
	“ “ “ .....	11	35
	10. “ John Lucas, “ .....	3	59
	13. “ Joseph J. Snow, “ .....	6	14
	19. “ Henry B. Ford, permit.....	10	00
	20. “ Columbus Ryan, license.....	90	12
		\$135	60

Dr.

May	21. To cash on hand.....	\$135	60
		\$135	60

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER,

*Treasurer D. P. P.*

NEW YORK, May 21, 1879,

9.30 A. M.

Meteorological Report.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the Report of the

Director of the Meteorological Observatory, for the year 1878, and moved that 500 copies of the same be printed.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Hamilton Ewen.

On motion of Commissioner LANE :

*Resolved*, That permission be granted to Hamilton Ewen to examine and make tracings of the maps of the Department, under the supervision of the Topographical Engineer.

Webster Avenue.

Commissioner Wenman offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Counsel to the Corporation be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to commence and prosecute proceedings, on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the purpose of acquiring the title—wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired—to Webster Avenue, from the Harlem Railroad at One Hundred and Sixty-fifth Street to the north side of One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street at Fordham, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road by this Department, and that the President be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to sign the petition to the Supreme Court for that purpose, for, and on behalf of this Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Act transferring 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Whereas*, It is represented to the Department of Public Parks, that a bill has lately passed both Houses of the Legis-

lature transferring powers in relation to the works in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, from the Department of Public Parks to the Department of Public Works ; and,

*Whereas*, This Department respectfully represents, that to transfer such powers at this time will seriously embarrass not only all the works now in progress in said Wards, but will retard all projected improvements ; and,

*Whereas*, Such bill is now before the Governor for his signature ;

*Resolved*, That the Department of Public Parks respectfully and earnestly prays that his Excellency Governor Robinson, will not allow said bill to become a law.

*Resolved*, That Commissioners Lane and Wetmore be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, with power, to represent this Department before the Governor, in relation to the above mentioned bill.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Dripps' Maps.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Commissioner Lane be authorized to purchase six copies of Dripps' Map of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York for the use of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Battery Walks.

Commissioner LANE, to whom was referred the subject of re-

pairs to the Battery walks, reported verbally that, upon examination, he had concluded that it would be cheaper and more desirable in every respect for the Department to make the repairs on its own account, instead of in conjunction with the work to be done by the N. Y. Elevated R. R. Co.

N. Y. Elevated R. R. Co. Open Trench in Battery.

A communication was received from Walter Katté, Chief Engineer N. Y. Elevated R. R. Co., to open a trench through the Battery, for the purpose of laying a water pipe, to be used for furnishing a supply of water to the engines of the company.

Referred to Commissioner Lane to report upon.

Mould.

A communication was received from John T. Farish offering to present a quantity of mould.

Referred to the Superintendent of Parks.

Sergt. Flock.

On motion of Commissioner LANE,

*Resolved*, That the resolution passed by the Board on February 13, 1878, detailing Sergeant Flock as a detective in citizen's clothes, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded.

Wm. Cushing, Mich. Fagan, Patk. Farrell, Patk. Burns, restored to duty.

Commissioner LANE offered the following:

*Resolved*, That William Cushing, stone mason, and Michael Fagan, Patrick Farrell and Patrick Burns, laborers, be, and they are hereby, restored to duty.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Third Avenue Bridge floor.

On motion of Commissioner LANE,

*Resolved*, That upon the completion of the work of laying rails and flooring over the Third Avenue Bridge, by the Harlem Bridge, Morrisania and Fordham Railroad Company, the Engineer of Construction do report to the Board in writing the condition of said work, and whether the same has been done according to the plans and specifications approved by the Board.

Bronx River Bridge.

Commissioner LANE, from the Committee on Bronx River Bridges, recommended for adoption the following preamble and resolution :

*Whereas*, In the matter of the erection of a bridge across the Bronx River, at Woodlawn, referred to the Committee on Bronx River Bridges, said Committee have ascertained that the proper parties to enter into an agreement with to erect said bridge are the Commissioners of Highways of the Town of Eastchester, in the County of Westchester.

*Resolved*, That hereafter all proceedings in relation to the erection of said bridge shall be had with the Commissioners of Highways of the Town of Eastchester ; and the Committee on Bronx River Bridges are hereby authorized to confer with the said Commissioners of Highways in relation to the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said preamble and resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.  
Bronx River Bridge.

Commissioner LANE, from the same Committee, presented for approval the form of an agreement, and recommended for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the form of an agreement with the Commissioners of Highways of the Town of Eastchester, and the Trustees of Woodlawn Cemetery, now presented, in relation to the erection of a bridge at Woodlawn, be, and the same is hereby approved, and that the Committee on Bronx River Bridges be requested to obtain the execution of the same by the said Commissioners and the said Trustees. That after the same shall be so executed by the said Commissioners and the said Trustees, the President is hereby directed to execute the same for and on behalf of the Department of Public Parks.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.  
Bronx River Bridge.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Bronx River Bridges be, and they are hereby, authorized, in conjunction with the Commissioners of Highways of the Town of Eastchester, to obtain estimates for an iron bridge, with wooden floor beams, and the erection of the same over the Bronx River at Woodlawn, in accordance with the plans and specifications adopted by the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.  
Bronx River Bridge.

Commissioner LANE presented also the following resolution, in connection with an amended plan for bridges with wooden floor beams, as presented by the Engineer of Construction :

*Resolved*, That the amended plans of the Engineer of Construction, for bridge with wooden floor beams over the Bronx River at Woodlawn, be, and the same are hereby, approved and adopted.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Military Parade Ground, International Exhibition.

Commissioner LANE presented the following :

REPORT ON MILITARY PARADE GROUND AND SITE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.

*To the Commissioners of Public Parks :*

With the considerations presented in this report in his mind, the undersigned,



on the 30th day of April, 1879, presented to the Board the preambles and resolution that are appended. It was done with a belief in the importance of the subject and the desire that the initiatory action on the subject should be by the Board. As the resolutions were not carried, the undersigned deems it his duty to present them again, with this fuller explanation, to the attention of the Board.

The subject of a Military Parade Ground has been agitated since the Central Park was laid out. The records of this Department show that a letter from Governor John T. Hoffman, dated 11th October, 1869, called forth a long report from the Comptroller of the Park (13th Annual Report, p. 153), in which the whole history of projects for a Parade Ground is given since 1807. At the same time the subject was presented by Major-General Shaler. It was also considered by Brigadier-General Miller, Inspector General of the State of New York, in his official Report of the year 1864. The conclusion was reached then by these public officers, in which there has since been a general concurrence, that a Military Parade Ground was necessary; that it was inconsistent with and destructive of the proper use of the Central Park, and that a separate Parade Ground should be laid out in its vicinity of an area of at least eighty acres. This was followed by the Act of 20th April, 1871 (chapter 628), in which the Department, in connection with Major-General Shaler, had power to lay out and maintain a Military Parade Ground in the City north of Fifty-ninth street, and under it a site was selected on the low ground on the west shore of the Harlem River, north of Fort George (Minutes, 1872, Document No. 40). The map was filed, but this park was afterwards abandoned, by the repeal, in 1877, of the Act of 1871.

This leaves the necessity of a Military Parade Ground still unsupplied and the duty upon this Department to take such steps as are in its power under existing laws to provide for it. We have power under such laws in the region north of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street and north of the Harlem River.

There is another subject now occupying public attention which adds to the importance of the question of the Military Parade Ground, and that is, the proposed International Exhibition, by the leading merchants of New York, for the year 1883. If the site for a military Parade Ground were located of a sufficient size and easily accessible, it would serve the permanent purpose of a Military Parade Ground, and the more immediate and temporary purpose of an Exhibition Ground, and the buildings which were erected upon it for exhibition purposes of an enduring character might remain and be useful thereafter for other exhibitions or public purposes. On a site well located and of sufficient extent, these three purposes—the Parade Ground, the International Exhibition for a single season, and a permanent exhibition—might be combined for the great advantage of the persons immediately interested, and of the public.

These several purposes have so much in common that they point to the same grounds for the selection of the site. A broad area would be required with some features of natural beauty and outlook, and it must be where it could be approached with great facility from the lower portions of the City both by water and by rapid transit routes. There are many places both above and below the Harlem River possessing all those advantages and great natural attractions and beauty as public pleasure grounds. A general survey will present such sites just above Port Morris; on the high lands on the west of the Bronx River; at Fordham Heights; on the Van Cortlandt farm; and also below the Harlem River on the plateau north of the intersection of the Tenth avenue with the Kingsbridge Road, and on the commanding heights between the Morningside and Riverside Parks. The unusually low price of land in all the locations would make the acquisition of such a property for public use at the present time unusually advantageous.

The importance of this subject justifies the undersigned in offering his resolutions anew to the consideration of the Board. They are as follows:

*Whereas*, It was a part of the general plan upon which the district above the Harlem river has been laid out by this Department (as stated in two reports, Document No. 65, March 30, 1875, page 15, and Document No. 73, December 20, 1876, page 15), that a portion the territory should be appropriated to public Parks for general use by the people in all forms of, social, out-door enjoyment, parades, celebrations and festivals, for which the Central Park is not adapted;

*Whereas*, It may be desirable to provide an accessible, commodious and ample place for a Military Parade Ground ;

*Whereas*, The location of such a Park at the present time would supply a site for the proposed International Exhibition, with the advantage to the City of the preservation of the building that may be erected upon it for permanent use ; and,

*Whereas*, All these purposes will advance the public interests ;

*Resolved*, That it be referred to Commissioner Lane and the Topographical Engineer to report at an early day upon this subject, and state upon what location the plan can be carried out to greatest advantage.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Dated Department of Public Parks, 20th May, 1879.

SMITH E. LANE,  
*Commissioner of Public Parks.*

Debate was had thereon, when Commissioner Lane moved the adoption of said preamble and resolution.

Commissioner CONOVER moved, as an amendment, that the whole subject embraced in the report of Commissioner Lane be referred to the President, to examine into and report upon.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore and Conover—3.

*No*—Commissioner Lane—1.

Masterson, Peter, J. appointed Foreman.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Peter J. Masterson be and he is hereby appointed Foreman on Tompkins Square.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, the Superintendent of Parks was authorized to transfer a Foreman from Tompkins Square to work on the Fourth Avenue Parks.

At 12.15 p. m. adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**THURSDAY, MAY 29th, 1879.**

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SPECIAL MEETING—9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

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The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
36 UNION SQUARE (East) May 27th, 1879. }

Mr. E. P. BARKER,

*Secretary :*

Sir.—You will please call a meeting of the Board governing the Department of Public Parks, for Thursday next, 29th instant, at 9:30 A. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions and miscellaneous business.

Respectfully,

JAMES F. WENMAN,  
*President D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.  
“ CONOVER.  
“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Tompkins Square Appropriation.

From John Wheeler, Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, submitting transcript from the minutes of that Board, as follows :

The COMPTROLLER presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
36 UNION SQUARE (East),  
NEW YORK, May 7, 1879. }

Hon. JOHN KELLY,

*Comptroller :*

Sir.—At a meeting of the Board governing this Department, held this day, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved,* That pursuant to Chapter 177, Laws of 1879, and a resolution of the Common Council, of April 30, 1879, requisition be, and the same is hereby made upon the Comptroller of the City of New York for the issue of a public fund or stock, to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, for the purpose of paying the expense of completing the restoration of Tompkins Square as a Public Park.

Respectfully,

E. P. BARKER,

*Secretary D. D. P.*

—and offered for adoption the following preamble and resolution :

*Whereas,* The Department of Public Parks has, by a resolution adopted on May 7, 1879, made a requisition on the Comptroller for the issue of a public fund or stock in the name and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to the amount of \$25,000, for the purpose of providing the means for the work of completing the restoration of Tompkins Square as a public park or square, as provided by Chapter 177, Laws of 1879, and resolution of the Common Council of April 30, 1879; therefore,

*Resolved,* That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding five per cent. per annum, a public fund or stock to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, in the name and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 177, Laws of 1879.

The Chairman put the question, whether the Board would agree with said preamble and resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative, by the following vote:

*Affirmative*—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, and the President of the Department of Taxes as Assessments—3.

A true copy of preamble and resolution adopted by a majority vote of all the members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at a meeting duly convened, held May 20th, 1879.

JOHN WHEELER,

*Secretary.*

Ordered filed.

Decoration of Washington Monument.

From the Washington Market Decorating Committee, inviting the Commissioners of the Department to attend in decorating Washington Monument on 30th inst.

Accepted and ordered filed.

Music Mt. St. Vincent.

From C. Ryan, desiring permission to have music at Mt. St. Vincent on week-day evenings.

Permission granted.

Vogel, H. W. Salary increased.

From the Topographical Engineer, recommending an increase of compensation for Henry W. Vogel, an assistant in his department.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the pay of Henry W. Vogel be fixed at \$3.00 per day from this date.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Skilled Laborers. Tar Pavements.

From the Superintendent of Parks, relative to the pay of seven skilled laborers employed in laying tar pavements.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That from and after this date the seven skilled laborers engaged in the work of laying tar pavements, be paid at the rate of \$2 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Maps River Avenue, 135th and 136th Streets ordered filed.

From the Topographical Engineer, submitting maps for filing, showing the new line of River Avenue—One Hundred and Thirty-fifth and One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Streets.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the three similar maps or plans, entitled "Map or Plan showing River Avenue from One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street to Railroad Avenue," "One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Street from Railroad Avenue to Third Avenue," and "One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Street from College Avenue to Third Avenue," in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as laid out, entitled and classified by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, and 436 of the Laws of 1876, and signed Julius Munckwitz, Superintending Architect Department of Public Parks, and E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer Department of Public Parks, dated New York, May 26th, 1879, be, and the same are hereby, approved and ordered filed, and that James F. Wenman, the President, and one of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be, and he is hereby, designated and directed to certify and file said maps as provided by law.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Boston Avenue.

From William Cauldwell and others, asking that the proceedings for acquiring title to Boston Avenue be delayed two weeks, claiming that a large number of property owners are opposed to the proceedings.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN the communication was ordered on file, and the Secretary directed to notify Mr. Cauldwell that the matter referred to is now in the hands of the Counsel to the Corporation, and that they must apply to him for the relief desired.

Museum of Art. Glass for cases.

Commissioner WENMAN moved a reconsideration of the vote

had on the resolution, page 26 of the minutes of last meeting directing the Secretary to advertise for proposals for glass for cases for Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN the communication of Mr. John Taylor Johnston relative to the same was laid on the table.

D. P. Lord. Salary.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the salary of D. Porter Lord, bookkeeper, be fixed at the rate of \$2,500 per annum from this date, and for the remainder of the present year.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Sewer in 142d Street.

“ “ 141st “

“ “ 134th “

Woodstock Drains.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be directed to transmit to the Comptroller the proposals of John B. Devlin for building sewer in One Hundred and Forty-second Street, John H. McCabe, sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Street, John B. Devlin, sewer in One Hundred and Forty-first Street, and John F. Broderick, Woodstock Drains, they being the lowest bidders for such works ; and that, upon the approval of the sureties upon said proposals by the Comptroller, the President of this Department be, and he is hereby, authorized to execute con-



tracts with said parties for the construction of the different sewers and drains as herein mentioned.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Henry Martin, appointed laborer.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following ;

*Resolved*, That Henry Martin be, and he is hereby, appointed a laborer, at \$1.00 per day, and detailed for duty at the Five Points Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Act relating to 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner LANE, from the Committee appointed to confer with the Governor in relation to the Bill transferring powers and duties, relative to the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, from the Department of Public Parks to the Department of Public Works, reported verbally that he had communicated with the Governor upon the subject, and transmitted a copy of the preamble and resolutions relative to the same as adopted by this Board.

Riverside Drive.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Whereas*, The reports of the Superintending Engineer of the Riverside Avenue improvement have failed to make explicit statements for the guidance of the Board in respect to the Riverside Avenue contract, upon the following subjects :

*Resolved*, That the Superintending Engineer be requested to inform the Board forthwith—

*First*.—What course he has pursued with reference to variations from the contract and defects in the work as performed by the contractors under his predecessor, Thomas Franklin, or whether the contractors are going on with the work without a rectification of such errors.

*Second*.—Whether the work is now being carried on according to the original design of Mr. Olmsted, in which it was treated as a Park Drive.

Debate was had thereon, when—

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Conover, Lane—2.

*Noes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore—2.

Special Keepers Appointed.

In conformity with the resolution of the Board, Laurence McKay, James B. Lynch, John H. McDermott, William Mooney, John O'Shaughnessy, James C. King, William McClary, Henry McMullen, Daniel Troy, Thomas D. Reilly, Oatman Fletcher, and Redmond McManus appeared before the Board and were instructed relative to their duties as keepers.

Whereupon Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the following named persons be, and they are hereby appointed special Park keepers : Laurence McKay, James B. Lynch, John H. McDermott, William Mooney, John O'Shaughnessy, James C. King, William McClary, Henry McMullen, Daniel Troy, Thomas D. Reilly, Oatman Fletcher, Redmond McManus.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

President appoints Special Keepers.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint four special Park keepers in addition to those this day appointed, in order to complete the number authorized appointed at the last meeting of the Board, upon their presenting tickets of nomination signed by a Commissioner.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

C. E. Pierce, Geo. J. Meinelle—Pay fixed.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the pay of Charles E. Pierce, Rodman, and George J. Meinelle, chainman on Riverside Drive, be fixed from this date at the rates named in the contract for said work as due their ranks.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

At 11.10 o'clock A. M. adjourned.

E. P. BARKER.

*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 1879.**

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REGULAR MEETING—9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

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Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

McAlpine, W. J. Riverside Drive.

From W. J. McAlpine, Superintending Engineer, Riverside Drive, submitting his semi-monthly report regarding the progress and condition of said work.

Ordered filed.

Seabold, Jacob, Jr. East River Park.

From Jacob Seabold, Jr., relative to his lease of buildings at East River Park, and condition of the same.

Laid over.

Claffin, H. B. Sedgwick Ave.

From H. B. Claffin, desiring to withdraw his name from the petition for the opening of Sedgwick Avenue.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, it was

*Resolved,* That the communication from H. B. Claffin, relative to withdrawing his name from the petition for opening Sedgwick Avenue, be ordered filed, and that the Secretary be directed to notify Mr. Claffin that the matter of proceedings for opening Sedgwick Avenue is now in the hands of the Corporation Counsel, and to whom he must apply.

Water Pipe at Battery.

From Shields & McEvoy, for permission to lay water pipe at the Battery, for use of U. S. Revenue service.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

*Resolved,* That permission be granted to Shields & McEvoy to lay a water pipe to supply U. S. Revenue Cutters at the Battery, they agreeing to relay the walks and roadway, and leave them in a good condition, and entirely satisfactory to this Department. The work to be done under the supervision of the Superintending Architect.

Museum of Natural History, Foot-walk to 9th Ave.

From W. A. Haines, Chairman, &c., Museum of Natural History, requesting that a foot-walk be built from the Museum Building to Ninth Avenue.

Commissioner LANE moved that the matter be referred to the President, with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee presented the following report :

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have

examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

Adams, Chas. L. & Co., timber, &c. . . . .	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P. . . . .	\$57	27
	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards. . . . .	24	00
	Fourth Av. Parks.	22	50
		<hr/>	\$103 77
Bowes, John J. & Bro., work and ma-			
terials. . . . .	Fourth Av. Parks.	963	90
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe. . . . .	Tompkins Sq. . . . .	14	30
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber and posts. . . . .	Harlem R. Bridge,		
	Reps., Imp. & M.	160	90
	Museum of Art,		
	Equip. of. . . . .	12	72
		<hr/>	173 62
Composite Iron Works, work and mate-			
rials. . . . .	Fourth Av. Parks	1,111	50
Draper, Dan'l, petty expenses. . . . .	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P. . . . .	25	01
Devlin, John B., sand, rock and gravel. . . . .	Laying New and		
	repairing Old		
	Walks City Pks.	302	48
	Maint., 23d and		
	24th Wards . . . . .	891	50
	Harlem R. Bridge,		
	Reps., Imp. & M.	6	00
		<hr/>	1,199 98
Devlin, John B., sand. . . . .	Manhattan Square		
	Impt. of. . . . .	160	00
Demarest, John, mower parts. . . . .	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P. . . . .	24	15
Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of			
line . . . . .	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P. . . . .	60	00
Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse . . . . .	Manhattan Square		
	Impt. of. . . . .	7	30
Hawley, Jas. C., petty expenses. . . . .	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P. . . . .	70	92

Maint. 23d and 24th Wards ...	\$19 12	
Tompkins Square.	1 08	
	<hr/>	\$91 12
Hawes, M. E., bread.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	46 48
Hoyt, J. B. & Co., lace leather. ....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P... ..	3 50
Harmer, Hays & Co., ticking and cloth..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	11 20
Jones, Chas., and Thos. P. McQuade, work and materials.....	Brook Ave. Sewer	4,778 57
Jube, John P. & Co., carriage materials.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P... ..	21 86
King, Briggs & Co., rasps and files. . .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	8 49
Lefferts Marshall, wire.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	18 47
Lefferts, Marshall, wire.....	Tompkins Square.	166 32
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, brushes.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	17 90
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing materials.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	21 00
	Laying New and repairing Old Walks, City Pks.	2 80
	<hr/>	23 80
Merchant, S. L. & Co., Portland cement..	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	27 60
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treasurer, expenses Museum Natural History.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	1,026 75
Mullane, John, horses.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	700 00
New York Belting and Packing Co., hose.	Tompkins Square.	45 20
Otis & Gorsline, vitrified pipe . . . . .	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	38 30
Otis & Gorsline, vitrified pipe . . . . .	Tompkins Square.	16 00

Page, Kidder & Fletcher, paving cement. Laying New and repairing Old Walks City Pks.		\$248 05
Reeves, Robt. C., grass seed, &c. ....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P. ....	\$60 18
	Maint. 23d & 24th	
	Wards. ....	13 60
	Tompkins Square.	52 50
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		126 28
Rhineland, F. W., Treasurer, expenses		
Museum of Art. ....	Museum of Art,	
	Equipt. of ....	931 33
Rhineland, F. W., Treasurer, expenses		
Museum of Art. ....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P. ....	614 20
Rogers, H. A., files and packing yarn. ....	Maint and Govmt.	
	P. and P. ....	18 13
John A. Seaman, paints, pick handles, &c. ....	Maint and Govmt.	
	P. and P. ....	233 50
	Harlem R. B. Reps.	
	I. and M. ....	2 21
	Manhattan Sq.,	
	Impt. of. ....	3 60
	Tompkins Square.	3 60
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		242 91
Seaman, John A., dippers, barrows, &c. ....	Laying New and repairing Old Walks City Pks.	194 55
Seaman, John A., rakes, chains, &c. ....	Maint. etc., 23d & 24th Wards. ....	11 21
	Harlem R. B. Reps.	
	I. and M. ....	13 15
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		24 36
Smith's Sons, A. E., Pottery Co., flower pots. ....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P. ....	103 00
Skidmore's Sons, Jeremiah, coal. ....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P. ....	1 43



Smith, Elward, work and matls.....	Museum of Art, Const. of.....	\$316 00
Tomes' Sons, Francis, whistles.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	24 00
Weeks, D. C., work and matls.....	Museum of Art, Const. of.....	1,102 85
		<hr/> <u>\$14,832 18</u> <hr/>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$3,167 44
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	1,025 33
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	182 26
Fourth Avenue Parks.....	2,097 90
Manhattan Square—Improvement of.....	170 90
Tompkins Square.....	299 00
Laying new and repairing old walks in City Parks.....	747 88
Museum of Art, Equipment of.....	944 05
Museum of Art, Construction of.....	1,418 85
Brook Avenue sewer.....	4,778 57
	<hr/> <u>\$14,832 18</u> <hr/>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fourteen thousand and eight hundred and thirty-two dollars and eighteen cents.

(Signed)

SAM. CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

New York, June 4, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane

Commissioner CONOVER, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Devlin, John B., work and materials. . . . .	3d Avenue, 134th	
	and 135th Street	
	Sewers. . . . .	\$1,282 00
		<u>\$1,282 00</u>

Amounting to the sum of twelve hundred and eighty-two dollars.

(Signed) SAMUEL CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
 S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, June 4, 1879.

The above mentioned bill having been read, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit the same to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes.*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was ordered entered upon the minutes :

*Department of Public Parks,*

*In account with Sam'l Conover, Treasurer.*

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1879.			
May 21.	By balance. . . . .		\$135 60
22.	" B. Geunen, sewer connection. . . . .		10 00
26.	" J. Horridge, " " . . . . .		10 00
28.	" H. Stukeley, " " . . . . .		10 00
	" " H. L. Hoguet, " " . . . . .		10 00
			<u>\$1,175 60</u>

DE.

May 21.	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$135 60	
June 4.	“ balance on hand.....	40 00	
			————— \$175 60

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER,  
*Treasurer D. P. P.*

NEW YORK, June 4, 1879,  
9.30 A. M.

Special Park-keepers.

The PRESIDENT stated that in accordance with the authority of the Board vested in him, at the last meeting, he had appointed Thomas Carroll and James V. McManus Special Park-keepers.

Joseph Horan and Daniel Mahoney dismissed.

Commissioner CONOVER, whom the President had designated to conduct the trials of Joseph Horan and Daniel Mahoney, presented the following :

*To the Commissioners of Public Parks :*

Gatekeeper Joseph Horan was tried before me on June 2d, upon charges of intoxication and absence without leave.

Gatekeeper Horan appeared in person, and plead guilty, admitting both charges to be true.

In extenuation, he claimed that his intoxication and absence was in consequence of his being subject to cramps, for which he took brandy as a remedy, which took effect upon him.

He was unable to send word to the Station House, for the reason that he had no one to send.

From the Captain it appears that Horan is unfortunate in his fondness for liquor, to such an extent that he cannot be relied upon ; that he cannot be entrusted with an important post.

When sober, is efficient.

In view of all the facts, as they appear in this case, and the evidence of Horan, I do not consider him a fit person to be on the force, and recommend for adoption the following resolution ;

*Resolved,* That Gatekeeper Joseph Horan be, and he is hereby, dismissed from the force.

All of which is respectfully submitted,  
(Signed)

SAMUEL CONOVER,  
*Commissioner D. P. P.*

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane

—4.

*To the Commissioners of Public Parks :*

Gatekeeper Mahoney was tried before me on 2d inst., upon two separate complaints.

1st. That on May 24th he was intoxicated and unfit for duty.

2d. That on May 28th he was intoxicated, sleeping on his post, and neglect of duty.

To the first complaint he plead *Not guilty*. The evidence showed that when he reported for duty on May 24th, 1879, he was so unsteady and unfit for duty that the Sergeant would not allow him to go to his post. Mahoney admitted that the night previous he had been to a wake, and drank considerable; still thought himself fit for duty; and that he is in the habit of drinking, and has been before tried for intoxication.

The Captain saw Mahoney on the 24th inst., and fully corroborates the Sergeant's opinion regarding Mahoney's condition.

To the second complaint he plead *not guilty* to intoxication, *guilty* to sleeping on his post.

The evidence showed that Mahoney was found asleep in his gate-box, in an insensible condition from the effects of liquor. Boys crowding around the box, crying out, "Look at the drunken Cop." This evidence was substantiated by Sergeant England and Officers Gall, Bernhard and Ulings.

His record book showed that he had paid no attention to the visitors entering his gate. He claimed that he had forgotten to make the necessary entries.

In defense, Mahoney admitted that he was asleep from fatigue incident to his having been at a summer night festival all the previous night; that he took four or five drinks before he went on duty, and took more after he was suspended and his uniform taken off him.

By Mahoney's admissions, I am convinced that he is an habitual drinker, unfit for a position on the force; and in view of this fact, and of all the charges being fully proven I respectfully recommend the following resolution for adoption:

*Resolved*, That Gatekeeper Daniel Mahoney be, and he is hereby dismissed from the force.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

SAMUEL CONOVER,

*Commissioner D. P. P.*

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane

—4.

Fourth Avenue Parks.

A communication was received from F. S. Curtis, Engineer

New York and Hudson River Railroad, relative to openings in Fourth Avenue Parks.

Referred to the President.

**Treasurer's Accounts.**

On motion of Commissioner LANE.

*Resolved,* That Commissioner CONOVER be and is hereby appointed a committee of one to examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer, from January 16th, 1878, up to and including May 7, 1879.

**Flock, Sergeant, Detailed.**

On motion of Commissioner LANE.

*Resolved,* That Sergeant Lewis Flock be detailed to duty on the lower parks.

**Myham, Patrick, Special Parkkeeper.**

Patrick Myham appeared before the Board, and upon the nomination of Commissioner LANE, was appointed a special parkkeeper, under authority vested in the President at the last meeting.

**Wm. Griffin, Gatekeeper.**

William Griffin applicant for appointment to the position of gatekeeper, appeared before the Board, and the Police Surgeon having reported favorably upon his examination,

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved,* That William Griffin be, and he is hereby appointed a gatekeeper upon the force of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane

Mowers.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the employment of eight mowers for work on the Central Park, be, and the same is hereby authorized.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Adjournment.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That when this Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet on Wednesday next, 11th inst., at 9:30 A. M.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioner Conover, Lane—2

*Noes*—Commissioner Wenman, Wetmore—2.

At 11:25 o'clock A. M., adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,

*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18th, 1879.**

**REGULAR MEETING—9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.**

Present— Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

His Honor the Mayor. Drinking Fountain Madison Square.

From his Honor the Mayor, relative to a resolution of the Common Council, granting permission to erect a drinking fountain on Madison Square, Twenty-third Street and Madison Avenue, and from W. Wheeler Smith, upon the same subject.

Commissioner WETMORE moved to refer the whole subject to the President, with power.

Commissioner LANE offered the following as a substitute :

*Resolved*, That the permission to erect a fountain on Madison Square, as asked for by Mr. W. Wheeler Smith, be granted, and the donation accepted, with thanks. That the subject of the erection of the fountain be referred to the President, with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said substitute and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wetmore, Conover, Lane—3.

The President having been excused from voting.

Department of Docks—Float 3d Avenue Bridge.

From the Department of Docks, relative to float at Third Avenue bridge.

Ordered filed.

Bridge over Bronx River.

From the Commissioners of Highways of the Town of Westchester, relative to the condition of the bridge over the Bronx river.

On motion of Commissioner WETMORE, referred to the President to consult with and obtain the opinion of the Corporation Counsel relative to the jurisdiction and duty of this department in the matter.

H. B. Clafin—Sedgwick Avenue.

From H. B. Clafin, relative to the opening of Sedgwick Avenue.

Order filed.

Dr. Marsh—Donation to Gatekeeper Ryan.

From Dr. E. T. T. Marsh, Police Surgeon, relative to the action of the "Life Saving Benevolent Society," desiring permission to present Gatekeeper Charles F. Ryan with \$20 for saving the life of William Garner from drowning in Central Park Lake.

Whereupon, on motion of the PRESIDENT, the following preamble and resolution were adopted .

*Whereas*, This Department has learned with satisfaction of the heroic action of Gatekeeper Charles F. Ryan in saving the



life of William Garner from drowning in the lake at the Central Park; and

*Whereas*, The Life Saving Benevolent Association of New York having learned of the action of Ryan, and as an appreciation of his conduct desire to present him with the sum of \$20.

Therefore,

*Resolved*, That as an encouragement to the members of the Park force this Board does, with pleasure, grant permission to Gatekeeper Charles F. Ryan to receive the \$20 so kindly offered by the Life Saving Benevolent Association of New York.

Christopher Street Park.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, transmitting resolution of the Common Council, as follows :

*Resolved*, That the Department of Public Parks be, and is hereby, requested to cause the sidewalk of the Public Park, or place bounded by West Fourth Street, Christopher Street, and Grove Street to be repaired and put in good order for public travel.

Ordered filed.

Bronzes in Central Park.

From C. L. Tiffany and others, relative to caring for the bronzes in the Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, referred to the President, with power.

Art Museum Building.

From John Taylor Johnston, President Metropolitan Museum of Art, relative to constructing roadway to building, connecting sewer pipes, stone steps to cellar, &c., as well as from the Superintending Architect, reporting in detail regarding the same, and recommending that the work be done.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the recommendations of the Superintending Architect be approved, and that the work be ordered done, under his supervision.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Elevated R. R. 59th Street.

From O. M. Arkenburgh, on behalf of property owners, protesting against the Elevated R. R. Co., running through Fifty-ninth Street and the "Circle," and calling upon the Department to aid in preventing the same being done.

Ordered filed.

Morrisania and Fordham R. R. Co., 3d Avenue Bridge.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the completion of the laying of rails and planking on Third Avenue bridge by the Morrisania and Fordham R. R. Co.

Ordered filed.

Ox team, pay of.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that the pay of the ox team employed on Manhattan Square be fixed at \$4.50 per day.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the recommendation of the Superintendent be adopted.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Adams, Chas. L. & Co., timber.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$146 97	
	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards.....	125 06	
		<hr/>	272 03
Adams, Chas. L. & Co., timber.....	Museum Natural		
	History.....	38 58	
	Tompkins Square	67 63	
	City Parks Imp't		
	Fund .....	30 00	
	Fourth Av. Parks.	22 68	
	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	14 00	
		<hr/>	172 89
Bell, Martin, harness repairs.....	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards .....		2 95
	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards.....	60	
Benoit, A. V., drawing materials, &c....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P .....	57 60	
		<hr/>	58 20
Crissey, Wm. V. & Co., iodine, camphor, &c .....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		38 44
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		27 67
Devlin, John B., gravel.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.....		1,258 52
Dodworth, H. B., music.....	Music, Central Park		265 00
Grafulla, C. S., music.....	Music, Central Park		265 00
Handibode, P., coal.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.....	7 42	
	Manhattan Sq...	82	
	Laying New and		
	Repairing Old		
	Walks City P'ks	83	
	Harlem R. B. Reps.		
	I. and M.....	43 60	
	Tompkins Square	83	
		<hr/>	53 50

Hawes, M. E., bread.....	Zoological Dept., Maint., &c....		66 27
Jube, John P. & Co., steel tire, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		16 93
Thomas J. Lynch, whiskey.....	Zoological Dept., Maint., &c....		4 50
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing.....	Maint., &c., 23d and 24th Wards		22 85
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, dusters and brushes.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P..... City Parks, Impt. Fund .....	8 29 1 67	9 96
Morgan & Herrick, grass hooks.....	Maint and Govt. P. and P.....		20 00
Moffat, David & Co., sheep skins and leather.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		18 18
Mullane, John, hay, oats, corn, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P..... Zoological Dept. Maint., &c....	472 31 32 10	504 41
Nolan & McGrath, work and materials..	Fourth Av. Parks.		2,632 50
Page, Kidder & Fletcher, paving cement.	Laying New and Repairing Old Walks City P'ks		371 25
Quackenbush, Townsend & Co., rakes and scythes.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		44 50
Seaman, John A., steel shovels.....	Fourth Av. Parks.		23 00
Seaman, John A., paints, oils, and rope..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P..... Tompkins Square Museum Natural History.....	115 57 16 35 56 70	188 62
Smith, Geo. H. & Co., carbolic powder..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		14 49

Talcott, James C., hay, oats, &c. ....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	56 10
Van Winkle, E. B., petty expenses. ....	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	27 99
Wills & Dyer, work and materials. ....	Fourth Av. Parks.	959 85
Whitney, A. R., iron. ....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. ....	61 77
Wright, D., horse sheets and soap ....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. ....	24 25
Jackson, Wm., services. ....	Property Owners	7 50
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		\$7,489 12
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places. ....	\$2,346 91
Maintenance Zoological Department. ....	102 87
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards. ....	207 56
Harlem River Bridges Repairs, Impt. and Maint. ....	43 60
Music, Central Park. ....	530 00
City Parks Improvement Fund. ....	31 67
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards. ....	27 99
Tompkins Square. ....	84 81
Manhattan Square, Improvement of. ....	82
Fourth Avenue Parks. ....	3,638 03
Museum of Natural History. ....	95 28
Laying New and repairing Old Walks City Parks. ....	372 08
Paving—Property Owners' Account. ....	7 50
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	\$7,489 12
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventy-four hundred and eighty nine dollars and nine cents.

(Signed) SAM. CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

New York, June 18th, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Dripps, W. C., maps 23d & 24th Wards. Maint. 23d & 24th

Wards..... \$50 00

Amounting to the sum of fifty dollars.

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, June 18, 1879.

The above mentioned bill, having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have

examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval:

Devlin, John B., mould.....	Fourth Av. Parks. ....	\$187 50
Devlin, John B., broken stone and chips.	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	67 00
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Maint. Zoolg. Dept. ....	9 52
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		\$264 02
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RECAPITULATION.

Fourth Avenue Parks.....	\$187 50
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	67 00
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	9 52
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	\$264 02
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two hundred and sixty-four dollars and two cents.

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
 " S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, June 18, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
 —4.

Treasurer's Report.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was ordered at length upon the minutes :

*Department of Public Parks, in account with  
Samuel Conover, Treasurer.*

1879.	CR.	
June 4.	By balance.....	\$40 00
6.	“ Wm. Blake, Sewer connection.....	10 00
	“ Isidore Isaac, Goat Carriage and Carrousel..	56 94
9.	“ Disbursing Clerk, sale of grass and wool....	208 00
	“ J. L. Van Tassell, sewer conection.....	10 00
10.	“ John Lucas, Donkey Service.....	7 77
	“ “ Wm. Kyle, Harlem Meer Boat Service.....	2 64
11.	“ Columbus Ryan, sale of refreshments.....	715 04
12.	“ John Rae, sewer connection.....	10 00
13.	“ Chas. Sumpf, sewer connection.....	10 00
	“ “ Wm. M. Krulch, sewer connection.....	10 00
	“ “ Jas. Hull, sewer connection.....	10 00
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June 18.	To balance on hand.....	\$1,090 39
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	(Signed)	SAM'L CONOVER,
		<i>Treasurer D. P. P.</i>

NEW YORK, Wednesday, June 18, 1879.

9:30 A. M.

Albert Aub—Complaint against Parkkeeper 136.

Commissioner LANE reported verbally, that in the matter of the complaint of Mr. Albert Aub against Parkkeeper No. 136, referred to him for investigation, by the Board, at the meeting held on the 21st May, 1879, he requested Mr. Aub to appear before him on a day named, to prefer his complaint, but that Mr. Aub declined to appear, and he recommended that the complaint against that officer be dismissed.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the affirmative.



## Pay of Forces 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That from and after this date the rate of pay of Double Teams, at work in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be fixed at \$4.00, and that of Dennis Keenan, stone mason, \$2.00, per day, and the employment of William McCarthy, Double Team, be continued until further orders.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

## N. Y. Elevated R. R. Co., Water Pipe at Battery.

Commissioner LANE presented the application of the New York Elevated Railroad Company of date of 16th May, 1879, for permission to open a trench in the Battery Park, for the purpose of laying therein a water pipe, as shown on a map submitted; the said pipe to be then carried up along the side of the column, as indicated on said map, to the top of the railroad structure, for the purpose of supplying water to the engines at the South Ferry station, and reported adversely thereon, and moved the application be refused.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative.

Roche, Thos. F., restored to duty.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Thomas F. Roche, carpenter, be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Welp, John, appointed.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolve*, That John Welp be, and he is hereby, appointed a laborer, and detailed to duty at Five Points Park, during the sickness of Henry Martin.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Capt. Corcoran to be Examined by Surgeons.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Dr. Marsh, in connection with Dr. J. H. Anderson, be requested to examine Capt. Corcoran, and report as to his physical condition and fitness to be restored to duty.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Paving gutters Tompkins Square.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the following proposals for paving the gutters at Tompkins Square :

John S. Masterson.....	13c. per foot.
John W. Manning .....	12½c. “ “

Referred to the President.

Park-keepers' uniforms—contracts extended.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, it was.

*Resolved*, That the completion of the contract of William Bennett for furnishing parkkeepers' uniforms, be extended twenty days.

Thomas Booth—pay fixed.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the pay of Thomas Booth, cartman be fixed at the rate of \$3.50 per day, from and after this date.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Tax maps 23rd and 24th Wards.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Whereas*, Provision is made by Chapter 411 of the Laws of 1876, for the preparation of maps by this Department of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments, and

*Whereas*, An appropriation for that purpose has been made for the year 1879, by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, of ten thousand dollars,

*Resolved*, That the Topographical Engineer be requested to report upon the proper means of carrying out such purpose, and the preparation of such maps.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wetmore, Conover, Lane—3.

*Noes*—Commissioner Wenman—1.

East River Park.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Whereas*, East River Park is in a state of dilapidation and decay ; the grass should be cut and borders trimmed, the paths and sea wall should be repaired and put in order, the platform and buildings, and generally the park put in good order as a City Park for the use and enjoyment of the people.

*Resolved*, That the Superintending Architect be requested to report to the Board what work should be done on the park and buildings, and the force of men that will be required.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following as a substitute:

*Resolved*, That the Superintending Architect be requested to report to this Board without delay the work necessary to be done to put East River Park and the buildings thereon in the proper condition and the probable cost of the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

On motion at 11.35 o'clock, A. M., adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 1879.**

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REGULAR MEETING—9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

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Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Riverside Drive.

From Wm. J. McAlpine, Superintending Engineer Riverside Drive, submitting two semi-monthly reports as to the progress and condition of the work : relative to the change necessary in the bridge at Eighty-seventh Street, and transmitting copy of communication from Charles H. Haswell relative to a further examination of the work by himself and associate engineers.

Ordered filed.

Tibbals, L. P., Swings in Central Park.

From L. P. Tibbals, desiring permission to erect swings in the Central Park, at his own expense.

Referred to the Superintendent of Parks to examine into and report upon.

John Gillan, Doorkeeper.

From John Gillan, Doorkeeper 28th Precinct Police Department, asking to be allowed \$300 per year for services rendered in caring for prisoners.

Referred to the Police Department.

Herman Hendricks appointed Gardener.

From A. Hepp, Superintendent Gardener, recommending Herman Hendricks for appointment as Division Gardener.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following:

*Resolved*, That Herman Hendricks be appointed a Division Gardener in place of Robert Huhn.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Harlem and Knickerbocker Gas Companies.

From the Harlem Gas Light Company, desiring permission to lay gas pipes in the Central Park to the Art Museum Building at their own expense.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN it was

*Resolved*, That the Harlem and Knickerbocker Gas Light Companies be, and they are hereby, authorized to each lay a service pipe through the same trench in the Central Park to the Art Museum Building, at their own expense, and under the supervision and direction of the Superintendent of Parks.

Henry Liebenau, East River Park.

From Henry Liebenau, desiring lease of buildings on East River Park.

Laid over.

Capt. Corcoran. Report of Surgeon's examination.

From J. H. Anderson, M. D., and E. T. T. Marsh, M. D.,

Police Surgeon, reporting upon the physical condition of Capt. Corcoran, and expressing the opinion that he is in no condition to perform police duty.

On motion of Commissioner LANE the report was received and the whole subject laid over.

Bath at Battery.

From John Wheeler, Secretary Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be, and they are hereby, requested to set aside a point at the Battery where a free public bath, constructed by the Department of Public Works, under an appropriation made in the final estimate for the year 1879, may be located during the present summer, the point set apart for said bath not to interfere with the present private bath now at the Battery.

Whereupon Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That in compliance with the request of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the designation of a point at the Battery for the location of a free public bath, the President of this Department is hereby authorized to make such designation of a suitable location, and inform the Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the same.

Commissioner LANE offered the following as a substitute :

*Whereas*, The application of the Commissioner of Public Works to place a floating bath at the Battery was referred to the President at a meeting of the Board on the 21st day of May, 1879, and

*Whereas*, the President has not since reported thereon to the Board, but has sent the following letter to the Commissioner of Public works :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
36 UNION SQUARE, EAST,  
NEW YORK, May 26, 1879. }

HON. ALLAN CAMPELL, *Commissioner of Public Works* :

Sir,—The Department of Public Parks received your communication relative to locating a public bath at the Battery. and at a meeting of the Board a few days since directed me to inform you that in consideration of the fact of a bath being now anchored at the Battery by permission of this Department, paying a liberal fee for the privilege, this Department feels disinclined to grant a further privilege. at the same time regretting, &c., &c.

Very respectfully,

JAMES F. WENMAN,  
*President Department Public Parks.*

*Resolved*, That the letter of the President was not authorized by, and did not express the opinion of the Board, and that the letter be disapproved.

*Resolved*, That the application of the Commissioner of Public Works afore-said be granted, and that it be referred to the Superintendent Architect to designate the location.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioner Lane—1.

*Noes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

The question recurring on the original resolution,

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

N. Y. E. R. R. Drip Pan at Battery.

From the Superintendent of Parks relative to a drip pan belonging to the New York Elevated R. R. Co. lying upon and injuring the grass at the Battery.

Ordered filed.

Bd. Est. and App. Transfers.

From Charles V. Adee, Clerk Board of Estimate and Apportionment, relative to transfers of appropriations.

Ordered filed.

Battery B. Salute on 4th July.

From Major General Alexander Shaler requesting permission for Battery B to fire a national salute at sunrise, 4th July, on the high circle, Central Park, and at the Battery.

Granted.



Flag on Battery.

From Adj. J. Gould Warner desiring permission for David Van Arsdale to hoist the American flag on the Battery at sunrise, July 4th.

Granted.

Carpenters,

From the Superintendent of Parks relative to the force of carpenters.

Ordered filed.

West Farms District.

From the Topographical Engineer, submitting a plan for laying out the West Farms District, Twenty-fourth Ward.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That notice be given through the *City Record*, and one paper published in the annexed district, that a map or plan for laying out the portion of the Twenty-fourth Ward known as the "West Farms District" will be on exhibition at the Arsenal, Central Park, for two weeks from the date of advertisement, for the purpose of allowing persons interested to examine the same before said plan is finally acted upon by this Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*.—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

O. M. Arkenburgh and others protesting against R. R. in 59th St.

From O. M. Arkenburgh and others, property owners on Fifty-ninth Street, between Sixth and Ninth Avenues, protesting against steam railroad route through Fifty-ninth Street.

Ordered filed.

Tax Maps, 23d and 24th Wards.

From the Topographical Engineer relative to the preparation of tax maps for the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the Topographical Engineer be, and he is hereby directed to proceed with the work of preparing maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards for the use of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, in accordance with his report presented to the Board this day, and that J. A. Briggs be appointed to assist him on that work as surveyor, under his direction, and that his pay be fixed at the rate of \$1,200 per annum.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
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Mott Ave. Sewer.

From the Engineer of Construction, transmitting final estimate for construction of sewer in Mott Avenue.

Referred to the Auditing Committee.

W. R. Brady appointed.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved,* That Walter R. Brady be and he is hereby appointed a special Park keeper.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Arnold, David P., meat, vegetables, and tallow.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$266 15	
	Harlem R. B. Reps. I. and M.....	6 24	
			\$272 39
Adams, Chas. L. & Co., spruce strips.....	Harlem R. B. Reps. I. and M.....		78 76
	Museum Nat. Hist.	13 50	
Thomas J. Crombie, spruce planks.....	Manhattan Sq..	43 20	
			56 70
Central Gaslight Co., gas.....	Harlem R.B., Reps., Impt. and Maint.		46 67
Dodworth, Harvey B., music.....	Music, Cent. Park.		265 00
Grafulla, C. J., music.....	Music, Cent. Park.		260 00
Halpin & Bro., plumbing work.....	Museum of Art, Const. of.....		454 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	53 10	
	Har. R. B. Reps., I. and M.....	29 50	
			82 60
Harlem Gas Light Co., meter gas.....	Maint and Govmt. P. and P.....		22 60
Handibode, P., coal.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	8 50	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	7 20	
	Manhattan Sq..	1 50	
	Harlem R.B. Reps., Imp. and Maint.	1 80	
	Tompkins Square.	1 50	
			20 50

Hilton, E. G., zinc and basin cover...	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	9 68	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards ...	3 15	
		<hr/>	12 83
Hilton, E. G. lamp posts.....	Tompkins Square.		338 00
Hoyt, J. B. & Co., lace leather.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P... ..		9 27
Hunter, Keller & Co., iron pipe.....	City Parks Impt. F.....		2 73
King, Briggs & Co., files.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		8 25
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.. . . .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P... . .		61 40
Miller, W. F., repairs to type writer...	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		6 50
Murphy & Nesbit, lime, cement and brick.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		131 30
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	1 15	
		<hr/>	132 45
Murphy & Nesbit, lime, brick and cement.	Har. R. B. Reprs., I. and M. ....	69 00	
	Museum of Art .	8 50	
		<hr/>	77 50
Murphy & Nesbit, brick and cement....	Manhattan Square		278 00
Murphy & Nesbit, lime, brick and cement.	Tompkins Square.	86 75	
	Museum of Art..	5 85	
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	31 95	
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New York Mutual Gas Light Co., gas... .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		214 79
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., meter gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		34 50
New York Gas Light Co., gas..... . . .	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....		340 50
Reiche, Chas. & Bro., food and maceaw.	Maint. Zoolg. Dept.		27 00
Reeves, Robt. C., fork and plowshare....	Tompkins Square.		4 35

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Sanderson Bros. Steel Co., steel.....	Manhattan Sq.,	
	Impt. of . . . . .	7 27
Shepperd, Geo. S., reps. and labor.....	Maint., etc., 23d &	
	24th Wards...	15 08
Seaman, John A., nails, rope, &c. . . . .	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	28 55
	Har. R. B. Reps.,	
	I. and M.....	5 00
	Maint. etc., 23d &	
	24th Wards...	1 49
	Tompkins Square.	65
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		35 69
Seaman, John A., rakes and plow . . . . .	Tompkins Square.	15 75
Tysen, David J., Jr., turnips . . . . .	Maint. Zoolg. Dept.	30 00
Wright, Green, work and matls. . . . .	Regl. and grading	
	3d Ave., from	
	Harlem R. to	
	147th St . . . . .	1,069 75
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		\$4,405 38
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places . . . . .	\$1,225 74
Maintenance Zoological Department. . . . .	57 00
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint. . . . .	236 97
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards. . . . .	29 37
Music—Central Park. . . . .	525 00
Manhattan Square—Improvement of. . . . .	329 97
Tompkins Square. . . . .	447 00
Museum of Art. . . . .	468 35
Museum Natural History. . . . .	13 50
City Parks Improvement Fund. . . . .	2 73
Regulating and Grading 3d Ave., between Harlem River	
and 147th St. . . . .	1,069 75
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	\$4,405 38

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-four hundred and five dollars and thirty-eight cents.

(Signed)

SAML. CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

New York, July 3d, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bungert, John, police shields.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	25	00
Bertine, Edwin R., ensign. ....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	8	50
Coogan, Wm., monuments.....	Surveying, laying-		
	out, &c., 23d &		
	24th Wards...	195	00
Chadborn & Coldwell Mfg. Co., horse			
mowers.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	445	00
Colwell, Sear & Co., lead pipe. . . . .	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	2	03
Colwell, Sear & Co., lead pipe.....	City Parks Impt.		
	F.....	4	10
Devlin, John B., gravel.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$555	40
	Laying new and		
	repairing old		
	walks City Parks	329	99
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Devlin, John B., gravel . . . . .	Tompkins Square.		340 32
Hawley, Jas. C., petty expenses . . . . .	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P. . . . .	100 99	
	Maint. Zoological		
	Dept. . . . .	11 25	
	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards. . . . .	31 08	
	Surveying, lay-		
	ing out 23d and		
	24th Wards. . . . .	30	
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Harlem Roofing Co., labor and matls. . . . .	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P. . . . .		106 08
Handibode, P., coal. . . . .	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P. . . . .	236 40	
	Maint. Zoological		
	Dept. . . . .	132 00	
	Manhattan Square	2 40	
	Harlem R. B.		
	Reps. I. and M.	1 20	
	Surveying, laying-		
	out, &c., 23d &		
	24th Wards. . . . .	40 00	
		<hr/>	412 00
Merchant, S. L., & Co., cement. . . . .	Maint. & Govmt.		
	P. and P. . . . .		90 00
Seaman, John A., sundries . . . . .	Maint. & Govmt.		
	P. and P. . . . .	91 25	
	Repairing new		
	and laying old		
	walks, City		
	Parks. . . . .	5 00	
	Manhattan Square,		
	Impt. of. . . . .	3 54	
	Fourth Ave. Parks	71	
		<hr/>	100 50
Seaman, John A., sand paper. . . . .	Tompkins Square		28 50
Shady, Jas. H., fish. . . . .	Maint. Zoological		
	Dept. . . . .		12 00
Jones, Chas., and Thos. P. McQuade, labor			
and materials. . . . .	Brook Ave. Sewer		7,726 15
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			\$10,524 19
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## RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.....	\$1,660 65	
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	155 25	
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	31 08	
Surveying, Laying out, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	235 80	
Laying new and repairing old walks, City Parks.....	334 99	
Harlem River bridges, repairs, improvements and maintenance.....	1 20	
Manhattan Square, improvement of.....	5 94	
Tompkins Square.....	368 82	
Fourth Avenue Parks.....	71	
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	4 10	
Brook Avenue sewer.....	7,726 15	
		————— 10,524 19

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ten thousand five hundred and twenty-four dollars and nineteen cents.

New York, July 3, 1879.

(Signed.)      SAML. CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
                          S. E. LANE,        } *Committee.*

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
 —4.

## Treasurer's Report.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was ordered entered at length on the minutes :



July 2, 1879.]

Department of Public Parks,

In account with Sam'l Conover, Treasurer.

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1879.		
June 18.	By balance on hand.....	\$1,090 39
	“ Carl H. Schultz, rent of spa.....	29 17
	“ Isidor Isaac, goat carriages.....	5 00
29.	“ W. H. Hume, sewer connection.....	10 00
		\$1,134 56

DR.

June 27.	To cash paid into City Treasurer.....	\$1,124 56
July 3.	“ balance on hand.....	10 00
		\$1,134 56

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER,

Treasurer, D. P. P.

NEW YORK, July 3, 1879.

9:30 A. M.

Washington Square.

From the Superintending Architect, submitting a plan for the improvement of Washington Square.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the plan for the improvement of Washington Square, this day submitted by the Superintending Architect, be approved.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

The PRESIDENT stated that since the last meeting of the Board the contract of John H. McCabe, for constructing sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Street had been executed, and the contractor desiring to at once proceed with the work,

in order to complete the same within the time allowed, he had been called upon to appoint an inspector on said work, and had accordingly appointed Joseph J. Purroy, subject to the approval of the Board.

Joseph J. Purroy appointed Inspector.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the appointment of Joseph J. Purroy, as inspector on sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Street, to date from June 25th ult., be, and the same is hereby, ratified and confirmed.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

*No*—Commissioner Lane—1.

Gas.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had been notified by the Commissioner of Public Works that under the provisions of Chap. 478, Laws of 1879, and the advice of the Corporation Counsel, the Department of Public Works was now willing to assume control over and light all the public lamps in the several Parks and Places, so soon as the Department of Public Parks would signify to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment its willingness to a transfer from the appropriations of the Department of Parks to the Department of Works, of a sum sufficient to cover the expense of such lighting and maintenance during the remainder of the present year, and offered the following.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer from the Appropriation for Maintenance of the Department of Public Parks for the year 1879, a sum not exceeding \$4,000, for and to the Department of Public

Works for the lighting and maintaining of public lamps in the Parks, Squares and Places of this City.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Oatman Fletcher.

The PRESIDENT presented the following report in relation to the trial of special Parkkeeper Oatman Fletcher.

*To the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks :*

Special Park keeper Oatman Fletcher was tried before me on June 20th, 1879 upon the charge of insubordination and disobedience of orders. Fletcher having been ordered to report for patrol duty on Madison Square and refused to comply with said orders.

Park keeper Fletcher appeared in person, and admitted all of the charges and specifications.

The evidence sustained the charge.

It appearing that in accepting the position of Special Park keeper, he under a misapprehension believed the surroundings to be different in reality from what he found them.

I am inclined to believe that the insubordination was more through misapprehension than intentional, and that now understanding the true status of the position coupled with his intelligence, I believe he will prove a good officer. To maintain the discipline of the force a paramount duty of the Department I respectfully recommend that Special Park keeper Oatman Fletcher, be restored to duty with a reprimand and loss of pay during suspension.

(Signed)

JAS. F. WENMAN,

*President D. P. P.*

July 2, 1879.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

East River Park.

A report was received from the Superintending Architect in answer to a resolution of the Board at the last meeting

stating the work necessary to be done and the cost of the same for putting East River Park in proper condition.

Ordered filed.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved,* That John De Groot, Terrence Lynch, Wm. Cushing, Mike Kerrigan and Patrick Lannon, laborers, be, and they are hereby, restored to duty.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Christopher Keefe, Gatekeeper.

Christopher Keefe, applicant for appointment to the position of Gatekeeper, appeared before the Board; the Police Surgeon having reported favorably upon his examination, Commissioner Conover offered the following :

*Resolved,* That Christopher Keefe be, and he is hereby, appointed a Gatekeeper upon the force of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Lannon, Patk., suspension of.

On motion of Commissioner Lane the following preamble and resolution was adopted.

*Whereas,* On the 16th June, 1879, Mr. William A. Conklin, Director of the Menagerie, suspended from duty, without authority, Patrick Lannon, a laborer, and in charge of animals in the Central Park.

*Resolved,* That it be referred to Commissioner Conover to examine into the facts and report thereon to this Board.

Wingate, Geo. W., presenting a dove.

A communication was received from Geo. W. Wingate, desiring to present an Italian ring dove.

Accepted.

Francis Metalic Life Car.

From A. F. Finn in reference to repairs to Francis Metalic Car, now at Mt. St. Vincent.

On motion of Commissioner Lane permission was authorized to be granted to Mr. Francis to make such repairs to the car as he desires, at his own expense.

Soda Water Stand at Battery,

From B. F. Vosburgh, desiring permission for Charles Hepner to erect a soda water stand at the Battery.

Denied.

Licenses.

Commissioner LANE presented the following supplemental report on licenses.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST), }  
NEW YORK, July 1st, 1879. }

*To the Commissioners of Public Parks :*

The undersigned presents this further report on the licenses of the Department.

Bertha C. L. Schedler, lessee of the hotel at High Bridge, has rendered monthly statements of gross receipts of business from 31st July, 1878, to 1st June, 1879, six per centum on which amounts to the sum of \$1,203.14. By the terms of her lease she is to expend the amount of the percentage in repairs and improvements upon the demised premises, and the time for the yearly accounting will occur on the 16th July instant. From the vouchers she has produced it would appear that she has expended nearly the required amount, and the demised premises appear to be in good order.

John P. Ryan, lessee of the refreshment stand on the Battery Park. Under the terms of his lease there was, on the 1st day of June, 1879, to his credit, for the erection of the building occupied by him, the sum of \$1,214.03. His lease expired on the 28th day of June, 1879, and he requests a renewal thereof.

I recommend that it be extended for a further term of three years upon the same terms.

Jacob Seabold, Jr., lessee of the building at East River Park. His lease will expire on the 4th day of August, 1879. Mr. Seabold notified the Department last month that he closed the restaurant for the want of patronage, the condition of the Park being such that it was no longer attractive to visitors. His accounts

of percentage of monthly receipts, and expenditures for repairs upon the premises, up to the 1st of June, 1879, show that there is due to him a balance of \$179.08. He requests to have his lease cancelled on or about the 15th July, 1879, and to surrender possession of the premises.

It is provided by a resolution of the Board, adopted on the 21st June, 1876, that the President is authorized to detail any employé of the Department to the duty of the inspection of the several license services.

Under the appointment of the President, Mr. J. C. Hawley, clerk, has been acting as such inspector for more than a year. So important a trust, requiring efficiency, judgment and discretion, should be assigned to a Commissioner, and I recommend that Mr. Hawley be relieved of the inspectorship, and that a Commissioner be assigned as inspector:

The undersigned recommends for adoption the following resolutions :

*Resolved,* That the lease of John P. Ryan, of the refreshment stand on the Battery Park, be renewed for a term of three years from its expiration upon the same term, covenants, and conditions as are therein contained, except as to the erection of a building. That it be referred to Commissioner Lane to prepare such lease, and that the same be executed by the President upon its execution by said Ryan.

*Resolved,* That the building located in the East River Park be leased to Henry Liebenau for the purpose of a restaurant for the term of one year, upon the same terms, covenants, and conditions as are contained in the lease to Jacob Seabold, Jr., and that it be referred to Commissioner Lane, to prepare such lease, and that the same be executed by the President, upon its execution by said Liebenau, possession to be given only after the expiration or surrender of the lease by Seabold.

*Resolved,* That the President be authorized to cancel and accept a surrender of the lease of Jacob Seabold, Jr., at any time before the 4th day of August, 1879.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

S. E. LANE,  
*Commissioner D. P. P.*

Commissioner LANE moved that said report be accepted, and that the resolutions as recommended be adopted.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Laborers—Manhattan Square.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the employment of two laborers for work on Manhattan Square be, and the same is hereby authorized.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Vacations.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN it was—

*Resolved*, That the subject of granting leave of absence for summer vacation to the employes of the Department be referred to the President, with power.

Peter J. Masterson—Appointed.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Peter J. Masterson be, and he is hereby appointed Assistant Foreman under Foreman Flannigan.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*.—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, at one o'clock and thirty-five minutes the Board adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next, 9th inst., at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

E. P. BARKER,

*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 9th, 1879.**

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ADJOURNED MEETING—9:30 O'CLOCK, A. M.

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Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.  
“          LANE.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 16th, 1879.**

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REGULAR MEETING—9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

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Present— Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of July 2d and 9th were read and approved.

4th Avenue Presbyterian Church.

The following communications were received :

From the Trustees of the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church, remonstrating against an elevated railroad in Fourth Avenue.

Ordered filed.

Columbus, Statue of, presented.

From Chas. A. Cole, W. Gibson, Sen., and N. Sarony, Executive Committee, offering to present for erection in the Central Park, a group in Bronze of “ Columbus Discovering America.”

Whereupon, on motion of the PRESIDENT it was

*Resolved*, That the Committee consisting of the Presidents of the National Academy of Design, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the New York Chapter of the American Institute

of Architects, be requested to examine and report upon said statute as regards its merits as a work of art; that the Superintending Architect be directed to report a suitable site for same in Central Park, and that on the acceptance of the statue and approval of the site, the Superintendent of Parks be directed to prepare the foundation for the pedestal.

Adopted.

Metropolitan Museum of Art—Director.

From Jno. Taylor Johnston, informing the Department of the appointment of General Louis P. di Cesnola as Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Ordered filed.

Riverside Drive.

From N. H. Decker and George W. Quintard, relative to the prosecution of the work on Riverside Drive.

Ordered filed.

Washington Square Improvement.

From Jno. C. and Amos R. Eno, relative to the improvement of Washington Square.

Referred to the President to communicate with the Messrs. Eno relative to the plan as adopted by the Department.

High Bridge Park Hotel.

From Gabriel Case, desiring to lease the Hotel at High Bridge Park.

Referred to Commissioner Lane.

Appropriation, Transfer of, for Gas.

From the Comptroller, relative to the form of resolution necessary for the transfer of a sum to the Department of Public Works, for lighting of Parks.

Referred to the President, to confer with the Comptroller regarding the same.

Museum of Art.

From Genl. di Cesnola, Director of Metropolitan Museum of Art, relative to shades or inside awnings, linings for cases, and repairs and alterations necessary in the building.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the work and supplies as recommended and asked for be furnished, upon the proper orders of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Game Keeper—Swings.

From the Superintendent of Parks, asking the appointment of a suitable person as Game Keeper, and reporting adversely on the application of L. P. Tibbals, to erect and hire out swings on the Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, the application of Mr. Tibbals was denied.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Edward Tilford be, and is hereby appointed a special parkkeeper, and detailed for duty to the Superintendent of Parks as a gamekeeper.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

## Horses.

From the Superintendent of Parks, relative to the stock of horses at the Park, and recommending the exchange of the same.

Referred to Commissioner Conover to report upon.

## Skating Rink.

From James W. Devoe relative to a site for skating rink on the Central Park, and making application for the same.

Refused.

## Claremont.

From James J. Kelso desiring the lease of the premises formerly known as "Claremont."

Laid over.

## Culvert, Elton Avenue.

From the Engineer of Construction relative to a culvert at Elton Avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-second Street.

Laid over.

## Bridge at Madison Avenue.

From the Corporation Counsel as to the powers of the Department relative to building bridge over the Harlem River at Madison Avenue.

From the Engineer of Construction submitting plans and specifications for the same, and

From Gen. John Newton approving the same.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the plans for the piers and abutments of a bridge over the Harlem River, from a point near Madison Avenue on the west side, to One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street on the east side, as this day submitted by the Engineer of Construction be, and the same are hereby approved, and ordered filed according to law ; that the Engineer be directed to prepare specifications, and contract for the piers and abutments for the same, and when so prepared, that the Secretary be directed to advertise for proposals for the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Washington Square.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, transmitting resolution relative to repairs and improvements at Washington Square.

Ordered filed.

East River Park.

From Henry Liebenau, relative to lease of East River Park buildings.

Ordered filed.

Riverside Drive.

From William J. McAlpine, Engineer in charge of Riverside Drive, submitting semi-monthly report relative to the condition and progress of the work of Riverside Drive.

Ordered filed.

Glass—Art Museum.

From John Taylor Johnston, submitting proposals for glass for cases for Art Museum Building.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, the subject was referred to the President to confer with Mr. Johnston relative to awarding a contract for the same.

Music Stand—Tompkins Square.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Superintending Architect be directed to prepare plans and specifications for the music stand in Tompkins Square, and when so prepared, the Secretary be directed to advertise for proposals for building the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Repairs to Mount St. Vincent.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Mr. C. Ryan be authorized to pay the bills of the Harlem Roofing Company, amounting to \$311.15, for repairs to buildings at Mount St. Vincent, and deduct the same from his license fee.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Tompkins Square—Blue Stone.

The following estimates were received for furnishing blue stone for music stand at Tompkins Square :

J. T. McDonald	\$497 00
Hurst & Treanor	295 00

Referred to the President.

Parkkeeper Sidney H. Conklin.

The PRESIDENT presented the following report relative to the trial of Parkkeeper Sidney H. Conklin :

*To the Commissioners of Public Parks :*

Parkkeeper Sidney H. Conklin was tried before me, on 9th inst., upon the charge of sleeping on post, and neglect of duty.

Parkkeeper Conklin plead guilty to the charges.

The testimony showed that Sergeant Meaney, on the night of the 28th June, after going over Parkkeeper Conklin's beat and giving the usual Sergeant's call seven different times, he found Conklin lying asleep in the porch of the gentlemen's cottage.

Conklin, in his testimony, stated that a dizziness came over him when at the building; he remembers reaching out and taking hold of the edge of the door; that he has had similar turns before from use of tobacco; thinks that the quinine he had taken under the Police Surgeon's directions added to his dizziness. I have consulted Dr. March on this point; he totally disapproves of Conklin's statement and theory. From the evidence, I am satisfied that Parkkeeper Conklin was sleeping on post. Offenses of this character should not be tolerated; it is one for which the severest punishment is designated, and the discipline of the force demands it, and I therefore respectfully submit for your consideration the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Parkkeeper Sidney H. Conklin be, and he is hereby dismissed from the force and employ of this Department.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN,  
President D. P. P.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Commissioner LANE, to whom was referred by the President the charges against Parkkeepers Henry Seymour, James T. Larkin, Michael Coughlin, and Peter McCusker presented the following reports:

Park-keeper Henry Seymour.

*To the Commissioners of Public Parks:*

Patrolman Henry Seymour was tried before me on the 24th day of June, 1879, upon a charge of absence without leave on the 14th day of June, 1879.

Officer Seymour admitted his absence, and stated in extenuation that on that day he went to see his sick boy, at Tremont, returned about half-past one o'clock P. M., laid down to rest and fell asleep, and did not awake until five o'clock, and then went to the station house. That he had not slept before for thirty hours, and was fagged out. That his hour for reporting for duty was half-past three o'clock on that day.

I find from the evidence that the charge was proved, and recommend for adoption the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Patrolman Henry Seymour be summoned before the President, and reprimanded by him.

All which is respectfully submitted.  
(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,  
Commissioner D. P. P.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

ative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Park keeper James P. Larkins.

*To the Commissioners of Public Parks :*

Park-keeper James P. Larkins was tried before me on the 24th day of June, 1879, upon a charge of neglect of duty, in that he left his post before he was properly relieved, at one o'clock p. m., June 14, 1879.

It appears that Sergeant England, who made the charge, informed him when he was going on duty, that he would be relieved at one o'clock. Also, it appears that on special occasions, as on a Saturday, the beat is left vacant until covered by the officer on the adjoining beat.

I find the charge not sustained, and recommend for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That the charge preferred against Park keeper James P. Larkins be dismissed.

All which is respectfully submitted.  
(Signed,)

S. E. LANE,  
*Commissioner D. P. P.*

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Park-keeper Michael Coughlin.

*To the Commissioners of Public Parks :*

Patrolman Michael Coughlin was tried before me on the 24th day of June, 1879, upon a charge of being absent from roll-call, on the 16th June, 1879, and for sleeping on post on the 17th June, 1879.

Officer Coughlin admitted the charges. I find him guilty, and recommend for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That Patrolman Michael Coughlin be fined three days pay.

All which is respectfully submitted.  
(Signed,)

S. E. LANE,  
*Commissioner D. P. P.*

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.



Park-keeper Peter McCusker.

To the Commissioners of Public Parks :

Patrolman Peter McCusker was tried before me on the 24th day of June, 1879, upon a charge of insubordination and conduct unbecoming an officer, in that he used improper language towards his superior officer, Acting-Sergeant William T. Gall, on the 13th day of June, 1879.

I find from the evidence that the charge was proved, and recommend for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That Patrolman Peter McCusker be fined one day's pay.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

S. E. LANE,  
Commissioner D. P. P.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Quarterly Report.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, it was

*Resolved*, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to have prepared and transmitted to his Honor the Mayor, the report of transactions of the Department for the quarter ending with June 30, 1879.

Park-keeper, High Bridge Park.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

*Resolved*, That a Park keeper be detailed for duty at the High Bridge Park on Sundays, from 12 M. to 8 P. M.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was ordered entered at length on the minutes :

Department of Public Parks, in account with

Samuel Conover, Treasurer.

1879.	CR.	
July 3.	By balance.....	\$10 00
7.	“ Isidore Isaac, Carousal Service.....	20 28
8.	“ “ “ Goat Carriages “.....	23 10
8.	“ John Lucas, Donkey Service.....	4 91

July 8.	By Geo. C. Goeller, Sewer Connection.....	\$10 00	
8.	“ W. H. Payne, “ “ .....	10 00	
8.	“ G. Dempsey, “ “ .....	10 00	
9.	“ Carl H. Schultz, rent of Spa.....	31 53	
10.	“ Wm. Kyle, Harlem Meer Boat Service.....	2 05	
14.	“ Henry Lewis Morris, Sewer Connection....,	60 00	
14.	“ Alonzo Carr, “ “ .....	10 00	
14.	“ Disbursing Clerk, sale of grass.....	435 50	
			\$627 37
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July 16.	To balance on hand.....	\$627 37	
			\$627 37
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(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER,  
*Treasurer D. P. P.*

NEW YORK, Wednesday, July 16, 1879.  
9:30 A. M.

Captain Corcoran retired.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Whereas,* John Corcoran, Captain of Police, after years of faithful service has become incapacitated by the loss of his health in the discharge of his duty, as appears by the report upon a medical survey of two surgeons.

*Resolved,* That he be retired from his position as Captain of Police, and that it be referred to the President to report upon what duty said Corcoran can be assigned to, consistent with his health, upon a salary of eight hundred dollars per annum.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Peter Degnan, Thos. Greaney—restored.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved,* That Peter Degnan and Thos. Greaney, laborers, be, and they are hereby, restored to duty.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Bernard Mulligan appointed.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Bernard Mulligan be, and he is hereby, appointed a laborer on the Central Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

John Odell—salary fixed.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the pay of John Odell be fixed at \$3.00 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Minutes Indexed.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ a competent person to prepare a complete analytical and consolidated index of the minutes of the Department for the year ending 30th April, 1879, and to superintend the correction of the proof sheets thereof, and that he be authorized to fix the compensation of such person

at a sum not exceeding seventy-five dollars, to be paid on the completion of the work.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Laborers—23d and 24th Wards.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, relative to an increase of laboring force, and extra time for men employed under him.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the employment of twenty laborers, two double teams, and William Callaghan, with double team, be, and the same is hereby, authorized.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Extra Time.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That extra time be allowed the following named persons :

Dennis Geoghegan .....	4 hours,
Wm. Teasdal .....	2 “
Thomas Tousley .....	4 “
Alex. Brennan .....	4 “

employed in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and that the Secretary be directed to notify the Superintendent that hereafter no extra time will be allowed.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Hack Stand on Fifty-ninth street.

Commissioner LANE reported that, on several occasions on his recent visits to the Central Park, he had witnessed the misconduct of hack drivers in coming upon the Park to solicit passengers and insulting visitors on entering the Park, and that this was an abuse that should be immediately checked, and that the gatekeepers and patrolmen stationed on the Fifty-ninth street side of the Park were too much occupied with other duties to repress these disorders, and offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Captain be directed to detail a capable officer to duty at the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Avenue entrances, and along Fifty-ninth street, and to direct him to enforce strictly the rules and regulations in regard to hack drivers at those entrances.

Adopted.

Tar Pavement on footpath across East Drive.

On motion of Commissioner LANE it was

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to finish with tar pavement the footpath, the foundation of which is already laid, extending from the present path above the Museum of Art, northwesterly to and across the East Drive, until it reaches the footpath that leads to the lower gate-house of the large reservoir.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Drainage—23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner LANE presented the following report :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST), }  
NEW YORK, July 8th, 1879. }

An examination of the Documents of the Department shows that in the plans for the annexed district, the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, provision was made for thorough drainage, so as to protect the district from malaria.

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“ “ 73, “ 17.

“ “ 65, “ 21.

The prospect of a rapid growth of these portions of the City, from the extension into them of the elevated railroads, makes it an imperative duty to consider all the conditions of healthfulness, and to make provision for the incoming population.

It has been a great disadvantage to all the country surrounding and within easy distance of this City, that the natural conditions have favored malaria, and that in no place has a thorough system been applied. This has driven the population, and particularly the wealthier classes, to remoter distances, notwithstanding the superior natural beauty of the nearer suburbs. Staten Island, Bay Ridge, and the shores of Westchester County on either side are illustrations.

It is nevertheless true that modern science does supply the means of treating this district in such a way as to make it healthful, to drive out malaria and to secure good drainage at moderate expense. The experiments ought to be tried in the annexed district, for if it be successful and that district can be made perfectly healthful, the advantages to the residents there and to the public are incalculable.

The district seems destined to be a suburban villa country, and not a compact City. A system of partially open or surface drainage is therefore practicable. It is to be accomplished by treating each natural valley or water shed by itself; by building a main sewer at the bottom of the valley, and opening, cleaning and walling the streams that flow into it up to their sources, draining all swamp and sunken land, finding out the wet and unhealthy places formed by the concave formation of the rock beneath the soil, and tapping and draining them; and by connecting this with a proper system of house drainage by closed sewers as fast as the growth of the population requires them.

If each of the natural valleys are thoroughly examined and treated in this way while they now lie as an open country, all the conditions for future drainage can be ascertained and recorded; the rain fall and the natural water flow can be determined; provision can be made for the utilization of sewerage, and the immediate beneficial result of a healthful suburb can be attained at a very light cost.

Large and small, there are half a dozen valleys of this character in the annexed district, and an examination ought to be made of some one of them, with the purpose of determining what practical result can be reached, and the best mode of accomplishing it.

The following resolution is offered:

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Topographical Engineer to examine this subject and report thereon to the Board.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) S. E. LANE,  
Commissioner D. P. P

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to accept the report and adopt said resolution, and it

was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, and Lane—4.

Commissioner LANE, from the Committee having in charge the subject of the Bronx River Bridges, presented the following report :

Bronx River Bridges.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
 36 UNION SQUARE (EAST), }  
 NEW YORK, July 8th, 1879. }

To the Commissioners of Public Parks :

The undersigned, from the Committee on Bronx River Bridges, respectfully reports :

*First*.—That the undersigned has received from George Fisher, of Tuckahoe, of New York, an estimate for the erection of the abutment on the New York side of the Woodlawn Bridge, which is to be paid for by this Department, hereto annexed, marked "Schedule A."

That said George Fisher has entered into a contract with the Commissioners of Highways of the Town of Eastchester, for the erection of the abutment on the Westchester County side, for the sum of \$827.80. That the increased cost of the erection of the New York abutment will arise from the necessity of building a coffer dam not required on the Westchester side. The undersigned believes that the estimate is lower than any other that can be obtained, and that if Mr. Fisher has both contracts he will be able to perform the work for a less price. The undersigned recommends that the Department enter into a contract with said Fisher, to erect said abutment at a cost not to exceed the sum named in the estimate.

*Second*.—That the said Commissioners of Highways and the undersigned requested estimates for the erection of an iron bridge, with wooden floor beams, over the Bronx River, at Woodlawn, and after a careful examination of those submitted and inquiry as to the character of the work done by the several parties, they have unanimously agreed to recommend the estimate submitted by the New York Bridge Company to erect an iron bridge, with wooden floor beams, according to the plans and specifications prepared by this Department, for the sum of \$1,750, one-half to be paid by this Department and one-half by the Commissioners of Highways of the Town of Eastchester. The estimate is hereto annexed, and marked Schedule "B."

The estimates of the cost of the bridge will be as follows :

Eastchester abutment. ....	\$827 80
New York abutment. ....	855 94
Bridge. ....	1,750 00
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Total cost. ....	\$3,434 74

Under an agreement with this Department the Trustees of Woodlawn Cemetery are to do all the earth filling necessary to fill up the entire approach to the new grade of the bridge now under water, and which is to be five feet higher than the existing bridge, thus saving a large expense to this Department. The Commissioners of Highways of the Town of Eastchester are to do the like filling and grading on their side.

It is also agreed that the said Commissioners of Highways shall erect a temporary foot bridge for the convenience of passengers across the river during the time of the erection of the new bridge, and that one-half of the cost of the same shall be paid by this Department to the said Commissioners of Highways. As it is proposed to use, as far as possible, the materials of the old existing bridge the total cost thereof is estimated about the sum of fifty dollars.

The undersigned recommends for adoption the following resolutions :

*Resolved,* That the estimate of George Fisher for the erection of an abutment on the New York side be accepted, and the estimate of the New York Bridge Company for the erection of the bridge be accepted, and that it be referred to Commissioner Lane to prepare the proper contracts between George Fisher and the Department; the New York Bridge Company, this Department and the Commissioners of Highways of the Town of Eastchester; and that when the same are duly executed, that they be executed by the President of the Department.

*Resolved,* That it be referred to Commissioner Lane to prepare a supplemental agreement with the Commissioners of Highways aforesaid relative to the erection of a temporary foot bridge, and the payment of one-half the cost thereof by this Department.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,)

S. E. LANE,  
*Commissioner D. P. P.*

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER at 12.05 o'clock, P. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*



**FRIDAY, JULY 25th, 1879.**

SPECIAL MEETING—9:30 A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
36 Union Square (East).

July 23rd, 1879.

Mr. E. P. BARKER,

*Secretary.*

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board governing the Department of Public Parks, to be held on Friday next, 25th inst., at 9:30 A. M., for the consideration of the report of the Auditing Committee.

Respectfully,

JAS. F. WENMAN,

*President D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT announced that the Board had convened for the consideration of the report of the Auditing Committee.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, stated that no report from that Committee would be presented to-day, in the absence of Commissioner LANE.

Whereupon, at 9 o'clock and forty-five minutes, the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,

*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 1879.**

SPECIAL MEETING—9.30 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
NEW YORK, July 26, 1879. }

MR. E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary, &c.*

Sir,—You are hereby requested to call a special meeting of the Board governing the Department of Public Parks for Wednesday, 30th July, instant, at nine and a half o'clock A. M., for the consideration of such business as may be presented.

Yours, &c.,

S. E. LANE,  
SAM'L. CONOVER,  
*Commissioners D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.  
“ CONOVER.  
“ LANE.

The minutes of the meeting of July 25th, were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Drainage—23d and 24th Wards.

From Wm. Cauldwell and others, Local Improvement Committee of the North Side Association, relative to drainage of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Ordered filed.

John Connolly—Curb and Gutter.

From Clerk of the Common Council, transmitting the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That permission be, and the same is hereby given to John Connolly, to lay curb and gutter in front of his premises, No. 26 East One Hundred and Forty-sixth Street, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioners of Public Parks.

Ordered filed.

Risse, L. A.—For Increase of Salary.

From Louis A. Risse, Assistant Engineer, asking increase of compensation.

Ordered filed.

Bridge over Bronx, at Pelham Avenue.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting plans and estimated cost of repairs necessary to the Bridge over the Bronx River, at Pelham and Fordham Avenues.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the Engineer of Construction be authorized to confer with the Supervisors of Westchester County, and make the necessary arrangements for doing the work required on the bridge over the Bronx, at Pelham and Fordham Avenues, and report the result of his arrangements to this Board for approval.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Permission to use Sidewalk north of Post Office.

From Thomas R. Jackson, Superintendent of Repairs, for permission to use the sidewalk on north side of the Post Office, and the roadway approaching the U. S. Government property at the Battery.

Granted.

Rule Maps for Street Openings.

From E. B. Van Winkle, relative to making rule maps for street openings.

Ordered filed.

Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Adams, Chas. L. & Co., spruce timber... Maint., &c., 23d and 24th Wards	\$95 09
Arnold, David P., meat and vegetables, (300)..... Maint. and Govt., P. and P.....	250 25
Abbott & Gibson, hats, caps, &c., police.. Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	133 45
Bartlett Lamp M'fg Co., globes..... Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	30 00
Bell, Martin, harness repairs... .. Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	3 90
Central Gas Light Co., gas..... Harlem R. B. Reps. I. and M.....	46 87
Coogan, Wm., monuments..... Surveying, laying- out, &c., 23d & 24th Wards...	98 00
Composite Iron Works Co., work and mats..... Fourth Av. Parks,	1,605 50
Colwell Lead Co., lead pipe..... Tompkins Square,	6 83
Davis, James R., services..... Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	50 00
Devlin, John B., work and materials... 3d Ave. Sewer to 135th St., 134th and 135th Sts. Sewers.....	1,062 25
Douglass, W. & B., pump..... City Parks Impt. Fund.....	10 40
Douglass, W. & B., aquarius..... Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	21 60
Dodworth, H. B., music..... Music, Central Park	525 00
Grafulla, C. S., music..... Music, Central Park	525 00

Edwards, Joseph & Co., suction pipe... Maint. and Govmt.		
23d and 24th		
Wards.....		\$45 00
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.. Maint. and Govt.		
P. and P.....		60 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas..... Maint. and Govmt.		
P. and P.....		18 60
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas..... Maint. and Govt.		
P. and P.....	\$53 10	
Harlem R. B.		
Reps. I. and M.	29 50	
	<hr/>	82 60
Halpin & Brother, plumbing work..... Museum of Art,		
const. of.....		300 00
Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse... Manhattan Square,		
Impt. of.....	8 80	
Maint. 23d and		
24th Wards....	19 90	
	<hr/>	28 70
Hilton, E. G., basins, covers., etc..... Maint. and Govmt.		
P. and P.....	24 15	
Har. R. B. Reps.,		
I. and M.....	20	
Tompkins Square	13 00	
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Hilton, E. G., fountain rim. . . . . Tompkins Square.		703 50
Hilton, E. G., fountain rim. . . . . Tompkins Square.		703 50
Holbrook Bros., glass..... Museum Natural		
History.....		48 50
Hunter, Keller & Co., iron pipe. . . . . Tompkins Square	87	
Museum of Art,		
const. of... ..	6 18	
	<hr/>	7 05
Kirby, Richard, manager swan,(300)... Maint and Govt.		
P. and P.....		8 00
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing..... Maint. 23d & 24th		
Wards.....		35 75
Manhattan Gas Light Co., meter gas. . . Maint. and Govt.		
P. and P.....		16 91
Lester Oil Co., oil..... Maint. and Govmt.		
P. and P.....	31 80	

	Harlem R. B. Reps., I. and M.	\$10 80	
		<hr/>	\$42 60
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		139 00
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., meter gas....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		66 60
Merchant, S. L., agt. Portland cement....	Tompkins Square.		30 00
J. Morgan Pierpont, Treas., expenses, Museum Natl. Hist.....	Maint. & Govmt. P. and P.....		991 55
New York Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		340 50
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		213 96
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., meter gas..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		27 75
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., laying pipes.	Tompkins Square.		488 19
N. Y. Belting and Packing Co., springs and hose.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	16 27	
	Harlem R. B., Reps., I. and M.	11 48	
		<hr/>	27 75
O'Brien, M., milk, (300).....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		8 40
Page, Kidder & Fletcher, paving cement.	Laying new and re- pair'g old walks, City Parks.....		62 70
Prentice, Jas., reps. to transit.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		103 00
Quackenbush, Townsend & Co., screws, wire, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	4 23	
	Harlem R B. Reps. I. and M.....	2 00	
		<hr/>	6 23
Reiche, Chas. & Bro., birds and food (300).	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		33 00

Rhineland, F. W., treas., expenses Mus.			
of Art.....	Museum of Art.		
	Equipt. of.....		\$671 26
Rhineland, F. W., treas., expenses Mus.			
of Art.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		959 34
Reeves, Robt. C., scythe stones, and buck-			
wheat.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		11 72
Sanderson Bros., Steel Co., steel.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	10 00	
	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards ...	13 92	
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Shady, Jas. H. fish (300).....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P... ..		7 20
Shepperd, F., repairing sprinklers.....	Maint. 23d and		
	24th Wards....		4 40
Seaman, John A., nails, paints, etc.....	Mus. Nat. History.	11 40	
	Tompkins Square.	57 65	
	City Parks Impt.		
	F.....	4 80	
			<hr/> 73 85
Seaman, John A., sand paper, rope, paints,			
etc.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	45 40	
	Har. R. B. Reps.,		
	I. and M.....	75	
	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards.....	2 56	
	Laying new and		
	repg. old walks,		
	City Parks.....	7 50	
			<hr/> 56 21
Seaman John A., paints, oils, nails, &c..	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	13 50	
	Tompkins Square.	54 30	
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Seaman, John A., coal tar, nails, putty, &c.....	Laying new and repg. old walks, City Parks.....	7 50
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	23 34
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		\$30 84
Seaman, John A., hammers, shovels, and spikes.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	48 36
Stewart, A. T. & Co., gloves, police.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	24 00
Smith, Elward, carpenter work.....	Museum of Art. Const. of.....	643 00
Taylor, A. S., newspapers.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	12 52
Van Winkle, E. B., petty expenses.....	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards....	42 47
Whitney, A. R., iron.....	Tompkins Square.	8 61
Worrall, L., assignee, saws.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	5 96
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$3,746 10
Maintenance, &c., 23d and 24th Wards.....	268 88
Harlem River Bridges Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	101 40
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	140 47
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	8 80
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	15 20
Laying New and repairing Old Walks, City Parks.....	77 70
Museum of Natural History.....	59 90
Museum of Art, Equipment of.....	671 26
Museum of Art, Construction of.....	949 18
Music, Central Park.....	1,050 00
Fourth Avenue Parks.....	1,605 00



Tompkins Square.....	\$2,066 45
Third Avenue Sewer to 135th Street, and 134th and 135th Street Sewers.....	1,062 25
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eleven thousand eight hundred and twenty-three dollars and nine cents.

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, July 25, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Crombie, Thos. I., lumber.....	Museum of Art, Equipment of..	\$180 94
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	260 91
Devlin, John B., manure.....	Fourth Av. Parks.	275 00
Devlin, John B., gravel.....	Tompkins Square.	342 91
Devlin, John B., gravel.....	Laying new, and Repairing old Walks, City Parks.....	\$53 20

	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. and P. ....	523 64
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		576 84
Handibode, P., coal.....	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. and P. ....	48 00
McCabe, John H., work and materials..	Sewer 134th St.	
	410 ft. west of	
	Willis Avenue.	1,890 00
Manning, John W., paving gutters....	Tompkins Square.	500 00
Mullane, John, hay, oats, &c.—Labor		
Maint., \$376 27—Govt., \$28 68....	Maint. and Govt.	
	P. and P. ....	404 95
Mullholland, P., work and materials....	Mott Av. Sewer	
	and 144th and	
	138th Streets	
	Sewers.....	2,295 84
Talcott, Jas. C., oats, straw and hay....	Maint. 23d & 24th	
	Wards.....	59 97
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		\$6,835 36
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,237 50
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	59 97
Tompkins Square.....	842 91
Laying New, and repairing Old Walks City Parks. ....	53 20
Museum of Art, Equipment of.....	180 94
Fourth Avenue Parks .....	275 00
Sewer 134th Street from 410 feet west of Willis Avenue..	1,890 00
Mott Avenue Sewer and 144th and 148th Streets Sewers..	2,295 84
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	\$6,835 36
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixty-eight hundred and thirty-five dollars and thirty-six cents.

We hereby refuse to audit the foregoing bills of Thomas J. Crombie, John Mullane, and James C. Talcott for the reason that the prices charged are in excess of the market price of the articles furnished on the dates of the bills.

The other bills we audit and approve.

Dated July 30, 1879.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the bills of the following persons, to wit., Thomas J. Crombie, John Mullane and James C. Talcott, named in the foregoing audit sheet be rejected, and sent back to the respective parties to be reduced to the market value of the articles on the days they were severally furnished, and to exclude all commissions, dividends, percentages or compensations thereon.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

The above mentioned bills of John B. Devlin, John McCabe, John W. Manning, P. Mullholland and P. Handebode, having been read and passed on separately, Commissioner Lane moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Treasurer's Accounts.

Commissioner CONOVER, from the Committee appointed on June 4, 1879, to examine the accounts of the late Treasurer, presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered entered at length upon the minutes :

The Committee appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the late Treasurer, Smith E. Lane, Esq., from January 16th, 1878, up to and including May 7, 1879, respectfully report, that he has examined and audited said accounts, and the vouchers for the same, and found them correct, and that there is no balance to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, all the moneys received having been paid into the City Treasury.

SAMUEL CONOVER,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, June 28, 1879.

Exchange Bucks.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Director of the Menagerie be authorized to exchange two buck lambs for birds, to be added to the Park collection.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Metropolitan Museum of Art, requisition.

A requisition was received from the Metropolitan Museum of Art for scaffolds, not to exceed in cost the sum of \$150.00.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said requisition be approved, and the scaffolding to be authorized purchased.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

W. R. Smith to lease East River Park.

From W. R. Smith, desiring to lease buildings in East River Park.

Referred to Commissioner Lane.

Felix McKenna and Bernard Murray restored.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Felix McKenna and Bernard Murray, laborers, be restored to duty.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Lynch and Cotting transferred.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, the Superintendent was authorized to transfer Lynch and Cotting, laborers. Henry Haines, to appoint.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that Henry Haines be appointed an Assistant Engineer, to aid in the preparation of Tax Maps of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore—2.

*Noes*—Commissioners Conover, Lane—2.

William Rumble, to appoint.

Commissioner LANE moved that William Rumble be appointed to said position.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Conover, Lane—2.

*Noes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore—2.

Christian McLellan, to appoint.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that Christian McLellan be appointed to said position.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore—2.

*Noes*—Commissioners Conover, Lane—2.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Whereas*, Constant complaints are made by the residents of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, of the manner in

which the work of caring for and maintaining the roads, &c., in that district is conducted by the Superintendent, and

*Whereas*, The appropriation for the maintenance and care of the roads, &c., in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards is rapidly diminishing, and

*Whereas*, The services of the present Superintendent can be dispensed with without detriment to the Department, therefore,

*Resolved*, That Mr. E. J. Lewis, Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards be notified that it is proposed to remove him, and that he be allowed an opportunity to appear before the Board, at its next meeting, for a hearing, in accordance with the law.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

A. L. Mellon to lease Claremont.

A communication was received from A. L. Mellon desiring to lease the building at Claremont.

Laid over.

Director Conklin, Report on.

Commissioner CONOVER, to whom was referred to inquire into the facts in regard to the suspension of Patrick Lannon, laborer, in charge of animals in the Menagerie, by William A. Conklin, Director, presented the following report :

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
36 UNION SQUARE.

*To the Commissioners of Public Parks :*

The undersigned, to whom it was referred to enquire into the facts in regard to the suspension of Patrick Lannon, laborer and in charge of animals in the Menagerie, by William A. Conklin, Director of the Menagerie, and to report thereon.

RESPECTFULLY REPORTS:

That he has taken the examinations of Mr. Conklin and Mr. Lannon, which are hereto annexed.

That on the 16th day of June, 1879, Conklin suspended Lannon for alleged disobedience of orders. That he was off work until the 2d day of July, 1879, and in the meantime drawing his pay. That no report of such suspension was made to the Board, and that afterward on the 2d day of July, a certificate was presented to the Board by said Conklin, that said Lannon had been suspended, that he was a man of good character, and requesting his restoration to his former position. That thereupon, by a resolution, he was restored to duty. That immediately after such restoration, Superintendent Dawson ordered said Lannon to duty under foreman Johnson, where he now remains.

As a matter of fact, the undersigned is of the opinion that said Lannon is not guilty of the charge made against him, and for which he was suspended.

My conclusions are—

*First.*—That Mr. Conklin assumed authority which he did not possess; that he has no right to suspend a man under him to the damage of the Department to the amount of the man's pay, during his suspension—in this case fifteen dollars and sixty cents.

*Second.*—That if, even if he had been justified in exercising the right of suspension, he was irregular in the mode of doing it; that it was his duty to make an immediate report of the whole circumstance to the Board.

*Third.*—That for this violation of his duty he should be fined the amount of pay received by said Lannon during his suspension, to wit, the sum of fifteen dollars and sixty cents, to be deducted from his pay.

*Fourth.*—That said Lannon should be restored to his position in charge of the animals at the Menagerie.

The undersigned recommends for adoption the following resolutions:

*Resolved, First.*—That Director Conklin, for his violations of duty above stated, receives the reprimand of the Board; that the amount of fifteen dollars and sixty cents be deducted from the amount due to him on the next pay-roll.

*Second.*—That Patrick Lannon be, and he is hereby, restored and transferred to his former position in the Menagerie.

*Third.*—That the Secretary be directed to transmit copies of these resolutions to Director Conklin, to Disbursing Clerk Van Valkenburgh and to Superintendent Dawson.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,)

SAML. CONOVER,

Commissioner D. P. P.

Dated 30th July, 1879.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, a division of the question on said resolution was ordered and a vote taken on the propositions of the resolution separately, as follows:

*First.*—That Director Conklin, for his violation of duty above stated, receives the reprimand of the Board. That the amount of fifteen dollars and Sixty cents be deducted from the amount due to him on the next pay roll.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

*Second.*—That Patrick Lannon be, and he is hereby, restored and transferred to his former position in the Menagerie.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wetmore, Conover, Lane—3.

*No*—Commissioner Wenman—1.

*Third.*—That the Secretary be directed to transmit copies of these resolutions to Director Conklin, to Disbursing Clerk Van Valkenburgh, and to Superintendent Dawson.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof.

Licenses.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That all the leases and licenses by the Department be place in charged of Commissioner Lane, with the power over them now or heretofore vested in the Inspector of Licenses, and that he be, and he is hereby, appointed Inspector of Leases and Licenses, and that the appointment of James C. Hawley, as Inspector of Licenses, be revoked.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wetmore, Conover, Lane—3.

*No*—Commissioner Wenman—1.

Treasurer to make purchases.

Commissoner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted by the Board, at a meeting held on the third day of January, 1879, vesting in the President the purchasing power, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded, and that the Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase all supplies and materials for the Department, which shall be approved by the President, until the further order of the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Conover, Lane—2.

*Noes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore—2.



Thomas Franklin, dispense with services.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Whereas*, The office of First Assistant Engineer of Construction in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards is an unnecessary office, and the duties thereof can, as formerly, without detriment to the public service be performed by the Engineer of Construction, and the appropriation is insufficient to bear the charge of the salary of said office.

*Resolved*, That it is proposed to remove Thomas Franklin, the incumbent of said office, from office, and that he be allowed an opportunity to appear before the Board at its next meeting, for a hearing in accordance with the law, and that notice thereof, with a copy of these resolutions be served upon him.

Commissioner WENMAN moved to lay said preamble and resolution on the table.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore—2.

*Noes*—Commissioners Conover, Lane—2.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Conover, Lane—2.

*Noes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore—2.

Hack Licenses.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

*Resolved*, That the propriety of enacting new ordinances in relation to regulation of hackmen on Fifty-ninth Street, opposite to the Central Park, be referred to Commissioner Lane to report upon.

Meetings of Board to be open to the public.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Whereas*, The public interests require that the meetings of the Board and all its proceedings should be public, in the same manner as the meetings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment ; and

*Whereas*, This giving free information to the public will prevent misstatements as to its actions and proceedings,

*Resolved, First.*—That hereafter the meetings of the Board be open to the public.

*Second.*—That a file of the Minutes, as fast as they are printed, be placed in the reception room, upon the table, free at all times, while the office is open, to the press and to the public.

*Third.*—That the Secretary be directed, at the close of each meeting, to give full information to the press of all the proceedings of the meeting, and permit copies to be made of any reports, resolutions or documents presented to or acted on by the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Conover, Lane—2.

*Noes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore—2.

Riverside contract declared forfeited.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Whereas*, Since the removal of Mr. Aldrich, Superintending Engineer, on the 13th day of March, 1878, the work on the Riverside Drive has not proceeded satisfactorily, according to the contract, and

*Whereas*, Under Mr. Franklin, Superintending Engineer, between March, 1878, and March, 1879, work which had been rejected by Mr. Aldrich was certified and paid for, and other work which had not been performed or had been done in violation of the the contract, was also certified and paid for ; the Park surface was damaged in part, and destroyed in part, by the removal of the soil, embankments and trees ; and

*Whereas*, Other work was certified to have been performed, which by the examination of a Commission of Civil Engineers in November and December, 1878, was shown to be below the requirements of the contract ; and

*Whereas*, Under Mr. McAlpine, the Superintending Engineer since March, 1879, none of these errors have been remedied, but the same errors have been continued and new errors have been permitted ; and

*Whereas*, The original design and treatment of the Drive, as a part of the Riverside Park, have been disregarded and the

work as it is going on will be only tolerably done in the style of second class contract work, and will fall far below the excellence which has heretofore characterized all work in the Parks and which alone ought to be approved ; and

*Whereas,* Such work, when finished, will be very unsatisfactory, will lead to great expense in repair, and will be in substantial violation of the contract therefor,

*Resolved,* That the contract between the Department and Nicholas H. Decker and George W. Quintard, be, and the same is hereby declared to be forfeited according to the provisions of the contract.

*Resolved,* That the foregoing preambles and resolution be laid over for action at the next meeting of the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioner Lane—1.

*Noes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

Resignation of Treasurer.

Commissioner CONOVER presented the following :

JULY 30, 1879.

*To the Department of Public Parks :*

Gentlemen,—I do hereby resign my position as Treasurer of the Department, and as Chairman of the Auditing Committee of the Board.

Respectfully,

SAML. CONOVER.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, said resignation was laid on the table.

Glass Art Museum.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art be authorized to make a contract with Holbrook Bros., for glass for Museum cases, they being the lowest bidders.

Commissioner CONOVER moved as an amendment that the Trustees of the Metropolitan Art Museum be requested to ask for new bids for glass for Museum cases, and present them to the Board at its next meeting.

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The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

On motion, at twelve o'clock and forty minutes, the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6th, 1879.**

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Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

At the hour of nine o'clock as indicated in the advertisement the Comptroller of the City being present, and the meeting open to the public, the President of the Department in the presence of the Comptroller and of such of the parties making proposals as desired to be present, opened the estimate box, and publicly opened and read all the proposals which had been received in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the *City Record* for laying new walks and repairing old walks in the City Hall Park, with cement, Neufchatel or other pavement.

The following proposals were received :

Bid. No.	Bidder.	Materials.	Price per Sq. Foot.
1	Edwin H. Wootton.....	Neufchatel rock mastic $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick. Foundations of Portland cem. concrete, between 3 in. and 4 in. thick, as laid in City Hall Park, north side of Post Office.....	25 cts.
2	Edwin H. Wootton and Ludwig S. Filbert,	Vulcanized asphaltum (Trinidad asphalt, hydraulic cement, sulphur and sand) 1 in. thick. Foundation of broken stone and a hot composition, rolled and covered with a coat of sand cement and composition, foundations 2 in. thick. Repairs made without charge for 5 years.....4..... A pavement similar to the above with the exception of the vulcanizing process.....	16 $\frac{1}{8}$ " 14 $\frac{1}{8}$ "
3	Isaac Coleman.....	Sand and Portland cement (mixed with alum and milk of lime) in equal parts, 1 in. thick. Foundation of sand or gravel and Portland cement (mixed with pat't solution) in proportions of 4 to 1, 3 in. thick. The surface laid in plain square blocks.....	17 $\frac{7}{8}$ "
4	The Abbott Pavement Co..	The same but with the surface laid in diamond shaped colored blocks... Foundation 2 in. thick, of broken stone and the Abbott composition, rolled. Top course of fine gravel, sand and limestone dust and the Abbott improved asphalt (refined asphalt and the still wax of petroleum), 1 in. thick. A surface finish of Portland cement.....	18 $\frac{3}{8}$ " 17 "
5	John J. Schillinger.....	Where old pavement is sufficiently solid, the foundation course will be omitted.....	9 "
6	Herman A. Gunther.....	Artificial stone in two colors, as before laid by bidder..... Portland cement and sand, equal parts, 1 in. thick. Foundation of concrete (cement 1, gravel 2, sand 3), 3 in. thick. As laid by bidder in City Hall Park in 1876.....	18 " 16 "
	The Abbott Pavement Co }	Foundation of gravel, sand, and the Abbott bituminous composition, rolled, 2 in. thick. Surface of finer quality of same materials, 1 in. thick, rolled..... Where old pavement is sufficiently solid, the foundation course will be omitted. This pavement has been laid in front of New York Hospital in 15th stt. for 3 years..	13 " 7 "

Bid. No.	BIDDER.	MATERIALS.	PRICE PER SQ. FOOT.
8	The Russell Pavement Co	<p>Wearing surface made of peat, Trinidad asphalt, carbonate of lime, granulated furnace slag and fine sand.</p> <p>Base of gas tar, peat, gas pitch, carbonate of lime and sand used to level the surface of the old pavement. The latter being cleaned and coated with gas tar, pitch and dead oils,</p> <p>Base to be preserved where practicable, as before, and levelled with concrete (Rosendale cement 1, sand 2, broken stone 3), instead of the composition above.</p> <p>The present base removed for 6½ in. below proposed surface, inequalities filled with packed sand and new base laid of concrete, as above, 4 ½ in., 5 in., or 5½ in. thick, according to proposed surface.</p>	<p>17½ cts.</p> <p>18½ "</p> <p>18½ "</p> <p>17½ "</p> <p>18½ "</p> <p>18½ "</p> <p>22½ "</p> <p>23½ "</p> <p>24½ "</p>
9	Jacob Asiel.....	<p>Pavement to be kept in repair for 3 years, without charge.</p> <p>Surface 1 in. thick, of Portland cement 1, sand 4, and ashes ¼ part. Foundation 3 in. thick, Rosendale concrete. Pavement to be colored and plain, in squares, like that now laid in City Hall Park. ....</p> <p>Walks—concrete (Portland cement 1, gravel or broken stone 4), 4 in. thick, surface 1 in. thick of sand and Portland cement in equal parts .....</p>	<p>16 "</p>
10	Frederick W. Lawrence...	<p>Roadway—Foundation of Portland cement concrete, 6 in. thick, surface of imported asphalt and sand in equal parts, 1 in. thick, covered with dry cement and rolled. ....</p>	<p>19½ "</p>

BID. No.	BIDDER.	MATERIALS.	PRICE PER SQ. FOOT.
11	Charles Koster.....	Walks—Portland cement concrete, 3 in. thick, and surface of cement in two colors, 2 in. thick.....	17½ cts.
		Roadway — concrete blocks 6 in. thick (1 part of cement, 1½ of sand or gravel, and 2 of broken stones.	22 “
12	Henry R. Bradbury.....	Surface of Val de Travers asphalt, 1 in. thick. Foundation of concrete, 3 in. thick (broken stone 6, gravel 6, cement 1). To be kept in repair for 3 years.....	30 “
13	Jacob Asiel.....	Asphalt, sand, pebbles, and ashes— in sidewalk, 4 in. thick.....	13 “
		Asphalt, sand, pebbles and ashes— in roadway, 6 in. thick.....	18 “

The COMPTROLLER of the City then retired.

#### REGULAR MEETING—9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Map of West Farms District.

From E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, presenting plan of streets, roads and avenues and public parks or places in the West Farms District of the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Whereupon, Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved,* That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, by Chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby lay out the streets, roads and avenues and public parks or places within that portion of the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, included, between the Bronx



River, Webster Avenue, Fordham and Pelham Avenues, Hoffman Street, Fordham or Third Avenue, and by adopted streets, roads and avenues defining a line about 400 to 1,300 feet north of the line of the Twenty-third Ward—shown on a map or plan entitled “Plan of Streets, Roads and Avenues and Public Parks or Places in the West Farms District” of the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, dated “New York, June 27th, 1879,” and signed “Julius Munckwitz, Superintending Architect Department Public Parks,” and “E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer Department Public Parks” of the widths, extent and direction that said streets, roads and avenues and public parks or places, are designated on said map or plan, the same being such as the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, deem most conducive to the public good; and that the President of the Department cause the said several streets, roads and avenues and public parks or places to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments where the same are not already so designated, and also cause three similar maps or plans of the same to be prepared and submitted to this Board, to be filed in pursuance of said law above mentioned.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

E. C. Morrison, Surveying Concord Avenue.

From E. C. Morrison, presenting his bill for Surveyor's fees on Concord Avenue.

Referred to the Auditing Committee.

Thos. Franklin—Resigning.

From Thomas Franklin, resigning his position of First Assistant Engineer of Construction.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resignation, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Department of Docks.

From the Department of Docks, asking permission to lay drain pipe from Pier 1 North River across Battery walk, to connect with sewer.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the permission asked for be granted.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Metropolitan Museum of Art—Requisition.

From L. B. Di Cesnola, Director of Metropolitan Museum of Art, presenting requisition for racks and brackets.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said requisition be approved, and the articles therein called for authorized purchased.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-third Street.

From the Engineer of Construction, presenting plans, profiles and specifications for sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-third Street, with branches in Lincoln, Alexander and Willis Avenues.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said plans and specifications be approved.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Thomas Burns, claiming back pay.

From Thomas Burns, claiming back pay for seventeen days services as park keeper.

Ordered filed.

Detail of Laborers to set monuments.

From E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, asking for the detail of two men to assist in setting monuments.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the two men asked for be detailed from the force employed under the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bowes, John J. & Bro., work and mats. Fourth Ave. Parks	\$481 95
Colgate & Co., soap.....	Maint. and Govmt.
	P. and P.....
	13 58

Devlin, John B., gravel.....	Tompkins Square,	600 40
Frazer, J., jaguar.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	60 00
Hazard Powder Co., powder, shot, &c..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	11 66
Hawley, Jas. C., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$72 38
	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards...	4 00
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	16 50
	<hr/>	92 88
"Journal of Commerce," subs. 1879....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	12 00
Jube, John B. & Co., wheels and spokes.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	10 00
Lefferts, Marshall, wire.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	6 53
Lefferts, Marshall, wire .....	Tompkins Square.	2 44
Merchant, S. L., Agent, Portland Cement.	Tompkins Square.	18 00
Milliken, David, saw dust and wood ..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. ....	\$5 00
	Laying new and rep'g old walks City Parks....	162 00
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N. Y. Belting and Packing Co., gum pack- ing.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	6 38
O'Brien, W. K. & Bro., varnishing map.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	1 50
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., expenses Mus, of Art.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	884 99
Salamander Works, sewer pipe.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards....	30 00
Seaman, John A., shovels and corn brooms.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$35 00
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	23 75

	Harlem Riv. Bdg,	
	Reps., I. & M..	1 00
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		59 75
Stewart, A. T. & Co., towels. ....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P. ....	7 60
Van Winkle, E. B., petty expenses....	Surveying, laying	
	out, etc., 23d and	
	24th Wards....	40 12
Wills & Dyer, work and materials.....	Fourth Av. Parks.	1,386 45
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., expenses		
Mus. of Nat. Hist.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P. ....	939 40
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		<u>\$4,832 63</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places.....	\$2,066 02
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	44 12
Maintenance, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	70 25
Laying new and repairing old walks, City Parks.....	162 00
Harlem River bridges, repairs, improvements and maintenance.....	1 00
Fourth Avenue Parks.....	1,868 40
Tompkins Square.....	620 84
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	<u>\$4,832 63</u>

Amounting to forty-eight hundred and thirty-two dollars and sixty-three cents.

We audit and approve all of the foregoing bills, except that of James C. Hawley, which is audited and approved at ninety-one dollars and eighty-eight cents. The item in that bill of one dollar for postage stamps for the use of Wm. J. McAlpine, Superintending Engineer of the Riverside Drive work is not a proper charge against the Department.

(Signed.) SAML. CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
 S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, August 6, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bennett, Wm., coat and pants.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	17 50
Bennett, Wm., uniforms.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	1,715 25
Devlin, John B., gravel.....	Tompkins Square.	611 46
Devlin, John B., sand.....	Manhattan Sq.,	
	Impt. of....	22 50
Stewart, A. T. & Co., black wool satin..	Museum of Art,	
	Equipment of..	532 24
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		2,898 95
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#### RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,732 75
Tompkins Square.....	611 46
Manhattan Square—Improvement of.....	22 50
Museum of Art, Equipment of.....	532 24
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	\$2,898 95
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-eight hundred and ninety-eight dollars and ninety-five cents.

(Signed)

SAML. CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

New York, August 6, 1879.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes :

*Department of Public Parks,*

*In account with Sam'l Conover, Treasurer.*

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1879.		
July 16.	By balance.....	\$627 37
17.	" James Mulligan, sewer connection.....	10 00
23.	" Grammar School No. 21, sewer connection..	10 00
25.	" Columbus Ryan, sale of refreshments. ....	487 59
"	" Behrens M'fg Co., sewer connection.....	10 00
30.	" F. G. Brown, " " .....	10 00
Aug. 1.	" Isaac Hall, fees for bath at Battery.....	575 00
		\$1,729 96
		\$1,729 96

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July 17.	To cash paid into City Treasurer.....	\$627 37
Aug. 6.	" balance.....	1,102 59
		\$1,729,96
		\$1,729,96

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER,

*Treasurer, D. P. P.*

New York, August 6, 1879.

9:30 A. M.

In conformity with the direction of the Board at its last meeting, Mr. E. J. Lewis, Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, appeared and was notified that the consideration of his case would be postponed until Wednesday next, 13th instant, at 10 o'clock A. M.

J. S. Masterson—Gravel.

A communication was received from John S. Masterson

offering to furnish Roa Hook gravel, delivered on the Central Park at \$1.40 per cubic yard.

Ordered filed.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Whereas*, The orders for gravel have, for a long time, been issued to John B. Devlin, at the price of one dollar and fifty-two cents per cubic yard, and John S. Masterson has offered to deliver the same to the Department at the price of one dollar and forty cents,

*Resolved*, That orders for gravel of Roa Hook or equal quality be issued hereafter to John S. Masterson, at the price of one dollar and forty cents per cubic yard until some other responsible person offers to furnish it at less price.

Laid over.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the action of the Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in awarding the contract for glass for Museum cases to Messrs. Holbrook & Bros., as the lowest bidders, be and the same is hereby approved.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

*No*—Commissioner Conover—1.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, at eleven o'clock, the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday next, 13th instant, at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

E. P. BARKER,

*Secretary.*



**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13th, 1879.**

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ADJOURNED MEETING—9:30 O'CLOCK.

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Present— Commissioner WENMAN, President.  
“ CONOVER.  
“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Board of Health. Report on Lake in Central Park.

From the Board of Health, transmitting resolution of that Board, with copy of report calling attention to condition of water and lake in Central Park, corner Fifth Avenue and One Hundred and Tenth Street.

Ordered filed.

President stated that he had ordered it to be examined and remedied.

Map of portion 23d Ward.

From the Topographical Engineer, with map or plan for laying out that portion of the Twenty-third Ward lying west of Mott and Railroad Avenues and south of Spuyten Duyvil and Port Morris Railroad.

Laid over.

Sedgwick Avenue Grade and Monumental Map.

From the Topographical Engineer, presenting, for filing, three similar copies of the grade and monumental map of extension of Sedgwick Avenue from Bailey Avenue to Boston Avenue, Kingsbridge.

Laid over.

McAlpine, W. J. Riverside Avenue.

From W. J. McAlpine, Superintending Engineer, Riverside Avenue, submitting his semi-monthly report regarding the progress and condition of said work.

Ordered filed.

Pat Hughes, Peter Rumetsch and Pat Horan.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Peter Rumetsch, Pat Hughes and Pat Horan, laborers, be, and they are hereby, restored to duty.

At ten o'clock and twenty minutes, Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Board adjourn.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover—2.

*Nay*—Commissioner Lane—1.

Adjourned.

D. PORTER LORD,

*Secretary pro tem.*

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20th, 1879.**

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ADJOURNED MEETING—9:30 O'CLOCK, A. M.

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Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.  
“ WETMORE.  
“ CONOVER.  
“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Estimate for 1880.

From the COMPTROLLER of the City, calling for a Departmental estimate of moneys that will be required for the year 1880.

Referred to the President to prepare such estimate.

W. Hutchins—Roads in 24th Ward.

From Waldo Hutchins, relative to the condition of roads in Twenty-fourth Ward.

The PRESIDENT stating that the road particularly complained of had been promptly repaired, the communication was ordered filed.

John McMahon—For Lease of East River Park Buildings.

From John McMahon, desiring the use of building at East River Park for dwelling and business purposes.

Laid over.

Patrick Connell—Injuries to.

From the Superintendent of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, relative to injuries to Patrick Connell while employed in cleaning a sewer, and asking that a leave of absence be granted him, with pay during his sickness.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the recommendation of the Superintendent be approved, and the leave of absence granted during the pleasure of the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Margaret Gilmore.—Alteration of Grade.

From Mrs. Margaret Gilmore, in relation to alteration of grade affecting her property between One Hundred and Fortieth and One Hundred and Forty-first Streets.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction to examine into and report upon.

Sewers—3d Avenue, 137th Street, 141st Street.

Petitions were received from property owners, asking for the construction of sewers in Third Avenue, One Hundred and Thirty-seventh and One Hundred and Forty-first Streets, and referred to the Engineer of Construction to examine into and report upon.

Third Avenue Grading.

Petitions were received from J. L. Mott and others, relative to the prosecution of the work on the contract for the grading of Third Avenue.

Ordered filed.

Park and Gate Keepers' Uniforms.

A requisition was received from Acting Captain Beatty for 99 uniform overcoats and 99 pairs of pants, for winter wear.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to prepare and publish the necessary advertisements for proposals for furnishing uniform overcoats and pants for Park and Gate Keepers, after having submitted the same, together with the form of contract and specification, to the Corporation Counsel and received his approval thereof.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill of Mr. E. C. Morrison, Engineer in charge of Concord Avenue grading, in the territory constituting the Town of Morrisania, in pursuance of proceedings authorized by the Board of Trustees of said town prior to the first day of January, 1874, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

NAME.	IMPROVEMENT.	AMOUNT.
E. C. Morrison... ..	Regulating and Grading Concord Avenue, from Home St. to Westchester Avenue..	\$95 62

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, August 13, 1879.

The above mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Devlin, John B., work and materials . . . 3d Av., sewer to 135th Street, and 134th & 135th Street sewers . . .	\$1,128 54
Wright, Green, work and materials . . . Regulating & grad- ing 3d Av. from Harlem River to 147th Street . . .	1,486 25
	\$2,614 79
	\$2,614 79

RECAPITULATION.

Third Avenue sewer to 135th Street, and 134th and 135th Street sewers . . . . .	\$1,128 53
Regulating and grading Third Avenue from Harlem River to 147th Street . . . . .	..1,486 25
	\$2,614 79

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-six hundred and fourteen dollars and seventy-nine cents.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, August 20th, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Abbott & Gibson, hats, covers, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$57 80
Arnold, David P., meat and vegetables..	Maint. and Govt., P. and P.....	247 10
Bennett, Wm., coat and pants.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	17 50
Bell, Martin, repairs to harness... ..	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	3 65
Brown, F. E. & Co., horse powders.....	Maint. & Govmt. P. and P.....	22 50
Bruner & Moore, ebony pedestals.....	Museum of Art, equipt. of.....	542 75
Coogan, Wm., blue stone flag... ..	Maint., &c., 23d and 24th Wards	11 32
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	Museum of Art, equipt. of.....	180 94
Colwell Lead Co., lead.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	29 54
Colwell Lead Co., solder.. ..	Tompkins Square.	10 00
Devlin, John B., broken stone.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	374 00

Devlin, John B., gravel.....Tompkins Square.	\$610 28
Devlin, John B., gravel.....Tompkins Square.	624 49
Dodworth, Harvey B., music..... Music,Central Park	265 00
Egan, K. & Co., waste..... Maint. and Govmt.	
P. and P.....	6 00
Early & Lane, matches, mops, &c.....Maint. and Govmt.	
P. and P.....	20 00
Froehlich, Geo., scaffolds.....Museum of Art,	
equipt. of.....	150 00
Grafulla, C. S., music..... Music, Central Park	265 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., meter gas.....Maint. and Govmt.	
P. and P.....	20 40
Hawes, M. E., bread.....Maint. and Govmt.	
P. and P.....	124 11
Hilton, E. G., mower parts, etc.....Maint. and Govmt.	
P. and P.....	76 45
Hoyt, J. B. & Co., belting.....Maint. and Govt.	
P. and P.....	\$10 57
Harlem R. B.,	
Reps., I. and M.	19 15
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	29 72
Holbrook Bros., glass.....Maint. and Govmt.	
P. and P.....	15 39
King, Briggs & Co., files.....Maint. and Govmt.	
P. and P.....	12 22
Larkin, Michael, sand.....Tompkins Square.	97 50
Manning, John W., cobble stone gutter.Tompkins Square	591 25
Manning, John W., cobble stone gutter..Tompkins Square	11 50
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, brushes.....Maint. and Govt.	
P. and P.....	18 33
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing	
matls.....Maint. and Govt.	
P. and P.....	\$14 21
Maint. 23d and	
24th Wards ...	90
Har. R. B. Reps.,	
I. and M.....	2 26
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	17 37



McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing			
matls.....	City Parks Impt.		
	F.....	\$0 94	
	Tompkins Square.	1 13	
		<hr/>	\$2 07
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., meter gas...	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		48 35
Mullane, John, hay, oats, &c.....	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.....		333 88
N. Y. Belting and Packing Co., hose and			
tickling.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$1 62	
	Laying new and		
	repg. old walks,		
	City Parks....	45 20	
		<hr/>	46 82
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., meter gas..	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		25 43
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., rent.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		625 00
Nolan & McGrath, granite base stones...	Tompkins Square.		44 00
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		8 68
Pratt, Chas. & Co., astral oil.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$5 13	
	Harlem R. B. Reps.		
	I. and M.....	1 80	
	Laying new and		
	pair'g old walks,		
	City Parks....	1 80	
		<hr/>	8 73
Quackenbush, Townsend & Co., hinges,			
bolts, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$3 59	
	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards.....	1 15	
		<hr/>	4 74
Reeves, Robt. C., seed and mower parts..	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		85 41

Rhinelander, F. W., expenses Mus. of Art.....	Museum of Art. Eqiupt. of.....	\$601 20
Rhinelander, F. W., expenses Mus. of Art.....	Museum of Art, const. of.....	85 75
Rogers, H. A., drinking cups.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	5 12
Salamander Works, vitrified pipe.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	15 00
Shady, Jas. H. fish.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P... ..	7 44
Whitney, A. R., iron.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	22 61
Vaux, Calvert, commissions.....	Museum of Art, const. of.....	97 50
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		\$6,519 84
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,864 38
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	406 02
Harlem River Bridges, Reps., Impts. and Maint. ....	23 21
Laying New, and repairing Old Walks City Parks. ....	47 00
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	94
Music—Central Park.....	530 00
Tompkins Square.....	1,990 15
Museum of Art, Equipment of.....	1,474 89
Museum of Art, Construction of.....	183 25
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	\$6,519 84
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixty-five hundred and nineteen dollars and eighty-four cents.

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
 " S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

New York, August 20, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the President moved that the Board do now approve

them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Jones, Chas., and Thos. P. McQuade, work and materials.....	Brook Ave. Sewer.	\$7,119 85
James C. Talcott, hay, oats, &c.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	59 97
Mullane, John, hay, oats, &c.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	404 95
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		\$7,584 77
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RECAPITULATION.

Brook Avenue Sewer.....	\$7,119 85
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	59 97
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	404 95
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	\$7,584 77
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventy-five hundred and eighty-four dollars and seventy-seven cents.

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

New York, August 20, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now ap-

prove them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

Treasurer's Report.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was ordered entered at length on the minutes :

*Department of Public Parks, in account with*

*Samuel Conover, Treasurer.*

1879.	CR.	
Aug. 6.	By balance.....	\$1,102 59
6.	" Isidore Isaac, Carousal Service.....	23 05
6.	" " " Goat Carriages.....	24 85
6.	" Wm. Connell, Sewer Connection.....	10 00
8.	" John Lucas, Donkey Service.....	4 66
8.	" Carl H. Schultz, Mineral Water Service.....	26 98
8.	" Wm. Kyle, Harlem Meer Boat Service.....	2 30
11.	" Columbus Ryan, Sale of Refreshments.....	812 70
14.	" Caleb L. Smith, Sewer Connection.....	10 00
		\$2,017 13
		\$2,017 13

	DR.	
Aug. 8.	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$1,102 59
15.	" " " " .....	904 54
20.	" balance on hand.....	10 00
		\$2,017 13
		\$2,017 13

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER,

*Treasurer D. P. P.*

NEW YORK, August 20, 1879.

9:30 A. M.

Map of portion of 23d Ward.

The communication of the Topographical Engineer, with map or plan for laying out that portion of the Twenty-third Ward lying west of Mott and Railroad Avenues and south of Spuyten Duyvil and Port Morris Railroad, laid over at the last meeting, was taken up, when

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, by Chapter 604, of the Laws of 1874, and Chapter 436, of the Laws of 1876, they do hereby alter, lay out and classify the following Streets, Roads or Avenues, viz. :

Walton Avenue, from Sedgwick Avenue to Cheever Place.

Gerard Avenue, from the Spuyten Duyvil & Port Morris Railroad to One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street.

River Avenue, from the Spuyten Duyvil & Port Morris Railroad to the new line of Gerard Avenue.

Cromwell Avenue, from the Spuyten Duyvil & Port Morris Railroad to One Hundred and Fiftieth Street, Cheever Place.

One Hundred and Forty-fourth Street, from the new line of Gerard Avenue to the new line of River Avenue.

as the same are shown on a map or plan dated "New York, August 13th, 1879," and signed Julius Munckwitz, Superintending Architect, Dep't. Pub. Parks," and E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, Dep't. Pub. Parks, and that the President of the Department cause to be prepared and submitted to this Board, three similar maps or plans of the same, to be filed in pursuance of said laws above mentioned.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Drainage Map—Sewerage District "No. 31 B."

From the Topographical Engineer, with map or plan for Sewerage District "No. 31 B," Twenty-third Ward.

Whereupon Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the map or plan for the sewerage and drainage district in the Twenty-third Ward, lying west of Mott and Railroad Avenues, south of the Spuyten Duyvil & Port Morris Railroad, and east of River Avenue, entitled "Proposed Plan of drainage for Sewerage District No. 31 B," dated "New York, 19th August, 1879," and signed "Julius Munckwitz, Superintending Architect, D. P. P.," and "E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, D. P. P.," be, and hereby is, approved; and that the President of the Department cause to be prepared and submitted to this Board five similar copies for filing.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Sedgwick Avenue Grade and Monumental Map.

The communication from the Topographical Engineer, laid over at the last meeting, presenting, for filing, three similar copies of the grade and monumental map of extension of Sedgwick Avenue from Bailey Avenue to Boston Avenue, Kingsbridge, was taken up.

Whereupon Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved,* That three similar maps or plans, entitled "Plans and Profiles showing Sedgwick Avenue from Boston Avenue to junction of Bailey Avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York," as laid out, entitled and classified by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, and 436 of the Laws of 1876, and signed "Julius Munckwitz, Superintending Architect, Dept. of Pub. Parks," and E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, Dept. of Pub. Parks," dated New York, August 1st, 1879," be, and the same are hereby, approved and ordered filed, and that James F. Wenman, the President, and one of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be, and he is hereby, designated and directed to certify and file said maps as provided by law.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the salary of L. A. Risse, Assistant Engineer and Draughtsman, be fixed at \$1,800 per annum.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Pavement for City Hall Park.

The proposals for paving City Hall Park, received August 6, 1879, were taken up.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That a cement pavement, laid in blocks similar to that on Chambers Street, be selected as the pavement to be laid on the walks in the City Hall Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the proposal of Jacob Asiel for laying the walks in the City Hall Park, with cement pavement laid in blocks, be accepted, he being the lowest bidder for that class of pavement, and that said proposal be transmitted to the Comptroller for an approval of sureties, and that when so

approved, the President be authorized to enter into a contract for the same on behalf of this Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That a Neufchatel pavement be selected as the pavement to be laid on the walks of the City Hall Park subject to wheel wear.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the proposal of Edward H. Wootton for laying the walks in the City Hall Park subject to wheel wear with Neufchatel pavement be accepted, he being the lowest bidder for that class of pavement, and that said proposal be transmitted to the Comptroller for an approval of sureties, and that when so approved, the President be authorized to enter into a contract for the same on behalf of this Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Proposals for Paving Washington Square.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to prepare and publish the necessary advertisements for proposals for paving the walks in Washington Square with Neuf-



chatel cement or other pavements, after having submitted them, together with the form of specification and contract, to the Counsel to the Corporation, and received his approval of the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Battery Walks and Sea Wall.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to proceed at once with the work of necessary repairs to the Battery walks and sea wall.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Paving Thirty-second Street Park and around Arsenal.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the action of the President in authorizing the laying of pavements around the Park at Thirty-second and Thirty-third Streets and around the Arsenal in the Central Park be, and the same is hereby, approved.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Decker, Nicholas H., and Geo. W.

Quintard.....	.....Impt. and Const.	
	Riverside Ave..	\$37,234 67
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		\$37,234 67
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Amounting to the sum of thirty-seven thousand two hundred and thirty-four dollars and sixty-seven cents.

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, August 20th, 1879.

I refuse to audit the foregoing bill of Decker & Quintard for the sum of \$37,234.67.

(Signed) S. E. LANE,  
*Of the Auditing Committee.*

Dated August 20, 1879.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that said bill be approved, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

Commissioner LANE offered the following as a substitute :

*Whereas*, William J. McAlpine, Superintending Engineer of the Riverside contract, has certified to the Board an estimate for Decker & Quintard, the contractors of the work, dated 1st August, 1879, for \$37,234.67, and with it has submitted his correspondence with Daniel Jackson, County Auditor, by which it appears that he had agreed with him, in the absence of the Comptroller, what sort of an estimate he would audit, and then had made out his estimate in accordance with Mr. Jackson's instructions, whereby they propose to go around this Department, and dispense with the exercise of its judgment; therefore

*Resolved, First.*—That the estimate be rejected and returned to Mr. McAlpine.

*Second.*—That Mr. McAlpine be requested to report to the Board the location on the work of the 7,000 square yards of the pavement of wheel way of drive, which he certifies is completed.

*Third.*—That he also report whether the gutters laid by the contractors are in conformity with the contract.

*Fourth.*—Also on what principle he deducts \$3,636 from the price of the parapet wall.

*Fifth.*—Also whether the circular corners of blue stone are in conformity with the contract.

*Sixth.*—Also on what principal he certifies for portions of the pavement of the drive, ride and walks which are not completed.

*Seventh.*—Also on what principle he certifies to materials which have been delivered, but have not been placed or laid.

*Eighth.*—Also what portions of the work certified to by his predecessor, Mr. Franklin, as performed by the contractors in his last estimate he has rejected.

*Ninth.*—Also what errors in the measurements of his predecessor, Mr. Franklin, he has ascertained or detected.

*Tenth.*—Also whether there are in the work of the contractors under his predecessor, Mr. Franklin, or under his own superintendence, any material variations from the original design of the Avenue.

*Eleventh.*—That Mr. McAlpine be requested to make this report as speedily as possible, and before sending another estimate.

Commissioner CONOVER moved to lay said substitute on the table.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

*No*—Commissioner Lane—1.

The question recurring on the motion of Commissioner Conover to approve of and transmit said bill to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a

majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

*No*—Commissioner Lane—1.

Riverside Avenue Contract—Remit Penalties.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the penalties for the non-completion of the work of constructing Riverside Avenue by the 31st of October, 1877, the time stipulated in the contract, be remitted up to date.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

*No*—Commissioner Lane—1.

Thos. Beatty appointed Captain.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That acting Captain Thomas Beatty be, and he hereby is, appointed Captain of the Police force, and that his pay be fixed at \$1,600 per annum.

Commissioner LANE moved to lay said resolution on the table.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Aye*—Commissioner Lane—1.

*Noes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

The question recurring on the resolution as offered :

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

*No*—Commissioner Lane—1.

The PRESIDENT stated that in recognition of the heated summer weather and the health of John Corcoran, he had not been able to assign him to duty, but hoped to have him detailed to the Art Museum Building.

Manus Sheehy promoted.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Manus Sheehy be, and he is hereby, promoted from the position of Gate-keeper to that of Park-keeper.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

J. S. Masterson—Offer to furnish Broken Stone and Sand.

A communication was received from John S. Masterson, offering to furnish broken stone at \$1.95 per cubic yard and sand at \$1.45 per cubic yard for the use of the Department.

Ordered filed.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Whereas*, The trees, shrubbery, turf and flowers in the Central Park have had a luxuriant growth in the present, and the previous season, and have arrived at the stage when according to the original design of the Park, various effects were to be produced in accordance with the other features of the landscape by trimming, and cutting them out; so that now the general effect in the Park is only that of a dense growth of young trees and shrubs, which was never intended;

*Whereas*, Such dense growth, by keeping in place the trees and shrubs that should be removed, is injurious to those that should be retained;

*Whereas*, It is demonstrated that many of the trees have not answered the purpose for which they were planted, and others

of them are fast dying out, thus destroying the purpose for which they were included in the plantation; and

*Whereas*, It is now time to realize the various effects originally designed, of open lawns, of single trees, groups, clumps and groves, wild woods, shrubbery and sylvan aspects in different and appropriate places;

*Resolved*, That Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted, Consulting Landscape Architect, be invited to prepare and present to the Board a general report upon this subject with his recommendations; for a compensation to be agreed on between him and the Department;

*Resolved*, That it be referred to Commissioner Lane, to communicate with, and assist Mr. Olmsted in this examination, and to supply him with such information as he may need from the records and documents of the Department.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER said preamble and resolutions were referred to the Executive Committee.

Commissioner LANE offered the following:

*Whereas*, By the premature adjournments of the Board at the meetings held on the 6th and 13th days of August instant, Commissioner Lane was prevented from offering resolutions which he had ready, and which he announced his desire to offer, and which were vital to the interests of the Department, and had been delayed in presenting them until the present meeting, to the great prejudice of the public business; therefore

*Resolved*, That the meetings of the Board shall not be adjourned so long as any Commissioner has business which he desires to present to its attention.

Which was referred to the Executive Committee.

Commissioner LANE moved to take up the following preamble and resolution laid over at the last meeting of 6th August, 1879:

*Whereas*, The orders for gravel have for a long time been issued to John B. Devlin, at the price of one dollar and fifty-two cents per cubic yard; and John S. Masterson has offered to deliver the same to the Department at the price of one dollar and forty cents.

*Resolved*, That orders for gravel of Roa Hook, or equal quality, be issued hereafter to John S. Masterson, at the price of one dollar and forty cents per cubic yard, until some other responsible person offers to furnish it at less price.

And to amend the same by adding thereto the following :

*Resolved*, That hereafter no gravel be used upon the parks except the very best hard gravel from Roa Hook, or of equal quality and entirely free from loam and dirt.

The PRESIDENT stated that he was in correspondence at this time with Mrs. Van Courtlandt, the owner of the Roa Hook Gravel Bank, as well as with her agent, relative to gravel from said bank, and hoped to be able to report at the next meeting of the Board the result of such correspondence.

On motion, the preamble and resolution as offered by Commissioner Lane was laid over.

Commissioner LANE from the Committee on Bronx River Bridges, reported that the abutment for the Woodlawn bridge on the Westchester side had been constructed in so inferior a manner, that it would have to be taken down in part and rebuilt, and that he had refused to give the contract for the abutment on the New York side to George Fisher, under the resolution of the Board of the 16th July, 1879, he being the contractor for the abutment on the Westchester side, and that John S. Masterson had offered to build the abutment for \$855, the same price that Mr. Fisher proposed, together with an extra compensation of \$95, which the Trustees of Woodlawn Cemetery had agreed to pay him, and for which he was to look to them, and reported the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That a contract be entered into with John S. Masterson in place of George Fisher, for the erection of the New York abutment at the price of \$855.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane

Superintendent of Parks—Reduction of Force.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that the maintenance force of the Department be reduced to the lowest possible minimum, and that the Board authorize the suspension or discharge of the following classes of workmen, viz. :

- 7 carpenters.
- 4 painters.
- 3 blacksmiths and steam engineers.
- 45 laborers.
- 1 assistant-foreman.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the recommendation contained in the communication of the Superintendent be approved.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

The PRESIDENT called from the table the resignation of Commissioner Conover, laid over July 30th, 1879, and on behalf of the Board, requested that said resignation be withdrawn.

Commissioner CONOVER thereupon withdrew his letter of resignation of the positions of Treasurer and Chairman of the Auditing Committee.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Christopher McLennan be, and he is hereby, appointed an assistant engineer to aid in the preparation of Tax maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Commissioner LANE moved to strike out the name of Christopher McLennan, and insert the name of William Rumble in lieu thereof.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the nega-



tive, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioner Lane—1.

*Noes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

The question recurring upon the resolution as offered :

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Brook Avenue Sewer. Engineers to report on.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

*Resolved*, That it be referred to Mr. Eugene E. McLean, Engineer of Construction, and Mr. Edgar B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, to examine and report upon the work of the Brook Avenue sewer.

Licenses.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the action of the Board at a meeting held July 30th, appointing Commissioner Lane Inspector of Licenses, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded, and that the President be authorized to appoint an Inspector until otherwise ordered by the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore. Conover—3.

*No*—Commissioner Lane—1.

At one o'clock and forty minutes, the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3d, 1879.**

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REGULAR MEETING—9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

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Present— Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

West Side and Yonkers Railway Co.

Mr. Fordham Morris, of Counsel for the West Side & Yonkers Railway Company, appeared before the Board and presented an application for the location of a bridge over the Harlem River for the use of said company, and requested that the Board would designate an early day when counsel might be heard on the subject.

The following communications were received :

Riverside Drive—Semi-monthly report.

From Wm. J. McAlpine, Superintending Engineer Riverside Drive, submitting his semi-monthly report, showing the progress and condition of the work.

Ordered filed.

**Bronx River Bridge.**

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting by direction of the Board, the result of his conference with the Supervisor and Commissioners of Highways, of the town of Westchester, relative to the repairs to bridge over the Bronx, at Fordham and Pelham Avenues.

The PRESIDENT stated that the condition of the bridge, being such as to require immediate attention, and the expense necessary being small, he had ordered the work proceeded with.

The communication was ordered filed.

**Henry Liebenau—East River Park.**

From Henry Liebenau, relative to leasing the building in East River Park.

Laid on the table.

**Tompkins Square Celebration.**

From the Tompkins Square Union, asking for permission to hold a celebration on Tompkins Square, in honor of its completion.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the permission asked for was granted.

**H. L. Morris and others—To Build Sewer.**

From Henry Lewis Morris and others, for permission to construct at their own expense a sewer in One Hundred and Fiftieth Street, between Mott and River Avenues.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the permission asked for by Henry Lewis Morris and others, to construct a sewer, at their own expense, in One Hundred and Fiftieth Street, between Mott and River Avenues, with a temporary outlet west at River Avenue, be granted, the work to be done according to plans, etc., to be prepared by the Engineer of Construction, and under his supervision and inspection.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

Grading Third Avenue.

From the Engineer of Construction, in relation to the condition of the work of grading of Third Avenue, and recommending that the contractor be allowed to proceed with the work, that being the most expedient mode of completing the same.

In connection therewith, the PRESIDENT presented two communications which had been received by Alderman Mott, and forwarded to him for the attention of this Board relative to this contract.

Ordered filed.

Report on Mrs. Gilmore's Petition.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the petition of Mrs. Margaret Gilmore, relative to the change of grade in front of her property—her house having been built on the grade established 1868, and the grade she complains of being the one established in 1874, and it being out of the power of the Department to raise the grade to suit her particular case.

Ordered filed.

Sewers in 137th St. and 3d Avenue.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the petitions for the construction of sewers in One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Street and in Third Avenue, and recommending that the same be built.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Engineer of Construction be directed to

prepare and submit to this Board plans and specifications for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Thirty-Seventh Street, from the summit east of Willis Avenue to the Third Avenue, with branches in Lincoln, Alexander and Willis Avenues, and a sewer in Third Avenue from One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Street to One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Street, and in One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Street from Third to Brook Avenue.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

Requisition—Art Museum.

A requisition was received from the Director of the Art Museum for lumber.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the requisition be approved, and the usual order issued for the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

Brook Avenue Sewers.

From Enginner E. B. Van Winkle, asking to be relieved from the duty assigned him at the last meeting of the Board of examining into and reporting upon the condition of the work under the contract, for constructing Brook Avenue sewer.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the request of Engineer Van Winkle be granted, and that he be relieved from the duty so assigned him.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane —4.

Webster Avenue.

From the Topographical Engineer, stating a desire that appears to exist on the part of many residents of Fordham to have Webster Avenue opened, at least as far north as the Kingsbride Road, and suggesting that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to temporarily suspend the application to the court for the appointment of Commissioners to acquire title to Webster Avenue from One Hundred and Sixty-fifth to One Hundred and Eighty-fourth streets.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, the Secretary was directed to respectfully request the Counsel to the Corporation to temporarily suspend his application to the Court for the appointment of Commissioners, to acquire title to Webster Avenue, from One Hundred and Sixty-fifth to One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Streets.

Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Adams, Chas. L. & Co., stakes and timber Maint. 23d & 24th Wards... ..	\$68 60
Benoit A. V., tapes, rods and repairs... Maint. 23d & 24th Wards....	58 55
Benoit A. V., tracing paper..... Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	23 10
Bruner, P., cases ..... Museum of Art, Equipment of..	2,585 00

Crissey, Wm. V. & Co., borax and cop- peras.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$3 37
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber, &c. ....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	392 80
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	Museum of Art, const. of.....	124 01
Devlin, John B., mould.....	Tompkins Square.	300 00
Donaldson, Joseph, chimnies.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. . . .	1 50
Duffy, Phillip, use of wagon.. . . .	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	21 00
Frazer, J., pelican.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. . . .	6 00
Froehlich, George, shades.....	Museum of Art, Equipment of...	816 00
Grafulla, C. S., music.....	Music, Central Park.....	260 00
Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. . . .	120 00
Going, J. A., veterinary services and medi- cines.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. . . .	107 15
Handibode, P., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$48 10
	Manhattan Sq., Impt. of . . . .	1 50
	Fourth Av. Parks.	1 20
	Tompkins Square	1 20
		<hr/> 52 00
Harmer, Hays & Co., carriage matls. . . .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	14 43
Hilton, E. G., lamp posts, drinking foun- tains, &c . . . . .	Tompkins Square	928 13
Howard & Morse, wire fence.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	116 63
Hurst & Treanor, stone and lintels.....	Tompkins Square	309 67

Hawley, Jas. C., petty expenses . . . . .	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P. . . . .	\$59 83	
	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards. . . . .	24 93	
		<hr/>	\$114 76
King, Briggs & Co., files . . . . .	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P. . . . .		12 00
Quackenbush, Townsend & Co., plows, &c.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P. . . . .	\$90 90	
	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards. . . . .	17 55	
		<hr/>	18 45
Rhineland, F. W., Tres., expenses Mus.			
of Art. . . . .	Museum of Art,		
	Const. of. . . . .		48 00
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., expenses Mus.			
of Art. . . . .	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P. . . . .		894 99
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., expenses Mus.			
of Art. . . . .	Museum of Art,		
	Equipment of. . . . .		558 47
Seaman, John A., varnish, nails, &c., &c.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P. . . . .		33 57
Seaman, John A., paints, pick handles, &c.	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P. . . . .	\$32 90	
	Manhattan Sq. . . . .	5 00	
	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards. . . . .	3 90	
	Harlem Riv. Bdg,		
	Reps., I. & M. . . . .	11 25	
	Tompkins Squaro	8 60	
		<hr/>	61 65
Seaman, John A., nails . . . . .	Museum of Art		
	Const. of. . . . .		6 50
Talcott, Jas. C., hay and oats . . . . .	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards. . . . .		50 52
Whitney, A. R., iron . . . . .	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P. . . . .		35 98
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		<hr/>	\$8,142 63
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## RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places . . . . .	\$1,933 05
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards . . . . .	245 05
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance . . . . .	11 25
Museum of Art, Equipment of . . . . .	3,959 47
Museum of Art, Construction of . . . . .	178 51
Tompkins Square . . . . .	1,547 60
Music Central Park . . . . .	260 00
Manhattan Square, Improvement of . . . . .	6 50
Fourth Avenue Parks . . . . .	1 20
	————— \$8,142 63

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighty-one hundred and forty-two dollars and sixty-three cents.

(Signed) SAML. CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, September 3d, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Crombie, Thomas J., lumber . . . . .	Museum of Art,	
	Equipment of . .	\$67 30
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber and Geo. pine.	Tompkins Square	165 52
Handibode, P., coal . . . . .	Harlem River Bdgs.	
	Reps., I. & M. . .	40 00

Van Winckle, E. B., petty disbursements. Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards. \$25 99

\$298 81

RECAPITULATION.

Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement and Maint..	\$40 00	
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	25 99	
Tompkins Square.....	165 52	
Museum of Art, Equipment of.....	67 30	
	\$298 81	

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two hundred and ninety-eight dollars and eighty-one cents.

(Signed)

SAML. CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

New York, September 3d, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Treasurer's Report.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes :

*Department of Public Parks,*

*In account with Sam'l Conover, Treasurer.*

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1879.

Aug. 20. By balance.....	\$10 00	
22. " cash from Disbursing Clerk, sale of grass...	109 25	
22. " " " " " " sundries	37 90	
Sept. 1. " " " H. Bender, sewer connection.....	10 00	
	\$167 15	

Dr.

Sept. 3. To cash in hand.....	\$167 15
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	<u>\$167 15</u>

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER,

*Treasurer, D. P. P.*

NEW YORK, September 3, 1879.

9:30 A. M.

Riverside Drive.

A communication was received from William J. McAlpine, Superintending Engineer, Riverside Drive, submitting a plan relative to the completion of certain portions of said work.

Laid over.

File Drainage Maps, District No. 31 B.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the five similar copies of a map or plan entitled "Plan of Drainage for Sewerage District, No. 31 B," dated "New York, 19th August, 1879," and signed, Julius Munckwitz, Superintending Architect, D. P. P.," and "E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, D. P. P.," directed to be prepared, by a resolution passed at a meeting of this Board, held on the 20th day of August, 1879, are hereby approved and ordered filed, one copy each, in the following offices, viz. : The Department of Public Parks, the office of the Common Council, the office of the Comptroller of the City, the Health Department, and the Department of Public Works.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

James Dunn—Gate-keeper.

The PRESIDENT presented the following :

*To the Department of Public Parks :*

In the matter of the charges against Gate-keeper James Dunn, for coarse and abusive and insulting language. I respectfully report, that the case was heard

before me on August 29th, 1879. Gatekeeper Dunn, appearing in person and pleading "guilty," but in extenuation claimed that by excitement his actions were perhaps hasty.

The evidence hereto annexed shows, that on the night of 22d August, Mr. Wells and friend were walking down Fifty-ninth Street, where they saw Dunn talking to a female; they passed on, and when they had reached Eighth Avenue, they were about to enter the Park, when Dunn collared them, calling them vile and disgusting names, at the same time pushing and shoving them across Fifty-ninth Street. His companion, Fitzpatrick, fully corroborates his testimony. The complainant is an invalid. Dunn in defence claims that Wells and Fitzpatrick used insulting language to the female, and he was endeavoring to have her make a charge against the complainant and his friend that he might arrest them; further testimony for the defense goes to substantiate Dunn's testimony, so far as the woman being asked to make a charge against Wells and Fitzpatrick, but no one swears to the insulting language Dunn claims that they used to the woman.

In the cross-examination it came out that on the night of 28th August, Dunn called upon Mr. Wells for the purpose of apologizing and endeavoring to get Wells to withdraw the charge. I am unable to ascertain who the woman is, consequently, the charge of insulting language to her fails for want of proof.

The indecent language and violent manner of Dunn is fully proven. The newspapers have fully ventilated this case, and the Department is called upon to take cognizance of it.

The clubbing and illtreating of citizens by police officers has become of too frequent occurrence, and Dunn was not justified in using insulting language or violently treating Park visitors.

In consideration of all of the facts in the case, I respectfully recommend for adoption, the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Gate-keeper Dunn be fined ten days' pay, and publicly reprimanded before the force for his unofficerlike and ungentlemanly conduct.

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN,  
*President.*

September 3, 1879.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

N. H. Decker & Co.—W. J. McAlpine—Communications.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board two communications which he had received, signed by N. H. Decker & Co., contractors of Riverside Avenue, and William J. McAlpine, Superintending Engineer, relative to Riverside Drive work, and matters connected therewith.

Debate was had thereon, when the PRESIDENT offered the following:

Mayor to investigate.

*Whereas*, Grave rumors and reports have been circulated through the public press and otherwise of irregularities in the transactions and official conduct of members of the Board, in relation to the Riverside Avenue contract and licenses under the control of this Department; and

*Whereas*, In justification to the individual members of this Board official cognizance should be taken of the same; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he is hereby, respectfully requested to at once institute and prosecute an investigation into and in regard to the same, as well as all other affairs pertaining to the conduct of this Department.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to furnish his Honor the Mayor with copies of all correspondence, reports, minutes and documents relating to these matters as he may desire.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

*No*—Commissioner Lane—1.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the letters of Messrs. Decker & Co. and Engineer McAlpine be printed as a document of this Board.

(See Document No. 86).

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Sidewalks of City Parks.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President be, and he is hereby, empowered to have the walks in and around the small City Parks repaired, at an expense not to exceed \$1 per square yard.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Commissioner LANE called from the table a preamble and resolution offered by him, as well as an amendment thereto, as found on pages 168 and 169 of the minutes, and moved its adoption.

Commissioner WENMAN moved to amend said preamble and resolution by striking therefrom the name of "John S. Masterson."

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER the whole subject was laid on the table.

Maintenance.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Whereas*, The maintenance moneys for parks and places have been so rapidly expended under the direction of the President of the Board, that out of the appropriation of \$150,000, for the year 1879, \$119,041 has been expended, being at the rate of \$14,880 per month, and leaving only \$30,959, being at the rate of \$7,739 per month for the residue of the year, which is insufficient for the purpose ;

*Resolved*, That it be referred to two Commissioners, other than the President, to examine into the subject and report thereon to the Board, with a view of escaping the difficulties which were experienced at the close of the year 1878, when the maintenance moneys were exhausted in the early part of October.

Laid on the table.

At 12 o'clock M. adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**DOCUMENT No. 86.**



BOARD

OF THE

Department of Public Parks.



SEPTEMBER 3, 1879.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board communications signed by N. H. Decker & Co., contractors of Riverside Avenue, and William J. McAlpine, Superintending Engineer, relative to Riverside Drive work, and matters pertaining thereto.

*Ordered* printed as a document of the Board.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary D. P. P.*

## Communication of N. H. Decker & Co.

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JAMES F. WENMAN, Esq.,

*President Department of Public Parks.*

Dear Sir,—I have seen in the public prints that Mr. S. E. Lane has sent a protest to the Mayor against the payment to the contractors for the construction of Riverside Avenue, of the amount estimated by the engineer in charge of that work, to be due to them on the 1st of August. It is due to the executive officer of the City that the contractors should take cognizance of this protest; otherwise the Mayor might be led to suppose, by their silence, that there was a possible reason for the peculiar conduct displayed by Mr. Lane. He, and persons affiliating with him, have for a considerable length of time, been giving to the public prints remarkable statements concerning the Riverside Avenue improvements. Well knowing the objects of these statements, I have paid no attention whatever to them. Having been a contractor on public works for many years, I have learned by experience how to deal with blackmailers, and I have profited by that experience in this instance. But when the matter assumes the form of an official protest to the Mayor of the City, I have no hesitation in breaking the uniform silence that I have heretofore maintained.

The reason stated by Mr. Lane for sending this protest is, that from his *personal examinations*, the work is not done in accordance with the contract. Mr. Lane's occupation is, I am informed, that of a notary public. This may or may not be a lucrative employment, but I should judge that it is not one demanding any scientific knowledge, as the fees are limited by law to the small sum of 12½ cents. Hence, I should doubt Mr. Lane's capacity to determine, from *personal observation*, the character of a public work requiring mechanical knowledge and great skill in its execution. If he is not so qualified, his protest to the Mayor is an unwarranted and impudent assumption. If he is qualified as an expert in such matters, he knew his statement to be false when he made it, as the work returned



by the engineer in charge is not only all the contract demands, but in every item it is superior to that required by the contract.

The engineer in charge of this work is appointed by the Park Department, without the advice or consent of the contractor, and by the terms of the contract, his word is law. In every instance, the contractor is bound to perform the work in the manner directed by him, and this has been done to the letter, as that official will certify. Under such circumstances, that there should be any possible obstacle placed in the way of a prompt settlement with the contractor can only be explained by the fact that one of Mr. Lane's conferees made the distinct proposition to me to pay \$20,000, assuring me that by so doing I should be exempted from all annoyance or delay in the settlement of my accounts. This proposition I treated with the contempt it deserved, and from that time to this the villification of all persons connected with this work has been persistently maintained. This is my answer to Mr. Lane's protest, that I desire you to transmit to the Mayor.

Very respectfully yours,

N. H. DECKER & CO.,  
Contractors of Riverside Avenue,  
New York.

Sept. 2, 1879.

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## Communication of Wm. J. McAlpine.

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RIVERSIDE AVENUE, August 20, 1879.

HON. JAMES F. WENMAN,

*President Department of Public Parks :*

Sir,—I have received the enclosed letter from Mr. Commissioner Lane, dated August 26th, and with your assent reply in the first place categorically to the questions which he has sent to me, as follows :

To the first question I reply that the "location on the work, of the 7,000 square yards of the pavement of the wheelway of the drive which he (I have) certified to as complete," in my monthly estimate of August 1st, 1879, is that portion of the

avenue between One Hundred and Eighth and one Hundred and Thirteenth streets.

I may add, that at the time of this writing, there are 16,000 square yards of the same kind of work completed between One Hundred and Fourth and One Hundred and Thirteenth streets, and that the whole work is so far advanced that the most of the driveway will be completed in two months.

To the second, I reply, that all of "the gutters which have been laid by the contractors (and embraced in the estimate referred to) are in conformity with the contract."

To the third, I reply, that inasmuch as *all of the parapet wall* from which I "had deducted \$3,636," was withdrawn from the estimate of \$37,234.67, it is unnecessary to give the explanation demanded at this time. It will be included in a special report to the Board, as soon as I have obtained some further information in regard to the manner in which that portion of the parapet wall was built.

To the fourth, I reply, that all of the "circular corners of blue stone (which are included in that estimate) are in conformity with the contract."

In the fifth and sixth, I am asked "upon what principle I certify for portions of the pavement of the drives, etc., which are not completed," and "to materials which have been delivered, but have not been placed or laid," and the only categorical answer which I can give is, because such portions of the drive *were not completed*, and such materials *were not put in the work at the date of that estimate*.

Many of these incompletd portions of the drive, and the most of the materials referred to have, at the time of this writing, been completed and the materials put into the work, and in another month all of them will probably be completed or used.

Perhaps it was intended to ask upon what authority I included the unfinished work referred to in the estimate of August 1st.

By article P of the contract it is agreed that monthly, the engineer shall "make an estimate of work *partly finished*,"

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NOTE.—The quotation marks which are used in this paper show that the words included therein have been copied from Mr. Lane's letter to me, and from the newspaper slip referred to by him, with the necessary alteration of the pronouns.

and the same article declares how the value of such unfinished work shall be determined by the engineer.

I therefore reply that it is in compliance with this mandate of the contract that I have included the unfinished work referred to in my estimate and certificate.

To the seventh, I reply, that none "of the work performed by the contractors, as certified to by my predecessor in his last estimate, has been rejected by me," except the following :

A certain portion of the pavement of the drive was incorrectly certified as completed by Mr. Franklin, so as to cover the value of the stone which had been delivered. The contractor had claimed that they were "placed," but Mr. F. had refused to allow that claim.

It is proper to state that nearly the whole of the stone claimed as "placed" have been relaid by my directions.

The frost and storms of the winter disturbed the lines and grades of the curbs, edgings, flaggings, gutters and sewers, in many places ; all of these I have had relaid ; some portions of them were included in Mr. Franklin's last estimate, and in this sense have been "rejected" by me.

I have found a portion of the materials which had been used and delivered before I was appointed, which Mr. Franklin informed me he had rejected, and had refused to include in any of his estimates.

To the eighth, I am very glad of this opportunity of contributing to the justification of my predecessor, Mr. Franklin, whom I *now* know to have been unjustly accused of official unfaithfulness and incompetency, by declaring that I have made every possible examination, measurement and computation, etc, necessary to ascertain whether or not the work performed under his direction was in compliance with the terms of the contract, and his measurements and computations were correct.

These critical examinations enable me to state that I have not ascertained or detected (quoting the objectionable word) any errors in the measurements of Mr. Franklin.

The same examinations also enable me to make the same statement, in regard to Mr. Aldrich, the predecessor of Mr. Franklin.

In this statement I disregard the few insignificant errors which were probably inadvertently made by the junior engineers, which are now corrected, and nearly or quite balance each other.

The question, by its context, was perhaps intended to apply to the quantities which were certified to in the last estimate of Mr. Franklin, and I reply that he followed the usual custom in making out his last approximate monthly estimate, by using quantities *in all cases a little less* than the result of his measurements, and that this cannot be considered as an error.

To the ninth, I reply that there have been no "variations from the original design of the avenue in any of the work (done) under my direction."

In the work which was done under my predecessors, Mr. Franklin (and Mr. Aldrich), I find that the grade of the temporary wooden bridge at near Eighty-sixth street, has been lowered five feet below the grade established by law for the intersecting street, and this, I suppose, is a variation from the design.

I have heretofore recommended to the Board that the grades of the bridge and of its approaches shall be restored to their legal elevations.

The original design of the work shows that Seventy-ninth street was intended to be closed.

This is a full paved and a very important avenue, and it is doubtful whether the "design" could legally close it. I have directed that the avenue shall be so built as to leave it open.

This is, therefore, a material change from the original design.

There have been several judicious alterations made by both of my predecessors in the exterior line of the avenue.

It has been asserted that the parapet wall has been built one foot higher than the original design therefor.

The contract specifies all of the other dimensions of the wall, but the author of the "original design" omitted to specify its height, obviously for the reason that he might be able to subsequently determine it.

There are no authentic plans in this office which definitely

determine what was the height originally intended, though upon one of the general plans of the retaining walls a section of a parapet wall is drawn of one foot less height than the walls built under Mr. Franklin's direction.

This plan, I suppose, was designed for some particular part of the avenue, and may not have been intended for general application.

There have been several necessary variations made in the details of the work, but they cannot be considered as material variations from the original design of the avenue.

Mr. Lane has attached to his letter a newspaper slip cut from the *Sun* of August 22d, which contains a copy of his communication to the Mayor, dated August 20th, protesting against the payment of my estimate of the value of the work which had been performed by the contractors up to the first of August, 1879, and charging that my certificate thereto was "incorrect," and a copy of the preamble and resolution which he had offered to the Board on the same day (August 20th).

Mr. Lane's letter and his newspaper article require comment.

Mr. Lane complains that "he has heretofore tried in vain to obtain the information now called for."

He has written several letters to me, asking for information in regard to this work. I have in all cases furnished the information, but, by the rules of official correspondence, I could only do so through the President of the Board.

I am informed that copies of my replies were furnished to him. His persistent effort to force me into direct correspondence with him individually, against official rules, has culminated in his present letter, in which he demands precisely the same information which he informs me in the same breath that the Board refuse to allow him to ask for.

It is only by your assenting to my reply that I am able to avoid a violation of the rule.

In his letter of August 26th he informs me that his only reason for being "obliged to take a position adverse to my estimate dated August 1st, 1879, for \$37,234.67 was, because the Board refused to afford him the information called for in his resolution of the 20th."

This information thus demanded is now furnished, and I have herein proved that all of the work which I have thus certified to has been performed in accordance with the contract. He is, therefore, by his own words to me, in duty bound to withdraw his protest and position "adverse to my estimate," and his charge of the "incorrectness" of my certificate.

The contract, by Articles A, B, D, I, J, R, and Nos. 66, 69, and 71, makes the engineer the umpire to decide whether or not the work done by the contractor is in accordance with its terms and conditions, to explain the true meaning of any doubtful or obscure wording, and to prevent *disputes and litigation* the engineer is to determine the amount of the several kinds of work which are to be paid for under the contract.

My estimate of August 1st was prepared under the authority thus given to me by the contract, and my official certificate thereto rendered it a legal decision, which cannot be set aside except on proof of error or fraud.

That it contains no error or fraud is shown by the fact that the Comptroller had directed a searching investigation, and the County Auditor, after a full hearing of the case, had expressed his satisfaction therewith and his readiness to duly audit the same when it came before him in regular course.

It will be observed that Mr. Lane made his protest to the Mayor on the afternoon of the same day that he had called for information and opinions from me, the absence of which he assigned as his only reason for then refusing to pass upon my estimate.

In his haste to present his protest to the Mayor, he refused to wait an hour for my opinions, but gave his own in these words: "My reasons (for the protest) are that my (Mr. Lane's) personal examinations satisfies me that it (the work embraced in the estimate) has not been performed according to the contract, and that Mr. McAlpine's certificate is erroneous."

It is well known that Mr. Lane has not had sufficient "personal" experience in mechanical or engineering matters to enable him to form an opinion of value as to whether or not any part of the work in question has been performed according to the contract.

From his want of the necessary knowledge and experience,

his opinions on these subjects would have but little weight in a court of justice, and none at all when, as in this case, they are flatly contradicted by mine.

But in addition to this, by the contract I am made the sole judge of these questions, and Mr. Lane being one of the parties to the contract, is for that reason as much excluded from acting as a judge thereon as the contractor himself.

In the preamble to the resolutions sent to me, Mr. Lane asserts that I "had agreed with the County Auditor, in the absence of the Comptroller, what sort of an estimate he would audit, whereby they propose to go around the department and dispense with the exercise of its judgment."

This is an entirely gratuitous assertion on the part of Mr. Lane. Under the provisions of the Riverside Avenue contract, the Department of Finance is authorized to inquire into all matters connected with the payments to the contractors.

The Comptroller called upon me for certain information in regard to the execution of the work, and the Auditor in regard to the principles for estimating the value of the work done by the contractor.

You gave your consent that I should furnish all of the information thus demanded, and the Auditor expressed his satisfaction with my statements and explanations on the 16th of August.

My first and only official estimate was made out on the 1st of August, exactly as it was sent to you on the 18th.

Mr. Lane's recent proceedings afford a characteristic example of his inconsiderate actions and vacillations.

On the 20th of August he expressed his desire for my opinions upon certain portions of the estimate, which his colleagues had just passed, but without waiting an hour for them, expressed his own opinions to the Mayor, and protested against the payment of a just account of the contractors, which, if it could have had any effect, he knew, would have delayed the completion of the avenue for a year, and involved the City in a very large unnecessary additional expense.

Within a week he again asks my opinions, and in his letter expresses his desire to prevent any delay in the completion of the avenue, and "particularly wishes to do no injustice to the contractor."

My predecessor, who has now been proven to be an honest and capable man, has been driven from his place, and his integrity and professional standing seriously injured.

It is my intention to resist a similar treatment, which has been recently commenced, and I shall hold Mr. Lane to the strictest account for any reflections or insinuations upon my character, professionally or otherwise.

Mr. Lane states that he has placed his charges against me upon the printed minutes of your Board, and I respectfully request that this, my reply thereto, shall also be placed thereon, as a part of the antidote to his false and injurious charges and insinuations, and that I may be furnished with a copy of the minutes to which he refers.

Lest this communication be regarded as somewhat out of official decorum, I beg of you to consider how great is the provocation and the necessity of my submitting to the members of the Board and the community my vindication against the slanders which have been uttered.

Respectfully,

WM. J. McALPINE,  
*Superintending Engineer.*



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 1879.**

Present - Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

At the hour of nine o'clock, as indicated in the advertisement, a representative of the Comptroller of the City being present and the meeting open to the public, the President of the Department in the presence of the Comptroller's representative and of such of the parties making proposals as desired to be present, opened the estimate box and publicly opened and read all the proposals which had been received in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the *City Record* for laying new walks and repairing old walks in Washington Square with cement, Neufchatel or other pavement, and for furnishing uniforms for Park and Gatekeepers.

The following proposals were received:

FOR 99 UNIFORM OVERCOATS; 99 PAIRS UNIFORM PANTS.

BIDDERS.	OVERCOATS.	PANTS.	TOTALS.
Wm. Bennett. . . .	\$18 50	\$6 00	Overcoats, \$1,831 50 Pants. . . . 594 00 Total, \$2,425 50
N. H. Miller. . . . .	22 50	5 50	Overcoats, \$2,227 50 Pants. . . . . 544 50 “ 2,772 00
J. W. Sackett. . . .	23 50	6 25	Overcoats, \$2,326 50 Pants. . . . . 618 75 “ 2,945 25

No.	BIDDERS.	MATERIALS.	THICKNESS OF SURFACE.		THICKNESS OF FOUNDATION.		PRICE PER SQUARE FOOT.		
			Roadway.	Walks.	Roadway.	Walks.	Resurfacing Old Pavement.	Roadway.	Walks.
			inches.	inches.	inches.	inches.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	Bolze and Wichtendahl...	Rock mastic ("Linimer and Verwohle.") Foundation concrete. Roadway. American Portland cement 1, stone 4, sand 3.....	1½	1	4	2	..	35	22
2	Edward Van Orden.....	Walks: American Portland cement 1, gravel 6... Neuchatel rock mastic 75 per cent., and clean torpedo grit 25 per cent. Foundation concrete: English Portland cement 1, stone 3, sand 2. Warranted for 3 years.....	1	..	4	..	..	29	..
3	Edwin H. Wootton.....	Neuchatel rock mastic. Foundation: Portland cement concrete. To be kept in repair for 5 years.....	2	1	8	4	..	44	30
4	Henry R. Bradbury.....	Val de Travers asphalt. Foundation: Portland cement concrete. Sand and stone 6, cement 1.....	½	½	3-4	3-4	..	25	25
5	John B. Devlin.....	Vulcanite asphalt (Trinidad asphalt, cement, sulphur and sand) Foundation: Gravel and hot composition.....	1	1	3	3	..	24½	24½
6	Edwin H. Wootton and Ludwig S. Filbert.....	Vulcanite asphaltum (Trinidad asphalt, cement, stone dust, sulphur and sand). Foundation of roadway: Concrete, covered by ¼ inch of sand,	1	1	2	2	13	15	15

7	Edwin H. Wootton and Ludwig S. Filbert.....	cement and asphalt. Foundation of walks: Defective parts of old pavement cut out and surfaced with broken stone and hot composition. To be kept in repair for 5 years.....	2	1½	5½	..	12½	21½	..
8	J. P. Cranford and N. B. Abbott.....	Vulcanite asphaltum as above. Foundation of roadway: Broken stone and hot composition, with scratch coat of cement and composition. Walks: existing foundations repaired and resurfaced. To be kept in repair for 5 years.....	2	1½	6	..	15	21½	..
9	Russell Pavement Co.....	Abbott composition (refined asphalt, petroleum wax, stone, gravel and sand). Roadway foundation: Concrete. Foundation of walks: Gravel, stone, Abbott Composition and cement.....	2	1	6	2	9	25	16
10	Jacob Asiel.....	Composition. (Refined Trinidad asphalt .17, petroleum oil .04, granulated slag and sand .49, carbonate of lime .13, peat .17.) Roadway foundation: Concrete, Rosendale cement 1, sand 2, and proper proportion of broken stone, or else a mixture of gravel, carbonate of lime and bituminous composition. Footwalk foundation: Gravel, carbonate of lime and bituminous composition. To be kept in repair without charge for 3 years.....	2	1	6	2	..	23	13
11	J. P. Cranford and N. B. Abbott.....	Asphalt, pitch, sand, stone and ashes. The surface where laid over old work 1½ inches thick.....	4	4	..	..	8	14	14
12	Jacob Asiel.....	Abbott composition, gravel and sand. Foundation similar, but of coarser materials.....	1½	1	3	2	7	20	13
		Portland cement 25 per cent.; sand, gravel and ashes 75 per cent. Foundation the same.....	1	1	3	3	..	18	18

The Comptroller's representative then retired.

## REGULAR MEETING—9:30 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Commissioner Lane—leave granted to change his vote.

Commissioner LANE moved for leave to have his vote on the resolutions on page 184 of the Minutes relative to an investigation of the Department, recorded in the affirmative.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

The following communications were received :

W. A. Conklin—purchase of Polar Bears.

From W. A. Conklin relative to the purchase of two Polar Bears.

Referred back for further report and recommendation.

Radford and Ryan—water for Mount St. Vincent.

From Radford and Ryan, relative to supply of water for Mount St. Vincent.

Ordered filed.

Columbia Cricket Club—for permission to play.

From the Columbia Cricket Club, for permission to play Cricket on the Central Park.

Laid over.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—suspension of John Corbitt.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards recommending a decrease of his force by the suspension of John Corbitt—double team.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, the suspension as recommended was ordered.

C. E. Richards and others—to play croquet on Mount Morris Park.

From C. E. Richards and others asking that parties of gentlemen alone be allowed to play croquet on Mt. Morris Park.

Refused.

Map Morrisania District filed.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the three similar maps or plans, entitled "Map or Plan with Field Notes and Explanatory Remarks showing the location, width, windings, courses and classification of Streets, Roads and Avenues and Public Parks or Places within that part of the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, bounded on the north by the Spuyten Duyvil and Port Morris Railroad and Sedgwick Avenue, on the east of Mott and Railroad Avenues, on the south by One Hundred and Fiftieth Street and River Avenue, and on the west by the west lines of River and Cromwell Avenues, forming part of the Morrissania District as laid out, classified and discontinued and closed by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of Chap. 604, Laws of 1874, and Chap. 436 of the Laws of 1876." "Dated New York, August 20, 1879," and signed "Julius Munckwitz, Superintending Architect," and "E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer," directed to be prepared by a resolution passed at a meeting of this Board held on the 20th day of August, 1879—be, and the same are hereby, approved and ordered filed, and that James F. Wenman the President, and one of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be, and he is hereby designated and directed to certify and file said maps as provided by law.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Russell Pavement Co.—Pavement around Arsenal.

From the Russell Pavement Co., in relation to their laying pavement around the Arsenal in the Central Park.

Laid over.

Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Budd, D. R., indexing minutes. . . . .	Maint. and Govt. P. and P. . . . .	\$75 00
Devlin, John B., gravel. . . . .	Maint. and Govt. P. and P. . . . .	581 00
Mulholland, Pat., work and materials. . .	140th Street sewer from Alexander to Brook av., &c.	1,055 25
Devlin, John B., work and materials. . .	3d Av., to 135th St., & 134th & 135th St. sewers	1,050 49
McCabe, John H., work and materials. . .	134th St. sewer, from 410 ft. E. of Willis Ave., to Brook, &c. . . . .	1,570 10
		<u>\$4,331 84</u>

#### RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places. . . . .	656 00
Street Improvement Fund. . . . .	3,675 84
	<u>\$4,331 84</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-three hundred and thirty-one dollars and eighty-four cents.

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, September 17, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Devlin, John B., broken stone.....	Maint. 23d and	
	24th Wards....	\$706 00
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		\$706 00
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Amounting to the sum of seven hundred and six dollars.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
SMITH E. LANE, } *Committee.*

New York, September 17th, 1879.

The above mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Arnold, David P., meat and vegetables..Maint. and Govt.,		
	P. and P. ....	\$249 25
Coogan, Wm., monuments... ..	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards...	152 20
Crombie, Thos. J., Geo. pine and maple..Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P. ....	\$16 25
	Manhattan square, Impvt. of. ....	15 26
		<hr/> 31 51
Dodworth, Harvey B., music.....	Music, Central Park	260 00
Froehlich, Geo., shades.....	Museum of Art, equipt. of. ....	834 00
Grafulla, C. S., music. ....	Music, Central Park	260 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., meter gas. ....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. ....	18 90
Jones, Chas., and Thos. P. McQuade, work and materials. ....	Brook Av. Sewer.	5,508 24
King, Briggs & Co., shears, files, etc. ....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. ....	19 63
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards....	45 75
Lester Oil Co., lubricating oil.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. ....	\$21 60
	Har. R. B. Reps., I. and M. ....	23 04
		<hr/> 44 64
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, brushes, etc...	Maint. and Govt. P. and P. ....	18 13
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing mats. ....	Har. R. B. Reps., I. and M. ....	48
	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. ....	26 13
		<hr/> 26 61



Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		\$130 00
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		47 36
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., expenses			
Mus. N. H.....	Maint. & Govmt. P. and P.....		1,024 00
Mullane, John, hay, oats, feed, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		351 81
Mullane, John, seed oats.....	Tompkins Square.	\$5 00	
	Fourth Av. Parks.	7 50	
			12 50
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., meter gas..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		19 19
Reiche, Chas. & Bro, bird food.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		18 00
Reeves, Robt. C., grass seed.....	Tompkins Square.		18 60
Seaman, John A., padlocks, varnish, oil, &c.....	Harlem R. B., Reps., I. and M. Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$1 00	
		32 35	
			33 35
			<u>\$9,118 67</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,992 60
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	197 95
Harlem River Bridges, Reps., Impts. and Maint.....	24 52
Music—Central Park.....	520 00
Museum of Art, Equipment of.....	834 00
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	15 26
Tompkins Square.....	18 60
Fourth Avenue Parks.....	7 50
Brook Avenue Sewer.....	5,508 24
	<u>\$9,118 67</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ninety-one hundred and eighteen dollars and sixty-seven cents.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, September 17, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the President moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit the same to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Treasurer's Report.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was ordered entered at length on the minutes, as follows :

*Department of Public Parks, in account with*

*Samuel Conover, Treasurer.*

1879.		OR.	
Sept. 3.	By balance.....		\$167 15
3.	" cash from Casper Borneman, sewer connection.....		10 00
6.	" " " Isidore Isaac, Carrousel.....		22 32
6.	" " " " " Goat Service....		24 12
9.	" " " John Lucas, Donkies.....		6 16
9.	" " " Jos. J. Snow, Ponies.....		6 30
9.	" " " Carl H. Schultz, Mineral Spa...		17 61
10.	" " " Wm. Kyle, Boats.....		1 35
11.	" " " C. C. Buddington, Sewer Connection.....		10 00
13.	" " " Columbus Ryan, Refreshments..		685 70
15.	" " " Mrs. H. J. Nichols, Sewer Connection.....		10 00
16.	" " " John Emes, Sewer Connection..		10 00
			\$970 71
		DR.	
Sept. 5.	To cash paid to City Treasury.....		\$167 15
" 17.	" balance.....		803 56
			\$970 71

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER,  
*Treasurer D. P. P.*

NEW YORK, Sept. 17, 1879.

9:30 A. M.

Exchange of Swans.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Director of the Menagerie be, and he is hereby, authorized to exchange a pair of white swans, from the flock at the Central Park, for a pair of African spear-winged geese, the same to be added to the Park collection.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Reduction of Force on Maintenance Account.

Commissioner LANE called from the table the preamble and resolution found on page 185 of the minutes, and moved its adoption.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following, as a substitute :

*Resolved*, That the President be, and hereby is, authorized to suspend such mechanics and laborers, skilled or otherwise, as the exigencies may require under the appropriations for the present year.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3

Transfer of Appropriation.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Whereas*, by the wording of the appropriation made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the year 1879, for repairing old walks and laying new ones, the Battery Park was unintentionally omitted from a participation in said appropriation ; therefore

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and they are hereby, respectfully requested to transfer from the appropriation for repairing old walks and laying new

ones in the City Parks, the sum of three thousand dollars, to be devoted to the repairs of walks and sea wall at the Battery Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

West Side & Yonkers Railway Company.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, it was

*Resolved*, That the petition of the West Side & Yonkers Railway Company relative to a bridge and footway across Harlem River, at the termini of Eighth Avenue, be referred to the President of this Department, with instructions to submit the same to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion as to the proper action to be taken by this Department for the location of bridges across the Harlem River for railroad use.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, at 12 o'clock M., the Board adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next, 24th inst., at 9.30 A. M.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 1879.**

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ADJOURNED MEETING—9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

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Present— Commissioner WENMAN, President.  
“ CONOVER.  
“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received.

Petition for opening Railroad Ave., East.

From W. E. Rider, Henry Lewis Morris and others, asking for the opening of Railroad Avenue, East.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer for examination and report.

Harlem River Bridge Railing.

From Geo. C. Goeller in reference to railings at Harlem Bridge.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction for examination and report.

Seeding plots—Riverside Drive.

From Wm. J. McAlpine, Superintending Engineer, relative to seeding plots on Riverside Drive.

Laid over.

Exchange Guinea fowl.

From W. A. Conklin, Director, for permission to exchange two pair of Guinea fowl for small birds.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, the permission as asked for was granted.

Sprinkling Jerome Avenue.

From Leonard Jerome, relative to sprinkling Jerome Avenue.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the subject of sprinkling Jerome Avenue be referred to the President with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Hydrants on Battery sidewalk.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, for permission to place fire hydrants on the Battery sidewalk.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, the permission as asked for was granted ; the work to be done under the Superintendent, and the sidewalks relaid to his entire satisfaction.

Uniforms—Award of contract.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the proposal of William Bennett for overcoats and pants, amounting to \$2,425.50, be accepted as the lowest bid for the clothing called for, and that the contract for the same be awarded to William Bennett, and that the President be authorized to execute a contract for the same on behalf of this Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Pavement Washington Square.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That proposal Number 6 of Edwin H. Wootton and Ludwig S. Filbert, as shown on page 188 of the minutes, be accepted as the lowest and most advantageous bid of its class, for laying pavement in Washington Square, and that the contract for the same be so awarded, and that the President be authorized to execute a contract for the same on behalf of this Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Departmental Estimate.

The PRESIDENT, to whom was referred to prepare the Departmental Estimate for the year 1880, presented the following estimate and communication to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

## DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATES FOR 1880.

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

#### *Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.*

##### SALARIES.

To pay entirely the salaries of the President, clerks, engineers, architects and all employes of the Department, excepting mechanics, gardeners, laborers and their foremen employed in the work of maintaining the Parks and Places, also excepting the Topographical Engineer and his assistants in charge of surveying, monumenting, &c., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and also excepting the Superintendent and Engineer in charge of public places, roads, avenues and bridges, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. . . . \$40,000  
(Secs. 83 and 112, Chap. 335, Laws 1873.)

##### POLICE.

Salaries of captain, surgeon, sergeants, patrolmen, gate-keepers, special patrolmen and police tailors . . . . . \$100,000  
(Sec. 6, Chap. 290, Laws 1871.)

## LABOR, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES.

For all supplies and for wages of foremen, gardeners, mechanics and laborers employed on works of maintenance, excepting those employed in the Zoological Department, and including maintenance of the Meteorological Observatory..... \$250,000  
 (Sec. 2, Chap. 595, Laws 1869.)  
 (Sec. 83, Chap. 335, Laws 1873.)

## ZOOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

For the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collection in the Zoological Department of the Central Park, including repairs of buildings used for that purpose..... \$18,000  
 (Sec. 5, Chap. 26, Laws 1865.)

## MAINTENANCE MUSEUMS.

For the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collections in the Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art..... \$30,000  
 (Sec. 7, Chap. 756, Laws 1878.)

## MUSIC.

Music for the Central Park and City Parks..... \$6,000

## HARLEM RIVER BRIDGES.

For the repairs, improvement and maintenance of bridges now over Harlem River, Third Avenue Bridge, Central Bridge, Farmers' Bridge, Kings Bridge..... \$20,000

## BRONX RIVER BRIDGES.

For repairs and maintenance of the bridges over the Bronx River, within the City limits..... \$15,000

## MAINTENANCE 23D AND 24TH WARDS.

For the maintenance and government of public places, roads and avenues in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including salaries and wages of all persons employed in the work... .. \$50,000

## SURVEYING, &amp;c., 23D AND 24TH WARDS.

For surveying, laying out and monumenting the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and the north end of the island, north of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, including salaries and wages of all persons employed on the work... .. \$25,000

## MANHATTAN SQUARE.

Improvement of Manhattan Square by draining, filling-in, grading, &c..... \$50,000

## TAX AND ASSESSMENT MAPS.

Making and completing maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for use of Department of Taxes and Assessments Chap. 411, Laws, 1876). .. \$10,000

## LAYING NEW AND REPAIRING OLD WALKS IN CITY PARKS.

For repairing old and laying new walks in and around Tompkins Square, Reservoir Park, Washington Square, Battery Park, and such other parks and places as require the same..... \$65,000



CENTRAL PARK.

For laying new and repairing old walks in Central Park..... \$50,000

MUSEUM OF ART EQUIPMENT.

For the furnishing and equipping Metropolitan Museum of Art (Chap. 385, Laws, 1878) ..... \$30,000

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
 36 UNION SQUARE (EAST), }  
 NEW YORK, Sept. 25th, 1879. }

*To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :*

Gentlemen,—On behalf of the Department of Public Parks, I have the honor to transmit herewith the Departmental Estimates for the year 1880, and in connection therewith beg leave to submit a general statement of the requirements of the Department in explanation of the amount asked for.

This estimate will show a larger amount than asked for from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the conduct of the Department for the previous year ; at the same time the Department feels that in justice to itself and the proper conduct, care and maintenance of the Parks and works under their control, even a larger sum should be appropriated, but with the sole view of conducting the Department on the most economical basis, the Department has felt constrained to submit the accompanying estimates, and at the same time frankly stating to the Hon. Board of Estimate and Apportionment that the Department cannot be properly conducted and maintained at a lesser sum.

The force of administration is now reduced to such an extent as to actually cripple and impair its efficiency.

The Department office has not sufficient clerical force at this time to discharge its varied duties with credit to itself. Never before in the history of the Central Park has it been reduced to such a basis. The sum asked for maintenance is barely such as to carry the Parks through the year with dint of the strictest economy. During the past year the complaint regarding the maintenance of the Central Park has been great, the Department has been censured when the blame existed solely in the inadequate amount at the Department's disposal for this purpose. Experimental walks laid years since in the Central Park have become broken and disintegrated, demanding repair, and while they have not been overlooked, they have not been fully repaired for the lack of money. Roads and walks, subjected to a constant wear and tear of twenty years, have become sadly worn, and need a liberal expenditure to put them and keep them in a proper condition. The best the Department has been able to do for them, is to give them a light top dressing of gravel, that has not been equal to the demand.

The Parks belong to the people, and a Park like the Central Park, second to none in the world, should not be allowed to run down for the want of a proper sum, judiciously spent, to maintain it.

The people of the City of New York take a just pride in their parks, and do not begrudge a sufficient amount annually to keep them in a condition to justify their pride.

Complaint and comparison relative to the maintenance of the Central Park and the City Parks, in comparison with previous years, are daily made. To many an explanation would be hardly necessary, still the Department feels that, in justice to itself, at this time, it may not be amiss to state, that years since, when an acme of care was claimed for the Central Park, its roads, walks, and structures were new, and needed none of the force to maintain it that it now requires.

The trees and shrubbery were young, and needed only a hand to train them ; the visitors at the park were vastly fewer then than now. A convenient construction account was at the disposal of the Department. All is now changed, and

with roads, walks, and structures needing rebuilding and constant care; trees and shrubs needing attention and replacing, the Department finds itself confined to an inadequate sum, and an expectant public demanding from it impossible results. A work that has required millions to construct, should not fall into decay for the want of a few thousands to maintain.

At this time, the following facts may be of interest, and aid you in forming a correct judgment as to the needs of this Department.

In the year 1860, while the Central Park was in progress of construction, the Legislature of the State authorized the Board of Supervisors to provide a sum not exceeding \$150,000 for any one year, for the maintenance and government of the Central Park, and it hardly half constructed. Under this act the Board estimated for the first twenty months the sum of \$194,000.

The records of the Department show the amount expended annually for maintenance, to be:

In the year 1860, the sum of.....	\$65,893 65
“ 1861, Central Park.....	111,949 15
“ 1862, “.....	133,254 30
“ 1863, “.....	179,373 08
“ 1864, “.....	180,303 70
“ 1875, “.....	230,725 99
“ 1866, “.....	244,826 32
“ 1867, “.....	258,962 84
“ 1868, “.....	274,046 16
“ 1869, “.....	275,767 05
“ 1870, including City Parks.....	337,584 46
“ 1871, “.....	457,910 99
“ 1872, “.....	326,966 60
“ 1873, “.....	329,796 36
“ 1874, “.....	331,646 47
“ 1875, “.....	302,726 05
“ 1876, “.....	204,072 48
“ 1877, “.....	180,529 46
“ 1878, “.....	164,847 58
“ 1879, Amount appropriated.....	150,000 00

From the preceding statement of yearly expenditures is clearly shown the great reduction made in the appropriation for the maintenance and government of the Central Park and City Parks, and the too apparent insufficiency of the same as now yearly appropriated.

#### TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS.

The vast extent comprised in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards is daily increasing in demand upon the Department.

This territory is becoming more densely populated; roads that were heretofore considered country passes are now avenues; sewers have been built, and must be maintained; culverts are required to drain off what has been for ages stagnant pools and marshes.

The Board of Health is constant in its demands upon this Department for attention to this territory.

The taxpayers and residents of this annexed district complain become their demands are not heeded.

The Department is willing but the money necessary is not at its disposal, and in its absence the work is not done, and inefficiency is laid at the doors of the Department.

The Department is no longer willing to rest under this stigma, and thus makes known its wants to the proper authority, that the blame may be properly adjusted and the taxpayers know the true cause of their ground for complaint.

#### PARK-KEEPERS.

The sum asked for salaries for park-keepers will be adequate to maintain a proper police force for the Central Park and City Parks, Bridges, &c. This amount

cannot be decreased and an efficient force maintained. Daily the demands upon this force increases, and yearly the appropriation and the force should be augmented.

#### ZOOLOGICAL COLLECTION.

The Zoological Department has become such a feature of this Department that its constant increase demands constant attention. It has already become recognized as an authority, not only in this country but attracts attention throughout Europe. Commenced from a nucleus of a single donation, it has grown to a collection of great value. A great city like New York should be proud of this collection and liberally contribute to its maintenance and increase.

#### MUSEUMS.

For the keeping and preservation of the Museums of Natural History and Art—these two institutions having become fixed—require yearly a small appropriation to maintain the buildings. The societies who control them do so with great liberality. They are great credits to this city, and attract thousands of our best citizens.

#### MUSIC.

The sum required for this purpose is so small in comparison with the enjoyment afforded the public that comment is unnecessary. For the past two years the music at the Battery has been furnished free; but the Department cannot longer indulge such a hope for the coming season; consequently ask for a small increased appropriation.

#### REPAIRS TO BRIDGES—HARLEM RIVER BRIDGES.

This is an item that must be increased. The fixed fact of rapid transit, carrying thousands to the boundaries of this island, has increased the demands upon the resources of the bridges under the control of the Department. These bridges are old and require constant care and attention to keep them in a condition to insure safety to the legion who pass over them. An increased amount will be required, as repairs must be made or the bridges closed. The Department takes this early opportunity to state the condition of the bridges, that blame may not later be thrown upon it for want of repairs, and no funds at its disposal to make the repairs needed.

#### BRONX RIVER BRIDGES.

The sum of \$15,000 is asked for under this head. The bridges over the Bronx River, seven in number, are in a dilapidated condition. Their limited repairs during the past year have been made from the small appropriation made for the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. These bridges are old and unsafe, and unless an appropriation is made for their speedy repair they must be considered as dangerous, and, in case of accident, subject the city to a liability for damages. During the past year they have been patched up as the limited appropriations of the Department would admit; but now an appropriation must be made for this specific purpose.

#### REPAIRING WALKS, ETC.

The sum placed at the disposal of the Department for this purpose has been expended with great satisfaction; walks in the City Hall and other parks have been made safe and smooth, and reflect credit, not only upon the Department, but upon the city. The wording of the appropriation last year precluded the Central Park and Battery from participating in the same. The Department now asks the sum of \$65,000 to complete the smooth and even surface of the several city parks, and \$50,000 for the Central Park walks, and feel that with this amount the same can be done and completed.

#### EQUIPMENT OF THE MUSEUM OF ART.

By Chap. 385, Laws of 1878, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is authorized to increase its estimate to an amount not exceeding the sum of \$30,000, for the equipment of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. This amount is included in the estimate and will be required

## SURVEYING AND MONUMENTING TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS.

The sum of \$25,000 is asked for this purpose. This work is rapidly progressing and the Department hope early to complete it. Its importance is becoming daily more evident. The property owners in this district are asking for the opening of streets and avenues and the construction of sewers.

The surveying and monumenting is necessary before this can be done.

## TAX MAPS—TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS.

The sum of \$10,000 is asked for under this head. Much work has been progressed with the appropriation made for this purpose last year. The value and importance of this work requires no comment from this Department.

## MANHATTAN SQUARE.

The sum asked for under this head is required for the purpose of improving this long neglected square. During the past year much work has been done upon it, drains have been partially built, a large amount of filling has been secured at no expense to the City and the work upon the square has been progressed to the evident satisfaction of the surrounding property owners.

The Museum of Natural History being situated upon this square, demands that this work be progressed.

In conclusion, the Department of Public Parks feel, that in view of the comparatively small amounts asked for and the varied and extended demands upon them to care for the roads, etc., essential for the business and habitation of thousands, and the parks with their innumerable accessories for the pleasure of the millions who visit them, earnestly request that before any reduction in the amounts asked for in this estimate is attempted, that the Department may have an opportunity of being heard, with the hope of giving additional information that will aid the judgment of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in granting to the Department the amounts asked for and so essential for the proper conduct of the Department through the coming year.

By order of the Department of Public Parks.

JAMES F. WENMAN,  
*President D. P. P.*

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the Departmental Estimate for the year 1880, and also the communication to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, as submitted by the President be, and they are hereby, approved and adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to said Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover Lane—3.

C. W. Field, permission to erect Switch-houses.

Commissioner LANE presented a communication from Cyrus W. Field, President of the New York Elevated Railroad Com-

pany, desiring permission to erect houses on their track over the Battery for the use of office and switchhouses.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the application of the New York Elevated Railroad Company, for leave to erect over their railway structure on the Battery Park, at each end where the Y intersects the main track, a building to cover and work the interlocking switch system about to be introduced, also a third building just below the junction of the Y on the east side for an office to be occupied for the dispatch of trains, be and the same is hereby granted.

Laid over.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER at 10:15 A. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,

*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1879.**

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Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

At the hour of nine o'clock as indicated in the advertisement, a representative of the Comptroller of the City being present, and the meeting being open to the public, the President of the Department, in the presence of the Comptroller's representative, and of such of the parties making proposals as desired to be present, opened the estimate box, and publicly opened and read all the proposals which had been received in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the *City Record* for building the piers and abutments for a bridge in the City of New York across Harlem River from One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street in the Twenty-third Ward to a point near the intersection of One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Street and the bulkhead line.

The following proposals were received :

NAMES.	Excavation, per cubic yard.	Piles driven, etc., per pile.	Timber in foundation, per M feet.	Rip Rap, per cubic yard.	Concrete, per cubic yard.	Masonry above low water, per cubic yard.	Masonry below low water, per cubic yard.	Coping, per cubic yard.	Stone and timber cribs, per cubic foot.	Total amount of Bid.
John B. Devlin .....	35c.	\$8.15	\$20.00	60c.	\$8.50	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$13.00	5½c.	\$65,522 50
John Beattie.....	60c.	11.00	19.00	\$3.00	7.00	12.00	9.00	20 00	5½c.	59,444 00
John H. Byron and Daniel C. Hickey.....	39c.	7.00	39.00	2.00	9.00	15.00	13.00	40.00	19c.	88,871 40
Joseph F. Hayden.....	3.00	20.00	150.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	40.00	64.00	50c.	225,376 00
Cornelius J. Ryan.....	35c.	11.25	62.00	5.00	6.00	15.00	9.75	25.00	5½c.	71,605 00
M. S. Coleman.....	80c.	15.00	19.00	2.00	7.00	13.00	13.00	20.00	20c.	89,202 00
Thos. Walsh and Augustus Walsh..	30c.	18.00	40.00	2.00	12.00	18.00	13.00	30.00	10c.	89,138 00
Charles Guidet and J. Eugene White.....	35c.	22.50	30.00	70c.	7.80	19.94	14.95	29.00	12c.	99,241 52

The COMPTROLLER's representative then retired.

REGULAR MEETING—9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chief-Engineer Katte, Mr. Barney and others from the New York Elevated Railroad Company appeared before the Board in explanation of the application for permission to erect switch houses on their tracks over the Battery.

The following communications were received :

Riverside Avenue Parapet Wall.

From Wm. J. McAlpine, Superintending Engineer, submitting a report in relation to the Parapet Wall of Riverside Drive.

Ordered filed.

Polar Bears—purchase of.

From W. A. Conklin, relative to the purchase of two Polar Bears.

Laid over.

Railroad Avenue—East

From E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, relative to the application for opening Railroad Avenue—East.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN the communication was ordered filed, and the Topographical Engineer was directed to prepare for filing a map designating this avenue as "first class."

Museum of Natural History—repairs.

From W. A. Haines, Chairman American Museum of Natural History, submitting proposals from Baker & Smith, amounting



to \$196, for repairing boilers; and George Fischer & Bro. amounting to \$135, for repairing roof of Museum; and asking, that the same be approved.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the same be approved, and the work ordered done.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Riverside Drive—Semi-Monthly Report.

From Wm. J. McAlpine, Superintending Engineer, submitting his semi-monthly report relative to the progress of the work on Riverside Drive.

Ordered filed.

Volunteers—Engineer Corps.

From E. B. Van Winkle, relative to the proposition of Charles Hallett Graham and John V. B. Clarkson, offering their services gratuitously to the Department as civil engineers in the Topographical Engineer's corps.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN the Topographical Engineer was authorized to accept such services upon the understanding that the same are to be rendered without compensation.

Draughtsman Tax Maps.

From E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, desiring the service of a draughtsman, to be employed on tax maps.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That Henry Mehlers be, and he is hereby, appointed draughtsman, at \$3 per day, to be employed on tax maps Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Benoit A. V., steel tape, paper, etc. . . . .	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards . . . . .	35 20
Bryan, Jas., tinning work . . . . .	Tompkins Square	76 00
Coogan, Wm., monuments . . . . .	Surveying, Lay- ing out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	14 00
Handibode, P., coal . . . . .	Maint. and Govt. P. and P. . . . .	19 80
	Manhattan Square Improvem't of.	2 40
	Museum of Art, Construction of.	1 80
	<hr/>	24 00
Hilton, E. G., settees . . . . .	Tompkins Square.	325 00
Hunter, Keller & Co., steam pipes . . . . .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. . . . .	7 28
Milliken, David, saw-dust . . . . .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. . . . .	15 00
Murphy & Nesbit, lath, brick and cem- ent . . . . .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. . . . .	6 75
	Manhattan Square Improvem't of.	56 75
	<hr/>	63 50
Murphy & Nesbit, cement and brick . . . . .	Tompkins Square.	249 25
New York Mutual Gas Light Company, services . . . . .	Tompkins Square.	239 75

O'Brien, M., milk.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		8 68
Quackenbush, Townsend & Co., sundries.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	13 92	
	Tompkins Square.	6 91	
		<hr/>	20 83
Seaman, John A., sundries.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards... Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	14 50 19 20	
		<hr/>	33 70
Seaman, John A., wrench, brooms, paints, &c.....	Tompkins Square.		27 40
Seaman, John A., paints, oils, &c.....	Museum of Art, Construction of.		35 30
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			<u>\$1,174 89</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$90 63
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.....	49 70
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	14 00
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	59 15
Museum of Art, Construction of.....	37 10
Tompkins Square.....	924 31
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	<u>\$1,174 89</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eleven hundred and seventy-four dollars and eighty-nine cents.

(Signed) SAML. CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, October 1st, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would

agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Adams, Charles L. & Co., stakes and timber.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$81 43
Barr, M. C., Work and materials .....	Museum of Art, const. of.....	76 00
Bowes, John J. & Brother, iron guards and doors.....	Museum of Art, const. of.....	680 00
Baker, Voorhis & Co., Session Laws of 1879 .....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	2 00
Bell, Martin, harness repairs.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	10 67
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	Museum of Art, const. of.....	215 88
Dimond, James G., iron railing .....	Museum of Art, const. of.....	104 50
Hawley, James C., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$75 21
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	25 33
	Laying new and repg. old walks, City Parks....	7 12
	Surveying, laying out, &c, 23d & 24th Wards....	50 00
		<hr/> 108 16

Hawes, M. E., bread and crackers.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		67 51
Hilton, E. G., covers and settees, &c....	Tompkins Square.		655 39
Independent Calcium Light Co., lights..	Maint. and Govt.		
	P. and P.....		95 00
Jones & Vredenburgh, chamois, witch hazel, &c....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		23 00
Kreischer, B. & Sons, fire brick and clay.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		11 25
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	30 50	
	Surveying and lay- ing out, &c., 23d & 24th Wards.....	6 00	
			36 50
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., expenses			
Mus. Nat. Hist. ....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		974 00
Murphy & Nesbitt, brick and cement...	Manhattan Square, impt of.....		130 00
Murphy & Nesbit, brick, &c.....	Manhattan Square, Impt. of ...	60 00	
	Tompkins Square	367 00	
			427 00
Reiche, Charles & Bro., birds.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		22 00
Reeves, Robert C., mower, parts.....	Maint and Govt.		
	P. and P.....		37 50
Reeves, Robert C., grass seed and clover.	Fourth Av. Parks.		21 50
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., expenses Mus.			
of Art.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		884 99
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., expenses Mus.			
of Art.....	Museum of Art, equipt. of.....		1,154 94
Russell Pavement Co., pavement Square, Thirty-fifth Street and Sixth Avenue..	Laying new and re- pair'g old walks, City Parks.....		394 73

Russell Pavement Co., pavement . . . . .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. . . . .	902 50
Seaman, John A., nails, glue, &c. . . . .	Tompkins Square.	8 75
Viele, Egbert L., map. . . . .	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d & 24th Wards. . . . .	8 00
Vantassel & Kearney, light wagon . . . . .	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards. . . . .	225 00
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		\$7,362 19
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places . . . . .	\$3,094 96
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards . . . . .	372 92
Surveying, laying out, &c., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards . . . . .	14 50
Laying new and repairing old walks, City Parks . . . . .	401 85
Manhattan Square, Improvement of . . . . .	190 00
Tompkins Square . . . . .	1,031 14
Fourth Avenue Parks . . . . .	31 50
Museum of Art, Construction of . . . . .	854 50
Museum of Art, Equipment of . . . . .	1,370 82
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	\$7,362 19
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventy three hundred and sixty-two dollars and nineteen cents.

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER, } Auditing  
" S. E. LANE, } Committee.

NEW YORK, October 1, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Treasurer's Report.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was ordered at length on the minutes, as follows :

*Department of Public Parks, in account with*

*Samuel Conover, Treasurer.*

1879.	CR.		
Sept. 17.	By balance.....	\$808 56	
27.	" cash, from Chasty, Sewer Connection.....	10 00	
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Sept. 17.	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$808 56	
Oct. 1.	" balance.....	10 00	
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(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER,  
Treasurer D. P. P.

New York, Oct. 1st, 1879.

Hiram Barney—Roads 23d and 24th Wards.

From Hiram Barney, relative to the condition of the roads in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT presented the following reports of police trials conducted by him :

Park-keeper Francis Brannigan.

*To the Department of Public Parks :*

In the case of Park-keeper Francis Brannigan, tried before me on the charge of intoxication, Brannigan appeared in person, and plead not guilty to the charge.

The evidence showed that Brannigan came to the door of the station, and in an improper and unofficerlike manner called out to Sergeant Gall, who was on duty, and, upon being ordered to "fall in" for duty, was unfit to do duty. Brannigan, in his defense, testified that he was capable of doing duty; that he had no intention of being disrespectful; that he is not in the habit of drinking, but had drank seven glasses of beer before reporting for duty.

From the evidence I am of the opinion that Brannigan is guilty of the charge, and respectfully recommend for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That Park-keeper Francis Brannigan be fined ten days' pay, and publicly reprimanded for his conduct in presence of the force.

(Signed,) JAS. F. WENMAN,  
President D. P. P.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Park-keeper John O'Keefe.

*To the Department of Public Parks :*

In the case of park-keeper John O'Keefe tried before me on the charge of being off his post, O'Keefe appeared in person and plead not guilty.

The testimony of the Sergeant shows that he went over O'Keefe's post without being able to find him; upon his return to station, O'Keefe came out in citizens clothing at 2.30 o'clock, when his relief was only ordered out at that hour. This testimony is substantiated by the keeper of the sub-station, O'Keefe in defence claimed that he was in the nursery most of the time, and that he went to sub-station at 2:35, having seen his relief coming up the drive.

From all the testimony, I am of the opinion that O'Keefe left his post without being relieved and recommend for adoption the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Park-keeper James O'Keefe be fined ten days' pay and publicly reprimanded before the force for neglect of duty.

(Signed.) JAS. F. WENMAN,  
*President Department Public Parks.*

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Park-keeper Thomas Green.

*To the Department of Public Parks :*

In the matter of the charge made against Patrolman Thomas Green, it was shown that Green was absent from duty without leave on 25th day of September, when he should have reported for duty at 6 A. M. Green in his testimony showed that he lives alone with his mother who was taken ill, and that he was unable to leave her or to get any word to the station by 6 A. M., but that he did send word later. In view of all the testimony I am inclined to believe Green's statement and recommend for adoption the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That the charge against Park-keeper Thomas Green be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed.) JAS. F. WENMAN,  
*President Department Public Parks.*

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.



Gate-keeper Robert Smith.

Special Park-keeper Lawrence McKay.

*To the Department of Public Parks :*

In the cases of Gate-keeper Robert Smith and Special Keeper Lawrence McKay, who were jointly charged by Sergeant England with being off their posts on the evening of September 22d, and in the Hotel at north-east corner of One Hundred and Tenth Street and Sixth Avenue drinking, Sergeant England testified that in going over the beats of these officers, and sounding the call that he was unable to find them, until he reached the point mentoned where he saw them drinking. Smith poured something from a bottle which he drank. In defence Smith and McKay were heard separately, McKay in every respect corroborating the testimony of Smith which showed that on the night in question hearing an alarm sounded and seeing McKay chasing a man, he joined in the chase, the man running under the sheds at the rear of the hotel. Smith and McKay followed and entered the rear door of the hotel, but were unable to find the man who had been fishing in the lake. While in the hotel and being hungry, they each ate a sandwich and drank from the bar a glass of water. John Vitchell, the bar-tender corroborated this testimony stating that the officers drank water only, nothing from a bottle, that he never furnished them with any liquor. The officers acknowledge their guilt in being in the hotel, but in extenuation claim their going there in pursuit of a prisoner. I submit all the testimony herewith, and recommend for adoption the following resolution.

*Resolved,* That Gate-keeper Robert Smith and Special Keeper Lawrence McKay, be and they are each fined fifteen days' pay.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed.) JAS. F. WENMAN,  
*President Department Public Parks.*

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Park-keeper John Culty.

*To the Department of Public Parks :*

In the case of Park-keeper John Culty, stationed at City Hall Park, charged with being off post and making false report.

The testimony shows that Culty was absent from his post from 10:10 until after 12 o'clock. Culty claims that at 10:25 he was taken with cramps; that he then made out his report and went home. The report, put in evidence, states that he "took cramps and left the Park at 10:45 p.m." Culty admitted the signature to be his own, but doubted the report. From the evidence, and Culty's own conflicting statements, I think him guilty, and recommend for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That Park-keeper John Culty be and he is hereby dismissed from the force.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN,  
*President D. P. P.*

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would

agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Substitution of Surety.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Department of Public Parks hereby consents to the substitution of Rosalie M. Nairne in place of Charles M. Nairne, as surety for the faithful performance of the contract for relaying, etc., of pavement on Washington Square, heretofore awarded to Edwin H. Wootton and Ludwig S. Filbert.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Quarterly Report.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER it was

*Resolved*, That the President be and he is hereby authorized to have prepared and transmitted to the Mayor, the report of this Department for the quarter ending with October 1st, 1879.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the plan of a sewer to be constructed by Henry Lewis Morris and others, in One Hundred and Fiftieth street, at their own expense.

Which was ordered approved.

Bronx River Bridge at Woodlawn.

A communication was received from the Engineer of Construction, in relation to the abutment lately constructed on the

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Westchester side of the Bronx River for the Bridge at Woodlawn.

Which was referred to the Committee on Bronx River Bridges.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, at eleven o'clock the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday next, 8th inst., at 9:30 A.M.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8th, 1879.**

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ADJOURNED MEETING—9:30 A. M.

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Present— Commissioner WENMAN, President.  
“                  CONOVER.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15th, 1879.**

REGULAR MEETING—9:30 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of October 1st and 8th were read and approved.

The following communications were received.

Harlem Bridge—Guards to Steps, &c.

From the Engineer of Construction in relation to guards to steps at Harlem River Bridge.

Ordered filed.

C. Ryan—Refreshment House at Sixty-fifth street.

From Columbus Ryan, desiring permission to make addition to the refreshment house, at Sixty-fifth Street and Fifth Avenue.

Referred to the Superintending Architect to examine into and report upon.

Pullman, S. C.—Relative to going on grass.

From S. C. Pullman, relative to permitting persons to go upon the grass.

Ordered filed.

## Third Avenue Sidewalks.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting the following :

*Whereas*, the sidewalk on Third Avenue, between Harlem River and One Hundred and Forty-seventh Street, are of various widths; and

*Whereas*, above One Hundred and Forty-seventh Street the width of the sidewalks are of fifteen feet on each side; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the sidewalks on each side of Third Avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-seventh Street and the Harlem River, be made fifteen feet wide to correspond with those north of One Hundred and Forty-seventh Street.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, September 16th, 1879.

Approved by the Mayor, September 29th, 1879.

Ordered filed.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the sidewalks on each side of Third Avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-seventh Street and the Harlem River be, and they are hereby established at an uniform width of fifteen feet, to correspond with the sidewalks of said avenue, north of One Hundred and Forty-seventh Street.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

## Third Avenue—Paving, &amp;c.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting a certified copy of an ordinance, and the following resolution for Paving, etc., Third Avenue, from the Harlem River to One Hundred and Forty-seventh Street.

*Resolved*, That the paving stones, curb and gutter, and flagging stones and crosswalks, taken up in the work of regulating, etc., Third Avenue, from Harlem River to One Hundred and Forty-seventh Street, be relaid, upon the established grade, and where not already done, the paving stones, and curb and

gutter stones, and flagging stones and crosswalks, to be taken up and relaid upon the established grade, and where the old material is unfit to relay, or insufficient to place the avenue in good condition, that new curb and crosswalks, stones and flagging stones, be provided and laid where necessary, under the direction of the Department of Public Parks, and that the accompanying ordinance therefore be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, October 10th, 1879.

Approved by the Mayor, October 13th, 1879.

Ordered filed.

From Jordan L. Mott, in relation to the paving, &c., of Third Avenue.

Ordered filed.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Engineer of Construction be, and he is hereby directed to prepare without delay, the plans, profiles, specification and contract, necessary for the repaving, laying of crosswalks and setting curb and gutter stones on Third Avenue, from Harlem River to One Hundred and Forty-seventh Street, in conformity with the ordinance of the Board of Aldermen, this day received, and when so prepared and the form of contract approved by the Counsel to the Corporation, the Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized to publish the necessary advertisement calling for proposals for doing said work.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Board of Health—Sewers between 153d and 165th streets.

From the Secretary of the Board of Health, transmitting the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That for sanitary reasons, the Department of Public Parks be, and is hereby, respectfully requested to take the necessary proceedings to open Railroad Avenue from tide-water to One Hundred and Fifty-third Street, and such other streets and avenues as may be necessary to provide sewerage

and drainage for the low and swampy lands situated on the west side of the Harlem Railroad between One Hundred and Fifty-third and One Hundred and Sixty-fifth streets, and to construct sewers therein.

Adopted by the Board of Health, October 7, 1879.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer to examine into and report upon.

Swans for City of Boston.

From Oscar B. Mowry, desiring to procure a pair of swans for the City of Boston.

Referred to Mr. Conklin to report upon.

Chase, Wm. W.—Desiring to purchase bird cage.

From Wm. W. Chase, desiring to purchase a bird cage.

Referred to Mr. Conklin to report upon.

Bridge Tender at West Farms.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending an increase of pay for the bridge tender at West Farms.

Laid over.

Riverside Drive Semi-monthly Report.

From Wm. J. McAlpine, Superintending Engineer, submitting his semi-monthly report relative to the progress of the work on Riverside Drive.

Ordered filed.

Manhattan Archery Club.

From James Graydon Johnston, President Manhattan Archery Club, desiring permission to practice archery on Mount Morris Park.

Referred to the President with power.

Privy on Madison Square.

From Drs. Foster, Emerson and others, asking the immediate



placing in Madison Square of proper privy accommodations for women and children.

Referred to the Superintending Architect to examine into and report upon.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—Thos. Hopkins.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards desiring the substitution of Thomas Hopkins, Jr., in place of Thomas Hopkins.

Ordered filed.

Death of John Corcoran.

From Capt. Beatty, announcing the death of the late Capt. John Corcoran.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, the Captain was authorized to detail a platoon of uniformed keepers to attend the funeral.

Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Brady, Joseph C. work and materials...Museum of Art, construction of	\$4,068 00
Bell, Martin, harness repairs.....Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	4 80
Briggs, W. H. and Dennis Valentine, rent,.....Maint. 23d and 24th Wards ...	180 00
Crombie, Thos. J., lumber and whitewood, City Parks Impt. Fund.....	\$20 90
Museum of Art, equipment of...	116 44
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Crombie, Thos. J., pine boards..... Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	210 00

Commissioner of Highways of Town of Eastchester, temporary bridge.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	\$21 67
Coogan, Wm., monuments.....	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards....	24 40
Eisemenger, E., cases.....	Museum of Art, equipt. of.....	975 00
Gavit, W. E., racks and brackets.....	Museum of Art, equipt. of.....	287 81
Goodyear, I. R., Glove Mfg. Co., rubber coats.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	212 50
Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	69 00
Harmer, Hays & Co., axle grease.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	13 50
Hawes, M. E., bread.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	62 75
Harlem Gas Light Co., meter gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	15 00
Hilton, E. G., grate bars, etc.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	22 57
Hilton, E. G., iron work, etc.....	Tompkins Square.	113 78
Hoyt, J. B. & Co., lace leather.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	3 00
Holbrook Brothers, glass.....	Maint. and Govt., P. and P.....	21 81
Hurst & Treanor, curbing.....	Laying New, and rep'g Old Walks City Parks.....	408 44
Jones & Vredenburgh, potash.....	Tompkins Square.	1 00
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	22 60
Long, I. C., Jr., & Co., Pekin ducks....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	10 00
Manhattan Gas Light Co., meter gas....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	18 81

Metropolitan Gas Light Co., meter gas.. Maint. and Govmt.			
	P. and P.....	\$46	25
Meyer, Wm., cases... ..Museum of Art,			
	equipt. of.....	975	00
Moore, Henry S., cases.....Museum of Art,			
	equipt. of.....	2,800	00
Moffat, David & Co., leather.....Maint. and Govmt.			
	P. and P.....	15	01
Mullane, John, hay, oats, etc.....Maint. and Govmt.			
	P. and P.....	368	55
New York Mastic Works, pavement....Laying New, and			
	rep'g Old Walks		
	City Parks.....	719	82
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., lamp posts, Tompkins Square.		372	50
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., meter gas..Maint. and Govmt.			
	P. and P.....	17	70
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., heating...Maint. and Govmt.			
	P. and P.....	168	75
O'Brien, M., milk..... Maint. and Govmt.			
	P. and P.....	8	40
Reeves, Robt. C., mower parts and rye, Maint. and Govmt.			
	P. and P.....	16	76
Russell Pavement Co., pavement.....Laying New, and			
	rep'g Old Walks		
	City Parks.....	1,681	21
Sanderson Steel Co., steel.....Maint. and Govmt.			
	P. and P.....	5	62
Salamander Works, vitrified pipe.....Maint. 23d and			
	24th Wards....	2	88
Shady, Jas. H., fish.....Maint. and Govmt.			
	P. and P.....	7	20
Stewart, Alex. T. & Co., wool satin....Museum of Art,			
	equipt. of.....	772	23
Seaman, John A., varnish and waste....Maint. and Govmt.			
	P. and P.....	\$22	75
	Harlem Riv. Bdg,		
	Reps., I. & M..	5	00
		\$27	75
Taylor, A. J., newspapers,,,,,.....Maint. and Govmt.			
	P. and P.....,	13	10

Thomas, John, cases.....	Museum of Art, Equipment of..	\$975 00
Van Winkle, E. B., petty expenses.....	Surveying, Lay- ing Out, etc. 23d & 24th Wards..	24 68
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## RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,340 03
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	231 95
Harlem River Bridges, Reps., Impts. and Maint.....	5 00
Surveying, Laying Out, etc. 23d & 24th Wards.....	49 08
Laying New and Repairing Old Walks, City Parks.....	1,128 26
Tompkins Square.....	2,168 49
Museum of Art, Construction of.....	4,068 00
Museum of Art, Equipment of.....	6,701 48
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	20 90
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	\$15,713 19
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifteen thousand seven hundred and thirteen dollars and nineteen cents.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, October 15, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bowes, Jno. J. & Bro., work & materials..Fourth Av. Parks.	\$696 15
Devlin, John B., wood and materials....3d Av. sewer for 135th Street & 134th & 135th Street sewer....	4,201 22
Jones, Chas., and Thos. P. McQuade, work and materials.....Brook Av. sewer, 140th St. sewer for Alex.....	6,262 20
Wright, Green, work and materials.....Regulating and grading 3d Av. fr. Har. Riv to 147th St. ....	1,054 00
	\$12,213 57

RECAPITULATION.

Fourth Avenue Parks.....	\$696 15
Street Improvement Fund .....	11,517 42
	\$12,213 57

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirteen thousand two hundred and sixty-five dollars and thirty-two cents.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, October 15, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover Lane—3.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

John B. Devlin, gravel.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	561 80
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		\$561 80
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Amounting to the sum of five hundred and sixty-one dollars and eighty cents.

(Signed)	SAM'L CONOVER, }	<i>Auditing</i>
(Signed)	SMITH E. LANE. }	<i>Committee.</i>

NEW YORK, October 15, 1879.

The above mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Treasurer's Report.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

*Department of Public Parks,*

*In account with Sam'l Conover, Treasurer.*

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Oct. 1.	By balance.....	\$10 00
2.	" cash from Robt. Edwards, sewer connection.	10 00

Oct. 6.	By cash from Isidor Isaac, carrousel.....	\$18 93
6.	“ “ “ goat carriages.....	17 70
9.	“ “ John Lucas, donkey service.....	7 22
10.	“ “ Wm. Kyle, H. R. Meer boat.....	1 13
10.	“ “ Jas. Bowen, sewer connection.....	10 00
10.	“ “ Columbus Ryan, sale of refreshments	479 87
10.	“ “ Carl H. Schultz, mineral spa.....	9 61
		\$564 46

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Oct. 15.	To cash on hand.....	\$564 46
		\$564 4

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER,

Treasurer, D. P. P.

NEW YORK, October 15, 1879.

9:30 A. M.

Railroad Avenue, East.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That James F. Wenman, the President of the Department of Public Parks, be, and he hereby is, designated and directed to certify and file, as provided by law, the three similar maps or plans entitled, "Map or Plan of Railroad Avenue, East, from the Harlem River to One Hundred and Sixty-first Street, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as established and classified by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, in pursuance of the provisions of Chapters 329 and 604, of the Laws of 1874, and Chapter 436, of the Laws of 1876." "Dated New York, October 7th, 1879," and signed "Julius Munckwitz, Superintending Architect," and "E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, Dept. of Public Parks."

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Pat. Stafford, Mich. Murphy, restored.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, Patrick Stafford and Michael Murphy, laborers, were restored to duty.

Madison Avenue Bridge.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the proposal of John Beattie, amounting to \$59,444.00, for building piers and abutments for a bridge across the Harlem River from One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street, in the Twenty-third Ward, to a point near the intersection of One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Street, and the bulkhead line be accepted as the lowest and most advantageous bid for said work, and that the same be directed, sent to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and that upon such approval the President be, and he is, hereby authorized to execute a contract with said John Beattie, for and on behalf of this Department, for the building of said piers and abutments.

Laid over.

The following proposals for furnishing garden mould for Washington Square, were received :

John W. Manning.....	\$1 37½ per cubic yard.
John D. Crimmins.....	1 35 “
Francis McCabe.....	1 30 “
John B. Devlin.....	1 25 “

The PRESIDENT announced that the order would be issued to John B. Devlin, he being the lowest bidder.

John S. Masterson, filling.

A communication was received from John S. Masterson, offering to deliver 2,500 cubic yards of earth filling on Manhattan Square, at 25 cents per cubic yard.

The PRESIDENT stated that no more filling being at present required for Manhattan Square, the communication was ordered filed.

Transfer of Appropriation.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby requested to transfer the sum of seven thousand dollars from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Parks for the year 1879, entitled “for making and completing Maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards,



for the use of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, as provided by Chapter 411, Laws of 1876," which is in excess of the amount that will be required to be expended this year for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation entitled "Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places."

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Special Park Keepers discharged.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Oatman Fletcher, James C. King, James B. Lynch, Wm. McClarey, John H. McDermott, Lawrence McKay, James V. MacManus, Redmond McManus, William Mooney, Patrick Myhan, and Thomas D. Reilly, Special Policemen, be and they are hereby discharged from the service of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Appointment of Gate Keepers.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Thomas Carroll, Samuel T. Munson, John O'Shaughnessy, Daniel Troy, and Henry McMullen, Special Policemen, be and they are hereby appointed Gate Keepers on the force.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

John Carr, Charles B. Hoagland, James Bannon, and Michael Harrington, applicants for appointment as Gate Keepers, appeared before the Board, and the Police Surgeon having reported favorably upon their examination,

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved,* That John Carr, Charles B. Hoagland, James Bannon and Michael Harrington, be and they are hereby appointed Gate Keepers on the force of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Adjournment.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved,* That when this Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet at the residence of Commissioner Wetmore, on Friday next, 17th inst., at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover—2.

*No*—Commissioner Lane—1.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER at 11:30 o'clock A. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1879.**

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SPECIAL MEETING—11 O'CLOCK A. M.

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The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST.) }  
October 20th, 1879.

Mr. E. P. BARKER, *Secretary D. P. P.* :

Sir—You will please call a meeting of the Board governing the Department of Public Parks for Friday next, 24th inst., at 11 o'clock A. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and such other business as may be presented.

Yours, etc.,

JAS. F. WENMAN,  
*President D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Topographical Engineer—Sewerage, 153d and 165th Sts.

From the Topographical Engineer, submitting a report in relation to the resolution of the Board of Health received at last meeting.

Ordered filed.

Superintending Architect—Privy Madison Square.

From the Superintending Architect, submitting report relative to privy accommodations at Madison Square.

Ordered filed.

Superintending Architect—Refreshment Building.

From the Superintending Architect, submitting report in relation to proposed addition to refreshment building.

Ordered filed.

Sewer Basins—Line of Third avenue.

From the Engineer of Construction, relative to change of line of sewer basins on Third avenue.

Laid over.

Conklin, W. A.—Report on Swans and Bird Cage.

From W. A. Conklin, in reference to swans, and exchange of old bird cage.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Mowry that the Department have no swans for sale, and Mr. Conklin was authorized to exchange the old bird cage for some specimen for the menagerie.

Jerome Ave.—Permission to use Land Levelers and Watering Carts.

From Wm. E. Smith, desiring permission to use land levelers on Jerome avenue, and to borrow watering carts and use steam pumping engine.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER it was

*Resolved*, That permission be and is hereby granted to William E. Smith to use land levelers on the surface of Jerome Avenue, for the purpose of keeping the same in order. Also, the use of the steam pumping engine and watering carts when the same are not required for the uses of the Department, and to be returned in as good order as when loaned, all to be done under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. This permission to continue only during the pleasure of this Department.

Christ, Rudolph.—To lease "Claremont."

From Rudolph Christ, desiring to lease the building and grounds at Claremont.

Laid over.

158th Street—Regulating, etc.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting an ordinance for regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, from Third Avenue to Railroad Avenue.

Ordered filed.

Munroe, H. S.—For use of roof, Mt. St. Vincent

From H. S. Munroe, desiring use of roof of Mt. St. Vincent building, as an instrument station for the students of Columbia College.

Ordered filed.

Bulletin Board at Plaza.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, permission was granted to the *Herald* and *Telegram* to erect a bulletin board on the Union Square plaza on election night.

Bicycles—Permission to enter Parks denied.

The PRESIDENT stated the Bicycle Club were desirous of obtaining permission to ride through the Parks, which was refused.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Berrian, Agt. H M., hay, oats, &c. . . . .	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards. . . . .	\$58 15
Benoit, A. V., drawing materials. . . . .	City Parks Impt. Fund. . . . .	34 74

Benoit, A. V., drawing materials.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	70	
	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d & 24th Wards...	12 80	
		<hr/>	13 50
Bryan, James, leaders.....	Tompkins Square.		27 50
Boyd, Edw. A., plate glass.....	Museum of Art, const. of.....		39 00
Early & Lane, baskets.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		24 00
Gavit, W. E., racks and brackets.....	Museum of Art, equipt. of.....		168 75
Handibode, P., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$18 75	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	7 50	
	Harlem R. B. Rep. I. and M.....	7 50	
		<hr/>	33 75
Hepp, A., car fare.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		6 39
Hilton, E. G., wire partitions and wheels.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$42 50	
	Harlem R. B. Reps., I. & M..	44 72	
		<hr/>	87 22
Hilton, E. G., fountain jets.....	Tompkins Square		359 00
Hurst & Treanor, blue stone edging....	Tompkins Square.		67 96
Lester Oil Company, lubricating oil....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	\$21 60	
	Harlem R. B. Reps., I. & M..	19 02	
	Tompkins Square.	2 70	
		<hr/>	43 32
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, dusters, &c....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		8 10
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing materials.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		4 45

Nason Mfg. Co., steam trap.....	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	15 00
Reeves, Robert C., rye grass and bird seed, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	118 29
Rogers, H. A., sundries.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$101 17
	Museum of Art, const. of.....	40 60
		<hr/> 141 77
Seaman, John A., paints, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	48 00
Vaux, C., commissions.....	Museum of Art, const. of.....	130 00
Wootton, E. H., pavement, City Hall Park.....	Laying new and repg. old walks, City Parks.....	4,500 00
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RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$408 95
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.....	65 65
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	12 80
Harlem River Bridges Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance.....	71 24
Laying new and repairing old walks, City Parks.....	4,500 00
Tompkins Square.....	448 16
Museum of Art, Construction of.....	209 60
Museum of Art, Equipment of.....	168 75
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	34 74
	<hr/> <u>\$5,919 89</u> <hr/>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifty-nine hundred and nineteen dollars and eighty-nine cents.

(Signed) SAML. CONOVER, } Auditing  
S. E. LANE, } Committee.

NEW YORK, October 24th, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Mulholland, P., work and materials. . . . .	140th street sewer	
	from Alexander	
	to Brook ave., &c.	\$1,051 75
		_____ 1,051 75
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Amounting to ten hundred and fifty-one dollars and seventy-five cents.

(Signed)	SAM'L CONOVER,	} <i>Auditing</i>
"	S. E. LANE,	

NEW YORK, October 24, 1879.

The above mentioned bill having been read and passed on the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.



Mulholland, John B.—Bennett, Barron—appointed Gatekeepers.

John B. Mulholland and Barron Bennet applicants for appointment as Gatekeepers, appeared before the Board.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That John B. Mulholland and Barron Bennett be and they are hereby appointed Gatekeepers on the force of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Madison Avenue Bridge—Proposals.

Commissioner WENMAN called up the resolution offered by him and laid over at the last meeting as follows :

*Resolved*, That the proposal of John Beattie, amounting to \$59,444.00, for building piers and abutments for a bridge across the Harlem River from One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street, in the Twenty-third Ward, to a point near the intersection of One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Street, and the bulkhead line be accepted as the lowest and most advantageous bid for said work, and that the same be directed, sent to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and that upon such approval the President be, and he is, hereby authorized to execute a contract with said John Beattie, for and on behalf of this Department, for the building of said piers and abutments.

Debate was had thereon, when on motion said resolution was laid over.

Welch Street, proceedings to open:

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is, authorized and requested to commence and prosecute proceedings on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the purpose of acquiring the title to and open and continue Welch Street in the Twenty-fourth Ward, as a first class street, pursuant to the provisions of an Act of the Legislature for that purpose, passed May 19;

1879, Chapter 315 of the Laws of 1879, and that the President be, and hereby is authorized and directed to sign the petition to the Supreme Court for that purpose for and on behalf of this Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Counsel to Corporation, rescinding resolution asking for opinion.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER it was

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted on the 17th September, 1879, and entered on page 198 of the minutes, by which it was referred to the President to obtain the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation as to the proper action to be taken by this Department for the location of bridges across the Harlem River for railroad use be, and the same is hereby rescinded.

Southern Boulevard, appropriation for.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That a respectful application be, and is hereby, made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate and include in the estimates of the Department of Public Parks for the year 1880 the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, for the repair and maintenance of the Southern Boulevard from Third Avenue to Jerome Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Lenny, William, dismissed.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That William Lenny, laborer in Johnson's gang, be dismissed from the employ of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Clark, Thomas, restored to duty.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, Thomas Clark, painter, absent on account of sickness, was restored to duty.

Minutes and Documents to be bound.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, the Secretary was directed to have twenty additional copies of the minutes and documents of the Board for last year, with index of the same, bound for the use of the Department.

N. Y. E. R. R., remove from Battery.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Whereas*, by an instrument dated 10th day of February, 1876, granting to the New York Elevated Railroad Company, a revocable right of way through and along the Battery, and by a further instrument executed on the third day of July, 1878, granting an extension of the revocable right of way above referred to; and

*Whereas*, by the terms of the instruments above referred to, it is expressly understood that the company, its successors or assigns, shall not allow their care or engines to be kept standing or to remain stationary upon any part of the road constructed over the Battery; that the said company were to plant and train vines around the piers and arches, and do other work; and,

*Whereas*, the said New York Elevated Railroad Company have violated the terms of their agreement in making a storing and cleansing place for their cars and engines on the tracks over the Battery; committing nuisances, and neglecting to plant and paint as agreed upon, and, in consequence, rendering the Battery Park unsightly and disagreeable to visitors; and,

*Whereas*, all and each of the City Parks are pledged for the redemption of the bonds or stock issued for the improvement

of the Central and City Parks, and should be preserved for the redemption of the debt for which they are pledged, instead of being licensed away for the benefit of private corporations.

Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the six months' notice called for in the instrument above cited, be served upon the New York Elevated Railroad Company, to remove from the Battery Park their tracks, piers, and all other constructions and materials belonging to said company.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the same be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Conover, Lane—2.

*Noe*—Commissioner Wenman—1.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said preamble and resolution, as offered, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Aye*—Commissioner Wenman—1.

*Noes*—Commissioners Conover, Lane—2.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, at 12:30 P. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 1879.**

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REGULAR MEETING—9:30 A. M.

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Present— Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Supt. 23d and 24th Wards—Complaint Board of Health.

From the Superintendent of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards in relation to complaint of Board of Health.

Ordered filed.

Appropriations—Transfer of.

From John Wheeler, Secretary Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting action of said Board in making transfer of money for use of the Department.

Ordered filed.

Commissioners Appointed to Codify Laws.

From W. C. Whitney, George Bliss, and Peter B. Olney, Commissioners appointed by Chap. 536, Laws of 1879, in relation to laws affecting the Department.

Ordered filed.

Riverside Drive—Semi-monthly Report.

From W. J. McAlpine, Superintending Engineer, Riverside

Drive, submitting his semi-monthly report in relation to the progress of said work.

Ordered filed.

Sewer in 141st Street.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the plans and specifications for sewer in One Hundred and Forty-first Street, between Third and Alexander Avenues, be, and they are hereby, approved, and that the Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to advertise for proposals for building the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

American Dist. Telegraph Co., rent and services.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,	\$26 32
Arnold, D. P., meat and vegetables. ....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,	244 60
Central Gas Light Co., gas.....	Harlem Riv. Bdg. Reps., I. & M., 1878.....	46 67
Conklin, W. A., medicines.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,	12 05
Donladson, John T., chimnies, &c. ....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,	7 40
Going, J. A., services and medicines....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,	56 00

Handibode, P., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878, Harlem Riv. Bdg. Reps., I. & M., 1878.....	\$71 85   38 40 1 50	
	Tompkins Square,	<hr/>	111 75
Harlem Gas Light Co., meter gas....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878, Harlem Riv. Bdg. Reps., I. & M., 1878.....	   33 55	23 80
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,	60 39	
		<hr/>	93 94
Jackson's, Geo. R. Sons, repairs to fence.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,		9 50
Kaufman, P., straw.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,		30 00
Manhattan Gas Light Co., meter gas....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,		24 13
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., meter gas..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,		78 40
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,		130 00
Milliken, David, sawdust.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,		6 00
McNab & Harlin Mfg. Co., plumbing matl.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,		3 00
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, repair to stove.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,		12 21
Murphy & Nesbit, cement and lime.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878, Harlem Riv. Bdg. Reps., I. & M., 1878.....	5 50   6 00	
		<hr/>	11 50
New York Gas Light Co., meter gas....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,		0 76
New York Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,		328 13

N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,	\$213 95
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., meter gas..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,	42 25
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., rent.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,	416 67
O'Donnell, John, milk.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,	12 40
Protection Ice Co., ice.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,	24 99
Roach, John & Son, iron work.....	Harlem Riv. Bdg. Reps., I. & M., 1878.....	93 75
Ruhe, Louis, bird food.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,	8 00
Shady, Jas. H., fish.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,	10 80
Seaman, John A., brooms and can.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,	23 25
Skidmore's, Jeremiah Sons, coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,	14 25
Taylor, A. S., newspapers.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,	12 64
Trimble, Chas. B., skate buildings....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,	950 00
Tysen, David, J., Jr., cabbages.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,	40 00
Young, Chas. C., bread.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P., 1878,	45 67
		\$3,164 68

## RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1878...	\$2,944 81
Harlem River Bridges, Reps., Impts. and Maint. ....	218 37
Tompkins Square.....	1 50
	\$3,164 68

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirty-one hundred and sixty-four dollars and sixty-eight cents.

(Signed) SAML. CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, October 28, 1879.



The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

Adams, Chas. L. & Co., timber and boards. Maint. 23d & 24th Wards .....		\$5 73
Arnold, David P., meat and vegetables.. Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. ....		253 85
Benoit Av., drawing paper..... Making Maps 23d & 24th Wards, Dept. Taxes, &c. ....		163 20
Beeber, M. & Co., gloves..... Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. ....		112 50
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line. Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. ....		60 00
Hawley, Jas. C., petty expenses..... Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. ....	\$77 46	
Maint. 23d & 24th Wards .....	26 91	
	<hr/>	104 37
Harmer, Hays & Co., ticking..... Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. ....		2 20
Hilton, E. G., walk boxes and grates, &c. Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. ....	\$58 95	
Laying new and repairing old walks in City Parks .....	9 60	
	<hr/>	68 55

Hurst & Trainor, edging.....	Laying new and repairing old walks City Parks.....	\$47 50
Hunter, Keller & Co., iron pipe.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	2 66
Jnbe, John P. & Co., frame and tacks..	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	1 15
King, Briggs & Co., hone rasps.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	7 00
N. Y. Mutual Gas-Light Co., rent.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	625 00
Reiche, Chas. & Bro., bird food.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	12 00
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., expenses Mu- seum of Art.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	867 12
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., expenses Mu- seum of Art.....	Mus. of Art, Equipt. of.....	1,074 5g
Russell Pavement Co., pavement.....	Laying new and repairing old walks City Parks.....	800 00
Stevens, Wm., couplings.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	7 50
Stewart, A. T. & Co., wool satin.....	Mus. of Art, Equipt. of.....	772 50
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements.	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards.	\$33 10
	Making Maps 23d & 24th Wards, Dept. Taxes and Assess....	2 95
		<hr/> 36 05
		<hr/> <hr/> \$5,023 41

## RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$2,087 39
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	32 64
Surveying laying out, &c., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards .....	33 10
Laying new and repairing old walks City Parks.....	857 10
Making Maps Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Department Taxes and Assessments .....	166 15
Manhattan Square, Improvement of .....	
Museum of Art, Equipment of .....	1,847 03
	\$5,023 41

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifty-nine hundred and sixty-seven dollars and sixteen cents.

(Signed) SAML. CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, November 5th, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Madison Avenue Bridge—Proposal for Pier and Abutments.

Commissioner WENMAN called up the resolution laid over at the last meeting, p. 229, as follows :

*Resolved*, That the proposal of John Beattie, amounting to \$59,444.00, for building piers and abutments for a bridge across the Harlem River from One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street, in the Twenty-third Ward, to a point near the intersection of One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Street, and the bulkhead line, be accepted as the lowest and most advantageous bid for said

work, and that the same be directed, sent to the Comptroller for his approval of sureties, and that upon such approval the President be, and he is, hereby authorized to execute a contract with said John Beattie, for and on behalf of this Department, for the building of said piers and abutments.

And moved its adoption.

Commissioner LANE moved that said resolution be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Aye*—Commissioner Lane—1.

*Noes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover—2.

The question recurring on the resolution,

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Treasurer's Report.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was ordered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

*Department of Public Parks, in account with*

*Samuel Conover, Treasurer.*

1879.	CR.	
Oct. 15.	To cash on hand .....	\$564 46
" 21.	" Werwilling sewer permit.....	10 00
" 21.	" Jos. Davis, " " .....	10 00
" 21.	" Jos. J. Snow pony service....	7 26
" 30.	" D. R. Harrison, sewer connection.....	10 00
" 30.	" J. Jarvis, sewer connection.....	10 00

————— \$611 72

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Oct. 15.	By cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$564 46
Oct. 15.	“ balance.....	47 26
		<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$611 72

(Signed)            SAM'L CONOVER,  
*Treasurer D. P. P.*

NEW YORK, November 5th, 1879, 9:30 A. M.

Sewer Basins, Line of Third Avenue.

Commissioner WENMAN called up the communication from the Engineer of Construction with plan, specification and contract for changing the line of sewer basins, and offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the plan and specification for changing the line of sewer basins on Third avenue be, and the same are hereby approved, and that the Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for doing such work.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Transfer of Appropriation.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be, and is hereby requested to transfer the sum of two thousand dollars from the appropriation made to the Department of Public Parks for the year 1879, entitled “Manhattan Square, Improvement of,” which is in excess of the amount that will be required to be expended this year for the purposes or objects thereof, to the appropriation entitled “Maintenance and Government, &c., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.”

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Adjournment.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved,* That when this Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet on Wednesday next, 12th, at 9:30 A.M.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. CONOVER, at 10:35 A. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12th, 1879.**

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ADJOURNED MEETING—9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

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Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.  
“ CONOVER.  
“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Uniforms—Contract extended.

Commissioner LANE offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the time for the completion of the contract of William Bennett for furnishing Police uniforms, be extended to December 1st, next.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Powell, Jas. S., appointed Gate-keeper.

James S. Powell, applicant for appointment as Gate-keeper, appeared before the Board, whereupon

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That James S. Powell be, and he is hereby, appointed a Gate-keeper on the force of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would

agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Brady, Walter, appointed Inspector.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Walter Brady be, and he is hereby, appointed Inspector on the contract of John B. Devlin, for building a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-second Street.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Transfer of Foreman and Inspector.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the action of the President in transferring Thomas H. Goodwin, Inspector, from Fourth Avenue Parks to pavements in City Hall Park, and C. Smith, Foreman, from Tompkins Square, to alterations at Washington Square, be, and the same is hereby approved, and that the services of C. Smith be dispensed with from and after this date.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Campbell, Sarah, discharged.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Sarah Campbell, ladies' maid, be, and she is hereby, dismissed from the employ of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-



tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

English, Thomas, Laborer, restored.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Thomas English, laborer, absent on account of sickness, be, and he is hereby, restored to duty.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, at 10 o'clock the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,

*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 1879.**

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REGULAR MEETING—9:30 A. M.

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Present— Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Ryder, Oscar H.—appointed.

From the Topographical Engineer, recommending the appointment of an assistant.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Oscar H. Rogers be and he is appointed a temporary assistant upon the work of monumenting, &c., the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, at a salary of \$3.00 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

138th Street—width of Sidewalks.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, relative to the width of sidewalks on One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street.

Ordered filed.

Skate Building, Central Park.

From C. Ryan, offering to erect a temporary skate building on the Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, said permission was granted.

East River Park—application of Edward Browne.

From Edward Browne, for permission to obtain lease of building on East River Park.

Laid over.

Riverside Drive—Engineer's Report.

From Wm. J. McAlpine, submitting semi-monthly report relative to work done on Riverside Drive.

Ordered filed.

Topographical Engineer—recommending appointment of Horace Crosby.

From the Topographical Engineer, recommending the employment of Horace Crosby to assist on tax maps.

Laid over.

Laborers to set Monuments.

From the Topographical Engineer, desiring a detail of two laborers to assist in setting monuments Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Laid over.

Transfer of Appropriations.

From John Wheeler, Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, relative to transfers of funds of the Department.

Ordered filed.

Suspension Laboring Force 23d and 24th Wards.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER:

*Resolved*, That the action of the President in suspending from duty until the further order of the Board of the services of the general Foreman, teams, laborers, &c., employed under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be, and the same is hereby, approved.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—Restoration of Laborers.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following:

*Resolved*. That four laborers be, and they are hereby, appointed for duty on Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Superintendent 23d and 24th Wards—Condition of Avenues.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, relative to the condition of avenues, &c, in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, made impassable by the Department of Public Works.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary be directed to send a copy of said communication to the Commissioner of Public Works, and call his attention to the same.

Sedgwick Avenue.

Fordham Morris, Esq., appeared before the Board in behalf of, and presenting a petition from, Samuel L. M. Barlow, N. P. Bailey, H. B. Claffin, C. L. Anthony and others, in relation to the proceedings for opening Sedgwick Avenue, and asking the Department to discontinue further action in relation to the same.

Ordered filed.

## Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Adams, Chas. L. & Co., spruce timber..	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards. ....	\$48 30
Crombie, Thos. J., oak and spruce plank	Harlem R. B. Reps., I. & M..	\$6 60
	Laying new and repg. old walks, City Parks. ....	22 50
		29 10
Devlin, John B. mould. ....	Laying new and repg. old walks, City Parks. ....	562 50
Mullane, John, hay, oats, &c. ....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. ....	504 44
Jones, Chas., and Thos. P. McQuade, work and materials. ....	Brook ave. sewer.	4,770 62
Mulholland, Pat., work and materials. ....	140th street sewer, from Alexander ave. to Brook ave., &c. ....	1,052 28
O'Brien, M., milk. ....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. ....	8 40
Protection Ice Company, ice. ....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. ....	21 28
		<u>\$6,996 92</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places. ....	\$534 12
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards .....	48 30
Harlem River Bridges Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance. ....	6 60

Laying new and repairing old walks, City Parks.....	585 00	
Brook Avenue Sewer.....	4,770 62	
140th Street, from Alexander to Brook Avenue, &c. ....	1,052 28	
		\$6,996 92

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixty-nine hundred and ninety-six dollars and ninety-two cents.

(Signed) SAML. CONOVER, } Auditing  
S. E. LANE. } Committee.

NEW YORK, November 19th, 1879.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Baker & McKinney, caps and covers..	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	\$182 40
Coogan, Wm., monuments.....	Surveying, laying out, &c., 23d & 24th Wards...	40 65
Colgate & Co., laundry soap.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	6 00
Daly, M., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	16 00
Devlin, John B., sand.....	Repairs to walks and sea-wall at Battery.....	125 00
Hawes, M. E., bread.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. and P.....	60 93

Handibode, P., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$9 25
	Harlem R. B. Reps., I. & M..	75
		<hr/> 10 00
Masterson, John J., work and materials.	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	825 00
McCabe, John H., work and materials ..	134th St. Sewer, 410 ft. E. of Willis Ave., to Brook Ave....	1,039 50
Shady, James H., fish.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	7 44
Seaman, John A., locks, nails, and blackng.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	19 21
Wootton, E. H., and L. S. Filbert, work and materials.....	Laying new and repg. old walks, City Park ....	5,000 00
		<hr/> <u>\$7,332 13</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$301 23
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.....	825 00
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	40 65
Harlem Rivers Bridges Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance.....	75
Laying new and repairing old walks.....	5,000 00
Repairs to walks and sea-wall at Battery.....	125 09
134th St. sewer, from 410 ft. E. of Willis Ave. to Brook Avenue.....	1,039 50
	<hr/> <u>\$7,332 13</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-three hundred and thirty-two dollars and thirteen cents.

(Signed) SAML. CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, November 12th, 1879.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane - 3.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Asiel, J., pavement.....	Repairing old and laying new walks, City Parks....	\$1,520 00
Bell, Martin, harness repairs.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	2 87
Harlem Gas Light Co., meter gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	18 00
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	39 82
N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	16 75
Van Tassell & Kearney, blankets.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	12 75
Wright, Green, work and materials....	Regulating and grading 3d ave., from Harlem R. to 147th st....	1,745 25
Wootton, E. L., and L. S. Filbert, pave- ment.....	Laying new and repg. old walks, City Parks....	3,750 00
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		\$7,105 44
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## RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$74 57
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	15 62
Laying new and repairing old walks, City Parks.....	5,270 00
Regulating and grading 3d Avenue from Harlem R. to 147th Street.....	1,745 25
	\$7,105 44

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventy-one hundred and five dollars and forty-four cents.

(Signed) SAML. CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, November 19th, 1879.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover Lane—3.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Devlin, John B., sand and mould.....	Laying new and repg. old walks, City Parks....	\$18 75
	Manhattan Square, Impt. of.....	925 00
		\$943 75

Amounting to the sum of nine hundred and forty-three dollars and seventy-five cents.

SAML. CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
} *Committee.*

NEW YORK, November 19th, 1879.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative,

a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioner Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Treasurer's Report.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was ordered at length upon the minutes :

*Department of Public Parks,*

*In account with Sam'l Conover, Treasurer.*

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Nov. 5.	By balance.....	\$47 26
6.	" cash from Mrs. Kelly, sewer connection....	10 00
6.	" " Germania Life Ins. Co., sewer connection.....	10 00
8.	" " Francis Kiernan, sewer connection.....	20 00
10.	" " Wm. Kyle, boats, Harlem Meer..	67
10.	" " John Lucas, donkey service.....	6 38
10.	" " Carl H. Schultz, mineral spa....	8 80
11.	" " Isidor Isaacs, carrousel.....	18 43
11.	" " " goat carriages....	13 10
11.	" " Columbus Ryan, refreshments...	446 72
13.	" " John Hartmayer, sewer connection	10 00
13.	" " Disbursing clerk, pound.....	10 00
13.	" " " grass.....	173 25
17.	" " Jas. J. Snow, pony service.....	7 65
17.	" " Mrs. H. Howell, sewer connection.	10 00
17.	" " C. J. Van Tassell, " .	20 00
		\$812 26

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Nov. 7.	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$47 26
13.	" " " " .....	534 10
19.	" balance.....	230 90
		\$812 26

(Signed,)

SAM'L CONOVER,  
*Treasurer, D. P. P*

NEW YORK, November 17, 1879.

9.30 A. M.

Pavement City Hall Park—extension of time.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved.* That the time for the completion of the contract of E. H. Wootton, for laying pavement on City Hall Park, be, and the same is hereby extended to December 15th next.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Brady, Walter, appointed.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved,* That Walter Brady be, and he is hereby, appointed a skilled laborer, at \$2.50 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioner Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Laborers, Central Park.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the employment of four laborers for duty on the Central Park be, and the same is hereby authorized.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Laboring force restored to full time.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the laboring force employed on maintenance of the Central and City Parks be, and the same is hereby restored to duty on full time.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, which was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Police trials.

The PRESIDENT presented the following report of police trials considered by him :

Robert Smith, Gate-keeper.

*To the Department of Public Parks :*

The case of Gate-keeper Robert Smith, on the charge of intoxication and sleeping on his post, was tried before me on 11th inst.

It was charged that Smith was found in his gate box by the Sergeant in a stupid condition, and so sent to the station. In defense, Smith claimed that he was suffering from chills, and having drunk a quantity of Jamaica ginger, fell asleep in his gate box; that when he was aroused and sent home, he sent for his family physician, and by him was doctored and confined to the house for several days. The certificate of the doctor to this effect is submitted in evidence.

There is no evidence to disprove Smith's illness, but in view of the frequent occurrences of a similar character on the force, and the former complaints against Smith, I am unwilling to overlook this case without a word of admonition to the force, and particularly for not reporting to the Captain when sick or unable to do duty, and respectfully recommend for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That Gate-keeper Smith be fined five days' pay for neglecting to report his absence to the Captain.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN,  
*President D. P. P.*

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Drew, Charles J., Park-keeper.

*To the Department of Public Parks :*

The case of Park-keeper Charles J. Drew, on the charge of inefficiency and neglect of duty, was tried before me on 11th inst.

In the complaint it appears that a fire was built against the Park wall on Eighth Avenue on election night. That park-keeper, Drew, failed to report it until directed so to do. By the testimony of Park-keeper Drew, although he saw a number of fires lighted on the line of Eighth Avenue on election night, he did not know of the one against and damaging the Park wall until the next day, when attention was called to it by Police Surgeon Marsh. From the testimony it is

evident that Park-keeper Drew, although having been on the force for ten years, was not vigilant in the discharge of his duty, and I do hereby recommend for adoption, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That Park-keeper Charles J. Drew be, and he is fined five days' pay for neglect of duty.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN,  
*President D. P. P.*

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Ryan, Thomas—Park-keeper.

*To the Department of Public Parks :*

The case of Park-keeper Thomas Ryan, on the charge of neglect of duty, was tried before me on 11th inst. By the charge, it appears that on election night fires were built on Eighth Avenue, against the Park wall, and of which Ryan made no report until directed so to do. From the evidence it is shown that, although Ryan noticed fires on the line of Eighth Avenue on the night in question, he knew of none being built against the Park wall, until his attention was called to the fact. I am satisfied that, although Ryan has been long on the force, that he was negligent in the discharge of his duty, and I do hereby recommend for adoption, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That Park-keeper Thomas Ryan be, and he is fined five days' pay for neglect of duty.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JAS. F. WENMAN,  
*President D. P. P.*

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Dick, Thomas S.—Clapp, A. S.—Licenses.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Whereas*, Thomas S. Dick, licensee of the boat service on lake in Central Park is indebted to this Department in the sum of \$542.97, and Abel S. Clapp, licensee of the carriage service in Central Park, is indebted to this Department in the sum of \$250.

*Resolved*, That said claims be placed into the hands of the Counsel to the Corporation for collection.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Gate-keepers appointed.

Lawrence McKay, Henry Hulich and John Menagh, applicants for appointment as gate-keepers appeared before the Board.

Whereupon Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Lawrence McKay, Henry Hulich and John Menagh be, and they are hereby appointed gate-keepers on the force of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER at 11:30 o'clock A. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1879.**

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SPECIAL MEETING, 9 A. M.

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The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK, }  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST.) }  
November 24th, 1879.

Mr. E. P. BARKER, *Secretary D. P. P.* :

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board governing the Department of Public Parks for Wednesday next, 26th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of receiving and opening proposals for repaving, constructing receiving basins, &c., on the line of Third Avenue.

Respectfully,

JAS. F. WENMAN,  
*President, D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

At the hour indicated in the advertisement, the Comptroller of the City being present and the meeting open to the public, the President of the Department, in the presence of the Comptroller and of such of the parties making proposals as desired to be present, opened the estimate box and publicly opened and read all the proposals which had been received in pursuance of advertisements duly published in the *City Record*, for regulating, repaving with Belgian or trap-block pavement, re-setting curb and gutter stones, flagging stones and crosswalks, and for constructing receiving basins, culverts and manholes in Third Avenue, between Harlem River and One Hundred and Forty-seventh Street.

The following proposals were received :







The COMPTROLLER of the City then retired, and the President declared the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3d, 1879.**

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REGULAR MEETING 9:30 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ CONOVER,

“ LANE.

The minutes of November 19th and 26th were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting the following :

*Resolved*, That the Department of Public Parks be and is hereby requested and, so far as this Board has the power, directed to refuse consent to the erection of any more buildings or other incumbrances upon the Battery Park by either of the elevated railway companies; and it is further

*Resolved*, That the said elevated railway companies be and they are hereby directed to construct their tracks only upon, in, and through the streets laid down and designated therefor by the Common Council of this City, by the proceedings had and taken and resolutions passed, September 6, 1875.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, October 17, 1879.

Approved by the Mayor, November 10, 1879.

Ordered filed.

Suspension bridge—appropriation for.

From the Comptroller, transmitting action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, as follows:

*Resolved*, That this Board hereby authorizes the Comptroller to issue the bonds mentioned in the requisition of the Department of Public Parks, dated January 22, 1879, to the extent of five thousand dollars, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3, Chap. 534, of the Laws of 1871, and Section 16, Chap. 329, of the

Laws of 1874, and Section 10, Chap. 385, Laws of 1878. The amounts for which the said several bonds shall be issued, the times at which said bonds shall be payable, and the rates of interest thereon shall, within the limits of its legal power, be prescribed by the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks.

Adopted November 26, 1879.

Ordered filed.

From John Wheeler, Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, relative to the same.

Ordered filed.

Brandt Roofing Co.—to dump on East River Park.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that permission be granted the Brandt Roofing Company to dump material on the ground bordering the East River Park.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, the permission was granted, the work to be done under the direction and supervision of the Superintending Architect.

R. Cornell White—observatory.

From R. Cornell White, offering to erect an observatory on the Central Park.

Referred to the Superintending Architect to examine into and report upon.

Webster Avenue—proceedings.

From the Topographical Engineer, recommending that the proceedings in relation to Webster Avenue be proceeded with.

*Ordered,* That the Secretary be directed to request the Corporation Counsel to proceed with his application for the appointment of Commissioners for the opening of Webster Avenue.

3d Avenue Grading, Wall on 138th Street.

From Green Wright, contractor for the grading of Third Avenue, relative to the line on the north side of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction to examine into and report upon.

Riverside Drive--Engineer's report.

From Wm. J. McAlpine, Superintending Engineer, Riverside Drive, relative to the force of engineers employed thereon.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, it was

*Resolved*, That the services of Wm. A. Dawson, Geo. J. Monell, Robert Madan, Jr., John A. Dickson, and Philip Ma-Govern, employed under the Superintending Engineer, Riverside Drive, be, and the same are dispensed with from and after the 15th inst.

Riverside Drive—Engineer's report.

From Wm. J. McAlpine, Superintending Engineer, Riverside Drive, relative to the completion of said work.

Laid over.

Braun, August—permission to hire skates.

From August Braun, asking privilege of hiring skates and chairs on the Central Park during the coming winter.

Referred to the President with power.

Department of Docks—float at 3d Avenue bridge.

From the Department of Docks relative to the approach to the steps at Third Avenue bridge.

The PRESIDENT stating that the matter having been attended to the communication was ordered filed.

Lynch, Thomas F. filling Manhattan Square.

From Thomas F. Lynch, offering to furnish filling for Manhattan Square.

Ordered filed.

Sedgwick Avenue, opening.

From Fordham Morris, Esq., relative to the opening of Sedgwick Avenue.

Ordered filed.

West Farms District—Nomenclature.

From the Topographical Engineer relative to the nomenclature of streets in the West Farms district.

*Ordered,* That a diagram with proposed and existing names be submitted.

Brook Avenue Sewer—Report on.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting on the present condition of Brook Avenue Sewer.

Ordered filed.

Riverside Avenue—Engineer's Report.

From Wm. J. McAlpine, relative to the work on Riverside Drive.

Laid over

Drain in Willis Avenue—Cut off.

From the Engineer of Construction, relative to a connection of a drain made with the sewer in Willis Avenue by William O'Gorman, without permission from this Department.

*Ordered,* That the Engineer of Construction be directed to cut off the connection of said drain with the sewer in Willis Avenue.

Dixon, John G.—Drainage.

From John G. Dixon and others, petitioning for the drainage of the land on the east side of Brook Avenue.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction for examination and report.

Time allowed horses and carts on City Hall.

From the Superintendent of Parks recommending that time be allowed horses and carts employed in carting debris from City Hall Park.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the time of horses and carts, as hereinafter mentioned, employed in carting material from City Hall Park, be allowed on the pay roll, and charged to the appropriation for "laying new and repairing old walks."

Thos. Reynolds, $1\frac{7}{8}$ days, \$3.43.	Maney, $11\frac{7}{8}$ days, \$30.93.
Thos. Booth, $1\frac{1}{8}$ " 4.81.	Murray, $9\frac{3}{8}$ " 26.12.
John Curtis, $1\frac{1}{8}$ " 3.43.	Wm. Conners, 9 " 24.75.
Hugh McGovern, $1\frac{1}{8}$ " 4.81.	James Kelly, $7\frac{7}{8}$ " 19.93.
John Meyers, $8\frac{3}{8}$ " 24.06.	Pat'k Hart, $6\frac{1}{2}$ " 17.87.
John Kerrigan, $5\frac{3}{8}$ " 14.43.	

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Robert Logan—marble work.

From the Superintending Architect, recommending that Robert Logan be paid for his work of marble tiling at Museum of Art, with a reservation of \$100.00 for work remaining to be done.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the payment as recommended by the Superintending Architect be made.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane - 3.

Devlin, John E.—Extension of time on contract.

From John B. Devlin, assignee of Patrick Mulholland, contractor for building sewer in One Hundred and Fortieth street, asking for an extension of time on said contract to January 1, 1880.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the extension of time as asked for, be granted.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Welch street—Maps for filing.

From the Topographical Engineer, submitting copies of the plans showing the extension of Welch street easterly to the Kingsbridge Road, for filing, in accordance with Chap. 315 of the Laws of 1879.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That James F. Wenman, the President, and one of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, be, and hereby is, directed and designated to certify and file, as provided by law, the three similar maps or plans entitled ‘Map or plan of the extension of Welch street from its present easterly terminus, easterly through the lands of the New York and Harlem Railroad, and of John B. Haskin, to the Kingsbridge Road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, as established and classified by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, in pursuance of the provisions of Chapters 329 and 604 of the Laws of 1874, and Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1876, and Chapter 315 of the Laws of 1879.’ “Dated New York, December 2d, 1879,” and signed “Julius Murckwitz, Superintending Architect,” and E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, Dep’t of Public Parks.”

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Museum of Art—Cases.

From L. P. Di Cesnola, requesting that the Superintending Architect be allowed to act with the Committee of the Museum of Art, for the building of cases for Museum, and to furnish plans for the same.



Commissioner WENMAN moved that the request be granted, and that the Superintending Architect be directed to co-operate with the said Committee, and prepare the necessary plans.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Moose—Purchase of, authorized.

From Wm. A. Conklin, recommending the purchase of two moose.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that Mr. Conklin be authorized to make such purchase, and arrange for transportation, at a total expense not exceeding \$250.00.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, which was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Adams, Chas. L. & Co., cherry wood...	Museum of Art, equipt. of.....	\$182 46
Arnold, David P., meat and vegetables..	Maint. and Govt. P. and P.....	260 90
Benoit, Av., paints and brushes. ....	Making maps, 23d & 24th Wards, Dept. of Taxes and Assm'ts...	70 77

Bontecou, Dan'l, car fares.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		\$23 10
Bryan, James, plumbing work.....	Museum, of Art, equipm't of....		148 53
Bryan, James, plumbing work.....	Museum of Art, Const. of.....		295 00
Draper, Dan'l, sundries.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		25 19
Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		60 00
Handibode, P., coal.....	City Parks Imp't Fund.....		12 75
Handibode, P., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$47 50	
	Harlem R. B. Reps., I. & M..	42 50	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	36 00	
Handibode, P., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		126 00
Handibode, P., coal.....	Constr'n Bridge, Harlem River..		10 20
Hilton, E. G., bolts, stove pipe, iron, &c.	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		29 98
Jones & Vredenburgh, chamois and sponges.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		13 00
Knickerbocker Ice Company, ice.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		22 14
Lester Oil Company, lubricating oil....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$25 20	
	Harlem R. B. Reps., I. & M..	18 00	
McNab & Harland Mfg. Co., plumbing materials.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....		4 19
Merchant, S. L., Portland cement.....	Repairs to walks and sea-wall at Battery Park..		87 70

Meyer, William, cases.....	Museum of Art, equip't of.....	\$800 00
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., expenses		
Museum of Art.....	Museum of Art, equip't of.....	968 23
Rhineland, F. W., Treas, expenses		
Museum of Art.....	Maint. Museums..	689 72
Seaman, John A., steel scoops.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	21 00
Seaman, John A., axe and chisel.....	Constr'n Bridge over H. R.....	1 25
Seaman, John A., brooms, &c.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$29 88
	Harlem R. B, Reprs., I. & M.	54
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		<hr/> <u>\$4,090 73</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$1,383 70
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards .....	58 10
Harlem River Bridges Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance.....	61 04
Repairs to walks and sea-wall at Battery Park.....	87 70
Making Maps, 23d and 24th Wards, Department Taxes and Assessments.....	80 77
Museum of Art—Construction of.....	295 00
Museum of Art—Equipment of.....	2,099 22
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	12 75
Construction, Bridges over Harlem River.....	11 45
	<hr/> \$4,090 73

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of four thousand and ninety dollars and seventy-three cents.

(Signed)     SAML. CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
                  S. E. LANE,     } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, December 3d, 1879

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on

separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Hawley, Jas. C., petty disbursements...	Maint., etc., 23d &		
	24th Wards...	\$42	26
	Maint. and Gov't.		
	P. and P.....	84	27
	Surveying, laying		
	out, etc., 23d &		
	24th Wards....		40
	Laying new and		
	repaving old		
	walks, City		
	Parks.....	7	61
		\$134	54
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		\$134	54
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Amounting to the sum of one hundred and thirty-four dollars and fifty-four cents.

(Signed) SAML. CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, December 3d, 1879.

The above mentioned bill having been read and passed on,

the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was ordered at length upon the minutes :

*Department of Public Parks in account with SAML. CONOVER, Treasurer :*

1879.		<i>Cr.</i>	
Novem. 19,	By balance.....	\$230	90
“ “	cash from Jos. J. Snow, pony service .....	31	70
20 “ “	“ J. Shaight, sewer connection.....	10	00
21 “ “	“ Edwd. Murphy “ .....	10	00
25 “ “	“ Jas. Mussirschmidt, sewer connection .....	10	00
“ “	“ Lucas Upson, sewer connection.....	10	00
26 “ “	“ Geo. Fisher “ .....	10	00
“ “	“ John Griffiths, “ .....	10	00
29 “ “	“ Mr. Reiss “ .....	10	00
Dec. 1 “ “	“ Albert T. Ward, sewer connection... ..	10	00
2 “ “	“ R. J. Reinhardt, “ .....	10	00
		\$352	60

		<i>Dr.</i>	
Novem. 19,	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$230	90
26 “ “	“ “ “ .....	71	70
Dec. 3 “ “	“ “ “ .....	50	00
		\$352	60

(Signed) SAML. CONOVER,  
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Commissioner CONOVER presented the following report :

Patrick Green, Gatekeeper, trial of.

*To the Department of Public Parks :*

The case of Gatekeeper Patrick Green was heard before me on 24th November. Green was charged with being absent from duty without leave and making a false report. Green appeared in person and plead guilty. It appearing by the evidence that he was absent on 2d November without leave, and sent a messenger to the police station reporting himself sick from cramps, when in reality it was shown that his absence was caused by a scratched face, the result of a row with a man immediately upon leaving duty the night previous. This Green admitted to the Captain when appearing for duty. From the evidence, he is guilty of telling a falsehood for the purpose of shielding the cause of his scratched face. Green's record as an officer is good, and this being his first offense, I recommend for adoption the following :

*Resolved*, That Gatekeeper Patrick Green be and he is hereby fined three days' pay for making a false report.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER,

Commissioner D. P. P.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Culverts on Third Avenue.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the proposal of William E. Deane, amounting to \$2,964, for building culverts, basins, etc., on the line of Third Avenue north of Harlem Bridge, be accepted as the lowest and most advantageous bid for said work, and that the same be directed sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties, and that upon such approval the President be authorized to execute a contract for said work.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Laborers, employment of.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the employment of four laborers for work on the Central and City Parks is hereby authorized.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Crosby Horace, employment of.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Horace Crosby be and he is hereby appointed to assist in the preparation of Tax Maps 23d and 24th Wards at a salary of \$1,500 per annum.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Van Valkenburgh, Edward, discharged.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the services of Edward Van Valkenburgh, laborer detailed for duty as watchman at Battery, be dispensed with from and after 15th instant.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Woodlawn Bridge, coping.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Engineer of Construction be and he is

hereby authorized to take and deliver to the contractor for the eastern abutment of the Woodlawn Bridge so much of the coping stone belonging to this Department now lying at Mott Haven as may be necessary for the work, not exceeding seventy lineal feet.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Conklin, W. A., to report on animals.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That William A. Conklin, Director of the Menagerie, be directed to report all sums of money which he has received for the care, feeding or keeping of animals in the Central Park from the first day of November, 1878, up to the present time, and the persons from whom he has received the same, and what disposition he has made of the money so received. Also to report on what arrangement or agreement certain elephants, camels and other animals not belonging to the Department of Public Parks are stored in the sheepfold in the Central Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Ginn, James H., appointed Gatekeeper.

James H. Ginn, applicant for appointment as Gatekeeper, appeared before the Board.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That James H. Ginn be and he is hereby appointed Gatekeeper on the force of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would



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agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

At eleven o'clock and twenty-five minutes, on motion, the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,

*Secretary.*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12th, 1879.**

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met, pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK. }  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
36 Union Square, East, }

December 10th, 1879.

Mr. E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary D. P. P. :*

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board governing the Department of Public Parks, for Friday next, 12th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., for the consideration of such business as may be presented.

Respectfully,  
JAMES F. WENMAN,  
*President D. P. P.*

Present— Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Paving of Third Avenue.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, relative to repairing of Third Avenue.

The PRESIDENT stating that the matter had received attention, the communication was

Ordered filed.

Lind Avenue—Petition to open.

From J. Schuyler Anderson, A. N. Brown, William D. Duke, and others, petitioning for the opening and grading of Lind Avenue.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer to examine into and report upon.

138th Street—Line of.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the communication of Green Wright, contractor, relative to the disputed line of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction, to confer with the contractor relative to the same.

Jockey Club to remove sand.

From Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, relative to permission desired by American Jockey Club to remove sand from road.

Laid over.

Owl—Presentation of.

From Col. W. S. Rowland, presenting a white owl, caught in mid ocean.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, the donation was accepted and a suitable acknowledgment ordered.

Conklin, W. A., Report on Animals.

From W. A. Conklin, presenting a report in response to the resolution of the Board.

Ordered filed.

Inspectors Brook Avenue Sewer.

From the Engineer of Construction, recommending the dismissal of two of the Inspectors on Brook Avenue sewer, on account of the completion of the work.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the services of James Chamberlain and Lewis K. Osborn, Inspectors on Brook Avenue sewer, be dispensed with, and that Lewis K. Osborn be appointed Inspector on

the contract of William C. Dean for constructing sewer basins on the line of Third Avenue.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane —4.

Birds for Park collection.

From W. A. Conklin, Director of Menagerie, recommending the purchase of birds for Park collection.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the purchase, as recommended, be made.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane —4.

Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Holbrook Bros., plate glass.....	Museum of Art,	
	Equipment of.	\$1,819 25
Holbrook Bros., plate glass.....	Museum of Art,	
	Equipment of.	2,064 11
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		\$3,883 36
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Amounting to the sum of thirty-three hundred and eighty-three dollars and thirty-six cents.

(Signed)

S. E. LANE,

*Auditing Committee.*

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Lane—3.

*No.*—Commissioner Conover—1.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Coffin, P. C., dumb bells and weights. . . . .	Maint. and Gov-		
	ernment P. P. . . . .	\$20 40	\$20 40
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			\$20 40
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Amounting to the sum of twenty dollars and forty cents.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER,

*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK December 12th, 1879.

The above mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

*No.*—Commissioner Lane—1.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the subject of continuing the employment of the maintenance forces of the Department be referred to the President with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a copy of an opinion of the Corporation Counsel relative to the jurisdiction of police powers in the several Parks under the control of this Department, which was read and ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

LAW DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION }  
NEW YORK, November 28, 1879.

SETH C. HAWLEY, Esq.,

*Chief Clerk of the Police Department :*

Sir,—From your letters to me of July last, and the papers therewith transmitted, the following facts appear :

At about 2 P. M. on Sunday July 20, 1879, officer William Hahn, of the 32d Precinct, entered the barroom of Mrs. B. C. L. Schedler, at the High Bridge Park Hotel, and finding the bar open, was about to arrest Charles Stafani, the bartender, when he was interfered with and ordered from the place by James Lynch, a Park policeman, who told officer Hahn that he had no business on the premises, as it was under the jurisdiction of the Park Commissioners. Mrs. Schedler being sent for, stated to officer Hahn that she had authority from the Park Commissioners to sell liquors, and that the Municipal police had no right on the premises, and that the Park policeman was sent to protect her. Officer Hahn thereupon refrained from arresting the bar-keeper, and reported the facts to the station-house. Subsequently said bar-keeper was arrested upon a charge of selling liquors on Sunday, under a warrant issued by a police magistrate. With your letter were inclosed several communications from Park Commissioner Lane in relation to the matter, and a letter from Superintendent Walling, enclosing the report made by Captain Steers to Inspector Thorne, of the 4th District, and also a map, showing the said hotel is located in High Bridge Park, which is one of the public parks of the City. You request my opinion as to the jurisdiction and responsibility of the Police Department in cases of violation of law within the limits of the public parks.

The question submitted by you is not free from difficulty, and my answer has, for that reason, been delayed. After consideration, my conclusions are as follows :

The jurisdiction of the Department of Police, created by the so-called Charter of 1870, extended throughout every part of the City, including the public parks, and the Police Department created by that charter was undoubtedly responsible for the preservation of order and the enforcement of the laws in the parks as well

as in other portions of the City. Section 60, of Chapter 290, of the Laws of 1871, however, among other things contained the following provision:

"The Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks may organize, and by and through its President, appoint a force to be known as keepers of the Central Park, and the several public parks, squares and places in the City of New York, to consist of such number of men as the said board may, from time to time, deem necessary to preserve order in the said Central Park, and in the several public parks, squares and places, which force shall be under the exclusive control and direction of said Board, and may be, in whole or in part, discharged at pleasure; each member of said force shall, by virtue of his appointment, be invested with the same powers within the limits of said parks, squares and places, and that portion of the streets and avenues bounding the same as lie adjacent thereto as if he had been appointed to a similar rank in the force of the Police Department of the City of New York, established by Chapter 137, of the Laws of 1870, and shall take an oath, to be prescribed by the said Board, and may be allowed compensation by said Board, equal to that allowed to members of the said police force."

Said section also authorized said Board to appoint additional keepers temporarily whenever special circumstances should, in the judgment of the Board, require it, who were to have the same powers as the regular keepers; and it also provided that the said Board should have the full and exclusive power to govern, manage and direct the said several public parks, squares and places. This statute was in force at the time of the passage of the Charter of 1873, which created the present Police Department, whose powers, so far as relates to the question under consideration, are the same as those possessed by the Police Department under the Charter of 1870; and said statute is still in full force.

Soon after the passage of this law, the Commissioners of the Park Department organized a Park police force, which has been maintained ever since. Although the statute only speaks of "keepers" of the parks, the organization and discipline of such Park police have been in many respects similar to those of the regular police force of the City. The force is uniformed, is divided into officers and men, and is subject to regular rules and regulations, established by the Park Department for its control and management. Annual appropriations have always been made, since the organization of said force, for its support, and the force has been thus maintained, during the past eight or nine years, at a very considerable expense to the City. During this period, the Police Department, except, perhaps, in isolated cases, like the one mentioned in your letter, has never attempted to exercise any jurisdiction or control over the public parks. No policemen have ever been stationed in any of the parks, nor have the Captains of police been held responsible for the maintenance of order, or the enforcement of the laws of the State and ordinances of the City, within such parks. The understanding appears to have been that the Police Department had nothing to do with police matters in the different parks, and the powers and duties devolved upon the Board of Police, in relation to other portions of the City, have, so far as concerns the various parks of the City, been exercised and performed by the Commissioners of the Park Department.

It appears to me that the view heretofore taken of this matter by the Police and Park Departments, and by various officers of the City Government, has been the correct one. I think that the powers and duties previously devolved upon the Police Department, in relation to parks, were transferred to and devolved upon the Park Department by the said Act of 1871, and I think that the responsibility for the preservation of order and enforcement of the laws and ordinances is vested exclusively in the Park Department. That department was authorized to organize a police force, and was given the exclusive power to govern, manage and control the parks. It could not have been intended by the Legislature that each department should maintain a police force in the different parks, and as the law expressly declares that the force to be organized by the Commissioners of the Park Department shall be under their exclusive control, and the said department shall also have exclusive power to govern and manage the parks, it must have been intended that the entire responsibility for the maintenance of order and the enforcement of the laws and ordinances should be devolved upon the Park Department.

I do not desire to be understood as expressing the opinion that members of the police force cannot, under any circumstances, make arrests in the parks. Cases undoubtedly sometimes occur in which members of the police force, and even private citizens, may make such arrests. But I am of the opinion that the Police Department is not responsible for the policing of the different parks, and has no duty in relation thereto.

I think this view of the matter is fully sustained by the provisions of said Act of 1871, and I certainly should, in the absence of judicial decisions, be unwilling to take any other view, because if the duty of policing the parks rests with the Police Department, that department has certainly been very derelict in its duty for a number of years past.

So far, however, as the matter of selling liquor in parks on Sundays is concerned, it does not seem to me that the question submitted is one of any great practical importance. It appears that Mrs. Schedler's barkeeper was subsequently arrested upon a warrant issued by a police magistrate, and if complaints are made of the sale of liquor on Sundays in parks, this course can easily be pursued in other instances. But, in my opinion, it is not the duty of the Police Department, or police force, to prevent the sale of liquor in the different parks on Sunday, nor to arrest persons engaged in making such sales, and I advise that in such cases arrests should be made, if at all, only upon warrants issued by the police magistrates. The papers transmitted with your letter are herewith returned.

I am, sir,

Yours respectfully,

W. C. WHITNEY,  
Counsel to the Corporation.

(A copy.)

A. T. CAMPBELL,  
Ch. Clerk.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That John Watkins, janitor, be allowed pay for Sundays at the same rate that he receives on week days.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the services of Thomas Tousley, laborer 23d and 24th Wards, be dispensed with, from and after this date.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.



Commissioner WENMAN called up the petition of the West Side and Yonkers Railway Company, presented to this Board September 3, 1879, to be allowed to locate a bridge over the Harlem River at Eighth Avenue, for the use of said company, and presented an opinion of Charles O'Connor, relative to the powers of the Department, and a proposed agreement, and offered the following preamble and resolutions for the future consideration of this Board.

*Whereas*, The Rapid Transit Commissioners appointed by his Honor the Mayor, on the 2d day of April, 1879, have authorized the West Side and Yonkers Railway Company, a corporation duly organized under the provisions of Chap. 606 of the Laws of 1875, to cross the Harlem River by a railway structure in the nature of a bridge to be operated as a means of transit and communication and transportation by steam power between that portion of the City of New York known as Manhattan Island and the territory heretofore known as part of Westchester County, but now forming the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York.

*Whereas*, By the designation of the route of said railway, and the conditions, requirements and particulars by said Commissioners duly determined, it appears that said company is by said Commission authorized to construct a railroad or similar mode of communication across the Harlem River, at or near the terminus of the Metropolitan Railway on Eighth Avenue, as heretofore established by the Rapid Transit Commissioners of 1879, to and across the Harlem River; and,

*Whereas*, Said Department of Public Parks is authorized to regulate all bridges, tunnels and other means of transit across or under Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvel Creek.

*And Whereas*, Said designation of route and condition, requirements and particulars, as established by the Rapid Transit Commission of 1879, have been presented to this Department for its inspection, together with the maps, plans and profiles and specifications and all particulars pertaining thereto.

*And Whereas*, Said plans and specifications in so far as they relate to the crossing of Harlem River have received the approval of the Engineer of the United States in charge of the improvements of Harlem River, as is by law required, and have also received the approval of the Engineer of this Board in charge of bridges and tunnels and plans of the same crossing Harlem River.

*And Whereas*, Said bridge with footways would be of great

and important benefit to the traveling public, and the plan, location and grades aforesaid as a means of communication and transportation to be operated by steam power is deemed practicable.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the powers vested by law in this Department, it is hereby resolved :

That a bridge or mode of communication and transportation, to be operated by steam power and also with two foot-ways for pedestrians, be and the same hereby is planned and located as a means of transit across Harlem River at a point at or near the terminus of the Eighth Avenue, in the City of New York, near River Street, and at right angles to the courses of the proposed improved channel of said river as heretofore determined by this Department and since adopted by the United States authorities to a point upon the east or former Westchester shore of said river opposite thereto.

*Resolved*, That the plan and specifications for a bridge at and to the point of location above fixed this day presented to this Department and signed by Engineer of this Department, and by John Newton, Engineer of the United States in charge, and by civil engineer, be and the same are hereby adopted and prescribed as and for the plan of a bridge or means of communication at said location.

*Resolved*, That the Engineer of this Department prepare three similar maps, plans, profiles, and locations of said bridge or means of transit, with all such field notes, explanations and explanatory remarks as the nature of the case may require, and also a complete copy of these resolutions ; that when the same are prepared, the President of this Department, who is hereby designated for that purpose, shall certify to the same before any person authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds or conveyances. But when so certified, said maps, plans, profiles, and locations, be filed, to remain of record, one in the office of the Secretary of State, one in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, and the other of said maps, plans, profiles, and locations in the office of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks.

*And it is further resolved*, That this Department hereby consent that the work and construction upon the bridge hereby located and planned by them may forthwith be commenced and carried on by the West Side & Yonkers Railway Company, and that the President be authorized and directed to execute and deliver the contract by and between this Department and the West Side & Yonkers Railway Company, now presented, read, and approved.

*And it is further resolved*, That the Counsel to the Corpora-

tion be, and he hereby is, requested by this Department to take all the necessary legal steps and proceedings for the acquisition of lands necessary for the construction of said bridge, in the name of this Department, and for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, but at the sole cost and charge of said railway company.

The real estate so acquired shall be paid for by said company, and if it so elect, may, together with said bridge, be made subject to such lien for the purchase money, and expenses and cost of construction, to be secured upon the land and bridge, as the Counsel to the Corporation shall advise, and to this end the company may issue its certificates on other evidences of debt, secured upon its interests in said lands and bridge; but said certificates or other evidences of debt shall continue a provision for their full and complete discharge at any time when the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty shall purchase and pay for said bridge, and a corresponding provision for the satisfaction at the same time, of any and all liens upon said bridge and lands.

Laid over.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, at 3:50 o'clock P. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1879.**

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REGULAR MEETING, 9:30 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Lind Avenue—opening of.

From the Topographical Engineer, relative to the petition for opening Lind Avenue.

Laid over.

Cross-walks, 138th and 139th Streets and Willis Avenue.

From the Clerk of the Common Council transmitting an ordinance for laying crosswalk on Willis Avenue at One Hundred and Thirty-eighth and One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Streets.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction to examine into and report upon.

Observatory on Central Park.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting adversely on the application of R. Cornell White for permission to erect an observatory on the Central Park.

Ordered filed and the application of Mr. White declined.

Drainage east of Brook Avenue.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting on the communication of John E. Dixon, relative to the drainage east of Brook Avenue.

Ordered filed.

Nomenclature of West Farms District.

From the Topographical Engineer, submitting a diagram with nomenclature of West Farms District.

Laid over.

Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval:

Arnold, David P., meat and vegetables—

Zoo.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		\$244 15
Bennett, Wm., clothing—Police.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		2,425 50
Handibode, P., coal.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....	\$30 00	
	Maint. 23d & 24th		
	Wards.....	2 50	
	Harlem R. R. Rep.		
	Imp. and Maint..	50 00	
			<hr/> 82 50
Merchant, S. L., Portland cement.....	Repairs to Walks and Sea Wall, Bat- tery Park.....		143 00
Mullane, John, hay, oats, feed, etc.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		614 15
Whitney, A. R., iron.....	Maint. and Govmt.		
	P. and P.....		80 76

Wootton, E. H. and L. S. Filbert, pavement .....	Laying new and repairing old Walks, City Parks.....	\$8,066 66
American Dist. Tel.Co., rent and services, Maint and Govmt. P. and P.....		58 66
		<hr/> <hr/> \$11,715 41 <hr/> <hr/>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$3,453 25
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	2 50
Harlem River Bridges Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance.....	50 00
Repairs to walks and sea wall, Battery Park.....	143 00
Laying new and repairing old walks, City Parks.....	8,066 66
	<hr/> \$11,715 41 <hr/> <hr/>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eleven thousand seven hundred and fifteen dollars and forty-one cents.

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, December 17th, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have

examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

Adams, Chas. L. & Co., stakes . . . . .	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards. . . . .	\$24 00
Benoit Av., paints and tapes. . . . .	Const. Bridges over H. R. . . . .	38 46
Bien, Julius, map sheets. . . . .	Making Maps 23d and 24th Wards, Dept. Taxes and Assessments. . . . .	195 00
Crombié, Thos. J., shelving, boards, &c.,	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. . . . .	\$6 16
	Survey'g, Laying Out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards. . . . .	5 00
	Lay'g new and re- pairing old Walks, City Parks. . . . .	15 30
		<hr/> 26 46
Egan, K. & Co., waste. . . . .	Harlem R. B. Rep., Imp. and Maint. . . . .	6 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas. . . . .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. . . . .	14 75
Hawes, M. E., bread and crackers—Zoo.,	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. . . . .	68 90
Harmer, Hayes & Co., blue cloth . . . . .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. . . . .	6 00
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing. . . . .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. . . . .	39 90
Logan, Robert, work and materials. . . . .	Museum of Art, Const. of. . . . .	3,386 00
Moffat, David & Co., leather and sheep- skins. . . . .	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P. . . . .	12 45
Martin, G. M. C. & Sons, brushes. . . . .	Museum Natural History. . . . .	5 50
McLean, Eugene E., sundries. . . . .	Const. Bridges over H. R. . . . .	35 71

Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$27 30
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., gas...	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	19 37
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	8 40
Pratt, Chas. & Co., oil.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	\$6 24
	Harlem R. B. Rep., Imp. and Maint..	1 60
		<hr/> 7 84
Reeves, Robt. C., rakes and seeds.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	26 85
Reiche, Chas. & Bro., bird food.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	12 00
Stackpole & Bro, repairs to inst.....	Survey'g, Laying Out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	51 00
Shady, Jas. H., fish.....	Maint. and Govmt. P. and P.....	7 20
Seaman, John A., paints, oils, &c.....	Const. B r i d g e s over H. R... ..	\$1 45
	Museum Natural History.....	38 25
		<hr/> 39 70
Van Winkle, E. B. petty disbursements,	Survey'g, Laying Out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	27 04
Wootton, E. H., work and materials. . .	Laying new and re- pairing old walks City Parks.....	1,482 79
		<hr/> <hr/> \$5,528 62



## RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	\$225 62
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	83 04
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	63 90
Harlem River Bridges, repairs, improvement and maintenance .....	7 60
Laying new and repairing old walks, City Parks.....	1,498 09
Making maps, 23d and 24th Wards, Department Taxes and Assessments.....	195 00
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.....	75 62
Museum Natural History.....	43 75
Museum of Art—Construction of... ..	3,336 00
	\$5,528 62

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifty-five hundred and twenty-eight dollars and sixty-two cents.

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, December 17th, 1879.

The above mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

## Treasurer's Report.

The TREASURER presented his report, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

Department of Public Parks,

In account with Sam'l Conover, Treasurer.

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Dec. 2.	By balance.....	\$50 00
3.	“ cash from C. L. Mead, sewer connection....	10 00
9.	“ “ Isidor Isaac, goat carriages.....	4 15
9.	“ “ “ carrousel.....	10 95
9.	“ “ J. O. Keene, sewer connection...	30 00
9.	“ “ John Lucas, donkey service....	3 69
11.	“ “ P. Ayres, sewer connection.....	10 00
12.	“ “ C. Ryan, sale of refreshments ...	236 66
		————— \$355 45
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Dec. 17.	To balance.....	\$355 45
		————— \$355 45
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(Signed)

SAM. CONOVER,  
Treasurer D. P. P.

NEW YORK, Wednesday, December 17, 1879.

9.30 A. M.

Offices of Department—Re-engagement of.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to re-engage the present offices of the Department, at 36 Union Square, for the coming year at an annual rental not exceeding that now paid, provided the landlord will make the necessary repairs.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Minutes and Documents to be bound.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, the Secretary was directed

to have thirty additional copies of the minutes and documents of the Board for last year, with index of the same, bound for the use of the Department.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, at ten o'clock and five minutes, the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1880.**

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REGULAR MEETING, 9.30 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE,  
“ CONOVER,  
“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Messrs. Hutchins, Barney, Babcock, and Johnson, a Committee from the Kings Bridge Association, appeared before the Board in respect to the repairs necessary to the roads in the Kings Bridge District, and requesting that they have such attention so soon as the season will permit.

The following communications were received :

Riverside Drive—Sewerage.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, relative to the sewerage of Riverside avenue.

Referred to the President with power to furnish the necessary plans.

King, J. C., for appointment.

From J. C. King, asking for appointment as Chainman or Axeman.

Laid over.

Appropriations for 1880.

From John Wheeler, Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitting copy of appropriation made

for the use of the Department during the year 1880, as follows :

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places :

To pay entirely the salaries of the President, Clerks, Engineers, Architects, and all employees of the Department, excepting Mechanics, Gardeners and Laborers, and their Foremen, employed on the work of maintaining the Parks and Places; excepting also those employed in the Zoological Department; excepting also the Topographical Engineer and his Assistants in charge of surveying, monumenting, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards .....	\$35,000 00
Police—Salaries of Captain, Surgeon, Sergeants, Patrolmen, Gate Keepers, Special Patrolmen, and Police Tailors, including cloth for uniforms .....	95,000 00
Labor, Maintenance and Supplies—For all supplies and for wages of Foremen, Gardeners, Mechanics and Laborers employed on works of maintenance, excepting those employed in the Zoological Department, and including the maintenance of the Meteorological Observatory .....	200,000 00
Zoological Department—For the keeping, preservation and exhibition of the collection in the Zoological Department of the Central Park, including repairs of buildings used for that purpose .....	15,000 00
Maintenance of Museums—For the keeping preservation, and exhibition of the collection in the American Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art .....	25,000 00
Music—Central Park .....	4,000 00

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places :	
Music—Battery Park and Tompkins Square .....	\$2,000 00
	—————\$376,000 00
Harlem River Bridge—Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance.....	15,000 00
Maintenance—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :	
Maintenance and Government of Public Places, Roads and Avenues, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including supplies, salary of Superintendent and wages of all persons employed on the work.....	\$35,000 00
Southern Boulevard, Maintenance of..	7,500 00
Sedgwick avenue, Maintenance of.....	5,000 00
	—————47,500 00
Bronx River Bridges, Repairs and Maintenance of....	5,000 00
Surveying, Laying out, and Monumenting the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, including north end of Island.....	10,000 00
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	20,000 00
Maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—For making and completing maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for the use of the Department of Taxes and Assessments (as provided by chapter 411, Laws of 1876).....	10,000 00
For laying new walks and repairing the old walks in and around the following public parks and places, viz. :	
Tompkins Square, Reservoir Park, Washington Square, Battery Park, and such other parks and places as require the same.....	\$25,000 00
Central Park—For laying new walks and repairing the old walks in Central Park .....	30,000 00
	—————55,000 00
For the equipment and furnishing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art (chapter 385 Laws of 1878).....	30,000 00
	—————\$568,500 00

Ordered filed.

Van Brunt, A. H., relative to miniature yachting.

From A. H. Van Brunt, relative to suitable waters on the Central Park, for the purposes of miniature yachting.

Ordered filed.

West Side Association, relative to Manhattan square.

From the West Side Association relative to the improvement of Manhattan square.

Referred to the President, with power to make the necessary reply.

Charlier, Emil—Skating.

From Emil Charlier and others, asking that the lower lake be thrown open for skating.

*Ordered,* That the lower lake be thrown open for skating, the ice to be kept clean at the expense of the petitioners.

Contract for culverts, Third avenue—Extension of time.

From the Engineer of Construction, recommending an extension of time of ten days be granted William E. Dean, contractor, for constructing sewer basins and culverts on Third avenue—the contractor to pay the extra time of the inspector.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, the extension as recommended was granted.

Skating signal.

From H. Pinner, relative to the display of signals to indicate when the ice at the Central Park is in condition for skating.

Referred to the President, with power.

Urinals, Madison square.

From the Department of Health, recommending the erection of urinals in Madison square.

Laid over.

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Van Courtlandt, A.—Relative to sand.

From A. Van Courtlandt, relative to the removal of sand from the old Albany Post road.

Ordered filed.

Floating dock at Battery.

From B. F. Hitchcock, for permission to place a floating dock at the Battery.

Permission refused.

Riverside Drive—Engineer's report.

From William J. McAlpine, transmitting his semi-monthly report relative to the progress of the work on Riverside Drive.

Ordered filed.

Bay-window, cor. One Hundred and Forty-first street and Alexander avenue.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, transmitting resolution of the Board of Aldermen, permitting William R. Beal to erect a bay-window on house situated on the corner of One Hundred and Forty-first street and Alexander avenue.

On motion of Commissioner LANE—

*Ordered*, That the consent of this Department to the erection of said bay-window be granted.

Elevated railroad on the Battery.

From the Clerk of the Common Council, transmitting the following resolution of the Board of Aldermen :

*Resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be and they are hereby directed to furnish to the Board of Aldermen, as soon as possible, a copy of all the proceedings had or taken by said Department in relation to the use of a portion of the Battery Park by any of the elevated railroad companies, together with a copy of any and every lease, agreement, or contract entered into between the said Park Department, for itself or on behalf of the Corporation of the City of New York, with any, or either, or all of said railroad companies.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, the Secretary was directed to furnish the information called for.



Grieffenburg, Fred—Asking increase of pay.

From Frederick Grieffenburg, asking for an increase of salary.

Laid over.

Odell, A. J.—Sidewalks on One Hundred and Fortieth street.

From A. J. Odell, for permission to remove curb-stone on the line of One Hundred and Fortieth street to conform to the established width of the sidewalk.

*Ordered*, That the permission asked for be granted, the work to be done under the direction of the Engineer of Construction.

Topographical Engineer—Transfer of assistants.

From the Topographical Engineer, desiring to transfer his assistants to the different works under his control, as the interest of the same may be found necessary.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said transfer, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Vogel, H. W.—For increase of salary.

From Henry W. Vogel, Assistant Engineer, asking for an increase of compensation.

Laid over.

Art Museum cases.

From Gen. L. P. di Cesnola, Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, transmitting estimates for building cases, and from Superintending Architect, presenting plans for the same.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the plans of cases for Metropolitan Museum of Art, as this day submitted, be approved, and that the work

be proceeded with in accordance with the estimates this day received and upon the proper requisitions being made.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Laborers, 23d and 24th Wards, restored.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending the restoration of men.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the following-named persons be and they are hereby restored to duty for work in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards :

Michael Hogan, messenger.

Thomas Weldon, double team.

Alexander Brennan, laborer.

Dennis Kinnan, laborer.

Jas. J. Corblis, laborer.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Curran, James—Restored to duty.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That James Curran, Inspector of Connections, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Arnold, David P., tallow.....	Harlem R. B. Reprs., I. & M., 1879 .....	\$3 00
Baker, Smith & Co., repairs to boiler....	Maint. and Gov't P. and P., 1879	196 00
Beattie, John, sand.....	Repairs to Walks and Sea-Wall, Battery Park, 1879.....	343 75
Conklin, W. A., medicines.....	Maint. and Gov't P. & P., 1879	23 40
Devlin, John B., manure.....	Tompkins Square	250 00
Dodd, Mead & Co., subs., to periodicals.	Maint. and Gov't P. and P., 1879	22 00
Eisenmenger, E., cases.....	Museum of Art, equip't of, 1879	700 00
Handibode, P., coal.....	Harlem R. B. Reps. I. & M., 1879.....	25 00
Hurst & Trainor, curbing and setting....	Laying new and repairing old walks, City Parks, 1879..	1,155 75
Kelly & Jones, labor and materials.....	Museum of Art, equip't of....	1,432 88
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, brushes.....	Museum of Nat'l History.....	2 68

Merchant, S. L., Portland cement. . . . .	Repairs to walks and sea-wall, Battery Park, 1879. . . . .	\$71 50
Milliken, David, sawdust. . . . .	Maint. and Gov't P. and P., 1879	10 00
Mullane, John, salt and hay. . . . .	Maint. and Gov't. P. and P., 1879	495 05
Mulholland, P., labor and materials. . . . .	Mott Ave. sewer, from S. D. & P. M. R. R. to 138th St., etc..	868 80
Riche, Chas. & Bro., food, nests and birds. . . . .	Maint. and Gov't P. and P., 1879	132 50
Seaman, John A., paints, etc. . . . .	Museum of Nat'l History. . . . .	7 55
Vaux, Calvert, commissions. . . . .	Museum of Art, Const. of. . . . .	113 75
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements..	Surveying, Lay- ing out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1879 ..	\$37 94
	Making Maps, 23d & 24th Wards, for Dept. Taxes, etc. . . . .	6 80
		44 74
		\$5,898 34

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1879.	\$878 94
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards, 1879. . . . .	28 00
Repairs to Walks and Sea-Walls, Battery Park, 1879. . . . .	415 25
Laying new and repairing old walks, City Parks, 1879..	1,155 75
Tompkins Square. . . . .	250 00
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1879..	37 94
Making Maps 23d and 24th Wards, for Department Taxes and Assessments, 1879. . . . .	6 80
Museum Natural History. . . . .	10 23
Museum of Art—Construction cf. . . . .	113 75

Museum of Art—Equipment of.....	\$2,132 88
Mott Avenue Sewer, from Spuyten Duyvil & P. M. R. R. to 138th street, etc.....	868 60
	————— \$5,008 34
	<u>—————</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fifty-eight hundred and ninety-eight dollars and thirty-four cents.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, January 7, 1880.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Commissioner CONOVER, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Nolan, J., repairs to road .....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1879...	\$300 00
Salamander Works, vitrified pipe.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1879...	2 88
Seaman, John A., nails, padlocks, etc..	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1879...	6 51
		—————
		<u>\$309 39</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government 23d and 24th Wards, 1879. \$309 39

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three hundred and nine dollars and thirty-nine cents.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, January 7, 1880.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Asiel Jacob, pavement, City Hall Park. Laying new and re-	
pairing old walks,	
City Parks, 1879.	\$1,064 00
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	\$1,064 00
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Amounting to ten hundred and sixty-four dollars.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, January 7, 1880.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the

same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Mulholland, P., labor and Materials. . . . .	140th st. sewer, from Alexander ave. to Brook ave., with branches. . . . .	\$3,128 39
		<hr/> \$3,128 39 <hr/>

Amounting to thirty-one hundred and twenty eight dollars and thirty-nine cents.

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, January 7, 1880.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Devlin, John B, gravel.....Tompkins Square.	\$377 75.
	<u>\$377 75</u>

Amounting to the sum of three hundred and seventy-seven dollars and seventy-five cents.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, December 17, 1879.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

- Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.
- No*—Commissioner Lane—1.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was ordered entered on the minutes, as follows :

*Department of Public Parks in account with SAM'L CONOVER, Treasurer.*

		CR.	
1879.			
Dec. 17.	By balance.....		\$355 45
" 26.	" cash from Jos. J. Snow, pony service.....		3 67
1880.			
Jan. 5.	" " " ".....		1 26
" 6.	" " Isidor Isaac, carrousel.....		5 10
" 6.	" " " goat carriages.....		1 00
			<u>\$366 48</u>



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Dec. 17.	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$355 45	
1880.			
Jan. 7.	“ balance.....	11 08	
		<hr/>	\$366 48
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(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER,

*Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, Wednesday, January 7, 1880—9.30 A. M.

## Quarterly Report.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the President be authorized to prepare, sign, and transmit to the Mayor the report of the Department for the quarter ending with December 31, 1879.

Adopted.

## Burns' statue.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a drawing showing a design for a base for the statue of Burns, to be erected on the Central Park.

Which was referred to the Superintending Architect to examine and report upon.

## Surplus material on Third avenue.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the President of this Department be authorized to have the surplus material removed from the sidewalks on the line of the paving on Third avenue above Harlem bridge, at an expense not exceeding two hundred dollars.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane

Base mouldings—Woodlawn bridge.

Commissioner LANE, from the Committee on Woodlawn bridge, offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President be authorized to issue an order to the New York Bridge Company for a base moulding for the railing of Woodlawn bridge, at an expense not exceeding forty dollars.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

McVey, James; White, Michael—Restored.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That James McVey and Michael White, laborers, be and they are hereby restored to duty.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Wetmore, W. C., services.....	Maint. & Gov't	
	P. and P., 1880	\$1,097 57
Conover, Sam'l, services.....	Maint. & Gov't	
	P. and P., 1880	637 84

Lane, Smith E., services.....	Maint. & Gov't	
	P. and P., 1880	\$591 93
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		\$2,327 34
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Amounting to twenty-three hundred and twenty-seven dollars and thirty-four cents.

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Awaiting*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, January 7, 1880.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

West Side & Yonkers Railway Company.

Commissioner WENMAN called up the preamble and resolutions offered by him at the meeting of December 12, 1879, relative to the location of a bridge across the Harlem river at Eighth avenue, for the use of the West Side & Yonkers Railway Company, and laid over, and offered the following as a substitute :

*Resolved*, That, in pursuance and by virtue of authority vested in the Department of Public Parks by chap. 534 Laws of 1871, and further by the provisions of chapter 606 of the Laws of 1875, and such other acts as relate to the improvement of the Harlem river and the construction of bridges or tunnels over or under the same, the Department of Public Parks does hereby consent to the location and erection of a railroad and foot bridge across the Harlem river from a point at or near the terminus of the Eighth avenue in the City of New York, near River street, and at right angles to the courses

of the proposed improved channel of said river, as heretofore determined by this Department and since adopted by the United States authorities, to a point upon the east or former Westchester shore of said river opposite thereto, and in accordance with plans this day submitted, signed by Alfred P. Boller, engineer, John Newton, Colonel of Engineers U. S. A., in charge of the Harlem River Improvement, dated respectively August 27, 1879, and December 11, 1879, and do hereby designate James F. Wenman, President and one of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, to certify and acknowledge and file three similar maps, one in the office of the Secretary of State, one in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, and one in the Department of Public Parks, and to sign on behalf of this Department an agreement with the Yonkers and West Side Railway Company for the erection of said bridge and its approaches after the form of said agreement has been duly approved of by the Counsel to the Corporation.

*Resolved*, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to take all the necessary legal steps and proceedings for the acquisition of lands for the construction of said bridge and its approaches; and all costs and expenses for such steps and proceedings, and of every name and nature whatsoever incident to the acquisition of lands, preparation for, superintendence of, and building of said bridge shall be borne and paid by the West Side and Yonkers Railway Company.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said substitute, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

Commissioner LANE presented a report adverse to the application of the West Side and Yonkers Railway Company for leave to construct a bridge across the Harlem river at Eighth avenue, which was read, and ordered filed.

The question then recurring upon the resolutions offered by Commissioner WENMAN, and accepted as a substitute,

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

Form of proposed agreement with Yonkers and West Side Railway Company, for the construction of a railroad and foot bridge across the Harlem river at Eighth avenue.

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this                      day of                      1880, between the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, by the Department of Public Parks, parties of the first part, and the West Side and Yonkers Railway Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of this State, and having its place of business in the City, County, and State of New York, party of the second part, witnesseth :

*Whereas*, The Department of Public Parks of the City of New York has heretofore, in the exercise of the power conferred upon it by law, devised plans for and located the site of a bridge or means of transit across the Harlem river, to be used as a mode of communication and transportation between a certain point on the authorized line of the party of the second part, north of the Harlem river, and a point on the line of the Metropolitan Railway in Eighth avenue, on the south side of said river, which said location is coincident with the location of a railway line crossing said river, which the party of the second part is under and by virtue of the laws of this State, and the certain proceedings of the Commissioners appointed by the Mayor on the second day of April, 1879, to fix and determine the routes of steam railways, authorized to construct and operate as a railway for the transportation of passengers, mails, and freight ;

*And Whereas*, It is deemed that the erection and operation in a suitable manner of such bridge or means of transit at the site of location above referred to will prove to be greatly for the public advantage as a mode of transit for pedestrians, and for other persons desiring to pass to and from the line of the Metropolitan and other elevated railways on the south side of the Harlem river, to and from various places in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City ;

*And Whereas*, The said Department of Public Parks heretofore resolved to undertake and authorize the construction of such bridge or means of transit, and to employ the party of the second part to construct and erect the same upon the certain terms and conditions herein fixed and agreed to.

Now this agreement witnesseth :

*First*—That the party of the first part, and the Department of Public Parks, does hereby authorize and employ the party of the second part to erect and construct an elevated bridge structure or way at the site of location fixed by the maps hereto annexed and marked schedule A, said bridge structure or way to be constructed as a railroad bridge, with covered ways for foot passengers, conformably in all respects to the requirements of chapter 345 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed May 20th, 1879, and to the plans and specifications marked schedule B, also hereto annexed and made a part of this agreement, the entire work to be completed as aforesaid, on or before the first day of November, 1880, ready for delivery to the party of the first part free and unincumbered by any lien, and

the same to deliver whenever demanded by said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty upon receipt of payments hereinafter fixed and provided for.

*Second*—The construction of said bridge, its foundation and approaches, and the selection and approval of all the material employed therein, shall be under the supervision of such engineer as may be designated by the Department of Public Parks; and upon the completion thereof, the entire cost of such bridge, including its engines, machinery, foundations, and approaches, and all engineering and legal expenses, land damages and other damages actually and necessarily paid or incurred by the company, shall be audited and ascertained by such engineer as shall be designated for the purpose by the Department of Public Parks and the engineer of the company, and such audit and ascertainment, when approved by the Department of Public Parks, shall be fixed as the price to be paid by the party of the first part whenever it shall demand and accept delivery of possession of said bridge as provided in the next clause.

*Third*—It shall be at the option of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York at any time to demand and receive delivery of possession of said bridge, foundations, and approaches, free and clear of any and all incumbrances of title, on payment to the party of the second part, its successors or assigns, of the full sum ascertained as above provided, with legal interest thereon from the completion of said bridge. But until the exercise of such option and such demand, the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty shall not bear or be charged with any portion of the cost or expense of said bridge, or the foundations or approaches; and until such demand and delivery the bridge shall remain in possession of the party of the second part, who shall keep it in complete and perfect order and repair at its own sole charge, and have the right to use the same as and for a means of transportation of railway trains (such maintenance being deemed a fair equivalent for such right of use), and in like manner keep the footways thereof in good repair, and free and open, except when the draw is necessarily open, for the free use of all persons desiring to pass and repass over such footways on foot.

Any other railway company may use said bridge on paying a compensation therefor to said party of the second part, to be ascertained and fixed on a just and equitable basis.

At all times after the demand and delivery above provided for, the party of the second part shall have the right to use said bridge, for the transportation of passengers and merchandise by steam power, subject to the ordinances and regulations of the party of the first part, on paying a yearly rental equal to six per cent. upon the cost of said bridge; provided, however, that if any other railway company shall be admitted to a similar use of said bridge, then the portion of use enjoyed by such railway company or companies shall be first equitably ascertained and deducted from the rental above provided.

*Fourth*—Should the convenience of the traveling public at any time before such demand and delivery require any change or enlargements of said bridge or its approaches, it shall be the duty of the Department of Public Parks to devise such changes or enlargements at the proper cost of the party of the second part, and to deliver sufficient working plans and specifications thereof to said company, which shall thereupon have the right to construct, complete, and use the same upon the same terms and conditions in all respects as are provided in respect to the main structure.

*Fifth*—It shall be the duty of the party of the first part and of the Department of Public Parks to take and prosecute, or cause to be taken and prosecuted, all such proceedings and appeals as may be requested by the party of the second part for the acquisition of the lands necessary for the support of said bridge or its approaches; and the Counsel to the Corporation shall be authorized and directed by the Department of Public Parks to represent the party of the first part in all such proceedings. Such real estate shall be paid for by the party

of the second part, and be subject to such lien for the purchase money to be secured upon the land as shall be advised by the Counsel to the Corporation, and nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prevent the party of the second part from issuing certificates or other evidences of debt secured upon its interest in said lands, bridge, or appurtenances, provided that the same shall be fully and completely discharged before payment by the party of the first part, and that any such securities shall refer to this agreement and provide upon such payment for their surrender and complete discharge and the discharge of any lien upon said bridge or approaches securing them.

*Sixth*—The time herein prescribed for the completion of said bridge and appurtenances shall not be deemed to run during any period in which the party of the second part or its contractors are hindered or delayed in the prosecution of the said work by act of law or by the prosecution of legal proceedings.

*Seventh*—This agreement shall bind and subsist in favor of the party of the first part and the successors of the Department of Public Parks in the powers and functions now exercised by said Department in respect to the subject matter hereof, and shall bind and subsist in favor of the successors and assigns of the party of the second part respectively.

Treasurer to make purchases.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted by the Board, at a meeting held on the third day of January, 1879, vesting in the President the purchasing power, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to purchase all supplies and materials for the Department, which shall be approved by the President, until the further order of the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Topographical map, 23d and 24th Wards.

On motion of Commissioner WETMORE :

*Resolved*, That the subject of finding a suitable place for and hanging the Topographical map of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be referred to a committee consisting of Commissioners Wenman, Conover and Lane.

Riverside avenue.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Whereas*, Nicholas H. Decker and George W. Quintard, the contractors for the improvement of Riverside avenue, under a contract with this Department, dated the thirty-first day of October, 1876, have failed to comply with the provisions of said contract, in not procuring and providing the requisite materials, and finishing the work.

*Resolved*, That the provisions of said contract be enforced against said contractors ; that time be made of the essence of the contract ; that said work be declared abandoned, and the contract forfeited, and that the Department proceed to have said work completed as is provided by law.

*Resolved*, That notice hereof be given to the said contractors and their sureties by service of a copy of this preamble and these resolutions.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Aye*—Commissioner Lane—1.

*Noes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

On motion, at 12.15 P. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,

*Secretary.*



**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1880.**

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Third avenue grading.

The following communications were received :

From the Engineer of construction, relative to the grading of Third avenue, and recommending that work on the same be suspended, to date from 10th instant.

*Ordered*, That the recommendation of the Engineer of Construction be adopted.

Jackson, W. N.—Increase of pay.

From the Engineer of Construction, recommending an increase of the pay of William N. Jackson.

Ordered filed.

Art Museum cases.

From General L. P. di Cesnola, Director Art Museum, submitting requisitions and estimates for cases, glass for cases, and gas fittings for Art Museum.

Commissioner LANE moved that the requisitions be approved, the materials authorized purchased, and the work done under the direction of the Superintending Architect.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Bath at Battery.

From Isaac Hall, petitioning for a renewal of his license to moor a floating bath at the Battery.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that a renewal of said license be granted for one year.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

McGovern, P.—Discharged.

From C. O'Grady, Assistant Engineer Riverside drive, reporting Philip McGovern, axeman, for neglect of duty.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the services of Philip McGovern be dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Carriage service—Central Park.

From A. S. Clapp, asking a renewal of his license for carriage service on the Central Park.

Laid over.

Carrousel and goat service.

From Isidor Isaacs, desiring a renewal of his license for Carrousel and goat carriages on the Central Park, and agreeing to make all necessary repairs at the Carrousel at his own expense.

Commissioner LANE moved that the license as asked for by Isidor Isaacs be renewed for a term of three years, and that the work on the Carrousel be done under the direction of the Superintending Architect.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

Pony service.

From John J. Snow, desiring a renewal of his license for pony services on the Central Park.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the license as asked for by John J. Snow be renewed for one year.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

Sale of liquors—Central Park.

From the Yorkville Citizens' association relative to the sale of liquors in the restaurants on the Central Park.

Ordered filed.

158th street—Regulating and grading.

From F. Fitzgerald, relative to the regulating and grading of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street.

Ordered filed.

Gerard avenue opening.

From Edward Richards, Henry Maillard, Henry L. Morris, and others, relative to the opening of Gerard avenue.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer, with instructions to consult the property-owners on the line relative to such opening.

Police accommodations—Arsenal.

From Captain Beaty, relative to the necessity for enlarged quarters for the Police at the Arsenal, and for the construction of gate boxes to be placed at Park entrances.

Commissioner LANE moved that the whole subject be referred to the Superintending Architect, with power to have the work as asked for done under his supervision and direction.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

Sale of horse and wagon.

From the Superintendent of Parks, in relation to a horse and wagon found on the Central Park.

Commissioner LANE moved that the Secretary be directed to insert the necessary advertisement in the *City Record* for an owner, and if such be not found the Treasurer be authorized to sell the horse, wagon, and harness at public auction.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

145th street sewer.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting a petition from property-owners asking for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-fifth street.

Referred back to Engineer of Construction to ascertain if a majority of property-owners were in favor of said sewer.

Salaries Topographical Corps.

From the Topographical Engineer, relative to the organization and salaries of members of his force.

Ordered filed.

Vogel, H. W.—Rank and pay.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That H. W. Vogel be appointed to the rank of Assistant Engineer on Tax maps, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum, to date from this date.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Graffenberg, F.—Pay of.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the salary of Fred. Graffenberg be fixed at \$1,500 per annum, to take effect from this date.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

White, Edward—Appointed.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Edward White be and he is hereby appointed Axeman under the Topographical Engineer, at a salary of \$2.00 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Graham, C. H., Jr.—Appointed.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Charles H. Graham, Jr., be and he is hereby appointed an Assistant on Tax maps, at a salary of \$2.50 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Exchange of turkeys.

From W. A. Conklin, relative to exchanging white turkeys for quails.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the exchange be authorized to be made.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Art Museum plans.

From the Superintending Architect, submitting plans for cases for Art Museum.

Ordered approved.

Kingsbridge road—Improvement of.

From the Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, relative to the improvement of the Kingsbridge road leading to the Fordham depot.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that if ashes can be secured, the Superintendent of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be authorized to place them on the Kingsbridge road, and to employ four double teams for said work.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Kelsey, F. W.—Trees and plants.

From Fred. W. Kelsey, offering trees and plants for sale.

Referred to the President in connection with the replanting of trees on Fifty-ninth street, to report upon.

Drainage system.

From the Engineer of Construction, relative to alteration of drainage system.

Ordered filed.

## Gardening work of Department.

From A. Hepp, Gardener, relative to the gardening work of the Department.

Ordered filed.

## Riverside drive injunction.

From the Counsel to the Corporation, transmitting a copy of the injunction as granted by Judge Lawrence in the matter of John McEnroe, Jr., against the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, and others, and modified so as to allow of the payment of the Engineers employed on the work of the Riverside drive.

Ordered filed.

## Boats on lake.

From Charles A. Johnson, desiring permission to place boats on the lake at the Central Park.

Laid on the table.

## Horses.

Commissioner CONOVER, to whom was referred the subject of horses belonging to the Department, reported verbally that one of the horses under the control of the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, was unfit for use, and recommended that the Treasurer be authorized to sell him.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

## Madison avenue bridge.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That A. P. Boller, Engineer, be requested to



examine the plans prepared for the construction of a bridge across the Harlem river, at Madison avenue, and to report upon the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.  
 Commissioner Wetmore not voting.

Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bien, Julius, map sheets.....	Making Maps, 23d and 24th Wards, Dept. Taxes and Assessm't, 1879.		\$65 00
Hawley, Jas. C., petty expenses.....	Maint. and Gov't P. and P., 1879.	\$99 98	
	Maint. 23d & 25th Wards, 1879..	23 80	
	Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1879 .....	25	
		<hr/>	124 03
Hawes, M. E., bread.....	Maint. and Gov't P. and P., 1879.		\$65 90
Hurst and Treanor, curbing.....	Laying new and repairing old w'lks, City P'ks, 1879.....		548 75
McNab and Harlin, Mfg. Co., plumbers' materials.....	Harlem R. Bdg.; Reps., Imp't & M.....		1 31

Merchant, S. L., Portland cement.....	Repairs to walks and sea wall, Battery Park, 1879.....	\$715 00
Milliken, David, sawdust.....	Maint. and Gov't P. and P., 1879.	10 00
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., expenses, Mus. Nat. Hist.....	Maint. and Gov't P. and P., 1879.	1,400 00
Otis & Gorsline, vitrified pipe.....	Laying new and repairing old w'lks, City P'ks, 1879.....	28 04
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Maint. and Gov't P. and P., 1879.	8 68
Shady, Jas. H., fish.....	Maint. and Gov't P. and P., 1879.	7 20
Seaman, John A., iron pot.....	Maint. and Gov't P. and P., 1879.	1 00
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		\$2,974 91

## RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places, 1879....	\$1,592 76
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards, 1879.....	23 80
Laying new & repairing old walks, 23d & 24th, Wards, 1879.	576 79
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1879....	25
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint., 1879..	1 31
Repairs to walks and sea wall, Battery Park, 1879.....	715 00
Making Maps, 23d & 24th Wards, Dept. Taxes & Assesst.	65 00
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	\$2,974 91

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-nine hundred and seventy-four dollars and ninety-one cents.

(Signed)

SAML. CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. EL. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, January 21, 1880.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bennett, Wm., uniforms.....	Maint. and Gov't P. and P., 1879.	\$608 00
Didier, J. H. & Son, mouldings.....	Mus. of Art, Equipt. of.....	26 91
Daly, M., coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....	\$56 50
	Harlem R. Bdg., Reps., I. & M.	3 50
		<hr/> 60 00
Devlin, John B., manure.....	Tompkins Square	150 00
Goodyear's I. R. Glove Mfg. Co., rubber coats.....	Maint. and Gov't P. and P., 1879.	58 50
Handibode, P., coal .....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....	\$434 25
	Maint. Zoological Department....	86 00
	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards.	19 25
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	14 25
		<hr/> 553 75
Handibode, P., coal.....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....	10 00
Jones & Vredenburg, sponges.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....	\$19 40
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	60
		<hr/> 20 00

McCabe, John H., labor and materials..134th st. sewer, from 410 ft. E. Willis ave. to Brook ave., etc.		\$2,966 13
Mullane, John, oats, corn, straw, etc...Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$263 98	
Maint. Zool. Dept.	55 75	
		<hr/> 319 73
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., expenses, Mus. of Art. ....	Maint. Museums.	1,059 83
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., expenses, Mus. of Art. ....	Mus. of Art., Equipt. of. ....	1,622 76
Stewart, A. T. & Co., towels.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$11 69
	Harlem R. Bdg. Reps., I. & M..	85
	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards.	1 66
		<hr/> 14 20
Seaman, John A., twine, boards, nails, etc. Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$149 82	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	1 20
	Harlem R. Bdg., Reps., I. & M.	1 08
		<hr/> 152 10
		<hr/> <hr/> \$7,621 91

## RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1879.....	\$666 50
Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	935 64
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	143 55
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	5 43
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.....	14 25
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	20 91
Tompkins Square.....	150 00
Maintenance Museums.....	1,059 83
Museum of Art, Equipment of.....	1,649 67
City Parks, Improvement Fund.....	10 00
134th street sewer, from 410 feet east of Willis ave., to Brook ave..	2,966 13
	<hr/> <hr/> \$7,621 91

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventy-six hundred and twenty-one dollars and ninety-one cents.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, January 21, 1880.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Treasurer's report.

The Treasurer presented a report, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

*Department of Public Parks in account with SAM'L CONOVER, Treasurer.*

1880.	CR.	
Jan. 7. By balance.....		\$11 03
10. By cash received from A. S. Clapp.....		250 00
10. " " Columbus Ryan.....		144 36
10. " " John Lucas.....		1 36
17. " " Thos. J. Hyland.....		10 00
19. " " A. J. Rogers.....		10 00
		\$426 75
		\$426 75
	DR.	
Jan. 21. To balance.....		\$426 75
		\$426 75
		\$426 75

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER,  
*Treasurer, D. P. P.*

NEW YORK, January 21, 1880—9.30 A. M.

East River Park.

Commissioner CONOVER called up a communication received

from John McMahan, August 20, 1879, and laid over, desiring the lease of the house on East River Park.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the subject be referred to the Treasurer, with power to make a lease with John McMahan, and that the President be authorized to execute the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Telford, Edward—Austin, Alfred—Discharged.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the services of Edward Telford, special Park-keeper, and Alfred Austin, ox-team, be dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Minutes—Application to print.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

*Resolved*, That a respectful application be made to the Board of City Record for an appropriation for the year 1880, to defray the expense of printing the minutes and documents of the Board.

Senate and Assembly bills.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President be authorized to make arrangements for supplying the Department with printed copies of

the Senate and Assembly bills, during the present session of the Legislature, at a cost not to exceed fifty dollars.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Casino and workshops—Repairs.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the subject of repairs and painting necessary on roofs of Casino and workshops be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Lawn-mowers.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the subject of exchanging the old lawn-mowers belonging to the Department for new ones of an approved pattern be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Manhattan square—West Side Association.

The PRESIDENT read for the information of the Board the correspondence with the West Side Association, relative to Manhattan square, which was approved and ordered filed.

Manhattan square—Plan adopted.

Commissioner LANE called up the plan for the improvement of Manhattan square, which was laid over December 11, 1878, and moved its adoption.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Flock, Sergeant—Charge against.

The PRESIDENT presented the following report:

*To the Department of Public Parks :*

The charge of "neglect of duty" against Sergeant Flock was tried before me on 10th inst. Sergeant Flock appeared in person and plead *not guilty*.

From the testimony of Captain Beaty, Dr. Marsh, and Officers Harrington and Dwyer, it appears that Officer Harrington, while in discharge of his duty at Washington square on the night of 1st of January, fell and broke his arm; that Officer Harrington was, by reason of the accident, compelled to leave his post and go to his home, and that Officer Dwyer went to Sergeant Flock's house and reported the accident to him; that Flock failed to immediately report the case to Police Surgeon Marsh, and did not so report it until the next day; in the mean time (and after some four hours of great suffering and waiting), Officer Harrington was compelled to call another surgeon and have the broken arm set.

Dr. Marsh testified that he had given directions to Sergeant Downey to inform the captain and other sergeants that in case of accidents to the men to immediately report the fact to him for medical or surgical attention.



Sergeant Downey testified that he had so notified Sergeant Flock.

Captain Beaty testified that he had heard of such instructions from the doctor through Sergeant Downey, but had never issued them personally to Sergeant Flock, the understanding being that the men should report to the doctor at once in case of necessity.

In defence, Sergeant Flock testified, that Officer Dwyer reported to him at his house on the night of January 1st that Officer Harrington had fallen and injured himself, but could not say as to the extent; that he did not think it sufficiently serious for him to do other than mention it on his report the next morning; that he had never heard of men being directed to report direct to the doctor's house, but to report the fact at the Arsenal.

That if he had known this to be a case of broken limb, that he would have given it immediate attention. That he never received from Sergeant Downey instructions from the doctor, not being on speaking terms with Downey.

From the testimony it appears that the doctor had given instructions to Sergeant Downey, and to pass the word to the other sergeants to call upon him day or night when his services were required by the members of the force. That Sergeant Flock did neglect to acquaint himself with the extent of Officer Harrington's injuries. That by the testimony of Doctor Marsh, serious results might have occurred to Officer Harrington by the delay.

The action of Sergeant Flock shows a lack of regard for the interest and welfare of the men under his control. It being his duty to at all times acquaint himself with their condition when sickness or accident is reported to him. The command that he occupies of sergeant in charge of the city parks, requires him to be on duty and within reach of his men at all hours when they are on duty.

In view of all the facts, I recommend for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That Sergeant Louis Flock be reprimanded for neglect of duty in not acquainting himself with the nature and extent of the injuries received by Park-keeper Harrington while in the discharge of his duty on the night of January 1, 1880, and the fact soon after reported to him.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES F. WENMAN,  
*President D. P. P.*

Dated January 21, 1880.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Sergeants rotate monthly.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, it was

*Resolved*, That from and after February 1st next, 1880, no one sergeant shall be detailed for permanent duty in charge of the keepers on the city parks; that the captain be directed to rotate monthly among the sergeants the duty of the charge of keepers on the city parks.

Rules for government of keepers.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, it was

*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be directed to prepare and submit to this Board for adoption a code of rules and regulations for the government of the park and gate keepers' force of the Department.

Osborn, L. K.—Inspector.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Lewis K. Osborn be and he is hereby ap-

pointed Inspector on the Madison avenue bridge at a salary of \$4 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Achenback, George—Appointed.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That George Achenback be and he is hereby appointed skilled laborer, and at the same pay of Walter Brady, resigned.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Dick, Thomas S.—License fee.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, the Counsel to the Corporation was requested to discontinue proceedings in the suit against Thomas S. Dick, for license money under his agreement for running boats on the Lake at the Central Park.

Laborers on full time.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That from and after this date, the laborers, gardeners, and working forces on the Central and City Parks be and they are hereby restored to full time.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Willis avenue cross-walks.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare and submit to this Board, plans and specifications for the following work : For laying cross-walks across Willis avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth and One Hundred and Thirty-ninth streets, at or near each of the intersections, and for the flagging four feet in width through the centre line of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, between Willis and Alexander avenues, where not already flagged, and for regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging the sidewalks four feet in width, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street from Third to Railroad avenues.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Pickens, Edward—Duane, M. J.—Appointed.

Edward Pickens and Michael J. Duane, applicants for appointment on the gate-keeper's force, appeared before the Board.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Edward Pickens and Michael J. Duane be and they are hereby appointed gate-keepers on the force of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Russell Pavement Company—Order canceled

Commissioner WENMAN moved that order No. 469, issued by the Department to the Russell Pavement Company, for laying pavement around the Arsenal, be canceled.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

Van Courtlandt, A.—Removal of sand.

Commissioner WENMAN called up the communication of A. Van Courtlandt, relative to removing sand from the old Albany Post-road, received and laid over, January 7, 1880, and moved that the American Jockey Club, be allowed to remove such sand under the direction of the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Goodwin, Thomas F.—Inspector.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Thomas F. Goodwin be and he is hereby appointed an Inspector on Parks and Places, to be detailed for such duty as may be required at a salary of \$4.00 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, at one o'clock and five minutes, the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday next, 28th instant, at 9.30 A. M.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1880.**

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ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.  
“ CONOVER.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1880.**

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REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of January 25 and 28 were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Fence around store yard.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in relation to construction of a fence around store yard and other repairs.

Laid over.

Manhattan square—Filling.

From Joseph F. Gallagher, offering to furnish rock and earth filling at Manhattan square.

Laid over.

Third avenue—Culverts.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting final estimate of Wm. E. Dean, for constructing culverts on line of Third avenue.

Referred to the Auditing Committee.



Art Museum—Settees.

From Gen. L. P. di Cesnola, Director of Metropolitan Museum of Art, submitting requisitions for glass and settees necessary for Museum building.

Commissioner LANE moved that said requisitions be approved and the articles therein called for purchased.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Haight, S. S.—Pay of.

From S. S. Haight, relative to an increase of compensation.  
Ordered filed.

Cushing, G. M.—Pay of.

From George M. Cushing, relative to an increase of compensation.  
Ordered filed.

Jackson, W. N.—Pay of.

From W. N. Jackson, relative to an increase of compensation.  
Ordered filed.

Woodruff, J. F.—Stone mason.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, asking for the appointment of a stone mason.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Joseph F. Woodruff be and he is hereby appointed stone mason, at \$2.50 per day, for duty in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Burns' statue.

From the Superintending Architect, submitting modified plan for the base of Burns' statue, to be erected on the Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

*Resolved*, That the modified plan of a pedestal for the statue of Burns to be erected in the Central Park, as this day submitted by the Superintending Architect, be and the same is hereby approved, and that the Committee, consisting of the Presidents of the National Academy of Design, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, be requested to examine and report upon the statue of "Burns," as regards its merits as a work of art.

Donkey service.

From John D. Lucas, desiring a renewal of his license for donkey service on the Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner LANE said license was renewed for one year.

Novelty carriages.

From Joseph Scott, desiring a renewal of his license for novelty carriages and to charge ten cents per hour for the use of the same.

On motion of Commissioner LANE said license was renewed for one year, with permission to charge ten cents per hour for the use of the carriages.

Fifth avenue curb.

From the Department of Public Works, in relation to west line of curb on Fifth avenue entrance to the Central Park,

and from the Superintendent of Parks in relation to the same.

Laid over.

George H. Evans—Bust of.

From Charles Masquerier, relative to erection of a bust of George Henry Evans in the Central Park.

Ordered filed.

Menagerie Report.

From W. A. Conklin, presenting Annual Report of Central Park Menagerie.

On motion of Commissioner LANE—

*Ordered*, That four hundred copies of said report be printed.

Madison avenue Bridge plans.

From A. P. Boller and General John Newton, submitting written opinions relative to the plans for the Madison avenue bridge.

Ordered filed.

Camera-Obscura.

From John P. Demarest, for permission to erect camera-obscura on the Central Park.

Refused.

Trees, Stuyvesant Square.

From N. S. Catlin and others, remonstrating against the removal of trees from Stuyvesant square.

From A. Hepp, Superintendent Gardener, relative to the advisability of removing said trees.

Ordered filed.

Van Valkenburgh, E.—Pay allowed.

From Edward Van Valkenburgh, relative to pay due him.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That pay be allowed Edward Van Valkenburgh for services rendered by him as laborer, at \$1.60 per day, from November 1 to November 15, 14 days.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Berrian, S. L.—Permission to improve.

From S. L. Berrian, desiring permission to make improvements in front of his property on Church Street, Kings Bridge.

On motion of Commissioner LANE the permission asked for was granted, the work to be done under the direction of Engineer of Construction.

Gerard avenue.

From the Topographical Engineer, relative to the opening of Gerard avenue.

Order filed.

Salaries fixed.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the salaries of the following-named persons be fixed at the rates mentioned to date from this date, and until the further orders of the Board :

- J. F. Perez, Bureau Topograph. Eng. \$100 00 per month.
- G. M. Cushing, Bureau Engineer of Const. 100 00 “ “
- W. N. Jackson, “ “ “ 3 00 per day.
- F. H. D. Mason, Disbursing Office, 2 50 “ “
- C. H. Smith, Department “ 3 00 “ “

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

**Audit.**

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Coogan, Wm., monuments.....	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards....		\$327 30
Colwell, W. H., & Son, posts & timber..	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards ...	\$283 54	
	Bronx Bridges, Repairs and Maint.	32 00	
			315 54
Colwell, Lead Co., solder.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		15 30
Fischer Geo. & Brother.....	Maint. Museums, 1879.....		295 00
Hawley, Jas. C., petty disbursements..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$73 21	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	2 97	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	14 62	
			90 80
Handibode, P., coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		57 00
Henderson, James, repairs to bridge..	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, 1879		225 00
Hurst and Treapor, curbing.....	Laying new and repairing Old walks City P'ks, 1879.....		743 20

McNab & Harlin, Mfg. Co., plumbing materials.....	Harlem R. Bdg., Reps. I. and M. Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$2 70  7 74	
			<u>\$10 44</u>
Mullane, John, horse.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		190 00
Reevis, Robt. C., canary seed and mower parts.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies..... Maint. Zool. Dept.	\$11 00 7 00	
			<u>18 00</u>
Stackpole & Brother, repairs to Inst. . .	Const. Bridges over Harlem R. ....		47 00
Seaman, John A., mops, blacking, etc.	Harlem R. Dep., Reps. Imp. .... Maint. Zool. Dept. Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$6 50 95  32 80	
			<u>40 25</u>
Whitney, A. R., iron.....	Harlem Riv. Bdg., Reps., I. & M.. Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$7 83 6 50	
			<u>14 33</u>
Walker, J., charcoal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		6 00
			<u>\$2,395 16</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	\$209 55
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.....	488 16
Bronx River Bridges—Repairs and Maint.....	32 00
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	10 92
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Impt., and Maint.....	17 03
Surveying, Laying Out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, 1879..	327 30
Maintenance and Government Parks and Places, 1879...	295 00
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards, 1879.....	225 00
Laying New and Repairing Old Walks, City Parks, 1879	743 20
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.....	47 00
	<u>\$2,395 16</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-three hundred and ninety-five dollars and sixteen cents.

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
 S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, February 4, 1880.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
 —4.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bertine, Edwin R., flag and bunting...Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		\$21 40
Bullinger, E. W., subs. to Monitor Guide.Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		6 00
Crombie, Thos. I., lumber.....Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....	\$32 23	
Maint. Zoological Department ...	31 08	
Making Maps, etc. 23d and 24th Wards, Dept. Taxes, etc....	16 50	
	<hr/>	79 81
Crombie, Thos. I., lumber.....Const'n Bridges over Harlem river .....		4 80
Colgate & Company, soap.....Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....	\$8 64	
Harlem R. Bdg., Reps., I. & M.	36	
	<hr/>	9 00

Dunham, Thomas C., glass, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		\$50 86
Early & Lane, whisk brooms and dust pans .....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		4 00
Gardner & Co., seats and nails.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		17 24
Jones & Vredenburgh, chamois and w. c. paper.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		11 00
King, Briggs & Co., files.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		16 50
King, Albert H., locks, nails, files, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....	\$255 46	
	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	2 08	
		<hr/>	257 54
King, Albert H., rifle .....	Maint. Zoological Department...		25 00
Martin, I. M. C. & Sons, brushes.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....	\$69 12	
	Harlem R. Bdg., Reps, I. & M.	53	
		<hr/>	69 65
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, flower vases.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		125 00
Moffatt, David & Co., leather.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		9 67
Morgan, I. P., Treas., expenses Mus. Nat'l Hist.....	Maint. Museums.		1,084 00
Murphy & Nesbit, cement, brick and lime.....	Mus. Nat'l Hist.. Tompkins square.	\$2 75 63 50	
		<hr/>	66 25
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., expenses, Museum of Art.....	Maint. Museums.		900 16
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., expenses Museum of Art.....	Museum of Art, Equipment of..		1,678 89
Seaman, John A., nails and brooms...	Maint. Zool. Dept.		10 85
Seaman, John A., paints, oils and matches.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		184 95



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Seaman, John A., nails and spikes.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$62 75
Seth Thomas Clock Co., clock.....	Harlem R. Bdg., Reps., I. & M.	3 50
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		\$4,598 82
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## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$765 57
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	66 93
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Imp't and Maint.....	89
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.....	62 75
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	2 08
Maintenance Museums.....	1,934 16
Making Maps 23d and 24th Wards, Dept. Taxes, etc.....	16 50
Museum Natural History.....	2 75
Museum of Art, Equipment of.....	1,678 89
Construction Bridges over Harlem river.....	4 80
Tompkins Square.....	63 50
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\$4,598 82	
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-five hundred and ninety-eight dollars and eighty-two cents.

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, February 4, 1880.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Arnold, David P., meat and vege- tables.....	Maint. and Gov't P. and P., 1879..	\$268 35
Am. Dist. Telg. Co., rent and services.	Maint. and Gov't P. and P., 1879..	6 24
Briggs, W. H., & D. Valentine, rent..	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1879....	90 00
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice .....	Maint. and Gov't P. and P., 1879..	1 75
Murphy & Nesbit, brick and cement..	Laying New, and rep'g Old Walks City Park, 1879..	32 50
Murphy and Nesbit, lime.....	Maint. and Gov't P. and P., 1879..	4 50
		\$403 34
		\$403 34

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places, 1879..	\$280 84
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards, 1879 .....	90 00
Laying New and Repairing Old Walks, City Parks, 1879..	32 50
	\$403 34

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of four hundred and three dollars and thirty-four cents.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, February 4, 1880.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the President moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

**Audit.**

The Auditing Committee, beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Dean, W. E., labor, materials.....	Constructing Receiving Basins, culverts, and Manholes, 3d ave., fr. 147th st. to Harlem river.....	
		\$2,943 63
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		\$2,943 63
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Amounting to the sum of twenty-nine hundred and forty-three dollars and sixty-three cents.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, February 4, 1880.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Treasurer's report.

The Treasurer presented a report, which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows :

*Department of Public Parks in account with SAM'L CONOVER, Treasurer.*

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1880.		
Jan. 21.	By balance.....	\$426 75
" 22.	" cash from A. J. Odell.....	20 00
" 29.	" " T. C. Chegwidin.....	10 00
Feb. 2.	" " E. W. Gilbert.....	10 00
		\$466 75

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Jan. 22.	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$426 75
Feb. 4.	" balance.....	40 00
		\$466 75

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER,

*Treasurer, D. P. P.*

NEW YORK, February 4, 1880—9.30. A. M.

Park-keeper O'Keefe—Gate-keeper Sheridan—Trials.

Commissioner CONOVER presented the following report :

*To the Department of Public Parks :*

The cases of Gatekeeper, Thomas Sheridan, and Park-keeper, John O'Keefe, both charged with being absent from duty without leave, were tried before me on 24th inst. They appeared in person and plead guilty.

In the case of Sheridan the testimony shows that on 20th instant he went to Newark, his cousin having died, and missing the 12 o'clock train, he did not return until 2 o'clock, and then failed to report for duty until the next day.

In the case of O'Keefe the testimony shows that he depends entirely upon his landlady to call him in the morning to get up to go to his duty, she failing to call him, he did not awaken, consequently he was too late to go on duty.

Both of these cases impress me with a degree of indifference on the part of the accused totally unwarranted in a keeper charged with police duty and with clearly understood rules for the government of such cases as those complained of.

The fact is too evident that the keepers on the force are indifferent in this matter. They are too ready to take into their own hands the pleasure of their absence without leave, and when called to an account for so doing present excuses that are unsatisfactory, and fail to warrant their action.

It is clearly understood that when a good reason is given for a respectful leave of absence, that it is invariably granted; but this manner of absenting themselves at their own pleasure, leaving their post unprovided for and disarranging the disposition of the force has already become a fact of too frequent occurrence. An officer in the employ of the Department is not his own master, but must conform to its rules. This matter should be clearly understood, and so to make it, and infuse a vigor and efficiency in the force, an example should be made as a warning to all transgressors of the Departmental rules.

I recommend for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That Patrolman John O'Keefe and Gate-keeper Thomas Sheridan be and they are hereby dismissed from the force and from the employ of the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

SAMUEL CONOVER,  
*Commissioner D. P. P.*

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Trees—Proposals to furnish.

The President, to whom was referred the subject of trees and plants for the Central Park, presented proposals from Messrs. F. W. Kelsey and Charles Amman, for furnishing the same.

Laid over.

Construction appropriation.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, it was

*Resolved*, That the subject of applying to the Legislature for an appropriation to be applied to the construction account of the Central Park, be referred to the President and Treasurer, with power.

Clock on Arsenal.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the plan submitted by the Superintending Architect for a clock on the Arsenal Building be and the same is hereby approved, and that the Treasurer be empowered to have a clock placed in said position, at an expense not to exceed \$600. (Clock to have an illuminated dial.)

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Music stand—Madison square.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, it was

*Resolved*, That the Superintending Architect be instructed to submit plans and report probable cost of altering the Music Stand on Madison Square Park to a cottage for ladies and children.

Gold and Stock Telegraph Company.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President be authorized to renew and execute a lease with the Gold and Stock Telegraph Company, for the use of wires, etc., for one year.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Gravel and broken stone.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be requested to ascertain the approximate amount of screened gravel and broken stone necessary for use on city parks, and in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for this year, and that he be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals to deliver said gravel and broken stone. (The gravel to be that known as "Roa Hook" of the best quality.)

Laid over.

Riverside Park map.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

*Resolved*, That there be prepared for the use of the Department, a complete topographical map of the Riverside Park and avenue, the same to be done under the supervision and direction of the Superintending Architect.

West Side and Yonkers Railway—Agreement.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

*Resolved*, That the agreement between the Mayor, etc., and the West Side and Yonkers Railway Company, to build a bridge across the Harlem river, be printed as a document of the Board.

Dickson, John—Appointed.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That John Dickson be appointed an assistant to the Topographical Engineer, at a salary of \$2.50 per day, and Thomas Tousley, axeman, at a salary of \$2.00 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

Lynch, James—Discharged.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the services of James Lynch, Inspector on Brook Avenue sewer, be dispensed with, the work being finished.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the following mentioned plans, profiles and specifications, submitted by the Engineer of Construction, be and the same are hereby approved :

Willis avenue crosswalks.

1. Laying crosswalks on Willis avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth and One Hundred and Thirty-ninth streets and sidewalks on One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, between Willis and Alexander avenues.

Sewer—137th street.

2. Constructing sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, from Third avenue to the summit east of Willis avenue, with branches in Lincoln, Alexander, and Willis avenues.

Sewer—Third avenue

3. Construction of sewer and appurtenances in Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, from One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street to Brook avenue.



Sewer—Southern Boulevard.

4. Constructing sewers and appurtenances in Southern Boulevard (One Hundred and Thirty-third street), from Third avenue to Willis avenue, with branches in Lincoln, Alexander, and Willis avenues.

Sewer—141st street.

5. Constructing sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-first street, from Third avenue to Alexander avenue, with branch in Alexander avenue.

And that the Secretary be authorized to prepare and publish advertisements for proposals for doing said several works.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

East River Park sea wall.

A report was received from the Superintending Architect, in relation to East River Park and recommending the construction of a sea wall.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the work of constructing said sea wall be proceeded with under the direction of the Superintending Architect.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

**East River Park lease.**

Commissioner CONOVER presented a communication from John McMahon, lessee of East River Park, asking that his lease be made for a term of three years in consequence of the large expense incurred by him to put the buildings in a proper condition.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the extension of his lease to cover a term of three years be granted.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

Bray, B.—Kassing, A. H.—Appointed.

Bernard Bray and August H. Kassing, applicants for appointment as gate-keepers on the force of the Department, appeared before the Board.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Bernard Bray, August H. Kassing and George Walker be and they are hereby appointed gate-keepers on the force of the Department.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

West Farms District—Nomenclature.

Commissioner LANE called from the table a diagram submitted by the Topographical Engineer December 17, 1879,

and laid over, showing the nomenclature of the West Farms District, and on further motion of Commissioner LANE the same was approved of and adopted.

On motion, at 12.30 p. m., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

DOCUMENT No. 87.

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BOARD

OF THE

Department of Public Parks.

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FEBRUARY 4, 1880.

*Resolved,* That the agreement between the Mayor, etc., and the West Side and Yonkers Railway Company to build a bridge across the Harlem river be printed as a document of the Board.

E. P. BARKER,

*Secretary.*

*Whereas*, On the 7th day of January, 1880, the Department of Public Parks, by a resolution, of which the following is a copy, consented to the location and erection of a railroad bridge across Harlem river by the West Side and Yonkers Railway Company, viz. :

*Resolved*, That in pursuance and by virtue of authority vested in the Department of Public Parks by chapter 534, Laws of 1871, and further by the provisions of chapter 606 of the Laws of 1875, and such other acts as relate to the improvement of the Harlem river and the construction of bridges or tunnels over or under the same, the Department of Public Parks does hereby consent to the location and erection of a railroad and foot bridge across the Harlem river from a point at or near the terminus of the Eighth avenue in the city of New York, near River street, and at right angles to the courses of the proposed improved channel of said river as heretofore determined by this Department and since adopted by the United States authorities to a point upon the east or former Westchester shore of said river opposite thereto, and in accordance with plans this day submitted, signed by Alfred P. Boller, Engineer, John Newton, Colonel of Engineers, U. S. A., in charge of the Harlem river Improvement, dated respectively August 27, 1879, and December 11, 1879; and do hereby designate James F. Wenman, President, and one of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, to certify and acknowledge and file three similar maps, one in the office of the Secretary of State, one in the office of the Register of the city and county of New York, and one in the Department of Public Parks, and to sign on behalf of this Department an agreement with the West Side and Yonkers Railway Company for the erection of said bridge and its approaches after the form of said agreement has been duly approved of by the Counsel to the Corporation.

*Resolved*, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to take all the necessary legal steps and proceedings for the acquisition of lands for the construction of said bridge and its approaches ; and all costs and expenses for such steps and proceedings of every name and nature whatsoever, incident to the acquisition of lands, preparation for, superintendence of said building of said bridge shall be borne and paid by the West Side and Yonkers Railway Company. And

*Whereas*, the location of said Bridge has been duly made by the filing of the maps in the respective offices named in said resolution.

*Now this Memorandum of Agreement*, made and concluded this 28th day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty, between the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, of the first part, by the Department of Public Parks, and the West Side and Yonkers Railway Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of this State, and having its place of business in the city, county, and state of New York, party of the second part,

*Witnesseth* as follows, to wit :

That the said parties of the first part, in consideration of the covenants and conditions herein contained on the part of the party of the second part, and in order to promote a means of communication or transit across Harlem river for pedestrians, and also by means of railroads to be operated by steam power in said city of New York, do hereby consent to the erection and carrying on of the erection by the West Side and Yonkers Railway Company, and at its own expense, of a railroad and foot bridge acrosss the Harlem river, at the location in said resolution mentioned and in the manner in said resolution prescribed.

In consideration whereof the said The West Side and Yonkers Railway Company doth hereby covenant and agree :

1. *To* enter forthwith upon the erection of said bridge at the site of location fixed by the maps thereof which have been duly

filed by said Department. That said bridge structure shall be constructed as a railroad bridge with ways for foot passengers, and also conformably in all respects to the provisions and requirements of Chapter 340 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed May 20, 1879, and also to the specifications hereto annexed, and the plans herein referred to.

2. *That* said bridge shall be completed on or before the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, but that the time for the completion of said bridge and its appurtenances shall not be deemed to run during any period in which the party of the second part or its contractors are hindered or delayed in the prosecution of said work by act of law or by the prosecution of legal proceedings.

3. *That* when completed the said party of the second part shall keep and maintain said bridge and its footways in complete and perfect order, and said footways, except when the draw is necessarily open, shall be open for the free use of all persons desiring to pass and repass over the same on foot.

4. *That* the use of said footways by the public shall be under such rules, regulations, requirements and ordinances now prescribed or which may hereafter be prescribed by said Department.

5. *That* any other railway company duly authorized therefor may use said bridge for railway purpose upon paying a compensation therefor to the party of the second part, to be fixed and ascertained upon an equitable basis.

6. *That* said Department may appoint an Inspector, or detail any officer of said Department to the duties of such Inspector, who shall do and perform such duties in relation to the subject matter of this agreement as may be assigned to him by said Department; and that the party of the second part will well and faithfully conform and cause all persons now in its employment or who may hereafter be in its employment to conform to all the rules, regulations and requirements and ordinances now or hereafter pre-

scribed by said Department relative to the use of said footways, and also to the plans, location, specifications, fixtures, equipment and general character of said bridge, as contained in this agreement.

7. *That* it will indemnify and save harmless the said parties of the first part and said Department or any officer thereof from all suits or proceedings to recover damages for injuries received by or through the party of the second part, its agents, servants, contractors or employees.

8. *That* this agreement shall bind and subsist in favor of the party of the first part and its successors, and also in favor of the successors and assigns of the party of the second part, respectively.

*In Witness whereof* said parties of the first part have caused these presents to be subscribed by the Department of Public Parks in pursuance of the resolution aforesaid, and the party of the second part hath hereunto signed its name by its President and caused its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed the day and year first herein above written.

The West Side & Yonkers Railway Co. by

C. F. WOERISHOFFER,  
*President.*

[Seal]

Attest.

C. GODDARD,  
*Sec'y West Side & Yonkers Railway Co.*

Signed in the presence of

NOTE—The word “own” interlined between sixth and seventh line of third page, before execution.

FORDHAM MORRIS, as to  
C. F. WOERISHOFFER and C. GODDARD,  
President and Secretary of W. S. & Y. Railway Co.



For the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, by the Department  
of Public Parks.

JAS. F. WENMAN,  
*President of the Department of Public Parks.*

Witness,

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary Department Public Parks.*

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STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
City and County of New York, } ss :

On this 28th day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty, before me personally came Calvin Goddard, known to me to be the Secretary of The West Side and Yonkers Railway Company, the railway corporation described in and which executed the above instrument, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: That he resides in the City of New York; that he is the Secretary of The West Side and Yonkers Railway Company; that he knows the corporate seal of said company; that the seal affixed to the above instrument is said corporate seal of said company, and was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of the company, and that he signed his name there-to by the like order as Secretary of said company.

And the said deponent further saith that he is acquainted with C. F. Woerishoffer, and knows him to be the President of said company; that the signature of the said C. F. Woerishoffer, above described, subscribed to the said instrument, is in the genuine handwriting of said C. F. Woerishoffer, and was thereto subscribed by the like order of the said Board of Directors, and in the presence of said deponent.

FORDHAM MORRIS,  
Notary Public, New York County.

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
 City and County of New York, } ss.:

On this 28th day of January, 1880, before me personally came and appeared James F. Wenman to me known, and known to me to be the President of the Department of Parks, and the same individual described in and who, in behalf of said Department, executed the foregoing agreement of consent, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and in pursuance of a resolution therefor duly passed by said Department.

FORDHAM MORRIS,  
 Notary Public, New York County.

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GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR A DOUBLE TRACK RAILWAY BRIDGE  
 WITH SIDEWALKS OVER THE HARLEM RIVER, NEAR EIGHTH  
 AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY.

The bridge will conform to the general plans and location hereto annexed, and which is hereby declared a part of this specification.

The bridge will consist of a draw span 300 feet long over all, with two side spans of 100 feet each, the grade of which will be 29 feet above high-water datum, as established by the United States Government.

The draw span will be a through or overgrade bridge, while the side spans will be deck or undergrade bridges. There will be five masonry piers, arranged and located as per plan hereto attached.

The foundations for the centre pier and two westerly piers will consist of platforms resting upon piles, the bottom having been previously dredged to admit of placing the platforms with reference to the ultimate Government channel as shown. The

two easterly piers will be founded upon the rock bottom through the medium of a concrete base.

Masonry will be of first-class rock face ashlar work, in regular courses laid in cement mortar, with bush hammered copings and weatherings. The stone used will be of granite or granite and black limestone, in which case the granite will be used for all dressed work, while the black limestone will be used in the body of the work. Wherever necessary, stones will be clamped with wrought iron clamps, run in with cement.

Superstructure will consist of pin connection wrought iron trusses, so placed as to admit of a double line of railway, with overhanging sidewalks on either side of six feet in width, sidewalks to be bounded by an ornamental wrought iron railing, with lamp-posts, lamps, pedestals and cornice. The several spans will be proportioned for the loads due to a first-class passenger service of standard railings, together with a sidewalk loading of 70 pounds per superficial foot. Under such loading the factor of safety will vary from five to eight, according to the position of the several parts of the structure.

The material employed will be wrought iron of the best quality, and details of construction will be so arranged as to be accessible for painting and inspection. Bearings will be machine faced, pin holes bored, and pins turned true to gauge.

Riveting will be performed with power machines, and nothing left undone to have the whole work up to the standard of the best American practice. The sidewalks will be properly guarded from the railway, and be laid with narrow planed and oiled yellow pine plank, 2 inches thick, with drip spaces between contiguous boards.

The Turn Table of the draw span will be of the most approved pattern, machine made, table provided with engine, boiler, and all necessary machinery for operating with either steam or hand power; engine and machinery will all be placed below the grade of the railway.

*Painting.*—The whole of the iron work will be thoroughly

painted with white lead paint, tinted and decorated, as may be considered appropriate for the design of the superstructure.

Lights and signals will be provided on the most approved system, to guard against accident either to navigation or railway service.

A guard up and down stream to protect draw span when open will be built if required, and will consist of piles well driven, with all necessary bracing, shuting, etc.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1880.**

**REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A.M.**

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received.

Mayor—Transcript of minutes.

From the Mayor, asking for transcript of the minutes of the Department.

Referred to the President with power to confer with the Mayor and furnish the transcript as desired.

Westminster Kennel Club.

From William M. Tileston, desiring permission for the Westminster Kennel Club to give an exhibition of Colley dogs on the Central Park on 30th April next.

Application declined.

Bicycle clubs.

From Wentworth Rollins, for permission for Bicycle clubs to pass through the Central Park.

Permission refused.

## Inventory of property.

From the Property Clerk, submitting inventory of property of the Department under date of January 1, 1880.

Ordered filed.

## Bontecou, D.—For increase of pay.

From Daniel Bontecou, asking for an increase of pay.

Laid over.

From the Engineer of Construction, recommending increase of pay of Daniel Bontecou.

Laid over.

## Montgomery, R.—Permission to curb, etc.

From Clerk Board of Aldermen, transmitting following resolution :

*Resolved*, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Robert Montgomery to curb, gutter, and flag sidewalk in front of premises in One Hundred and Forty-third street, between Willis and Brook avenues, the work done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioners of Public Parks; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, February 3, 1880.

Approved by the Mayor, February 6, 1880.

Approved—work to be done under direction of the Engineer of Construction.

## Francis, Joseph—Life car.

From Joseph Francis, relative to an application to the Secretary of the Treasury for the "shot" connected with the Life Saving Car now at the Central Park.

*Ordered*, That a respectful application be made to the Secretary of the Treasury for the shot, as recommended by Mr. Francis.

## Woodlawn District map.

From the Topographical Engineer, submitting proposed plan of "Woodlawn District."

On motion of Commissioner LANE the Secretary was directed to publish notices that the said map will be on public exhibition at the office of the Topographical Engineer for two weeks.

Riverside avenue injunction.

A copy of an order of Judge Lawrence of the Supreme Court, discontinuing the injunction in the matter of the Riverside avenue, was received and

Ordered filed.

Briggs, J. A.—For increase of pay.

From Josiah A. Briggs, asking for an increase of pay.

Laid over.

Madison avenue Bridge.

From the Engineer of Construction, relative to the Madison avenue bridge work, and desiring to make alterations in the same.

Beattie, John—Contractor Madison avenue Bridge.

From John Beattie, contractor, for building piers and abutments of Madison avenue bridge, and complaining of the directions of the Engineer regarding the same.

Laid over.

McLean, E. E.—Proposal to remove.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, it was

*Resolved*, That it is proposed to remove from office Eugene E. McLean, Engineer of Construction, for being inefficient in the discharge of his duties, and that he be informed thereof, and that he will be allowed an opportunity of making an explanation at a meeting of the Board to be held on the 3d day of March, 1880, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

From the Superintendent of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, relative to employment of assistant foreman, laborers, etc.

McCarthy, John—Turley, R.—Pay of.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That John McCarthy, double team, and Richard Turley, assistant foreman, at \$2 per day, be and are hereby appointed for duty in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Music stand—Alterations of.

From the Superintending Architect, submitting plans and estimates for altering music stand in Madison square into water-closet for women and children.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the plans and estimates be approved, and the work ordered proceeded with.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

158th street—Regulating, etc.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting profile and specifications for regulating and grading One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street.

Laid over.

150th street sewer.

From the Engineer of Construction, relative to a modification of plan for sewer in One Hundred and Fiftieth street.

Laid over.



Van Buren, John—Bill of.

From the Superintendent of Parks, relative to bill of John Van Buren, for dumping refuse material.

Referred to the Auditing Committee.

Manhattan square—Laborers.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending the employment of twelve laborers for work on Manhattan square.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the employment of twelve laborers, for work on Manhattan square, is hereby authorized.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Pollard, F. A.—Herbarium.

From F. A. Pollard, relative to care of Herbarium, at the Central Park.

Ordered filed.

High Bridge District map.

From the Topographical Engineer, submitting unfinished map of "High Bridge District."

Laid over.

Welch, Luke—Application of.

From Luke Welch, asking that provision be made whereby he can get access to his property, Eighty-sixth street, North river, the same having been cut off by the construction of the Riverside Drive.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to confer with Mr. O'Grady, Assistant

Engineer Riverside Drive, and arrange for the construction of steps from the Drive to Mr. Welch's premises.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

*Bicycle*—Application to enter Park.

From Henry McCahill, on behalf of the New York Bicycle Club, for permission to ride bicycles in the Central Park.

Permission refused.

*Lyon, S. E.*—Trees on Boulevard.

From Samuel E. Lyon, relative to pruning of trees on Southern Boulevard.

Referred to Commissioner LANE to confer with Mr. Lyon relative to the same.

*Bath*—East River Park.

A petition, signed by Richard E. Johnston and many others, property-holders and residents of the vicinity of East River Park, requesting that Prof. William McClellan be permitted to moor a bath at East River Park, was received and referred to the Treasurer to report upon.

*Audit.*

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Russell Pavement Co., laying walks, ... Laying new and rep'g old walks, City Parks, 1879.	\$783 00
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	\$783 00
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Amounting to the sum of seven hundred and eighty-three dollars.

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, February 18, 1880.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve of the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Otis & Gorsline, vitrified pipe.....Maint. 23d and 24th Wards...	\$307 50
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Amounting to the sum of three hundred and seven dollars and fifty cents.

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, February 18, 1880.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve of the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

**Audit.**

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Handibode, P., coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		\$22 50
Leonard & McCoy, packing, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		10 60
Mullane, John, hay, oats, feed, etc....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$324 98	
	Maint. Zool.Dept.	67 73	
			<u>392 71</u>
Mullane, John, hay, oats, feed, etc....	Maint. 23d and 24 Wards. ....	\$427 17	
	Harlem River Bridges, Reps., I. and Maint..	3 00	
			<u>430 17</u>
			<u><u>\$855 98</u></u>

**RECAPITULATION.**

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$358 08
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	67 73
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	427 17
Harlem River Bridges, Reps., Impts. and Maint.....	3 00
	<u><u>\$855 98</u></u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eight hundred and fifty-five dollars and ninety-eight cents.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, February 18, 1880.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve of the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Berrian, H. M., Agent, hay, oats, etc. . . . .	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards, 1879. . . . .	\$48 61
Stackpole & Bro., transit, tape, etc. . . . .	Making maps, &c., 23d & 24th Wards for Dept. T. & A., 1879. . . . .	357 00
Hurst & Treanor, blue stone edging. . . . .	Laying new & re- pairing old walks City P'ks, 1879. . . . .	529 65
Crimmins, John D., filling. . . . .	Manhattan sq., Impt. of, 1879. . . . .	900 00
		\$1,835 26

RECAPITULATION.

Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards, 1879. . . . .	\$48 61
Manhattan square, improvement of, 1879. . . . .	900 00
Laying new and repairing old walks City Parks, 1879. . . . .	529 65
Making maps 23d & 24th Wards for Dept. Taxes and Assessments, 1879. . . . .	357 00
	\$1,835 26

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eighteen hundred and thirty-five dollars and twenty-six cents.

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, February 18, 1880.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

#### Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Benoit, A. V., drawing materials.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$31 37	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	10 50	
		—	\$41 87.
Bell, Martin, harness repairs.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		8 85
Bryan, James, labor and materials....	City Parks Impt. Fund.....		67 72
Bouton & Smith, carriage materials and tires.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		27 05
Colwell, W. H. & Son, lumber.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$94 97	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	17 20	
		—	112 17
Devlin, John B., cartage.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		150 00
Hawes, M. E., bread.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		73 64
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		21 13

Handibode, P., coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$19 00	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	19 00	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....	2 50	
			<hr/> \$40 50
Holbrook Brothers, plate glass.....	Museum of Art, Equipment of..		2,324 98
Jones & McQuade, lime and cement....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		11 25
Jones & Vredenhurgh, sundries.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		10 28
King, Albert H., rubber packing, and shovels.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$151 26	
	Harlem R. B., Reps., I. & M..	5 45	
			<hr/> 156 71
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		29 15
McGough, Henry, rent of office.....	Brook Ave. sewer		30 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		45 30
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, mortar, pestle, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		56 00
New York Mutual Gas Light Co., gas.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		23 62
O'Brien, M., milk.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		8 68
Quirk, S. L., lock and repairs.....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards.....		28 00
Shady, James H., fish.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.		10 68
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disburse- ments.....	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards, etc.		32 25
Wright, Green, labor and materials....	Regul. and grad. 3d avenue, from Harlem River to 147th street....		1,040 00
			<hr/> <hr/> \$4,349 83

## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$479 98
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	112 00
Maintenance, 23d and 24th Wards.....	257 45
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	32 25
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance.....	5 45
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	67 72
Museum of Art, Equipment of.....	2,324 98
Brook Avenue sewer.....	30 00
Regulating and Grading 3d Avenue, from 147th street to Harlem River.....	1,040
	\$4,349 83

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of forty-three hundred and forty-nine dollars and eighty-three cents.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, February 18, 1880.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the President moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Decker, N. H. & Geo. W. Quintard,

labor and materials.....Impt. and Const.

Riverside Ave..

\$31,012 18



Decker, N. H. and Geo. W. Quintard, labor and materials.....	Impt. and Const. Riverside Ave..	12,108 43
Decker, N. H. and Geo. W. Quintard, labor and materials.....	Impt. and Const. Riverside Ave..	7,203 09
Decker, N. H. and Geo. W. Quintard, labor and materials.....	Impt. and Const. Riverside Ave..	3,865 49
		\$54,180 19

Amounting to the sum of fifty-four thousand one hundred and eighty-nine dollars and nineteen cents.

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, February 18, 1880.

I refuse to audit the foregoing bills of Decker and Quintard, for the reason that I believe that the work done has not been performed according to the contract.

(Signed) S. E. LANE,  
*Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, February 18, 1880.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the President moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

- Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.
- No*—Commissioner Lane—1.

Riverside avenue—Penalties of contractor.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the penalties for the non-completion of the work of improving and constructing Riverside avenue on or

before the 31st of October, 1877, the time stipulated in the contract, be and hereby are remitted up to the first day of March, 1880.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover—3.

*No*—Commissioner Lane—1.

**Treasurer's report.**

The Treasurer presented a report which was ordered entered at length on the minutes as follows :

*Department of Public Parks in account with SAM'L CONOVER, Treasurer.*

		CR.	
1880.			
Feb. 4.	By balance.....		\$40 00
" 5.	" cash from Isidor Isaac.....		7 66
" 9.	" " Jos. J. Snow.....		2 72
" 9.	" " C. F. Goiller.....		10 00
" 10.	" " Columbus Ryan.....		184 91
" 10.	" " John Lucas.....		2 39
" 12.	" " Bridget Griffin.....		10 00
" 14.	" " Van Tassell & Kearney.....		63 00
" 16.	" " David Rae.....		20 00
			\$340 68
		DR.	
Feb. 13.	To cash paid into city treasury.....		\$247 68
" 18.	" balance.....		93 00
			\$340 68

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER,  
*Treasurer D. P. P.*

NEW YORK, February 18, 1880—9.30 A. M.

English, Thomas—Laborer.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Thomas English, laborer, is hereby restored to duty.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Conklin, W. A.—Allowed pay.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That William A. Conklin be allowed on the payroll for the month of February, the sum of fifteen  $\frac{60}{100}$  dollars in addition to his regular monthly pay.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Carpenter, B. F.—Pay fixed.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the pay of B. F. Carpenter, skilled laborer in Disbursing office, be fixed at the rate of \$3 per day from this date.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Kelso, J. C.—Appointed.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Joseph C. Kelso be and is hereby appointed assistant foreman on Mount Morris Park, vice Thomas J. Kelso resigned.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Griffin, Gate-keeper—Report on.

Commissioner CONOVER presented the following report :

*To the Department of Public Parks:*

The case of William Griffin, Gate-keeper, charged with not properly patrolling his post, was tried before me on 13th inst. Griffin appeared and plead *not guilty*. From the testimony of Griffin himself and Captain Beaty, no dereliction of duty was proven.

I therefore recommend for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That the charge against Gate-keeper William Griffin be and the same is dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

SAMUEL CONOVER,  
*Commissioner D. P. P.*

Which was adopted.

Gate-keeper	Powell,	} Report on.
"	Hoagland,	
"	Bennett,	

Commissioner CONOVER presented the following report :

*To the Department of Public Parks :*

The cases of Gate-keepers James L. Powell, Charles B. Hoagland, and Barrow Bennett, charged with being off post and neglect of duty on the morning of 7th instant, were tried before me on 13th instant—Powell, Hoagland, and Bennett all appeared, and plead guilty.

From the evidence it appears that the captain found them all absent from their post, having been to a restaurant on 59th street near 6th avenue—Bennett claiming that he went there to get a cup of coffee, Hoagland claiming that he went there for the purpose of going to the water-closet, and Powell claiming that he went there to get his breakfast.

I recommend for adoption, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That Gate-keepers Powell, Hoagland, and Bennett be and they are hereby fined five (5) days' pay each, and be publicly reprimanded in the presence of the force for neglect of duty.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

SAMUEL CONOVER,  
*Commissioner D. P. P.*

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Neeley, William—Appointed.

William Neeley, applicant for appointment as gate-keeper on the force of the Department, appeared before the Board.

Commissioner WETMORE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That William Neeley be and he is hereby appointed gate-keeper on the force of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Settees—Tompkins square.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to issue his order for the purchase of three hundred settees for the use of the parks, similar to those now in use at Tompkins square.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Clock at Arsenal.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to expend the sum of seven hundred dollars in the erection of a clock at the Central Park, in lieu of the sum of six hundred dollars as authorized at the last meeting.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

On motion, at 12.30 P. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1880.**

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REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ WETMORE.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Crosswalks—Courtland avenue.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting resolution for the laying of crosswalks in Courtland avenue and in each street intersecting said avenue, from Third avenue to One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, at or near every such intersection.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, February 10, 1880.

Approved by the Mayor, February 18, 1880.

Referred to Engineer to prepare plans.

Sewer—141st street.

From the Engineer of Construction, relative to petition of William Stursburg and others to construct sewer in One Hundred and Forty-first street, between Willis and Third avenues, at their own expense.

Referred to Corporation Counsel for an opinion.

Sewer—145th street.

From the Engineer of Construction, relative to sewer in One Hundred and Forty-fifth street.

Laid over.

Perez, J. F.—Title of.

From J. F. Perez, asking a change of title from "Draughtsman" to "Assistant Engineer," and from the Topographical Engineer recommending the same.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER so ordered.

Turley, R.—Pay of.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, relative to increase of pay of Richard Turley, assistant foreman.

Laid over.

Guion, B. R.—For allowance of pay.

From B. R. Guion, Assistant Engineer, asking to be allowed pay for time absent on account of sickness.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That B. R. Guion, Assistant Engineer, be allowed time for two weeks' absence on account of sickness, and that Charles Kentish, laborer at Arsenal, be allowed time for absence on account of sickness.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

McLean, E. E.—For information.

From Eugene E. McLean, Engineer of Construction, asking that copies of any letters on file in the Department reflecting on his professional character, be furnished him.

On motion of Commissioner LANE the Secretary was authorized to furnish Mr. McLean with copies of such letters as he may desire.



Westminster Kennel Club.

From W. N. Tileston, asking on behalf of the Westminster Kennel Club a reconsideration of the action of the Board refusing permission to use the grounds at Central Park for exhibition of Colley dogs.

Ordered filed.

Laborers—For work Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, recommending an increase of laboring force.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the employment of twelve laborers for work on Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards is hereby authorized.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4.

Mt. St. Vincent and Casino—Painting of.

From C. Ryan, relative to painting, etc., at Mt. St. Vincent and Casino buildings, on the Central Park.

Referred to the Superintending Architect to make an examination and report to this Board what painting, etc., he deems necessary.

Radford & Ryan—Expense of skate-house.

From Radford & Ryan, relative to their bill for money expended in erecting skate-house on the Central Park.

Ordered filed.

Gravel for roads.

From the Superintendent of Parks, relative to gravel necessary for repairs to roads.

Laid over.

Carpenters employed.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending the appointment of carpenters.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the appointment of four carpenters and four painters for work on the Central Park is hereby authorized.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Beattie, John—Contractor Madison avenue bridge.

From John Beattie, contractor for piers and abutments of Madison avenue bridge, complaining in relation to the directions of the Engineer in charge of said work.

Ordered filed.

Rae, Thomas—Rent of office.

A bill of Thomas Rae, amounting to \$150, for rent of offices for Engineer of Construction, was presented and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Audit.

Commissioner Conover, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Arnold, David P., meat, vegetables and		
tallow.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	\$271 75
	Harlem R. B. Reps.	
	I. and M.....	6 00
		————— \$277 75

Bauer, Chas. H., advertising.....	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.		\$4 40
Bertine, Edwin R., ensign.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		16 00
Benoit, A. V., repairs, pencils and drawing paper.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		9 25
Benoit, A. V., tracing cloth, tapes, etc.	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	\$18 00	
	Making maps 23d and 24th Wards, for Dept. Taxes and Assessm'ts, 1879 .....	58 37	
			76 37
Beattie, John, work and materials.....	Construct. bridges over Harlem R.		5,007 66
Berrian, Abr'm, agent, oats, hay, etc..	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		43 07
Bruner, Peter, wall cases.....	Museum of Art, Equipment of..		552 00
Bruner & Moore, cases and glasses....	Museum of Art, Equipment of..		366 00
Bush, Geo. W., coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$121 50	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	90 00	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	9 00	
	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	13 50	
			234 00
Colwell, W. H. & Son, spruce timber....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		42 66
Crombie, Thos. J., stone boats, mater'ls.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		16 50
Gold & Stock Telegraph Co., rent, etc.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		114 00
Handibode, P., coal.....	City Parks Imp't. Fund.....		13 50
Jones & McQuade, yellow pine.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		206 55

Jones & Vredenburgh, ext' ct witch hazel. Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$15 00
Kelly & Jones, iron work.....Museum of Art, Equipment of..	934 00
King, Albert H., rasps, steel, iron, etc. Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	183 14
King, A. H., unions, steel, axe handles. Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	27 34
Martin, J. M. C. & Sons, brushes.....Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	33 70
Meyer, Wm., cases and glasses.....Museum of Art, Equipment of..	934 00
Moore, Wm., stands, tables, and cases. Museum of Art, Equipment of..	660 00
Moore, Henry S., cases, tables, etc....Museum of Art, Equipment of..	909 60
Mott, J. L., iron works, stove pipe, etc. Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	30 10
Murphy & Nesbit, lime, plaster, and brick.....Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$21 00
Maint. Museums.	12 13
	<hr/> 33 13
Rhineland, F. W., treas., expenses..Maint. Museums.	928 39
Rhineland, F. W., treas., expenses..Museum of Art, Equipment of..	1,830 63
Squires, Henry C., dog cake.....Maint. Zool. Dept.	11 20
Pratt, Chas. & Co., astral oil.....Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$4 80
Maint. Zool. Dept.	96
Harlem R. B. Reps.	
I. and M.....	2 40
	<hr/> 8 16
Van Tassell & Kearney, blankets, etc..Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	12 75
Van Beuren, John, dumping dirt.....Laying New and Repairing Old Walks, City P'ks.	14 55
	<hr/> <hr/> \$13,545 40

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Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	\$592 33
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	373 91
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	314 08

Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$35 90
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and Maint.....	8 40
Making Maps, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, for Dept.	
Taxes, etc.....	58 37
Laying New and Repairing Old Walks City Parks.....	14 55
Maintenance Museums.....	940 52
Museum of Art, Equipment of.....	6,186 23
Construction Bridges over Harlem River.....	5,007 66
City Parks, Improvement Fund.....	13 50
	\$13,545 40

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred and forty-five dollars and forty cents.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, March 3, 1880.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Rae, Thomas, Rent of Office.....	Surveying, Laying out 23d and 24th Wards, 1879...	\$34 23
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards, 1879....	115 77
		\$150 00

Amounting to the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, March 3, 1880.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

#### Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Hawley, Jas. C., petty expenses, Feb'y.. Labor, Maint. and		
Supplies.....	\$62	41
Maint. 23d and		
24th Wards....	32	66
Maint. Zoological		
Department...	5	07
Manhattan square	3	83
Bronx Bridges,		
Repairs, Impt.		
and Maint.....	19	94
		<u>\$123 91</u>
		<u>\$123 91</u>

Amounting to the sum of one hundred and twenty-three dollars and ninety-one cents.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, March 3, 1880.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane—4

Treasurer's report.

The Treasurer presented a report which was ordered entered at length on the minutes, as follows :

*Department of Public Parks in account with SAM'L CONOVER, Treasurer.*

1880.		CR.	
Feb. 18.	By balance.....		\$93 00
" 19.	By cash from Richard Stoker.....		20 00
" 28.	" " Philip Dater, Estate.....		40 00
March 1.	" " C. L. Georgi.....		10 00
			\$163 00

		DR.	
Feb. 19.	To cash paid into City Treasury.....		\$93 00
March 3.	To balance.....		70 00
			\$163 00

(Signed)

SAMUEL CONOVER,  
*Treasurer D. P. P.*

NEW YORK, Wednesday, March 3, 1880—9.30 A. M.

Patent pavements in Park.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Whereas*, The Department of Public Parks is desirous of prosecuting the work of laying new and repairing the old Neufchatel, asphalt, cement and other pavements in the Central and other parks, some of which are claimed to be patented, and in the laying of which patented processes are required.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to adopt such resolutions as are in the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation necessary, to enable the Department of Public Parks to proceed with the work of laying new and repairing old walks in the Central and other parks, as provided for by the appropriations for this Department for the year 1880.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

West Farms District map.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the three similar maps or plans entitled, "Plan of streets, roads, and avenues and public parks or places in the West Farms District" of the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York within that part of the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York bounded on the west by Fordham avenue, Hoffman street and the New York and Harlem Railroad, on the north and east by the Bronx river, and on the south by part of Pelham avenue, Wendover avenue Boston road and a line about eleven hundred feet north of the Twenty-third Ward line and parallel to it, as laid out, classified, discontinued and closed by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 604 of the laws of 1874, and chapter 436 of the Laws of 1876, dated New York, August 6, 1879, and signed Julius Munckwitz, Superintending Architect, and E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, directed to be prepared by a resolution passed at a meeting of this Board held on the 6th day of August, 1879, be and the same are hereby approved and ordered filed, and that James F. Wenman, the President and one of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, be and he is hereby designated and directed to certify and file said maps as provided by law.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.



Dickinson, J. A.—Pay of.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the pay of John A. Dickinson employed under the Topographical Engineer on tax maps be fixed at \$2.00 per day, and S. W. Hoag, Jr., appointed an assistant on said work at \$3.00 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane,  
—4.

Bryant Bust—Site for.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, it was

*Resolved*, That the Superintending Architect be directed to report to this Board a site for the erection of a base for the bust of Bryant, now in the possession of this Department.

Horses.

Commissioner CONOVER, to whom was referred the subject of the condition of the horses belonging to this Department, made a report recommending the exchange of eight of the old horses now at the Central Park, in part payment for eight new ones.

Ordered filed.

Horses—Treasurer to purchase.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase for the use of this Department eight work horses, and exchange in part payment of the same the eight old horses now at the Central Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

McClellan, William—Bath East River Park.

Commissioner CONOVER, to whom was referred the petition of the residents in the vicinity of the East River Park, to allow Professor William McClellan to moor a bath at that point, submitted a report recommending that the permission as asked for be granted.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President be authorized to execute, on behalf of this Department, an agreement with Professor William McClellan, for the privilege of mooring a bath at East River Park, during the years 1880 and 1881, at an annual rental of \$250.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Odell, J. J.—Pay of fixed.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the pay of John J. Odell be fixed at the rate of \$3.50 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

McLean, E. E.—Case of heard.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, the case of Mr. Eugene E. McLean, Engineer of Construction, ordered to appear before the Board this day, was called.

Mr. McLean appeared in company with Mr. James Thayer, and with Messrs. Dudley Field and O. E. Buel, as counsel.

Whereupon, by unanimous consent,

Engineer of Construction—Office abolished.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the office of Engineer of Construction be and the same is hereby abolished.

*Resolved*, That Eugene E. McLean be placed in charge of the works of construction of sewers and regulating and grading of streets, etc., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

McLean, E. E.—Pay fixed.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the pay of Eugene E. McLean be fixed at \$1,500 per annum from this date.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

Van Winkle, E. B.—Placed in charge.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, be placed in temporary charge of the works of construction on Madison avenue bridge.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Wetmore, Conover, Lane  
—4.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, at 1.35 P. M., the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday next, 10th instant, at 9.30 A. M.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1880.**

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ADJOURNED MEETING—9.30 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Grass—Riverside Park.

From William Merkert, relative to grass on Riverside Park.

Laid over.

Jerome avenue sidewalk.

From William E. Smith, relative to sidewalk on Jerome avenue.

Referred to the Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards to report upon.

Union Square Cottage—Decoration Day.

From B. T. Morgan, relative to use of cottage on Union square, for Memorial Committee.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, it was

*Resolved*, That the subject of the decoration of monuments on Decoration Day, as well as the use of the cottage at Union square by the Memorial Committee be referred to the President, with power.

Francis life saving car.

From the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to shot belonging in connection with Francis Life Saving Car.

Ordered filed.

Fence at 110th street and Eighth avenue.

From Commissioner of Public Works, relative to fencing Central Park at One Hundred and Tenth street and Eighth avenue.

Ordered filed.

Cromwell, W. T.—Application.

From Walter T. Cromwell, applying for position of Engineer.

Laid over.

McGinn, P.—Appointed carpenter.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending that Peter McGinn be promoted to the rank and pay of carpenter.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the recommendation of the Superintendent be approved.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Woodman, A. E.—Boats on lake.

From A. E. Woodman, for permission to place boats on the lake at Fifty-ninth street.

Refused.

McLean, E. E.—Resignation of.

From Eugene E. McLean, resigning his position of Engineer in the employ of the Department.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

*Resolved*, That the resignation of Eugene E. McLean, Engineer, of the place to which he was appointed on the third of March, 1880, be and the same is hereby accepted.

From B. C. Wandell, recommending Dennis Harrigan for appointment.

Ordered filed.

Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bedell & Brother, advertising .....	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards ...	\$1 75
Bisher, John H., wire fence .....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	288 66
Boyd, Edward A., plate glass .....	Museum of Art, equipt. of .....	1,938 60
Crimmins, John D., filling .....	Manhattan Sq., Impt. of .....	900 00
Harlem Gaslight Co., gas .....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....	16 25
Hawes, M. E., bread .....	Maint., Zool. Dept.	67 30
King, Albert H., lead pipe, hardware, etc .....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....	22 72
Lawrence, B. H., blacksmithing .....	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards .....	25 50
Moffat, David & Co., sheep skins and leather .....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....	13 57
Moore, Henry S., cases .....	Museum of Art, equipt. of .....	851 98
Morgan J. Pierpont, Treasurer, expenses Mus. N. H. ....	Maint. Museums.	1,014 00
Mullane, John, horses .....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....	762 50

[ *Wednesday,*

New York Mutual Gaslight Co., gas . . .	Labor, Maint. and Supplies . . . . .		\$20 60
O'Brien, M., milk . . . . .	Maint. Zool. Dept.		8 12
Shady, Jas. H., fish . . . . .	Maint. Zool. Dept.		10 08
Seaman, John A., blacking brushes and rope . . . . .	Labor, Maint. and Supplies . . . . .	\$8 50	
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards . . . . .	21 60	
		<hr/>	\$30 10
Schmidt, John M., photo sheets and maps . . . . .	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards . . .		16 65
Smith, A. E. Son's Pottery Co., flower pots . . . . .	Labor, Maint. and Supplies . . . . .		131 67
Van Winkle, E. B., petty expenses . . . .	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards . . .	\$36 28	
	Making maps, etc., 23d & 24th Wards, Dept. Taxes & Assmt.	2 45	
		<hr/>	38 78
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			\$6,158 78

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Labor, Maintenance and Supplies . . . . .	\$975 81
Maintenance, Zoological Department . . . . .	374 16
Maintenance 23d & 24th Wards . . . . .	47 10
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards . . . . .	54 68
Maintenance of Museums . . . . .	1,014 00
Manhattan Square . . . . .	900 00
Making Maps, 23d & 24th Wards, Dept. Taxes & Assesst. . . . .	2 45
Museum of Art, Equipment of . . . . .	2,790 58
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	\$6,158 78

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixty-one hundred and fifty-eight dollars and seventy-eight cents.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER,	} <i>Auditing</i>
S. E. LANE,	

NEW YORK, March 10, 1880.



The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Baker & McKenney, caps, covers, and wreaths.....	Maint. and Govmt.	
	P. & P., 1879...	\$46 20
		<u>\$46 20</u>

Amounting to the sum of forty-six dollars and twenty cents.

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, March 10, 1880.

The above-mentioned bill having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Codification of Laws.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from Geo. Bliss, Esq., one of the Commissioners appointed

by the Legislature to prepare a codification of the Laws relating to this city, and submitting for the examination of this Board a proof of the Laws now in force relating to the Department of Public Parks.

Referred to Commissioner LANE for examination and to reply to.

Antes, Gate-keeper—Report on.

Commissioner LANE presented the following report :

*To the Department of Public Parks :*

Casper Antes was tried before me on the 5th of February, 1880, upon a charge of neglect of duty, in that he did not properly report the facts concerning the finding of a dead body, and the disposition of the same.

He *plead guilty* to the charge.

I recommend for adoption, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That Casper Antes, Gate-keeper, be and he is hereby fined ten days' pay, for neglect of duty.

Dated, New York, March 10, 1880.

(Signed)

S. E. LANE,

*Commissioner, Department Public Parks.*

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Klein, Park-keeper—Report on.

The PRESIDENT presented the following report :

*To the Department of Public Parks :*

The case of Park-keeper Adolph Klein, charged with not properly patrolling his post and neglect of duty, was tried before me on 6th instant.

Klein appeared, and plead *not guilty*.

The sergeant making the charge claimed that Klein could not be found on his post, while by witnesses Klein proved that he was in the Transverse Road ejecting therefrom three disorderly persons. From all the testimony, I feel warranted in recommending for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the charge against Patrolman Adolph Klein be and the same is hereby dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES F. WENMAN,  
*President Department Public Parks.*

Dated, March 10, 1880.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Horan, Patrick—Restored.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Patrick Horan, laborer, who has been absent on account of sickness, be and he is hereby restored to duty.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Turley, Richard—Pay of.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the pay of Richard Turley, assistant foreman of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be fixed at \$3.00 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Furman, M. R.—Pay of.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the pay of Foreman M. R. Furman be fixed at \$3.50 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Gardeners—For increase of pay.

A communication was received from the gardeners, asking for an increase of pay.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the pay of division gardeners be fixed at \$2.25 per day, and the pay of gardeners at \$2.00 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Keenan, Dennis—Pay fixed.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the pay of Dennis Keenan, stone mason, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be fixed at \$2.50 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

O'Keefe, John, Park-keeper—Restored.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That John O'Keefe be and he is hereby reappointed and restored to his former position of park-keeper on the police force of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Sheridan, Thomas, Gate-keeper—Restored.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Thomas Sheridan be and he is hereby reappointed and restored to his former position of gate-keeper on the force of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

McAlpine, W. J.—Appointed Engineer of Construction.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted on the 3d day of March, 1880, abolishing the office of Engineer of Construction, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and the said office is hereby revived, and William J. McAlpine is hereby appointed Engineer of Construction, at a salary of three thousand five hundred dollars per annum.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Sewer—150th street.

The PRESIDENT called up a communication from the Engineer of Construction, recommending a modification of the plan of a sewer in One Hundred and Fiftieth street, to be built by Mr. H. L. Morris at his own expense.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN the amendments were approved.

Combs, L. H.—Inspector.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Lewis H. Combs be and he is hereby appointed inspector on sewer in One Hundred and Fiftieth street.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Music pavilion—Madison square.

The following proposals were received for work necessary in alteration of music pavilion on Madison square into a cottage for ladies and children.

*Carpenter Work and Painting.*

George W. Ward.....	\$620 00
Elward Smith.....	634 00

*Plumbing Work.*

Norris & Williams.....	\$188 00
Michael Smith.....	258 00

Referred to the Treasurer.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to obtain estimates for painting cottages, bridges and benches, and to issue orders for such work, the same to be done under the direction of the Superintending Architect.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Carpenters employed.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That four carpenters be appointed for temporary duty.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Gravel and broken stone.

Commissioner WENMAN called up a resolution offered by him, and laid over at a meeting held February 4, 1880, as follows :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be requested to ascertain the approximate amount of screened gravel and broken stone necessary for use on city parks, and in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, for this year, and that he be directed to prepare and insert the necessary advertisements for proposals to deliver said gravel and broken stone. The gravel to be that known as "Roa Hook," of best quality.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the

negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Lane—2.

*No*—Commissioner Conover—1.

On motion, at 11.15 A. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1880.**

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REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Uniforms for keepers.

The following communications were received :

From Captain Beaty, relative to blouses, and repairs to hats required for keepers.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the whole subject be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

United States Electric Lighting Company.

From the United States Electric Lighting Company, for permission to introduce their lamps in Madison square, and to place one on the torch of the arm of “Liberty,” in said square.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, the whole subject was referred to the President, with power.

Casino—Lease of.

From Adolph Karvey, relative to lease of Casino.

Filed.

Lind avenue map.

From the Topographical Engineer, relative to the laying out of Lind avenue.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, by chap. 604 of the Laws of 1874, and chap. 436 of the Laws of 1876, they do hereby lay out, alter, classify, and discontinue the streets, roads, or avenues known as "Lind avenue" and "Union street," in the Twenty-third Ward of the city of New York, of the width, extent, and direction as shown on a map or plan entitled "Map or Plan of Lind avenue from Sedgwick avenue to Wolf street in the Twenty-third Ward of the city of New York, as amended and established by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York," dated, "New York, March 9th, 1880," and signed "Julius Munckwitz, Superintending Architect, D. P. P.," and "E. B. Van Winkle, Topog. Engr., D. P. P.," the same being such as the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, deem most conducive to the public good; and that the President cause the said street or avenue to be designated, on the ground, by proper monuments, where not already so designated, and also cause three similar maps or plans of the same to be prepared and submitted to this Board to be filed in pursuance of the said laws above mentioned.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the Members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, and Lane.

Woodlawn District map.

From the Topographical Engineer, submitting for adoption a plan for laying out the "Woodlawn District," Twenty-fourth Ward.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, of the city of New York, by chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, they do hereby lay out the streets, roads, and avenues, and public parks, or places within that portion of the Twenty-fourth Ward of the city of New York, included between Broadway, the north line of the city of New York, the Bronx river, Katonah street and Woodlawn road, so called, Jerome avenue, Middlebrook Parkway, so called, and the roads, streets, or avenues, forming the northern boundary of the so-called Kingsbridge District, as the same are laid down and shown on a map of said district, filed 17th January, 1878, by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, shown on a map or plan, entitled "Plan of streets, roads, and avenues, and public parks or places in the Woodlawn district of the Twenty-fourth Ward of the city of New York. "Dated, New York, February 16, 1880," and signed, "Julius Munckwitz, Superintending Architect," and "E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, Department of Public Parks," of the width, extent, and direction that said streets, roads and avenues, and public parks and places are designated on said map or plan, the same being such as the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, deem most conducive to the public good ; and that the President of the Department cause three similar maps or plans of the same to be prepared and submitted to this Board to be filed in pursuance of said law above mentioned, and also cause the said several streets, roads, and avenues, and public parks or places to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments where the same are not already so designated.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Sea elephants.

From H. Liebes & Co., offering for sale two sea elephants.

Referred to Mr. Conklin to reply to.

Stuyvesant square—Drainage.

From the Superintending Architect, presenting a report relative to the drainage of Stuyvesant square.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the work of drainage of Stuyvesant square be proceeded with.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

St. Vincent Casino—Painting.

From the Superintending Architect, in relation to painting necessary to be done at Mount St. Vincent and Casino.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that Mr. C. Ryan, lessee, be authorized to have the work done, under the direction of the Superintending Architect.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Stone at Mott Haven—Removal.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting relative to the removal of building stone belonging to the Department, from Mott Haven to Central Park.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Superintendent of Parks be directed to remove said stone to Central Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

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tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Gerard avenue.

From the Topographical Engineer, submitting for approval maps laying out Girard avenue.

Laid over.

Sewer—142d street.

From the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, transmitting certified copy of a resolution authorizing the Department of Public Parks to make a contract with John B. Devlin for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-second street, from Alexander to Brook avenue.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the President be authorized to execute a contract for said work.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Carlin, R.—Schreiber, F.—Meehan, T.—Pay of.

From the Superintendent of Parks, recommending an increase of pay of Bernard Carlin, Fred. Schreiber and Thomas Meehan.

Ordered filed.

Flying-horse machine.

From Mrs. F. Burger, desiring permission to erect flying-horse machine in Tompkins square.

Ordered filed.

Stairs over wall—Riverside drive.

From the Columbia Yacht Club, for permission to build stairs over the parapet wall of Riverside Drive, at Eighty-sixth street.

Referred to the President to report.

Retaining wall—Third avenue and 165th street.

From the Superintendent of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in reply to complaint of Board of Health relative to retaining wall on west side of Third avenue, south of One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, reporting that said wall is built on the line of adjoining property.

Ordered filed.

Jerome avenue—Sidewalk.

From the Superintendent of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, relative to sidewalk on Jerome avenue.

Referred to the Treasurer to report.

Art Museum—Glass.

A requisition was received from the Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art for glass.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the requisition be approved, and the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order for the glass called for.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have

examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval:

Arnold, David P., meat and vegetables. Maint. Zool. Dpt.		\$236	35
Bush, Geo. W., coal.....: Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		9	00
Bruner, Peter, show-cases and tables. .... Mus. of Art, Eqt. of.....		775	00
Colgate & Co., harness soap..... Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		5	47
Dunham, Thos. C., brush and oil..... Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		4	75
Going, J. A., veterinary services..... Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		189	20
Harmer, Hays & Co., curry comb and harness materials.....	} Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....	20	00
Handibode, P., coal..... Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		\$46	25
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	13	50
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		59	75
Hoyt, J. B. Co., lace leather..... Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		3	00
King, Albert H., sundries..... Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		30	49
King, Albert H., washers, files, etc. .... Harlem R. Brge. Rep. Imp. & M.		\$6	03
	Maint. 23d & 24th Wards .....	97	
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		7	00
Leonard & McCoy, grates..... Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		13	33
Meyer, William, cases and tables..... Mus. of Art, Eqt. of.....		950	00
Mullane, John, oats, hay, feed, etc. .... Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		537	62
Seaman, John A., manila rope..... Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		34	08
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		<u>\$2,875 04</u>	

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$893	19
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	249	85
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement and Maintenance.....	6	03

Maintenance, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards....	\$0 97
Museum of Art—Equipment of.....	1,725 00
	\$2,875 04

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of twenty-eight hundred and seventy-five dollars and four cents.

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, March 17, 1880.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Thomas J. Crombie, lumber.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....	\$91 70
Dunham, Thos. C., paints, oils, etc....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....	122 10
Mullane, John, horses.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....	762 50
		\$976 30

RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$976 30
	\$976 30

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of nine hundred and seventy-six dollars and thirty cents.

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, March 17, 1880.



The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bill, and submit the same to the Board for approval:

Beattie, John, work and materials . . . . .	Const. Bridge over Harlem river . . .	\$3,482 22.
		<u>\$3,482 22</u>

Amounting to the sum of thirty-four hundred and eighty-two dollars and twenty-two cents.

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, March 17, 1880.

The above-mentioned bill, having been read and passed on, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit it to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have

examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval:

Conover, Samuel, services.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$50 00
Lane, Smith E., services.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	50 00
Wetmore, Wm. C., services.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	50 00
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies .....	\$150 00	\$150 00
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars,

(Signed) SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, March 17, 1880.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Treasurer's report.

The Treasurer presented a report which was ordered entered at length upon the minutes, as follows:

*Department of Public Parks, in account with SAMUEL CONOVER, Treasurer.*

1880.	CR.	
March 3.	By balance.....	\$70 00
" 4.	" cash from John Lawrence.....	10 00
" 8.	" " Wm. Simpson.....	20 00
" 9.	" " Isidor Isaac .....	4 86
" 10.	" " Columbus Ryan .....	246 04
" 10.	" " John Lucas.....	1 78
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		\$352 68

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March 4.	To cash paid into City Treasury.....	\$70 00
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(Signed) SAMUEL CONOVER,  
*Treasurer D. P. P.*

NEW YORK, Wednesday, March 17, 1880—9.30 A. M.

Laborers—For increase of pay.

A petition was received from the laborers employed on the parks, asking for an increase of pay.

Laid over.

Tax maps—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

A communication was received from the Topographical Engineer, submitting a set of preliminary maps of Twenty-fourth Ward, for use of Tax Department.

The Secretary was directed to transmit said maps to the Tax Department, with a request that notes be made on the same of any apparent discrepancies or changes brought to notice by property-owners, that special examinations may be made if necessary, before the final maps are completed.

Tompkins square—Improvement of.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN, it was

*Resolved*, That the Superintending Architect be directed to report at the next meeting of the Board what work will be necessary to complete the improvements to Tompkins square Park.

Museum of Art building—To transfer.

A communication was received from Gen. L. P. di Cesnola, Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, notifying the Department that the Trustees have fixed upon 30th instant, at 3.30 P. M., as the time when they will be ready to receive the Art building.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following:

*Resolved*, That for and on behalf of the Department of Public Parks, and in accordance with the agreement made

between the Department of Public Parks and the Metropolitan Museum of Art of date 24th December, 1878, the President be and he is hereby authorized to officially transfer to the Trustees of the Art Museum the building on the Central Park known as the Art building, for their use and occupancy, as by law provided.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Ward work—Condition of.

On motion of Commissioner LANE, it was

*Resolved*, That the Engineer of Construction be directed to make a report to the Board of the conditions of all the work under his charge in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, particularly the existing bridges and those in process of construction, and the sewers and street improvements, with a view to preparing appropriate action for the Board, so that these works may be proceeded with and completed with rapidity, and a proper regard for the public interests.

Engineer of Construction—Salary fixed.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the salary fixed for William J. McAlpine, as Engineer of Construction on the 10th day of March, 1880, at thirty-five hundred dollars per annum, shall include his compensation for services for the Riverside avenue Improvement and that it be apportioned and returned by him and charged against the pay of the engineers on the Riverside Drive contract, and against the appropriation for the salary of the Engineer of Construction of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in proportion to the time employed by him on each work respectively.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Communications were presented by the PRESIDENT :

Howell, A. J.—Proposal.

From Alex. J. Howell, relative to his proposition for furnishing gravel.

Ordered filed.

Tompkins square—Special keepers.

From the Tompkins Square Union, submitting a list of names for appointment as special keepers in Tompkins square.

Referred to the President, with power.

Angora goats.

From J. H. Hunt, desiring to exchange a pair of Angora goats for a pair of sheep.

On motion of Commissioner LANE the Director of the Menagerie was authorized to make the exchange.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, at 11 A. M. the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1880.**

SPECIAL MEETING—10 A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, 36 UNION SQUARE, }  
March 22, 1880.

Mr. E. P. BARKER, *Secretary* :

SIR—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Tuesday, 23d inst., at 10 A. M., to take action in reference to the death of the late Commissioner Wetmore.

Respectfully,

JAS. F. WENMAN,  
*President, D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT officially notified the Board of the death of Commissioner William C. Wetmore, and moved that the following be entered on the minutes :

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The members of the Board governing the Department of Public Parks, having learned with feelings of profound regret of the death of their late associate and fellow Commissioner, William C. Wetmore, and being moved by the event to record upon the minutes an expression of their sorrow, that in their deceased co-worker they have ever found a zealous promoter of the best interests of the public welfare, a judicious counselor, a warm friend, and a consistent advocate of harmony in their midst. That while remembering that he died at a ripe age, leaving behind him an honorable name, an enduring legacy in the record of a useful and honorably spent life, they offer this simple testimonial to the memory of their departed friend. As a tribute of respect to their late associate, it is ordered, that the offices of the Department be closed, and all work suspended on the day of the funeral, and that a copy of these proceedings be suitably engrossed, duly authenticated, and forwarded to his family.

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Which, on being seconded by Commissioner LANE, was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner CONOVER moved that the Board do now adjourn, out of respect to the memory of the late Commissioner Wetmore.

Adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1880.**

SPECIAL MEETING—1 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, 36 UNION SQUARE, }  
March 26, 1880. }

Mr. E. P. BARKER, *Secretary* :

SIR—You will please call a meeting of the Board governing the Department of Public Parks, for this day, at one P. M., for the consideration of communications, motions, resolutions and such other business as may be presented.

JAMES F. WENMAN, } *Commissioners*  
SAMUEL CONOVER, } *Department*  
SMITH E. LANE, } *Public Parks.*

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting, March 17 and 23, were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Telegraph poles—110th street.

From the Western Union Telegraph Company, asking permission to place a line of poles on south side of One Hundred and Tenth street, between Fifth and Eighth avenues.

Referred to the President.



Stone—Sale of.

From Thomas Dolan, desiring to purchase stone laying near Harlem river bridge.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the sale of said stone be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Kyle, William—Boats on Harlem meer.

From William Kyle, asking that renewal of privilege for keeping boats for hire on the Harlem meer be granted him.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that privilege asked for be granted for one year.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Mount Morris Park walk.

From Mr. Lemuel Bangs, suggesting the necessity of repairing walks, and the removal of structures at the summit at Mount Morris Park.

Referred to the Superintending Architect to examine and report upon.

Suspension bridge.

From Mr. Gustav Swab, relative to the necessity of proceeding with the construction of suspension bridge over Harlem river, above High Bridge.

Laid over.

McKay, Gate-keeper—Report on.

Commissioner WENMAN presented the following reports :

*To the Department of Public Parks :*

The charge of being absent from duty without leave, as made against Gate-keeper Lawrence McKay, was heard before me on 22d inst. McKay appeared and *plead guilty*. The evidence shows that McKay started from Fordham at 2 A. M., to go on duty, and fell asleep in the horse car while on the way to the Park, making him twenty-five minutes late in reporting for duty. In consideration of all the circumstances, I recommend for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the charge against Gate-keeper McKay be and the same is hereby dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. F. WENMAN,

*President D. P. P.*

March 23, 1880.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Bannon, Gate-keeper—Report on.

*To the Department of Public Parks :*

The case of Gate-keeper James Bannon was heard before me on 22d inst. Bannon appeared and *plead guilty* of having been absent without leave, claiming that his alarm-clock having stopped he overslept himself, and was thirty minutes late in reporting for duty. From all the evidence there is nothing

to show that Bannon was wilful in being late, and I recommend for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the charge against Gate-keeper James Bannon be and the same is hereby dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. F. WENMAN,  
President D. P. P.

March 23, 1880.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Crimmins, Park-keeper—Report on.

*To the Department of Public Parks :*

The complaint of being absent from duty on 13th without leave, made against Park-keeper Denis Crimmins, was tried before me on 22d inst.

Crimmins appeared and *plead guilty*.

From the testimony it is shown that Crimmins, desiring to attend a funeral, sent his son to the station to ask permission. Sergeant Flock, being on duty, declined granting the request. Crimmins, without waiting for a reply, absented himself from duty, admitting in his evidence that he knew that he was violating the rules of the Department.

I recommend for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That Park-keeper Denis Crimmins be fined thirty days' pay and publicly reprimanded in presence of the force.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. F. WENMAN,  
President, D. P. P.

March, 23, 1880.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Harrington, Gate-keeper—Report on.

*To the Department of Public Parks :*

The complaint of intoxication and being absent without leave, made against Gate-keeper Michael Harrington, was heard before me on 22d instant.

Harrington appeared and *plead guilty* to intoxication, not guilty to being absent without leave.

Harrington, in his testimony, claimed that being sick during the night, he took brandy, the result of which was evident when he appeared for duty the next morning ; and being suspended, understood that he was off duty until tried for the offense, this being the first complaint against him.

There being no evidence to disprove his statement, I recommend for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That Gate-keeper Michael Harrington be fined ten days' pay and publicly reprimanded in the presence of the force.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. F. WENMAN,

*President D. P. P.*

March 23, 1880.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Pavements—Advertise for proposals.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be directed to advertise for proposals for laying Neufchatel, asphalt and cement pavements on Mount Morris square, Washington square, Tompkins square, Stuyvesant square and the Central Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Laborers—Employment of.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the employment of twenty-one laborers on the Central park, fifteen laborers in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, three double teams in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and twelve laborers on Manhattan square be and the same is hereby authorized.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Transfer of appropriation.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby respectfully requested to transfer the sum of nine hundred and six dollars and twenty-one cents (\$906.21) from the following appropriations made to the Department of Public Parks for the year 1879, and which are in excess of the amounts required for the purposes and objects thereof, viz. :

Music.....	\$585 00
Maintenance and Government Parks and Places—	
Salaries .....	321 21
Total ... ..	<u>\$906 21</u>

to the following appropriations made to said Department of Public Parks for the year 1879, which are insufficient, viz. :

Maintenance and Government Parks and Places—	
Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$751 63
Maintenance and Government Parks and Places—	
Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	154 58
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Total.....	\$906 21

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

House on Riverside drive.

From Daniel O'Callaghan, desiring permission to occupy house on Riverside Drive, between One Hundred and Twelfth and One Hundred and Thirteenth streets, when vacated by present occupant.

Ordered filed.

Tree guards—Worth Monument.

From Thomas D. Cottman, desiring to furnish tree guards for Tompkins square and elsewhere, similar to those in use at Worth monument.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Treasurer be authorized to place two new tree guards around trees at Worth monument.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Quarterly Report.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, the President was directed to prepare and submit to the Mayor the quarterly

report of the Department for the three months ending March 31, 1880.

Masterson, P. J.—Appointed.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That P. J. Masterson be and he is hereby appointed assistant foreman under Foreman Hodges, at \$3 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Purroy, J. J.—Appointed.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Joseph J. Purroy be and he is hereby appointed Inspector on bridge over Harlem river, being constructed by the Yonkers and West Side Railway Co., at \$4 per day, to be paid by said company.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Shay, J. B.—Appointed.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That John B. Shay be and he is hereby appointed Inspector on sewer in One Hundred and Forty-second street, at \$4 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Gravel—Advertise for proposals.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the Secretary be directed to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering on the Central and city parks and on the Southern Boulevard, screened gravel, from the Roa Hook bank, bids to be received on a basis of 20,000 yards, the Department reserving the right to increase or diminish the amount to the extent of 25 per cent.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Park settees.

Commissioner LANE moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order for two hundred park settees, of the same pattern as those now in use on the city parks.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Park and gate keepers discharged.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the following-named persons be and they are hereby discharged from the force of the Department, on the ground that the appropriation for police service for 1880 is insufficient to continue the present force :

Gate-keepers Casper Antes, Patrick Burns, William Costello and James S. Powell, and Park-keepers James P. Larkins, Bartholomew Lynch, Frank Reynolds and Edward G. Tully.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-



tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Schedler, Mrs.—High Bridge Park.

A communication was received from Bertha C. L. Schedler, asking for a renewal of lease of hotel at High Bridge for five years.

Laid on table.

On motion of Commissioner Conover, at 2.45 P. M., adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1880.**

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SPECIAL MEETING—3 P. M.  
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The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, 36 UNION SQUARE, }  
March 29, 1880.

Mr. E. P. BARKER, *Secretary* :

SIR—You will please call a meeting of the Board governing the Department of Public Parks, for Monday, 29th inst., at 3 P. M., for the consideration of communications, motions and resolutions and miscellaneous business.

JAS. F. WENMAN, }  
SAMUEL CONOVER, } *Commissioners*  
S. E. LANE, } *D. P. P.*

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Sewer—141st street.

An opinion was received from the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to giving permission to property-owners to construct sewer in One Hundred and Forty-first street, between Alexander and Brook avenues, at their own expense.

Ordered filed.

Park and gate keepers discharged.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the following-named persons be and they are hereby discharged from the force of the Department from and after April 1st, on the ground that the appropriation for police service for 1880 is insufficient to continue the present force :

Gate-keeper Michael McLoughlin and Park-keepers Francis McLoughlin, Robert D. Murphy and Thomas Ryan.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Park and gate keepers discharged.

Commissioner LANE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the following-named persons be and they are hereby discharged from the police force of the Department, on account of the reduction of force, from and after April 1, 1880 :

Gates-keepers John W. Dusenbury, Daniel Dwyer, Thomas Mulligan and Martin Philbin, and Park-keepers John Dolan, Hugh Reilly, William Monahan, James Sterling, William N. Brown, Patrick Nevins, Peter McCusker, Michael Hackett.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Gate-keepers promoted.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the following-named persons be and they are hereby promoted from the rank of Gate-keepers to Park-keepers, to date from April 1, 1880 :

Christopher C. Collins, Michael J. Duane, William P. Stone, Edward Pickens, James Dunn, Hugh Dunphy, James Bannon, John Carr, John O'Neil, Eugene Moran, Michael Foley, James H. Ginn, Patrick Green, John B. Mulholland, John O'Shaughnessy.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, at 5.15 P. M., the Board adjourned to Thursday next, April 1st, at 11 A. M.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1880.**

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ADJOURNED MEETING—11 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.  
“ CONOVER.  
“ LANE.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Fowler, Charles—Appointed.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Charles Fowler be and he is hereby appointed Foreman on Manhattan square at \$3.50 per day, and James Davis, Blacksmith on the Central Park, at \$2.50 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

McDermott, Patrick—Restored.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that Patrick McDermott, horse and cart, absent from duty on account of sickness, be restored to duty.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Wootton, E. H.—Offer to repair pavement.

A communication was received from E. H. Wootton, offering to repair the Neufchatel pavement on Union square at fourteen cents per square foot.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the Treasurer be authorized to issue orders for the necessary repairs at a price not exceeding fourteen cents per square foot.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Archery—Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN :

*Resolved*, That the south ball ground on the Central Park be set apart for the use of archery clubs and for the play of foot ball by the students of colleges, and that the President be authorized to issue permits for the same.

A petition was received from the Foreman asking for an increase of compensation.

Ordered filed.

Dick, Thomas S.—Renewal of license.

The following communications were received :

From Thomas S. Dick, desiring a renewal of his license for keeping boats on the Lake at the Central Park.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that said license be granted for one year at the same fee and under the same stipulations as last year.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

Water in office Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

From William H. Briggs, relative to introducing water into office of Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Ordered filed.

Whitelegg, J. H.—Axeman.

From the Engineer of Construction, recommending the appointment of J. H. Whitelegg as axeman.

Ordered filed.

Sedgwick avenue.

From Messrs. A. Van Cortlandt and William Ogden Giles, asking that steps be taken for the opening of Sedgwick avenue, from the point at Boston avenue where the proceedings for the opening of said avenue now pending terminates, to Van Cortlandt avenue.

Referred to the Topographical Engineer for examination and report.

Tompkins square—Completion.

From the Superintending Architect, in reference to work necessary to be done to complete Tompkins square.

Laid over.

Mount Morris Park.

From the Superintending Architect, in reference to work at Mount Morris park.

Order filed.

Jerome avenue sidewalk.

Commissioner CONOVER, to whom was referred a communication from William E. Smith relative to putting down a side-

walk on Jerome avenue, reported that Mr. Smith was willing to furnish half of the material and labor for doing said work, and recommended that the following resolution be adopted :

*Resolved*, That a sidewalk be laid on the west side of Jerome avenue, from Sedgwick avenue to One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, under the direction of the Superintendent of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. William E. Smith to furnish half of the labor and material for building said sidewalk.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

High Bridge Hotel—Lease.

Commissioner WENMAN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the lease with Mrs. Schedler for the use and occupancy of the buildings and grounds at High Bridge be extended for a term of two years from and after the expiration of the present lease, upon the same terms, covenants and conditions as therein contained.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

On motion of Commissioner CONOVER, at 12.15 P. M., adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*



**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1880.**

REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

“ CONOVER.

“ LANE.

“ GREEN.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Green, Andrew H.—Appointment.

The following communications were received :

From the Mayor, notifying the Department that Andrew H. Green had taken the oath of office as a Commissioner of Parks, and inclosing the following copy of Mr. Green's appointment :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }  
NEW YORK, April 2, 1880. }

[DUPLICATE.]

I, Edward Cooper, Mayor of the City of New York, do hereby certify that on the 29th day of March, 1880, I did appoint Andrew H. Green a Commissioner of Parks of the City of New York, in place of William C. Wetmore, deceased, for the unexpired term of said William C. Wetmore.

(Signed)

EDWARD COOPER,

(SEAL)

Mayor.

Ordered filed.

Art Museum Trustees—Thanks.

From General L. P. di Cesnola, thanking the Commissioners of Parks on behalf of the Trustees of the Art Museum, for their co-operation and assistance in helping them to successfully establish the Art Building.

Ordered filed.

Nolan, Matthew—Appointed.

From the Engineer of Construction, recommending the appointment of a chainman.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That Matthew Nolan be and he is hereby appointed chainman at \$2.50 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

*No*—Commissioner Green—1.

Museum of Natural History—Cancel order.

From the American Museum of Natural History, asking that the requisition for a safe be canceled, and that a new case be furnished, and a hydrant be ordered placed near the entrance to the Museum.

Laid over.

Museum Natural History—Report.

From the American Museum of Natural History, submitting a copy of its Eleventh Annual Report.

Ordered filed.

Platform on roof of Arsenal.

From the Superintending Architect, reporting on the cost of erecting a platform on the roof of the Arsenal.

Commissioner WENMAN moved that the work be done under the direction of the Superintending Architect.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane, Green—4.

Harlem and Bronx river bridges.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting relative to the condition of the Harlem and Bronx rivers bridges.

Bronx river bridges.

On motion of Commissioner LANE—

*Resolved*, That the Engineer of Construction be directed to report which one of the bridges across the Bronx river is necessary to be rebuilt first, and prepare plans and specifications for rebuilding the same as well as an estimate of the cost for repairing each of the other bridges.

Central Bridge—Plans for.

On motion of Commissioner WENMAN—

*Resolved*, That the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare plans for construction of a new iron bridge to replace the one known as Central Bridge, over the Harlem river, and submit the same to the Board, and lay before the Board at his earliest convenience a plan for the construction of the suspension bridge over the Harlem river directed to be built by chap. 534 of the Laws of 1871, but not more than half a mile from High Bridge, and that he report his opinion as soon as practicable whether the bridge at that point would be more advantageous if made a pier bridge, and to report at the next meeting of the Board what work is necessary to put the Central Bridge in safe condition.

Carpenters—For increase of pay.

A petition was received from the carpenters employed by the Department asking for an increase of pay.

Ordered filed.

## Brook avenue Sewer—Final estimate.

From the Engineer of Construction, submitting the final estimate for work done on contract with Jones & McQuade for building the Brook avenue sewer.

Referred to the Auditing Committee.

## Audit.

Commissioner CONOVER, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the following:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval:

Bruner and Moore, show cases.....	Mus. of Art. Equipt. of.....		\$775 00
Chadborn & Caldwell, Mfg. Co., lawn- mowers.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....		855 00
Christern, F. W., subs. to builder....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		7 00
Crimmins, John D., filling.....	Manhattan square, Impt. of.....		900 00
Coogan, Wm., flags.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		13 55
Crombie, Thos. J., timber.....	Harlem Riv. Bdg., Reps. I. & M... Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.... Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$20 00  115 0 186 36	321 36
Devlin, John B., work and material...	Third ave. sewer fr. S. B. to 135th st., and in 135th & 134th sts., etc.		1,442 80
Donaldson, J., chimneys.....	Harlem Riv. Bdg., Reps. I. & M...		1 50
Dunham, Thos. C., brushes, paints, and oils.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies..... Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.... Maint. Museums.	\$15 63  4 65 39 75	60 03

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Dugan, Francis, repairs to roof.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		\$96 00
Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., rent of line .....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		57 00
Hawley, Jas. C., petty disbursements..	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		56 66
	Survey, laying out, etc., 23d & 24th Wards.....	\$6 40	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	5 70	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	26 57	
		<hr/>	95 33
Handibode, P., coal.....	Harlem Riv. Bdg., Reps. I. & M...		52 25
Handibode, P., coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		146 00
Hart, Chas., filling.....	Manhattan sq., Imp. of.....		455 00
King, Albert H., sundries.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		139 47
King, Albert H., brooms and hose.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$40 83	
	Harlem Riv. Bdg., Reps. I. & M...	1 17	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	71 50	
		<hr/>	113 50
King, Albert H., hammers, force pump, etc. ....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		95 78
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		35 50
Mott, J. L., Iron Works, fountains, grate, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$57 25	
	Maint., etc., 23d and 24th Wards	4 50	
		<hr/>	61 75
Murphy and Nesbit, lime, brick and cement.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$208 85	
	Mus. of Art, Equipt. of.....	4 80	
		<hr/>	213 65

Reiche, Chas. & Bro., bird food and coon.....	Maint. Zool. Dept.	\$32 00
Real Estate Record and Builders' Guide, subs.....	Making Maps 23d and 24th Wards, Dept. Taxes and Asses. ....	42 50
Starke, Caspar, truck harness.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	42 00
Thorburn, Jas. M. & Co., flower seeds.	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	67 43
Weston and Fiske, machinery oil.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	37 50
Van. Gerichten & Stark, lumber wagon.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	150 00
		<u>\$6,308 90</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$2,006 48
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	452 05
Harlem River Bridges, Repairs, Impt. and M.....	74 92
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	6 40
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	109 20
Maintenance Museums.....	39 75
Manhattan Square—Improvement of.....	1,355 00
Museum of Art—Equipment of.....	779 80
Making Maps, 23d & 24th Wards, Dept. Taxes & Assesst.	42 50
3d ave. Sewer from S. B. to 135th st., and 134th and 135th sts. Sewers.....	1,442 80
	<u>\$6,308 90</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixty-three hundred and eight dollars and ninety cents.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, April 5, 1880.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

*No*—Commissioner Green—1.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval:

Bell, Martin, harness repairs.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		\$8 12
Dunham, Thos. C., paints, oils, etc.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		41 00
Handibode, P., coal.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$70 00	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	65 00	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....	5 00	
	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	5 00	
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King, Albert H., hose, screws, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		260 09
King, Albert H., shovels.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		73 00
Lawrence B. H., blacksmithing.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		41 65
Morgan, J. P., Treas., expenses Mus. Nat. Hist.....	Maint. Museums.		1,014 00
Mullane, John, hay, corn, oats, etc.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....	\$532 91	
	Maint. Zool. Dept.	68 36	
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New York Mutual Gas L. Co., rent,....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies.....		625 00
Otis and Gorsline, vitrified pipe.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards....		115 50

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Pottier and Stymus, Mfg. Co., settees..	Museum of Art, Equipt. of.....	\$1,056 46
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., expenses	Museum of Art, Equipt. of.....	1,788 92
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., expenses	Maint. Museums.	1,247 22
Tysen, David J. Jr., cabbages.....	Maint, and Gov't P. and P., 1879.	80 00
Tysen, David J. Jr., cabbages & turnips.	Maint. Zool. Dept.	267 50
Taylor, A. S., newspapers.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....	15 31
Van Winkle, E. B., petty expenses....	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.	46 66
Van Winkle, E. B., petty expenses....	Making Maps, etc., 23d and 24th Wards, Dept. Taxes, etc.....	27 96
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		<u>\$7,454 66</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$1,498 00
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	390 86
Maintenance Museums.....	2,261 22
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	299 58
Surveying, laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	51 66
Making Maps, 23d & 24th Wards for Dept. Taxes & Assesst.	27 96
Museum of Art—Equipment of. ....	2,845 38
Maintenance and Government, Parks and Places, 1879....	80 00
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	<u>\$7,454 66</u>

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventy-four hundred and fifty four dollars and sixty-six cents.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, April 7, 1880.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now



approve them, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

*No*—Commissioner Green—1.

Audit.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval:

Conover, Sam'l, services.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....	\$25 00
Lane, Smith E., services.....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....	25 00
Ward, Geo. W., work and material....	Labor, Maint. and Supplies .....	292 50
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		\$342 50
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RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.....	\$342 50	
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Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of three hundred and forty-two dollars and fifty cents.

(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER, } *Auditing*  
S. E. LANE, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, April 7, 1880.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the same, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

*No*—Commissioner Green—1.

Treasurer's report.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was ordered entered at length on the minutes.

*Department of Public Parks in account with SAM'L CONOVER, Treasurer.*

1880.		CR.	
March 18.	By cash from I. O. Kane.....		\$10 00
" 18.	" O. Harrman.....		10 00
" 26.	" S. H. Merritt .....		20 00
" 26.	" Henry and Martin Lipps.....		30 00
April 2.	" Jos. J. Snow.....		2 16
" 2.	" Jas. N. Cooper.....		10 00
" 2.	" Louis Siemer .....		10 00
" 3.	" W. R. Beal.....		60 00
" 3.	" Thos. Dolan.....		85 00
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		DR.	
April 7.	To cash in hand.....		\$237 16
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			\$237 16
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(Signed)

SAM'L CONOVER,  
*Treasurer, D. P. P.*

NEW YORK, Wednesday, April 7, 1880—9.30 A. M.

Park-keepers appointed.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That William Monahan, Frank McLaughlin, Patrick Nevins, Frank Reynolds, James P. Larkins, John Dolan, and Hugh Reilly be and they are hereby appointed park-keepers and reinstated on the force of the Department.

Commissioner GREEN moved that said resolution be laid over.

Lost.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane—3.

*No*—Commissioner Green—1.

Music.

Commissioner WENMAN, to whom was referred at the last meeting the subject of music on the Central Park, submitted propositions from Messrs. Grafulla and Dodworth for furnishing the same at five dollars for each musician and fifteen dollars for the leader.

Commissioner CONOVER offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the subject of music on the Central Park during the coming season be referred to the President, with power, the expense not to exceed \$4,000, and terminable at the pleasure of the Board.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Wenman, Conover, Lane, Green—4.

Sea-wall—East River Park.

The following proposals were received and opened for building a sea-wall at East River Park.

William B. Pettit.....	\$7 00	per cubic yard.
John B. Devlin.....	\$3 00	“ “
Jones & McQuade.....	\$6 25	“ “
M. T. Deegan.....	\$14 00	persquareyard.

Debate was had thereon, whereupon on motion of Commissioner Green—

*Resolved*, That the Engineer of Construction be requested to report upon the plans and specifications for a sea-wall at East River Park.

Jerome avenue—Grade of.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN—

*Resolved*, That the Topographical Engineer of the Department of Parks be directed to examine and determine what changes in the grades of Jerome Avenue, the Williams Bridge road, and Berrian avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, may be made without detriment to the public interest, and so as to facilitate the construction of the Rapid Transit branch road from Jerome Park Station to Jerome Park, and to report at once to this Board the extent of such changes.

Appropriations.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN—

*Resolved*, That the President report to this Board a statement showing the appropriations under each head of account for this year 1880, and the expenditures out of said appropriations up to the date of his report, and whether at the present rate of expenditure the appropriations are sufficient to carry on the business of the Department for the remainder of the year.

Employees.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN—

*Resolved*, That the President furnish to this Board a list showing the names of every person employed by this Board, the occupation of each of said persons, and the rate of his compensation, and whether in his judgment any reductions can be made in the number of employees other than mechanics and laborers, or in their compensation.

Contracts.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN—

*Resolved*, That the President report to the Board what contracts for regulating and grading or constructing sewers have been made and completed from 1875 to this date, also, what contracts of this character are still in progress and not completed.

By-laws—Committee to report on.

Commissioner GREEN moved the appointment of a committee to consider the propriety of amending the By-laws with reference to the Engineer of Construction, Topographical

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Engineer, and Superintending Architect, whereupon the President appointed Commissioner Green as such committee.

Licenses.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN--

*Resolved*, That the President report to this Board at its next meeting a detailed statement of existing licenses, leases, or privileges that have been granted by the Department, to whom granted, when they expire, and the price obtained therefor.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday next, at 9 A. M.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1880.**

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ADJOURNED MEETING—9 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner CONOVER.

“ LANE.

“ GREEN.

In the absence of the PRESIDENT Commissioner CONOVER was called to the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

Sea-wall—East River Park.

From the Engineer of Construction, reporting in relation to the sea-wall at the East River Park.

Ordered filed.

Bronx river road.

From the COMPTROLLER, in relation to the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the opening of the Bronx river road and referring the same to the Department for the necessary action.

Referred to the PRESIDENT to prepare and submit to the Board the necessary form of resolution.

Sedgwick avenue—Retaining wall.

From the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, relative to rebuilding the retaining wall on Sedgwick avenue.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction to examine and report as to the relative necessity of rebuilding said wall.

Sewers, roads and avenues—23d and 24th Wards.

From the Engineer of Construction, in relation to the condition of sewers, roads, and avenues in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and bridges over the Harlem and Bronx rivers.

Central bridge—Repairs.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That in view of the reported unsafe condition of the Central Bridge, the Treasurer be authorized to issue an order for the material required, and the Engineer of Construction be directed to proceed with the immediate repairs to the Central Bridge, to the extent of one thousand dollars, to render the same safe for public use, and to submit plans and specifications that will enable the perpetuation of said bridge for several years.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Conover, Lane, Green—3.

Bridge above High bridge.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, it was

*Resolved*, That the Engineer of Construction be requested to prepare and submit plans and specifications for a suspension, stone arch or a truss bridge, for the bridge to be built over the Harlem river, as authorized by chapter 534, Laws of 1871, and to be located not more than half a mile from High Bridge.

Broken stone—Kingsbridge road.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, calling for broken stone to be used in the repairs of the Kingsbridge road.

Referred to the Engineer of Construction for examination and report.

Minutes—Publish in City Record.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary furnish to the Supervisor of the City Record, for publication in that paper, a full copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Board on the same day that the meeting is held, and that the said Supervisor be requested to furnish the Department with copies of minutes in page form.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Conover, Lane, Green—3.

Manhattan square plan.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

*Whereas*, A plan was heretofore adopted, to wit: on the 17th September, 1875, for the laying out of that portion of the Central Park known as Manhattan square.

*Whereas*, The work that is now proceeding in said square is not in accordance with that plan, but in a way that will produce no satisfactory results, and much that is being done will have to be undone at great expense ; therefore

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to see that all work on Manhattan square be hereafter done on said square in accordance with that plan, and so that a belt about the square be first completed, ready for planting.

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of Parks report to this Board the cost of erecting a neat and substantial picket-fence about that part of the Central Park known as Manhattan square.

Laid over.



Chime of bells—Belvidere.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN—

*Whereas*, The structure in the Central Park known as the Belvidere was designed and partly constructed under the original Board of Commissioners of the Central Park ; and

*Whereas*, It was intended that there should be in the tower an illuminated clock and a chime of bells ; and

*Whereas*, The clock has never been put in its place, and the aperture intended therefor has remained open for many years.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to procure a plan and estimates for such a clock and chimes, and report the same to this Board.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* appointed Commissioner GREEN such committee.

Horses and wagons used by employees.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN—

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of Parks report to this Board at its next meeting, how many horses and wagons, or other vehicles, are kept at the expense of the Department for the accommodation of the employees thereof, and also how many persons are paid by the Department and assigned to the service of such employees using such horses and wagons as drivers or otherwise.

Suspensions.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Chief Engineer, the Superintendent of the Parks and the Topographical Engineer be authorized and directed to suspend any person employed in their respective departments who is incompetent, inefficient or unnecessary, and that such suspension be reported to this Board at its next meeting.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Aye*—Commissioner Green—1.

*Nays*—Commissioners Conover, Lane—2.

Employees under Engineer of Construction.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Engineer of Construction be requested to report to this Board, at its next meeting, whether the employees in his department are competent and qualified for the duties for the discharge of which they were appointed, and if any of them are not so qualified, then to designate those who are incompetent.

The President *pro tem.* put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Conover, Lane, Green—3.

Monumenting—23d and 24th Wards.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN—

*Resolved*, That the Topographical Engineer report to this Board what remains to be done to complete the laying out and monumenting of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and what measures are necessary to complete the same.

By-laws.

Commissioner GREEN, from the Committee appointed at the last meeting to prepare and submit amendments to the By-laws, presented the following :

*Substitute in place of the resolution under article 2 of the By-laws.*

There shall be a Chief Engineer, whose duty it shall be to make plans for and superintend all engineering works, which are under the jurisdiction of this Department, outside of parks and places, as well in their planning, construction, and maintenance, including the care and maintenance of all roads and avenues under the charge of this Department, and of the caring and maintenance of the bridges over the Harlem and Bronx rivers, also such engineering works as are in parks and places, and as are referred to him by the Department.

There shall be a Landscape Architect Advisory, whose duty i shall be to make plans for, arrange, supervise, and direct all the works of planting and of shaping the surfaces of

ground, and of maintaining the plantations in the parks and places under the jurisdiction of the Board, and to perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Board.

There shall be a Superintendent of Parks, whose duty it shall be to direct and supervise all the mechanics and laborers and their foremen, who are in the employment of the Department on the various parks and places, the bridges over the Harlem and Bronx rivers.

There shall be a Topographical Engineer, who shall have charge of the laying out streets and avenues, parks and places above One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, and in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and of the monumenting of the same.

Laid over.

#### Skilled laborers.

Commissioner Green offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted.

*Whereas*, An examination of the rolls of the Department of Parks develops the fact that there are at least ten persons employed by the Department, and paid at the rates from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per diem, and designated on such rolls by the title "skilled laborers," the total annual cost of these ten skilled laborers being over \$10,000 per annum ; and

*Whereas*, It is believed that these persons are not engaged in the performance of duties properly and customarily assigned to persons under the title of "skilled laborers," but that they are not properly so designated, inasmuch as the service they render, if any, is of a different character from that usually required of skilled laborers, and such as would, if properly distributed in the accounts, be payable out of another fund than to which they have been charged, thus diminishing the fund that should be used for the payment of laborers and mechanics ; and

*Whereas*, It is believed that these persons are and have been engaged in occupations that should be payable, not from the appropriations for labor, but for clerical services ; and

*Whereas*, The amount of the appropriations for clerical services will be nearly, if not quite entirely consumed at the end of the year by the salaries of those now charged against that appropriation, unless some reductions are made in the employees ; therefore

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*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of Parks be directed to report to this Board at its next meeting whether any employees of the Department under his direction are doing duties other than those for which they were appointed, and if so, how many and their respective names, and the nature of the employment in which they are engaged, and how long they have been so engaged.

Gardeners to be examined.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN—

*Resolved*, That hereafter no gardener shall be engaged until, after an examination by the landscape gardener as to his botanical and practical acquirements, he is found competent and qualified and so certified to the Board.

On motion, at 11.30 o'clock, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*

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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1880.**

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REGULAR MEETING—9.30 A. M.

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Present—Commissioner WENMAN, President.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Secretary.*