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SOWDEN AND HARTZELL

Were Last Evening Elected Solicitor
and Water Commissioner.

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING

Straight Party Vote Was Held in the
Elections—M. P. Schantz Ex-
plained Why He Took the
Stand He Did.

The following members attended the regular meeting of city councils last evening: Select councils, Messrs. Reinsmith, Kramer, Schantz, Wieder, Steckel, McFadden, Baines, Stiles, Moyer and Laros, chairman; common council, Messrs. Arbogast, Balliet, Bernhard, Bigelow, Gersbach, Keck, King, Kohler, Kohl, Lehr, McLaughlin, Owen Nagle, Roth, Schneck, Stahler, Stahlnecker, Ursprung, Walt, Wolf and A. J. Nagle, chairman.

The appointment of P. J. Beisel as pipe-man of the Rescue chemical engine was confirmed.

The finance committee reported unfavorably on the ordinance to present to the Allentown Hospital Association the city lot on west Linden street. Select council, by a tie vote, refused to sustain the report. By a vote of ten yeas and seven nays common council concurred in this action.

A resolution for the curbing and paving of the north side of Allen street between McKinley and Seventh and between Fifth and Penn streets, was referred to the highway department.

Resolutions for incandescent lights at Seventeenth and Hamilton, Jordan and Allen and Sixth street, between Allen and Tilghman, and for an arc light at Gordon street west of the Lehigh Valley station, were referred to the police department.

A resolution for crossings at Bryan and Court streets and Bryan and Chestnut streets, was referred to the highway department.

The mayor was directed to advertise until April 26 for bids for supplies for the various departments.

The highway department was directed to prepare specifications for the improvement of North Centre Square with crushed granite.

MR. SCHANTZ'S DEFENCE.

In select council Mr. Schantz made a speech in defense of his vote in the finance committee against the appropriation of \$350 for "special police," and in answer to the communications that appeared in two daily papers on the subject.

NEW ORDINANCES.

For the laying of a water main on Pioneer street, 159 feet north of Liberty; providing for the curbing and paving of the west side of Church street, between Gordon and Liberty.

SOWDEN ELECTED CITY SOLICITOR.

Councils went into joint session to elect a city solicitor and water commissioner. For the former office Mr. Steckel nominated Hon. W. H. Sowden and Mr. Wolf presented the name of Frank M. Trexler. A vote being taken it resulted in the election of Mr. Sowden by a strict party vote of 16 to 14, as follows: Sowden—Select council, 6; common council, 10; total, 16; Trexler—Select council, 4; common council, 10; total, 14.

HARTZELL ELECTED WATER COMMISSIONER

Wilson J. Hartzell was nominated for water commissioner by Mr. Keck and Mr. Wolf named Hiram Sterner. The former was elected by the same votes that made Mr. Sowden city solicitor.

