Monday April 10, 1854

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment

Present - John B. Seidenstricker Esq President & all the members.

Mr Parlow, from the joint Committee on Highways, ~~[illegible]~~ the following resolution which was read & laid on the table;

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Register of the City Board be & he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the order of the City Commissioner eight thousand ~~dollars~~ three hundred & twelve dollars and twenty five cents, the same being the amount awarded by the Commissioners for opening streets to grade and pave Broadway between east Baltimore and Monument streets.

Resolved that the City Commissioner be authorized hereby directed to lay off and set with curbstones a space of forty feet width, in the centre of Broadway, between Baltimore & Monument streets, leaving on each side of said space, a drive way, of thirty feet wide, and a footway of sixteen and a half feet in width; said work to be done whenever the owners of a majority of the front feet between the points above named shall apply for repaving said street, and consent in writing to have the centre of the street curbed as aforesaid, in lieu of having the same paved as contemplated by the Commissioners for opening streets,

A resolution to provide for the erection of a fire plug in Center Market space, was received from the First Branch, read & laid on the table,

On motion of Mr Stewart, the Ordinance entitled "An ordinance in execution and fulfilment of the provisions of the will of the late John McDough, in so far as the relate to the City of Baltimore" was taken up, and on motion of Mr Welch laid on the table,

On motion of Mr Stewart, the Ordinance vacating the special order of the day for tomorrow was lost,

Mr Griffith presented a petition from Samuel Harry & others, ~~praying an appropriation~~ on behalf of the Marion Riflers, which was read & referred to the present Mayor & Marshal;

Mr Griffith presented a petition from Richard O'Fitzgerald & others, praying the opening of Dresser street, which was read & referred to the joint Committee on Highways,

On motion of Mr Stewart, it was resolved that the Commissioners of Finance report to the Council on the propriety of selling the Calvert street City Spring lot; also its condition &c,

On motion of Mr Parlow, it was resolved that the joint Committee on police inquire into the expediency of allowing the police officers to receive rewards for the arrest & conviction of incendiaries,

Mr Slater, Chairman of the joint Committee on Fire Companies, reported the following resolution on the subject of the steam fire engine, which was read & laid on the table;

Resolved that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject,

On motion of Mr Griffith the Branch adjourned till tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clk

By Order

J. Griffith Clk

Tuesday April 11, 1854

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment

Present - John B. Seidenstricker Esq President & all the members.

On motion of Mr Slater, the resolution to discharge the Committee on police from the further consideration of the resolution relative to a steam fire engine; the resolution on the petition of Michael Warner & others; the resolution on the petition of Alfred Small, and the resolution to erect a fire plug at Center Market space, were severally taken up, read & adopted.

On motion of Mr Richardson, the resolution in favor of the Revd John Nelson was taken up, read & lost.

Mr Stewart presented a petition from Daniel Hankert & others, praying the opening of Park street which was read & referred to the joint Committee on Highways.

The First Branch returned the resolution on the petition of John O'Donnell & others, endorsed "Concurred in",

A resolution in favor of George Kipher was received from the First Branch, read & final resolution & concurred in,

An Ordinance to authorize the sale of the Charles Street City Spring lot, was received from the First Branch, read & laid on the table,

A resolution to erect a fire plug at the intersection of North & Center streets, and a resolution in relation to a pump at the intersection of Gough & Bond streets, were received from the First Branch, severally read & laid on the table,

On motion of Mr Stewart the Ordinance in relation to the Revd Hugh Quigley was taken up, read & lost on the question being "Shall the Ordinance pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor?" it was decided in the negative; Yeas Messrs Parlow, Richardson, Sellers, Slater, Wicker, Griffith, Stewart - 7,

Nays Messrs President, Slater, Gill - 3,

Mr Slater offered the following resolution, which was read a first & second time & adopted;

Resolved by the Branches of the City Council of Baltimore, that the Directors on the part of the City of Baltimore in the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road Company, be and they are hereby instructed to vote for the ~~policy~~ adoption of the policy of declaring for the future, a regular cash dividend by said Company, out of the net earnings of the Road, after reserving a reasonable sinking fund for the gradual liquidation of the funded debts of the Company, whenever the question shall be brought up for the consideration of the Board of Directors of said Company;

Mr Griffith, from the joint Committee on the Harbor, reported "An ordinance for the relief of Otis Pickrell, and ~~supplying~~ to Mail", which was read & laid on the table,

Mr Parlow from the joint Committee on Highways, reported an ordinance on the subject of the petition of George W. Mackenzie, which was read & laid on the table,

On motion of Mr Slater, the Branch adjourned till tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clk,

By Order

J. Griffith Clk