

21st January 1895

An Election of one Councillor for St. Selskar Ward and one Alderman and one Councillor for St. Marys Ward was held this day in the Town Hall as follows:-

For St. Selskar Ward

There were two persons nominated as Councillor for this Ward namely James O'Leary of Main Street North. House Merchant and Cameron Rogers of Georges Street Lower, Pentit. A Poll was taken with the result that Mr Rogers obtained 42 votes and Mr O'Leary 37 votes.

The former was therefore declared elected.

For St. Marys Ward

As Alderman the person nominated was Hugh McQuire Commercial Quay, Ship Chandler, and As Councillor James J. Stafford of Main Street South Grocer.

As the number of persons nominated were equal to the number of vacancies, the Candidates were therefore declared duly elected.

Joseph Lacy Mayor
4/2/95

4th February 1895

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Hall at seven for the purpose of considering as to the payment of accounts which had accrued due and as to formulating a Scheme for the erection of dwellings for the use of the working classes and for the purpose of transacting general business -

There were in attendance:-

Joseph Lacy Esq. Mayor (in the chair).
Aldermen - Hugh McQuire. John Suttors. William Imperson. George Hadden.
Councillors - John Hughes. William Doyle. P. Peter Cassin. John J. Kehoe. Nicholas Kinnamagh. Cameron Rogers. Michael O'Connor. John Cosgrave. Thomas S. Redmond.

The Minutes of Proceedings of 1st December 1894, the 1st January 1895 and the 31st January 1895 were read and signed -

Accounts as shown in the printed Abstract at foot of these Minutes were submitted and having been considered were on the motion of Councillor Kinnamagh seconded by Councillor John J. Kehoe passed as follows:-

Resolved - That the Bills now submitted (as recommended for payment by Finance Committee) and amounting to £104. 6. 10 be duly approved and cheques signed for payment thereof -

liques were accordingly signed -
Regarding resolution passed on the 4th January last relative to the death of
the late Alderman William Devereux. the following is a copy of a letter
which was read :-

South Main Street. Wexford. 14th January. 1895
Dear Sir - Please convey to the Members of the Municipal Council my most
sincere thanks for their kind vote of condolence which I take as a very
deep expression of their sympathy with me in my late bereavement.
I permit me also to thank you Sir for your very kind reference
to my late husband.

Yours faithfully
Mary Devereux

W. W. A. Browne Town Clerk.

The subject of adopting a scheme under the provisions
of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, and a Circular
letter relating thereto from the Local Government Board were
taken into consideration and on the motion of Alderman
Adden seconded by Councillor Hyghe it was.

Resolved - That the question of providing dwellings for the
better housing of the working classes in the Urban District
be referred to a Committee of the whole Council for consideration

The Minutes of proceedings of the Waterworks Committee
for three months ended this day were read and sanctioned.

The following are the particulars of bills passed this day for
payment ;

8.	1. William A. Browne, Quarter's Salary as Town Clerk, to 31st January, 1895, (proportion from Borough Fund),	£15 0 0
9	2. John Hearon, Quarter's Salary as Mayor's Sergeant to do.,	4 0 0
10	3. David Condon, do as Caretaker of Graveyards to do.,	2 10 0
11	4. William A. Browne, do as Executive Sanitary Officer to do.,	5 0 0
12	5. John Crean, L.R.S., do as Consulting Sanitary Officer to,	3 15 0
13	6. David Condon, do as Sanitary Sub-Officer to do.,	5 0 0
14	7. John Hearon, balance due of quarter's salary as Sanitary Sub-Officer to do.	1 8 0
15	8. J. Hannigan, Income Tax on Market Tolls,	1 17 4
16	9. Michael J. O'Connor, for Collecting Corporate Rents,	14 6 2
17	10. Little & Nunn, half year's rent of Market Ground,	25 0 0
18	11. Same do of Pipefields,	15 0 0
19	12. Same do of Town Hall Ground,	6 14 3
20	13. Cooper & Co., for supplying lime,	1 1 3
21	14. John Ryan, for supplying Livery for Mayor's Sergeant,	6 8 0
22	15. Gainfort & Co., for supplying stationery,	14 3
23	16. The "People" for advertising,	1 17 8
24	17. The "Free Press, do	1 17 8
25	18. Benjamin Hughes, do	1 17 8
26	19. Same, for books, printing, &c.,	6 17 9
27	20. Alex. Thom & Co., do,	1 7 10
28	21. John Hearon, for disinfecting contagious houses,	1 0 0
29	22. William A. Browne, for expenses incurred in connection with Municipal Election, and other sundry expenses,	4 13 6

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Joseph Lacy Mayor

4th February 1895

A Special Meeting of the Council pursuant to the Mayors requisition was held this day in the Town Hall at noon for the purpose of electing a Commissioner to represent the Corporation on the Harbour Board by virtue of the Wexford Harbour Act 1874

There were in attendance

Joseph Lacy Esq^r Mayor (in the chair)
Aldermen Hugh McGuire, John Sutton William Simpson
George Madden.

Councillors - John Hyge, William Doyle & P. Peter Cassin
John J. Kehoe Nicholas Kavanagh, Cameron & Rogers Michael
O'Connor John Cosgrave, Thomas S. Redmonds.

The Secretary of the Harbour Board sent in one nomination which was the only one received by him and was in respect of the Candidature of Capt. Hugh McGuire

On the motion of Alderman Simpson seconded by Alderman Sutton it was.

Resolved That Alderman McGuire be elected a Harbour Commissioner for the unexpired portion of the late Alderman William Diverne's period of office

Joseph Lacy Mayor
25th April 1895

25th April 1895

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day pursuant to the Mayors requisition in the Town Hall at noon for the purpose of closing the Accounts relating to the collection of Water Rate struck in 1894; and considering as to fixing the Rate per pound at which the Water Rates should be assessed for the ensuing year.

There were in attendance

Joseph Lacy Esq^r Mayor (in the chair)
Aldermen Thomas Harper & P. Hugh McGuire William
Simpson George Madden. -

Councillors - James Stafford Nicholas Kavanagh William
Scallan, Michael O'Connor Cameron & Rogers John Anton
Patrick Ryan.

The Minutes of two meetings which were held on the 4th February last were read and signed

1895 Water Rate - Estimate

Estimate of the Probable Expenses to be incurred and provided for
 into effect in the Town of Wexford, the provisions of the Local Government
 1876 as amended by the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878

To Repayment of Principal and Interest on Loan of £25,000 - Instalment for 6 years	1164 11 8
To Repayment of 20 20 on Loan of £5000	254
To Half years instalment now due and unpaid in respect of above Loans	410 5 10
Salaries and wages for 6 years	1143 4
Compensation for land and water rights payable to James A Bradshaw	90 0
New Works Repairs and general maintenance	50
Erecting caretakers lodge at Reservoir	145
Advertising and printing	20
Law Costs	20
Rate Collectors Remuneration	66
Rates & Taxes	5
Contingencies	50
	2148 1 6

the year 1895-6 by the Municipal Council of Wexford in carrying out Board (Ireland) & Provisional Orders (Pokey &c) Confirmation Act

Balance in hands of Treasurer	994	2	10
Extra Charges on Bottlers, Bakers & Publicans &c	71	12	9
Water Charges	55		
Charges for water supplied for other special purposes	50		
Collectable Rate outstanding	62	17	8
Cash in hands of Accountant General of Court of Chancery.	62	7	1
Government Contribution in lieu of Rates	10		
Plumbing Receipts	5		
	1311	0	4
Deficiency to be provided for by Rate	* 1437	1	2

2748 1 6

* Note A Domestic Rate of 1/- would produce about £630.0.0
 A Public Rate of 1/- " " " 876.0.0
 x 1440.0.0

Adopted 25th April 1895.

Joseph Lacy Chairman and Mayor.
 Wm. J. Curran Secy. Club

A Statement was made to the meeting showing the Result of Collection of the Water Rate above referred to and was as follows.

Total Rate	£1920. 1. 4
Collected thereout	1838. 13. 8

Leaving outstanding £ 91. 4. 11

Regarding the last mentioned sum the Waterworks Committee recommended that it should be disposed of as follows.

That £28. 9. 4 should be struck off as uncollectable and the balance added to the new Rate

On the motion of Alderman Harpur seconded by Alderman Simpson it was Resolved-

That in accordance with the recommendation of the Waterworks Committee there be struck off the total of the Rate now being closed the sum of £28. 9. 4 being Rate assessed on vacant premises & Ropers &c and that the sum of £62. 18. 4 be carried into next Rate as Collectable Arrears.

Satisfaction was expressed at the manner in which the Collector had discharged his duties for the past year he having reduced the amount outstanding at the close of former years Collection by nearly one half.

The Estimate which is affixed to these Minutes Regarding the expenses to be provided for in Connection with the Waterworks was read and Considered - and on the motion of Alderman Harpur seconded by Councillor Ainton it was -

Resolved. That the Estimate now submitted of expenses to be incurred and provided for in the ensuing year be approved that a Domestic Rate of one shilling and a Public Rate of one shilling in the Pound on the Rateable Value of property within the Borough of Wexford (together with Special Trade Rates & Charges) be hereby agreed on in pursuance of the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Palky &c) Confirmation Act 1876 as amended by the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878 and that the necessary Notices respecting the Rate be published.

Joseph Lacy Mayor
6th May 1895

6th May 1895

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Hall at noon for the purpose of discharging accounts which had then accrued due; Striking a Domestic and Public Rate to defray expenses in Connection with the Waterworks for the Insuing year in accordance with Resolution of 25th Ultimo and when said Rates Struck Sealing and Signing the Rate Book Containing them; Considering as to proceedings of Waterworks Committee for last previous three months in relation to which proceedings minutes thereof were to be Submitted, and transacting all such business as might have been brought under Consideration.

There were in attendance namely:—

Joseph Lacy Esqre Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen Hugh M. Stuire, George Adden, John Sutton Wm Simpson
Councillors—Cameron Rogers, John Hyke, William Doyle & Nicholas
Kavanagh, John Cosgrave, Michael O'Connor, Matthew Somers Michael
Wickham, James Stafford, James J. Stafford, Patrick Ryan, Richard
Walsh, William Scallan.

The Minutes of Meeting of 25th April 1895 were Read and Confirmed.

Referring to what took place at Meeting of 1st April last.

the subject of the failing state of the Corn trade in Wexford was again introduced and discussed. It was maintained that much of the depression was owing to the primitive way in which the business of buying Corn was done, as for instance where one Market should suffice there were three held with the result that samples of equal quality failed to fetch uniform prices. On this account Wexford as a Cornmarket was no longer considered reliable and farmers sought elsewhere to dispose of their Corn; the consequence being that a trade which involved the largest and most valuable interests in the town was threatened with extinction. Full consideration having been given to the subject it was thought advisable that a Central market should be established and to that end it was decided to ask the Corn-Merchants to meet the Corporation on an early day to discuss the question.

The Bills which are set forth in the printed Abstract at foot of these Minutes were laid before the Meeting. It was reported that the Finance Committee had examined these accounts and found them correct and recommended them for payment. The following Resolution on the motion of Councillor Somers Seconded by Councillor Walsh was then passed Vt:—

That the Bills now submitted as recommended for payment by Finance Committee and amounting to £205 2 10 be hereby approved.

and cheques signed for payment thereof.

Cheques were accordingly signed -

The Meeting was reminded of the fact that on the 25th ultimo the Council had had before it the Estimate of the probable expenses in respect of the Waterworks to be provided for, for the year commencing that day and had then agreed to lay Rates to enable these expenses to be defrayed and that it was now necessary to strike those Rates in order to conform with the requirements of the Statute. The following Resolution on the motion of Councillor Wickham seconded by Councillor Doyle was adopted after the question had been duly considered namely -

That in pursuance of the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Paekey &c) Confirmation Act 1876 as amended by the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878 there be now struck a Domestic Rate of One shilling and a Public Rate of One shilling in the pound on the net assessable value of the rateable property within the Borough of Wexford and all other the Rates and charges leviable on traders &c. That said Rates be fixed to be payable on and after the 10th day of June 1895; that the Rate Book be now sealed and signed and the necessary notices respecting the Rates published.

The subject of having an additional gas lamp put up in Spawell Road was brought under Consideration by means of a letter received from Mr Elger Solk, intimating that where that Road takes the form of a sweep between Richmond Terrace and the Loretto Convent was extremely dark after nightfall. It was decided to have the lamp erected as requested and to appoint Aldermen Sturges and Madden, Councillors Ryan and Alderman McQuire as a Committee to select the site.

A refusal on the part of the Postmaster General to have a Cantilever Clock put on the front of the new Post Office in Anne Street was intimated by letter from the General Post Office London under date of 1st May 1895. It was mentioned that this letter was evoked by the transmission on behalf of the inhabitants of a Congratulatory telegram to Mr Morley on the occasion of the opening of the new Post Office when the opportunity was taken to make application for the clock in question.

The Town Clerk applied for an increase of salary by reason of the additional duties and responsibilities which were imposed on him by recent legislation and the demands of modern progress and which were being borne by him. He produced letters from the Town Clerks of the various towns throughout Ireland of

the same size and importance as Wexford showing that in no case was his salary equal to the remuneration allowed elsewhere. He also referred to the fact that he now found it necessary to call in frequent assistance which he was obliged to provide at his own expense. The subject was fully discussed and the following resolution on the motion of Councillor Wickham seconded by Alderman Simpson was passed namely—

That the salary of the Town Clerk be increased to £225 a year. A representation was made on behalf of persons frequenting the bathing place as regarded the need which existed for facilities to plunge into deep water. It was stated that under present conditions it was necessary in order to get out of depth to wade out which was objectionable and that the necessity for so doing could be obviated by having the bottom deepened.

It was resolved on the motion of Councillor Wickham seconded by Councillor Doyle to appoint Messrs Hyge, Madden, Walsh and the Mayor to visit the Bathing Place and see what was required and have it done to the best advantage.

Regarding the agreement made with Mr J. Ryan on the 1st November last as to the letting of the Rafts Strand Washhouse it was announced by Mr Doyle that the lease was now perfected and he asked for instructions as to whether it should be registered. In reply to questions put to him as to the expediency for taking this course, he stated that leases were not always registered when made between private parties, but that registration was essential in the case of a public body. It was ordered that the registration be effected at the expense of the Corporation.

The Minutes of proceedings of the Waterworks Committee for three months ended the 2nd instant were read and adopted.

The following are the particulars of Bills passed this day for payment viz.

53	1. William A. Browne, Quarter's salary as Town Clerk to 30th April, 1895, (proportion from Town Improvement Fund),	-	-	£15 0 0
54	2. John Hearon, do as Mayor's Sergeant, to do.,	-	-	4 0 0
55	3. David Condron, do as Caretaker of Graveyards, to do.,	-	-	2 10 0
56	4. William A. Browne, do as Executive Sanitary Officer, to do.,	-	-	5 0 0
57	5. John Crean, L.R.C.S.I., do as Consulting Sanitary Officer, to do.,	-	-	3 15 0
58	6. John Hearon, do as Sanitary Sub-Officer, to do.,	-	-	5 0 0
59	7. David Condron, do as do do	-	-	5 0 0
60	8. Teresa Murphy, for cleansing Offices for half year,	-	-	2 0 0
61	9. William A. Browne, Cash advanced for payment of sundry small accounts,	-	-	3 10 5
62	10. Bank of Ireland, Audit fee payable to Local Government Board,	-	-	10 0 0
63	11. Same, instalment on Market Loans, payable to Board of Public Works,	-	-	39 13 5
64	12. Same, instalment on Loan for Artizans' Dwellings,	-	-	65 1 7
65	13. Same, instalment on Cemetery Loan,	-	-	37 2 0
66	14. Gas Company, for Gas and Fittings supplied,	-	-	1 12 4
67	15. Marlow & Co., for Coals supplied,	-	-	2 2 0
68	16. Gainfort & Co., for Stationery supplied,	-	-	0 11 5
69	17. John Falconer, for advertising Fairs for year,	-	-	1 10 0
70	18. Benjamin Hughes, for Printing and Advertising,	-	-	1 14 8

£205 2 10

PAYMENTS MADE BY FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BURIAL BOARD SINCE LAST
QUARTERLY MEETING.

(ON BOROUGH TREASURER).

1. Scavenging streets,	-	-	-	£46 14 0
2. Cash expended on Relief Works,	-	-	-	31 8 0
3. Expenses attendant on Cemetery,	-	-	-	14 8 3
4. Erecting water closets in Market,	-	-	-	7 7 6
5. Sundry repairs on Corporate buildings,	-	-	-	2 16 7
6. Replacing articles of infected clothing destroyed,	-	-	-	1 15 6
7. Gas Fittings supplied in Tholsel,	-	-	-	1 14 0
				£106 3 10

Joseph Lacy Mayor
5th August 1895

1st August 1895

A Meeting of the Council summoned for the purpose of electing a Commissioner pursuant to the requirements of the Wexford Harbour Act 1874 was fixed to be held at the Tholsel at noon this day when

There were in attendance
Joseph Lacy Esq Mayor
Alderman George Madden.

Councillors John Cosgrave. Peter Cassin Richard Walsh
Nicholas Kavanagh Matthew Somers.

After the lapse of thirty five minutes from the hour of assembling a sufficient number of Members had failed to attend to enable the business to be transacted, Some of those present left the Room then - Immediately afterwards Mr Sutton attended, A quorum was not formed.

Joseph Lacy Mayor
August 5th 1895

5th August 1895

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Hall at noon for the purpose of discharging accounts which had then accrued due, considering the expediency of establishing a central Corn Market, considering as to changing the position of the Municipal offices from The Tholsel to the Town Hall and disposing of all such business as might have been brought forward.

There were in attendance
Joseph Lacy Esq Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- John Sutton, Hugh Mc Guire, George Hadden
William Simpson

Councillors:- Thomas S. Redmond, William Doyle J.P.
James J. Stafford, Patrick Ryan, Nicholas Kavanagh
Michael O'Connor John J. Kehoe, Peter Cassin James Stafford
Cameron Rogers, Michael Wickham, Matthew Samers
William Scallan John Hinton

The Minutes of Meeting of the 6th May last were read
and signed -

The Accounts included in the printed Abstract
at foot of these Minutes were presented for payment.
It was reported the Finance Committee had examined
them beforehand and found them correct. The
Corporation Solicitor also furnished an account
which was due to him for legal services rendered
by him for two years up to June last, but which
was not received in time to permit it to be brought
before the Committee in the usual course. The
subject having been considered the following
resolution on the motion of Councillor Doyle
Seconded by Alderman Mc Guire was passed.

Viz That the bills recommended for payment by
Finance Committee and amounting to £490⁰ 11⁰ 11⁰
be hereby approved and cheques signed for payment
thereof; that as regards Mr Taylors Bill of Costs
now submitted for the first time and amounting to
£46⁰ 1⁰ 6 a cheque be signed in discharge of same
but that it be retained in order to enable the
Finance Committee to examine the account and
should that be found incorrect, that the cheque be
cancelled

Cheques were accordingly signed and the Town Clerk was
instructed to go over Mr Taylors account and report thereon to next
Meeting of the Finance Committee

Regarding the proceedings of the 6th May last as to the establishment of
a central bazaar it was announced that in compliance with the
order made on that day a joint Meeting of a Committee composed of
members of the Wexford Union Agricultural Society and the Corporation
and Mr J. E. Barry, former clerk had met and conferred as to the best
means of stimulating the corn trade with the result that the following
recommendations were adopted on 4th -

1st That this Committee recommend the establishment of a central

market for corn in Wexford and that the Corporation be asked to provide a suitable site for the purpose -

2nd That this Committee deem the basent quay and the approaches thereto the most appropriate place for holding such market -

3rd That in the opinion of this Committee the most convenient hour for commencing the market would be eight o'clock in the morning and

4th That a Referee be appointed to decide disputes arising as to the quality of barley as the necessity for a person to act in such capacity is at present often felt

These recommendations having been very fully considered the following resolutions were proposed and seconded and unanimously adopted vizt:

Proposed by Alderman Hadden

Seconded by Councillor Redmond.

That this Council hereby admit the principle of the need for a Cornmarket

Proposed by Councillor Ryan

Seconded by Councillor Kavanagh.

That having regard to the terms of the foregoing resolution a Committee consisting of the Mayor Messrs Rogers, Hadden, Ryan, J. Stafford, Simpson, Kavanagh, Redmond, Sutton, Doyle and Kehoe, be appointed to carry into effect the recommendations received from the conference held in regard to the opening of a central Cornmarket

It was further Resolved - That the Members above named be deputed to wait on the Harbour Commissioners to ascertain their views as to utilizing the basent quay as suggested -

An application was received from the Rosslare Railway Company for a supply of water to meet the requirements of their locomotive and in reference thereto it was reported that the Harbour Committee had refused to grant the request owing to the fact that a sum of £2:15:6 was due by the said Company for water supplied to them and which liability the present Company repudiated and also because there was a scarcity of water for domestic uses in the reservoir

The question having been considered it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Nickham seconded by Councillor James J. Stafford

That the application from the Rosslare Railway Company be referred to the Harbour Committee again

After the resolution had been passed the matter was further considered when it was decided to give an undertaking to the Railway Company to afford them the supply when a sufficiency of water would be available -

The following which is an informal report from a number of Members relative to the commissioning of the Survey of the Town and Principal Offices was read: -

"Seeing that enlarged accommodation is required to meet the increasing needs of public business, we beg leave to report that we have examined the Town Hall with a view of converting portion of it into municipal offices. It has been for a number of years past obvious to persons having occasion to visit the Tholsel, that the building is ill-adapted, and too restricted in dimensions, for the purpose for which it is used. The outer room, where the borough court is invariably held, is by no means an appropriate place for the use to which it is put, and the same remark applies with equal force to the remaining apartments. We have, therefore, gone over the various parts of the Town Hall, and find that suitable offices can be had by the expenditure of a trifling outlay, and we are satisfied that the recommendations which follow will, if adopted, conduce to the convenience of the public and the members and officials of the corporation. We recommend that the assembly room should be used in future for the hearing of cases triable by the Mayor. There is no need for any special fittings to render it suitable except providing a small movable barrier for enclosing prisoners. The supper-room, which is in a good state of preservation, and has been lately done up, would, by having a screen or counter breast high put across one end serve as a town clerk's office, and the disused office adjoining the waterworks' store, on the ground floor, should be appropriated to the use of the town surveyor. As this department has gone into a state of partial dilapidation, we find it will be necessary to have it divided in two by means of a wooden partition, to have the walls sheeted and varnished and the window enlarged."

The consideration of this report was deferred except as regards the suggestion relating to the office for the Town Surveyor which was on the motion of Councillor Bullock seconded by Councillor Doyle adopted - The minutes of proceedings of the Waterworks Committee for last three months were read and sanctioned - The following are the particulars of Bills passed this day for payment:—

89	1. William A. Browne, Quarter's salary as Town Clerk to 1st August, 1895 (proportion from Borough Fund),	£23 2 6
90	2. John Hearon, Quarter's salary as Mayor's Sergeant to same date	4 0 0
91	3. David Condron, do as Caretaker of Old Graveyards to same date,	2 10 0
92	4. William A. Browne, do as Executive Sanitary Officer to same date,	5 0 0
93	5. John Crean, do as Consulting Sanitary Officer to same date,	3 15 0
94	6. John Hearon, do as Sanitary Sub-officer to same date,	5 0 0
95	7. David Condron, do do do do	5 0 0
96	8. Little & Nunn, half-year's rent of Market Ground to 25th March, 1895,	25 0 0
97	9. Same, do of Pipefields to same date,	15 0 0
98	10. Same, do of Town Hall Ground to same date,	6 14 3
99	11. W. Gould Adams, part rent of Militia Camp,	13 0 0
100	12. Bank of Ireland, Tithe Rent-charge,	4 11 2
101	13. Lymbery Brothers, year's rent of passage to old Reservoir,	4 0 0
102	14. Wexford Gas Company, for lighting 121 public lamps from 1st September, 1894, to	
cancelled 103	1st May, 1895,	303 15 0
104	15. James O'Connor, Income Tax on Corporate property,	7 19 11
105	16. D. E. McCarthy, for drawing plans and preparing specifications for improvements in Market and Bathing place,	4 4 0
106	17. Michael Ennis, for timber supplied for improvements at Bathing place,	4 3 7
107	18. Thomas Doyle, for making Platform, Spring Board and Ladder at Bathing place,	3 1 10
108	19. Michael J. O'Connor, for collecting Corporate rents,	14 4 3
109	20. The People, for advertising,	2 4 4
110	21. M. A. Corcoran, do	2 4 4
111	22. B. Hughes, for Printing and Advertising,	4 5 5
112	23. Gainfort & Co., for Stationery supplied,	1 0 0
113	24. James Doyle, for Carpentry done on W.C.s in Market,	2 18 7
114	25. James Ryan, for Painting done at same,	0 15 0
115	26. Jasper W. Walsh, for Sewer Pipes, Bricks and Timber supplied for same,	9 15 9
116	27. John Sinnott & Sons, for sundry Hardware goods supplied and work done,	9 19 7
117	28. John Hearon, for disinfecting contagious houses,	0 12 6
118	29. Jasper W. Walsh, for Slates, Cement, &c., supplied for repairing Corporate buildings,	2 14 11
		£490 11 11

Joseph Lacy Mayor
14th Novr 1895

1st November 1895

A statutable meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Hall at noon. for the purpose of discharging accounts which had then accrued due, fixing the time of holding the quarterly meetings in 1896; closing the Borough Rate Accounts for year then ended; striking a rate to supplement the Borough Fund and transacting all such business as might have been brought forward. —

There were in attendance: —

Joseph Lacy Esq^r Mayor (in the chair)
Aldermen — Thomas Harpur. J. P. Hugh McGuire
William Simpson, George Madden
Councillors — Nicholas Kavanagh William Doyle. J. P. Matthew Somers, William Scallan
Michael O'Connor, Cameron Rogers, John. J. Kehoe, Michael Wickham John Hinton
Richard Walcott.

The minutes of meeting of 5th August were read and signed.

The Bills included in the printed Abstract inserted at foot of these minutes were submitted, as were also three receivable orders requiring sums amounting to £140. 2. 7d. to be lodged in Bank to the Credit of The Commissioners of Public Works in respect of various loans borrowed by the Corporation and

On the motion of Alderman McGuire Seconded by Councillor Kehoe it was Resolved. — That the Bills recommended for payment by Finance Committee & amounting to £146. 13. 1d. be approved & Cheques signed in payment thereof and that Cheques be also signed in discharge of the instalments now payable to Government on foot of loans for Market, Artizans Dwellings & Cemetery In pursuance of the 3rd & 4th Victoria Cap 108 the following resolution, proposed by Alderman Harpur & Seconded by Councillor Doyle was passed —

Resolved — That the following days and

hours be fixed for holding quarterly meetings previous to the 1st November 1896, Namely Thursday the 6th February 1896 at Noon, 4th May 1896 at Noon and Thursday 6th August 1896 at Noon. —

The Secretary of The Arts and Crafts Society of Ireland intimated by letter that that Society were about to open an Exhibition on the 26th November 1896. to which was to be added a Loan Collection of the civic "Insignia" of the Corporations of Ireland and he requested that the Corporation of Wexford should lend the Society the civic ornaments and seal as other such bodies including Corporation of Dublin had done. It was ordered — That the ancient maces be lent to the Society for the purpose indicated on Condition that they would give a guarantee to return them intact before the 1st January next. A letter from Mr Thomas S. Redmond communicating his intention to resign his seat as Councillor for St Mary's Ward ~~was read~~ and conveying his thanks for the unvarying courtesy and kindness he experienced during his six years connection with the Corporation was read. — On the motion of Alderman Hadden seconded by Councillor Kehoe it was unanimously Resolved — That in tendering to Mr Thomas S. Redmond an expression of our sincere regret at his retirement from membership of this Council, we beg to assure him that by the earnest desire he has always displayed to promote the welfare of his native town he has elicited the esteem & Confidence, not only of the Members of this Council but of the entire community of the Town of Wexford. The Books & Accounts in connection with the Borough Rate, the collection of which was now nearly complete were laid before the meeting with a view to having them closed. They showed that out of the total Rate there was still a sum of £ 35. 19. 8 outstanding but it was announced that the Finance Committee had carefully gone over the accounts and found

that the great majority of the items unpaid were irrecoverable, when the undermentioned resolution proposed by Alderman Harpur & seconded by Councillor Doyle was passed —

Resolved — That in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee the sum of £27.16.6^d be struck off the Borough Rate for year now ending being rates assessed on vacant premises &c. & that the balance namely £7.3.2 be carried forward into the new Rate as collectable arrears.

It was mentioned that Mr Clancy, Rate collector had lost one of his securities by the death of the late James Dr. Vicary and Mr W^m Busker of Main, St was prepared to act as substitute. It was suggested that one bond would be sufficient to have instead of two as formerly. This was agreed to on condition that the amount of the security would remain as it was. Mr Busker was accepted as the second Surety.

The inadequacy of the salary paid to Mr MacCarthy was a question introduced by the receipt of a letter from him & Alderman Harpur proposed & Councillor Doyle seconded the following proposition viz — That the salary of the Superintendent of Waterworks be increased by £25. a year, and we recommend to the favourable consideration of meeting of Town Commissioners to be held on Monday next the justice of adding an equal increment to the Salary of Town Surveyor —

When this motion was put it was found necessary to take a poll thereon when Messrs Wickham, Kehoe, Scallan, Somers, Doyle, Kavanagh, McGuire & Harpur (eight) voted for it and Messrs Walsh, Rogers, O'Connor, Hadden & Timpson (Five) against it. It was therefore declared carried. Neither Mr. Hinton nor the Mayor took part in the division. —

The Committee engaged in procuring sites for labourers dwellings in accordance with resolution of the 7th ultimo. reported that they had been negotiating for the purchase of sites in various parts of the town, but had come to

no definite understanding regarding them as yet with the exception of a piece of land forming part of the Corporation property in Hill Street and held under lease by Mr Bent for the unexpired term of twentyeight years. The Committee considered the place well adapted for the purpose and if necessary it would be capable of accommodating at least thirty houses though it was not the intention of the Committee to ~~suggest~~ that that number should be built there under the present scheme. The sum which the tenant was prepared to accept as compensation namely £40. was in the opinion of the Committee a reasonable demand—

On the motion of Alderman McGuire seconded by Alderman Harpur it was Resolved— That the offer of Mr Bent to surrender the tenants interest in the plot of ground at Hill Street for the sum of £40. be accepted— all rent & arrears to be paid up to date and that the ground be appropriated as a site for houses proposed to be provided for the use of the working classes.

The minutes of proceedings of the Waterworks Committee for three months ended this day were read & sanctioned

On the motion of Alderman Simpson, seconded by Councillor Kehoe the meeting was adjourned to Monday the 4th inst—

The following are the particulars of the bills passed this day for payment—

136	1. William A. Browne, Quarter's Salary as Town Clerk, to 1st November, 1895, (proportion from Borough Fund)	£23 2 6
137	2. John Hearon, Quarter's Salary as Mayor's Sergeant, to 1st November, 1895,	4 0 0
138	8. David Condron, do as Caretaker of Old Graveyards to same date	2 10 0
139	4. William A. Browne, do as Executive Sanitary Officer to same date	5 0 0
140	5. John Crean, do as Consulting Sanitary Officer to same date	3 15 0
141	6. John Hearon, do as Sanitary Sub-Officer to same date	5 0 0
142	7. David Condron, do as Sanitary Sub-Officer to same date	5 0 0
143	8. Teresa Murphy, for cleansing offices for half-year ending the same date	2 0 0
144	9. William A. Browne for cash advanced for payment of sundry small accounts	2 15 9
145	10. Gainfort & Co, for stationery supplied	1 1 2
146	11. R. & R. Allen for repairs done on carts, &c.,	5 4 1
147	12. Jasper W. Walsh for timber supplied for improvements at bathing place	7 0 2
148	13. Eliza Pierse for supplying disinfectants	1 1 0
149	14. The "People" for advertising done	2 6 8
150	15. The "Free Press" do	2 6 8
151	16. B. Hughes for printing and advertising done	4 4 2
152	17. Thomas Claney for collecting borough rate	27 3 9
153	18. Thomas Doyle for erecting screen at bathing place	3 7 1
154	19. Michael J. O'Connor poor rate on Corporate property	12 4 5
155	20. James Marlow for supplying coals	2 0 0
156	21. J. Hannigan, Collector Inland Revenue, Quit and Crown rents	6 15 6
157	22. E. D. B. for printing & advertising done	1 1 0
158	23. Sinnott & Sons for hardware goods supplied, and work done	17 14 2

Additional -

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159.	24.	Bank of Ireland instalment to 1 st	£. s. d.
160.	November 1895	due to Government on Market Loans	39. 1. 6
160.	25	Same do do Artizans Dwellings Loans	63. 16. 4.
161.	26	Same do do Cemetery Loan	37. 14. 9
			<u>£ 140. 2. 7.</u>

PAYMENTS MADE BY FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BURIAL BOARD SINCE LAST
QUARTERLY MEETING.
(ON BOROUGH TREASURER).

1. Scavenging the Streets	-	-	-	-	£37 5 0
2. Wages of Caretaker of Bathing Place	-	-	-	-	4 16 8
3. Wages of Caretaker of Cemetery	-	-	-	-	7 10 0
4. Opening graves in Cemetery	-	-	-	-	1 16 0
5. Sundry repairs on Corporate Buildings, &c.	-	-	-	-	1 18 2
					<u>£53 5 10</u>

Joseph Lacy Mayor
11th Novr 1895

11th November 1895

An adjourned Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Tholsel at noon to consider an estimate of probable expenses to be defrayed out of the Borough Fund for the ensuing year, and as to striking a rate to provide for any deficiency arising in that fund, and to transact all such business as might have been brought forward.

There were in attendance

Joseph Lacy Esq. Mayor in the chair

Aldermen - Hugh McGuire, John Sutton, William Simpson, George Hadden.

Councillors - John J. Kehoe, Nicholas Kavanagh, Michael O'honnor, Cameron Rogers, William Scallan, Peter Cassin, John Cosgrave, Richard Walsh, John Lyghe.

The minutes of the meeting of the 1st November were read and signed.

The undermentioned account was approved of and a cheque signed for payment thereof viz
Cheque No 163. In favour of Catherine Malone fees payable to her as caretaker of Town Hall for six months
£ 4: 19: 0

A sufficient number of members not having been present to warrant the striking of a rate the meeting on the motion of Councillor Lyghe, seconded by Councillor Rogers was adjourned to the 26th Inst

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Joseph Lacy Mayor
26th Novr 1895

25th November 1895.

An Election of two Councillors for each of the three Wards in the Borough took place on this day to fill vacancies created by the retirement of members by rotation. The following was the result—

In St Selskar Ward

The Burgesses nominated were—
Cameron Rogers of Georges Street Upper. Licentiate Dental Surgeon
Michael O'Connor of Main Street North. Provision Merchant
There being no other candidates nominated for this ward the persons mentioned stood elected

In St Iverius Ward

The Burgesses nominated were—
Nicholas Kavanagh of Main Street North. Grocer.
Michael Wickham of Mount Folly Wexford Brewer.
The number of candidates in this ward being equal to the number of vacancies the persons nominated stood elected.

In St Marys Ward

The Burgesses nominated for election were—
Nicholas Prendergast of Main Street South. Grocer
John Lyne of Trinity Street. Secretary of Wexford Gas Company
James J. Stafford of Main Street South Grocer
As there were candidates nominated for this Ward in excess of vacancies a poll was taken when it was found that

Mr Stafford received 35 votes

Mr Lyne " 21 "

Mr Prendergast " 14 "

Messrs Stafford & Lyne having received the greatest number of votes were accordingly declared elected.

Joseph Lacy Mayor

2nd December 1895

25th November 1895

An Election of one Councillor was held this day to supply a casual vacancy, caused by the retirement of Councillor Laurence Lacy who was one of the representatives of St Selskar Ward.

The Burgess nominated was—
Patrick Kehoe of Selskar Street. Hotel Keeper.
He being the only person nominated was therefore elected to represent that ward for the unexpired portion of Mr Lacy's term of office.

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Joseph Lacy Mayor
2nd Dec 1895

26th November 1895

An adjourned Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at noon, to consider as to striking a Borough Rate to meet the deficiency arising in the Borough Fund for the coming year according to an Estimate of the probable expenses which had been prepared and to transact all such business as might have been brought forward. There were in attendance

Joseph Lacy Esq^r Mayor. In the Chair
Aldermen - George Hadden, Thomas Harpur, Hugh M. Guire, John Sutton, William Simpson.

Councillors - Michael Hickham, James Stafford, John Fyffe, Peter Cassin, William Doyle, J. John. J. Kehoe, William Scallan, Matthew Somers, James J. Stafford, Cameron Rogers, John Hinton, Richard Walsh & John Dyne.

The minutes of the meeting of the 11th Nov. were read and signed.

Councillors Hickham, James J. Stafford, Kehoe, Rogers, and Dyne, the newly elected members made & signed their declarations of acceptance of office.

A letter received from the Lord Mayor of Dublin conveying intelligence of an Irish Committee having been formed for the relief of the Armenian Race in Turkey, who were reduced to a state of destitution by atrocities perpetrated on them by the Turks & Kurds, as shown by reports received from the British Consuls, supported by voluminous accounts appearing daily in the Press. The object of the Committee was to appeal to the people of Wexford for subscriptions in aid of the Fund. On this subject having been considered by the meeting, a variety of opinions seemed to exist, some members maintaining that no action should be taken, owing to the impoverished state of the town, while others, on the contrary were in favour of co-operating with the Committee by calling a public meeting. A suggestion made by Councillor Hinton that a subscription list should be opened in the Tholsel & notice to that effect given in the local press, was met with general approval, but the discussion having been further

Continued it was decided to defer the question to next meeting

The Estimate which is attached to these minutes was submitted, showing that it would be necessary in the coming year to raise a sum of £754.1.9. d. by means of a Borough Rate, and the following Resolution, on the motion of Alderman Harpur seconded by Alderman Hadden was adopted. Resolved That the Estimate now submitted of expenses to be incurred & provided for in the ensuing year in carrying into effect the provisions of the third & fourth Vic. Cap 108 & Acts amending the same be hereby approved and that a rate of one shilling in the £ on the nett assessable value of the rateable property within the Borough of Wexford be now struck to defray those expenses

Joseph Lacy Mayor
2nd Decr 1895

2nd Dec. 1895.

A statutable meeting of the Bouncil was held this day in the Town Hall at noon, for the purpose of electing a Mayor for the year 1896, appointing committees, discharging accounts furnished for payment, and transacting all such business as might have been brought forward.

There were in attendance—

Joseph Lacy Esq^r Mayor. In the Chair
Aldermen, Hugh McQuire, George Hadden, John Sutton, William Simpson,

Councillors— John Hinton, John Lyne, William Doyle, Patrick Ryan, Matthew Somers, John Tygh, James Stafford, Michael O'Connor, Peter Cassin, William Scallan and Cameron Rogers.
The minutes of Elections held on the 25th ultmo and of a meeting held on the 26th ultmo were read and signed.

The election of a Mayor was then proceeded with. Mr. Hadden as Senior Alderman occupying the chair for the time being. Alderman Simpson proposed the undermentioned resolution which was seconded by Councillor Hinton Jnr. That our present Mayor Alderman Joseph Lacy be elected Mayor for the year 1896 and until his successor be appointed and shall have accepted office

Estimate of the Probable Expenses to be incurred and paid

To lighting public lamps (122) from 1 st Sept 1895 to 1 st May 1896		306	5
"	Gas for Mises	2	
"	Scavenging and watering Streets	182	
"	Officers Salaries (£92. 10s. £75. £16. £10 £4 & £39.	736	10
"	Advertising and Printing	65	
"	Year's Rent of Airfields	30	
"	Year's Rent of Town Hall Ground	13	8
"	Year's Rent of passage to old Reservoir	4	
"	Year's Rent of Market Ground	50	
"	Repayment of loan for purchase of Market Ground (44 th & 45 th Instalments)	23	
"	do for erection of Market (36 th & 37 th Instalments)	58	
"	Fees and Commission of Market Toll Collectors	45	
"	Rents of Corporate Buildings	80	
"	Repayment of loan for erection of Artisans' Dwellings (14 th & 15 th Instalments)	130	
"	do for opening of cemetery (10 th & 11 th Instalments)	45	
"	Expenses under Public Health Act:— Disinfecting ^{Sanitary} General of Suisinors &c	50	
"	Law Costs	25	
"	Uniform for Mayor's Sergeant	6	8
"	Operation of Rate Books	3	10
"	Expenses in connection with old graveyards:— Repairing & new washing &c	15	
"	Election expenses	10	
"	Fuel	5	
"	Rent Collectors Commission	29	10
"	Rate Collectors per diem	28	
"	Poor Rates	12	
"	Income tax, Sinking Contingency, Quit Rate &c	23	
"	Fishmarket expenses	5	
"	Office Requisites	5	
"	Tree payable to caretaker of Town Hall	5	
"	Expenses in connection with Corporation Cemetery with opening graves mowing grass, graveling walks erecting gate planting &c	50	
"	Expenses attendant on Bathing place	30	
"	Remuneration of Auditor	10	
"	Engraving boundary tablets	5	
"	Carriage of trunk interest in building ground at Mill Street	40	
"	Contingencies	50	
		1707	11

for by the Corporation Surplus for the ensuing year.

Balance in hands of Treasurer	182	19	9
Corporate Rents	483	.	.
Proceeds of Sale of House	30	.	.
Market Fells	90	.	.
Half Salaries of Sanitary Officers to be received from local Govt Board	34	10	.
Proportion of Dog Tax payable to Borough	20	.	.
Iron Hall Lettings	15	.	.
Receipts from Cemetery in respect of Sale of Gravespaces, interment charges and sale of hay	80	.	.
Half cost of maintenance of Bathing place chargeable to National Board	15	.	.
	953	9	9
Deficiency to be provided for by Rate	454	1	9
	1407	11	6

A Rate of 1/- in the £ would produce about £485

Adopted

Joseph Lacy Mayor

No other member was proposed for Election so the question was put and carried unanimously.

The Mayor returned thanks for his re-election and again took the chair.

Allusion was made to the recent demise of the late Jasper W. Walsh who was formerly a member of the Council for a great number of years, and who during his long connection with the Corporation took a leading part in the Municipal affairs of the town, with credit to himself and advantage to the public. Regret was expressed at his loss and on the motion of Councillor Stinton seconded by Alderman McQuire it was unanimously resolved.

That we tender to the relatives of the late Jasper W. Walsh an expression of our sincere sympathy with them in the loss they have sustained in his death.

The book containing the Borough Rate made on the 26th ultimo was sealed and signed on the motion of Councillor Rogers seconded by Alderman McQuire it was

Resolved — That the Waterworks, Finance, Works and Sanitary Committee be composed of the entire Council for the ensuing year.

A letter from the General Post Office London was read communicating the intention of the Postal Authorities to open a Branch Post Office at which Money Order and Savings Bank business could be transacted, in Barrack Street as soon as the preliminary arrangements for so doing would be made.

Satisfaction was expressed at the action of the Postal Authorities in complying with the request of the Corporation at whose instance representations in that behalf were made in pursuance of resolutions of the 1st July and 5th August last.

The subject of the Armenian Relief Fund debated at last meeting was resumed when it was decided to open a subscription list in the Tholdel and invite contributions by advertisement in the local newspapers.

Cheques were signed in discharge of the undermentioned accounts which were examined and approved of as follows.

Cheque No 10 ©: Wexford Borough Council to pay expenses incurred in respect of Municipal Election for St Mary Ward £2.19.0

Cheque No 169 to Nicholas Bolger for writing up
and appplotting Borough Rate Book and Collecting
Book £ 3. 10. 0.

Cheque No 170 to Thomas Doyle for fitting up
offices in Town Hall for accommodation of
Town Surveyor and ex-officio Inspector of Weights
and Measures for which tender accepted on the
7th October (Including Extras) £ 22. 7. 11.

Cheque No 171 to Michael J. O'Connor (Senor) being
expenses gone to in repairing house occupied by
Corporation tenant in John's Gate. £ 2. 13. 5.

Reference having been made to the absence of the fire service
on the occasion of the recent fire which broke out in premises
at the corner of Monck Street, it was said that the non-attendance
of the Turncock was chiefly due to the fact that he lived at too
great a distance from the Town Hall where the apparatus was
kept, and it was suggested that he should be put into possession
of the dwelling house belonging to the Corporation in John's Gate.
Members demurred against adopting this course in as much as
it would entail the necessity of ejecting the present tenant but as
an alternative step in the direction indicated it was

Resolved— That the Turncock be required to change his
place of residence to the vicinity of the Town Hall.

It was furthermore suggested that steps should be taken to
organize an efficient Fire Brigade as the existing system
in connection with the extinguishing of fires was ^{found to be} defective
and unsatisfactory. Alderman Hadden submitted the outline
of a scheme for the formation of a volunteer Brigade and
proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by
Councillor Rogers and adopted

That a Committee, consisting of Messrs Ryan, Timpeon,
Lyghe, Somers, Lyne, Doyle, Rogers, Hadden and the Mayor be
appointed for the purpose of ascertaining whether volunteers
can be obtained to form a Fire Brigade, to draw up rules
for the working and guidance of such a Brigade, and
report to this Council.

It was announced that Miss Malone had resigned her
position as caretaker of the Town Hall, and that it would
be necessary to procure another in her stead. An application
was made by the Mayor's Sergeant for appointment to the vacant
office when on the motion of Councillor Hinton, seconded by
Councillor James Stafford it was resolved that the applicant

should be put in charge of the Town Hall in succession to the former caretaker, but that the Mayor and Alderman Simpson together with the proposer and seconder should meet and settle on the terms on which he should be appointed.

Joseph Lacy Mayor
Jan'y 6th 1896

1st January 1896

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Hall at noon to inaugurate the Mayor Elect, and transact all such business as might have been brought under consideration. There were in attendance—

Joseph Lacy Esq^{re} Mayor in the chair.

Aldermen— William Simpson, Thomas Harpur, D. P. Hugh, M^cGuire

Councillors— Matthew Somers, John Syghe, Richard Walsh,

James Stafford, John Skinton, Patrick Ryan, John J. Kehoe,

Cameron Rogers, Michael Wickham, James J. Stafford, William Scallan, Patrick Kehoe.

The resolution of the 1st December last whereby the present Mayor Alderman Joseph Lacy was elected Mayor for the year 1896 was read for the meeting.

The Mayor then made and signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

Alderman Simpson proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Mayor for the satisfactory manner in which he had presided over the Council for the past year and for the attention he had given to the affairs of the town.

The proposal was seconded by Alderman M^cGuire and passed unanimously.

The Mayor returned thanks in suitable terms and referred to the various improvements and works that had been carried out by the Corporation for the year, and the project they had on hand, of building labourers dwellings in the near future. Councillor Rogers proposed the adjournment of the meeting in accordance with usage on occasions of this kind and complemented the Mayor on the zeal which he showed for the welfare of the town.

Alderman Simpson seconded this motion and suggested to the Mayor the advisability of raising a public fund for the relief of the families of those who lost their

lives in the lifeboat disaster at Kingstown on Christmas Eve, whilst on their way to the rescue of a shipwrecked crew. Councillor Rogers supported Alderman Timpson's proposal, and the Mayor said he would take the matter into favourable consideration. Monday the 6th Inst was fixed as the time for resuming the business of the meeting.

Joseph Lacy Mayor
6th January 1896

6th January 1896

An adjourned Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at noon, to consider as to the payment of accounts furnished and the adoption of a report received from the Committee entrusted with the selection of the sites for the proposed labourers dwellings, and to dispose of all such business as might have been brought forward. There were in attendance -

Joseph Lacy Esq. Mayor in the Chair.
Aldermen - William Timpson, John Sutton, Hugh M^cGuire.
Councillors - John J. Kehoe, Cameron Rogers, James Stafford, Peter Cassin, Matthew Somers, Richard Walsh, John Hinton, Michael O'Connor, John Pyghe, Michael Wickham & John Ryne.
The minutes of two meetings of the 2nd 1895 and 1st January 1896 were read and signed -

Attention was called to a case where one of the Corporation tenants occupying a small house in John's Gate had allowed one year and three months rent to accrue due. It was stated that the agent had made every effort to collect the rent, but failed and the matter was now brought under consideration with a view to ejectment proceedings being taken. On examination of the rental it was found that the delinquent tenant had been in occupation for a great number of years and was fairly punctual in her payments until recent years; so on the motion of Councillor Pyghe seconded by Councillor Rogers it was Resolved - That no action should be taken for three months longer.

The Committee appointed on the 7th October last to select sites for labourers dwellings made a report as to the result of their enquiries of which the following is a copy -

Report of Committee appointed to select sites for Labourers Dwellings

We have now completed our labours and have succeeded to an extent fairly up to our expectations. We have shown a site at Hill Street and another at Trinity Street. The one belongs to the Corporation themselves and is in the joint occupation of Messrs Bent and Somers; the other is owned by Mrs Taylor. With regard to the Hill Street plot we consider it in every way suitable. There is a frontage of 252 feet and it will accommodate 16 houses of the class intended. We have agreed (subject of course to the approval of the Council) to give Mr Somers £100. for his interest and all the land that will be left at the rear of the houses at £6.11.4. a year which is the same rent as he is paying at present. He will also have to be provided with an entrance at the east end of the plot. The Council have already agreed to pay Mr. Bent £40. as compensation. The disparity between these amounts is accounted for by the fact that there are a small dwelling and newly built cow-sheds on the portion of the land used by Mr Somers while Mr Bents part is all under cultivation as a vegetable garden. X

Mrs Taylor is prepared to dispose of 225 feet of building ground in Trinity Street for the sum of £175. and a rent of £2.10. per annum. She is in a position to give a lease for 800 years but she will require the upper portion of the garden and also the castle premises to be divided from the demised plot by a wall of not less than eight feet high. Another condition that she imposes is that a right of way be reserved for her to the west end of the garden. The situation is admirably adapted for the purpose in view as it is in proximity to the Quay and some of the largest business concerns in the town. It has many other features to recommend it and is the most eligible site to be had at the south end of the town where the need for healthful and comfortable homes for the poorer classes is painfully evident to the most casual observer.

We consider Mrs Taylors offer a fair one and strongly recommend the Council to accept it. We have made a provisional agreement with her for the acquisition of the ground on the terms stated
Signed on behalf of the Committee
Joseph Day Mayor.

When this report was read some members expressed the opinion that it was not copious enough to help them to discuss the subject matter intelligibly so in order to put them in possession of the fullest information the minutes of the proceedings of the Committee was read. These showed, inter alia, the Committee had obtained two sets of plans from Mr McCarthy giving the dimensions of small dwellings suitable for the accommodation of a labourer and his family and capable of being built for about £60; that in addition to the two sites referred to in the report the Committee had under consideration sites in William Street and Green Street, the former of which was rejected on account of being at too great a distance from the centre of the town, and the rent required being excessive, and the latter, which belonged to the Christian Brothers was not obtainable in as much as no definite information could be given by them as to whether they had the power to dispose of it.

After a long discussion Councillor Rogers proposed that the report should be adopted.

The proposition was seconded by Alderman Timpson but the following was proposed by Councillor Wickham and seconded by Alderman Sutton by way of an amendment and carried

That the matter be adjourned for two weeks to give the Council an opportunity to consider the report of the Committee.

There was laid before the Meeting two specifications prepared by Mr MacCarthy for plumbing work required to be done in the Town Hall; and for doing up the Tholsel and repairing papering and painting the caretakers quarters in the Town Hall. It was decided to refer them to the Works Committee and to have tenders invited for doing the work by contract.

Regarding the vote of condolence tendered to the relatives of the late Jasper W. Walsh in accordance with the resolution of the 2nd December 1895 the following letter was read -

Westmount House
Wexford. 12th Dec 1895

Dear Mr Mayor
On my return from England I

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received your very kind letter enclosing a vote of sympathy to my family and self on the sad loss we have sustained in the death of my dear Father. Will you kindly convey to the members of the Corporation our deep gratitude for their sympathy with us in our trouble. I also beg to thank you personally for your kind expression of regret which, believe me, I value highly.

I am, dear Mr Browne

Yours very truly.

John. F. Walsh.

Cheques were signed in discharge of the undermentioned accounts as follows—

Cheque No 181— To Doyle & Sons for plumbing, carpentry work done in the Tholsel by contract and in accordance with specification — £ 23. 18. 6.

Cheque No 182— In favour of Bank of Ireland and to be lodged to the Credit of the Church Temporalities Commissioners, being Tithe Rent on Corporate property for the half year —

£ 2. 0. 2.

Communications received from Dublin and Kingstown were read, intimating that a fund had been opened for the relief of the families left by the crew of the Kingstown Life Boat who lost their lives in attempting to save the lives on board a ship wrecked vessel on Christmas Eve, and containing a request for the aid and co-operation of the people of Wexford in the matter. The representatives of the Local newspapers who were present at the meeting were requested to acquaint the public through the medium of the Press that the fund referred to had been opened and that subscriptions towards it would be received by the Mayor and forwarded to the proper quarter.

The collecting book for Borough Rate made on the 25th Nov 1895 was sealed and signed in the usual way.

The question of the Corporation of Wexford joining the Association of Municipal Corporations was introduced by the receipt of a letter from the secretary of the latter showing that the object of the Association was to watch over and protect the interests and privileges of Municipal Corporations in so far as they might be affected by legislation and to take action generally in regard to matters in which Municipal Corporations might be interested.

There was no action taken by the Corporation on this question. Attention was called to the need for re-arranging the

the lamps in the vicinity of Duke Street, and also the lamp at Mr Barry's malt house near the Folly when it was decided to request the Lamp Committee to visit the localities referred to and see what was necessary to be done.

Joseph Lacy Mayor
20/1/96

20th January 1896

A special Meeting of the Council was held this day pursuant to the Mayor's requisition at the Town Hall at noon to resume the consideration of a Report received from Committee nominated to acquire sites for dwellings intended to be provided under The Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890. There were in attendance -

Joseph Lacy Esq. Mayor in the Chair
Aldermen - Thomas Harpur, William Simpson, George Hadden.
Councillors - John Lyne, James J. Stafford, William Doyle, Richard Walsh, John Tyghe, Patrick Kehoe, Michael Wickham, Matthew Somers.

The minutes of the meeting of 6th inst were read and signed. Alderman Simpson proposed, and Alderman Harpur seconded the following motion which was passed unanimously.

That a vote of condolence be conveyed to Mrs Taylor on behalf of this Council in the heavy bereavement which she has sustained by the death of her late husband, who was for a number of years the trustworthy and respected Solicitor of this Board, by whom his services were highly appreciated.

The report above referred to, and the consideration of which was adjourned from last meeting was again submitted. There was also submitted a tender received from John Knox Hughes which was the only one sent in, in response to advertisements, offering five lots of ground in William Street and Trinity Street for building purposes at various ^{prices} ~~figures~~ and which in addition to the sites mentioned in the report had been duly considered by the Committee ^{as will be seen} on reference to the minutes of the Committee's proceedings.

The meeting entered on a very full discussion of the report, some members advocating the obtainment of the William St site instead of that offered by Mr Taylor on the grounds that it was the more preferable of the two. It was shown

However that the prices asked for the sites approved by the Committee were considerably less than Mr Hughes demand.

With reference to the Hill Street plot it was thought advisable having regard to the moderate terms for which Mr Bent was disposed to part with his portion of the land to make another effort to induce Mr Somers to execute a deed of partition, but he having been sent for, and having joined the meeting declined to comply. Some further discussion having taken place, Alderman Hadden proposed and Councillor Walsh seconded the following resolution

That the Report of the Committee now read as to sites selected by them for houses to be built under The Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890 be hereby adopted.

The question having been put there was some doubt as to whether it was carried, so therefore a division was taken when there voted for the motion

Messrs Kehoe, Walsh, Hadden, Simpson, Harpur	—	5.
against Messrs Doyle and Stafford	—	2
Declined to vote, Messrs Wickham, Lyne, Lythe, Somers	—	4

The Resolution was declared carried.

Joseph Lacy Mayor
6/2/96 6th February 1896

A statutable meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Hall at noon, for the purpose of considering as to paying accounts which had then accrued due, the formation of a Local Fire Brigade, the acceptance of tenders for doing repairs in Town Hall and Tholsel, the engagement of the services of a solicitor, the appointment of a Committee to carry out Scheme for building dwellings for the accommodation of the working classes, the adoption of the minutes of the proceedings of Waterworks Committee for quarter last passed and the disposal of all such business as might have been brought forward — There were in attendance.

Joseph Lacy Esq. Mayor in the Chair
Aldermen — Hugh McGuire, John Sutton, George Hadden
Thomas Harpur
Councillors — John Lyne, John Lythe, Matthew Somers,
P. J. O'Brien, Peter O'Brien, J. Kehoe, Michael
Donnor, Cameron Rogers, William Scallan

John Hinton and Richard Walsh.

The minutes of the meeting of the 20th January were read and signed.

Twenty Three accounts as shown in printed abstract subjoined hereto were submitted.

They were reported having been examined by the Finance Committee, and by them recommended for payment on the motion of Alderman Sutton, seconded by Councillor Ryan it was

Resolved — That the Bills now submitted as recommended for payment by Finance Committee, and amounting to £96.11 be hereby approved and cheques signed for payment thereof.

With regard to minutes of 2nd December last when a Committee was appointed to ascertain whether a Fire Brigade could be organized, and if so to draw up rules for the regulation thereof it was announced that the Committee had met and succeeded in obtaining the consent of a number of local gentlemen who had volunteered their services. They had also obtained and approved of a report received from the intending members, containing the conditions and rules upon which they were prepared to act, and which was now recommended to the favourable consideration of the Council as follows—

Gentlemen,— On behalf of a proposed Volunteer Fire Brigade, we beg to report that on Thursday 12th December a very enthusiastic meeting was held at the Tholsel to ascertain if it could be possible to organize a volunteer Fire Brigade. The following signified their willingness to join on the conditions which are embodied in the subjoined rules, and we have no doubt many others would besides if necessary. Messrs. J. O'Reilly, George Hadden, R. A. Shaw, Nicholas J. Cosgrove, Dr. A. Hadden, Francis Carty, R. Gibson, Richard Lym, W. Thompson, J. S. Thompson, James Sinnott, P. Owens, Michael J. O'Connor Junr. James O'Connor, Thomas Pettigrew and J. M. Walsh.

We have been appointed to meet your Committee and confer with them if so required.

Signed

J. S. Thompson

J. M. Walsh

Proposed Rules

1. That this Fire Brigade be called "The Wexford Fire Brigade"
2. That it be constituted on altogether voluntary lines, and that the members receive no remuneration for their services
3. That it be under a Captain and first and second lieutenant, who shall be elected annually by and from amongst the members of the brigade at a general meeting specially convened for the purpose to be held in the month of December in each year
4. That the Brigade be assembled for drill and inspection of apparatus at least once each quarter, and that any member absenting himself from three consecutive quarterly drills be liable to have his name struck off the roll; and any member wishing to resign is expected to give notice in writing to the Captain
5. That new members be elected by ballot at one of the quarterly drill meetings or the annual meeting in December
6. That the members and officers be officially appointed by the Wexford Corporation
7. That the hose pipes, hydrants, and other apparatus, the property of the Wexford Corporation, be at the disposal of the Brigade for the purposes of drill and for use at fires.
8. That the Turncock in charge of hall &c. be at the disposal of the Captain and officers of the Brigade on all such occasions as described in Rule 7.

The question of the adoption of this report was debated for a considerable space of time, when on the motion of Councillor Somers seconded by Councillor Ryan the resolution hereunder was adopted.

That the services of the volunteers for the proposed Fire Brigade be accepted on the terms specified in the report which has now been read and which is hereby adopted: that in order to give the Brigade status as public functionaries they be paid a nominal stipend of one shilling per year, and that the preliminary expense in connection with the providing of efficient apparatus for use of the Brigade be limited to a sum of £100.

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In accordance with the decision come to on the 6th January

as to having repairs done on the Town Hall and Tholsel
tenders were received as follows

For doing Carpentry & painting portion of the work in
conformity with specification, there were received

From James Butler a tender for £34.
" John Evay " £39.5.
" James Ryan " £23.16.

On the motion of Councillor Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hadden
the tender of James Ryan was accepted.

For erecting water closets, range &c in Town Hall only
one tender was received being that of Matthew Harper who
undertook to do the work for £19.18.6.

On the motion of Councillor Somers, seconded by Councillor
Lythe the tender was accepted subject to the work being done
in accordance with the Town Surveyors Specification.

The employment of a solicitor to act on behalf of the Corporation
in all legal business where his services might be required was
taken into consideration when on the motion of Councillor
Ryan seconded by Councillor Kehoe it was

Resolved - That the services of Mr. M. J. O'Connor be engaged
as solicitor of this Corporation: that he be paid by fee and
his costs be paid subject to taxation

In view of the erection of Houses for the accommodation of the
Working Classes, Alderman Hadden proposed that the whole
Council be constituted a Committee to carry out the project.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Harper & adopted.

There was also adopted a draft Memorial prepared
for transmission to the Treasury praying for sanction for the
acquisition of the sites for the buildings as approved on the 20th
January and also for the acquiescence of the Treasury in
the alienation of the Corporate property as part security
for the repayment of the loan.

The following Abstract shows the Bills which have been
passed this day for payment

1871.	William A. Browne, Quarter's salary as Town Clerk to 1st February, 1896. (proportion from Borough Fund).	£23 2 6
1882.	John Hearon, Quarter's salary as Mayor's Sergeant to 1st February, 1896	4 0 0
1893.	David Condron, do as Caretaker of old Graveyards to same date	2 10 0
1904.	William A. Browne, do as Executive Sanitary Officer to same date	5 0 0
1915.	John Crean, do as Consulting Sanitary Officer to same date	3 15 0
1926.	David Condron, do as Sanitary Sub-officer to same date	5 0 0
1937.	John Hearon, balance unpaid of Quarter's salary as Sanitary Sub-officer to same date	1 8 0
1948.	William A. Browne, cash advanced for payment of sundry small accounts	2 19 0
1969.	Michael J. O'Connor, for collecting rents of Corporate property	13 7 4
19710.	Martin J. Lewis, expenses incurred by him as ex-officio Inspector of Weights and Measures, and as Inspector of Food and Drugs	2 2 6
19811.	John Ryan, supplying Uniform for Mayor's Sergeant	6 8 0

£19.12.4

£69 12 4

Cheque No 199	12. The People, for advertising	-	-	-	-
200	13. The Free Press, for advertising	-	-	1	17 8
201	14. B. Hughes, advertising and printing	-	-	1	17 8
203	15. M. Harpur, for sundry hardware goods supplied and work done	-	-	10	5 5
203	16. Gainfort & Co., stationery supplied	-	-	1	4 7
204	17. James Marlow, for coals supplied	-	-	1	2 6
205	18. Frank Boxwell, for lime supplied	-	-	2	0 0
206	19. D. E. McCarthy, preparing specification of plumbing, &c., and superintending the erection of same at Tholsel	-	-	0	7 1
207	20. J. Hannigan, Income Tax on Market Tolls	-	-	1	10 0
208	21. W. H. M. Guire, supplying paint, &c.	-	-	1	1 4
209	22. Sinnott & Sons, for hardware, &c.	-	-	2	5 2
210	23. R. & R. Allen, repairing car	-	-	0	9 3
		-	-	2	18 0
				£96	11 0

PAYMENTS MADE BY FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BURIAL BOARD SINCE LAST QUARTERLY MEETING. (ON BOROUGH TREASURER)					
1. Scavenging streets	-	-	-	£51	4 6
2. Wages and commission of Market Toll collectors for year 1895	-	-	-	41	14 0
3. Wages of caretaker of cemetery	-	-	-	9	0 0
4. Sundry improvements and repairs done on Corporate buildings	-	-	-	5	16 4
5. Cash advanced to John Hearon on account of salary as Sanitary Sub-officer	-	-	-	3	12 0
6. Opening graves and sundry expenses in connection with Cemetery	-	-	-	3	6 0
7. Extinguishing fire	-	-	-	0	15 0
				£115	7 10

Joseph Lacy Mayor
24th April 1896

24th April 1896

A Special meeting of the Council was held this day pursuant to the Mayors requisition at the Tholsel at noon for the purpose of passing Accounts furnished for payment, closing the Water Rate struck in 1895, considering the adoption of an Estimate of Expenses to be provided for in connection with the Water Works for the ensuing year and the fixing of a Public and a Domestic Water Rate to meet the deficiency arising in said Estimate.

There were in attendance

Joseph Lacy Esq. Mayor (In the Chair)
Aldermen — George Madden, William Simpson, Hugh McGuire.
Councillors — Matthew Somers, Michael O'Connor, John Lyne, William Doyle, J. P. Patrick Ryan, John Hinton.

The minutes of the meeting of the 6th February were read and signed

The undermentioned Accounts were submitted and approved and cheques signed in discharge thereof

Cheque No 227	To Little & Nunn years rent of Market Ground to 25 th March 1895	£50. 0. 0.
Cheque No 228	To same years rent of Town Hall	£13. 8. 6
Cheque No 229	Same years rent of Pipe Fields to same date	£30. 0. 0

A statement was made showing that out of the gross assessment made on the town in the year 1895 for water works purposes there was collected and lodged the sum of £1535. 3. 0. thus leaving a balance of £76. 18. 7. outstanding. Regarding the latter sum, the Waterworks Committee who had carefully examined the collectors books recommended that it should be dealt with in the following manner that is to say £12. 6. 8 should be remitted, and the residue £64. 11. 5 inserted in the new Rate Book.

The following Resolution, on the motion of Alderman McGuire seconded by Councillor Doyle was passed Resolved — That in accordance with the recommendation of the Waterworks Committee there be struck off the total of the Rate now being closed the sum of £12. 6. 8 being Rate assessed on vacant premises, paupers &c and that the sum of £64. 11. 5 be carried into next Rate as collectible Arrears.

The Estimate affixed to these minutes and to which reference has been made above was read and duly considered.

Arising out of the discussion which took place regarding the rate at which the assessment should be made, the desirability of enlarging the Reservoir and appropriating a sum for the purpose was brought under notice. There seemed to be a unanimity of opinion as to the need for improving the capacity of the Reservoir but members held that owing to the present depression of trade in the town it would be well to defer the work until the town would be in a better financial position.

On the motion of Alderman Timpson, seconded by Alderman McGuire the following Resolution was carried, on a division, of six to four.

Resolved — That the Estimate now submitted of expenses to be incurred and provided for in the ensuing year be approved, subject to the inclusion therein of £60. for deepening the Reservoir: that a Domestic Rate of one shilling and a Public Rate of one shilling in the Pound on the Rateable Value of Property within the Borough of Wexford (together with Special Trade Rates and Charges) be hereby agreed on in pursuance of the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Confirmation) Act 1876 as amended by the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878

Estimate of the Probable Expenses to be incurred and provided for carrying into effect in the Town of Wexford the provisions of the Sanitary Act 1875 as amended by the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1890

To repayment of principal and interest on Loan of £25,000 — Instalment due and unpaid for half year now ended	582	5
To repayment of part of principal of Supplemental Loan and interest accrued thereon for half year now ended	123	.
To annuity on principal loan payable in year 1896-7	1164	11
To repayment of part of Supplemental Loan and interest thereon for year	240	.
To salaries and wages for year	168	4
To compensation for land and water rights payable to James A. Bradshaw	90	.
To New Works Repairs and general maintenance	50	.
To erecting Cantaker's Lodge at Reservoir — balance payable when contract completed	46	3
To Advertising and Printing	20	.
To Law Costs	20	.
To Remuneration of Rate Collector	55	.
To Rates and Taxes	10	.
To Contingencies	50	.
	2619	4
Added by Estimate viz:—		
To deepening Reservoir	60	.
	2679	4

to year 1896-7 by the Municipal Council of Wexford in
Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Lalby &c)
1st 1898.

By Balance in hands of Treasurer	912	3	6
By Extra Charges on Bottlers, Bakers, Publicans &c	71	.	.
By Meter Charges	70	.	.
By Charges for Water supplied for other special purposes	58	.	.
By Collectible Rate outstanding	64	11	5
By Cash in hands of Accountant General of Court of Chancery	62	7	1
By Government Contributions in lieu of Rates	11	11	7
By Plumbing receipts	5	.	.

Deficiency to be provided for by Rates	×	1254	13	7
		1364	11	3
		2619	4	10

×
A Domestic Water Rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ will realize £630. 0. 0
A Public Rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ will produce 744. 0. 0
£ 1,374. 0. 0

Approved subject to resolution of C.R.O. for dispensing with
A Domestic Rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ and a Public Rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ paid by public
Joseph Lacy Mayor
J. Curran Town Clerk
24th April, 1896.

and that the necessary Notice respecting the Rate be published.

Joseph Lacy Mayor
4th May 1896

4th May 1896.

A Statutable meeting of the Council took place this day in the Town Hall at noon.

Among the business to be disposed of was the discharging of Accounts which had accrued due in the previous quarter; the striking of a Domestic & Public Water Rate as agreed to on the 24th ultmo.

There were in attendance.

Joseph Lacy Esq. Mayor in the chair.

Aldermen — Hugh McGuire, Thomas Harpur, J. P. John Sutton, William Timpson

Councillors — John Lyne, Nicholas Kavanagh, John J. Kehoe, John Hinton, Cameron Rogers, Michael O'Connor, Richard Walsh, John Tyghe, Patrick Ryan, Patrick Kehoe, John Cosgrave.

The minutes of the meeting of the 24th April were read and signed

Twenty three bills, amounting in the aggregate to £131: 9: 5d were laid before the meeting. In reference thereto, it was reported that the Finance Committee had examined them in detail and found them accurate. In addition to these liabilities demands received from Government for payment of sums amounting on the whole to £141: 11: 6d were also laid before the meeting when

On the motion of Alderman Harpur seconded by Alderman Sutton the following Resolution was passed

That the Bills now submitted as recommended for payment by Finance Committee and amounting to £131: 9: 5. be hereby approved and cheques signed in payment thereof: that cheques be also signed in discharge of £141: 11: 6 being instalments now due and payable to Government in respect of loans for Market, Cemetery and Artizans Dwellings and inclusive of £2: 11: 10d for Tithe Rent Charges.

An Abstract of the Accounts above referred to is set forth at foot

of these minutes.

Referring to the allocation of £60 to enable the Reservoir to be deepened the question was again introduced. The raising of the sill of the weir as an alternative proposition was also advocated. It was pointed out however, that before taking any steps in either direction it would be well to have the opinion of the Waterworks Engineer. The suggestion met with favour, and on the motion of Alderman Harper, seconded by Councillor Rogers the following Resolution was adopted

Resolved - That Mr Hawkesley be consulted with regard to the proposal of deepening the Reservoir and also as to the raising of the sill of the weir, in order to see whether the increased pressure resulting therefrom would endanger the stability of the embankment.

The Town Clerk stated he had received a letter containing a request to furnish the Local Government Board with plans of the site and building for the proposed Labourers Dwellings. Mr McBarthy said he had the plans ready. It was then arranged to have a meeting of the Committee on an early day to consider them.

Two applications were received for the Caretakership of the Town Hall in place of the Mayors Sergeant resigned. One was from William McGrath and the other from Thomas Lambert. Both applicants having been proposed and seconded a division was taken with the result that William McGrath was elected. He having received eight votes, the other only two. The remainder of the members present took no part in the election.

As to fixing a scale of charges under the Fertilizers & Feeding Stuffs Act a subject to which attention was given on the 6th Ulms a letter received from Sir Charles Cameron was read. He said that as he was already acting as analyst under the Food & Drugs Act for the whole County, including the Borough of Wexford, for which offices he received a salary of £20 per year from the Grand Jury he would be prepared to analyse specimens under the Fertilizers Act if his salary were increased to £40 a year. He suggested to the Corporation to recommend the Grand Jury to make the increase on condition

- (1) That the inhabitants of the Borough and County shall be entitled to have analysis of manures and feeding stuffs made at $2\frac{1}{6}^s$ per sample
- (2) That the duly appointed officers of the Grand Jury and the Corporation can have analysis of manures & feeding stuffs which

they may suspect to be of less value than their prices, analysed free of charge.

The terms mentioned were deemed reasonable, and the Mayor and Town Clerk were deputed to bring the matter before the Grand Jury at the next Assizes with a view to having Sir Charles Camerons suggestion adopted. The meeting proceeded to make a new Rate for the purposes of the Waterworks, pursuant to Estimate agreed to on the 24th Ultimo, when on the motion of Alderman Mc Guire seconded by Councillor Kinton it was Resolved — That in pursuance of the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Dalky 7^e) Confirmation Act 1876 as amended by the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878 there be now struck a Domestic Rate of one shilling and a Public Rate of one shilling in the Pound on the nett assessable value of the Rateable Property within the Borough of Wexford, and all other the Rates and charges ^{variable} ~~liable~~ on Traders &c.

That said Rates be fixed to be payable on and after the 8th day of June 1896: that the Rate Book be now sealed and signed; and the necessary notices respecting the Rates be published. The book containing the Rate was then sealed and signed. The minutes of proceedings of the Waterworks Committee for the previous six months were taken as read and adopted except the recommendations relating to the reduction of the charges on Traders and the rent charged for meters, the considerations of which questions were deferred sine die.

The following are the particulars of the Bills passed this day for payment.

Agues 1896

23/1.	William A. Browne, Quarter's salary as Town Clerk to 1st May, 1896 (proportion from Borough Fund),	...	...	£23 2 6
23/2.	John Heaton, Quarter's salary as Mayor's Sergeant to 1st May, 1896	...	...	4 0 0
23/3.	David Condron, do as Caretaker of old Graveyards to same date	...	...	2 10 0
23/4.	William A. Browne, do as Executive Sanitary Officer to same date	...	...	5 0 0
23/5.	John Crean, do as Consulting Sanitary Officer to same date	...	...	3 15 0
23/6.	John Heaton, do as Sanitary Sub-officer to same date	...	...	5 0 0
23/7.	David Condron, do as Sanitary Sub-officer to same date	...	...	5 0 0
23/8.	Teresa Murphy for Cleansing Offices for half year	...	...	2 0 0
23/9.	William A. Browne, cash advanced in payment of sundry small accounts	...	...	2 3 9
24/10.	Martin J. Lewis, expenses incurred by him as Ex-officio Inspector of Weights and Measures, and as Inspector of Food and Drugs...	...	...	1 4 7
11.	B. Hughes, for printing and advertising done	...	...	3 0 8
12.	The People, for advertising	...	...	1 6 8
13.	The Free Press, for advertising	...	...	1 3 2
14.	Lymbery Brothers, year's rent of passage to old Reservoir	...	...	4 0 0
15.	Matthew Harpur, for erecting two w.c.'s and kitchen range in Town Hall by contract and supplying sundry hardware goods	...	...	21 12 10
16.	Hugh McGuire, for supplying jumping sheet for use of Fire Brigade	...	...	1 12 8
17.	Gainfort & Co., supplying stationery	...	...	0 16 5
18.	James Ryan, for carpentry work, papering, painting, and additional work done in Tholsel and Caretaker's quarters in Town Hall	...	...	26 8 0
19.	Sinnott & Sons, for time of men engaged in fitting pipes to hydrant for use of Fire Brigade, and for keys, axes, sledges, &c., supplied	...	...	4 19 3
20.	Henry Leary, for repairing two hose reels, cleaning and painting carriages of same, and supplying sledges, prize bar, &c.	...	...	4 15 0
21.	Wexford Gas Company, for gas supplied and fittings put up in Tholsel for four quarters	...	...	1 5 7
22.	Wexford Gas Company, for gas supplied in Town Surveyor's office, and weights and measures office for three quarters	...	...	4 11 4
23.	D. E. McCarthy, for making out specifications of works to be executed in Tholsel and Town Hall and superintending the completion of same	2 2 0

£131 9 5

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Forward

Carried forward £131: 9: 5

24 Bank of Ireland - Tithe Rent Charges payable to Government for half year	3: 11: 10
25 Same Instalment for half year on Market Loans payable to Board of Public works	38: 3: 8
26 Same Instalment for half year on Artizans Dwellings Loan payable to same	64: 4: 4
27 Same Instalment for same period on Cemetery Loan payable to same	36: 11: 8
<i>Joseph Lacy Mayor</i>	£ 273: 0: 11
<i>6th August 1896</i>	

PAYMENTS MADE BY FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BURIAL BOARD SINCE LAST QUARTERLY MEETING.
(ON BOROUGH TREASURER).

1. Scavenging streets	£51 15 3
2. Wages of Caretaker of Cemetery	12 0 0
3. Opening graves and gravelling walks in Cemetery	6 1 0
4. Putting down hydrant for use of Fire Brigade	4 4 6
5. Sundry repairs on buildings	3 17 8
6. Miscellaneous law costs paid to the representatives of the late Corporation Solicitor	7 3 11
7. Stamping new cheque book	1 0 0
	£86 2 4

J. L.

5th August 1896

The Council assembled on the day of this date at the Tholsel at noon for the purpose of electing a Harbour Commissioner in pursuance of the Wexford Harbour Act 1874

Eight members were present namely

Joseph Lacy Esq^r Mayor (In the Chair)

Aldermen - Thomas Harpur, J^r Hugh McGuire, William Simpson.

Councillors - John J. Kehoe, Michael O'Connor, Patrick Kehoe, Richard Walsh.

The Town Clerk produced only one nomination paper which had been transmitted to him by the Secretary of the Harbour Commissioners and which was in respect of the candidature of Alderman McGuire.

Alderman Harpur proposed the election of the member nominated as above stated and the proposition was seconded by Councillor John J. Kehoe as follows:-

That Alderman Hugh McGuire be elected to represent the Corporation at the Board of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners for the ensuing year.

The question was put and carried unanimously.

The assembly then departed.

6th August 1896

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Hall at noon for the payment of accounts chargeable on the Borough Fund, considering communications and minutes of proceedings of Waterworks Committee and for the disposal of all business appertaining to a quarterly meeting.

The members in attendance were

Joseph Lacy Esq^r: Mayor In the chair

Aldermen - Hugh McGuire, John Sutton, Thomas Harpur J. P.

Councillors - Richard Walsh, John Tyghe, John Lyne, Matthew Somers, Michael O'Connor.

The minutes of meetings of 4th May and 5th August last were read and signed.

The bills contained in the subjoined Abstract were submitted to the Meeting having been previously examined by the Finance Committee and certified as correct

on the motion of Councillor Walsh seconded by Alderman McGuire it was

Resolved - That the bills now submitted as recommended for payment by Finance Committee and amounting ~~for payment~~ to £386: 9: 7 be hereby approved and cheques signed in discharge thereof

Cheques were signed accordingly

The caretaker of the Town Hall, who was appointed at last quarterly meeting made application for a small weekly stipend for his services as ^{the alleged} his present rate of remuneration was not sufficient to keep the Town Hall in proper order.

The question having been fully considered it was on the motion of Alderman Harpur, seconded by Councillor Somers deferred to next quarterly meeting

A discussion arose as to the price charged for the lighting of the public lamps of the town in the course of which it was stated that the Gas Works were yielding a considerable profit over and above what was required to meet the dividend and it was held that the public should be given the benefit of this surplus by way of a reduction of price in the town lamps. It was thought desirable that the Gas Co should be approached on the subject and to this end a resolution, proposed by Alderman McGuire and seconded by Councillor Somers was passed as follows

That the Mayor, Alderman Harpur and Alderman McGuire be deputed to visit the Gas Co and to present the concession referred to.

The minutes of the Waterworks Committee for the previous three months were read and duly adopted with the exception of the order made by the Committee on the 25th June 1896 as regarded the providing of a supplementary Reservoir which, on the motion of Alderman Harpur, seconded by Alderman McGuire was rescinded. It was reported by the Mayor that his attention had been called to a nuisance that existed in Abbey Street and which consisted of four head of swine being kept in a filthy state in a coach-house from which an offensive smell emanated. It was ordered that notice be served on Catherine Neill the owner of the pigs to have them removed forthwith. The following are the particulars of bills passed this day for payment —

Joseph Lacy Mayor

35	1. William A. Browne, Quarter's salary as Town Clerk to 1st August, 1896 (proportion from Borough Fund),	£23 2 6
36	2. John Hearon, Quarter's salary as Mayor's Sergeant to 1st August, 1896,	4 0 0
37	3. David Condron, do as Caretaker of old Graveyards to same date	2 10 0
38	4. William A. Browne, do as Executive Sanitary Officer to same date	5 0 0
39	5. John Crean, do as Consulting Sanitary Officer to same date	3 15 0
40	6. John Hearon, do as Sanitary Sub-officer to same date	5 0 0
41	7. David Condron, do as Sanitary Sub-officer to same date	5 0 0
42	8. William A. Browne, cash advanced in payment of sundry small accounts	1 10 0
43	9. Wexford Gas Consumers' Company (Limited) for lighting public lamps from 1st September, 1895, to 1st May, 1896,	306 8 1
44	10. Gainfort & Co., for stationery, &c., supplied	1 15 5
45	11. Michael J. O'Connor, poundage on collection of corporate rents, including rents of Artizans' Dwellings	14 0 4
46	12. Martin J. Lewis, expenses incurred by him as Ex-officio Inspector of Weights and Measures, and as Inspector of Food and Drugs	1 10 9
47	13. The People for advertising	2 0 8
48	14. The Free Press, for advertising	2 0 8
49	15. B. Hughes, for advertising and printing	2 14 8
50	16. Matthew Harpur, for hardware, &c., supplied	1 14 11
51	17. W. H. McGuire, for tar and paints supplied	1 17 7
52	18. Doyle & Son, repairs executed on cistern, pump on Quay, &c.,	1 5 0
53	19. John Walsh, supplying bandages for Fire hose	0 11 0
54	20. E. Pierse, for disinfectants supplied	0 13 0
		£386 9 7

PAYMENTS MADE BY FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BURIAL BOARD SINCE LAST QUARTERLY MEETING.

(ON BOROUGH TREASURER).

1. Scavenging streets	£58 15 6
2. Wages of Caretaker of Cemetery	7 10 0
3. Wages of Caretaker of Bathing Place	6 0 0
4. Linewashing Old Graveyards	4 17 0
5. Opening graves and sundry improvements at Cemetery	3 14 0
6. Sundry repairs done on buildings	1 14 6
	£82 11 0

(ON TREASURER OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS).

1. General repairs of streets, sewers, and footpaths done by Corporation staff	£77 11 5
2. Improvements done on Stonebridge river	49 10 3
3. Laying footpath in Trinity-street—final instalment paid to Contractor	12 18 2
	£139 19 10

Joseph Lacy Mayor
Nov 1st 1896

2nd November 1896

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

There were in attendance

Joseph Lacy Esq. Mayor in the Chair

Aldermen - Thomas Harpur, J. P. Hugh McGuire, George Madden, J. P. William Timpson, John Sutton.

Councillors - James Stafford, John J. Kehoe, John Tyghe, Matthew Somers, Peter Cassin, Michael O'Connor, John Lyne, Patrick Ryan, John Hinton, William Scallan

The minutes of the meeting of the 6th August last were read and signed.

Twentysix accounts, amounting in the aggregate to £178: 2: 4 were laid before the meeting, ^{they} having been previously examined and certified by the Finance Committee.

Three Receivable Orders sent in by the Board of Works for sums amounting to £137: 4: 2 were also submitted

On the motion of Alderman McGuire seconded by Alderman Harpur it was

Resolved - That cheques be signed in discharge of accounts now submitted and amounting to £178: 2: 4 as recommended by Finance Committee: that cheques be also signed for £37: 11: 3, £36: 14: 3 & £62: 18: 8 being sums due to Government in respect of principal and interest on Market Cemetery and Artizans Dwellings Loans respectively

As required by the provisions of the 3 & 4 Vict Chap 108 the following Resolution was passed on the motion of Alderman Timpson, seconded by Alderman Madden viz -

That the three quarterly meetings to be held previous to 1st November 1897 be convened for Monday 1st February next at noon, Monday 3rd May next at noon and Monday 2nd August at noon

The following Resolution dealing with the sum of £27: 19: 11 being Borough Rate outstanding at the present time was adopted in conformity with the recommendations of the Finance Committee

Proposed by Councillor James Stafford seconded by Councillor Tyghe and

Resolved - That £23: 1: 11 being amount assessed on vacant premises & be struck off the sum of the outstanding Borough Rate and that the balance of the sum viz £4: 18: 0. be carried into Rate for 1897 as arrears.

An Estimate, which is subjoined to those minutes, shewing the expenditure under the various heads of accounts for the coming year and the embursements which will be made into the Borough Fund during that period was taken into consideration. It was shewn from

this that a sum of £686:12:7 would be required to be levied off the town by means of a Borough Rate and

On the motion of Alderman Harpur seconded by Councillor James Stafford it was

Resolved — That the Estimate referred to of expenses to be incurred and provided for be hereby approved, and that a Borough Rate of Tenpence in the Pound on the net assessable value of the rateable property within the Borough be now struck to defray said expenses.

Lieut. Colonel White applied by letter as Hon. Treasurer of the Wexford United Agricultural Society for a donation out of the Corporate Funds in aid of prizes for the Society's show which he stated would be held in Wexford next year. The subject was considered when it was deemed that a contribution for the purpose indicated did not come within the category of purposes for which a surplus arising out of the Borough Fund could be applied

The granting of a small salary to the caretaker of the Town Hall, a subject which was previously under consideration on the 6th August last was again introduced by the receipt of a second application from him. It was urged that the present rate of remuneration which only reached about £1:10:0 per annum was not sufficient to enable him to keep the Town Hall in a proper state of cleanliness and look after the place as he was expected to do and

On the motion of Councillor Hinton, seconded by Councillor Cassin it was

Resolved — That the caretaker of the Town Hall be allowed a stipend of four shillings per week in addition to his present remuneration.

The minutes of proceedings of Waterworks Committee and the recommendations and orders contained therein for the previous three months were ratified and adopted —

The following are the particulars of bills passed this day for payment

Debit to	71	1. William A. Browne, Quarter's Salary as Town Clerk, to 1st November, 1896. (proportion from Borough Fund)	-	£23 2 6
	72	2. John Hearon, Quarter's Salary as Mayor's Sergeant to same date	-	4 0 0
	73	3. David Condron, do as Caretaker of old Graveyards to same date	-	2 10 0
	74	4. William A. Browne, do as Executive Sanitary Officer to same date	-	5 0 0
	75	5. John Crean, do as Consulting Sanitary Officer to same date	-	3 15 0
	76	6. John Hearon, do as Sanitary Sub-Officer to same date	-	5 0 0
	77	7. David Condron, do as Sanitary Sub Officer to same date	-	5 0 0
	78	8. Teresa Murphy, for cleansing offices for half year ending the same date	-	2 0 0
	79	9. William A. Browne, for cash advanced for payment of sundry small accounts	-	3 3 6
	80	10. Gainfort & Co., for Stationery supplied	-	14 7
	81	11. Thomas Clancy, for collecting Borough Rate	-	30 2 6
	82	12. G. W. Taylor, Income Tax on Corporate Property	-	7 3 11
	83	13. Michael J. O'Connor, Poor Rate on do	-	12 5 0
	84	14. Little & Nunn, half-year's Rent of Market Ground to 29th September, 1896	-	25 0 0
	85	15. Little & Nunn, half-year's Rent of Town Hall Ground to same date	-	6 14 3
	86	16. Little & Nunn, half-year's Rent of Pipe Fields to same date	-	15 0 0
	87	17. W. H. McGuire, for Bass Brooms supplied	-	15 8
	88	18. M. Connors, for Brooms supplied	-	5 5

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Forward — 151:12:4

Estimate of the Probable Expenses to be incurred and

£ lighting public lamps (122) from 1 st Sept 1896 to 1 st May 1897	306 5
" Year's gas for Municipal Offices	3
" Sewerage and watering streets for year	182
" Officers Salaries for year. (£92.10s. £75. £10. £10. £4.)	194 10
" Advertising and printing	55
" Year's Rent of Pipefields	30
" Do of Town Hall Ground.	13 8 6
" Do of passage to Old Reservoir	4
" Do of Market Ground	50
" Repayment of loan for purchase of Market Site (48 th & 49 th Instalments)	23 10
" Do for erection of Market buildings (38 th & 39 th Inst's)	33
" Rates and commission of Market's toll collectors	45
" Repairs of Corporate buildings	50
" Repayment of loan for Abington's Dwellings (16 th & 17 th Instalments)	128
" Do of Cemetery loan (12 th & 13 th Instalments)	73
" Rates of caretakers of Cemetery	39
" Erecting gate in Cemetery opening graves. graveling walks mowing plantations	40
" Repairing and limewashing old graveyards	15
" Expenses under Public Health Act:— Removing nuisances, Disinfecting, compensation for infected clothing &c	50
" Law costs	25
" Agents' fees &c	28 10
" Rate collector's commission	26
" Expenses attendant on Bathing place including wages of caretaker	25
" Income tax, Silted Ponds, Quit Rents	20
" Poor Rates	13
" Election Expenses	10
" Uniform for Mayor's Sergeant	6 8
" Fishmarket expenses	5
" Office Requisites	5
" Fees payable to caretaker Town Hall & supplying Rate Book	5
" Unexpended balance of sum voted for providing extra Fire Apparatus	4 8
" Contingencies	50
	1583 19

vided for in the ensuing year. by the Corporation proper.

Balance in hands of Treasurer	133	9	4
Corporate Rents less probable arrears £190 - £20.	470	.	.
Proceeds of Sale of Manure.	33	.	.
Market Fells	90	.	.
Half Salaries of Sanitary Officers payable by L. C. Board	37	10	.
Proportion of Dog Tax payable to Borough.	22	.	.
Town Hall Lettings	17	.	.
Rents from cemetery in respect of Sale of Gravespans. Burial Charges and Sale of Hay	64	.	.
Half cost of maintaining Bathing place chargeable to Harbour Board	12	10	.
Fishmarket Receipts	8	3	4
Government Contribution	9	11	.
	894	6	11
Deficiency to be provided for by Rate.	686	12	4
	1583	19	6

A Rate of 10^d in the £ would produce £664

Passed

Joseph Lacy
Novr 2nd 1896

<i>Chq. No.</i>		<i>Brought Forward</i>	<i>151: 12: 4</i>
89	19. Thompson Brothers, erecting Practising Stage in three tiers for use of Fire Brigade and repairing two lengths of Fire Hose	-	5 15 6
90	20. William Doyle, for erecting Gate leading from New Bridge to Bathing Place, &c,	-	1 11 0
91	21. J. Hannigan, Collector of Inland Revenue, Quit and Crown Rents -	-	6 15 6
92	22. John Falconer, Advertising Monthly Fairs in "A B C Guide," to January, 1897	-	1 10 0
93	23. Marlow & Co., for supplying Coals	-	2 0 0
94	24. "The People," for Advertising done	-	1 16 8
95	25. "Free Press" do	-	1 16 8
96	26. Benjamin Hughes, do and Printing	-	5 4 8
			<u>£178 2 4</u>

97	27. Bank of Ireland. Instalment due on market Loan	<i>37: 11: 3</i>
98	28. Same Instalment due on Cemetery Loan	<i>36: 14: 3</i>
99	29. Same Instalment due on Artizans Dwelling Loan	<i>62: 18: 8</i>
		<u>£ 315: 6: 6</u>

PAYMENTS MADE BY FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BURIAL BOARD SINCE LAST
QUARTERLY MEETING.

(ON BOROUGH TREASURER)

1. Scavenging Streets	-	-	-	£42 12 0
2. Cost opening graves, and wages of Caretaker of Cemetery	-	-	-	12 12 0
3. Cost erecting Screen, &c., and wages of Caretaker of Bathing Place	-	-	-	5 16 0
4. Repairs on Artizans Dwellings	-	-	-	1 16 6
5. Stepladder for Town Hall	-	-	-	16 4
				<u>£63 12 10</u>

Joseph Lacy Mayor
1st Dec^r 1896

25th November 1896.

An Election of two Councillors for each of the three Wards in the Borough was held this day to replace that number of members going out of office by rotation.

Following are the names of the Burgesses nominated and the wards for which they were respectively nominated.

St Selskar Ward.

Messrs Matthew Somers of Common Quay Street Grocer
Patrick Kehoe of Selskar Street Grocer

St Iherinus Ward

Messrs John Tyghe of John Street Liff Merchant
Richard Walsh of Main Street Draper

St Marys Ward

Messrs James Stafford of Main Street South Grocer
William Scallan of Main Street North Grocer

As there were no candidates nominated in excess of vacancies the above named Burgesses were declared duly elected.

1st December 1896.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Hall at noon -

The members in attendance were -

Joseph Lacy Esq^r Mayor (in the Chair)
Aldermen - Hugh McGuire, George Madden J.P. William Timpson,
John Sutton.

Councillors - John J. Kehoe, Patrick Ryan, Matthew Somers, Michael O'Connor, Peter Cassin, Patrick Kehoe, James Slafford, William Scallan, Cameron Rogers, James J. Slafford.

The minutes of meeting of 2nd November last were read and confirmed. As required by the 34th Dict Cap 108 the election of a Mayor for the year 1897 was proceeded with. There were two candidates for the office, namely Alderman Timpson who proposed himself, but failed to have his motion seconded and Alderman Lacy the present occupant of the Mayoral chair. The latter was proposed by Alderman McGuire and seconded by Councillor Patrick Ryan when it was resolved as follows -

That our present Mayor Alderman Joseph Lacy be elected Mayor for the year 1897 and until his successor shall be appointed and shall have accepted office.

The period for which the standing Committees of the Council were appointed having now terminated, the re-appointment of similar Committees in their stead was considered when it was resolved on the motion of Alderman Timpson seconded by Councillor John J. Kehoe.

That the Waterworks, Finance, Works and Public Health Committee be composed of the entire Council for the ensuing year.

The finding of the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the Financial Relations between Great Britain and Ireland proving that this country was overtaxed, according to her taxpaying capacity to the extent of 2½ millions per year was a matter which occupied the attention of the meeting. In reference to the subject a letter under date the 17th Nov. was read from a Committee of the Wexford Board of Guardians of which the following is the text

At a meeting of the Wexford Board of Guardians held on the 16th Inst and specially convened to consider the Report of the Royal Commission on the financial relations between Great Britain and Ireland it was resolved that the Report was of such vital importance to the future welfare of Ireland the people of this

County should be given an opportunity to attend a Public Meeting in order to demonstrate to the Government that all classes of Irishmen demand the recommendations contained in the Report should be acted upon without delay.

It was suggested that each Public Board in the County should convene a Special meeting of the members to consider the subject and pass a resolution thereon. It was also suggested that the County should be divided into Districts composed of the several representative public bodies within its area and that each district should invite its residents to take part in this movement and to appoint one or more delegates to attend on its behalf a Central Committee meeting to be convened at a future date.

Should the members of your Board be willing to take action with us in this matter we shall be obliged by your letting us hear from you on the subject at your earliest convenience.

A discussion which arose on this subject resulted in the passing of the following Resolution

Proposed by Councillor Rogers seconded by Alderman McGuire and Resolved— That in response to the communication from the Wexford Board of Guardians in relation to appointing delegates to a convention to consider the report of the Committee on the financial relations existing between Great Britain and Ireland we hereby approve of the suggestions contained in the Guardians' letter and nominate Messrs McGuire, Madden, Rogers and the Mayor ex-officio to attend the proposed Conference on our behalf.

Attention was called to the fact that the Committee having charge of the Old Pipe Water System had allowed four years arrears amounting to £16 to accumulate on foot of the rent of the right of way in John Street. Much dissatisfaction was expressed with the Committee in failing to keep their obligations since there was every reason to believe the system if worked by the Corporation would prove a source of revenue for the benefit of the entire community.

The following Resolution was then passed.

Proposed by Alderman McGuire seconded by Councillor O'Connor and

Resolved— That having regard to the non-fulfilment by the Old Pipewater Committee of their engagement with regard to paying the annual rent of passage to Old Reservoir we now decide to withdraw the permission given to the Committee to keep the Pipe Water System in operation unless the arrears due in respect of the rent in question be paid within one month from present date.

A communication from the Local Government Board was read intimating their willingness to

approve of the scheme for the proposed Labourers Dwellings provided certain amendments were made in the Plans. The meeting was of opinion that some of these could be dispensed with since it was necessary to study economy in order to be able to let the houses at such a rent as labourers were in a position to pay. However before coming to any conclusion it was thought advisable to discuss the amendments in detail and to this end the letter was referred to the Labourers Dwellings Committee.

The Borough Rate Book was laid on the table and sealed and signed and a cheque (No 105) for £3.10.0 was signed in favour of Nicholas Bolger for services rendered in preparing it and making a true copy for use of collector.

Joseph Lacy Mayor

21st December 1896

An Election was held this day of two Councillors to fill vacancies created by the retirement of Messrs John Anton and Nicholas Kammagh representing St Selskar and St Iverius ward respectively.

For St Selskar Ward

Mr B. Hughes of Main Street North Newspaper Proprietor was duly nominated.

For St Iverius Ward

Mr Robert Nanton of John Street Merchant was the Burgess nominated.

No other nomination having been received they were accordingly declared elected.

Joseph Lacy Mayor

1st January 1897

An assembly of the Council of the Borough of Wexford took place this day in the Town Hall at noon.

There were in attendance

Joseph Lacy Esq Mayor in the Chair

Aldermen - Hugh McGuire, John Sutton, William Simpson

Councillors - Patrick Ryan, Robert Nanton, John J. Kehoe, Matthew Somers

James Stafford, William Scallan, Michael Wickham,

James J. Stafford, John Tygh, Michael O'Connor, Cameron

Robert, Peter, William, Peter Cassin.

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The resolution of 1st December last whereby the present Mayor was

re-elected in that capacity for the year 1897 was read
 The Mayor read and signed his declaration of acceptance of office.
 He then returned thanks in suitable terms to the Members of the Council
 for having elected him, meanwhile paying a graceful tribute to them in
 turn for the interest they had always displayed for the benefit of the town
 Councillor Rogers proposed the following resolution which was seconded
 by Alderman Simpson viz:-

That the thanks of this Council are due in an eminent degree to the
 Right Worshipful The Mayor for his untiring labours for the benefit of
 the town during the last two years and we tender him our sincere gratitude
 for his services and for the impartial manner in which he has acted as
 Chairman of this Council

The question was put and carried unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Walsh seconded by Alderman Sutton it was
 Resolved - That this meeting do stand adjourned to Monday next the 4th
 instant.

Hugh McGuire Chair
 Feb 1/1897

4th January 1897.

The business of the meeting of the 1st January inst which was
 deferred to this day was not resumed in consequence of the non-
 attendance of a sufficient number of members to form a quorum

Hugh McGuire Chair
 Feb 1/1897

1st February 1897

A statutable meeting of the Council was held this day in
 the Town Hall at noon.

There were in attendance

Aldermen - William Simpson, Hugh M^cGuire, George Madden J.P.
 Councillors - John Lyne, Robert Manton, Patrick Ryan, Benjamin Hughes,
 Richard Walsh, John J. Stebbins, James J. Stafford.

Alderman M^cGuire was moved to the Chair in the absence of the Mayor.
 The minutes of meeting of 1st January 1897 were read and signed.
 The need stated to exist for having a gas lamp put up in Lambert
 Place was brought under notice but no order was made to have the
 alleged want supplied. In the course of the discussion which took
 place on the subject attention was called to part of John Street and

the Faythe being very badly lighted after dark and to a portion of main street near Whites Hotel being a source of great inconvenience ~~arising~~ from the same cause on Sunday nights when the private lamps over the Hotel was not lit as on week nights.

There was an order made as follows
That a Committee comprising the names of Messrs Shafford, Stanton, and Timpson be nominated to inspect the localities referred to with a view to having lamps provided if necessary and hereafter approved of by the Council.

A Report received from the Fire Brigade whose services were accepted on the 6th February last was read intimating that the fire apparatus provided by the Corporation was in good working order, but that the set of ladders at the Town Hall were very old and unreliable and required to be replaced by a pair of handy telescopic ladders. The meeting was of opinion that a Fire Escape would be preferable to ladders and it was decided to ascertain the cost and other particulars of a Fire Escape with a view to procuring one for the use of the Brigade -

The Accounts shown in detail at foot of these minutes were submitted. They were recommended for payment by the Finance Committee in the usual way.

On the motion of Councillor Walsh seconded by Councillor Ryan it was

Resolved - That the Accounts amounting to £86: 14: 3 be hereby approved and cheques signed for payment, that a cheque be also signed for £2: 12 in favour of William McGrath for his services as caretaker of Town Hall.

The minutes of Proceedings of the Waterworks Committee for three months last past were read and ratified.

The following are the particulars of bills passed this day for payments -

Cheque No 121

121	1. William A. Browne, Quarter's salary as Town Clerk to 1st February, 1897, (proportion from Borough Fund)	£23 2 6
122	2. John Hearon, Quarter's salary as Mayor's Sergeant to 1st February, 1897,	4 0 0
123	3. David Condon, do as Caretaker of old graveyards to same date,	2 10 0
124	4. William A. Browne, do as Executive Sanitary Officer to same date,	5 0 0
125	5. John Crean, do as Consulting Sanitary Officer to same date,	3 15 0
126	6. David Condon, do as Sanitary Sub-officer to same date,	5 0 0
127	7. John Hearon, balance of do. as Sanitary Sub-officer to same date,	1 8 0
128	8. William A. Browne, cash advanced for payment of sundry small accounts,	19 3
129	9. Gainfort & Co., for Stationery supplied	11 0
130	10. Martin J. Lewis, expenses incurred by him as ex officio Inspector of Weights and Measures and as Inspector of Food and Drugs	1 16 4
131	11. James Doyle, for repairs executed on stalls in new market	1 3 9
132	12. Michael J. O'Connor, poundage on collection of Corporate rents, including rents of Artizans' Dwellings	14 2 2

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133	13. Marlow & Co., Coals supplied	2 2 0
134	14. John Ryan, for supplying uniform for Mayor's Sergeant	6 8 0
135	15. Cooper & Co, Lime supplied	7 1
136	16. Gas Consumers' Company, Gas consumed in Tholsel and Weights and Measures office for three Quarters	17 5
137	17. The People, for advertising	1 17 8
138	18. Free Press, for Advertising	1 9 8
139	19. Frank Boxwell, for Lime supplied	1 1 3
140	20. Benjamin Hughes, for Printing and Advertising	9 3 2
		£86 14 3

141. 21st W^m H. Grafts Quarters salary as Clerk of Town Hall 3:12:0

PAYMENTS MADE BY FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BURIAL BOARD SINCE LAST QUARTERLY MEETING.		
(ON BOROUGH TREASURER).		
1. Scavenging Streets		£52 15 7
2. Wages and Commission of Market Toll Collectors for year 1896		42 15 6
3. Wages of Caretaker of Cemetery		9 15 0
4. Sundry repairs done on Corporate property		1 9 5
5. Cash advanced to John Hearon on account of salary as Sanitary Sub-officer		3 12 0
6. Opening graves and sundry expenses in connection with Cemetery		5 3 11
		£115 11 5

Joseph Lacy Mayor
22nd April 1897

22nd April 1897

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day pursuant to the Mayor's requisition, at the Tholsel at noon for the purpose of closing Water Rate struck in the year 1896. and considering as to the adoption of an Estimate of expenses to be provided for in respect of Waterworks with a view to striking a Domestic and a Public Water Rate.

There were in attendance:—

Joseph Lacy Esq Mayor (in the chair)
Aldermen - Hugh G. Gwire, George Kadden J.P. and William Simpson.
Councillors - Benjamin Hughes, Matthew Somers, Patrick Kehoe, Peter Cassin, Michael O'Connor, Richard Walsh.

The Minutes of Meeting of 1st February last were read and signed. The Water Rate Accounts were produced showing that of the Water Rates assessed in 1896 a sum of £62:18:1 remained outstanding. It was stated that of the items comprising this amount the Waterworks Committee found a great number uncollectible and made a recommendation to have them cancelled. On the motion of Alderman G. Gwire seconded by Councillor Walsh it was Resolved. That in accordance with recommendation of Waterworks Committee the sum struck off the Rate a sum of £16:2:3 consisting of items assessed on vacant premises.

paupers &c. and that a sum of £35: 15: 10 be carried into next Rate as well as the means.

The Estimate which is affixed to these Minutes and which shows the moneys required for the various purposes for which Rates Rates are authorised to be levied was taken into consideration and a resolution adopted in regard thereto viz:—

Proposed by Alderman Simpson seconded by Councillor Walsh and Resolved— That the Estimate be approved and that a Domestic Rate of one shilling and a Public Rate of one shilling in the Pound on the rateable value of property within the Borough of Wexford be hereby agreed on in pursuance of the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Regulation) Confirmation Act 1846 as amended by the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1848.

Hugh McGuire Chair
May 3rd 1897

3rd May 1897

A statutable meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Hall at noon

There were in attendance

Aldermen— John Sutton, Hugh McGuire, William Simpson, George Madden J.
Councillors— Benjamin Hughes, Robert Stanton, William Doyle J. P. & Mr. Agne
Michael O'Connor, Richard Walsh, John Tygh, William Scallan,
Patrick Ryan, Peter Cassin.

On the motion of Councillor Hughes seconded by Councillor Doyle the Chair was taken by Alderman McGuire in the absence of the Mayor. The minutes of meeting of 22nd April 1897 were read and signed. A number of Bills which had been approved by the Finance Committee in the usual way were submitted to the meeting as were also an account of Tithes due on Corporate Property and of Five guineas claimed by Board of Works to defray Counsel's Fees for services rendered by him in connection with title of Premises in Trinity Street and Hill Street. As to Hill Street plot it was announced that the Deed of Surrender was ready for execution and the time was now come to pay the tenants the amount of their compensation. It was also mentioned that the Board of Works required that out of the £20 payable to Mr Bent £20 should be retained until December next when his sister who it appeared was still a minor and was entitled to a portion of the money would come of age. On the motion of Councillor Walsh seconded by Councillor Stanton it was

Water Rate

Estimate

1894

The following resolution was

Proposed by Councillor Ryan and Seconded by Alderman

That the question of procuring a Fire Escape be
to next meeting to enable the existing Fire Ladders to
a Committee assisted by Mr Mc Carthy.

The following were named to act on the above Com
Messrs Lyne, Madden, Thompson, & Quire, Ryan, Sutton

The defective state of portions of the Fire Hose was brought

Estimate of the probable expenses to be incurred
Council of Wexford in carrying into effect in the Town
(Ireland) Provisional Orders (Dalky &c) Confirmation Act 1

To repayment of Principal and Interest on Loan of £25,000— Instalment accrued in current half year and now payable	582	5
To repayment of part Principal of Supplemental Loan and interest accrued thereon for current half year and now payable	122	
To annuity in respect of Principal Loan payable in year 1897-98.	1164	11
To repayment of part principal of Supplemental Loan for same year	240	
To salaries and wages for year	152	12
To compensation for land and water rights payable to James A Bradshaw	90	
To repairs and general maintenance of Works	50	
To Advertising and printing	20	
To Law Costs	20	
To Rate Collectors remuneration	52	
To Rates and Taxes	10	
To Contingencies	50	
	2553	9

and provided for in the year 1897-98 by the Municipal
 of Wexford the provisions of the Local Government Board
 amended by the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878.

By Balance in hands of Treasurer	831	13	7
By extra charges on Bottlers, Bakers, etc	68		
By meter charges	80		
By proceeds of sale of water supplied by Special Agreement	40		
By Collectible Rate outstanding	36	15	10
By cash in hands of Accountant General of Court of Chancery	62	7	1
By Government Contribution in lieu of Rates	9	12	1

Deficiency to be provided for by Rates

1118 8 7

1435 0 11

2553 9 6

Rateable Value of Property assessable for Domestic Rates 15,776 4 -

do do for Public Rates 16,553 12 6

to - A Domestic Rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ in the £ would produce 653

A Public Rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ in the £ would produce 794

1447

Adopted 22nd April 1894. A Domestic Rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ and a Public Rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ in the Pound agreed on

Joseph Lacy Mayor
 J. M. Curran Town Clerk.

The following resolution was then agreed.

Proposed by Councillor Ryan and Seconded by Alderman

That the question of procuring a Fire Escape be
 to next meeting to enable the existing Fire Ladders to
 a Committee assisted by Mr Mc Carthy.

The following were named to act on the above Com
 Messrs Lyne, W. J. Thompson, M. Quire, Ryan, Sutton

The defective state of portions of the Fire Hose was brought

Resolved — That the Bills now submitted as recommended for payment by Finance Committee and amounting to £124.0.8 be hereby approved and cheques signed in payment thereof — that cheques be also signed for £2.11.10 in respect of Tithe Rent Charge and for £100 and £20 payable to Matthew Somers and Thomas Bent respectively as compensation for surrender of their interest in ground required for Labourers Dwellings and for £5.5.0 to Mr J. O'Connor to recoup him for legal fees advanced to Board Public Works

By the receipt of a letter which was read from the Corporation Solicitor it appeared that Mr Bent had refused to sign the Deed of Surrender unless he was acquitted of all rent which had accumulated as against him since October 1895 this being the time when he agreed to sell his interest in the plot and since when he had abstained from cultivating the land, expecting at any moment to be called on to give up possession for the purposes of the Labourers Dwellings Scheme

On the motion of Councillor Walsh seconded by Councillor Doyle it was Resolved — That the Corporation Agent be instructed to strike off the Corporate Rental all rent which has accrued due since October 1895 in respect of plot of ground held by Mr Bent in Hill Street having regard to resolution of 1st November 1895 when it was agreed to acquire the plot in question as a site for Labourers Dwellings

The procurement of a Fire Escape was a matter which was considered. A specification obtained from Shand and Mason London was read, giving details of a Fire Escape which they were prepared to supply for a sum of £47.10s. The principal feature of the apparatus consisted in a set of three ladders, one main and two sliding which were capable of reaching to a height of 35 feet when fully extended. The cost was capable of being reduced to £43.10s by a raising gear attachment being dispensed with, which in the opinion of the Captain of the Fire Brigade was not absolutely necessary to efficiency.

On the question being discussed it seemed to be the prevailing opinion among members that the fire-ladders used by the Brigade would answer the purposes of a Fire Escape as hitherto provided they were in a state of efficiency, but on this point full information could not be conveniently elicited at the moment.

The following resolution was then adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Ryan and Seconded by Alderman Sutton —

That the question of procuring a Fire Escape be adjourned to next meeting to enable the existing Fire Ladders to be tested by a Committee assisted by Mr M. Carthy.

The following were named to act on the above Committee Messrs Lyne, Madden, T. Ryan, J. J. Ryan, J. J. Ryan, and Walsh. The defective state of portions of the Fire-escapes was brought under

notice. In a report received from the Fire Brigade it was recommended that 200 feet of new hose should be provided in handy lengths, along with some extra couplings, these latter being required to enable the serviceable parts of the present hose to be utilized.

It was ordered - That above Committee be also asked to see as to whether it was necessary to act on the Fire Brigade's recommendation, Mr McCarthy to furnish the Committee with a report as to the condition of the hose.

The minutes of proceedings of Waterworks Committee for quarter ended this day were taken as read and sanctioned.

The meeting was then adjourned to Monday 17th Instant in consequence of a sufficient number of members not being present to strike the Water Rate. Following is an Abstract of the Accounts passed this day for payment.

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158	1. William A. Browne, Quarter's salary as Town Clerk to 1st May, 1897 (proportion from Borough Fund)	-	-	£23	2	6
159	2. John Hearn, Quarter's salary as Mayor's Sergeant to 1st May, 1897,	-	-	4	0	0
160	3. David Condron, do as Caretaker of old graveyards to same date,	-	-	2	10	0
161	4. William A. Browne, do as Executive Sanitary Officer to same date,	-	-	5	0	0
162	5. John Clean, do as Consulting Sanitary Officer to same date,	-	-	3	15	0
163	6. John Hearn, do as Sanitary Sub-officer to same date,	-	-	5	0	0
164	7. David Condron, do as Sanitary Sub officer to same date,	-	-	5	0	0
165	8. Teresa Murphy, Cleaning Offices for half year,	-	-	2	0	0
166	9. William McGrath, Quarter's salary as Caretaker of Town Hall to 1st May, 1897,	-	-	2	12	0
167	10. William A. Browne, Cash advanced in payment of sundry small accounts,	-	-	2	12	5
168	11. Gainfort & Co., for Stationery supplied,	-	-	0	16	9
169	12. Lymbery Bros, year's rent of passage to Old Reservoir,	-	-	4	0	0
170	13. Little & Nunn, half-year's rent of Market Ground to 25th March, 1897,	-	-	25	0	0
171	14. Little & Nunn, do of Town Hall Ground to 25th March, 1897,	-	-	6	14	3
172	15. Little & Nunn, do of Pipe Fields to 25th March, 1897,	-	-	15	0	0
173	16. Sinnott & Sons, Hardware, &c., supplied,	-	-	1	17	1
174	17. John Hearn, Disinfecting Contagious Houses,	-	-	0	12	6
175	18. Gas Company, Gas consumed and Gas fittings supplied for Tholsel and Town Hall for quarter,	-	-	2	1	11
176	19. Benjamin Hughes, for Advertising and Printing,	-	-	1	12	2
177	20. Michael J. O'Connor, miscellaneous Law Costs,	-	-	10	14	1

178	2. Bank of Ireland - Title Rent charges	2	11	10
179	22 Matthew Somers. Amount of compensation awarded him for surrendering his interest in land at Mill Street	100	0	0
180	23 Thomas Bent. Do Do	20	0	0
181	24. Michael J. O'Connor. Cash advanced to Board of Works to defray Counsel fees re title for Labourers Dwellings &c	5	5	0
				£ 251 17 6

PAYMENTS MADE BY FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BURIAL BOARD SINCE LAST QUARTERLY MEETING.

(ON BOROUGH TREASURER).

1. Scavenging Streets,	-	-	-	£51	1	8
2. Wages of Caretaker of Cemetery,	-	-	-	12	0	0
3. Expenses remitted to Board of Public Works re Title of Building Plots for Labourers' Dwellings,	-	-	-	9	10	0
4. Sundry repairs in Town Hall	-	-	-	6	18	0
5. Opening Graves and sundry expenses in connection with Cemetery,	-	-	-	2	5	10
				£81	15	6

17th Mar 1897

An adjourned Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at noon

There were in attendance

Joseph Lacy Esq^r Mayor In the Chair

Aldermen — John Sutton William Simpson

Councillors — John J. Kehoe Benjamin Hughes Michael O'Connor,
John Lynn John Caggrave Patrick Kehoe Robert Stanton,
William Doyle J. P. James Stafford Richard Walsh,
Cameron Rogers William Scallan.

The minutes of the meeting of the 3rd May 1897 were read and signed.

Cheques were signed in discharge of the undermentioned accounts which were passed for payment —

Cheque No 184 — To Bank of Ireland to be lodged to credit of Board of Public Works for amount £36. 13. 11 being instalment due on market loans to 1st May 1897

Cheque No 185 — Payable to same to be lodged to credit of same for amount £36. 1. 5 being instalment re payment of Cemetery loan

Cheque No 187 — Payable to same for £63. 6. 11 being instalment on foot of Artizans Dwellings loan and to be placed to credit of Board of Public Works.

For the caretakership of the Bathing Place which had become vacant nine applications received were submitted. Four of the applicants were proposed and seconded as eligible when a division was taken. The result showed that James Murphy and Nicholas Cahill possessed the largest share of support. A second division was then taken as between these two applicants with the result that Nicholas Cahill was appointed. In a letter received from the Corporation Agent the fact was adverted to that no payment had been made on account of the arrears due by the Committee in charge of the Old Pipe Water System although a Resolution had been passed on the 1st December last requiring the sum then outstanding to be paid within a month from that date. The Treasurer of the Committee, Councillor Walsh who was in attendance at the present meeting gave an undertaking to have the debt cleared off at once yet it was thought desirable that the following order should be made viz —

That in case the amount now outstanding be not discharged before the 1st June next instructions be given to the Corporation Solicitor to take proceedings for its recovery.

A circular letter from the Under Secretary was submitted. It had reference to the keeping of Carbide of Calcium which by an order of Her Majesty in Council had been prohibited by the operation of the Petroleum Act of 1871 and which rendered it unlawful to keep

that material except in virtue of a licence to be obtained from the Local Authority.

The bringing about of a better arrangement than at present existed for lighting the public lamps of the town, and the advisability of extending the period of lighting them, so as to embrace the months of May and August or the entire year if thought desirable, was a matter introduced by Councillor Hughes. It evoked little or no discussion in as much as he stated he had adverted to it solely with the object of notifying his intention of opening up the question at meeting of the Council in August next and he gave notice of motion to that effect. He suggested that in the meantime the Town Clerk should write to the Gas Co and ascertain from them the terms on which they would be prepared to light the lamps under the altered conditions. The suggestion was adopted.

The meeting was adjourned to Thursday the 20th Inst. owing to the requisite number of members not having attended to enable the Water Rates to be struck.

Joseph Lacy Mayor
21st June 1897

20th May 1897

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

There were in attendance -

Aldermen - John Sutton, George Madden J. P.
Councillors - James Stafford, Benjamin Hughes, Patrick Ryan,
Cameron Rogers, Richard Walsh, Michael Honner,
Robert Stanton, William Scallan, John Lyne, Matthew Somers,
Patrick Kehoe, Peter Cassin, John Cosgrave, John J. Kehoe.

The Mayor not having been present Councillor Ryan was moved to the Chair on the motion of Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Stanton. The making of Rates required to defray expenses payable in connection with waterworks undertaking for the ensuing year was taken into consideration when the following motion was adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Rogers and seconded by Alderman Sutton
Resolved - That in pursuance of the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order (Dalky &c) Confirmation Act 1876 as amended by the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878 there be now struck a Domestic Rate of one shilling and a Public Rate of one shilling in the Pound on the net assessable value of the rateable property within the Borough of Wexford and all other the Rates and charges leviable on Traders &c. That said Rates be fixed to be payable on and after the 1st day of June 1897 and that the Rate

Book be now sealed and signed.

The Rate was accordingly sealed and signed.

Joseph Lacy Mayor
21st June 1897

21st June 1897

A Special Meeting of the Council (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) was held this day in the Town Hall at noon for the purpose of executing Deed of Assignment re site for Labourers Dwellings in Trinity Street, signing cheque for £175 the amount of the purchase money and making preliminary arrangements regarding the making of contracts for the building of the dwellings.

There were in attendance:-

Joseph Lacy Esq^r Mayor In the Chair.

Aldermen — John Sutton, Hugh McGuire, William Simpson.

Councillors — Benjamin Hughes, John Tyghe, Robert Stanton, Michael O'Connor, James Stafford, Cameron Rogers, John Byrne, John J. Sheehy.

The minutes of the meetings of the 17th and 20th May 1897 were read and signed.

A Deed of Assignment, which was duly executed on the part of Mrs Taylor and whereby the ownership of the site for Labourers Dwellings was transferred to the Corporation in accordance with the terms agreed on for the acquisition of this ground, was laid before the Meeting.

The Corporate Seal was affixed to the Deed and a cheque (No 193) was signed in favour of Michael J. O'Connor Corporation Solicitors for £175 to enable him to pay Mrs Taylor the amount agreed to be paid her for surrendering her interest in the plot.

On the assumption that the Board of Works would be prepared to advance the loan sought for for the erection of the houses as soon as all the preliminary formalities in relation thereto had been complied with, it was thought well in order to expedite matters to procure contracts for the building of the houses and to that end the following resolution was adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Rogers and Resolved — That the building of the proposed Labourers Dwellings be let in six lots as follows — Three lots in Trinity Street to comprise five houses each, and three lots in Hill Street to comprise six houses each: that the Corporation invite tenders for contractors who will be free to tender for any or all of the lots) against Monday the

5th July next for which date a Special Meeting be called to consider the acceptance of tenders: that the buildings be required to be completed in four months from the date of signing the contracts: that Contractors be required to give a Bond for £100 in conjunction with two approved sureties for £100 each in respect of each lot and that in dealing with tenders the Corporation reserve to themselves the right to exercise absolute discretion: that Contracts be also obtained for building the boundary walls on each site, subject to the same conditions as apply to the Contracts for the houses.

It was also arranged that in case the contracts were not performed within the time specified ~~and in case the Specification provided that~~ the Corporation would be at liberty to impose a penalty of £3 per week for the period during which the delinquency continued - A clause to that effect to be added to the Specification.

Joseph Lacy Mayor
5th July 1897

5th July 1897

A special meeting of the Council of said Borough was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) in the Town Hall at noon to receive and consider, and if thought desirable, to accept tenders for the building of proposed Labourers Dwellings and the boundary walls to enclose the curtilages of same, and to transact any business in relation to the making of contracts for the building of the Dwellings that might have been deemed necessary. There were in attendance -

Joseph Lacy Esq^r Mayor In the Chair
Aldermen - John Sutton, Hugh McGuire, George Madden J.P.
Councillors - Benjamin Hughes, John Tygh, Michael O'Connor,
Cameron Rogers, John J. Kehoe, Patrick Ryan,
John Lyne, Robert Norton, James Stafford, Michael
Wickham, Richard Walsh.

Mr O'Connor the Corporation Solicitor was also in attendance and handed in a communication he had received from the Solicitor of Works containing instructions as to the procedure to be followed by the Corporation in completing the Deed of Mortgage, preparatory to the obtainment of the loan for the Labourers Dwellings.

The following resolution was then passed
Proposed by Councillor Walsh seconded by Councillor Rogers and

Resolved - That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Pounds proposed to be advanced by Them to us under Indenture of Mortgage made 5th day of July 1897 aforesaid. The Deed of Mortgage and the Memorial for Registration of the Deed were then duly executed.

It was then moved by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Councillor Rogers and

Resolved - That inasmuch as this Board does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the entire of the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Pounds mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Board, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require. It is Resolved - That the requisitions for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Board for the time being countersigned by the Town Clerk. And that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to our account as Corporation of Wexford in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank.

The meeting proceeded to the consideration of Tenders which had been received pursuant to Resolution of 21st June, but before opening them it was thought well to have the Specification read.

For this purpose it was suggested that the meeting should be adjourned to a future date and

on the motion of Councillor John J. Nichol seconded by Councillor Hughes it was

Resolved - That the meeting stand adjourned to Tuesday 6th Instant at half past seven o'clock P.M.

Joseph Lacy Mayor
6th July 1897

6th July 1897

An adjourned Special Meeting of the Council of the Borough was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) in the Tholsel at half past seven o'clock to receive and consider and if thought desirable to accept tenders for the building of proposed Labourers' Dwellings and the boundary walls to enclose the curtilages of same and to transact any business in relation to the making of contracts for the building of the Dwellings that might have been deemed necessary.

There were in attendance.

Joseph Lacy Esq^{re} Mayor in the Chair.

Aldermen — John Sutton, Thomas Harper J. P.

Councillors — Michael Wickham, John Tygh, Robert Stanton,
Michael Connor, Patrick Ryan, Peter Cassin, Benjamin
Hughes, John Lyne, Matthew Somers, Richard Walsh,
John J. Kehoe, Cameron Rogers.

The minutes of meetings of 21st June and 6th July were read and signed.

The meeting proceeded to the consideration of the Specification.

By a question put by Councillor Lyne the fact was elicited that the original Specification was missing.

In response to queries put to him the Town Surveyor stated that the copy of Specification which he produced was the one which intending Contractors had examined.

Proposed by Councillor Wickham Seconded by Alderman Sutton.

That copy of Specification be read

This motion was adopted and acted on.

During the reading of the copy of Specification aforesaid the following resolutions were adopted:

Proposed by Councillor Hughes Seconded by Councillor John J. Kehoe

That the clause relating to the appointment and dismissal of the Clerk of Works in the Surveyor be struck out of the Specification.

Proposed by Councillor Walsh, Seconded by Councillor Ryan.

That the clause giving the right to the Surveyor to dismiss the Contractors employees be struck out of Specification.

(A motion was made by Councillor Wickham seconded by Councillor Rogers that this clause should stand but the above amendment was carried.)

Ordered — The earth closet to be substituted by an ordinary privy.

Proposed by Alderman Harper Seconded by Councillor Tygh.

That the means of ventilation provided for the bedrooms be dispensed with.

Proposed by Alderman Harper Seconded by Councillor Cassin

That the clause relating to the hanging of the windows be struck out of the Specification.

(A proposition made by Councillor Lyne and seconded by Councillor Kehoe to have the upper sash of the windows hung was lost)

Proposed by Councillor Wickham seconded by Councillor Kehoe
That the Specification of the Labourers Dwellings as read and amended be and is hereby approved of and that the amendments be entered upon the minutes.

Proposed by Councillor Walsh seconded by Alderman Harpur
Resolved - That the specification now read having the amendments agreed on duly made therein be signed by the Chairman

The specifications for work to be done in connection with the erection of the boundary walls were read and approved.

Having regard to the specification having been amended as above specified it was decided that the unopened tenders should be returned to intending Contractors to enable them to see the Specification again and lodge fresh tenders against Thursday evening next at half past seven o'clock to which time the meeting was adjourned.

Joseph Lacy Mayor
8th July 1894

8th July 1894

An adjourned Special Meeting of the Council of the Borough was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) in the Town Hall at half past seven o'clock P.M. to receive and consider and if thought desirable to accept tenders for the building of proposed Labourers Dwellings and the boundary walls to enclose the Curtilages of same and to transact any such business in relation to the making of contracts for the building of the Dwellings as might have been deemed necessary.

There were in attendance.

Joseph Lacy Esq^r Mayor in the Chair
Aldermen - Thomas Harpur, J. P. Hugh McQuire John Sutton.
Councillors - Michael Wickham, Matthew Somers, Michael Connor, Patrick Ryan, Richard Walsh, Robert Stanton, Benjamin Hughes John Tyghe, Patrick Kehoe, James Stafford Cameron Rogers John Lyne.

The minutes of the meeting of the 6th Instant were read and

Signed, and pursuant to arrangement come to on that date fresh
tenders were received from builders and were opened and read.
The following table constitutes an analysis of the tenders

Hill Street

A range of 18 houses to be built in 3 lots - Lot 1 to comprise 6 houses on
lowest level Lot 2 six houses on middle level and Lot 3 to contain 6
on highest level of ground

Builders Name	No of Lot	Price per lot if only one lot obtained	Price if entire Range obtained
James Doyle	No 1	£ 510	£ 1476.
	2	498	
	3	510	
		£ 1518	
Thomas Doyle	No 1	£ 518: 11: 3	£ 1654: 9: 9
	2	515: 7: 3	
	3	520: 11: 3	
		£ 1554: 9: 9	
Trinity Street.			
A range of 15 houses to be built in 3 lots. Lot 1 to comprise 5 houses on lowest level. Lot 2 five houses on middle level and Lot 3 to contain 5 on highest level of ground.			
James Doyle	No 1	£ 475	£ 1370
	2	464	
	3	475	
		£ 1414	
Joseph Scallan	No 1	£ 500	£ 1500
	2	500	
	3	500	
		£ 1500	

For building boundary walls.

Hill Street

James Doyle
Thomas Doyle

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Price asked
£ 72: 0: 0
61: 16: 0

Trinity Street

James Doyle
Joseph Scallan

Price asked
£ 87: 0: 0.
57: 0: 0

After full deliberation by the meeting the undermentioned resolution was adopted.

Proposed by Alderman Harpur, seconded by Alderman Sutton and Resolved - That the lowest tenders, in all cases, be accepted.

The Mayor then declared James Doyle to be the contractor for the building of all the houses and Thomas Doyle the contractor for the boundary wall for Mill Street and Joseph Scallan the contractor for that for Trinity Street.

Two Doyle's sureties being Messrs J. F. Walsh Timber Merchant and Patrick Learty Draper Main Street were approved.

The appointment of a Clerk of Works was considered, when on the motion of Alderman Harpur seconded by Councillor Hughes it was Resolved - That Matthew Furlong be appointed to act as Clerk of Works during the building of the Labourers Dwellings at a salary of 35/- per week.

Joseph Lacy Mayor
2nd August 1897

2nd August 1897

A Statutable Meeting was held this day in the Town Hall at noon. There were in attendance -

Joseph Lacy Esq^r Mayor in the Chair
Aldermen - Thomas Harpur J. C. Hugh McGuire George Madden J. C.
Councillors - Michael O'Connor John Tyghe Benjamin Hughes
Richard Walsh Matthew Somers John Dyne.

The minutes of the meeting of the 8th July last were read and signed. The providing of a contractor for building the boundary walls for Labourers Dwellings was a question raised by an announcement being made that Thomas Doyle & Joseph Scallan whose tenders had been accepted for this work on the 8th ultimo had declined to undertake to do it. The reason given for the delinquency was that there was no interest in the building of the walls since the erection of the houses had been secured by another contractor.

The following Resolution, proposed by Councillor Hughes and seconded by Alderman Harpur was adopted.

That the persons whose tenders were accepted for building boundary

walls having refused to undertake to enter into a contract for the performance of the work, the tender of James Doyle offering to erect the walls for the total sum of £159 be now accepted.

Accounts which had accrued due in last three months and which are shown in the printed abstract subjoined to these minutes were taken into consideration when it was proposed by Alderman McQuire, seconded by Alderman Harpur and adopted.

That the bills now submitted, as recommended for payment by Finance Committee and amounting to £408. 2. 4 be hereby approved and cheques signed in payment thereof.

Cheques were signed in accordance with this Resolution. Advertising to minutes of 17th May last when a notice given by Councillor Hughes was accepted intimating his intention of moving the adoption of a resolution on the subject of the public lighting of the town, the question was now taken into consideration. The additional charge which an extension of the time prescribed for the lighting of the public lamps would lead to was shown in a letter received from the Secretary of the Gas Co to be.

For lighting from 15th August to 15th May 26 per lamp extra

For ten consecutive months 5/- per lamp extra

For the whole year the total charge would be £3 provided the arrangements by which the lights were dispensed with on bright nights was to remain intact

Councillor Hughes proposed that steps be taken to have the lamps lit in future for nine months commencing the 15th August signifying an additional outlay of £15.10 per annum. The evident sense of the meeting ran counter to this motion being adopted and it failed to be carried, but a suggestion made to defer the consideration of the question to next Quarterly meeting met with approbation

Following are the bills passed this day for payment

202	1. William A. Browne, Quarter's salary as Town Clerk to 1st, August, 1897, (proportion from Borough Fund)	£23 2 6
203	2. John Hearne, Quarter's salary as Mayor's Sergeant to 1st August, 1897	4 0 0
204	3. David Condon, do as Caretaker of old Graveyards to same date	2 10 0
205	4. William A. Browne, do as Executive Sanitary Officer to same date	5 0 0
206	5. John Crean, do as Consulting Sanitary Officer to same date	3 15 0
207	6. John Hearne, do as Sanitary Sub-officer to same date	5 0 0
208	7. David Condon, do as Sanitary Sub-officer to same date	5 0 0
209	8. William McGrath, do as Caretaker of Town Hall to same date	2 12 0
210	9. Wexford Gas Consumers Company, (Ltd.) for lighting public lamps from 1st September, 1896, to 1st May, 1897, and also lamp in Batt street	306 5 0
211	10. Gainfort & Co., for Stationery supplied	0 18 11
212	11. Michael J. O'Connor, poundage on collection of Corporate Rents, including Rents of Artizans Dwellings	15 7 10
213	12. G. W. Taylor, Income Tax on Corporate property	7 11 9

Forward

£ 381. 2. 3

Brought Forward £ 384. 2. 3

214	13. M. J. Lewis, expenses incurred by him as ex-officio Inspector of Weights and Measures and as Inspector of Food and Drugs	-	1	15	8
216	14. John Falconer, advertising monthly Fairs in "A.B.C." Guide, to January, 1898	-	1	10	0
216	15. Matthew Harpur, Hardware, &c., supplied	-	2	5	1
217	16. Sinnott & Sons, executing repairs on Fountain at Fishmarket, and supplying Hardware, &c.	-	4	11	4
218	17. Free Press, for Advertising	-	4	8	1
219	18. People, for Advertising	-	4	19	4
220	19. Wexford Independent, for Advertising and Printing	-	4	14	8
221	20. W. H. McGuire, making Jumping Sheet for use of Fire Brigade, and supplying Paints Brooms, &c.	-	2	15	11
			£408 2 4		

PAYMENTS MADE BY FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BURIAL BOARD SINCE LAST QUARTERLY MEETING.

(ON BOROUGH TREASURER).

1. Scavenging Streets	-	-	£51	9	6
2. Limewashing Walls and Cutting Grass in Old Graveyards	-	-	7	12	0
3. Wages of Caretaker of Cemetery and Cost of Opening Graves, &c.	-	-	9	13	4
4. Wages of Caretaker of Bathing Place	-	-	5	6	8
5. Colouring Front of Tholsel and sundry repairs in Town Hall	-	-	1	14	0
6. Wages of Clerk of Works of Labourers' Dwellings	-	-	3	0	0
			£78 15 6		

Thomas Donohoe
Chairman
12th Vol 1894

5th August 1894

A statutable meeting of the Council was held this day pursuant to the provisions of the Wexford Harbour Acts to elect a Harbour Commissioner.

There were in attendance.

Joseph Lacy Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - William Simpson, Hugh McGuire

Councillors - John J. Kehoe, Patrick Ryan, Michael O'Connor, Benjamin Hughes, Richard Walsh

The Secretary of the Harbour Board notified that only one member had been nominated viz - Alderman Hugh McGuire.

On the motion of Councillor John J. Kehoe seconded by Councillor Ryan it was then

Resolved - That Captain Hugh McGuire be and is hereby elected a Harbour Commissioner to represent this Council for one year commencing this date by virtue of the provisions of the Wexford Harbour Act 1894.

Thomas Donohoe
Chairman
12th Vol 1894