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CITY FATHERS IN SESSION

An Important Meeting of the
Municipal Legislature.

THE KUTZTOWN TROLLEY

The New President Asks for a Re-
newal of the Franchise—Patriots
to Retain Their Positions—A
Home for Pioneer Company.

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

Petitions and resolutions were presented for a number of crossings and the highway department reported favorably on a number of applications for crossings.

A petition for the widening of Penn street, between Linden and Chestnut, was referred to the highway department. The city engineer was directed to submit an estimate of the cost of moving back the houses on the street line.

THE SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

The county commissioners presented a request for a draft of Centre Square and of that section on which they are to be permitted to erect the soldiers' monument.

THE KUTZTOWN TROLLEY LINE.

H. J. Schmick, the new president of the Allentown and Kutztown trolley line, presented a communication in which he asks for the passage of an ordinance renewing the franchises of the company in this city. He says the company intends to begin operations at once. Messrs. Wolf and Balliet introduced the ordinances asked for, and it was referred to the railroad committee.

NEW ORDINANCES.

The following new ordinances were presented: For the laying of a water main on Green street, west of Ninth; appropriating \$200 to the highway department for the erection of a retaining wall on Spring Garden street, west of Tenth.

PASSED SECOND READING.

The following ordinances passed second reading: For the laying of a water main on Pioneer street, 150 feet north of Liberty; appropriating \$3100 to the water department for water works extensions; fixing rates of frontage tax for new water mains at 40 cents per lineal foot on each side and that no mains smaller than six inches shall be laid; requiring certain property owners to curb and pave; for the laying of water mains on Jefferson street, from Walnut to Hamilton; Fifteenth street, between Gordon and Liberty and Poplar street, between Maple and Walnut. The ordinance appropriating \$350 for a retaining wall on Spring Garden street, west of Tenth, was ruled out of order.

HOSPITAL ORDINANCE DEFEATED.

The ordinance providing for the sale of the city lot at Fifteenth and Turner streets to the Allentown Hospital Association for the nominal sum of \$1, was lost in common council by the following vote: Yeas—Messrs. Arbogast, Bigelow, Gersbach, King, Kohler, McLaughlin, Roth, A. J. Nagle; nays—Messrs. Balliet, Bernhard, Keck, Kohl, Lehr, Owen Nagle, Schneck, Stahler, Ursprung, Walt, Wolf—11. Select council also defeated the ordinance by this vote: Yeas—Messrs. Baines, McFadden, Moyer, Reinsmith, Schwartz—5; nays—Messrs. Kramer, Steckel, Stiles, Wieder, Laros—5.

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THE PIONEER TO GET A HOUSE.

The ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with the Pioneer Fire Company, for the erection of an engine house, came up on second reading. The erection of the building shall be subject to the approval of the city property committee and the house shall not exceed \$5500 in cost. The mortgage shall bear five per cent. interest, which shall be paid by the company the first year and after that by the city. After five years the city agrees to purchase the property at actual cost. The ordinance passed second reading in common council by a vote of 13 yeas to 8 nays. Select council passed the ordinance unanimously. The ordinance was, however, referred to the city solicitor, for an opinion as to its legality.

THE AWARDING OF CONTRACTS.

In joint session of councils the city property department recommended the rejection of the bid for the repairs to the Hibernia hose house. Report adopted.

The highway department recommended the award of the contract as follows for crushed stone to Clader & Trexler, East Allentown lime stone, 72 cents per ton. Report adopted. The highway committee report on the bids for street crossings was in favor of awarding the contract to Titus Harmony. The report was rejected, however, by councils who got in a deadlock on the question and failed to award the contract.

LIGHTS GRANTED AND REFUSED.

The erection was ordered of arc lights at Second and Allen streets, Front, between Linden and Chew; Sixteenth and Hamilton, and incandescent lights at Maple and Jefferson, Ridge avenue and Sycamore, Tenth and Oak, Seventh street, between Chew and Gordon; Lehigh, between Union and Lawrence; Second and Liberty, Allen and Jordan, Hamilton and Fulton, Seventeenth and Hamilton. Resolutions for incandescent lights on Brick street, between Allen and Tilghman, and at the Pioneer engine house, were referred to the police department. Applications for arc lights at Sixth and Court, Fifteenth and Linden and on Seventh, between Gordon and Liberty and Front and Chew streets, were turned down by the police committee.

THE CITY'S FINANCES.

The report of City Treasurer Reichenbach showed the following balances on hand May 1: City—General fund, \$1808.04; general sinking fund, \$6540.09; special improvement fund, \$588.57; special funds—A, \$2735.89; B, \$615.97; C, \$2949.26. Water department—Sinking fund, \$35,947.24. There are no funds in the general account.

TO KEEP JOBS FOR PATRIOTS.

A resolution was adopted that the positions of city employes and officers who shall enlist in the United States Army in the present crisis, shall not be declared vacant, but shall be only temporarily filled until the return of the regular incumbents.