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21<sup>st</sup> September 1899

A special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Tholsel  
at half past seven o'clock P.M.  
There were present

Aldermen - James Stafford, John Clancy, Nicholas J. Cosgrave  
Councillors - James Browne, Howard Lowe, Cameron Rogers, Benjamin Hughes  
Walter Walsh, Nicholas O'Neill, John Tynle, Richard Walsh,  
James Cullimore.

Alderman Stafford was moved to the Chair in the absence of the Mayor  
The minutes of Meetings of 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> September 1899 were read and signed.  
The Estimate which is subjoined to these minutes was submitted to the  
Meeting showing the probable sums required for the service of the period  
of six months commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October 1899 as was also a letter received  
from the Local Government Board intimating that it was incumbent on  
the Corporation to raise by means of a Poor Rate on the Urban District  
the entire amount of the County Council Demand together with the  
expenses connected with the levying of such Rate. The communication  
referred to was received in reply to a query put to the Local Government  
Board as to whether the amount specified in the demand for "County  
Chgs" could be raised by means of a Rate in lieu of Co. Tax as was the  
practice under the Grand Jury system. The same communication contained  
the consent of the Department to the making of Rates by the Corporation  
for a period of six months.

Regarding the proposal to employ a Steam Roller for which it was observed  
there was no special provision made in the Estimate it was mentioned that  
the Committee appointed at last meeting had decided on hiring a Steam  
Roller from Messrs Grainger Bros and had with the assistance of a  
member of that Firm found that the cost attending the work of steam rolling  
the streets for a period of two months was in round numbers as follows:-

Hire of Steam Roller for 50 working days @ 3/- per hour	£ 90: 0: 0
1750 tons broken stones @ 2/- per ton	350: 0: 0
Wages of 1 skilled labourer and 5 spreaders and swathers	40: 0: 0
Hire of horse and man in connection with work cart	9: 12: 0
Contingencies	20: 0: 0
	£ 399: 12: 0

Assuming that the Harbour Board would fall in with the views of the  
Corporation on the advantages of steam rolling and assuming also that they  
would be in a position to employ the steam roller during a third of the  
period above mentioned, these figures would be reduced in a corresponding  
degree.

A letter received from the Secretary of the Gas Company was read pointing  
out that having learned that the Corporation contemplated using a Steam

roller his Directors considered that although the object was a good one if it could be accomplished without risk yet it was not possible to accomplish it on roads where there were gas mains and services and also pointing out a case where in the High Court of Justice in England an injunction was granted to restrain the Vestry of St Mary Abbots Kensington from using any Roller in such a way as to fracture gas pipes. Having considered the question the meeting assented to the insertion in the Estimate of a sum of £139. 10 to allow of 1000 tons of stones being put into stock against the month of April next and to appoint a Committee consisting of Messrs J. Stafford, Cullimore, W. Walsh, Cosgrave and Glancy to select a site for a stone depot at the south end of the town as a preparatory step towards steam rolling the streets. Attention was called to the fact that in case the proposed system of domestic scavenging was intended to be put into operation within the coming six months it would be desirable for the present meeting to make provision for raising the necessary additional expenditure which the system would involve. Regarding the cost entailed by domestic scavenging a letter on the subject was read from the Town Clerk of Bray showing that the cost in that town was about £500 a year. The meeting took no action on the matter and then adopted the following resolution on the motion of Councillor Lowe seconded by Councillor Rogers That the Estimate of expenses to be incurred and provided for in the financial half year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March next as amended by the inclusion of £139. 10 to provide stones for use with a Steam Roller be hereby approved and that a Borough Rate of Eightpence a Rate in lieu of Co Tax of Sixpence and a Poor Rate of Two Shillings and Sixpence in the Pound on the Estatable Value of Property within the Borough be now agreed on in pursuance of the Statute in each case made and provided. The Local Government Board by letter requested to be informed with regard to the proposed security of the Poor Rate Collector what was the amount included in the Warrant and stated that Security should be taken for a sum not less than half of that amount. It was pointed out to the meeting that the amount to be collected for the ensuing half year was £1783 more or less but that in all subsequent half years when only a moiety of the County Council Demand will be levied as one assessment the amount to be collected would not in all likelihood exceed £800. Under the circumstances the meeting considered they would be safe in accepting a Bond for £3400 in manner prescribed in resolution of 7<sup>th</sup> Inst and decided that the Local Government Board be asked to approve of such security.

D. H. Repton  
Mayor  
2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 1899

Estimate  
1<sup>st</sup> October 1899 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1900

Estimate of expenses to be provided for by the Corporation of Wexford for

	Chargeable out of Borough Rate in Trust.	Chargeable on Rate in trust	Chargeable on Rate	Total
Dr				
Amount of County and Union charges as per demand of County Council	1618 18 3	1618 18 3		
Lighting 125 public lamps from 15 <sup>th</sup> August 1899 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1900	274 9 7		274 9 7	
Lighting 4 additional lamps for St. Mary's Ward from 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 1899 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 1900	8 15 10		8 15 10	
Officers salaries for six months:-				
Town Clerk £61 5 0	£61 5 0			
Town Surveyor	32 10 0			
Executive Serv. Officer 10 0 0				
Consulting do 7 10 0				
Sanitary Sub. Officers (2) 20 0 0				
Custodian of Graveyards 5 0 0				
Mayors Sergeant 11 0 0				
Office Cleaners 2 0 0				
Warder of Town Hall 5 2 0	121 17 9 3 15		215 12	
General repairs of streets 50 ..		50 ..	150 ..	
Scavenging and watering streets 91 ..		91 ..	91 ..	
General repairs of existing sewers and construction of new ones 50 ..		50 ..	50 ..	
New footpaths 50 ..		50 ..	50 ..	
Widening and improving streets 50 ..		50 ..	50 ..	
Widening/improving of law St - sum payable to Mr. Connor as agreed upon 90 ..		90 ..	90 ..	
Repayment of Loan for erection of Market (4 shillings falling due 1 <sup>st</sup> December 1899) 26 ..		26 ..	26 ..	
do for providing Library Buildings (2/- each falling due same date) 61 ..		61 ..	61 ..	
do for providing Cemetery (1/- shillings falling due same date) 35 ..		35 ..	35 ..	
do for providing Labour Dwellings due do 94 ..		94 ..	94 ..	
Half years rent of Pipefields 15 ..		15 ..	15 ..	
do of Town Hall Site 6 14 3		6 14 3	6 14 3	
do of Passage to Old Reservoir 2 ..		2 ..	2 ..	
do of Market Site 25 ..		25 ..	25 ..	
Wages and Commission of Market Toll Collectors for 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 99 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 1900 45 ..		45 ..	45 ..	
Repairs of Corporate Buildings 25 ..		25 ..	25 ..	
Wages of Carter of Cemetery 19 10 ..		19 10 ..	19 10 ..	
Maintenance of Cemetery including 10/- for walls 20 ..		20 ..	20 ..	
Law Costs 30 ..		30 ..	30 ..	
Rent Collectors Commission 21 17 ..		21 17 ..	21 17 ..	
Rate Collectors Poundage (Borough Rate) 20 12 ..		20 12 ..	20 12 ..	
Expenses under Public Health Act re removal of nuisances, dumping etc 25 ..		25 ..	25 ..	
Expenses attendant on Bathing Place 5 ..		5 ..	5 ..	
Income Tax & the Rent Built Rents 15 .. 3 ..		15 .. 3 ..	18 ..	
Election Expenses 20 ..		20 ..	20 ..	
Preparation of Rate Books, Sergeants uniform 11 4 10 ..		11 4 10 ..	15 10 ..	
Fuel Office requisites 5 ..		5 ..	5 ..	
Printing and Advertising 30 .. 12 ..		30 .. 12 ..	32 ..	
	962 15 8	612 5 ..	1630 8 3 ..	3205 18 ..

Wexford for the period of six months commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1899.

	Dr.	Borough Rate out of Borough Fund	Borough Rate in Plate in view of loss of £1000	Borough Rate in Plate in view of loss of £1000	Total
General repairs of footpaths		962 15 8	62 5	1630 18 3	3205 18 11
Collectors Poundage (Rate in view of Co. Loss)			25		25
Poor Rate Collectors remuneration			10		10
outstanding Poundage due to Poor Collector			18	51	69
Memphis Depot £5.			30	X	30
Contingencies					2
		1010 15 8	698 5	17618 3	3385 18 11

Credits	Borough Fund	County Fund	Balance of County Fund
Half yearly rents less probable Arrears	146		
rent receivable out of Bridge Dwellings	90		
do out of Labourers Dwellings	88		
Market Tolls	35		
Proceeds of sale of Manor	254	County Fund	Proceeds of manor
Sal salaries of Sanitary Officers	37 10		
Cemetery Receipts	30		
Fines and costs from Borough Court & Petty Sessional Court		35	
Government Rates	8	4	
Fishmarket Receipts	4 1 8		
Half cost of maintaining Bathing Place due by Harbour Commissioners	5 19 3		
Town Hall Lettings	5		
Balance in hands of Treasurer	405 3	474 10 11 444 3	
		536 4 9 254 4 9 168 18 3	

Borough Rate of 8<sup>d</sup> will produce 59.  
 A Rate in view the loss of £1 will produce 2<sup>d</sup> 10<sup>c</sup>.  
 Poor Rate of 2/1 will produce 1715 12 6

Add by meeting 1000 tons <sup>down</sup> to be  
 provided for new ~~additions~~ Rollot

139 10

391 11 9

Approved 21<sup>st</sup> September 1899.

James Stapporn  
Chairman



2<sup>nd</sup> October 1899.

A meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at noon.  
There were in attendance:-  
Patrick Ryan Esq<sup>2</sup> Mayor in the chair  
Aldermen - Nicholas J. Cosgrave, John Barr, George Madden, John Clancy.  
Councillors - Howard Rowe, Benjamin Hughes, Michael McKenna, Walter Walsh,  
John Tyke, Edward O'Connell.

The minutes of Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> September 1899 were read and signed.  
The Hon. Secs of the Parnell Demonstration Committee invited by letter the  
attendance of representatives from the Corporation at the laying of the  
Foundation Stone of the Monument to the late Charles S. Parnell in  
Dublin on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October Inst. As to this matter it was announced to  
the Meeting that several members of the Council had signified their  
intention to be present at the Ceremony and it was decided to inform  
the Hon. Secs of the Demonstration Committee that the Corporation would  
be represented on the occasion.

The three following resolutions were duly adopted, the first and second  
in the order in which they are inserted at the instance of the Corporation  
of Dublin and the third by request of the Board of Guardians of Tuam.

*Resolved*:-

That this Council considers:-

- (1) That the present accommodation of the very poor and the  
working and industrial classes in all cities and towns in  
Ireland is insufficient;
- (2) That in order to prevent harsh or unjust evictions in such  
cities and towns, and to protect the interest of such classes and  
all citizens having any interest in their dwellings or holdings as  
tenants, immediate legislation is necessary to redress the grievances  
at present existing;
- (3) That all citizens being town tenants are entitled to better legal  
security in their tenure and improvements, and to have the  
interest in their tenancies properly defined fair rents judicially  
determined, and a less expensive and more expeditious procedure  
for adjusting disputes between landlord and tenant established;
- (4) That the terminable leasehold system, by which landlords on  
expiration of leases become entitled to the tenants buildings  
and improvements, is injurious to the community and that  
ground values should be taxed.

*Resolved*:- That we declare that the present system known as the  
voluntary system of training and educating the blind of the United  
Kingdom has failed to relieve them from the misery to which they are

subject by reason of their affliction:

That we respectfully urge upon Her Majesty's Government the necessity for giving legislative effect to the unanimous recommendation of the Royal Commission recently appointed to inquire into the condition of the Blind of the United Kingdom viz - That the Blind of Ireland should be at once legislated for.

Resolved - That this meeting of the Wexford Corporation emphatically protests against the attempt now being made by the Irish Agricultural Organization Society to obtain control of the administration of the Government Grants under the recent Act of Parliament establishing a Board of Agriculture and Industries for Ireland, and we are of opinion that no beneficial results can accrue to this country from such Government Grants unless same are administered by County, District and Urban Councils, which are not only representative of all interests, but are also closely in touch with the necessities of the people.

It was further resolved - That copies of the foregoing resolutions be sent to the Chief Secretary and Mr French A.P.

Regarding a rumour prevalent as to one of the feeding streams at Coolree being diverted from the Reservoir a report received from the Superintendent of Waterworks was read showing that what possibly gave rise to the rumour was that at the point where the course of the Coolree stream divided into two channels there had been some stones placed by a lad so as to cause a greater quantity of water to flow in one channel than otherwise should.

The Committee appointed on 21<sup>st</sup> Ultmo reported they had been in quest of a site for a manure and stone depot and found that a section of the field belonging to James Donnelly of King Street or a portion of the premises of a Mr. Ashe in the same street, were what the Committee deemed to be the most eligible sites in the South end of the town. They also reported having requested the proprietors mentioned to state in writing the terms on which they would be prepared to let the pieces of ground in question to the Corporation.

In response to the Committee's request it was found that only one tender <sup>was</sup> received being that of Mr. Donnelly who offered to let the part of his field selected at a rent of £7 a year provided it was enclosed by a hedge and at the expense of the Corporation.

The matter having been considered it was decided to refer it again to the Committee with instructions to them to ascertain full particulars as to the measurements of the plots the cost of building the requisite fence the suitability of the sites from a sanitary standpoint and as far as possible the soundness of the titles and also again request Mr. Ashe to state his terms. As the attendance of members was not large enough to admit of a Borough rate and a rate in lieu of Co. tax being made the meeting adjourned to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Inst.

4<sup>th</sup> October 1899.

In adjourned meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at half past seven o'clock P.M.

There were present

Patrick Ryan Esq<sup>rd</sup> Mayor in the chair

Aldermen - James Stafford, Nicholas J. Cosgrave, John Clancy, George Hadden.

Councillors - Howard Rowe, Robert Stanton, James J. Stafford, Edward O'Connor,

Benjamin Hughes, Thomas Hayes, Cameron Rogers, Nicholas O'Neill,  
Walter Walsh, Michael McKenny.

The minutes of meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1899 were read and signed.

Pursuant to notice given by Councillor Stanton, he proposed the following motion viz

That the resolution of 1<sup>st</sup> May 1899 in reference to proposed footpath in front of new houses at Old Pound being done in due course be hereby rescinded.  
The motion was seconded by Councillor McKenny.

A poll was taken on this motion when there voted for it

Misses McKenny, Rogers, Hughes, O'Connor, Stafford (J. J.) Stanton, Rowe, Hadden,  
Clancy, Cosgrave (10)

Against it Misses Walsh, O'Neill, Hayes (3)

Died not to vote Alderman Stafford.

The motion was declared carried.

The following resolution was then put and carried.

Proposed by Councillor Stanton and seconded by Councillor Rogers  
That the pathway in front of new houses at Old Pound be made immediately  
after the pathway now being made in Gibson Street

A letter from the Local Government Board was read containing sanction  
of the appointment of Mr Thomas Godfrey as collector of Poor Rate at a  
remuneration of sevenpence in the £ and also of the sum fixed as security  
namely £400 with the proviso that the liability of the parties to the collectors  
Bond should be a joint and several liability in respect of the total sum of  
the security.

Councillor Somers in pursuance of notice given by him moved

That the resolution fixing the rent of dwelling houses at Emmett Place be  
rescinded in so far as regards the house fronting Trinity Street and  
occupied by John O'Connell. But as it was asserted at the meeting that the  
occupant whose avocation was that of a sailor was in receipt of a higher  
wage than 12/- a week the motion failed to be carried.

The making of Rates as agreed to on 21<sup>st</sup> ultmo was a matter which was  
considered with the result that the following resolutions were adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Rogers seconded by Alderman Clancy.

That a Borough Rate of 1/- per £ be levy struck to meet expenses  
for the six months ending 31<sup>st</sup> March next as per Estimate approved on 21<sup>st</sup> ultmo.

Proposed by Councillor Rose, seconded by Councillor Stanton  
Resolved That in pursuance of the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order (Wexford) Confirmation Act 1873 there be now struck a Rate of Sixpence in the Pound on the ratable value of Property within the Borough of Wexford for the service of six months ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1900 that the Rate Book be now sealed and that the Rate be found to be payable on and after the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November next.  
The Rate Books appledged and completed were produced and were duly sealed and signed.

A report received from the Reservoir showed that the level of the water was 136 inches below the level of the overflow outlet and that the supply continued weak. It was decided to have the water laid on to the town from 7 to 8 o'clock in the morning and from 4 to 5 in the afternoon and that this further curtailment of the supply be announced by the town crier.

P.C.W. Wexford May 10  
10th Oct 1899

10<sup>th</sup> October 1899

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Tholsel at noon.

There were present

Patrick Ryan Esq<sup>rs</sup> Mayor in the chair

Aldermen - James Stafford, George Hadden, Matthew J. Furlong.

Councillors - Walter Walsh, Benjamin Hughes, Howard Rose, Richard Walsh, Edward O'Connor, Cameron Rogers, Robert Stanton.

The minutes of meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> Inst were read and signed.

A letter received from Mr. M. A. Ennis was read notifying his intention to take proceedings for injury done to his land adjoining the Redmond Road by the action of two of the Corporation workmen whom he found in the act of digging trenches in the land.

As to this matter the Town Surveyor explained that having found the culverts at the side of the road stopped, he put the men at the work of re-opening them in order to let the surface water from the road flow onto the land. Having considered the question the meeting held that the Town Surveyor's action was justifiable, having regard to the terms of Section 9 of the 14 & 15 Vic. Cap 92 made applicable to Wexford town by Section 1 of the Provisional Order of 1873 and it was decided to write to Mr. Ennis informing him so.

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A letter received from occupiers of land adjoining the Reservoir was

red, containing a protest against the action of the Superintendent of Waterworks in turning, as they alleged, the stream at Mr Corishes land in Colistown from its former course and so depriving them of their water rights, and signifying their determination to seek redress if these rights were not restored to them. As to this matter Mr McCarthy explained that at the point where the Colistown Stream divided into two branches he found that stones had been placed in the bed of the stream with the consequence that a portion of the water was made to flow down one of the branches, where no water would otherwise have gone owing to the <sup>lowness</sup> ~~scarcity~~ of water in the stream and that he had the stones mentioned removed. Subsequent to this the Gaeltach had found a dam had been placed at the same point and had removed it also. The question having been considered it was ordered that the Gaeltach be directed to remove the dam from the stream whenever he should find it there.

There was brought under notice the advisability of availing of the present opportunity, when the level of the water in the Reservoir was unprecedentedly low to have the accumulations of decayed vegetable matter deposited in the Reservoir taken away, whereupon the following order was made.

That the bottom of the Reservoir be cleaned, and to that end the Superintendent be empowered to employ all necessary assistance so as to have the work done without delay and that he be also directed to have the crevices in the pitching of the embankment filled with gravel.

Attention was called to the fact that the supply of water being laid on for only one hour at a time precluded the possibility of water being delivered to the higher levels of the town with the result that the Superintendent of Waterworks was directed to have the town supplied in sections, so as to admit of each house being as far as possible supplied furnished with an hours supply each day and furthermore that standpipes in connection with the old water system be put up in densely populated districts. The meeting adjourned to 7.30 p.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst.

R. J. Murphy  
Wexford 17th Oct 1849

11<sup>th</sup> October 1899.

An adjourned Special Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at half past seven o'clock P.M.

There were present

Patrick Ryan Esq<sup>t</sup> Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - George Hadden, John Clancy.

Councillors - Cameron Rogers, John Lytle, Benjamin Hughes, Thomas Hayes,

Walter Walsh, Howard Rowe, Richard Walsh, Robert Stanton.

The Minutes of meeting of yesterday's date were read and signed.

It was mentioned to the Meeting that it was the rule with the Corporation to require Rate Collectors to pay the cost attendant on the preparation and execution of their Bonds. The meeting was asked to say if the same rule would apply in the case of the newly appointed Poor Rate Collector, whereupon it was decided to require him to provide his Bond at his own expense.

It was mentioned to the Meeting that as stones used in connexion with a Steam Roller did not need to be broken so small as stones for ordinary macadamizing it would be well to procure tenders for the quantity required for steam rolling. The matter was considered and it was decided to issue advertisement for tenders for 1000 tons in quantities not less than 200 tons, stones to be broken to 3 inch size and samples not exceeding 4 lbs weight to be sent in along with tenders.

Howard Rowe

Pres. Chairman Oct 16 - 1899

15<sup>th</sup> October 1899

A Stated Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at 4.30 P.M. by Standing Order of 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1899.

There were in attendance:-

Aldermen - James Stafford, John Barr, Nicholas J. Coopgrave, John Clancy, Matthew J. Furlong, George Hadden - Councillors Walter Walsh, Benjamin Hughes, Michael McKenny, Howard Rowe, Thomas Hayes, Richard Walsh, Cameron Rogers, Robert Stanton, Matthew Somers.

Councillor Rowe having been moved to and taken the Chair the Minutes of Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> Inst were read and signed. At this point the Mayor attended the Meeting and the chair having been vacated in his favour it was taken by him.

Lodgments made with the Treasurer in the month of September were reported. They amounted in the aggregate to the sum of £360. 13. 0 and consisted of £27 for Borough Rate £12 Burial Charges £90. 10. 6 rents of Working Class Dwellings £22. 13. 9 Half salaries of Sanitary Officers £6 Rural charges £69 Rate on Land £600.

£14. 8. 9 Estate Duty Grant and £119 Water Rate  
Bills which had accrued due up to the last day of last month were submitted and having been examined were ordered for payment as follows

- To Michael J. Connor for £6. 15. 9 being commission at 7½ per cent on £90. 10. 6 amount of rents out of Artizans and Labourers Dwellings collected and lodged
- To W. Cussen Collector of I.R for £6. 15. 6 being Quit and Crown Rents due out of Corporate Property
- To W<sup>m</sup> McGrath for £1. 10 being Fees payable to him as Caretaker of Town Hall out of lettings of same
- To W<sup>m</sup> P. Rositer for £1. 10 for seeds shrubs and sundry goods supplied for use in Crosstown Cemetery.
- To Gainfort Rs for 14. 3 for Stationery supplied.
- To Daniel Donohue for 5/6 being expenses incurred by him and Food Drugs etc.
- To M. A. Corcoran for £3. 16. 2 for advertising done.
- To W<sup>m</sup> A. Browne for £3. 10. 6 being sum payable for writing up and applotting Borough Rate and making a true copy of same for use of Collector
- To Thomas Glancy for £51. 15. 5 for collecting £372. 10. 3 of Rate in lieu of less at 9<sup>2</sup> in £ and including 6/1 amount overlodged in error.
- To Mr. Richards for £16. 6. 6 for Thirteen sewer trap grates supplied at £1 each
- To Thompson Bros. for £3. 4. 9 for cement supplied
- To W<sup>m</sup> A. Browne for £4. 10. 0 sum payable for writing up and applotting Rate in lieu of less and making a true copy of same for use of Collector
- To M. A. Corcoran for £2. 9. 9 for advertising done.
- To Same for £1. 9. 9 for same
- To Thompson Bros. for 6/2 for cement supplied.
- To James Wadding for £4. 9. 0 for supplying 36 tons of broken stone @ 1/- per ton
- To W<sup>m</sup> A. Browne for 42. 10. 0 being probable amount of petty cash payments to be made out of Waterworks Fund from present date till date of next ensuing Stated Finance by using such sum along with £5 advanced to Town Clerk on 28<sup>th</sup> ultmo taken together will constitute part of the "Normal Balance" left in his hands
- To same for £70. 0. 0 being probable amount of petty cash payments to be made out of Town Improvement Fund for same period such sum along with £28. 0. 0 advanced to Town Clerk on 28<sup>th</sup> ultmo taken together will constitute another part of the "Normal Balance" left in his hands
- To same for £7. 10. 0 being probable amount of petty cash payments to be made out of Borough Fund for same period such sum along with £3. 0. 0 advanced to Town Clerk on 28<sup>th</sup> ultmo taken together will constitute the remainder of the "Normal Balance" left in his hands

liabilities amounting in the aggregate to £340:0:0.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month  
ending the last day of September 1899 including payments made at the  
Stated Finance Meeting held on this day

## Summary

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last <sup>30<sup>th</sup> August, 1899.</sup> Statement

Total sums received to close of last month (30<sup>th</sup> Sept 1899)

Total

Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement

Payments ordered at above-mentioned meeting including former payments made during month of September.

Total

Set Balance due by Treasurer being difference of above Totals)

## Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer

### Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)

Set Balance as above due by Treasurer.

Ordinary Account		
958	18	10
360	13	.
1319	11	10
—	—	—
294	10	5
494	10	5
822	1	5
1066	11	.
244	9	7
822	1	5

A letter was read from Brun & Dempsey containing request for an advance of £5 on foot of their contract for laying footpath in Gibson Street. The request was not granted as the Town Surveyor stated he was not then prepared to certify that the work was so far done to his satisfaction.

The making of a Poor Rate was considered with the result that the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Alderman Stafford seconded by Councillor Rogers

That a Poor Rate of Two shillings and Two pence in the Pound be  
hereby struck on the rateable value of property within the Borough of  
Woodford as agreed to on the 21<sup>st</sup> September last.

The Rate Book completed was produced examined and duly sealed and signed.

The Water Rate Collector reported that two builders named Philip  
Doxie and James Roche refused to pay the amounts due by them for water supplied  
mixing mortar for the erection of houses and disclaimed all  
liability in the matter. The amount due by the former was shown to  
be £6: 10: 3 and by the latter £2: 15: 9. The same Collector reported that  
Messrs Wickham & Co declined to pay a sum of £6: 3: 5 due by them for  
water supplied to a Brewery by meter up to 1st August 1898. The case having  
been considered it was decided to proceed by way of Civil Bill against  
Doxie and Roche and to instruct the Corporation Solicitor to that effect  
and to cut off the supply of water furnished to the premises of Wickham  
& Co but before this step was taken a notice was served on the delinquent  
intimating that the supply would be discontinued on the expiration of a week.

from the date of the notice being served.

An application was made by two men named Michael Boyle and Patrick Doyle for a sum of £4/8 which they claimed as compensation for loss of time under the following circumstances. Being labourers they were employed by Bonaventure Pierce at the instance of the Town Surveyor to assist in the work of cleaning out Coolres Reservoir at a remuneration of 3/- per day. According to their agreement they proceeded to the Reservoir a distance of 2½ miles from Wexford and when they arrived at their destination, they were informed by the caretaker of the Reservoir that he could not let them go to work unless they were satisfied to work for 2/- a day being the rate of wages which he was authorized by the Town Surveyor to pay to men engaged at the work in question. They refused to work on his terms and now claimed 2/- each for loss of time in proceeding to and from the Reservoir.

It was ordered that the claim be discharged.

It was suggested that a Committee might with advantage be appointed to visit the Reservoir and see how the work of cleansing it was progressing. The suggestion commended itself to the meeting and was adopted. The Committee was appointed. It included the Mayor, Councillor R. Walsh, C. Rogers Alderman Cosgrave, Councillor McKenny and Alderman Glancy. The need for having a privy erected at the rear of house occupied by John Reynolds, a Corporation tenant in Cornmarket was brought under notice. It was ordered that a specification be prepared by the Town Surveyor and tenders invited from builders for the erection of a privy.

Orders were made for the procurement of sundry articles and commodities as follows viz - 3 suits of oilskins, 7 barrels coke, 4 barrels tar, 1 dozen brushes, 5 tons cement, 4 cots of gravel, 5 barrels lime, 2<sup>hundred</sup> ~~200~~ of bricks, 1 can of grease, 1 can of oil and the repair of 20 picks.

D G Murphy  
Mayor  
16th Oct 1849

23<sup>rd</sup> October 1899.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at half past seven o'clock P.M.

There were present

Aldermen - John Barr, James Stafford, Nicholas J. Cosgrave,  
John Clancy, Matthew J. Furlong.

Councillors - James J. Stafford, Nicholas O'Neill, Benjamin Hughes,  
Walter Walsh, Matthew Somers, Richard Walsh, Robert  
Hanton, Cameron Rogers.

On the motion of Councillor Hughes seconded by Alderman Barr the chair  
was taken by Alderman Cosgrave in the absence of the Mayor.

A letter from the Secretary of Gas Co was read intimating that the  
price charged for the public lamps would be reduced by two shillings  
per lamp per lighting season from 1<sup>st</sup> October 1899.

With regard to order made on 8<sup>th</sup> September for the erection of  
additional lamps a letter from the same gentleman was read  
pointing out that the lamp ordered to be put at the bend of the road  
beyond Pierces Works would be subject to an extra charge consequent  
on the fact that the distance between it and the next nearest lamp  
would be considerably greater than the distance that should be between  
any two lamps. This matter, and the erection of further additional  
lamps having been considered the following resolution was adopted on  
the motion of Alderman Barr, seconded by Councillor O'Neill.

That an additional lamp be erected in Batt Street and in addition to  
the lamp lately ordered for Distillery Road a second lamp be erected there  
that the lamp lately ordered for Slippery Green be placed at a distance  
of 60 yards from the lamp on the Cross of Slippery Green. These lamps to  
be erected on condition that they will be maintained at the nominal charge.  
In reference to decision come to on 10<sup>th</sup> instant regarding complaint made  
by Mr H. A. Ennis a further letter received from that gentleman was read.  
From this it appeared he was dissatisfied with the finding of the Corporation  
endorsing the action of the Town Surveyor in connection with the re-opening  
of culverts at the side of Redmond Road without due process of law being gone  
through. It appeared also that besides the culverts being re-opened there were  
trenches dug in his (Mr Ennis) land - an act of trespass at which he felt  
aggrieved and for which he intended to seek redress unless the trenches were  
filled up again. Touching this matter it was

Resolved - That having regard to the terms of Mr Ennis' letter a Committee  
be appointed to see him with a view to litigation being avoided - the Committee  
to include Alderman Stafford, Mr Rogers, Alderman Furlong, Alderman Barr,  
Mr Hanton and Mr Kelly.

order made on 11<sup>th</sup> instant were opened.

They proved to be from the following persons who it appeared were prepared to supply the quantities mentioned at the prices specified after their names vizt:-

Philip Doyle Barntown 200 tons @ 3/- per ton

Patrick Moran Terlogue 200 . @ 3/- .

John Peck Duke Street 200 . @ 3/- .

Patrick Kenny

Thomas Merriman

Michael Party

John Dowd

Patrick Keers

Samy Jones

} Forth Commons 600 . @ 2/8 .

The acceptance of these offers was considered with the result that the following resolution was adopted:-

Proposed by Alderman Barr & seconded by Alderman Furlong

That the tenders of Messrs Kenny, Merriman, Party, Dowd, Keers and Jones offering to supply 600 tons of broken stones at the rate of 2/8 per ton on conditions specified in advertisement and also on condition that the bulk will be according to sample be hereby accepted and that fresh advertisements be issued asking for tenders for an additional 400 tons of stones to complete the quantity needed for steam rolling purposes.

The Local Government Board by letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> October 1899 called attention to a newspaper cutting respecting an interment which took place in the Franciscan Graveyard and which had been the subject recently of proceedings at Petty Sessions and requested that the Medical Officer of Health should be directed to examine and report upon the conditions of the Burial Grounds situated within the Urban District of Wexford and that a copy of the Report should be furnished to the Local Government Board. It was ordered that the requirements of the Local Government Board be complied with.

It was mentioned that the interest of the lessee in a house projecting beyond the line of the street at Main Street North was about to be realized and such being the case it would be well to avail of the opportunity thereby afforded to negotiate for the purchase of the lessors interest with a view to widening the street.

The following resolution was therupon adopted.

Proposed by Councillor R. Walsh seconded by Alderman Furlong

That a Committee consisting of Mr Rogers, Aldermen Cosgrave and Madden and Mr Hughes be appointed to ascertain the terms on which the house occupied by Mr Party opposite Monk Street would be set back in line with the Christian Association Hall and report to the Council on the subject mention was made of the fact that the Fishguard and Rosslare Railway Co

were conveying by means of pipes all the water from the Spring at Trinity Street for the use of their locomotives, to the prejudice of the public rights. It was stated also that from an advertisement appearing in the local newspapers the Railway Co. were appropriating the Spring with the privity of the owner of the adjoining land to whom it seemed they paid a charge of £1.0.0 a year for the privilege.

It was proposed by Alderman Furlong seconded by Alderman Blaney and Resolved — That with a view to measures being taken to preserve the public rights of user in the well adjacent to Dockyard known as Trinity Well versus Stafford, Stafford, W. Walsh, Barr along with Mr McCarthy be asked to inquire into the grounds on which such public rights rest or can be established and report to this Council on the subject

Dickyleen  
Friday  
6th Nov 1899

6<sup>th</sup> November 1899.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council (acting as ex-officio Town Commissioners and Urban Sanitary Authority) was held this day at the Tholsel at noon.

There were in attendance

Patrick Ryan Esq<sup>re</sup> Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen — John Barr, James Stafford, George Hadden, John Blaney, Nicholas J. Cosgrave.

Councillors — Howard Lowe, John Tyghe, Benjamin Hughes Michael McKenny, Matthew Somers, James Cullimore, Walter Walsh, Patrick Kehoe, Richard Walsh.

The minutes of Meeting of 33<sup>rd</sup> October 1899 were read and signed.

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the countersignature of the Clerk, showing the sums amounting in the aggregate to £240 which had been ordered for payment at the Stated Finance Meeting held next before the above-mentioned day, being in respect of expenses for the period ending the last day of the preceding month, and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Ledger was also produced posted up to the day of the last Stated Finance Meeting with the proper debits and credits as ordered on that day.

Arising out of the above, the following Order was made.

That the Park Committee be requested to wait on the Directors of the

Gas Company with the view to an arrangement being come to to have the lamp ordered to be put up in Slipper Green erected without extra charge at a distance of 100 yards from the lamp on the Cross at Slipper Green. That an additional lamp be erected on Shawell Road near Mc Mahys gate. A communication received from the Secretary Board of National Education was read calling attention to the fact that the time had now arrived when arrangements should be made for the appointment of a School Attendance Committee to serve for three years from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1893 and containing a request that the Local Authority would proceed to appoint one half of the members constituting such Committee.

The matter having been considered it was decided to take no action thereon as the powers conferred by the Irish Education Act 1892 had never been exercised, or their exercise deemed essential in Wexford.

It was reported that the level of the water in the Reservoir was 84 inches below the level of high water mark, showing that the level had risen 20 inches during the previous week, and it was decided to prolong the period of daily supply to the town by turning on the water from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. It was reported that water was found going to waste on the premises of John Duggan of Duke Street and James Keating, William Newport and John Ronan of Upper King Street. It appeared that in the case of John Duggan and John Ronan waste had taken place on two occasions within the last month. On the motion of Alderman Hadden seconded by Councillor McKinney it was decided to have Duggan and Ronan prosecuted at Petty Sessions.

Regarding Order made at last meeting requiring tenders to be procured for a supply of broken stones to make up the full quantity needed for use with a Steam Roller it was announced that only one tender had been received. This tender having been produced was opened and proved to have been lodged by Patrick Moran of Terlogue who it appeared was prepared to supply 200 tons at 2/- per ton. The tender was accepted.

The Committee appointed at meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> October to negotiate for the purchase of house at Main Street North with the object of widening that thoroughfare intimated verbally that they had not yet come to terms with the various parties interested in the houses in question but hoped to be in a position to lay a report before the Council on an early date.

With regard to legal proceedings taken against Philip Doyle and James Roche Builders for £6.13.3 and £2.5.9 respectively for water taken surreptitiously by them and used in mixing mortar for the erection of buildings it was mentioned that the former had tendered £4.0.0 in settlement of his liability which the Corporation Solicitor advised to be accepted, and the latter (Roche) had applied by letter for a reduction of the amount chargeable to him on the plea that most of the water used in the house erected by him was drawn from the Folly and only the quantity needed at the building of the partition walls

wastaken from the Corporation Supply.  
On the motion of Alderman Blaney seconded by Councillor McKenny it was  
Resolved - That a sum of £4:0:0 together with expenses gone to by the Corporation  
in connection with legal proceedings taken for the recovery of Bill due by  
Philip Dohé be accepted in settlement of said Bill and that a proportionate  
reduction be made in the account due by James Roche provided he will also  
pay legal expenses gone to.

The Committee appointed to report on the actions of the Fishguard and  
Rosslare Company in closing a well near the Dockyard reported they had  
found the well covered in with a wooden covering and that a pipe had  
been laid to enable water to flow into the Railway Co's tank. From enquiries  
made by the Committee on the spot it appeared that the public rights of usor in  
the well existed from time immemorial and the Committee therefore advised  
the residents in the neighbourhood to have the covering removed but it seemed  
none of these wished to take the responsibility of removing it. The Committee  
therefore recommended that steps be taken by the Corporation to re-open the well.  
On the motion of Councillor McKenny seconded by Alderman Cosgrave it was  
Resolved - That in order to preserve the public rights of usor in spring at  
Trinity Street known as Trinity Well, the Town Surveyor be authorized to have  
the covering placed over the well by the Railway Company taken away.  
The Corporation Solicitor asked by letter to be informed whether it was the wish  
of the Corporation that the lately completed Bond of the Poor Rate Collector should  
be registered, but as it was the rule with the Corporation not to register Bonds  
it was decided to apply the same rule to the Bond in question.

P. J. Ryan  
Mayor  
20th Nov 1899

20<sup>th</sup> November 1899.

A Stated Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Thobod  
at 7.30 P.M. Finance

There were in attendance

Patrick Ryan Esq<sup>r</sup> Mayor in the chair

Aldermen - Nicholas J. Cosgrave, John Blaney, Matthew J. Furlong.

Councillors - Robert Stanton, James Browne, Walter Walsh, Michael McKenny,  
James Cullimore, Richard Walsh, James J. Stafford, Nicholas Kelly.

The minutes of meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> November 1899 were read and signed.  
The Town Clerk produced an account of expenditure paid by him in the  
month of October along with vouchers in support of such expenditure  
showing that a sum of £100.00 was paid for the purpose of fully disbursement  
for that period under the heads of General repairs of street and footpaths, cleaning

and watering streets repairing and cleansing sewers maintenance of Burial Grounds and watered system etc. The account was checked and found correct.  
The Bank Books and the cashed Paying Orders were laid before the Meeting  
The accuracy of the Bank Books having been ascertained the Chairman affixed his signature thereto.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the Month ending the last day of October 1899 including Payments made at the stated Finance Meeting held on this day

Summary	Ordinary Account
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	822 1 5
Total sum received to close of last month	297 19 6
Total	1120 . 11
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement	
Payments ordered at above-mentioned meeting	1224 2 11
Total	1224 2 11
1st Balance due to Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	104 2 .
Reconciliation	
Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer	1120 . 11
Oustanding Orders including those issued at this meeting	1224 82 11
1st Balance as above due to Treasurer	104 2 .
Liabilities which had accrued due up to end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £ 1224 2:11 were submitted to the Meeting and having been examined were approved and an authorisation was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 30 to 58 inclusive viz:-	
20 To favour of W <sup>m</sup> A. Browne to reinstate nominal balance to its original amount in respect of Borough Fund	£ 5:6:0
21 To same for like purpose in respect of Town Improvement Fund	53:8:2
22 To same for like purpose in respect of Waterworks Fund	35:14:11
23 To same salary as Town Clerk from 24 <sup>th</sup> July to 31 October 1899 and being proportion of same chargeable on Borough Fund	29:13:11
24 To John Harrow for salary as Deputy Sergeant for same period	5:18:5
25 To David Condon salary as Bantainer of Old Graveyards for same period	2:13:10
26 To John Green salary as Consulting Sanitary Officer for same period	4: 0: 9
27 To W <sup>m</sup> A. Browne salary as Executive Sanitary Officer for same period	5: 7: 8
28 To John Harrow salary as Sanitary Sub Officer for same period	5: 7: 8
29 To David Condon salary as Bto for same period	5: 7: 8
30 To W <sup>m</sup> McGrath salary as Bantainer of Town Hall for same period	2: 16: 0
31 To Mrs Murphy salary for cleansing Municipal offices for same period	1: 1: 6
Brought Forward	£ 155:16:6

Carried Forward £ 155: 16: 6

32 To W <sup>m</sup> A. Browne cash advanced by him in payment of sundry small accounts	15: 0
33 To Thomas J. Kelly, Solicitor for legal services rendered	21: 13: 6
34 To Bank of Ireland instalment due on Market Loan to 3 <sup>d</sup> Oct.	33: 0: 6
35 To same instalment due on Artisans Dwelling Loan to do	60: 5: 9
36 To same instalment due on Labourers Dwellings Loan to do	94: 19: 9
37 To same instalment due on Cemetery Loan to do	35: 2: 9
38 To same 5 <sup>t</sup> the Rent Charge due on Corporate Estate	2: 11: 10
39 To W <sup>m</sup> Simpson for office requisites supplied	1: 6: 6
40 To W <sup>m</sup> Hutchinson for coal supplied	1: 1: 0
41 To Wexford Gas Company for gas supplied to Municipal Buildings <sup>and fittings</sup>	1: 8: 10
42 To Thomas Clancy for collecting Borough Rates	17: 11: 0
43 Cancelled.	
44 To W <sup>m</sup> A. Browne salary as Secretary of Waterworks from 24 <sup>th</sup> July to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 1899	5: 7: 8
45 To T. A. Walsh for Rate on land & house at Reservoir	1: 2: 6
46 To Bank of Ireland instalment on Waterworks Supplemental Loan to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 1899	116: 8: 5
47 To same do on Waterworks Principal Loan due same date	582: 5: 10
48. To Robert Stanton for cows supplied on hire	2: 11: 5
+ 9. To T. P. Richards for trap grate supplied	17: 6
50 To James Redmond for laying footpath at Richmond Road - balance of sum due	13: 8: 2
51 To Brewster Dempsey for laying sewer adjacent to South Wexford Railway Station - amount advanced on account	15: 0: 0
52 To W. A. McGuire for goods supplied	16: 0
53 To John Byrne for oilskin suit supplied	2: 0: 6
54 To Patrick Lenny for stones supplied	1: 0: 3
55 To Patrick Moran for do	2: 10: 10
56 To W <sup>m</sup> A. Browne salary as Town Clerk from 24 <sup>th</sup> July to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 1899 being proportion of same chargeable on Town Improvement Fund	29: 13: 11
57 To Daniel E. MacCarthy salary as Town Surveyor for same period	17: 13: 6
58 To same do as Superintendent of Waterworks for same period	17: 13: 6
	£ 1334: 2: 11

The Town Clerk pointed out that since the work of cleaning the Reservoir has been finished it was not necessary for him to have a larger sum than £ 20 on hands to admit of fully liabilities chargeable on the Waterworks

fund being paid for the ensuing month whereupon the following Order was made  
 That in order to reduce the Normal Balance by £2.25 the Town Clerk be  
 instructed to lodge that sum to credit of the Waterworks Account.  
 Monthly Abstract of Working Class Dwellings rent collection and of  
 Rent Collector's Cash Account. vizt:—

Number of Houses.			Rent Collection				
Rent	Set	Unoccupied	Amounts due by Tenants at close of last collection	Rents received during the month	Total for collection	Collected during the month	Amounts due by Tenants at close of last month
59	58	1	£5 : 2 : 3	£35 : 6 : 8	£40 : 8 : 11	£31 : 6 : 1	£9 : 2 : 10

Collector's Cash Account.				
Balance in hands at close of last month.	Collected during the month	Sum to be accounted for by collector	Lodge with Surveyor during month	Balance if any in hands at close of the month.
nil	£31 : 6 : 1	£31 : 6 : 1	£31 : 6 : 1	nil

The Rent Collection Book and the Report Book of the Rent Collector was then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature. On the Report Book of the Collector Orders were made in individual cases as follows:

Name of Tenant.	Nature of Report	Orders made by District Council thereon.
Thomas Crean	Arrear of rent to the amount of £1 : 3 : 6 had accrued due.	That these tenants be required to pay off arrears due by them within three months from this date and if the delinquents fail to comply with this requirement the collector be empowered to have them ejected.
Richard Colliton	Arrear of rent of £1 : 3 : 9 due	That the consideration of the matter be deferred.
Nicholas Conlan	Arrear of 16/- due	
John O'Connell and others	Eight houses in Emmett Place requiring to have front and back doors provided with weather boards	Ditto.
	Top of wall in front of houses in Rockes Terrace requiring to be concreted.	
	The drains across footpath in Hill Street being stopped causing water from tanks to flow over the path	That the Town Surveyor have the drains opened.

The Agents Report Book also showed that one house in Emmett Place was unoccupied since 30<sup>th</sup> October as the then tenant had left the town and no person had since applied for the house.

Ordered - That the Collector let the house as soon as he can.

A letter received from the Collector of Rate assessed in lieu of Grand Jury Tax was read. It went to show that as the Rate in question had fallen to sixpence in the £ his remuneration would be diminished by about £ 34:10s at his present rate of poundage and it contained a request that the Meeting would see to re-adjusting the remuneration in respect of the present Collection as well as all future collections of Rat Assessment. The Meeting having considered the matter decided to offer him a bonus of £ 17:5s on foot of the ~~the~~ current collection in as much as that collection was in respect of only a half year. The Collector was called before the Meeting and informed of the decision come to, whereupon he declined to accept the offer, contending that the work of collecting in respect of a half year was no less onerous than the work of collecting in respect of a whole year.

The following resolution was then adopted.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney, seconded by Alderman Clancy  
That as the Corporation have failed to come to an agreement with Mr Clancy as to the future rate of his remuneration for collecting Assessment in lieu of County Tax the Town Clerk be asked to put the circumstances of the case before the Local Government Board and request that Department for instructions as to how the Corporation ought to deal with the Collector's application.

It was reported to the Meeting that the lamp ordered on the 8<sup>th</sup> September to be erected on Distillery Road had not been placed by the Gas Company on the proper site and the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Councillor McKinney seconded by Alderman Cosgrave.

That the lamp erected opposite Mrs Philip Pierce - Ltd Works be removed to the bend of the road leading from Mrs Pierces works to the Distillery as originally ordered by the Corporation and that a lamp be erected in Seminolts Lane immediately.

Sundry Orders were made as follows

(1) That the open grates at the corner of Stonebridge Lane be substituted by a trap grate laid down at a distance of eight yards north of the position of the other open grates

(2) That the following articles and commodities be procured. vizt  
2 new meters & tanks etc, 150 yards kerbstone, 16 pieces scantling, 15 rafters,  
3 lbs nails, 3 cartloads gravel, 7 stone sets, 1 gallon colza oil, 3 lb. waste,  
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(3) That the repairs be executed as follows

on water meters, on eave gutters of Tholsel, and on trap grates.

P. J. Murphy  
Treasurer

20th Nov 1899

4<sup>th</sup> December 1899.

A statutable meeting of the Council (acting as ex-officio Town Commissioners and Urban Sanitary Authority) was held this day in the Tholsel at noon.  
There were no attendants - Aldermen - Matthew J. Farlong, George Hadden, Nicholas J. Cosgrave,  
John Clancy.

Councillors - Michael McKenry, Walter Walsh, Benjamin Hughes,

Robert Stanton, Nicholas O'Neill, Howard Rowe, Edward O'Connor.

The chair was taken by Alderman Hadden in the absence of the Mayor.  
The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been received in the months of October and November and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was also produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been ordered for payment at the stated Finance Meeting held next before the above mentioned day, being in respect of expenses for the periods ending the last day of the preceding month and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Ledger was also produced, posted up to the day of the last stated Finance Meeting with the proper debits and credits as ordered on that day.

The Committee appointed on 23<sup>rd</sup> October to report on the question of acquiring houses in Main Street North opposite Monck Street with a view to regulating the line of the street submitted the following report:-

Your Committee are unanimously of opinion that the house in question should be taken down, and rebuilt in line with the Christian Association Hall so as to admit of the important thoroughfare of Sealehar Street being widened. As the house, although needing some repairs is capable of being put into good habitable order your Committee find that to accomplish the object in view it will be necessary to acquire the interest of the Executors of the late Mrs McGuire who state they are not prepared to accept less than £300 as per their last valuation of the amount of compensation to be paid the Committee is divided in opinion, the majority being in

avour of paying £350 on the ground that the house will have to be completely rebuilt - while a minority is in favour of contributing £100 towards the cost of rebuilding. Your Committee recommend that the payment of £250 should be spread over a period of two years.

Signed upon behalf of the Committee

George Hadden Chairman

The letter referred to in the Report was read. It contained a statement to the effect that a sum of £350 would be required to allow of the house being taken down and another one being built, and further that as a number of persons carrying on business in the vicinity of the house had offered to subscribe £50 towards the cost of putting it back the writers were satisfied to accept £300 from the Corporation to allow of the street being widened.

The matter was deliberated on to some extent but on the motion of Alderman Clancy seconded by Alderman Furlong it was resolved to defer the consideration of it to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Inst. and to instruct the Town Surveyor to examine and report on the house in the meantime.

A number of persons who signified their intention of forming an Anglers Club made application by letter to the Meeting for liberty to stock the Reservoir with fish and to be given the right of issuing fishing licences to the public for which privilege the applicants were prepared to pay an annual rent of £3 and to apply all profits, if any, arising from the sale of licences to the purpose of re-stocking the Reservoir.

Proposed by Alderman Cosgrave seconded by Councillor Rowe and Resolved. That a Seven Years Lease of the Fishing Rights of the Reservoir be given to the intending Members of the proposed Anglers Club at a rent of £3 per year, subject to the Rules of the Club being submitted to and approved by this Council and subject also to the cost of the Lease being borne by such Club. X.

The need which existed in the Urban District for providing additional houses for the accommodation of the Working Classes was a matter which was brought under notice with the result that as a preliminary step towards the carrying out of a scheme for providing such houses the Town Surveyor was instructed to prepare a plan along with front elevation and cross sections of a house capable of being built at such cost (allowing £15 to cover cost of site, legal and other expenses) as would enable it to be let at 2/- a week without loss to the Ratepayers.

As to order made on 20<sup>th</sup> November requiring site of lamp which was lately erected on Distillery Road before it was mentioned that the Gas Co through their Secretary had stated that as the Company were not bound to erect a lamp at a longer distance than 60 yards from the next nearest lamp the site of the lamp in question was the proper one, it being at a ft. 1 P. - No fence given - illegal.

distance of 65 yards from the site of lamp on the Cross Roads, whereas the distance from the Cross Roads to the bend in the Distillery Road was at least 100 yards.

On this explanation being given, the meeting deputed Messrs Clancy and O'Neill to wait on the Directors of the Gas Co with the view to inducing them to comply with the wishes of the Corporation on the matter, as expressed at meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> November.

P. J. Whelan  
May or  
8th Decr 1899

8<sup>th</sup> December 1899.

An adjourned Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Hotel at half past seven o'clock P.M.

There were in attendance:-

Patrick Ryan Esq<sup>o</sup> Mayor in the chair.

Aldermen - George Hadden, James Stafford, Nicholas J. Cosgrave, Matthew J. Furlong, John Barr, John Clancy.

Councillors - James J. Stafford, Edward Rowe, Cameron Rogers, Edward O'Connor, Benjamin Hughes, Michael McHenry, Walter Walsh, James Cullimore, Nicholas O'Neill, James Browne, Robert Santon, Richard Walsh, John Tyke.

The Minutes of meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> December 1899 were read and signed.

The consideration of the question of widening Main Street North which was deferred since last meeting was resumed. A report from the Town Surveyor on the state of the house proposed to be taken down was read, showing that the building was sound. There was also submitted to the meeting a numerously signed Memorial from Ratepayers throughout the town signifying their desire that £250 or if necessary £300 should be spent out of the Rates to admit of the street being widened by the taking down of the house as the part of the thoroughfare where the house was situate was narrow and traffic there on market days was congested.

On this question a long discussion took place in the course of which a proposition was made to the effect that £250 as suggested in the Committee report be paid for the setting back of the house and an amendment to such proposition in the terms set forth below was also put forward. A second proposition having for its object the adjournment of the question for a month to enable two houses adjoining the house in question being dealt with in one scheme was also made. The last of these was put to the meeting and failed to be carried. The amending proposition was then put and was

carried on a division when 10 members proved to be in favour of it and only 6 against. The original proposition was taken as lost. The amendment was treated as a substantive resolution and declared passed as follows.

Proposed by Councillor Hughes seconded by Alderman Furlong.

That a sum of £100 be paid towards the cost of taking down house at Main Street North opposite York Street and building another house of approved dimensions on the same site in line with the Christian Association Hall, but that this sum be paid on condition that the fee simple of the ground to be in this way let in with the street be made over to the Corporation.

By circular letter of 24<sup>th</sup> November (No 5765) which was laid before the meeting the Local Government Board drew attention to the provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1899 whereby persons desiring to reside in small dwellings in towns were afforded facilities for acquiring the ownership of such houses by way of obtaining loans from the Local Governing Authority who were empowered by the Act to advance such loans on certain specified conditions. It was pointed out to the meeting that in order to bring this Act into force in Wexford it was necessary for the Council to pass a resolution binding themselves to act under the Act. The consideration of this matter was deferred to enable the members of the Council to be furnished with copies of the measure and of the Local Government Boards circular.

A copy of a resolution passed by the Wexford Co Council was laid before the meeting. It dealt with the object of the Evicted Tenants Restoration Committee under the direction of his Eminence Cardinal Logue and Lord Plunkett and contained approval of the policy of that Committee as presenting the most hopeful solution of the problem which it was endeavouring to settle.

On the motion of Alderman Furlong, seconded by Councillor Rogers it was Resolved - That this meeting do accept the principle of the resolution of the Wexford County Council.

A letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 1899 from the Local Government Board was read showing that receipts for Poor Rate given by Collectors appointed by County or Urban District Councils were regarded by the Board of Inland Revenue as exempt from Stamp Duty.

A letter from the Local Government Board was read showing that by Treasury minute of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1899 loans granted by Government out of the Local Loans Fund on the security of Local Rates subsequently to that date would bear interest at the following rates viz:-

Where the period of re-payment would not exceed 30 years the rate of Interest chargeable was 3 per cent per annum, 40 years 3/4 per cent and 50 years 3 1/2 per cent. It having been reported to the meeting that the person who undertook the work of painting at Carrigara Road had left his county omitting to finish the work and the Town Surveyor having stated that the balance unpaid

on foot of the contract by £ 4: 12: 6 was money sufficient to enable the work to be finished according to Specification he was instructed to have the work completed at the contractors expense.

D. J. Murphy  
Mayor  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec 1899

18<sup>th</sup> December 1899.

A Stated Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at 7:30 P.M.

There were in attendance

Patrick Ryan Esq<sup>r</sup> Mayor in the chair.

Aldermen — Matthew J. Furlong.

Councillors — Benjamin Hughes James Cullimore Michael McKenny Walter Walsh John Tyghe James J. Stafford Richard Walsh.

The minutes of Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> December 1899 were read and signed.

The Town Clerk produced an account of expenditure paid by him in the month of November along with vouchers in support of such expenditure showing that a sum of £ 86: 9: 7 had been paid by way of petty disbursements for that period under the heads of General repairs of streets and footpaths, cleansing and watering streets repairing and cleansing sewers maintenance of Burial Ground and water system. The account was checked and found correct.

The Bank Books and the cashed Paying Orders were laid before the meeting. The accuracy of the Bank Books having been ascertained the chairman affixed his signature thereto.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the Month ending the last day of November 1899 including payments made at the Stated Finance Meeting held on this day.

Summary.	Ordinary Account		
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement			
Total sum received to close of last month	1049	19	8
Total	1049	19	8
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement			
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	104	2	.
Total	946	17	9
Net Balance due to Treasurer (being difference of above totals)	1080	19	9
Reconciliation			
Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer	947	11	2
Outstanding Orders	978	11	3
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer	31	.	1

Liabilities which had accrued due up to end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £976: 17: 9 were submitted to the Meeting and having been examined were approved and an authorization was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 59 to 72 inclusive viz:-

59.	In favour of Little & Dunn half years rent of Market Site	£ 25: 0: 0
60.	In favour of same do of Town Hall Ground	6: 14: 3
61.	In favour of same do of Pipe Fields	15: 0: 0
62.	In favour of the Seerow for disinfecting two houses	5: 0
63.	In favour of Green-Dempsey balance due for laying Pipe Sewer in Trinity Street	15: 0: 0
64.	In favour of Patrick Moran for broken stones supplied	6: 7: 6
65.	In favour of Thomas Perriman for same	2: 0: 4
66.	In favour of Henry Jones for same	11: 17: 4
67.	In favour of Patrick Kenny for same	1: 18: 2
68.	In favour of W. A. Brooks to re-instate Nominal Balance to its original amount in respect of Borough Fund.	4: 16: 3
69.	In favour of same for like purpose in respect of Town Emp. Fund	70: 4: 8
70.	In favour of same to reinstate Nominal Balance in respect of Waterworks Fund	11: 8: 8
71.	In favour of The National Bank Wexford being an amount of Demand for half year payable to County Council and to be lodged to credit of Wexford County Council Ordinary Account	809: 9: 1
72.	In favour of Benjamin Duggan for advertising and printing done	6: 16: 6
		£ 976: 17: 9

Monthly Abstract of Working Class Dwellings rent collection and of Rent Collectors Cash Account viz:-

Number of houses Built Let Occupied	Rent Collection				
	Arrears due by Tenants at close of last Collection	Rents accrued during the Month	Total for Collection	Collected during the Month	Arrears due by Tenant at close of last Month
59. 58. 1	£ 9: 2: 10	£ 27: 17: 4	£ 34: 0: 2	£ 28: 7: 2	£ 8: 13: 0

Collectors Cash Account				
Balance in hands at close of last month	Collected during the Month	Total to be accounted for by Collector	Debtors with Treasurer during month of this month	Balance if any in hands at close of last month
Nil	£ 28: 7: 2	£ 28: 7: 2	£ 28: 7: 2	Nil

The Rent Collection Book and the Report Book of the Collector was then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature on the Report Book of the Collector Orders were made in individual cases as follows.

Name of Tenant	Nature of Report.	Orders made by the District Council thereon.
Thomas Morris	Drain in yard at rear of dwelling stopped. Dwelling house in Emmett Place vacant since 30 <sup>th</sup> October, the tenant having left unpaid.	That the sewer be opened by the Corporation workmen and freed. That the Collector be empowered to let the house
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As to account paid this day to Wexford Independent amounting to £6: 16: 6 included in which was an item of 7/- for the insertion in said newspaper of a notice issued by the Town Surveyor pointing out the danger attendant on the use of hot water systems in time of scarcity of water, Councillor Richard Walsh objected to the payment of the item specified on the grounds that the Town Surveyor was not authorized by the Corporation to publish such notice. At the request of Councillor Walsh the foregoing note of his objection was ordered inserted on these Minutes.

The fact that no steps had been taken by the Town Surveyor to carry out an Order made on 28<sup>th</sup> September last regarding improvements needed on the footpath and road surface at Shawell Roads was adverted to and he was directed to have the matter attended to at once. The following is a copy of a notice of motion which was handed in by and accepted from Alderman Furlong 9/9 -

In consequence of the cost of scavenging and repairing of streets being considered excessive for a mount of work done I give notice that I will move at next meeting that the present arrangements for scavenging etc of the town do be rescinded and that the scavenging, watering and repairing streets do be let out by contract.

The terms of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1899 were considered by the Meeting. It was seen that the County Council were empowered to act under the Act in the Urban District in case the Corporation should fail to act under it. This being so and the Meeting believing there was no immediate prospect of the provisions of the Act being taken advantage of the question of the Corporation undertaking to act under it was adjourned sine die.

A copy of the rules of the newly-formed Anglers Club were laid before the Meeting. It was seen by Rule 5 that it was open to any member of the general public to obtain a licence whereby he was given the right to fish on the Reservoir for a season on payment of £1: 10: 0 into the funds of the Club and for a day on payment of 2/- Seeing that no person was precluded from obtaining the right to fish the Meeting agreed to the Club Rules.

The following motion was adopted unanimously, at the instance

of the Corporation of Sligo  
Resolved - That this Council call upon all the Irish Members  
of Parliament to use their best endeavours to have a Clause in  
the Catholic Emancipation Act of 1839 dealing with Jesuits,  
Friars and Monks revoked as soon as possible, as the Clause holds  
every Jesuit, Friar and Monk in the Kingdom criminals in the eye  
of the law of England. That copies of this Resolution be sent to  
the Chief Secretary for Ireland and to the Members of Parliament  
for County Wexford, Wexford French and Tealy.

John Flynn Mayor  
20th Dec 1899

3<sup>rd</sup> January 1900.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant  
to the Mayor's requisition) at the Tholsel at noon.  
There were in attendance:-

Aldermen - Matthew J. Furlong, Nicholas J. Cosgrave, George Hadden.  
Councillors - James J. Stafford, Benjamin Hughes, John Synge, Walter  
Walsh, Edward O'Connor, Richard Walsh, Cameron Rogers,  
Howard Rose.

On the motion of Alderman Furlong seconded by Councillor Hughes  
the Chair was taken by Councillor Rose in the absence of the Mayor.  
The Financial Statement Book of receipts was produced, examined  
and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter  
signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been received  
in the months of December and the Ledger entries to be made in  
respect of same.

The Financial Statement Book of expenditure was also produced  
examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and  
the counter-signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been  
ordered for payment at the Stated Finance Meeting held next before  
the above-mentioned day being in respect of expenses for the period ending  
the last day of the preceding month and the Ledger entries to be  
made in respect of same.

The Ledger was also produced, posted up to the day of the last Stated  
Finance Meeting with the proper debits and credits as ordered on  
that day.

In the case where on or before the 18<sup>th</sup> ult to require  
no Joseph O'Connor to conform with Rule 4 of the Waterworks

regulations, the Turncock reported that the position of the service pipe had been changed as required but as regards protecting the exposed portions of the pipe he was not prepared to say, from the singular method of encasing the pipe adopted by Mr O'Connor, whether the rule was infringed or not.

On the motion of Alderman Hadden seconded by Alderman Coegrave it was resolved - That the Superintendent of Waterworks be instructed to see to the matter.

A waste of water going on in Dodds Lane through the stand-pipe being in a state of disrepair was reported by the Turncock, as the landlord of the lane had declined through the agent to have the defect made good.

It was ordered - That to avoid the possibility of depriving the inhabitants of the lane of a convenient supply of water, proceedings be taken against the landlord for causing waste of water by suffering a defect to exist in the stand-pipe if in the opinion of the Corporation Solicitor a prosecution can be sustained against a landlord on this charge.

The proposal of which notice was given on 18<sup>th</sup> ultmo by Alderman Furlong was taken into consideration with the result that it was resolved on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Alderman Furlong to have a special meeting of the Council called on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Inst to deliberate on the question of the defective scavenging and repairing of the streets throughout the town.

In reference to the increase of salary voted on 8<sup>th</sup> September last by the Corporation to the Town Clerk the Local Government Board by letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> ultmo intimated that they endorsed the action of the Corporation in the matter and therefore fixed such increase of salary at £60 a year payable from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1899.

A letter received from Dr Finn Medical Inspector attached to the Local Government Board was read showing that he was unable to comply with the request made on him by the Corporation to avail of the services of Mr Sears in the capacity of shorthand writer at the forthcoming Inquiry into the state of the Burial Grounds in Wexford through having already made other arrangements about the taking of evidence.

This letter evoked an unanimous expression of dissatisfaction and it was decided to instruct the Town Clerk to make representations to the Local Government Board on the subject with a view to Mr Sears' services being engaged at the Inquiry and to point out how manifestly unfair it was to allow the claims of a local expert to be ignored while the cost of taking the evidence must needs be borne by the town.

A circular letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> November 1899 from the Local Government Board was laid before the meeting. It dealt with the subject of the remuneration of officers for services rendered in connection with the Registration Acts and various (Ireland) Acts and also with the subject of the areas chargeable with the cost of such remuneration.

It was pointed out to the meeting that under existing circumstances the matters treated of in the circular did not affect Wexford Urban District.

An Estimate prepared by the Superintendent of Waterworks of the cost of repairs and improvements needed at the Carttakers Lodge at the Reservoir was submitted. The cost which was shown in this Estimate to amount in the aggregate to £31.5.0 was deemed to be excessive and it was decided to refer the question to the Waterworks Committee for consideration with instructions to it to have a specification and designs of the improvements needed on the Lodge prepared and then to report on the subject.

P. J. Murphy  
Drawing  
9th May 1900

9<sup>th</sup> January 1900.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Tholsel at noon.

There were present

Patrick Ryan Esq<sup>t</sup> Mayor in the chair.

Aldermen — Nicholas J. Cosgrave, John Barr, Matthew J. Furlong, John Clancy.

Councillors — Howard Rowe, Cameron Rogers, Walter Walsh, James Cullimore, James J. Stafford, John Tighe, Benjamin Hughes, Nicholas O'Keeill, Richard Walsh, Robert Stanton.

The minutes of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> Instant were read and signed.

The question of the defective scavenging and repairing of the streets throughout the town was introduced and debated. The lack of efficient supervision over the staff of Corporation labourers and the consequent excessive cost of the work done by them were points on which discussion mainly ran. As a means towards retrenchment the providing of an auxiliary manure and stone depot as had been contemplated was advocated. The Committee who were charged on 21<sup>st</sup> September last with the selection of a site for such depot were then referred to and they stated that an eligible site was available at the rear of the Fayle. The discussion ended with the passing of the two next following resolutions.

Proposed by Councillor Hughes seconded by Councillor Rowe.

That the offer of Mr Joseph Kelly to let a quarter acre more or less of his land situated at the end of the Faythe at a rent of £5 a year for the purposes of a manure and stone depot be accepted.

Proposed by Alderman Furlong, seconded by Councillor Rogers.

That Mr G. Earthy do be held responsible to this Corporation for the work of scavenging and seeing that the struts do be kept in proper order. Having regard to the terms of the latter resolution it was suggested in justice to the Town Surveyor that he should be in no way hampered in dealing with labourers and carters as regards dispensing with their services or otherwise.

The suggestion commended itself to the Meeting and was adopted.

The examination of draft designs prepared by the Town Surveyor for proposed Working Class Dwellings was deferred.

Regarding the matter of making over by lease the fishing rights of Coolre Reservoir to the Anglers Club as was decided on, on the 4<sup>th</sup> December last a letter from the Corporation Solicitor was read for the Meeting. It appeared from this that it was not legally possible for the Corporation to grant such a lease since the Waterworks Provisional Order contained no provision enabling any rights appertaining to the Waterworks to be alienated.

It appeared however that it was open to the Anglers Club acting as agents for the Corporation to issue Fishing Licences as proposed if the Anglers Club were satisfied to take the risk attendant on an arrangement which was liable to be revoked at any time.

It was decided to inform the Club of the inability of the Corporation to grant the lease, and to ask the former if they would be prepared to enter into the alternative arrangement mentioned by the Solicitor.

There was read for the Meeting a communication received from Wexford County Council containing an invitation to the Corporation to appoint two of its members as delegates to a National Assembly which it was proposed to form with the object of directing the policy of the Nationalists of Ireland.

The matter having been considered it was decided to depute Alderman Stafford and Councillor Anton to attend the assembly as representatives of the Corporation.

The Water Rate Collector submitted the names of James Barry, W<sup>m</sup>. Barr and Joseph Redmonds three Ratepayers who having been repeatedly applied to for Water Rate due on their premises had refused or omitted to pay such Rate.

It was ordered - That steps be taken against the delinquents for the sums due by them.

Regarding the need for water supplies being furnished to houses in town & the Town Surveyor was instructed to prepare a separate estimate for each house of the cost of laying on the supply thereto as required by the Local Government Board.

Hector Sparke, Presiding Chairman  
15 Jan 1900

15<sup>th</sup> January 1900

A Stated Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at 7.30 P.M.

There were present:-

Aldermen - Nicholas J. Cosgrave, John Barr, John Clancy,  
Matthew J. Furlong.

Councillors - John Tyghe, Benjamin Hughes, Walter Walsh, James Cullimore, Richard Walsh.

On the motion of Councillor Hughes seconded by Councillor Tyghe the chair was taken by Alderman Cosgrave in the absence of the Mayor. The Minutes of meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> January 1900 were read and signed. The Bank Books and cashed Paying Orders were laid before the meeting. The accuracy of the Bank Books having been ascertained the Chairman affixed his signature thereto.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of December 1899 including payments made at the Stated Finance Meeting held on this day.

Summary	Ordinary Account
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	- - -
Total sum received to close of last month	754 19 10
Total	754 19 10
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement	31 . 1
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	206 18 8
Total	237 18 9
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above totals)	517 1 1
Reconciliation	
Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer	723 19 9
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	206 18 8
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	517 1 1

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £206:18:8 were submitted to the meeting and having been examined were approved and an authorization was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them off.

on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 73 to 101 inclusive.	
673 In favour of Benjamin Highs for printing and advertising done	£ 28: 1: 10
74 In favour of same for do	11: 0: 6
75 In favour of same for do	2: 14: 0
76 In favour of John J. Walsh for advertising done	5: 18: 10
77 In favour of same for do	4: 19: 0
78 In favour of same for do	2: 4: 0
79 In favour of Michael J. O'Connor for collecting rents	13: 3: 11
80 In favour of Bruce & Dempsey for laying footpath in Gibsons Lane - Amount on account	4: 0: 0
81 In favour of Wm A. Browne being amount advanced to Mrs B. McLean on account of painting done by contract at Bryans Dugs	4: 0: 0
82 In favour of James Ryan for painting done at Artisans Dwellings to complete contract left unfinished by Mrs B. McLean	4: 12: 6
83 In favour of Henry Jones for broken stones supplied	1: 6: 0
84 In favour of Patrick Kenny for do	1: 10: 0
85 In favour of Patrick Moran for do	1: 8: 2
86 In favour of Daniel Donovan being for expenses incurred under Food & Drugs Act and Weights & Measures Act	2: 7: 7
87 In favour of Harlow & Co for coals supplied	12: 9
88 In favour of Jhn J. Walsh for timber supplied	2: 1: 9
89 In favour of W. A. McGuire for brooms &c supplied	1: 0: 3
90 In favour of Guest & Chimes for mutoy ferrules &c supplied	8: 4: 1
91 In favour of William Kavanagh for carting 30 loads of gravel to Lodge at Reservoir	1: 0: 0
92 In favour of Patrick Murphy for supplying gravel for use on approach to Lodge at Reservoir	1: 0: 0
93 In favour of Wm A. Browne for premium on Fire Policy on Market Buildings	1: 10: 0
94 In favour of Philip Clowry compensation for infected articles of bedclothing destroyed	1: 5: 0
95 In favour of M. Cussen for Income Tax on fines received	1: 18: 0
96 In favour of same for do on water sold	7: 7: 4
97 In favour of Wm A. Browne amount payable to him in respect of increased duties consequent on Local Govt. Act for period commencing 1 <sup>st</sup> April 1899 and ending 8 <sup>th</sup> September 1899 — proportion of such amount chargeable on Poor Fund	13: 3: 0
98 In favour of same — proportion of same amount chargeable on Towns Improvement Fund	13: 3: 0
99 In favour of Wm A. Browne to re-instate formal Balance in respect of Poor Fund	4: 9: 1
100 In favour of same for like purpose in respect of Towns Hb. Fund Forward	56: 17: 0
	£ 200: 16: 7

Forward £ 200: 16: 7

In favour of W<sup>m</sup> A. Browne to re-instate normal  
Balance in respect of Waterworks Fund

6: 2: 1

f 206: 18: 8

Monthly Abstract of Working Class Dwellings rent collection and of  
Rent Collectors Cash Account etc:-

Number of houses Built let Unoccupied	Rent Collection				
	Amounts due by Tenants at close of last Collection	Rents accrued during the month for collection	Total	Collected during the month	Amounts due by Tenants at close of last month
57. 58. 1	£ 8: 15: 0	£ 27: 7: 4	£ 36: 0: 4	£ 26: 9: 9	£ 9: 10: 7

#### Collectors Cash Account

Balance in hand collected during the month	Total to be accounted for by Collector	Lodged with Treasury in hand of the Collector during month	Balance (if any) in hand of the Collector during month
Nil	£ 26: 9: 9	£ 26: 9: 9	£ 26: 9: 9

The Rent Collection Book and the Report Book of the Collector was then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature. On the Report Book of the Collector orders were made in individual cases as follows.

Situation of Dwelling	Nature of Report	Orders made by District Council here
Emmet Place.	3 panes of glass in house occupied by Denis O'Shaughnessy broken during the time dwelling was unrented.	Glass to be put in
do	Dwelling house vacant since 30 <sup>th</sup> October 1899, the tenant having left Wexford	That the Collector let the house as soon as he can

Regarding order made on 3<sup>rd</sup> Inst. as to waste of water in Dodds Lane the Corporation Solicitor stated by letter that the Corporation could adopt one of two remedies, either (1) cut off the water supply or (2) repair the pipe and sue the landlady of the houses for the expense of repairing it but as the landlady resided in Co. Carlow and the cost of proceeding against her would be considerable, he had seen her Agent in Wexford who had undertaken to put the stanch pipe into a state of repair.

The matter was considered and as it appeared from the Turncocks report book that the Agent notwithstanding his promise to the Solicitor had declined to have the pipe repaired it was decided

To request the Medical Officer of Health to visit the Lane and report on the question of having the water put into each house.

The Town Surveyor reported that the stock of road metalling for ordinary repairs was running short as no supplies were coming in from Sterlogle quarries.

It was ordered - That he be authorized to take sheet Redmond Road with some of the special road metalling put into stock for use with a steam roller and to procure supplies of broken stones from the Union Workhouse if the quality of stones to be had there be good.

It was reported that two members of the labouring staff E. Merriman and P. Khoé absented themselves through illness from their work and had applied for the wages of which they were consequently deprived.

It was ordered - That the applicants be paid a weeks wages each. A communication from the Local Inspector, R.I. Constabulary was read intimating that the Inspector General had approved of Sergeant Richard Fitzgerald acting as Inspector of Explosives for Wexford town in place of Sergeant Thomas Conlon who had been transferred therefrom and containing a request for the necessary authorizations from the Local Authority for Sergeant Fitzgerald to be furnished.

Ordered - That the request be complied with.

The following orders were made

That the attention of the Local Inspector of Food and Drugs be drawn to the report current as to butter adulterated with margarine being exposed for sale and sold as butter in Wexford market.

That the Town Surveyor be directed to have the floor of the market repaired and concreted, at a cost not exceeding £5.

The Local Government Board by letter asked for information respecting houses in John Street requiring to be furnished with supplies of water.

It was ordered - That the particulars asked for in the letter be forwarded.

(Signed)

Wexfordspaw

Chairman

17. January 1900

15<sup>th</sup> January 1900

Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898

Local Government (Territorial Provisions) (No 2) Order 1898.

On the day of the above date pursuant to Section 15 of the Order above mentioned six members of the Corporation retired from office, that is to say two Burmeillors for each of the three wards in the Borough, otherwise known by the District of Wexford and an election was held to fill the vacancies created by such retirement.

The Candidates nominated for election were:-

In St. Selskar Ward.  
Benjamin Hughes  
Cameron Rogers.

In St. Denis Ward  
Richard Walsh  
William Timmons.

In St. Mary's Ward  
Joseph Kelly  
John Lyne.  
James M<sup>c</sup>Mahon.  
William Sears

The number of candidates nominated in St. Selskar and St. Denis wards respectively being equal to the number of Cormillors to be elected for each of these wards the Candidates mentioned were declared duly elected.

As to St. Mary's Ward William Sears withdrew his candidature and a Poll was taken to elect two Cormillors out of the three remaining Candidates. The result of the Poll was as follows:-

Joseph Kelly received 175 Votes

John Lyne " 80 "

James M<sup>c</sup>Mahon " 29 "

Messrs Kelly and Lyne were declared duly elected.

Mr. T. Purwo  
Attorney Officer.

15<sup>th</sup> January, 1910

An Election of Cormillor to fill a casual vacancy which occurred ~~by the~~ in the office of Cormillor for St. Selskar Ward by the death of the late Matthew Somers was held on the above date pursuant to Section 34 of the Rules of the Local Government Board relating to elections in Parishes of Alderman Cormillors. The Candidate nominated for election was.

William Sears of Parnell Stab. therefore.

He being the only person nominated, was therefore declared duly elected.

Mr. T. Purwo  
Attorney Officer

23<sup>rd</sup> January 1900

A General Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Hall at noon.

There were present

Patrick Ryan Esq<sup>t</sup> Mayor in the chair.

Aldermen - James Stafford, John Barr, Matthew J. Furlong, John Glancy,  
George Sadden, Nicholas J. Cosgrave.

Councillors - Edward Rowe, James J. Stafford, Walter Walsh, James Cullimore,  
John Tyke, Michael O'Leary, Nicholas O'Neill, Robert Stanton,  
Richard Walsh, Patrick Kehoe, Edward Connor, Benjamin  
Hughes, Cameron Rogers, Joseph Kelly, John Lyne, William  
Timpson, William Sears.

The meeting proceeded to elect a mayor for the ensuing year.

Alderman Cosgrave proposed the election of Councillor Hughes as Mayor.

Councillor O'Neill seconded the proposition.

Councillor Walter Walsh proposed the election of Alderman James  
Stafford to that office.

The proposition was seconded by Councillor Joseph Kelly.

At this stage of the proceeding Councillor Kehoe withdrew from the meeting.

A division was taken to decide the issue whereupon there voted for the  
election of Councillor Hughes - Messrs Rogers, Hughes, Sears & Walsh, Timpson,  
O'Neill, O'Leary, Tyke, Rowe, Cosgrave, Sadden, Furlong, Barr (13)  
and for Alderman Stafford's election - Messrs Connor, Stanton, Lyne, Kelly,  
Cullimore, W. Walsh, J. J. Stafford, Glancy & Stafford and the Mayor (10).  
Councillor Hughes having obtained the greater number of votes was  
declared elected.

The newly elected Mayor was then duly installed and took his declaration  
of acceptance of office and returned thanks for having been elected.

On the motion of Councillor R. Walsh seconded by Councillor Timpson  
it was unanimously

Resolved - That we tender to the outgoing Mayor Patrick Ryan Esq an  
expression of sincere thanks for the zeal and ability he displayed for the  
last two years in the discharge of the exceptionally onerous duties that  
devolved upon him and wish to record our appreciation of the courtesy  
and dignity which marked his conduct in the chair.

The ex-Mayor addressed the meeting and thanked the members for the  
support they had given him during his period of office.

On the motion of Alderman Cosgrave seconded by Councillor O'Neill it was  
Resolved - That the three Quarterly Meetings to be held in the year 1900

be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

The appointing of Select Committees for the year was  
considered whereupon the following orders were made

That the Works, Sanitary and Waterworks Committees be composed of the entire Council.

That the entire Council form a Committee to see to the checking of accounts previous to the Stated Finance and Ordinary meetings of the Council; that the members of such Committee be called in rotation out of the three Wards in the following manner - two members out of each Ward highest on the Poll at their Election to be called together for the first time, two members next highest on the Poll to be called for the second time and so on, and that two members form a quorum.

The Local Government Board by letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> Inst. stated with regard to the request made on them as to the employment of Mr W<sup>m</sup> Sears as a shorthand writer at the Inquiry to be held into the condition of the Burial Grounds in Wexford that they found that the services of a shorthand writer to act at the Inquiry had already been engaged by Dr Edgar Flinn.

It was ordered - That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr French M.P. for South Wexford asking him to communicate with the Chief Secretary with a view to Mr Sears' services being employed at the Inquiry.

It was ordered - That an advertisement be inserted in the local newspapers apprising persons claiming to have the right of sepulture in the intra-mural Burial Grounds that the Inquiry above referred to would be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Decr at the Town Hall Wexford. A letter from the Anglers Club was read intimating that they were satisfied to act as Agents for the Corporation for the issuing of Fishing Licences and for the privilege of so acting they were prepared to contribute a sum of £3 a year towards the Corporate Funds.

The offer was accepted. *See Minutes of 9th Idem*

There was submitted to the Meeting a Sealed Order issued by the Local Government Board regulating the registration by Local Authorities of manufactories of margarine and margarine cheese and of premises wherein the business of wholesale dealers in these commodities is carried on. It was mentioned there was no premises as yet in Wexford Urban District affected by the Order.

R. Murphy, Chairman

5<sup>th</sup> February 1900.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in the  
Bolsel at noon.

There were present

Benjamin Hughes Esq Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - John Clancy, George Haadden, Matthew J. Furlong, Nicholas J. Coogan

Councillors - Nicholas O'Neill, Patrick Ryan, Edward Rowe, Robert Santon,

William Sears, John Lyne, Joseph Kelly.

The Minutes of Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1900 were read and signed.

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been received in the month of January and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was also produced examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been ordered for payment at the Stated Finance Meeting held next before the above mentioned day being in respect of expenses for the period ending the last day of the preceding month and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Ledger was also produced, posted up to the day of the last Stated Finance Meeting with the proper debits and credits as ordered on that day.

A copy of a resolution adopted at a General Council of Delegates of Irish County Councils was laid before the meeting for consideration. The subject of this resolution was the proposed amalgamation of the Great Southern and Western Railway and the Midland Great Western Railway and the restoration therby of adequate competition over the greater portion of the South and West of Ireland and the advisability of a Government Commission being appointed to inquire into the question of the Railways and Canal Companies in Ireland.

On the motion of Alderman Haadden, seconded by Councillor Rowe it was decided to take no action on the matter.

There was submitted to the meeting a Sealed Order issued by the Local Government Board under date of 19<sup>th</sup> January 1900. By Article 2 of such Order the County Council were required to apply a sum of £ 116. 18. 7 in reduction of the amount of Urban Charges chargeable by the County Council in respect of the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1901.

Having regard to the fact that the County Council were about to make a final declaration as to "main roads" it was suggested that the delegation from the Corporation appointed on the 8<sup>th</sup> September last to wait on the County Council would be well advised to meet on an early day and prepare a case in support of the view held by the Corporation that the proportion of County Charges charged on the Urban District being excessive.

On the motion of Councillor Lowe seconded by Councillor Sears it was Resolved - That the members of the delegation be requested to meet on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst for the purpose mentioned and that Councillor Lyne be named on the delegation.

A letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> January 1900 received from the Local Government Board was read intimating the approval of that Department of the dates fixed by the Urban District Council for holding their Quarterly meetings.

There was laid before the meeting a notice received from Messrs Shaw, Hadden and Hadden intimating their intention of applying to the County Court at the Sessions to be held at New Ross on 1<sup>st</sup> May next for compensation for loss sustained by them by reason of the malicious breaking of a plate glass shop window valued at £12 or thereabouts. It was ordered - That as the sum applied for if granted by the County Court will be chargeable on the Urban District the Corporation Solicitor be instructed to watch the proceedings and if necessary oppose the application. A letter from the Local Government Board was read, showing that by Treasury Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> January 1900 Loans granted by Government out of the Local Loans Fund on the security of Local Rates subsequent to that date would bear interest at the following rates viz:-

where the period of repayment would not exceed 30 years the rate of interest chargeable was 3 $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent per annum, 40 years 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent and 50 years 3 $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent.

A letter from D. Macdonald was read drawing attention to the footpath in front of his house in Michael Street being in a state of disrepair. The matter was referred to the Town Surveyor.

The Town Surveyor reported that the supply of stones for ordinary street retalling had run out as none were being delivered from Kilkenny Quarries and he was directed to procure supplies from the County Goal.

Designs for proposed Working Class Dwellings were submitted but the consideration of them was deferred.

The meeting having sat for two hours at this point rose.

Wexford, Mayor

*Old Burial  
Grounds*

14<sup>th</sup> February 1900

An extra-ordinary meeting of the Council was held this day pursuant to the Mayor's requisition at the Town Hall at half past Seven o'clock P.M.  
There were in attendance

Benjamin Hughes Esq<sup>t</sup> Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - Nicholas J. Cosgrave, John Barr, Matthew J. Furlong.

Councillors - Howard Rowe, John Tynne, James Stafford, Walter Walsh,

Nicholas O'Neill, John Kelly, James Cullimore, John Lyne.

The Minutes of Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> Instant were read and signed.

The ~~possibility~~ of the Graveyards within the Borough Boundary being closed as a result of a Public Inquiry which was held by Dr. Edgar Elwin Local Government Inspector on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Instant and following days was a question which was deliberated on by the Meeting for a considerable period of time. The feeling expressed was distinctly opposed to any action being taken by the Local Government Board to the prejudice of existing rights of interment except in those cases where it was not possible to sink coffins to such a depth as would ensure burials being made without danger to public health or due respect to the remains of the dead - and the following resolution was adopted.

Proposed by Alderman Furlong

Seconded by Councillor O'Neill

That this Corporation strongly protests against the compulsory closing of the Town graveyards and we are unanimously of opinion that all those people who have at present rights of interment there should have those rights respected.

And further we are of opinion that those who at present have no rights of interment there should not be allowed burial in the Town Graveyards, and we pledge ourselves to carry out this latter clause in future."

The attendance of the Corporation Solicitor at the Inquiry in question was a matter to which reference was also made and it was decided not to engage his services during the further progress of the Inquiry on the 27<sup>th</sup> Instant.

There was submitted to the Meeting a set of designs prepared by the Town Surveyor for intended Working Class Dwellings, but it having been thought desirable before adopting any particular design to ascertain if eligible building sites were to be had, the consideration of the Town Surveyor's designs was deferred and the following motion adopted.

Proposed by Alderman Furlong Seconded by Councillor Rowe.  
That we advertise for building sites for Labourers' Dwellings.

19<sup>th</sup> February, 1900

A Stated Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Halls at 4.30 P.M.

There were present:-

Benjamin Hughes Esqre Mayor (in the chair)

Councillors - Nicholas J. Lysgrave, William Simpson, John Glancy,

Matthew J. Embrey, George Hadden J.P.

Councillors - Nicholas O'Neill, James Stafford, James Cullimore,

Walter Walsh, Joseph Kelly, William Scott, John Lyne, Patrick Ryan,

William Simpson

The Minutes of Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> February, 1900 were read and signed.

The Bank Books and Cashed Paying Orders were laid before the Meeting.

The accuracy of the Bank Books having been ascertained the Chairman affixed his signature thereto.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the Month ending the last day of December, January 1900 including payments made at the Stated Finance Meeting held on this day.

### Summary

### ordinary Account

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last Monthly Statement

514 1 1

Total sum received to close of last Month

415 10 3

### Total

933 11 4

Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last Monthly Statement

230 1 0

Payments ordered at above mentioned Meeting

### Total

230 1 5

Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)

703 9 11

### Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer

934 11 7

Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)

231 1 8

Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.

703 9 11

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £ 230. 1. 5 were submitted to the Meeting and having been examined were approved, and an authorization was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 102 to 129 inclusive

No 102 In favour of Wm A. Browne quarters salary as Town Clerk to 31<sup>st</sup> January 1900 Proportion from Borough Fund £ 30. 12. 6.

No 103 In favour of John Heaton as as Mayor's Sergeant to same date

5. 10. 0

No 104 In favour of David Horan as collector of Old Graveyards to same date

£ 2. 10. 0  
£ 38. 12. 6

Forward 38: 12: 6

No 105.	In favour of John Crean quarters salary as Consulting Sanitary Officer to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 1900	3: 15: 0
No 106.	In favour of W <sup>m</sup> . A. Browne do as Executive Sanitary Officer to same date.	5: 0: 0
No 107.	In favour of John Seaton do as Sanitary Sub-officer to same date	5: 0: 0
No 108.	In favour of David Condron do as Sanitary Sub-officer to same date	5: 0: 0
No 109.	In favour of W <sup>m</sup> . McGrath do as Caretaker of Town Hall to same date	2: 12: 0
No 110.	In favour of Johanna Murphy for cleaning Municipal Offices for quarter ended same date.	1: 0: 0
No 111.	In favour of W <sup>m</sup> . A. Browne quarters salary as Secretary of Waterworks to same date	5: 0: 0
No 112.	In favour of same for quarters salary as Town Clerk to same date (proportion from Town Improvement Fund)	30: 12: 6
No 113.	In favour of D. E. MacCarthy do as Town Surveyor to same date	16: 5: 0
No 114.	In favour of same quarters salary as Superintendent of Waterworks to same date	16: 5: 0
No 115.	In favour of Richard Walsh for supplying uniform for Mayors Sergeant	6: 8: 0
No 116.	In favour of Jasper Walsh & Co for cement, pipes & timber supplied	2: 18: 0
No 117.	In favour of Nicholas O.H. Walsh for Poor Rate on land and house at Reservoir	1: 8: 1
No 118.	In favour of Wexford Gas Co for gas consumed in Tholsel and Town Hall for quarter ended 31 <sup>st</sup> December 1899	1: 2: 9
No 119.	In favour of Guest & Chimes for repairing ½ Water Meter	- 11: 0
No 120.	In favour of John M. Walsh for printing done	8: 0
No 121.	In favour of Cooper & Co for lime supplied	7: 1
No 122.	In favour of W <sup>m</sup> . A. Browne for expenses in connection with Municipal Election on 15 <sup>th</sup> January 1900	17: 12: 0
No 123.	In favour of Thompson Bros for cement supplied	3: 2: 4
No 124.	In favour of Patrick Moran for broken stones supplied	1: 11: 0
No 125.	In favour of Patrick Lenn for same	1: 12: 9
No 126.	In favour of Patrick James for same	16: 4
No 127.	In favour of W <sup>m</sup> . A. Browne for cash advanced in payment of petty liabilities	6: 15: 1
No 128.	In favour of same for do	51: 11: 0
No 129.	In favour of same for do	4: 16: 0
		£ 230: 11: 5

Monthly Abstract of Working Class Dwellings rent collections and  
of Rent Collectors Cash Account viz:-

Number of houses			Rent Collection			
Built	Let	Unoccupied	Amount due & unpaid rents accrued at close of last collection during month	Total for collection the month	Collected during month	Amount due by tenants at close of last month
59.	59.	Nil	£ 8: 15: 7	£ 34: 14: 2	£ 43: 9: 9	£ 33: 18: 1
Collectors Cash Account.						
Balance in hands collected during month	Total to be accounted for by Collector	Laid with Treasurer	Balance if any in hands of Collector at close of month			
Nil	£ 33: 18: 1	£ 33: 18: 1	£ 33: 18: 1			Nil.

The Rent Collection Book and the Report Book of the Collector was then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature. On the Report Book of the Collector orders were made in individual cases as follows:-

Situation of Dwelling	Nature of Report	Orders made thereon
Hill Street	Grounds at the rear of some of the yards in Hill Street should be lowered to level of said yards	The Town Surveyor to report on the matter against next meeting.

The Mayor stated that at the recent Quarter Sessions in Wexford, where he was one of the presiding magistrates, a question was raised as to his right to join in a decision relative to the transfer of a Publicans licence. This being so, he refrained from voting on the case, although convinced his right to vote was unquestionable. However having subsequently had an interview with the Town Clerk he (the Mayor) had the point brought before the County Court judge for re-consideration and attention having been called to the terms of Section 26 (1) (5) of the Local Government Act 1898 the right of the Mayor to adjudicate at Quarter Sessions was admitted by the County Court judge to be clear and unmistakable. The County Court judge also apologized for having by mistake deprived the Mayor of his right to vote on the question of the transfer of licence to which reference has been made.

This was deemed satisfactory, and the action of the Mayor approved. On the reading of a communication from the Town Clerk of Dundee the following resolution was adopted.

"That we the members of the Corporation of Wexford respectfully call upon the Government to introduce and pass a Bill to ameliorate the

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conditions under which Town Tenants and Householders are compelled to live at present, containing the following provisions:

1. To grant similar security of tenure and compensation for improvements to those already granted to Agricultural Tenants, on the principle of equal justice to all.
2. To enable Town Tenants and Householders, if necessary, to apply for the fixing of judicial rents, and that they be authorized to utilise the existing Land Courts for the purpose of having fair rents fixed.
3. That Landlords shall not have power to evict an occupying Tenant or Householder so long as a fair rent is paid."

On a Report made by the Town Surveyor it was ordered

That the footpaths in front of houses on both the East side of Michael Street be paved with gravel and the adjoining pavement renewed.

The over-flowing of the Stonebridge River by reason of the heavy rains on the 10<sup>th</sup> instant was a matter which was discussed. It was pointed out that the pressure on this river might be relieved by deflecting the sewers from Green Street and causing them to flow into the main sewer in Bridge Street and thence through Oster Lane into the Harbour. It was said also that the double arch under Pettigrew's Gaet House might with advantage be converted into a single arch and prevent <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ being flooded.

A Committee was appointed, consisting of the eight members representing St Mary's Ward, along with Alderman Coagraw and Councillor Timson with the assistance of the Town Surveyor to see if it was practicable to carry out these suggestions, and report thereon.

The flooding of Mr Ennis's ground at Shawell Roads caused by the bursting of a main sewer there was a matter brought under notice by the receipt of a letter from Mr Ennis. It seemed that the twelve inch pipe sewer laid by the Corporation some seven years ago was not capable of meeting the demands made on it on the occasion of the heavy rains on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. as the stream from Rowes Mill flowed through the pipe. It was pointed out to the Meeting that the expense consequent on enlarging the capacity of the pipe would be considerable. It was also pointed out that it was possible to prevent the pipe bursting again by reducing the volume of water flowing into Rowes Mill Pond. This could be done by having a 9-inch pipe inserted in the Mill Stream at the point where it branched off from Farnogue Stream.

It was decided to request Alderman Hadden, Councillor Ryan, and the Mayor along with the Town Surveyor to see if the suggestion were feasible and if so to carry it out, provided Mr Rowe was satisfied to let it be done.

1<sup>st</sup> March 1900

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at noon for the purpose of considering a declaration made by the Council of the County of Wexford concerning "main roads" in said County and to decide whether an appeal would be made in behalf of the Wexford Urban District Council to the Local Government Board against such declaration pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Board against such declaration pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Boards General Order dated 1<sup>st</sup> May 1899.

There were present

Aldermen - George Sadden, Nicholas J. Cosgrave.

Councillors - Cameron Rogers, Patrick Ryan, Walter Walsh, John Tyke, Howard Lowe, John Lyne.

On the motion of Councillor Tyke seconded by Alderman Sadden the Chair was taken by Councillor Ryan in the absence of the Mayor. The Final Declaration of the County Council as regards "main roads" in the County Wexford was laid before the Meeting. From a computation made it was seen that the sum which the Town of Wexford would be called upon to pay on foot of the scheme in the County amounted to £170. 13. 11 per annum, whereas the sum paid after Summer Assizes 1898 and Spring Assizes 1899 taken together amounted to only £ 67. 10. It was also seen that for the three years beginning with Spring Assizes 1896 and ending with Summer Assizes 1898 the average annual contribution of the Town towards maintenance of County Roads was £ 73 or thereabouts. On the motion of Councillor Rogers seconded by Alderman Sadden it was unanimously resolved.

That having considered the final declaration concerning "main roads" made by the Council of the County Wexford and finding that the proportionate share of the cost of maintaining such roads chargeable on the Urban District of Wexford will exceed by £100 more or less per annum the annual sum contributed on the average by the Borough of Wexford towards the up-keep of roads maintained out of County-at Large-Charges under the Grand Jury System we the Council of the Urban District of Wexford do agree and by the action of the County Council in adopting such declaration and hereby authorize the making of an Appeal to the Local Government Board for Ireland against such declaration.

It was ordered - That the assistance of the Corporation Solicitor be engaged for preparing the Appeal to be sent to the Local Government Board under the signature of the Presiding Chairman.

5<sup>th</sup> March 1900.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at noon.

There were in attendance:-

Benjamin Hughes Esq<sup>r</sup> Mayor in the chair

Aldermen - Nicholas J. Cosgrave, Matthew J. Furlong, John Clancy.

Councillors - William Sears, Robert Stanton, John Tighe, John Lyne,

Patrick Ryan, Walter Walsh, Nicholas O'Keeffe, James Callinan,  
Howard Rowe.

The Minutes of Meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> March 1900 were read and signed.  
The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced, examined  
and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-  
signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been received  
in the month of February and the Ledger entries to be made in  
respect of same.

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was also produced,  
examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman  
and the counter-signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had  
been ordered for payment at the Statute Finance Meeting held  
next before the above mentioned day, being in respect of expenses for  
the period ending the last day of the preceding month and the Ledger  
entries to be made in respect of same.

The Ledger was also produced, posted up to the day of the last  
Statute Finance Meeting with the proper debits and credits as ordered  
on that day.

Applications made by Lipton Limited and Peter Devlin both  
of Main Street North Wexford to have their premises at the  
addresses mentioned registered as premises wherein the business  
of wholesale dealers in margarine or margarine cheese was  
carried on was brought under the notice of the meeting and the  
matter having been considered it was decided to register the premises  
and issue certificates to the owners in conformity with the terms of  
Local Government Board Order bearing date 16<sup>th</sup> January 1900.

The following is a copy report submitted by Councillor Rowe in  
behalf of Committee appointed on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb to inquire into and  
report on the flooding of King Street and Stonebridge on the  
occasion of the heavy rains in the month of February.

The Committee met on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1900. We are of opinion  
that the chief cause of the flooding of King Street was in the fact  
that the arches under Messrs Pettigrew's Inlet houses were not  
sufficiently large to carry off the water of the river with the  
result that the river overflowed above those houses rushed out

into King Street and flooded the street and the houses and the low ground adjoining. We recommend that the said arches should be removed, so that there might be no obstruction to the flow of the river in case of flood. This is most important.

Lower down, and where the river crosses under King Street there is a large sewer which takes off some of the overflow water.

We recommend that this sewer should be opened <sup>in its entrance</sup> and examined and cleaned, as we fear it is smaller down the street than it is at its entrance. It should be of a uniform capacity throughout.

We also recommend that the sewer down Green Street should be connected with the sewer down Bridge Street and then connected with a sewer in Oyster Lane and a certain gain Street sewer also connected with that of Oyster Lane, which would be the means of diverting a good deal of water from Stonebridge River, and thus affording it relief. Should this be done there should be a much larger sewer constructed in Oyster Lane than the present one.

It must be borne in mind that the houses in King Street and Water Lane whose floors are below tidal level cannot be preserved from danger of flooding except they were raised.

This report on being discussed was adopted with the following addenda.

That as regards enlarging the sewer in Oyster Lane, the Harbour Commissioners should be requested to have a sewer of requisite capacity opened in the lane as this thoroughfare formed part of the District under the control of the Harbour Commissioners.

That the permanent weir at the mouth of the relieving sewer in King Street be removed and be replaced by a movable weir.

That the closed arch at Stonebridge be re-opened and the bottom of it laid in concrete.

In response to advertisements issued four communications received from persons willing to dispose of building ground as sites for proposed Working Class Dwellings were laid before the Meeting. From these letters it appeared that there was a plot available in William Street. This was held under lease for 900 years at a rent of £2:10 a year. The frontage was 40 feet and the lessor E. P. Ronan was willing to dispose of his interest for £100.

There was available a plot in Gibson Street at present occupied by two malt houses which were about to be sold by auction on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Inst. This plot was held in fee simple, free of rent, the vendors being the Grange by Mr. Brown and the Very Rev'd Dean Bushell.

A plot of ground belonging to Mrs Mary Taylor was to be had in Trinity Street. It measured 100 feet by 88 feet and was held free of rent. The intending vendor was prepared to accept £85 for her interest.

A piece of ground having a frontage of 120 yards was obtainable in Thomas Street, so far as the tenant Robert Harvey was concerned. There were no further particulars given concerning this plot but the tenant intimated he had written to the landlord to ascertain what were the terms on which the latter would dispose of his interest in the ground.

The three first mentioned sites were not deemed suitable as it was found that in William Street and Trinity Street it would be necessary to build at right angles with the line of the street and in Gibson Street the plot was too close to St Mary's graveyard, but the plot in Thomas Street was considered a most eligible one, and it was decided to defer taking steps in the matter of procuring sites for a month to allow of a further letter being received from Mr Harvey.

Regarding improvements needed at rear of Working Class Dwellings in Hill Street the Town Surveyor reported that in order to intercept the leakage from the fields from flowing into the yards it was necessary to put a good surface on the laneway with a paved water table running down the east side, the cost of which improvement would amount to £8.8 and it was ordered that the Town Surveyor be authorized to have the necessary work done by the staff of men under his supervision.

The Town Surveyor reported that one of the walls which formed a support for the water main where the latter crossed the stream at Ballindinas had collapsed leaving the pipe in a dangerous condition and that he had sent men to have the pipe secured with as little delay as possible.

The action of the Town Surveyor in the matter was approved.  
Ordered - That the Contractors for supplying broken stones be written to and called upon to send in supplies of stones at once.  
Also ordered - That broken stones required for use with the steam roller be used nowhere except on Redmond Road for ordinary road metalling.

B H A, Mayor

19<sup>th</sup> March 1900.

A Stated Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at 7.30 P.M.

There were in attendance.

Benjamin Hughes Esq Mayor in the chair.

Aldermen - Nicholas L Cosgrave, Matthew L Furlong, John Blaney  
 Councillors - Joseph Kelly, John Lyne, Patrick Ryan, Robert Harton,  
 John Tyke, Nicholas O'Neill, Walter Walsh, Howard Rose,  
 William Sears

The Minutes of meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> March 1900 were read and signed.  
 The Bank Books and Cashed Paying Orders were laid before the meeting.  
 The accuracy of the Bank Books having been ascertained the Chairman affixed his signature thereto.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of February 1900 including payments made at the Stated Finance Meeting held on this day.

Summary

Ordinary Account

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	703	9	11
Total sum received to close of last month	535	3	2
Total	1238	13	1

Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement

Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	115	16	3
Total	115	16	3

Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above totals)

Reconciliation			
Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer	1271	19	5
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	149	2	7
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	1122	16	10

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £115: 16: 3 were submitted to the meeting and having been examined were approved and an authorization was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 130 to 143 inclusive.

No 130 In favour of Nicholas Nihoo being proportion of salary of Medical Officer of Health paid by Board of Guardians for nine months commencing 1 <sup>st</sup> April 1899	£ 8: 0: 0
No 131 In favour of Binnett & Sons for sundry repairs executed	2: 0: 3
No 132 In favour of Wexford Timbers for slate & timber supplied	4: 5
No 133 In favour of R. & S. Hayes for goods supplied & repairs executed	0: 6
No 134 In favour of Binnett & Sons for do	2: 1: 5
No 135 In favour of Guest & Thomas for meters supplied	16: 13: 2
Forward.	£ 29: 13: 9

		£ 29: 13: 9
No 136 In favour of Thomas Morrow for broken stones supplied	9: 16: 4	
No 137 In favour of Patrick James for do	1: 18: 6	
No 138 In favour of Thomas Merriman for do	16: 0	
No 139 In favour of Patrick Moran for do	2: 2: 6	
No 140 In favour of Patrick Kenny for do	9: 4	
No 141 In favour of W <sup>r</sup> . A. Broome for cash advanced in payment of petty liabilities	8: 2: 5	
No 142 In favour of same for do	57: 16: 0	
No 143 In favour of same for do	5: 1: 5	
		<u>£ 115: 16: 3</u>

Monthly Abstract of Working Class Dwellings rent collection and of  
Rent Collectors Cash Account etc -

Number of houses Built Let. Unoccupied	Rent Collection					Arrears due by Tenants at close of last month
	Arrears due by Tenants at close of last collection	Amounts collected during the month	Total for month	Collected during the month		
59. 59. -	£9: 11: 8	£28: 3: 4	£37: 15: 0	£28: 3: 6		£9: 11: 6
Collectors Cash Account						
Balance in Lands at close of last month	Collected during the accounted month	Total to be lodged with Treasurer July Collector during month	Balances (if any) in hands of Collector at close of this month			
Nil	£28: 3: 6	£28: 3: 6	£28: 3: 6			Nil.

The Rent Collection Book and the Report Book of the Collector was then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature.

The financial portion of the business of the meeting having been disposed of His Worship the Mayor made allusion to the recent death of the late Alderman James Stafford whereupon a general expression of regret at the loss of a respected colleague fell from members present and it was decided unanimously on the motion of Councillor Ryan seconded by Alderman Flurlong to instruct the Town Clerk to convey on behalf of the Corporation an expression of condolence to the relatives of the deceased Alderman in their bereavement.

It was further decided on the motion of Alderman Blaney seconded by Councillor Kelly to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Inst as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Alderman Stafford.

21<sup>st</sup> March 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at 7.30 P.M.

There were in attendance.

Benjamin Hughes Esq. Mayor in the Chair.

Aldermen - Nicholas J. Coegrave, John Blaney, Matthew J. Furlong.

Councillors - Patrick Ryan, John Lyke, Cameron Rogers, Nicholas O'Sullivan, Walter Walsh, John Lyne, Joseph Tilly, William Sears, James Cullimore, Howard Rowe.

An Estimate of the liabilities required to be discharged by the Corporation in the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1901 was laid before the Meeting. It showed that the net expenses chargeable on the Borough Fund would amount to £ 699. 18. 0, on the Town Improvement Fund £ 948. 13. 6, on the Waterworks Fund £ 14. 36. 14. 9 and to be raised by a Poor Rate £ 2140. 7. 10. Touching the last mentioned sum the meeting was informed that in accordance with understanding come to at a previous meeting the attention of the Local Government Board had been drawn to such items of County Expenditure as were deemed to be charges towards which the Urban District should not be called on to contribute. The sums included in the Estimate having been gone over serially the following resolutions were adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Alderman Furlong  
That a sum of £ 100 be added to the Estimate to allow of broken stones being provided for use with a Steam Roller and that this class of metalling be used nowhere but on Richmond Road on the work of ordinary macadamizing.

Proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Sears  
That the sum of £ 100 allocated in the Estimate for construction of sewers be increased by £ 50.

Proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Rowe.  
That the Estimate as now amended be approved, that a Borough Rate of Sixpence, a Rate in lieu of County Cess of one shilling, a Public Water Rate of Sixpence, a Domestic Water Rate of one shilling and a Poor Rate of Two Shillings and Sixpence (that is 1/3 in respect of each half year) in the Pound be hereby agreed on with a view to making such Rates at a future meeting to defray expenses required to be provided for in the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1901.

It was stated that Mr H. A. Ennis was anxious to present a stretcher for public use in case of injury to life or limb by accident provided it was kept in some central station.

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It was ordered - That Mr Ennis be at liberty to place a stretcher in

The Town Hall.  
On the motion of Alderman Furlong seconded by Councillor Sears it was  
Resolved - That meetings of the Sanitary, Waterworks and Works  
Committees be called together on the second and fourth Mondays of  
each month; that the hour of holding such meetings be half past  
seven o'clock in the evening.

W. Hughes, Mayor

2<sup>nd</sup> April 1900.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in  
the Tholsel at noon.

There were present

Benjamin Hughes Esq<sup>re</sup> Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - George Hadden, Nicholas J. Cosgrave, John Clancy,  
Matthew J. Furlong

Councillors - Howard Rowe, John Lyne, William Sears, John Tyke,  
Joseph Kelly, Walter Walsh.

The minutes of meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> March 1900 were read and signed.  
The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced, examined  
and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the  
counter-signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been  
received in the month of March and the Ledger entries to be  
made in respect of same.

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was also  
produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of  
the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing  
the sums which had been ordered for payment at the stated  
Finance Meeting held next before the above-mentioned day  
being in respect of expenses for the period ending the last day  
of the preceding month and the Ledger entries to be made in  
respect of same.

The Ledger was also produced, posted up to the day of the  
last Stated Finance Meeting with the proper debits and credits  
as ordered on that day.

The Waterworks Committee reported that having examined the  
accounts of the Water Rate Collector for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March  
1900 they recommended that of the amount of outstanding Rates  
£ 5: 13: 3 should be carried forward as Collectible Arrears and  
the remainder £ 1: 10: 0 be left to be recovered.

Same Committee recommended that the request of the Sports Com-

to have the meter on their premises removed, and but a nominal charge made for water consumed there be refused.

Both of these recommendations were adopted.

The procurement of sites for dwellings for the accommodation of the Working Classes was a matter the consideration of which was resumed it having been deferred since 5<sup>th</sup> March. From a letter received from Mr J. L. Dunn Solicitor it appeared that the owner of the plot of ground in Thomas Street was not satisfied to let or sell the plot. A further letter received from Mr E. P. Ronan as to the site which he offered to dispose of in William Street showed that he was prepared to either let or sell his interest, that is to let the ground at 1/- per foot of street frontage or to sell outright for £100.

On the motion of Councillor Sears seconded by Councillor Tyghe it was Resolved - That a Committee be appointed to ascertain whether suitable sites were available in the town and if so to report thereon to the Council.

On the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Sears it was Resolved - That the Committee above referred to be composed of Aldermen Hadden, Cosgrave, Furlong, Blaney Councillors W. Walsh and Tilly.

The Superintendent of Waterworks reported that he had visited the Reservoir on 28<sup>th</sup> March and found that the rumour current as to a serious leak having sprung in the embankment was not borne out by the facts. It had been the case for some years back a small quantity of water percolated through the embankment convenient to the overflow outlet, but it was of no consequence since the leak occurred only during periods when there was no overflow from the Reservoir.

It was reported that the level of the water in the Reservoir was 1 inch below the level of high water mark. The desirability of adopting measures to prevent waste of water in the coming summer was considered and it was decided to instruct the Superintendent to see as to providing an instrument designed for locating waste of water.

The Town Surveyor submitted an estimate of the cost attendant on the work connected with re-opening an arch of Stonebridge as was decided to be done on 5<sup>th</sup> June. It appeared that this cost would amount to £28.17. He also reported that the levels would not admit of the sewer in Bride Street being affected northward and connected with the same under Wicklams Brewery unless the latter sewer were sunk to a depth of 3 feet 4 inches. The considera-

of this matter was deferred until such time as the Corporation would be in a position to deal with the entire scheme for relieving the pressure on Stonebridge River.

The Superintendent of Waterworks reported that the use of pipe water in driving a bottle rinsing apparatus was becoming common among bottlers throughout the town and he brought the matter under notice with the object of having a rule made governing the price chargeable for water condemned in this way.

Regarding this matter Colonel Lyne gave notice that he would move that in future bottlers using a motor in connection with bottle washing should be required to take water by meter instead of having an unlimited supply as at present on payment of a special charge according to Valuation.

At the instance of Alderman Cosgrave it was ordered - That the Gas Co be requested to say what would be their terms per annum for furnishing all the gas lamps in Main Street with incandescent burners and mantles.

There was laid before the meeting a Sealed Order issued by the Local Government Board under date of 27<sup>th</sup> March 1900 changing the date on which Accounts relative to Municipal Stock and Redemption Fund should be furnished in Abstract form to the Local Government Board from 31<sup>st</sup> December in each year to 31<sup>st</sup> March in each year.

Brough, Chair

9<sup>th</sup> April 1900.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Tholsel at noon.

There were present

Benjamin Hughes Esq Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - Nicholas J. Cosgrave, Matthew J. Furlong, John Clancy, John Barr.

Councillors - John Tyke, Walter Walsh, Robert Stanton, Patrick Ryan, Nicholas O'Neill, John Lyne, William Sears Howard, Rowe James Cullimore, Bartholomew J. Stafford.

The Minutes of Meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> Inst were read and signed.

The Poor Rate Collector submitted a list of premises on which Rates were found to be irrecoverable by reason of such premises being vacant either for the whole or part of the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1900. On concluding an examination of the list the

meeting ~~last~~

Resolved - That a sum of £ 47: 18: 6 should be struck out of the Rate Book as uncollectible and that items amounting to £ 29: 2: 4 being the balance of Rates outstanding on the date above mentioned should be carried forward as Collectible Arrears. The Wexford Harbour Commissioners who had been asked to enlarge the capacity of the sewer in Oyster Lane as per decision come to on 5<sup>th</sup> March last replied by letter which was read. which contained a copy of a report made by the Stafford Engineer. From this communication it appeared that

First, any increase in the size or further tax on the capacities of the sewers in Oyster Lane would at periods of exceptionally high tides lead to greater flooding than at present and greater danger to bursting up the sewers.

Second, that any such alterations would have little or no effect in carrying off the flood waters from the neighbourhood of the Stonebridge River.

The next three following resolutions, dealing with the matter of the improvements needed on Stonebridge River were then adopted. Proposed by Councillor Sears seconded by Councillor Lyne

That the Harbour Commissioners be requested to ascertain by making trial holes the capacity and condition of the Lower King Street sewer and that other Engineer be directed to make a similar inquiry as regards the upper portion of the sewer.

Proposed by Councillor <sup>Stafford</sup> Rowe, seconded by Councillor Sears. That a Specification be prepared and tenders invited by advertisement for doing the work of opening the blind arch at Stonebridge and laying the bottom of the arches in concrete.

Proposed by Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Sears. That Messrs Pettigrew be written to and requested to carry into effect the recommendation contained in the Committee Report of 5<sup>th</sup> March last as to the removal of the arches under their malt house.

On the subject of raising money in the current financial year it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Lyne, seconded by Councillor Walter Walsh. That there be now struck the following Rates as agreed to on the 21<sup>st</sup> ultimo vizt:

A Borough Rate of Tenpence in the Pound

A Rate in lieu of County Tax of One Shilling in the Pound.

A Domestic Water Rate of one Shilling in the Pound

A Public Water Rate of Tenpence in the Pound for the service of the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1901 and a Poor Rate of one shilling and Threepence in the Pound for the service of the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1901 on the net assessable value of Ratable property within

the Borough of Wexford and that the Rate Books be now sealed and signed  
The Rate Books were then duly sealed and signed.

A communication received from Mr Charles Exon, Sec. Secretary of a  
Committee which (representing all shades of political opinion) met in Dublin and passed a Resolution of protest against the present war  
in South Africa was read and it was thereupon resolved on the motion  
of Councillor O'Neill seconded by Councillor Cullimore.

That irrespective of differences of opinion as to the justice or otherwise  
of the causes which led to the war in South Africa we desire to express  
our conviction that immediate steps ought to be taken to stop the bloodshed  
and slaughter and come to a settlement of the questions at issue and  
that an effort should be made to reach such a settlement by the offer  
forthwith of reasonable terms by the British Government to The Boers.  
On the subject of a circular issued under the joint signatures of six  
members of the House of Commons and read for the meeting the following  
resolution was adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Ryan seconded by Councillor Stanton  
That we respectfully urge upon His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant  
the necessity for the appointment with as little delay as possible of a  
Royal Commission to inquire into and report upon the  
existing unsatisfactory condition of Railway and Canal communication  
in Ireland, and upon its injurious effect upon the trade and  
agricultural interests of the Country. And that His Excellency may  
be pleased to appoint an early day for the reception of a Deputation  
upon the above subject.

It was pointed out to the meeting that the sum allowed as remuneration  
for the work of writing up Rate Books and collecting Books prior  
to 1899 was not sufficient for such work in the present and future  
years as the number of books requiring to be filled up was increased.  
These books numbering ten in all were laid before the meeting and  
inspected and it was thereupon resolved on the motion of Councillor  
Bears seconded by Councillor O'Neill

That a sum of £16 be paid for the writing of the Books in question.  
It was reported that on the 5<sup>th</sup> Inst the gates and turnstiles of the  
market in the Bullring had been injured by a horse running  
away and it was

Ordered - That the Town Surveyor be instructed to have the  
damages repaired.

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16<sup>th</sup> April 1900.

A Stated Finance Meeting was held this day in the Tholsel at 7.30 P.M.

There were present

Benjamin Hughes Esq/<sup>1/2</sup> Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - Nicholas J. Cosgrave Matthew J. Furlong, John Clancy

Councillors - William Sears Robert Stanton, Nicholas O'Keill

Walter Walsh James J. Stafford Howard Rowe,

Joseph Kelly, James Cullimore, John Tyke.

The Minutes of Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> April 1900 were read and signed.

The Bank Books and Cashed Paying Orders were laid before the meeting. The accuracy of the Bank Books having been ascertained, the Chairman affixed his signature thereto. Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of March 1900 including the payments made at Stated Finance Meeting held on this day.

Summary	Ordinary Acc <sup>t</sup>
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Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	1122 16 10
Total sum received to close of last month	781 19 9
Total	1904 16 7

Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement

Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	1050 . 11
Total	1050 . 11

Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above totals)	854 15 8
Reconciliation	

Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer	1905 17 5
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	1051 1 9
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	854 15 8

Liabilities which had accrued up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £1050.0.11 were submitted to the meeting and having been examined were approved, and an authorization was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 144 to 168 inclusive. viz

144. In favour of The National Bank Wexford being amount of Demand for half year payable to County Council and to be lodged to credit of Wexford County Council Ordinary Acc<sup>t</sup> £809.9.1

145. In favour of Thomas Godfrey being Commissioner on Poor Rate collected and lodged £7.7.4

146. In favour of George W. Taylor being Commissioner on Water Rates and other charges collected and lodged 47.2.1

147. In favour of Mr. R. H. M. for users supplied & repairs calculated 9.0.9

1048	In favour of Mr R Allen for repairs executed	£ 916: 19: 4
149	In favour of William White for writing up Poor Rate Book and Duplicate	3: 8: 8
55	In favour of Sylvester Dwyer for writing up Borough Rate Book and Duplicate	6: 0: 0
157	In favour of same for writing up Special Rate Book and Duplicate	3: 0: 0
152	In favour of James Brun for writing up Water Rate Book and Duplicate	4: 0: 0
153	In favour of Thompson Bros for cement supplied	6: 12: 10
154	In favour of Daniel Donovan for expenses in connection with Weights, Measures and Food & Drugs etc	2: 2: 7
155	In favour of Michael J. Connor being commission on rents of Artisans Dwellings collected and lodged	6: 17: 10
156	In favour of James Stamp for goods supplied	3: 7: 2
157	In favour of Patrick James for stones supplied	3: 0: 6
158	In favour of Patrick Moran for stones supplied	2: 11: 0
159	In favour of Laffey & Co for coals supplied	1: 10: 0
160	In favour of Gas Consumers Co Ltd for gas consumed in Tholsel & Town Hall for quarter	1: 16: 0
161	In favour of Matthew Hayter for brushes supplied	18: 0
162	In favour of same for goods supplied	9: 3
163	In favour of Mrs & A. Corcoran for advertising	4: 19: 4
164	In favour of same for do	1: 14: 9
165	In favour of same for do	1: 0: 9
166	In favour of Wm A. Browne for cash advanced in payment of petty liabilities	14: 9: 4
167	In favour of same for do	50 1: 6
168	In favour of same for do	12: 1: 10
		£ 1050: 0: 11

Monthly Abstract of Working Class Dwellings rent Collection and  
of Rent Collectors Cash Account etc

Number of houses Built. Let Occupied	Rent Collection				
	Arrears due by Tenants at close of last collection	Amount collected during the month	Total for collection during the month	Collected during the month	Arrears due by Tenants at close of last month
59	£ 9: 11: 6	£ 28: 5: 4	£ 34: 14: 10	£ 29: 15: 7	£ 7: 19: 3
Collectors Cash Account					
Balance in Lands at close of last month	Collected during the month	Total to be accounted for Collector	Lodged with Treasurer in hands at close of month	Balance if any in hands at close of this month	

The Rent Collection Book and the Report Book of the Collector was then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature. The Messrs Pettigrew in reference to request made on them to have the arches under their malt house in King Street removed stated by letter that from careful observations made on the date when the flooding occurred in King Street they were in a position to prove that the flooding did not arise from the arches being too small to let the water of the river pass through them and therefore held that the necessity for the removal of the arches did not exist.

The meeting having considered the subject of the letter decided on the motion of Councillor Stafford, seconded by Alderman McLaney that the Messrs Pettigrew should be written to again and informed that the Council failed to see any reason ~~for them~~ departing from the conclusion hitherto arrived at ~~as to the river~~ <sup>thus</sup> having overflowed at the point where the arches exist and caused King Street to be flooded.

With regard to order made on 19<sup>th</sup> February last it was reported, as to the flooding of Mr Ennis's land, that the Committee were of opinion, that by reducing the size of the inlet to Rowes Mill Pond the danger of the land being again flooded would be greatly lessened and that Mr Rowe was satisfied to let ~~his land~~ a 9" pipe be inserted at the point where the Farnogue Stream divided into two branches. It was ordered - That the Town Surveyor be instructed to have a section of 9 inch pipe inserted in the bed of the Mill Stream at the point indicated.

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7<sup>th</sup> May 1900

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at noon.

There were present

Benjamin Hughes Esq<sup>re</sup> mayor (in the chair.)

Aldermen - Walter Walsh, Matthew J. Furlong, John Blaney, George Sadden.

Councillors - John Lyne, James Cullimore, John Tighe, Nicholas O'Neill, Robert Hanton, Joseph Kelly, William Sears, Howard Lowe, Patrick Gray.

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The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced, examined

and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the countersignature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been received in the month of April and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was also produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the countersignature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been ordered for payment at the Stated Finance Meeting held next before the above mentioned day being in respect of expenses for the period ending the last day of the preceding month and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Ledger was also produced, posted up to the day of the last Stated Finance Meeting with the proper debits and credits as ordered on that day. The minutes of proceedings of Works, Sanitary and Waterworks Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April were read and adopted.

The Town Surveyor applied by letter for leave to absent himself from duty for a fortnight in consequence of having been recently ill and it was proposed by Alderman Walsh seconded by Councillor Tyke.

That the application be granted on condition that the Surveyor provide at his own expense a substitute pro tem.

It was ordered - That a pump of modern construction be erected at one end of the Quay for raising water for street sprinkling and that the Harbour Commissioners be requested to erect a pump at the other end for the same purpose, and that Messrs Hadden, Furlong and Lyne be appointed a Committee to inspect the disused Corporation watering cart and report as to whether it can be put into a state of efficient repair.

Messrs P. J. Pettigrew in response to a second request made on them to remove the arches under their malthouses in King Street stated by letter that the arches were in existence since the malthouses were built and long before they (Messrs Pettigrew) became lessors of the premises and consequently it was not in their power to interfere with the arches.

It was ordered - That the consideration of this matter be referred to Committee meeting due to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> Inst, that in the meantime the Corporation Solicitor be made acquainted with the circumstances of the case and instructed to attend and advise the meeting thereon.

A letter from Miss M. J. Somers was read containing a request that she be granted a lease of a plot of ground situated in Hill Street, forming part of the corporate estate and held by her recently deceased father as tenant from year to year and it was thereupon proposed by Alderman Hadden seconded by Councillor O'Keill and

Resolved - That a lease of the above plot of ground in Hill Street be granted to the representatives of late Matthew Somers for the

statutory period of 31 years and that the intending Lessees be required to pay all expenses connected with such Lease.  
Pursuant to notice given on 2<sup>nd</sup> April Councillor Lyne moved  
That the Waterworks Scale of Charges should be amended in so far as it affected such members of the spirit trade as were using or intended to use water for driving turbines in their bottling stores, that instead of these traders being entitled to consume an unlimited quantity of water in the operation of bottle washing in consideration of the payment of a Special Rate on the valuation of their premises they should be required to have all water used for trade purposes paid for according to measurement.

The consideration of this matter was deferred for a month  
Tenders received for improvements about to be carried out were opened and read as follows:-

#### Laying concrete footpath in Old Pound

Thomas Crean offered to complete this piece of work for the sum of 8/- per square yard of concrete laid and James Redmond offered to do it for the sum of 7/- per square yard laid

#### Opening an arch in Stonebridge

James Scallan offered to do this for the sum of £5/-  
on the motion of Councillor Sears seconded by Councillor Rows it was Resolved - That James Redmonds tender for laying footpath and James Scallans tender for opening arch be accepted.

A letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> April 1900 received from the Local Government Board was read wherein attention was called to the provisions of Section 12 of the Act 25 & 26 Vic Cap 83 in pursuance of which unoccupied buildings were liable to be assessed with Poor Rate although such Rate was not recoverable in respect of the whole or any part of a year during which a building was vacant.

With reference to minutes of proceedings of 5<sup>th</sup> February last the Corporation Solicitor intimated by letter that he had attended New Ross Quarter Sessions on 3<sup>rd</sup> May last when the claim made by Shaw Hadden and Hadden for compensation for the malicious breaking of a window at Main Street Port Wexford was substantiated and a decree given for £13: 17: 0 with costs and £1 expenses.

The Secretary of the Gas Company stated by letter that the extra cost of providing lamps in Main Street with incandescent burners and suitable accessories would as far as could be gauged be not less than 10/- per lamp per lighting period, but the Company were willing to affix those appliances to six of the corporation lamps free of charge for a few weeks as a trial.

beginning of the lighting period of 1900-1901.  
It was Ordered - That sundry repairs needed to be done at the Bathing  
place be executed without contract if the cost do not exceed £5.  
It was Ordered - That tenders be invited by advertisement for supplies  
of Cement for the coming year.  
It was Ordered - That the Water Rate Collectors Warrant and Collecting  
Book be sealed and signed.

Ballyphe, Chmn

30<sup>th</sup> April, 1900.

An election to fill a casual vacancy in the office of  
Alderman for St Mary Ward, caused by the death of  
the late Alderman James Stafford, was held on the  
above date, pursuant to the provisions of section  
24 of the Local Government Boards Repealed Order of  
22<sup>nd</sup> December, 1898.

There was only one candidate nominated for election, the  
being Walter Walsh of the Fayettie, Wexford, and he was  
returned duly elected -

John J. Curran  
Attorney Officer.

21<sup>st</sup> May 1900

A Stated Finance Meeting was held this day in the Tholsel at 7.30 P.M.

There were present:-

Benjamin Hughes Esq<sup>ts</sup> Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - Matthew J. Furlong, Nicholas J. Cosgrave, Walter Walsh,  
John Clancy.

Councillors - Edward Rowe, John Tynne, Patrick Ryan, Joseph Kelly,  
James Cullimore, Robert Stanton.

The minutes of general Quarterly meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> May were read and signed.

The minutes of proceedings of Committees which met on 9<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> inst were read and the orders and recommendations made by same were adopted.

The Bank Books and cashed Paying Orders were laid before the meeting. The accuracy of the Bank Books having been ascertained the Chairman affixed his signature thereto.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurers Account for the month ending the last day of April 1900 including the payments made at Stated Finance Meeting held on this day.

### Summary

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	854	15	8
Total sum received to close of last month	6	17	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>

Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement

Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	1156	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1156</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

Net Balance due to Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)

### Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer	910	2	10
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Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	1304	9	5
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Net Balance as above due to Treasurer	294	6	7
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Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £ 1156.0.1 were submitted to the meeting and having been examined were approved and an authorisation was signified to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 169 to 202 inclusive, viz

169. In favour of Wm A. Browne being quarters salary as Town Clerk to 30<sup>th</sup> April 1900 (proportion from Borough Fund) £ 30. 12. 6

170. In favour of same for do (proportion from Town Emp<sup>t</sup> Fund) 30. 12. 6

171. In favour of J. L. Keaveny being quarters salary as

Mayors Sergeant to same date

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5. 10. 0
£ 66 : 15 : 0

	£	66: 16: 0
172 In favour of David Condron being quarters salary as Custodian of Old Graveyards to same date		2: 10: 0
173 In favour of W <sup>m</sup> . A. Browne do as Executive Sanitary Officer to do		5: 0: 0
174 In favour of Thomas Pierce do as Medical Officer of Health to do		4: 0: 0
175 In favour of John Crean do as Consulting Sanitary Officer to do		3: 16: 0
176 In favour of John Kearon do as Sanitary Sub-Officer to do		5: 0: 0
177 In favour of David Condron do as Sanitary Sub- Officer to do		5: 0: 0
178 In favour of W <sup>m</sup> . J. Grath do as Custodian of Town Hall to do		2: 12: 0
179 In favour of Johanna Murphy do for cleansing Municipal Offices to do		1: 0: 0
180 In favour of W <sup>m</sup> . A. Browne do as Secretary of Waterworks to do		5: 0: 0
181 In favour of Daniel E. MacCarthy do as Superintendent of Waterworks to do		16: 5: 0
182 In favour of Daniel E. MacCarthy do as Town Surveyor to do		16: 5: 0
183 In favour of Thomas Pierce for attendance at Local Government Inquiry in reference to Old Graveyards on 2 <sup>d</sup> , 3 <sup>d</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> February 1900		3: 3: 0
184 In favour of Thomas Blaney being poundage on Borough Rate collected and lodged to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1900		20: 4: 7
185 In favour of Bank of Ireland being instalment due on Waterworks Principal Loan		582: 5: 10
186 In favour of same being instalment due on Waterworks Supplemental Loan		114: 5: 8
187 In favour of same being instalment due on Cemetery Loan		34: 10: 6
188 In favour of same being instalment due on Labourers' Dwellings Loan		95: 8: 1
189 In favour of same being instalment due on Artisans' Dwellings Loan		60: 14: 11
190 In favour of same being instalment due on Docks Loan		22: 9: 7
191 In favour of Guest & Chrimes for 3 dz ferrules supplied		1: 16: 10
192 In favour of R. & R. Allen for Hydronite Cases & iron supplied		9: 18: 0
193 In favour of W <sup>m</sup> . P. Reidy for plant & other supplies		5: 5: 6
194 In favour of Thompson for Cement supplied		8: 10: 2
		<hr/> £ 087: 12: 8

£1087. 12. 8

195. In favour of George W. Taylor for Income Tax on Corporate property	12: 5: 2
196. In favour of same for Income Tax on land at Reservoir	10: 3
197. In favour of May A. Taylor for cleaning and washing dwelling and linewashing room therein from which a patient was removed to Hospital	10: 0
198. In favour of May Taylor for years rent of site of Labourers Dwellings in Trinity Street	2: 10: 0
199. In favour of W. P. Rooster for time of plumber and helper employed in freeing water main	8: 0
200. In favour of W. A. Browne for cash advanced in payment of petty liabilities	13: 11: 10
201. In favour of same for do	38: 16: 2
202. In favour of same for do	4: 16: 0
	£ 1156 : 0 : 1

Monthly Abstract of Collection of Rents of Working Class Dwellings  
and of Rent Collectors Cash Account.

Number of houses Built. Let. Unoccupied	Arrears due by Tenants at close of last month	Rent Collection			
		Lents accrued during the month	Total for collection during month	Collected	Arrears due by Tenants at close of month
57. 59. 41	£7. 19. 3	£35. 4. 2	£43. 5. 5	£32. 14. 6	£10. 8. 11
Collectors Cash Account					
Balance in hands at close of last month	Collected during the month	Total to be accounted for by Collector	Lodged with Treasurer during the month	Balance (if any) in hands at close of this month	
41	£32. 14. 6	£32. 14. 6	£32. 14. 6	41	

The Rent Collection Book and the Report Book of the Rent Collector  
was then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously  
ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature. On the Report  
Book of the Collector orders were made in individual cases as follows

Name of Tenant	Nature of Report	Orders made by Council thereon
Thomas Brown	Arrears of rent amounting to £1. 8. 9 had accrued.	That the Agent be instructed to make an effort to have the arrears reduced considerably by the date of the next Stated Finance Meeting
Richard Bullion	Arrears of rent due amounting to £1. 6. 6 had accrued.	Arrears reduced considerably by the date of the next Stated Finance Meeting
William Connolly		

The intended holding of an Inquiry into the Appeal of the Corporation against the final Declaration adopted by the County Council concerning "main roads" was signified by a letter received from the Local Government Board and read

On the motion of Councillor Lyne seconded by Councillor Cullimore it was Resolved - That the services of Messrs O'Connors and Gealy Solicitors be engaged to professionally represent the case of the Corporation at said Inquiry due to be held at Wexford on 29<sup>th</sup> Inst.

As to King Street Sewer, the Secretary of the Harbour Commissioners notified by letter which was read that an examination of the lower portion of the sewer proved it to be perfectly free and in good order and a report read from the Town Surveyor showed that the upper portion of it was in good order save for about three perches where stagnant water rested in the sewer bed which required to be raised in consequence

The Secretary of the Harbour Commissioners also notified by letter that as requested by the Corporation a new and modern pump would be put up on the Quay to raise water for street sprinkling and that permission had been given for the erection by the Corporation of another pump for a like purpose subject to the condition of the pump being approved by the Harbour Engineer.

It was ordered - That the Harbour Board be requested to provide and erect both of the pumps required and charge the Corporation with the cost of one of them.

With reference to Order made on 7<sup>th</sup> Inst as to the granting of a lease of plot of ground in Hill Street there was submitted to the meeting for approval a draft lease drawn up by the Corporation Solicitor and also a letter from Mr Huggard the intending lessee's solicitor, containing request that a covenant included in the draft lease should be struck out.

It was ordered - That the proviso referred to prohibiting the lessee from selling or alienating the land without the consent in writing being first given by the Corporation be struck out. The Mayor objected to this. There were laid before the meeting two copies of a Sealed Order dated 4<sup>th</sup> May Inst along with a covering circular of 12<sup>th</sup> Inst received from the Local Government Board. The order prescribed the regulations framed by that Department under the Sale of Food & Drugs Act 1899. By such regulations it was made requisite that the appointment of a person as public Analyst should be approved by the Local Government Board and before such approval was given proof should be furnished of the Analyst's efficiency in certain branches of scientific knowledge. It was also made obligatory that certified copies of Quarterly Reports of the Analyst should in future be transmitted to the Local Government Board.

The Captain of the Fire Brigade brought under notice the necessity of having the arch bar over the entrance gate of the market taken down as it was a serious hindrance to the moving in or out of the market of the Fire Escape, which he stated also was in need of being painted and varnished.

It was ordered - That the Town Surveyor be instructed to have the Fire Escape painted and varnished and Councillor Lyne gave notice that he would move at next meeting that the location in the market of the Fire Escape be changed to some more accessible quarter in the town.

The Town Surveyor submitted an account showing that the cost of making good the damage done on the market gates ~~—~~ by runaway horse in March last was £2: 13: 11 and it was decided to make application to the owner of the animal for payment of that sum.

Ordered - That four cart loads of gravel be procured by the Town Surveyor and delivered at Crossbones Cemetery for the purpose of graveling walks.

Messrs Wm. Browne & Son Land Agents of Georges Street Wexford announced by letter their readiness to treat with Corporation for the sale to the latter of a plot of ground in Castle Hill Street as a site for about four working Class Dwellings.

It was ordered - That Messrs Browne be written to and asked to state particulars as to title, <sup>measurement</sup> area of plot and terms on which they would be disposed to sell the plot or let it on lease.

The Town Surveyor submitted an account showing that the cost attendant on repairing floor of Butter Market amounted to £22: 17: 8

D. J. Hayes, Chairman

# *Report of Local Government Inquiry held on Tuesday 29th May, 1900 at Wexford.*

## **WEXFORD BORO' ROADS.**

### **THE TOWN CONTRIBUTION TOO MUCH.**

The Wexford Corporation having felt that since the county council came into office they (the corporation) were asked to pay too much for road maintenance, appealed to the Local Government Board on the subject. Mr Lynch-Staunton, Local Government Board inspector, sat in the courthouse on Tuesday at twelve o'clock to hear evidence on the subject. The corporation was represented by Mr M J O'Connor, solicitor, and Mr T J Healy, M P. Mr R W Elgee, solicitor, appeared for the county council.

Mr O'Connor stated the case for the corporation at considerable length.

Mr Elgee said that the county council had made a declaration of main roads as regards the entire county. Did the corporation appeal against the entire declaration?

Mr Healy—No; only as regards the contribution Wexford has had to pay.

Mr O'Connor—We are now called upon to pay £100 per annum more than ever we had to pay to the grand jury, and we hold that it was not the intention of the legislature that our position should be worse off than before. It was not the intention to injure any existing interests, but rather to relieve them.

Mr Elgee—In your notice you appeal against the entire declaration, and I did not know what you were going for.

Mr Healy—We only did that to give ourselves plenty of scope. We did not know what objections Mr Elgee might raise (daughter).

Mr Benjamin Hughes, J P, Mayor of Wexford, was examined, and stated he was acquainted with the town for a great number of years. Mr Healy—I believe what you don't know about Wexford is not worth knowing (daughter).

The Mayor said that before 1875 Wexford town formed part of the barony of Forth, and the maintenance of the streets of the town was provided for at the road sessions for the barony. He assisted in the agitation got up after the passing of the Act of 1871 which resulted in the streets being handed over to the corporation. They then found that while the boro' contributed to the roads of the county, the county made no contribution to the rates of the borough, and in '82 they approached the grand jury on the subject, and asked that that body should contribute £80 to the maintenance of the Wexford streets. After some negotiations the grand jury allotted £40 for the purpose.

Mr Elgee—Did not the corporation first appeal to the Local Government Board, and was not the appeal thrown out? Mayor—What was thrown out was our application for back payments that we said should be refunded to us.

Mr Elgee—The giving of the £40 by the grand jury afterwards was an act of grace—was it not? Mayor—I think the grand jury were very well pleased to have it settled at £40.

Mr Frizzelle, assistant secretary to the council, gave formal proof of the passing of the main roads scheme by the county council. The first declaration, which included certain Wexford streets, was considered informal by the Local Government Board. In the final declaration Mr Elgee omitted the Wexford streets.

Mr Elgee—It was said that the corporation would prefer not to have the streets included in the scheme. Mr O'Connor—There was no intimation from the corporation to that effect. There must have been some mistake. We are looking for the man that said that (daughter).

Mr Healy—We are prepared to accept Mr Webster's scheme, that approved in the first instance by the county council. Mr Elgee—I was not aware of that. Inspector—It would be well if a settlement could be arrived at. It ought to have been easy to do that. Mr Elgee—I may say that if I was aware of what exactly the corporation wanted there would have been no necessity for this inquiry at all.

Mr Wm ABrowne, town clerk, said the case of the corporation was that they should be treated in the same way as New Ross and Enniscorthy were treated as regards their main roads. The county council allowed New Ross £100 15s 10d, and Enniscorthy £69 1s 6d. The population of New Ross was only half that of Wexford, and there should be twice the length of main roads in Wexford. In '95 Wexford contributed £91 13s 6d to the grand jury for the maintenance of the roads; in '96, £77 16s 6d; in 1897, £61 16s 8d; in 1898, £72 7s, and for half '99, £29 4s 2d. Thus Wexford paid the grand jury an average of £75. The county council, however, demanded £175, that is £100 more than the grand jury. The corporation thought this was unfair. Mr Webster, in his first scheme, gave Wexford 1,618 perches of main roads. The borough engineer considered 1,800 perches of the streets of Wexford should be considered main roads. The difference between the two estimates was not much, and the corporation were prepared to accept Mr Webster's estimate.

Mr Healy—That narrows the matter down considerably. Inspector—The only question is the amount of money. Mr Healy—It shou'd be considerably more than £40, as the mail roads have increased, and the main roads through the county have been increased by the scheme. The question of the price per perch could be arranged by the county surveyor and the borough surveyor.

The Town Clerk said that when this large demand was laid before the corporation, the latter wrote on the subject to the Local Government Board. The reply was that the corporation should pay the demand and might afterwards appeal, which they did.

Mr Patrick Ryan, M C C, deposed that when Mr Webster's first scheme was before the county council it was approved of, and, in his opinion, there was no objection to the amount of main roads allotted to Wexford in that scheme.

Mr McCarthy engineer, deposed that the cost per perch of keeping the streets in the town was 6s 5d. Mr Elgee—You include the drains in that.

Mr McCarthy—Yes; the roads in the country are also drained. Mr Elgee—Yes but that is only the surface water. You surely do not want to include the cost of the sewers. Mr McCarthy—Well, the water channels and grates should be included at all events.

Mr H Webster deposed that he prepared a scheme of main roads and allotted 1,618 perches or something over five miles to Wexford. He was then told the corporation would prefer that the streets shou'd not be interfered with. That the Act of Parliament would not allow of that. He thought it was Mr O'Connor told him that.

Mr O'Connor—That must be a misapprehension. I don't remember having said that.

Mr Webster—At all events believing that was the view of the corporation I struck out the streets of Wexford in my next scheme, which was finally approved of.

In reply to a question from Mr O'Connor, Mr Webster said he thought 4s a perch would be a fair price to allow for the streets of Wexford; the corporation would have to pay half of it in the county the other half.

It was then agreed on the suggestion of the inspector that a memorandum of the agreement should be drawn up, in which it was decided that the solicitors should advise their clients to accept Mr Webster's estimate of main roads, 1,618 perches (less 40 perches for one parallel street to which Mr M Browne, M C C, had objected), and that the price per perch should be 4s.

Mr Elgee—What becomes of the £40? Inspector—That falls to the ground. Of course this does not bind Mr Elgee in any way as regards the County Council.

Mr Elgee suggested that a meeting of the corporation should be summoned at an early date, and that they adopt this agreement and submit to the County Council.

Mr O'Connor—We will do that.

Mr O'Connor having returned thanks to the inspector, the proceedings came to a close.

The following members of the corporation present besides those mentioned were—Ald G Hadden, J P; Messrs J Lyne, J Hanlon and H Rowe.

4<sup>th</sup> June 1900

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at noon

There were present

Benjamin Hughes Esq<sup>r</sup> Mayor in the Chair

Aldermen - Nicholas J. Coagrove, George Madden, Matthew J. Turlong,  
Walter Walsh.

Councillors - John Lyne, Cameron Rogers, William Sears, Robert Stanton,  
Howard Rowe.

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been received in the month of May and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same. The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was also produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been ordered for payment at the Stated Finance Meeting held next before the above mentioned day being in respect of expenses for the period ending the last day of the preceding month and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Ledger was also produced, posted up to the day of the last Stated Finance Meeting with the proper debits and credits as ordered on that day.

It was stated that an Inquiry was held in the County Court, Wexford on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> ulto by Mr C. R. Lynch Staunton Local Government Inspector into the merits of the Appeal made by the Corporation against a Declaration made by the Council of the County Wexford concerning "main roads" in the County with the result that a Provisional Agreement was drawn up and signed by Messrs Healy and O'Connor Solicitors for the Corporation and by Messrs R. W. Elgee Solicitor for the County Council and Henry Webster County Surveyor as follows:

We J. J. Healy and M. J. Connor undertake to advise the County Council Corporation and we R. W. Elgee and Henry Webster agree to advise the County <sup>Council</sup> to settle the Main Roads dispute on the following terms viz. That the County Council shall allow each year to the Corporation the sum of £46 already allowed and £17. 16. 0 making together £154. 16. 0 per annum towards the maintenance of 154. 8 perches of the streets calculated to be main Roads in the Borough of Wexford, the agreed or price being 4/- per perch as suggested by Mr Webster and the other party (the former being allowed).

With reference to this matter the meeting with the acquiescence of

Corporation Solicitor who was present deemed it advisable before ratifying the Agreement to see whether it would in any way prejudice the rights of the Corporation to obtain a remission of overcharges other than those in respect of "main roads" made by the County Council on the Borough. To this end a Committee was appointed to consult with Messrs O'Connor and Kealy on the point and report to a Special Meeting fixed to be held on Monday next 11<sup>th</sup> Inst.

The Committee appointed comprised Messrs Lyne, Power, Madden, Mayor and Town Clerk.

An official copy received of regulations dated 26<sup>th</sup> April 1900 made by the Home Secretary under Section 5 of the Locomotives on Highways Act 1876 as to the keeping and use of Petroleum for the purposes of light locomotives was laid before the meeting.

There was submitted to the Meeting a copy of a Form on which application should be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a Loan being advanced to the Urban District Council under the provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1899 in case it should become necessary for the Urban District Council to obtain a loan under that Act.

It having been ascertained from the Town Surveyor that he found it impossible to obtain supplies of broken stones in sufficient quantity it was decided in anticipation of employing a steam roller to invite tenders by advertisement for the delivery of a sufficient quantity of broken stones against 1<sup>st</sup> August next and that the person whose tender may be accepted be required to give security to fulfill his agreement, and also to ascertain what would be the probable cost of breaking stones by machinery.

It was also ordered that the present Contractors for supplies of road metalling be written to and called upon to complete their agreement within two months from present date.

The minutes of proceedings of Works Committee which met on 28<sup>th</sup> ulto were read. As to the matter of the building of a wall by Mr Ennis at Trinity Street it appeared from what was stated that the Sub-Committee and Mr Ennis had come to an agreement whereby he was to build the wall parallel with the line of the street on the opposite side or as nearly so as possible. This action of the Sub-Committee was criticised by members who considered that a serious encroachment was being made on the public footpath, and a written protest which was received from Mr Barr against such encroachment being tolerated was read. However on the motion of Councillor Lyne, seconded by Councillor Power consideration of the matter was adjourned to the next meeting and it was decided to request Mr Ennis meanwhile to suspend building operations.

Tenders for supplies of cement for the ensuing year were received from Messrs Thompson Bros. Custom House Quay and the Wexford Timber Co. Crescent Quay and were opened. It was found that both of these Firms were prepared to supply the material at 40/- per ton provided the containing bags were returned and as the terms of both Firms were identical it was decided to accept the two tenders and to obtain half the quantity required from each Firm.

A list supplied by Ratepayers who considered the valuation placed on various tenements in the Borough required to be revised was brought before the meeting. There was no objection raised to the valuations in question being revised.

B. Hughes, Chair

11<sup>th</sup> June 1900

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Tholsel at 7:30 P.M.

There were in attendance

Benjamin Hughes Esq. Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - Nicholas J. Cosgrave, Walter Walsh, John Blaney, John Barr, Matthew J. Furlong.

Councillors - John Tyke, James Cullimore, Howard Rowes, Patrick Ryan.

The Committee appointed at Meeting of Council on 4<sup>th</sup> Inst made a recommendation as follows

This Committee having fully considered the question referred to it recommend the Council to act on the advice of Messrs Healy and O'Connor and to ratify the provisional agreement arrived at at the Inquiry into the merits of the Appeal of the Corporation against the Declaration made by the County Council concerning main roads and to accept £157.16.0 per annum in settlement of the main roads dispute.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

B. Hughes, Mayor.

The terms of the recommendation having been considered it was resolved on the motion of Councillor O'Hall, seconded by Councillor Rowes as follows

That the recommendation of the Committee appointed to consider the question of the Corporation ratifying the provisional agreement as to the payment by the County Council of an annual sum of £157.16.0 in respect of the maintenance of main roads inside the Borough be hereby adopted.

B. Hughes, Chair