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TO: TONY RE: POOR FUND

January 13, 1984

Memo

To:

Alderman Tom Musial and City Clerk June Fetzer

From:

Patrick L. Willis, City Attorney

Re:

Poor Fund

Dear June and Tom:

I have reviewed the documents which June gave me regarding the so called "Poor Fund." It appears that the fund began in 1898 when John Schuette tendered to the City \$1,000.00 to be used in accordance with the terms of a letter dated March 11, 1898. The money was given on the following conditions:

- "1. That the Board of Poor Commissioners or their successors shall be the trustees of said sum to be known as the "Christmas Fund".
- 2. That they shall loan such amount on first lien security.
- 3. That the income of said fund shall be expended and distributed by them in presents of any kind or nature each Christmas among the City poor; or if found more preferable the selection and distribution of presents may be left to any aid society or in any other way or manner deemed most expedient."

The Council subsequently passed a Resolution "that the donation of John Schuette be and the same is hereby accepted as a trust on the conditions expressed in Mr. Schuette's proposal."

On January 7, 1920, apparently shortly after Mr. Schuette's death, his heirs gave to the City of Manitowoc the sum of \$10,000.00 in accordance with the terms of an unsigned will left by Mr. Schuette. The unsigned will called for the money to be held "under the same terms and provisions as specified on page

125 of Volume 5, of the proceedings of the Board of Alderman." This reference is to the previous gift made in 1898 referred to above.

In 1931 the Council passed a Resolution that the monies in the Schuette - Wernicke Christmas Fund be turned into the General Poor Fund of the City of Manitowoc to be distributed to the poor at Christmas. A note to that Resolution indicates that during the Christmas season on relief was given \$5.00 from the fund upon the approval of the Committee on Public Welfare.

While the situation may be an unusual one, I believe that the City has the power under Section 62.11(5) of the Wis. Stats. to administer the trust in accordance with its terms. This section provides that "the Council . . . shall have the power to act for the government and good order of the city, . . . and for the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and may carry out its powers by . . . other necessary or convenient means." There can be little doubt that the funds were intended for the use and have been used for the health, safety, welfare of the public.

I do have a few questions regarding the fund. Mr. Schuette's original March 11, 1898 letter seems to contemplate that all of the income from the fund will be used to give to the poor at Christmas time. Yet, it seems that the fund has grown tremendously since it began. I think at some point a decision should be made to make sure that all of the income from the fund is distributed so that at least the fund does not grow larger than it already is.

The instructions in Mr. Schuette's 1898 letter seems to contemplate that the money may be given to other "aid societies" for purposes of final distribution. However, I think it should be made clear when the money is given to these other groups that they are obligated to distribute the money during the Christmas season to those in real need.

If either of you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Patrick L. Willis City Attorney

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December 16, 1983

Memo

To: Alderman Tom Musial

From: Patrick L. Willis, City Attorney

Re: Poor Fund

Dear Tom:

Following your request for a resolution regarding disposition of the poor fund, I contacted June Fetzer. She is in the process of gathering information to determine where the money came from and what restrictions, if any, were placed on it when it was donated to the City of Manitowoc. I believe it is necessary to determine whether or not any restrictions were placed on the property before taking any action to finally dispose of it. I will get back to you after the investigation has been completed.

Very truly yours,

Patrick L. Willis City Attorney

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cc: June E. Fetzer

## INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION FROM CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Month December Date 29 Year 1983

Subject: RE: POOR FUND

TO: Attorney Patrick L. Willis

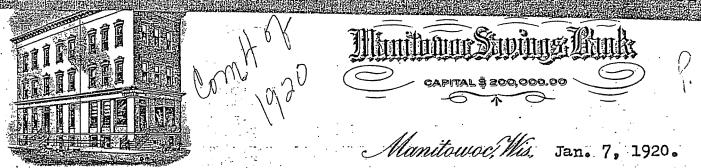
Attached are various Common Council documents and excerpts of the proceedings regarding the donations to the Christmas Poor Fund.

Since the Relief Department was dissolved in 1969 I have been, at Christmas time distributing these funds upon approval of the Public Welfare and Utilities

Committee.

I was informed by John Keune on December 2, 1983 that the fund consisted of \$ 31,644.41. Attached also is photo copy of resolution adopted by the Common Council on December 21, 1931.

City Clerk

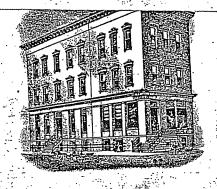


Mayor John H. Schroeder, City.

Dear Sir: - While looking over the papers of our deceased father, John Schuette, we came upon some lead pencil memoranda of a proposed will, in his handwriting. Upon investigation we found that about a week prior to his death he had consulted Emil Baensch, of the East Wisconsin Trustee Co., in reference thereto and had then stated that he would rewrite the same in ink and properly execute it. This he failed to do. Although this sheet of paper is not legally a will, yet all his children agree that it is morally binding upon them. They have therefore authorized us to carry out his wishes expressed in this memoranda as if they were the directions of a duly executed will.

One paragraph of said memoranda is written out in full and reads as follows:- "I bequeath the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars to the dity of Manitowoo, to be added to the \$1000 Christmas Fund I donated on March 11th, 1888, upon trust, under the same terms and provisions as specified on page 125 of Volume 5, of the proceedings of the Board of Aldermen".

We annex hereto a copy of the page and volume he refers to, and also a copy of the resolution of the Board of Aldermen accepting his donation in 1888. We are ready to pay the above mentioned amount





Manitowoc, Wis.

to the City Treasurer at any time, if the city is willing to accept the same. We would be pleased to have you bring this matter before the Board of Aldermen, and if the gift is acceptable, we respect-the Board of Aldermen official or committee be authorized to confer fully suggest that some official or committee be authorized to confer with us for the purpose of formulating the terms and conditions of the trust and making them clear and definite.

Yours respectfully be to be the bound of the

Administrators of the Estate of John Schuette, deceased.

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Communication of John Schuette donating to the City's Poor the sum of \$1000.00 read and to vote (see page 125)

By Alderman Bocher.

Whereas, John Schmette, having chowed generosity to donate to the City poor the sum of \$1,000.00 dollars as a "Christmas Fund" therefore.

Resolved that the domation of John Schnette be and the same is hereby accepted as a trust on the conditions expressed in Mr. Schnette's proposal, that the City Treasurer invest said amount in good interest bearing securities to be approved by the Board of Poor Commissioners, and the Interest thereof be paid out only on the order of said Board.

And be it further resolved for and on behalf of the City of Manitowood that our sincere thanks are hereby tendered Mr. John Schnette for his generous and public spirited offer and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mr. John Schnette.

Adopted by all members.

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Copy of Proceedings of the City Council dated March 12,1888.

Just twenty years ago to-day I took out my first one thousand dollars Life Insurance Policy, payable twenty years after date, or any time before if I died.

Often during those many years, especially at times when I feered that the Policy might prematurely become due, have I would that if I should be allowed to live in good health and circumstances to receive this amount myself, I would appropriate it to charity.

The policy has now matured, and in the fulfillment of my vow I hereby tender this \$1,000.00 dollars to the City of Manitowee for the benefit of the poor on the following condition:

- i. That the Board of Foor Commissioners or their successors shall be trustees of said sum to be known as the "Christmes Fund."
  - 2. That they shall loan said amount on first lion security.
- J. That the income of said fund shall be expended and distributed by them in presents of any kind or nature each Christmes among the City poor; or if found more preferable the selection and distribution of presents may be left to any Aid Society or in any other way or manner deemed most expedient.

Signed and dated, March 11, 1888. John Schnette.

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THUR H. ZANDER,

# Common Council

## OFFICIAL JOURNAL

JOHN SCHROEDER: Mayor, ARTHUR H. ZANDER, City Clerk

Monday, August 2, 1920

Board met in regular session, Mayor presiding. All members present except Isselmann. Minutes approved.

Communication from W. G. Maxey asking the Council either to accept the Eighth Street Bridge, gates or else have the gates removed was referred to the Bridge Committee.

Alderman Isselmann, appeared, at this time.

Petition for domestic sewers on Columbus Street, between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets, was referred to the Sanitation Committee

Petition for water main on Columbus Street, between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets, was referred to the Utilities Committee.

Communication from property owners on Manilla Street, between Tenth and Fourteenth Streets asking that said street be paved with "Tarvia X" instead of concrete, was referred to the Street Committee

Communication from the Association of Commerce asking that some action be taken in the matter of stones being hurled by automobiles against plate glass windows and asking that something be done to prevent this was referred to the Street Committee.

Communication from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities inviting the Council to attend its convention to be held at La Crosse in the near future, was referred to O'Donnell

General City Claims numbered 1203 to 1327 inclusive referred to appro-

priate Committees.

Resolution authorizing and permiting property owners on the East side of North Seventh Street, between New York Avenue and Pine Street to construct their sidewalk so that the East side of said walk will be twelve inches upon their property, was referred to the Street Committee.

Resolution ordering the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance creating safety zones on the right hand side of street car tracks where passengers get on and off the cars; and also prohibiting the parking of cars within sixty feet of the corner of Washington and Eighth Streets, was referred to the Street Committee.

Street Committee

Resolution to invest the \$10,000.00
Christmas Fund donated by John
Schuette in Bridge Construction Bonds
was referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolution to re-plat the property recently acquired for Cemetery purposes and further vacating all streets and alleys in said new addition was referred to a joint Committee on Streets and Cemeterys.

Committee to whom was referred communication from the Park Commission regarding the Band Stand in Union Park and a system of lighting for Riverview Park, returned same recommending that the Band Stand enlargements be taken up next spring and that the same lighting system adopted for Union and Washington Parks be also installed in Riverview Park. Upon motion on roll call Com-

Committee to whom was referred. oids received for the improvement of the Library Comfort Station returned ame recommending that the bid of Nelesen & Braunel of \$1,546.50 for the plumbing work and that the bid of the H. Neidner & Company, for the flooring and wainscoting of \$1,245.00 be accepted. Upon motion on roll call Committee's report was accepted and the work ordered installed. Ayes 12 Nays; none.

Committee to whom was referred invitation from the League of Wisconin Municipalities to attend the con vention to be held at La Crosse, re turned same recommending that the City Engineer and four Aldermen to be appointed by the Mayor attend the convention at the expense of the City. Upon motion on roll call, Committee's report was unanimously accepted. Ayes 12-Nays, none:

Committee to whom was referred Engineer's report recommending pay ment to the McMullen & Pitz Construction Company, of \$182.77, for dredging work done; returned same recommending its adoption. Upon motion on roll call, Committee's report was unanimously accepted. Mayor and Clerk directed to issue necessary order 2 Ayes 12-Nays, none.

Vogel and Drumm appeared at this

Committee to whom was referred communication from W. G. Maxcy re garding the Eighth Street Bridge gates, returned same recommending that the City Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Maxcy advising him that if the gates cannot be put in better working condition at once, that same should mitted, and balance on accepted bids be removed from the Bridge. Upon to be paid on or before September 1 motion on roll call. Committee's report was unanimously accepted. Ayes 14-Nays, none.

Committee to whom was referred

petition of Joseph Huwatschek asking the Council to provide some means so that he can collect back interest on his Water Works Bond No. 184, returned same recommending that another bond with unpaid interest to supersede the bond be issued provided that proper bond be furnished the City to protect the City in case any of the original interest coupons or the original bond be presented for payment. Upon motion on roll call, Committee's reports was unanimously accepted Ayes 14-Navs pone.

Resolution ordering the \$10,000.00 bequeathed to the City by John Schuette be invested in Bridge Bonds without accrued interest, returned same recommending its adoption. Upon motion on roll call, Committee's report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted. Ayes 14 Nays

The following resolution was upon motion on roll call unanimously adopt ed. Ayes 14-Nays, none.

#### BE IT RESOLVED;

That the City Clerk advertise bids for the houses to be sold and now located upon land purchased or condemned for Cemetery purposes: that bids be received by him up to 5:00 o'clock on Monday afternoon, August 1920, and that the same be immediately submitted to the Committee on Cemetery & Parks which Committee is authorized and directed to open and consider all bids and accept or reject such bids as their judgment dictates, with authority to reject all bids;

That all bids be accompanied by a certified check of 5% of the bid sub-1920 or before the removal of but p ing if moved before said date; Illy the building be removed before Nov ember 1, 1920;

Under suspension mously agreed to t were allowed and or and Clerk directed orders. Ayes 14-N H. & B. Payroll. H. C. & S. Payroll. H. & B. Payroll E. & R. Payroll. Public Service Enter Payroll Wm. Reich. Peter Brochl.
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### Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund Reserve--\$386,601,43

Deposits with the city for perpetual care of cemetery lots totaled \$386,601.43 on December 31, 1958. A summary of the 1958 transactions to this fund follows:

Balance January 1, 1958 1958 deposits 1958 refunds Balance December 31, 1958

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The above balance of \$386,601.43 was accounted for on December 31, 1958 as fellows:

Cash in bank:
First National Bank, Manitowoc-cemetery
perpetual care fund account
Cash due from general bank account
Investments, Schedule A-9

\$ 1,331.10 120.33 385,150.00 \$386,601.43

## Christmas Poor Fund Reserve--\$12,498.76

Donations totaling \$12,300.00 have been made to the City of Manitowood for the purpose of creating a Christmas poor fund. Interest from the investment of these funds is to be used to purchase gifts for the indigent at Christmas. The individual donations comprising this total are given below:

Received From	Date Received	Amount
JS SK. John Scheutte Sr.	1888	/,000.00 <b>\$10,000.00</b>
Ars Wernecke	1920 1920	- 200.00
John Scheutte Sr. estate	1928	1,000.00
Mrs. Edna Wilda Theresa Rank estate	1946 1955	1,000.00
		\$12,300.00
	•	13,300.00

Committee, to, whom was referred petition for domestic sewer on Marshall street, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Streets, returned same recommending that it be granted. Upon motion on roll call Committee's report was accepted and the petition unanimously granted Ayes 11—Nays, inone

Committee to whom was referred communication from George—Adelmann asking that some action be taken to clear the title of the old pest house tract, purchased by him last spring returned same recommending that the City Attorney be instructed to take necessary action to clear the title for Mr. Adelmann Upon motion on roll call, Committee's report was accepted and the City Attorney unanimously instructed to take necessary actions Ayes 11—Nays, none

Committee to whom was referred resolution postponing the hearing for the vacation of certain streets and alleys in the territory recently purchased for cemetery purposes to November 1st; 1920, and that all necessary notices be published, returned same recommending its adoption. Upon motion on roll call, Committee's report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted. Ayes II—Nays, none

adopted. Ayes 11—Nays none.

The following tenders for perpetual care of Evergreen Cemetery were upon motion on foll call unanimously accepted and the money ordered paid into the City Treasury. Ayes 11—Nays, none

F. A. Luecke, \$150.00; Lots I & 4. Block 3, Section "O."

M. H. Dempsey, \$100.00; Lot 3; Block 43, Section "E1/2."

Joseph Willott Jr., \$200.00; Lots 3 &

4, Block 171, Section "W 1/2"

Joseph Rankin, \$200; Lots 1 and 2,
Block 32, Section "A."

J. B. Miller: \$200.00; Lots 3 and 4.

Block 32, Section "A."

Committee to whom was referred Engineer's report recommending payment to the Manitowoc Construction Company of \$3;140.90, returned same recommending its adoption. Upon motion on roll call, Committee's report was accepted, Mayor and Clerk in structed to issue necessary orders Ayes 11—Nays, none.

Committee to whom was, referred City Attorney's report showing the amount of \$33.10 due Sheriff Thomas Brennan for services rendered during the condemnation proceeding for cemetery grounds, returned same recommending that the bill be paid. Upon motion on roll call, Committee's report was accepted, Mayor and Clerk instructed to issue necessary orders. Ayes 11—Nays, none

Committee to whom was referred resolutions establishing an emergency Poor Fund upon which the Poor Commissioner is empowered to draw checks for emergency relief and poor recommendations, greturned same recommending its adoption. Upon motion of roll call Committee's report was at cepted and the resolution unanimously adopted. Aves 11—Navs, none.

Moved and unaniomously carried on roll call that the plans and specifications for the following domestic sewers and storm sewers prepared by the Engineer be adopted. Axes 11—Nays none

#### DOMESTIC SEWERS.

The South one half of Nineteenth Street, between Marshall & Hamilton Columbus Street, between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets

Marshall, Street, between Twenty fourth and Twenty-fifth Streets.

Marshall Street, between Seventh and Eighth Streets.

Cleveland Avenue, between Seventh and Eighth Streets.

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none. H. & B. Payr H. & B. Pay H. C. & S. P. E. & R. Payre G. G. Payroll Public Service Emergency P Louise: Arnold Wm. Reich, et Peter Brochl . Fred Carus . . Earl Walters Ted Staeffler John Luther Elmer Ohlsen Pittsburg Plat

#### CHAPTER 2.

#### CHARTER ORDINANCES

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2.01 Ornamental Street Lighting System.

2.02 Permits and Franchises for Gas, Natural Gas, Mixed Gas.

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(3) Information and Data. (4) Common Council Action. (5) Wisconsin Statutes applicable.

(6) Penalty.

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  (2) City Treasurer to keep sep-
- arate record of Fund and Report to Council.
- (3) Recommendations of Finance

Section

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- (6) Cash on hand, where and how kept.
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(4) Effective Date.

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- 2.07 Indefinite Tenure of Office.

Section 2.01 Ornamental Street Lighting System. The Common Council is empowered to provide for the construction, maintenance, and operation of an ornamental street lighting system on any street or public ground within the City, and to provide for defraying the cost of the same. Such cost may be paid in whole or in part from the general fund of the City or from special assessments levied on the property benefited in such proportion and according to such method as the Common Council shall determine.

#### 2.02 Permits and Franchises to furnish Gas, Natural Gas or Mixed Gas.

- (1) Application. Any person, co-partnership or association, including Public Utility Corporations, whether presently operating under a franchise privilege or permit either from the City of Manitowoc or the State of Wisconsin, or not, desiring to manufacture, supply or furnish by means of pipes or mains, directly or indirectly, Natural Gas or a Mixed Gas containing Natural Gas to consumers within the City of Manitowoc, or to change over from one type of gas to another, shall first make an application in writing to the Common Council of the City of Manitowoc for a permit to occupy streets, highways or other public places within the City, setting forth the standards, quality and character of such service, the approximate cost to gas users within the City of Manitowoc, the heating value of the gas to be furnished, the cost to all classes of users of any parts or equipment or the cost of any changeover that will be required within the City of Manitowoc in detail, and such other information in the premises which the said Common Council or a Committee thereof may require.
- Public Hearing. Upon receiving any such application the Common Council shall order a public hearing either before it or a committee thereof.
- Information and Data. The applicant shall furnish any additional information or data that the Common Council or such committee may require in the premises.
- (4) Council Action. The Common Council may grant or refuse such permit or franchise or may, in its discretion, refer the same to an advisory referendum vote for approval or disapproval by the voters of the City of Manitowoc on a Special Ballot to be approved therefor by the Common Council at the next school or judicial election. The council shall not grant a permit

# Poor fund at 100 and still paying

By ED ARNDORFER Staff Writer

MANITOWOC — A fund that was started nearly 100 years ago by a former prominent Manitowoc businessman is still generating money to help the needy during the Christmas season.

The late John Schuette gave \$1,000 to the city in 1888 to set up the fund whose interest earnings were to be used for the benefit of the poor

during the holidays.

Records show that Schuette contributed another \$10,000 to the fund in 1920 along with a \$200 donation from a Mrs. Wernecke. Other contributions included \$1,000 from the John Schuette Sr. estate in 1928, \$1,000 from Mrs. Edna Wilda in 1946 and \$100 from the Theresa Rank estate in 1955.

The Board of Poor Commissioners and the City Relief Department were responsible for distributing the funds for many years. City Clerk June Fetzer took over administration of the fund in 1969 after the Relief Department was dissolved.

The policy for years was to give amounts ranging from \$5 to \$35 each holiday season to general relief recipients who legally resided in

Manitowoc.

In 1982 Miss Fetzer was advised by the Manitowoc County Social Services Department that there were 200 persons on the relief rolls and that it was too time consuming to determine the recipients who had legal residence in Manitowoc. It was suggested that the money be given to charitable organizations for

distribution among the poor.

Miss Fetzer and members of the Common Council's Public Welfare and Utilities Committee decided to donate \$750 each to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Salvation

Army in 1982.

The list was expanded to include Catholic Social Services and the Manitowoc Family Service Association in 1983. Each organization received \$1,000.

The four agencies each got \$1,000 again in 1984 but because of declining interest rates the amount was decreased to \$750 this year.

Miss Fetzer has distributed nearly \$17,000 since she took over administration of the fund in 1969 in conjunction with the Public Welfare and Utilities Committee.

City Finance Director Robert Ziegelbauer has charge of investing the funds. The latest balance showed there was \$28,268.09 in the fund and that does not include 1985 interest earnings

interest earnings.

Miss Fetzer has developed a strong identification with the prog-

strong identification with the program over the years and regards her role as "carrying out the wishes of the original donor." 2/22/85