

Minutes of further Adjourned Monthly (July) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on the 11th July 1941 pursuant to the following Notice sent to each member on the 9th July 1941 and to Order.

Dear Sir,

The further adjourned Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held at the Town Hall Wicklow on Friday the 11th inst at the hour of 8 p.m. when the following matters will be under consideration :-

1. Consideration of the making of the Rate as adopted and letter from the Department of Local Government declining to receive a deputation in connection with the reduction of the Estimates
- 2(a) To consider the adoption of a Scale of Charges for Water
2. To consider the request of the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to take over the management of the Wicklow Harbour.
3. To consider any further lettings of the Council's houses
4. To consider all matters dealing with the provision of adequate Fuel Supply
5. To consider report of progress of the works on the Foreshore and the question of raising the amount of the Property Owners contributions to the cost of same.
6. Any urgent correspondence

You are requested to attend said Meeting.

Yours faithfully

To :- Each Member, Wicklow U. D. C. J. McGrath, Town Clerk

Present :- Councillors J. Everett T.D. (Presiding), W. O'Grady, M. McMahon, J. O'Connor, J. Olohan, C. W. Hudson, A. Dunne, J. Clarke, T. J. Doran, R. B. Haskins.

Item 1.

The Letter from the Department of Local Government (G.16841/2/41) of 3rd July 1941 in reply to Town Clerk's letter of the 1st idem stating that the Minister does not agree that the attendance of the deputation to discuss the rate for the current financial year would serve any useful purpose and pointing out courses that might be adopted.

Letter from the Treasurer of the 7/7/41 asking to have the overdraft cleared by the 15/7/41.

The Council proceeded to examine the estimates in the light of the correspondence. The Town Clerk explained the loss on the Water undertaking and how a special rate might be levied on users and what is known as a Compulsory Rate on all and also a special charge for water for trade or non-domestic purposes. He advised a special rate in addition to rate already made for Water Users.

The Council declined to increase the Rates as already adopted but agreed to set apart 1/- of the P. Health charges as a Water Rate and to raise additional receipts from Water for non-domestic purposes. It was agreed that by counting on £160 from Water for non-domestic

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purposes, £40 increase in estimated receipts from Housing Subsidy £5 receipts from Scavenging, and by further reductions in P. Lighting ~~£24~~ (£26), Sewers (£40), Waterworks (£10) and ~~£10~~ on School Meals and Printing and a receipt of £30 from the Harbour Commissioners the 1/- reduction made in the Clerk's Estimate could be restored.

It was arranged that the Clerk readjust those figures accordingly and that the Rate be made a Special Meeting after the lapse of 14 days.

Item 1.(a)

After consideration of the Council's old scheme (1928) and the Schemes from Arklow and Bray the following Scales were unanimously agreed to :-

GARDENS :- 5/- per annum

DAIRIES & HAIRDRESSING ESTABLISHMENTS :- 5/- per basis (Minimum 10/-)
GENERAL TRADERS (P.L.V. £15 or Over) & DENTISTS :- £1 :- per annum
LICENSED PREMISES (including Golf Club),
CHEMISTS, BAKERS, VICTUALLERS, FACTORIES,
DISPENSARIES, GARAGES, AMUSEMENTS, etc :- £2 :10 :- per annum

HOTELS :- (Licensed) :- £3 per annum

TECHNICAL SCHOOL, POST OFFICE, GARDA BARRACKS,
CONVENT :- £5 per annum

SCHOOLS (4) :- £2:10 :- per annum

HOSPITALS (2) :- £10 per annum

The Town Clerk was instructed to negotiate agreements accordingly and in the absence of Agreement Meters to be put on and the parties objecting to pay 1/- per 1000 gallons over domestic average supply and also to pay a Meter Rent and cost of installing such meters; he was also instructed to collect for the current year -- the rental to be produced at a subsequent meeting. The Charges for those already using and paying for water to continue.

Item 2.

The Town Clerk explained that he had not been able to examine the matter as he would have liked but that in his opinion the ^{proposed} change over would not mean an amalgamation with the Council's business and that all that they could do was to change the personnel of the management to existing and future members of the ~~Harbour~~ Wicklow Urban District Council and that it would need to be made clear that the Council were not taking over as a charge on the Council's funds, future or present, any liabilities or establishment charges of the Harbour.

PROPOSED by Councillor R. B. Haskins, SECONDED by Councillor M. McMahon and passed unanimously :-

That having regard to the debts due to the Council by the Harbour Commissioners, the members of the Council are agreeable to transact the business of the Harbour provided that no additional standing charges accrue to the Council and that the Commissioners be asked to make a payment on foot of their indebtedness for Loans to the Council."

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Item 3.

Letter from Mrs Barton asking for a new house, and complaining of the pest of cockroaches in the house she at present occupies at Convent Road (the property of Mrs M. Doyle): the Town Clerk explained that a person had already been allotted and taken up a new house on those grounds (necessity for repair) from this house.

Order :- House to be examined by C.M.O.H. & Town Surveyor

Letter from Mrs O'Neill who stated that she lived with her husband and child with her mother and people at 7 Lower Strand Street, and asking for one of the vacant Bungalows at St Laurence's Road

Order :- Town Surveyor to examine if the house was overcrowded and if so the O'Neill family to get a house.

The Town Clerk reported that Mrs McCarthy, & Moses Kelly had been given new houses and that there were now only two vacant houses.

Item 4.

The Town Clerk reported that 21 tons of Fuel Timber had been taken into Jameson's Saw Mills and was cut in blocks there and that the cost (apart from Blocking) was £25 : 11 : 3 : that 97 tons 13 cwts of Turf had been carted from the station and trimmed in the Corn Company's yard at a cost of £19 : 2 : 9 for carting and trimming. The Town Surveyor had agreed to take the yard from the Corn Co. at £15 for 6 months. It was understood that the cost of the turf was 30/- per ton and carriage from Glenamady.

The Town Clerk reported that he was still engaged trying to get a quantity of sawn blocks from the Forestry Department at Rathdrum.

Order :- Noted; Town Clerk to continue to get all timber possible.

Item 5.

The Town Clerk reported that the expenditure to date on the Foreshore Works was £ 1268 : 13 : 9;

It was ordered that the Town Agent collect from the property owners after notice to them.

Item 6.

It was ordered that the Town Surveyor remedy the defects in the Footpath on the Lower Mall and make proper water channel.

The caretaking letting to Wm Hayden of Bond St House was approved.

It was ordered that the Public Convenience and Cloakroom should be open.

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Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held (pursuant to Requisition) on the 29th July 1941, the following notice having been sent to each member on the 25th July 1941.

Dear Sir,

A Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 29th inst at 8 p.m. :-

1. To make the Town and Poor Rates and Water Rate for the service of the year 1941/42

2. To deal with any matters of urgency such as provision of Fuel

You are requested to attend

To :- Each Member, Wicklow U. D. C. J. McGrath, T. Clerk

Present :- Councillors J. Everett T. D., W. O'Grady, C.W. Hudson, T.J. Doran A. Dunne, J. O'Connor, J. Olohan, M. McMahon.

Item 1.

PROPOSED by Councillor C. W. Hudson SECONDED by Councillor ~~James Everett~~ Ml. McMahon and

passed :-

(a) That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council do hereby make the following Rates and assessments upon all occupiers and owners of all lands and other hereditaments situate in the Urban District of Wicklow liable thereto, for the year ending the 31st of March 1942 viz, a TOWN RATE of 164 pence in the £ whereof 7d is for the repayment of Wicklow Harbour Loans including Special Loan under the Wicklow Harbour Advances Act 1897, 18 pence is for the repayment of Foreshore Loans (money borrowed for the relief of Unemployment and to execute works for the protection of the Council's property), 20 pence is for necessary expenditure under the Towns Improvement (Ir.) Act 1854, Local Government Acts 1898, 1925 etc., (provision being made for 12d for Urban Roads and Public Works), 12 pence is for Water, 91 pence is for expenditure under the Public Health Acts (including repayment of Loans for the purposes of same), and 16 pence is for the repayment of Loans raised to pay arrears of debts

(b) That we the Members of the Wicklow Urban District Council make for the year ending the 31st of March 1942 on all property in the Urban District of Wicklow, rateable thereto under the provisions of the Local Government Acts 1898, 1925 and all Acts incorporated therewith or extending or amending same, a POOR RATE collectable as such of 107.7 pence in the £ made up as follows :-

22.4	25.4	pence	in respect of	Roads
	32.6	"	"	" County Services
	45.4	"	"	" Poor Relief
	4.29	"	"	" Board of Health

all being GENERAL CHARGES and POOR RATES for SEPARATE CHARGES (Charges as follows :-

4.05 pence in respect of Wicklow Harbour
leviable over all the Wicklow Urban
Area
.25 pence in respect of Rathdrum Union
Loans leviable over all the Wicklow
Urban Area

That the said Poor Rates shall be leviable in two Moieties viz., the first Moiety and arrears of previous Poor Rates payable on the publication of the required Notice and the second payable on the 1st of October 1941 and that Notices of the said Rates (Town & Poor) having been made shall be published as required by law and that the Common Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Statements at the foot of the Poor Rate and Town Rate Books of the Wicklow Urban District Council for the year 1941/42.

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Item 2.

Read correspondence from the County Surveyor ~~xxxx~~ requesting the Council to take 1000 Tons of Turf.

Order :- Inform the County Surveyor that the Council have a yard engaged at the North Quay and that pending fixing of price for Turf, the Council will give him liberty to clear from the bogs into it 1000 tons of Turf.

The Town Clerk stated that he had been offered a quantity of oak trees in a wood about 4½ miles from the Town and was invited to inspect.

Order :- Chairman, Councillor Hudson and Town Clerk to inspect and report back.

Letter from the Department of Agriculture granting a Licence for the holding of the July monthly Fair in Wicklow on the 29th July 1941.

Read

Applications of --D'Arcy Kilmantin Hill for one of the new Bungalows at St Laurence's Road. The Town Clerk stated that Thos. Carton was also looking for a new house and that he was awaiting a report from Dr. and Engineer following their inspection of Carton's house at Convent Road.

Order :- House to be given to D'Arcy if qualified

Letter from the Minister P.&T. re telegraphic line on Newcastle Road
Refer to the Town Surveyor..

The Town Clerk was instructed to apply to the Traffic Manager G.S.Ry.s for excursion trains for August Bank Holiday to support the Annual Regatta and also for the Sunday excursion train as usual.

It was agreed that the Council retain the use of the Murrough for the Regatta this year and that the Town Sergeant and Town Agent collect.

A letter from P. Keogh of Dunbur House re trespass from the Quarry field at the Glen was referred to the Town Sergeant.

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Town Clerk

CONFIRMED

James Everett

CHAIRMAN

Minutes of Monthly (AUGUST) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on the 8th August 1941 pursuant to Notice sent to each member on the 1st August 1941 as follows :-

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 5th inst at 7. p.m.

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 5th August 1941 at the hour of 7.30 p.m. when the following matters will be under consideration :-

1. To confirm Minutes of Meetings held in July 1941.
 2. To consider Lettings of vacant cottages at St Laurence's Rd
 3. To consider further the provision of Fuel and an offer of other oak tree -s in a wood near Ashford
 4. To consider Draft Rental for Water Charges
 5. Correspondence
 6. Reports of Officers and (7) Free Milk applications
- You are requested to attend said Meetings and to NOTE that in the absence event of there being no quorum present the Meetings will be adjourned to the same hours on Friday the 8th inst
- Yours faithfully
John McGrath, Town Clerk
- To :- Each Member Wicklow U. D. C

Owing to the 5th inst being August Bank Holiday a quorum failed to attend and the Town Clerk in the exercise of his powers in such circumstances and as arranged for such an eventuality adjourned the meetings to the same hours on Friday the 8th August 1941

Present :- Councillors J. Everett T. D. (Presiding), J. Olohan, C.W. Hudson
A. Dunne J. Clarke

Item 1.

Minutes Confirmed . The following report and recommendations were confirmed :-
(Committee Meeting at the Meeting of the 21/7/41)

The Town Clerk's arrangement for drawing of Fuel Timber from Croneyburn were confirmed.

Councillor Hudson was appointed to go around with Town Agent to collect Foreshore contributions.

Item 2.

Applications were received from John Doyle, The Mall, Mrs Carton convent Road
Joseph D'Arcy Kilmantin Hill, John Reid, E. Kavanagh, Kathleen Davis

Orders :- John Doyle to be granted a house on the grounds that he is occupying rooms in a house contrary to Overcrowding Bye-laws
Serve Notice under Sec 19 of the 1931 Act on Mrs Morgan and request the owner not to allow ~~more~~ any person with a family to occupy the house and give Jos. D'Arcy a house

Item 3.

Read letter from the Forestry Department dated the 31/7/41 wherein it appeared that the Rathdrum Mills were directed to supply blocks
Read letter of the 21/7/41 from the County Surveyor in which he stated that he hoped to be able to supply turf within the next few days and that he would do his utmost to provide as much as possible against the Council's estimate and that the price would be only sufficient to recoup Co Council

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Orders :- Town Clerk to endeavour to get as much Fuel Timber as possible from Rathdrum Saw Mills and Chairman & Councillor G. W. Hudson and Town Clerk to be authorised to negotiate for the wood at Ashford

Ask the County Surveyor to deliver 500 tons of Turf into the yard at ~~South Quay~~ North Quay immediately.

Item 4.

The Town Clerk read in full the draft rental prepared by him in accordance with the Council's Scale.

Order : Draft Rental approved of

Item 5. (Correspondence)

The following letters from the Department of Local Government and Public Health were submitted and dealt with as shown :-

Letter P.H. 20668/2/9 inquiring as to the present position of the post as to the Inspector under the Shops (Conditions of Employment) Act 1938 the duties of which were assigned to Mr B, O'Toole for 12 months commencing on the 1st July 1940

Order : Arrangement to continue for a further year

H. /41 of the 23/5/41 dealing with the uncollectible balances found by the Auditor in the Rentals

Order : Rentals to be examined

H.13069/2/41 of 16/7/41 inquiring re action taken on Inspector's report on the 34 houses and Town Clerk's reply of 18/7/41

Noted and approved of

Circ. Letter No.96/41 of 11/7/41 enclosing copy of the Milk & Dairies (Amendment) Regulations 1941 Letter 3092 of the 13th May 1941 dealing with Sec 13 of the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act 1931 --quinqueennial valuation to have effect commencing 1st of April 1942 (From Valuation Office)


Read

The Town Clerk pointed out that he was not accepting the declaration of the Council in connection with his application recorded on Minutes of the 7th November 1939 in the sense that he was in any way debarred from carrying on his private practice as a Solicitor as heretofore. The letter from the Department ~~might~~ dealing with the matter might be so interpreted. In November 1939 he was principally interested in the possibility of Bonus and this now appeared to be remote.

Order :- Council have no objection to the Town Clerk carrying on as heretofore

Letter of the 17th July 1941 from E. J. H. Hopkins asking for separate Leases for Mr Howard and Mr Williamson --both formerly held on one Lease at £5 : 19: 6

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 Order :- Granted with usual 25% increase

Read Letter from the Department of Local Government & P. H. (G.2290/9/41) of 12/7/41 stating that it was noted by the Clerk's letter of the 10th idem what steps were being taken to deal with the financial position and asking for an estimate of the revenue expected from the Water Charges

Read

Resolution from the National A. & Industrial B. Association of the 24/10/1939.

Again approved of (See Minutes of 7/11/39)

Letter from Department of Agriculture of 27/5/41 dealing with Allotments

Read

Item 6

Reports received and read from Town Sergeant & S.S.O., Waterworks Overseer and Rent Collector.

Item 7.

Applications ruled on

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Town Clerk

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Chairman

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held
 on Tuesday the ^{2nd} ~~1st~~ of SEPTEMBER 1941, the following Notice having been sent
 to each member on the 30th August 1941.

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Dear Sir, Finance & G. Purposes Committee of
 The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council
 will be held on Tuesday the ~~1st~~ 2nd prox at 7 p.m.
 The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be
 held on ~~R~~ Tuesday the 2nd prox at the hour of 7.30 p.m to deal with the
 following :-

1. To confirm Minutes of Meeting held on the 9/8/41
2. To consider the question of Provision of Fuel for the Town
3. To consider questions arising out of the delivery of the Trailer Pump and equipment now in the Council's Store .
4. Correspondence .
5. Reports of Officers.
6. Free Milk Applications.

You are requested to attend said Meetings .

To :- Each Member, Wicklow U. D. C.

Yours faithfully

J. McGrath, T. Clerk

Present :- Councillors J. Everett T. D. (Presiding) , C. W. Hudson,
 W. O'Grady, J. O'ohan , J. O'Connor

Item.1.

Minutes confirmed

Item 2.

The Town Clerk read correspondence with the County Council dealing with
 the Council's Order for 500 tons of turf in which it appeared that the price
 of Turf on the bog was 35/- per ton. He also explained that he had taken the
 necessary steps to have the turf stored and covered with rushes or reeds
 kindly given gratis by Halpin's Tinnakilly and he inquired if they would now
 pay the County Council. He also pointed out that under new regulations
 which he saw on the press , the County Council nor the Urban Council were
 not at liberty to sell turf at all.

Order :- Adjourn the question of paying the County Council until the
 position is cleared by the Government and until it is
 represented to the County Council that they should not
 charge as much to the Urban Council as to ordinary merchants
 or private consumers.

Item.3.

The Town Clerk reported that the Trailer Pump and equipment was delivered
 on the 28th of August 1941 and read the letter from the County Secretary

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of the 27th of August 1941 dealing with the conditions etc under which it was delivered.

Order :- Adjourn the question of the management pending the putting into force of the County Council's A.R.P. Scheme

Item .5.

Reports were read from the Waterworks Overseer and Sanitary Sub.Officer.

The Town Clerk reported that he had received only one inquiry in connection with his advertisement for Onions for the School Meals viz from Thomas Doyle of Merrymeeting . He had at first agreed to supply at 7/- per stone but withdrew his tender and now required 9/- per stone . He had seen a sample of the onions and they appeared to be good.

Order :- Accept.

The Town Clerk reported the result of proceedings at the District Court against tenants for the possession viz

Edward McEvoy --Order for possession with stay until the 18th Nov.1941

Christopher Murphy :- Like Order.

Mrs Susan Vickers --Adjourned to the 18th November she to pay £1 per month off the arrears as well as current rent

William Canavan :--- Adjourned to 18/11/41 he having paid £1 off arrears and to pay 5/- per week until cleared

Thomas Kelly :--- Adjourned to 18/11/41 , she to pay 10/- per week off the arrears : already two weeks had been missed

He asked for instructions in respect of the pending case of Mary Hollingsworth and it was left in his hands to get an order for possession with a long stay.

The proposals for payment were than considered and passed and the remainder of the agenda was adjourned.

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Town Clerk

Confirmed

-----CHAIRMAN

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 23rd of September 1941 pursuant to the following notice sent to each member on the 19th September 1941.

Dear Sir,

A Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 23rd inst at 7.30 p.m. to deal with the following :-

1. Fuel Scheme including proposals for payment to the County Council for Turf already delivered , making further provision for Fuel Timber etc.
2. To consider any necessary arrangements to be made for the use of the Trailer Pum and equipment , supplied by the Department of Defence and stored in the Council's store at the Town Hall.
3. To consider the restoration of the Public Lighting system in whole or in part.
4. To consider further the request of the Harbour Commissioners that the Council take over management of the Wicklow Harbour
5. Correspondence adjourned from monthly Meeting.

As the matters above are important and urgent it is hoped you will be able to attend

Yours faithfully

To:- Each Member, Wicklow U. D. C.

J. McGrath, Town Clerk

Present :- Councillors J. Everett T. D. (Presiding) , W. O'Grady , C. W. Hudson, R. B. Haskins, A. Dunne, J. Olohan and J. Clarke.

Item. 1.

The Town Clerk reported on the provision made already and the cost of such provision : stating that 34 tons of Timber and 360 tons of Turf had been put in store at a total cost of £49 :11:3 and £855 : 4:10 respectively He also reported that he had written the County Council ~~xxx~~ asking for a reduction of the cost of the Turf (by letter of the 19/9/41) but that to date he had not received any reply. He further reported that they had been dis-appointed by the owner of the Bel Air Oak wood in respect of which they had been negotiating with John Clarke Auctioneer. It was arranged to pay the accounts to date and the Town Clerk was instructed to advertise for Timber delivered in blocks or in convenient lengths at Wicklow.

Item. 2.

The Town Clerk reported on the necessity for completing arrangements for the use and practice of the Fire-fighting equipment delivered by the Department of Defence . He read his letter to the County Secretary of the 19th September last on the subject and the reply of the County Secretary of the 22nd inst with Copy of the A.R. P. Scheme he had drafted . He also

referred to the letter of the 26th August 1941 from the County Secretary in which he intimated that the pump "will be operated whenever necessary by the Auxiliary Fire Services to be organised by your Urban Council". The Town Clerk then read a list of the approved panel of men for fire fighting in the Town and stated that he learned from John De Courcey, the Waterworks Overseer, that he was fully cognisant with the equipment and how to operate the pump but that it would be necessary to have another man selected to be able to operate the engine.

The panel of men was approved of again and it was agreed that Edward McGrainor of High Street would be the most suitable of them to take charge of the Engine in the absence of John De Courcey or under the latter should he be present. Mr B. O'Toole Town Sergeant to continue as chief Fire Brigade Officer with J. Courcey as his assistant and in the absence of the Council they to take any necessary instructions from the Town Surveyor and Town Clerk.

The question of giving permission to the Wicklow Group of the Local Security Force to have practices with the equipment was raised and ~~was~~ discussed. The Chairman left the Chair at this stage and the meeting broke up without transacting any further business.

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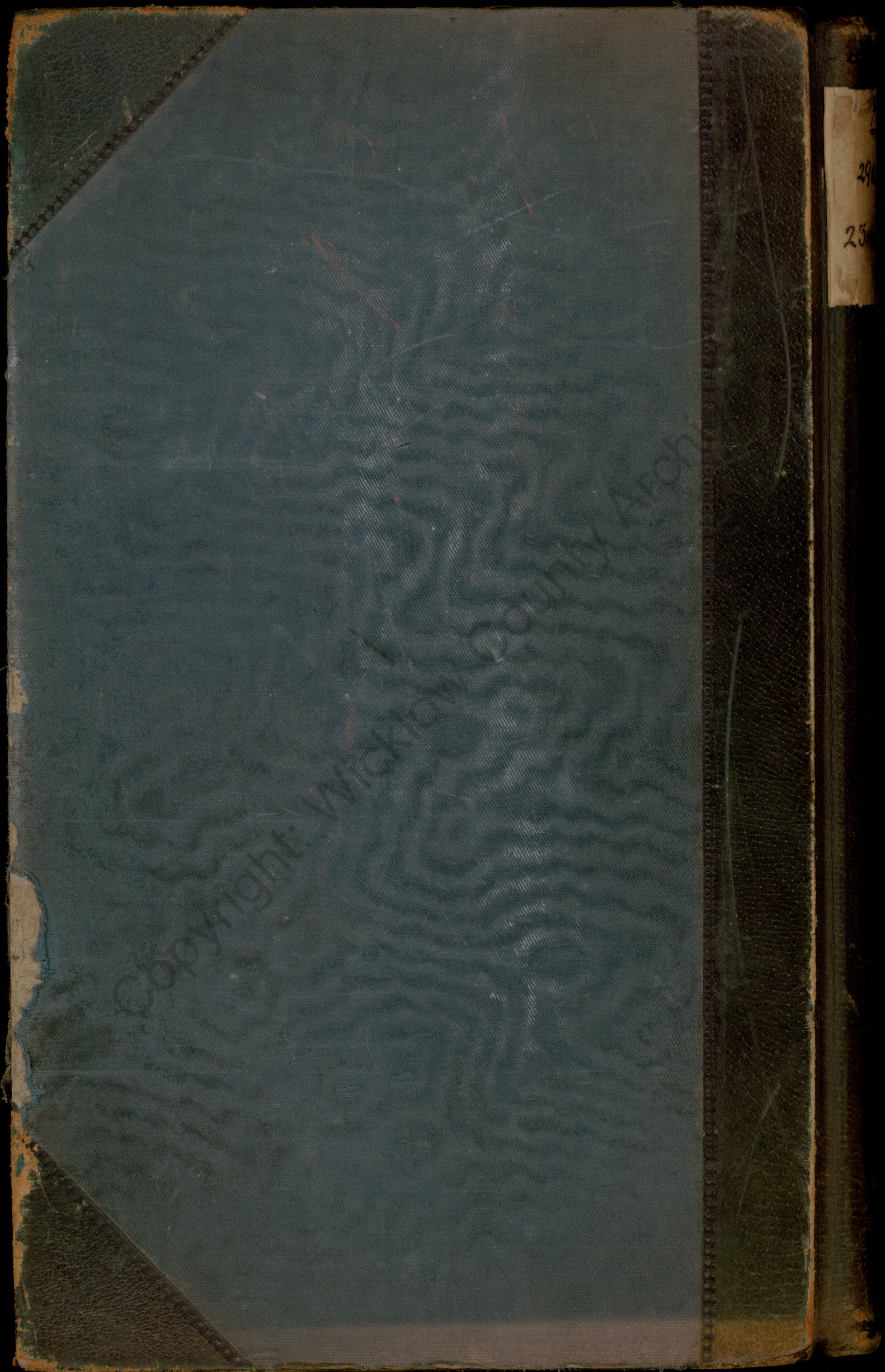
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Town Clerk

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Chairman

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