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Town Hall Wicklow
1st January 1894

The usual monthly meeting of the Town Commissioners was held this day in pursuance to notice

Members present Mr. Thos D'Arcy Chairman Messrs John Nolan, Wm Desaix Peter Doolittle, Gerald Byrne, Peter J. Byrne, Jonathan Watchorne, Christopher Murray, C. J. Kerr, Dr. Byrne, Wm Gregg, T. G. Fellettie, S. M. Kent, N. H. Haskins, Mark Byrne, John Passant, Garret Byrne, & John Neill.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read over, they were ordered by the Board to be Signed, after which the usual monthly business was proceeded with viz—

No1 To receive Finance Committee Report
2 " Sanitary Officers Ditto
3 " Miscellaneous Correspondence
4 The appointment of a Solicitor
5 To receive Tender for Sewer in Main Street
6 " " Cleaning Streets
7 " Mr. Chapman relative to the Corporation Estate

Town Hall Wicklow
29th December 1893

The usual Finance Meeting was held this evening Members present Mr. Thomas D'Arcy Chairman Messrs E. N. Wynne, Wm Desaix Thomas J. Fellettie and Christopher Murray

Having examined the petty cash account, Market & Bank accounts we recommend the following sums be paid.

Francis William Macphail	one months Salary	£ 5. 0. 0	
Same	Petty Cash	9. 12. 4	
Michael Doyle	one months Salary	3. 15 "	
Edward O'Connor	ditto	5. " "	
Patrick Brien	Tender for cleaning Streets	3 10 "	
Jonkl. C. Luscombe	Interest on Mortgage	263. 5 "	
Board of Works	do on Loan	199. 19 3	
		£ 490. 1. 7	

Overdrawing our account to the amount of Six pounds thirteen shillings and eleven pence. —

Proposed by John Nolan, seconded by Peter Doolittle and resolved. That the report of the Finance Meeting be adopted.

Read Medical Officer of Heatths Report as follows.

I hereby report to you the unsanitary state of Mr James McDonnell's yard Main Street and I recommend this drain to be put in proper order

Dated this 30th day of December 1893
James. H. Halpin
Medical Officer of Health

Proposed by John Nolan and seconded by John Passant & resolved That the Sanitary Officers be requested to serve notices in the case of the sewer leading to Main Street

Second Report. I hereby report to you the unsanitary state of Summer Hill, and I recommend the road to be put in proper order and a channel for surface water to be constructed

Dated this 30th day of December 1893
James. H. Halpin

It was unanimously resolved to refer the matter to the Managing Committee

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Read Sub Sanitary Officers Report as follows

Wicklow 1st January 1894

Mr Chairman & Gentlemen,

I respectfully beg to report to your Board that with the exception of a few cases of scarlet fever which are isolated and under Medical treatment your Town and district is in a fairly healthy condition. The unsanitary state of Strand Street Murrough relative to the surface water; Stench traps require your consideration. I had twice during the year and on Sundays to employ a man assisted by your Scavenger to open a drain to relieve the Street from storm water. I would suggest to your Board that two additional sink traps be placed in the water channel as this portion of the Street is solely depending on one grating which is perfectly inadequate for the purpose. A number of complaints have been made to me by house-holders relative to the want of water for sanitary purposes I have been requested to ask your Board to give an additional hours supply in the afternoon. — The public lighting of the Town received considerable attention, however as requested I give you a few samples as to the extinguishing December 7th all out at 10.55 o'block; 13th 10.50 o'block; 25th 10.50 o'block; 27th 10.50 o'block.
I made usual inspections during the month visiting forty premises and served four notices for abatement of nuisance and disinfected three houses. The Medical Officer's attention I have directed to some sanitary matters

Michael Doyle Sub Sanitary Officer.

It was resolved that the Managing Committee visit Summer Hill at the same time as Strand Street

Proposed by L. M. Kent, seconded by William Desaix and resolved That the Gas Company be written to in reference to the 7 lamps not lighted, also to the fact that the lamps are extinguished too soon.

Read Water-works Caretakers report.

Read letter from Water-rate Collector submitting claim for collection of water-rate for the year 1893

Proposed by John Nolan, seconded by Peter Doolittle and resolved That the account presented by our water-rate Collector for collecting water rate 1893 be paid.

Proposed by Peter J. Byrne, seconded by William Desaix and resolved That we call on the County Authorities to keep the road from the goal through High Street to Mr Joseph Smyth's corner in proper sanitary condition.

Proposed by William Desaix, seconded by L. M. Kent and resolved That the water boots required namely three pairs by the Waterworks caretaker be procured for him, brass tap for pipe on east pier and fountain for end of Market House. —

Read letter from Irish National Educational Commissioners, giving the names of the four members appointed by them on the School attendance Committee. viz Rev Canon Dillon P.P Messrs Joseph McCarroll, Peter O'Brien & the Rev Starkie

Proposed by William Desaix, seconded by John Nolan and resolved That we the Town Commissioners of Wicklow enter our protest against, and express our astonishment and dissatisfaction at the unfair manner in which the Commissioners of National Education nominates their half of the School attendance Committee, and we would ask them to reconsider their nominations as our opinion that the exclusion of the Rector of this Parish, the Rev Canon Rourke Manager of the No 2 National School, who has been connected with the Educational work in this Town for upwards of thirty five years and is intimately acquainted with the circumstances of a large portion of the people of this locality, is likely to have an injurious effect on the cause of Education and calculated to engender dis-satisfaction which we by dividing our nominations between the various creeds and parties did our utmost to avoid. —

The Town Clerk was directed to write a strong letter accompanying resolution

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On the motion of Wm Desais it was unanimously resolved to adopt the resolution of the Rathmines Commissioners with reference to the Government defraying half the cost of working Education act. —

The next business was the appointment of a Solicitor as per Advertisement There were three Applicants namely Messrs John. K. Tormey, Joseph a Mulhall and Frank Kennedy
Each Gentleman having been proposed and seconded a vote was taken Mulhall 9, Kennedy 7. Tormey 2. Finial Mulhall 10. Kennedy 8. Showing a clear for Mr Mulhall of 2 he was therefore declared elected

Proposed by John Nolan, seconded by William Desais and resolved That Mr Mulhall as our Solicitor be appointed conditionally, for one year subject to the decision of Mr. Drury Auditor as to the legality of the appointment at a Salary of Fifty pounds according to his Tender. —

Proposed by William Desais, seconded by John Neill and resolved That Patrick Briens tender of Three pounds ten Shillings for cleaning Streets month of January 1894 be accepted.

Read letter from Mr Drury stating he would attend at the Town Hall Wicklow on the 23rd January 1894 for the purpose of Auditing the Town Commissioners Accounts year ending 31st December 1893.

Notice of motion Mr John Nolan handed in the following. I give notice that I will move, at our next monthly meeting and bring before you for your consideration, the recent action of the Directors of D. W. & W Railway Co. in withdrawing all passenger trains from the old Railway Station on the Murrough, which is a disadvantage and loss to the Inhabitants. Furthermore it is a breach of the original agreement, on their part, as the ground was obtained for the purpose of a Railway on which passenger trains were to run

Cheque to Michael Coyle for collection of £ 504. 11-1 rates-rate at 2½ per cent Fourteen pounds, seventeen Shillings and nine pence.

Proposed by W. Desais seconded by N. Hastkins and resolved That this meeting Stands adjourned to the 4th Inst at 7.30 o'clock pm.

Thos A Darcy Chairman

The Adjourned Meeting fell through for want of a Quorum The following members attended Thomas D'arcy, Peter Doolittle, John Neill, Mark Byrne and Thomas J. Jellett

Town Hall Wicklow
16th January 1894

A Special meeting of the Board was called this evening on requisition Members present- Mr Thomas D'arcy Chairman Messrs Edward N. Wynne, Mark Byrne, John Neill, Nicholas N. Hastkins, Christopher Murray, Jonathan Watchorne, Thomas J. Jellett and Peter Doolittle.

Proposed by E. N. Wynne, Seconded by Thomas J. Jellett and resolved That Mr Pansing be employed to make out and supply all plans maps, drawings and Specifications required by paragraphs 1. 2. 3. 4 & 5 of the Local government-Boards Schedule page 3. in accordance with the Requirements of said Board, and that he be directed to Supply the Same in Duplicate No 1 For the sewer in the Main Street at Mr Jarret Byrne's including the branch from the Green Tree Hotel 2 The sewer at Summer Hill 3. The sewer at Wentworth Place 4 The sewer at Bridge Street, 5 The urinals and closets at Market House with as little delay as possible and that we pay him therefor the sum of Five pounds ten Shillings

The question of an ambulance car for removal of patients to the Fever Hospital was adjourned to the next monthly meeting

Thos A Darcy Chairman

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Town Hall Wicklow
5th February 1894

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held this day in pursuance to notice

Members present. Mr Thomas D'arcy Chairman, Messrs William Desaix Peter Doolittle, Edward N Wynne, John Neill, John Nolan, Jarret Byrne Charles J. Kerr, Christopher Murray, Jonathan Watchorn & N. Haskins

The minutes of the former meeting having been read over they were ordered by the Board to be Signed; after which the usual monthly business was proceeded with viz –

No 1 To receive Finance Committee Report.
2 " Auditors Ditto.
3 " Sanitary Officers Ditto.
4 " Miscellaneous Correspondence.
5 " Tender for Sewer in Main St.
6 " Mr Chapman re various matters.
7 " Mr Nolan's notice of motion re Railway Co
8 " Tender for cleaning Streets
9 " To make provision for carrying out Common Lodging Houses "Bye Laws" &c

Town Hall Wicklow 2nd February 1894

The usual Finance Meeting was held this evening in pursuance to notice Members present- Mr Th.s D'arcy Chairman Messrs E.N. Wynne Wm Desaix and Th.s J. Jellett

Having examined the Accts sent in we recommend the following be paid.

		£	s	d
Francis McCarthy	One months Salary	5	0	0
Same	Petty cash	10	19	5
Michael Doyle	One months Salary	3	15	"
Edward O'Connor	Ditto	5	0	0
Patrick Brien	Tender for cleaning Streets	3	10	0
William McCarthy	Amt of Printing Account	11	1	6
"Irish Times"	Advertising Xmas Market	"	14	"
Messrs Thom & Co	Sanitary Notices	"	6	11
Glenfield & Co	Amt of Acct up to date	12	7	9
Wicklow Gas Co	Balance of Public Lighting	27	1	0
	Total £	79	15	7

Your Finance Committee have at last for the first time, since their election had a copy of the Rental of the Town Property before them, and find that there is an amount of £478. 1. 11½ arrears of rent on the 29th September last, which we consider most excessive, The Auditor has also drawn attention to these Arrears. This amount is made up as follows Yearly lettings £390. 2/1, other lettings £6. 7/8, Old Monthly lettings £7. 10/- Nere do £23. 14/8, Grazing Lands £50. 7/6
We consider that in the case of the grazing lands the sum of Fifty pounds seven shillings and six pence arrears on a rental of £82. 17/6 is quite unwarrantable and most undesirable evening the interests of the Tenants themselves. We fully endorse the Auditors comment that increased activity on the part of the Agent is urgently necessary. Our balance in Bank after paying above accounts will be only £41. 6/7 instead of over £500 if above arrears were cleared off.

Signed Thomas D'arcy Chairman
Wm Desaix
E N. Wynne
Th.s J. Jellett.

Dated this 2nd day of February 1894

Before the usual business was proceeded with E. N. Wynne proposed seconded by John Nolan and passed unanimously – That we the Town Commissioners of Wicklow, hereby express our deep and sincere sorrow at the very great loss we and this Town and District, have sustained in the death of our honoured and esteemed Townsman, the late Captain Robert C Halpin C. L. R.N.R, who was in the true sense a friend and benefactor of the people of this neighbourhood and we tender our heart-felt sympathy to his widow and family in their affliction.

The Town Clerk was directed to forward a copy of this resolution together with a letter of condolence to Mrs Halpin.

Proposed by John Nolan, seconded by John Neill and resolved. That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

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The Willows Terenure
24th January 1894

Gentlemen

I have the honour to inform you that I have audited the accounts of the Wicklow Town Commissioners for the year ended 31st Dec 1893 and I forward herewith a certified Abstract thereof setting forth the particulars of Income and Expenditure of the Commissioners during that period in considerable detail.

I am again in a position to report favorably upon the manner in which the Accounts have been prepared and were presented for Audit by the Town Clerk. The Collector of water rates appears also to have performed that and his other duties in a satisfactory manner.

The condition of the rental of the Corporate Estate is improved but there is still necessity for watchfulness on the part of the Commissioners and increased activity on the part of the Agent so as to avoid loss of income which ought to be duly collected. I trust that when the accounts of the current year come to be Audited a very considerable improvement and diminution in the amount of the outstanding arrears will be observable

I have the honour to be Gentlemen
Your Obt Servant
James W Drury Jnr Auditor

To the Local Government Board. Dublin.

Proposed by John Nolan, seconded by William Desaix and resolved That the Abstract of the Accounts of the Town Commissioners Wicklow be advertised as usual in the two Wicklow papers The "News Letter" and Wicklow People

Proposed by William Desaix, seconded by John Nolan and resolved That an ambulance car be required for the conveyance of patients suffering from infectious disease to Fever Hospital and that same be stored by the Town Commissioners in some isolated place, and be fumigated after each using

Proposed by William Desaix, seconded by Jonathan Watchorne and resolved. That a copy of the Casement Mortgage Deeds be procured from Messrs Collis & Ward and that the sum of £2. 2/- be paid for same.

Wicklow 5th Feb 1894

Mr Chairman & Gentlemen

I respectfully beg to report to your Board that your Town and District relative to Public Health is fairly good. The public lighting of the Town during the month appears to have received a little attention especially in the lighting and extinguishing which appears to fall in with the resolution of your Board. One of the lamps that I have reported to your Board as not been lighted from the commencement has been put in order which reduces the number to six. Gentlemen I notice that your Safe especially the side wall next the street is both wet and damp your Secretary will bear this out. I made usual inspections during the month visiting sixty houses and premises & served five notices under the Public Health Act for abatement of nuisance

Michael Doyle Sub Sanitary Officer

It was decided to refer the cementing of Town Hall to Managing Committee

Read Waterworks Caretakers report, showing that the reservoir wants 9 feet 3 inches of overflow which leaves 15ft 9 in over filtering beds Mr Wynne drew the attention of the Board to the fact that the diagram presented by Edward Brennor afforded no information to the Commissioners inasmuch as the columns set apart for that purpose had not been filled in.

Read copy of resolution adopted by the Newtownards Commissioners relative to the government defraying the full cost of the working of the Education Act.
Proposed by Jonathan Watchorne, seconded by John Nolan & resolved That this Board adopt the resolution passed by the Newtownards Town Commissioners

Read resolution passed by the Municipal Council of Cork relative to the american Mail Service

Proposed by Wm Desaix seconded by John Neill and resolved. That we adopt the resolution passed by the Cork Commissioners and promise to give them all the support in our power.

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Local Government Board. Dublin
30th January 1894

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform the Sanitary Authority that the Cholera Hospitals (Ireland) Act, 1893 (56 & 57 Vic cap 13) a copy of which was forwarded to the Sanitary Authority with the Boards letter of the 30th June last, is continued until the 31st day of December next by section 1 of the expiring Laws Continuance Act 1893.

I am your obt Servant
Thomas A. Morney Secretary

Read letter from Mrs Catherine Mullen relative to her premises the Mall Wicklow. The Town Clerk was directed to write to her to the effect that the Town Commissioners would grant her a 31 years lease on the same terms as Messrs Ryder & Wall provided she carried out the agreement

Read Tender for Sewer in Main St as follows

Gentlemen,

I propose to excavate and build the new Sewer in Brick and concrete with granite flagging new in position to be pointed int. 96 yards long according to the plan and specification for same and to the satisfaction of the Engineer for the Sum of One hundred and thirty four pounds

I also propose to supply and set where directed three large metal gully traps with granite curbing &c for the Sum of Two pounds Ten Shillings each £ 7. 10. 0

Michael Clarke Church St Wicklow

Proposed by John Nolan seconded by E. N. Wynne and resolved. That the Tender for the Sewer in Main St be submitted to the Managing Committee for their consideration assisted by Mr Pansing the Engineer to see that the Junction from the Green Tree be included in Mr Clarkes Tender, and that the Managing Committee be empowered to readvertise same if necessary before next meeting of Board or report to same, If the Tender includes the above Junction and that Mr Pansing approves of the price the Committee be empowered to accept same if they think fit

Proposed by John Nolan, Seconded by Jonathan Watchorne and resolved That the House in Irish Town be left to the Managing Committee to report thereon.

Proposed by Edward N. Wynne, seconded by John Neild and resolved That notice be served by our agent on the Dublin W & Wexford Railway Co that we will require the excavations on the Murrough made by them to be filled up again and to cease further excavations

Mr Nolans notice of motion relative to the Railway Co running no trains from the old station on the Murrough was referred to the Managing Committee

Read Tender from Patrick Brien for cleaning Streets month of Feb

Proposed by William Dessix, seconded by Jonathan Watchorne and resolved That Patricks Briens Tender of Three pounds ten Shillings for cleaning Streets month of February be accepted

The following Notice of motion was Landed in by Mr John Nolan That owing to the Auditor Mortgagee and Agent clashing with the resolution appointing a Solicitor and from the information afforded this Board as to the powers of the Mortgagees touching same by Mr Chapman Agent I give notice that I will at our next monthly meeting propose the rescinding of the appointment of Mr Mulhall

Proposed by William Dessix seconded by Jonathan Watchorne and resolved That this meeting stands adjourned to Friday Evening 9th Instant at 7. 30 oblock pm.

Thos D'Arcy Chairman

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Town Hall Wicklow
9th February 1894

A meeting of the Managing Committee was held this day Members present- Mr. Thos Darcy Chairman Messrs John Nolan, Wm. Desaix & Nicholas Haskins

The Committee are of opinion that the Tender for the sewer in Main Street is excessive and recommend that it be not dealth with until the loan is completed. —

Having examined Mr Mulhall's bill of costs we recommend that owing to some of the items been pending we are not in a position to deal with it until the different cases are settled by him.

We recommend that the outside of the Town Hall and Market House be properly cemented, work to be advertised and completed by contract. —

The Committee recommend the Town Commissioners to draw the attention of the Dublin Wicklow & Wexford Railway Co to the very unsatisfactory running of trains from and to Wicklow Town viz 1st The withdrawing of the first morning train from the old Station at the Murrough, that train was most desirable to many parties going to Town 2nd The 9 o'clock goods train from the old station to which was attached a third class carriage on Wednesday and largely used by the buyers attending the Wicklow Market. 3rd A late train at night leaving Dublin would also be a great accomodation viz the last train to Greystones to continue on as far as Wicklow — The withdrawal of all the passenger trains from the old station at Wicklow is viewed by the Town Commissioners as a breach of good faith on the part of the Railway Co inasmuch as it was guaranteed by their Lawyers when seeking powers from the Government to make the new station at Bolarney that the Dublin & Wicklow Railway Co would not withdraw all the passenger trains from running to and from the old Murrough Station

The Committee having visited Summer Hill recommend that a sufficiently good water table be constructed for the purpose of carrying away any surplus water — also that we ask Mr McCall to give an estimate for the repairing of the roof and chimney of two houses in Irish Town. Further we recommend that two stench traps be put in Strand St one at each side cost not to exceed £2 each

Signed

Town Hall Wicklow
9th February 1894

An adjourned meeting of the Board was held this evening in pursuance to notice Members present- Mr Thos Darcy Chairman Messrs William Desaix, Mark Byrne, John Neill, Nicholas G. Haskins Thos G. Fellettie and Walter Roache.

Proposed by Walter Roache seconded by John Neill and resolved That the report of the Managing Committee be adopted

Proposed by Walter Roache seconded by Thos G Fellettie and resolved That Mr Michael Doyle be appointed Inspector of Common Lodging Houses at the annual Salary of ten pounds. —

Read letter and resolution from the Teachers Association as follows

Resolved That we beg to return to Thomas Darcy Esq Chairman of the Wicklow Town Commissioners for his very great Kindness in granting the use of the Town Hall for our County Meeting for the gracious manner in which the priviledges was granted by him to our Chairman Mr Eugene Moriarity and for his Kind expressions of Sympathy with the cause of the National School Teachers

Signed on behalf of the Association
Mathew Murtagh
County Secretary

Mr William Desaix handed in the following notice of motion Take notice that I will at our next meeting bring under the notice of the Town Commissioners the advisability of converting the top room of Market Hall into comfortable apartments for the use of the Town Sergeant at a fair rent to be hereafter determined

Signed William Desaix

9th Feb 1894

Thos G. D'Arcy Chairman

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Town Hall Wicklow
15th February 1893

A Special meeting of the Board was called this evening on requisition

To receive communication from Irish Education Commissioners and to appoint an additional member on School Attendance Committee
" " Consider Mr. Desaix's notice of motion relating to converting upper room of Market Hall into comfortable apartments for Town Serjeant.
" " Consider letter from Messrs Collis & Ward re Mortgage.

Members present Mr. Thos Darcy Chairman Messrs E. N. Wynne, Wm. Desaix John Nolan, Peter Doyle, Mark Byrne, C. J. Kerr, Jonathan Watchorne, Thos. J. Fellettie, Wm. Grey, John Neill and John Passant.

Office of National Education Dublin
13th February 1894

Sir,

The Commissioners of National Education having had before them the Statement of the Local Authority of Wicklow, dated 27th ultimo, of their desire to have the number of their School Attendance Committee increased from the present number, 8 to 10 members; they referred to Counsel the question of the power to increase the number of members of a Committee already constituted.

The Commissioners are now advised that such an increase can be legally made; and they accordingly request that you will be good enough to convey this information to the Local Authority, and inform them that on learning that under Section 3 (1) of the Act they have determined the number of the Committee as 10 and have appointed an additional member, on their behalf, the Commissioners will be ready to appoint correspondingly an additional member on their behalf

I am Sir
Your Obt Servant
J. C. Taylor Secretary

Proposed by William Desaix seconded by Thomas Darcy and unanimously resolved That the numbers of the School attendance Committee be increased from 8 to 10 we having the sanction of the Commissioners of National Education for same.

Proposed by E. N. Wynne seconded by John Nolan That Capt. John Neill be elected as our representative on the Education School Attendance Committee

Mr. Wm Desaix proposed as an amendment and John Passant seconded That we appoint the Rev Canon Rorke as our representative on the School Attendance Committee

The amendment & Resolution having been put from the chair and a vote taken the amendment was declared carried by a majority of 7 —

Proposed by Wm Desaix, seconded by John Nolan and resolved. That the upper room of the market hall be converted into comfortable apartments for the Town Serjeant and that he be charged the Sum of five pounds per annum as rent; and that advertisements for doing same be inserted in the local papers, plan and specification to be drawn up by Mr. Pansing. —

31 Dame Street Dublin

Dear Sir,

We have now examined into deeds and documents in our possession in this Matter, and we beg to say we have deeds of security for the £ 12 000 vested in the Trustees of the Will of the late J. P. Luscombe

The deed is somewhat larger than we thought, and the expense of it will be as follows. Search for deed and correspondence as to same £ 1. 1. 0 Copy Assignment of Mortgagees 165 fos @ 4p £ 2. 15/= Stab £ 3. 16/= So if you will kindly let us have cheque for amount we will let you have copy deed

We remain Yours faithfully
Collis & Ward —

To the Town Clerk Wicklow Town Commissioners

Proposed by John Passant, seconded by John Neill and resolved That a cheque be drawn in favor of Messrs Collis & Ward for £ 3 = 16/= instead of £ 2. 2/= proposed at last meeting in order to procure a copy of the Luscombe Mortgage —

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