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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS



MINUTES

TTC/1/5

15 JULY 1914 - 6 JANUARY 1926

July 14th 1914

Adjourned meeting

Commissioners Present? Messrs James Daly, Francis Keane, John Burke, Patrick Byrne, Thomas J. Meelin, Francis Keane, Charles Blake.

Proposed by Francis Keane seconded by John Burke that Mr Daly takes the chair passed unanimous

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by Mr Daly, Mr Meelin and Mr Blake The amounts being

Housing scheme etc	£ 410. 4. 4
Revenue etc	£ 27. 19. 9
Roads etc	£ 31. 7. 11

The following letters were read -

Joy Banks
Black Rock
Co Dublin
June 10th 1914

Dear Sir

Will you kindly lay the enclosed letter, before the commissioners, I regret that it seems to be impossible to get the authorities to deal more fairly with - Miss Redington

Yours Truly
R. Hazelton

Dear Mr Dalton

With reference to your letter of the 25th May I find that, as explained to you by Lord Granard his letter of the 23rd March 1909. Miss Redington was employed as assistant to the Postmaster of Tuam from June 1873 until November 1895, when, as she was too old to obtain a civil service certificate and qualify for an established appointment, she became an unestablished looking clerk and salary

The lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have no power under the Superannuation Acts to grant a pension to an unestablished officer; and the compassionate gratuity which Miss Redington has already received is the most that it is possible to award her.

Sincerely Yours
Lancel Norton

July 14th 1914

A letter was read from The Liberator Fire & General Insurance Company limited 49 Dame Street Dublin, to make application for a transfer of the Fire Insurances under the control of The Commissioners, which they would be prepared to accept at the same rates of Premium as are paid at present.

Consideration was adjourned until next meeting?

Court Theatre Galway
July 9th 1914

Dear Sir

Is the Hall vacant for Friday July 17th 3 nights or Monday July 20th 3 nights an early reply will oblige

Yours Faithfully
E. O'Shaughnessy

Granted unanimous for 3 nights on the 20th July usual remuneration -

Tuam
10th July 1914

Patrick Canavan
Town Clerk

James McDonnell v. The Town Clerk

Dear Sir

I intend entering an Appearance on behalf of the commissioners to the writ £142-5-1 which was served on you yesterday, and which you landed me yesterday

Yours Faithfully
Henry Connon

approved of

letter from Fish Mergers was adjourned to Monday 20th inst

Mr. Keane's notice of motion to rescind resolution changing hour of meeting was also adjourned to same date

Tuesday July 14th 1914

Shop Street
Tuam
July 14/1914

Dear Mr Banaran

Kindly convey to members attending your Board today that I tender my resignation as Town Commissioner from this date

To
Banaran Town Clerk

Sincerely Yours
John Bonnelly

Signed on Behalf of the Board
Fred. M. Jones
Chairman

Adjourned Meeting July 21st 1914

Commissioners Present? Messrs John Bonnelly Charles Blake Michael Dwyer
John Burke, James Daly, Patrick E. Carroll, Patrick Byrne, Francis Keane Thomas J.
Mellin -

Proposed Mr Mr Carroll seconded by Mr Dwyer that Mr James Daly takes the chair -

The following letter was read from the Agent of the Bank of Ireland Tuam Branch

Re Tuam Town Commissioners

Tuam July 14th 1914

Dear Sir

The Governors and Directors of the Bank, have instructed me to ascertain what annual
reductions the Tuam Town Commissioners will be in a position to make on foot of their "Roads etc"

When the advance was first made, the arrangement come to was, that the principal
sum would be reduced at rate of £ 100 per annum. Should your Board find this sum too large. I
will ~~with~~ ^{be} pleasure recommend a lesser payment, but would like to have some ~~more~~ definite figures
to submit to my directors

Yours Truly
J. Weeks

The Town Clerk

Tuam Town Commissioners

The following resolution was proposed by James Daly seconded by John Bonnelly. that we
pay £ 60 a year with interest half yearly on the balance outstanding each half year on
the roads loan account.

James Daly
John Bonnelly

Notice of motion by Mr Keane

Proposed by Francis Keane seconded by John Bonnelly that the resolution on the minutes changing
the hour of meeting from 12 O'clock to 6:30 O'clock be rescinded and that the hour be
now fixed at 11 O'clock.

Amendment proposed by Mr Mellin seconded by Mr Burke that the hour be fixed at
8 O'clock?

They voted for the amendment Messrs? John Burke Patrick Byrne, Tho. J. Mellin
Michael Dwyer James Daly - 5
For the Resolution - Messrs Francis Keane John Bonnelly Charles Blake, Patrick Carroll = 4
The resolution was declared lost.

Tuesday July 21st 1914

A letter was read from the Hibernian Insurance Company 14 Dame St Dublin. Making application for a transfer of the fire insurances under their control at the same rates of Premium as paid at present

Mr Dwyer proposed. Mr Bonnelly seconded. That we transfer all Policies of Insurance to the Hibernian Society as they become due

Amendment Proposed by Mr Mellin seconded by Mr Blake. That the Insurance Policies be left as they are at present.

They voted for the amendment - Messrs Blake and Mellin - 2

For the Resolution Messrs - Keane. Burke. Byrne. Carroll. Connelly. Dwyer. Daly - 7

The resolution was declared Carried -

The following resolution was Proposed by Mr Daly seconded by Mr Dwyer - That we the Tuam Town Commissioners call upon the L.D. Board, to take steps to purchase compulsorily the estate of Mrs Strahan Tuam

Passed unanimous

The Clerk was directed to see The Board's Solicitor in reference to Fair Green lease

Proposed by Mr John Burke seconded by Mr Jas Daly. That we the Tuam Town Commissioners beg to call the attention of the Post Master General and the Board of Trade, to the fact that the Mails which should arrive in Tuam at 11 a.m. have on several occasions not arrived until 2 or 3 P.M. and we request that this great inconvenience be put a stop to in the interest of the Public and Commercial people.

Passed unanimous

The Clerk was directed to write to the Postmaster and ask him to write to his Authorities the necessity of having a hand mark put up at the Turf market Gate indicating the way to the post Office as strangers coming into Town have to make inquiries owing to its backward position

Tuesday July 21st 1914

Notice of Motion - Take notice that I or some commissioners on my behalf will move at the next meeting, that the question of handing over the Bard to the Tuam Volunteers be Considered

John Burke

Material for Roads and securing a Depot. was referred to Roads Committee -

To Mr McDonnell Gas etc

No 32.781/1914

Tuam Rural District
Tuam Town

L. G. Board Dublin

14th July 1914

Sir

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them, your letter of the 16th ultimo, relative to the Proposal of The Tuam Town Commissioners to pay Mr McDonnell the sum of £100 in full discharge of his account of £142-5-1 with the Commissioners for Public Lighting, Gas fittings etc. up to December 1913, and a further sum of £59-1-3 for public lighting for the half year ended 10th May 1914: and with reference thereto, they desire me to state that they have referred the matter to their Auditor, who recommends the settlement proposed by the Town Commissioners. I am, accordingly, to state that in view of this recommendation the board will raise no objection to the proposed payments on the understanding that the payment of £159-1-3 is to be taken as a full discharge of Mr McDonnell's claims against the Tuam Town Commissioners up to May 10th 1914 on foot of the Town Lighting account, including claims for Gas fittings etc.

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant

The Clerk
Tuam Town Commissioners

J R Marles
Secretary

Proposed by Mr Daly seconded by Mr Bonnelly that the Clerk be directed to send a copy of this letter to their Solicitor, Mr McDonnell and Mr Mustagh Mr McDonnell's Solicitor

Tuesday July 21st 1914

The clerk was also directed to advertise for the Public lighting of the Town from the 1st Sept 1914 to 31st August 1915

Charles F. Knight's Company were granted the use of the Hall for 3 nights commencing Sept 7th 8th & 9th. The usual remuneration payable in advance

A letter was read from Mr P. Halligan Fishmonger to The Chairman relative to the way in which the Fishmongers had been treated by the Board.

It was unanimously decided to adhere to the resolutions of the minutes

Signed of Behalf of The ^{Board} Chairman

Frederick M. G. O'D. A.
Chairman

August 4th 1914

Tuesday August 4th 1914

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners Present - Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq Chairman of the Board Presiding. Charles Blake. John Bonnelly Patrick E. Carrol, Patrick Byrne. Michael Dwyer John Burke James Daly

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman, Mr Daly and Mr Burke for the following accounts

Revenue Account = £ 198. 4. 8

Roads Account = £ 11. 0. 0

Housing Scheme Account = £ 445. 19. 6

Notice of Motion? Proposed by Mr John Burke seconded by Mr James Daly that the Tuam Brass Band be handed over to the Volunteers -

Passed unanimously

The following letters were read -

Tuam July 29th 1914

Mr Banawan

W. Donnell & Sons

Dear Sir

I have heard from the Plaintiffs solicitor today. Stating that his client will accept the sum of £159. 1. 3 in full discharge of his claims against the Commissioners up to 15th May 1914. on foot of The Town lighting account. including claims for Gas fittings etc. Please let me have paying order for this amount, together with the sum of £2. 10. 0 Plaintiffs solicitors costs of writ and oblige

Yours Faithfully
Henry Connon

August 4th 1914

The Board decided in paying the £159-1-3 and stated the Plaintiff should pay his own costs

The British Petroleum Company limited North Wall Dublin, were unanimously granted permission to store about 300 Gallons of Petroleum Spirit in Mr. Cahill's Yard, Ballygaddy Road Tuam.

Proposed by Mr. Daly seconded by Mr. Blake that our solicitor be asked to prepare an advertisement for Public lighting of The Town in consultation with the Finance Committee

Tenders were received for Public lighting but was ordered to be re-advertised, when advertisement would be prepared by our solicitor and Finance Committee

The following Committee were appointed to go into dates etc of fairs of the ensuing year and have them advertised - viz - Messrs Blake, Byrne, Connoley, Dwyer the Toll Farm and Town Clerk -

Wednesday	Jan 20th	Pigs
Wed	Feb 17	Pigs
Tues	March 9	Pigs
Wed	" 10	Sheep Battle
Tues	April 6	Sheep Battle
Wed	" 21	Pigs
Sat	May 8	Pigs
Mon	May 10	Sheep
Tues	May 11	Cattle
Wed	June 16	Pigs
Mon	July 5	Pigs
Tues	July 6	Great Lamb Sheep + Cattle Fair
Wed	Aug 18	Pigs
Thursday	Sept 9	Pigs
Frid	" 10	Great Cattle Fair and all description of Sheep Battle
Tues	Oct 19	Sheep
Wed	" 20	Cattle
Thurs	" 21	Horses
Friday	" 22	Pigs
Wed	Nov 17	Pigs
Tues	Dec 14	Pigs
Wed	" 15	Sheep Battle

August 4th 1914

No 56

Tuam Rural District
Tuam Town CommissionersLocal Government Board
Dublin
18th July 1914

Sir

With reference to the application of the Town Commissioners of Tuam, for the issue of the second instalment of the loan of £6000, sanctioned for the purpose of erecting working class lodging houses under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they have received the report of their Architect Mr. Foley, on his recent inspection of the works from which it appears that there is no provision made for Trimmers or Trimmer joists for first floors, which will be required to carry stairs and hearths.

Mr. Foley also states that he drew the attention of the engineer to other joists that were not up to specification.

I am to request that these matters may receive the attention of the Commissioners

The Town Clerk
Tuam Town Commissioners

By Order of the Board
M. J. Pegg

Tuam August 3rd 1914

Tuam Town Commissioners

Gentlemen:

I beg to enclose certificate for 4th instalment due to the contractor. I also enclose certificate payable to myself.

In reference to the inspector's report, I am to carry out his wishes, as to the Trimming joists which will mean an extra of £5-10-0 as his suggestions are not in the specification with the exception of this one item his report is favourable.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant
G. B. Boswell C.E.

August 25th 1914

A further meeting was held on above date at 8.30 Consider Tenders for Tolls & Customs

Commissioners Present - F. B. McDonagh (Chairman of the Board Presiding) P. Murphy, Blas Blake, Francis Keane, John Bonnelly, James Daly, John Burke, M. Dwyer
The Mayor's Board's Solicitor was also Present.

Only one Tender was received for Tolls and Customs that of Mr John Murphy for the amount of £550.

On the proposition of Mr Bonnelly Mr Murphy increased his Tender to £590-0-0 which was unanimously accepted.

Henry J. Concanon Esq, The Grove and James McDonnell Esq, Waterdale were accepted as purchasers for Mr J. Murphy and whose consent in writing was obtained.

Signed

F. B. McDonagh

Chairman

Sept 9th 1914

Wednesday Sept 9th 1914

Special Meeting

Please convene a special meeting of the Town Commissioners for Wednesday next at 8 o'clock to transact the ordinary monthly business

Signed

F. B. McDonagh

John Burke

Patrick Murphy

Patrick Byrne

Thos. J. Mellin

P. Lanavan Town Clerk

Town Hall Tuam Sept 7th 1914

Sir

You are requested a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners on Wednesday next the 9th inst at 8 o'clock in accordance with above requisition

P. Lanavan Town Clerk

To each Commissioner

Commissioners Present. F. B. McDonagh (Chairman of the Board Presiding) Charles Blake, Anthony Malley, Thos. J. Mellin, John Burke, Michael Dwyer, James Daly, John Bonnelly, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Carroll, =

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman Mr McDonagh Mr Blake and Mr Malley

Revenue Account £ 35- 19- 0

Housing Scheme a/c 905- 5- 7

Roads Account 13- 10- 3

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The following letters were read

Wednesday Sept 9th 1914

Tram Aug 11th 1914

To the Chairman
Tram & Town Commissioners

Sir

I beg to apply for possession of Hard known, as the old fish shambles and would feel grateful if your Board would kindly consider my application at your next meeting.

You are aware that I have no yard accommodation for my new hotel, and as you are not making any use of it, I am prepared to agree to any reasonable terms your Board may make.

Thanking you in anticipation

I remain

Yours Respectfully
Thomas McHugh

Mr Dwyer proposed and Mr Daly seconded that the Commissioners decline or refuse to give up possession of the fish shambles as in future date it would be required for more important business such as accommodation for Motor House or place for electric light or some other purpose.

A letter was read from Father McDermott adm complaining about the action taken by the Commissioners in handing over the Band instruments to the National Volunteers without any notification to him as President.

A letter was read from the Secretary G.P.O. in reply to resolution of a previous meeting. Taking cause of delay in Mid-day Mails, was due to late arrival of at Kingstown on the relative dates of night Mail Packet from England, in consequence of which the Mail Train from Broadstone Station reached Athlone too late to connect there with the S. Southern & Western Railway to Tram for Tram, and were in the circumstances unavoidable.

I may add that the Post Office has no control over the running of the Great Southern & Western Railway company's train referred to, and is not allowed to defer its departure from Athlone for more than 10 minutes in order that the Connector may be

Wednesday 9th Sept 14

A letter was also read from Rev. Mr. Dermott adm in reference to lamp being erected on the Cathedral grounds between the Archbishop's Gate and the Mercy Convent Gate.

This letter was referred to the Committee who were appointed to arrange about public lighting and report to Commissioners at next monthly meeting.

A letter was read from the S.D. Board Dublin in reference to a resolution passed at last meeting re Mrs Mary Stolar's Estate

The clerk was directed to write the S.D. Board and state the Commissioners were not at all satisfied with the reply, and asked that the Commissioners English St. District Board would take compulsory powers to acquire this estate.

Mr Daly drew attention to the Gully Traps in Town and asked that the clerk be directed ^{to write} to the County Surveyor, to have them rectified. Mr Dwyer stated that £30 had been granted by the District Council to get new Gully Traps and nothing had been done since.

Mr Daly drew attention to a heap of stuff in Foster's Row. The clerk was directed to have it removed.

Mr Shine was granted the use of Board Room for Auction purposes on the 28. 29. 30 Sept and 1st October inclusive at the usual remuneration of 10/- per day.

The clerk was directed to advertise for 100 Tons of Broken Stones and 100 Tons Gravel.

The Tenders for Public lighting was referred to the lighting Committee. When the clerk heard from Mr. Reid relative to changing lamps etc. he to summon a meeting and also place Father McDermott's letter before them re. Extra lamps on the Cathedral grounds and all matters in connection with public lighting and report same to Commissioners at next monthly meeting.

Same report to be on agenda for next meeting.

Wednesday Sept 9th 1914

Messrs Thomas Dwyer and John Shie were appointed remunerators for September fair at the usual remuneration.

Berney French applied for use of Hall the last week of September but Mr Shie's having prior application was granted the use of Hall as already noted.

Mr French to get the Hall on a future date.

Mr Haugan came before the Board and stated his grievance as regards fines etc and requested the Commissioners to allot places on Turf Market or some other place for fish dealers.

Messrs Dwyer, Daly and Murphy were appointed to go into the matter and report at next meeting.

Tenders for Printing and advertising were accepted from Miss Mabel Kelly.

1. Printing £ 12.00.0 Per annum
2. Advertising 12.00.0 ✓
3. Election Printing if required £ 2=2=6
4. Lane Dockets Per Book as per sample 31= Per Book
5. Auditor's report and abstract of ac'ts £ 2=2=0

Names of my sureties Messrs William Cannon and Michael Hession both of whom whose consent in writing are herewith enclosed.

Yours faithfully
Mabel Kelly
Manager Tuam Trade

Board Office Tuam Sept 1st 1914

We whose names are here to subscribed consent to become sureties for Miss Mabel Kelly. If her Tenders for Printing and advertising is accepted by The Tuam Town Commissioners.

Signed
William Cannon
Michael Hession

Wednesday Sept 9th 1914

The clerk drew attention to the Policy due on workmen's Compensation the Premium being £ 1.2.9 on £ 182.10.0 as the Commissioners had already changed all Fire Policies due to Patriotic to be transferred to the Liberman Insurance Co limited.

The clerk was directed to continue the workmen's Compensation Policy with the Patriotic Insurance Company.

A discussion arose as to legality of resolution changing the Fire Policies from the Patriotic to the Liberman.

No decision was arrived at until the Policies fall due.

The clerk was directed to write to surveyor of Taxes Galway and find out why such a large amount be charged for income Taxes, as in previous years it was much less.

Signed on Behalf of the Board
F. W. P. O'Connell
Chairman

October 6th 1914

October 6th 1914

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners Present - F. B. W. Donagh Esq. Chairman of the Board Presiding. John Bonnelly, Francis Keane, James Daly, John Burke, Michael Dwyer, Anthony Malley

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman Mr Bonnelly and Mr Malley for the following amounts

Revenue account	£ 20. 13. 0
Road's a/c	£ 13. 0. 2
Housing scheme a/c	£ 205. 0. 0

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed

The following report was read from the Committee to deal with the Fish Market Place and unanimously approved of by the Board. same to be advertised and tenders considered at next monthly meeting.

1. That the contractor be called upon forthwith to remove all building materials and rubbish
2. That the door and window of the store room for fish be repaired, also the door leading to lane, and a few slates on roof
3. That a bench be provided for holding the fish thereon for sale
4. That the walls be whitewashed and the yard cleaned up. The entrance gate repaired and painted.
5. That for the information of the Public a sign post be put in Shop street and High Street, respectively, - "This way to the Fish Market"

Signed Patrick Murphy
Michael Dwyer
James Daly

A deputation of the Fish Dealers came before the Board and wanted to be allowed to remain in the Fish Market.

The Board decided in carrying out the above report

October 6th 1914

The following report was read from the Lighting Committee?
To the Inam Town Commissioners?

We, the undersigned Committee, inspected the Public lamps and recommend the following.

1. To change the lamp at Mercy Convent Gate and hang same on Bracket
2. To change lamp at Mr Sheehy's, to the opposite side of the road,
3. To change lamp at Bylands corner to the opposite of the road;
4. To remove lamp at Bylands corner, to the opposite side of the road;
5. That the price per lamp for #2 lamps be £2.7.6 each and 30/- each for four lamps viz Two on the Cathedral road and Two on Church Grounds. £10.0.0 per annum for Town block? be accepted for Twelve months only, and that no new lamps be got for the present

Signed.

Patrick Murphy	John Burke
John Bonnelly	Patrick Byrne
Francis Keane	Michael Dwyer

The clerk was directed to re-advertise on the previous terms of contract, and that the new lamps be left over for a future date

The clerk was directed to write to Father W. Dermott adu in reply to his letter asking to have a lamp erected in Cathedral Ground and state that when the Commissioners would be making any change in lamps etc his letter would be considered?

The clerk was also directed to write above having the branches of Trees cut at The Dispensary, Convent Gate, and Church wall.

A long discussion arose as to giving the use of the Hall for holding Auctions on any foreign goods. It was decided that each case would be taken on its merits

Three applications were received for the positions of Enumerating at October Fairs, namely Thomas Dwyer, John Shine and Wm^r Cannon. Mr Daly proposed and Mr Dwyer seconded William Cannon, it was afterwards decided to draw lots.

On a draw taking place Messrs Dwyer and Cannon were appointed?
The clerk applied for and was granted a Gas Stove for the office same not to exceed £2—
Borey French applied for and was granted use of Hall for Thursday and

October 6th 1914

Friday 5th and 6th of November at the usual remuneration

Three tenders were received for Stones and Gravel as advertised for					
Edward Mullin	blonthee	100 Tons	Gravel	2/4	Per Ton delivered
John Mulligan	blonthee	100 Tons	Do	2/6	- - -
Patrick Smyth	blonfish	50 Tons	Do	2/-	- - -
Do	Do	Do	50 Boxes Broken Stones	1/-	Per box

Patrick Smyth's tender was accepted for Stones and Gravel

The clerk was directed to get the crossings at Mr Byrne's Gate punched so as to prevent Pedestrians from slipping

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Francis M. Donagh
Chairman

Nov 3rd 1914

October 14th 1914

Please convene a special meeting to be held in the Town Hall on Friday evening next at 8 o'clock

To consider the laying out of fences on the Artisans Dwellings sites

And make application for a further instalment of the loan provided from Artisans Dwellings

Signed F. B. W. Donagh
Francis Keane
Patrick Byrne
John Burke
Patrick J. Carroll

Town Hall Tuam October 14th 1914

Sir

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners to be held on Friday evening next at 8 o'clock to consider above

P. Lanavan
Town Clerk

To Each Commissioner

Commissioners present? Messrs F. B. W. Donagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding. P. Murphy, Frs Keane, John Connolly, Jas Blake, Jas Daly, Patrick Byrne, Michael Blau -

A committee composed of as many commissioners as could attend including the whole Board were appointed to meet on Monday the 19th inst at 12 o'clock and examine cottages with engineer and arrange fences etc

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Blake. That we request the Commissioners of Public Works to advance the sum of £1500 being the fourth instalment of £6000 required for the erection of Artisans Dwellings in the Town of Tuam and lodged in the Tuam Branch of the Bank of Ireland for the Housing Loan account

F. B. W. Donagh

P. Murphy
Jas Blake

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The clerk was directed to write to G. & Western Railway Company about the Train due to arrive here at 2 o'clock. not waiting at Athenry for the 9.15 Train leaving Broadstone though the difference according to time Table is only seven minutes. And the goods Train that arrived here before at 10 o'clock does not arrive now until 4.30. And ask the Traffic Manager to have those two things remedied.

The Commercial Dancing class applied for and were granted the use of Town Hall Thursday and every alternate Sunday. Gas to be paid for at the rate of 1/- per night.

Signed on behalf of the Board
 Fred. W. Donohue
 Chairman

Nov 3rd 1914

November 3rd 1914

Monthly meeting

Commissioners present? Messrs F. B. W. Donoghue Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding Patrick Murphy, James Daley, Chas Blake, Michael Dwyer, Thomas Mellin, Patrick Batters, Anthony Malley, Francis Keane, John Connelly, Patrick Payne, Michael Nolan.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by F. B. W. Donoghue, Chas Blake and Patrick Murphy, for the following amounts

Revenue Account £ 73.2.2
 Roads Account £ 20.1.6

Letters were read in reply to resolutions passed at last meeting, viz? From the Superintendent's Office G. S. & W. Railway Kingsbridge that the passengers and goods Train referred to shall have his attention. The clerk was directed to write again and find out what action has been taken as no alteration has yet taken place.

A letter from D. P. Keenan Esq. re. trees on circular road, and from the Lord J. R. Burnell stating the matter would be brought to the proper authority, and attended to -

Miss Gattett applied for and was granted the use of Hall on Tuesday from 5 o'clock to 6.45 P.M. and from 7.30 to 9.30 at 5/- per week

The Secretary of the Commercial Dancing class wrote asking to have the gas bill reduced from one shilling per night to one shilling per week the Board considers that one shilling per night was reasonable.

A letter was read from the L. S. Board acknowledging resolution of the Board for an instalment of £1500 of the loan £6000. and that they may be furnished with a statement of work done and liabilities incurred under the loan up to date -

A letter was read from John Mehan fish dealer complaining how he had been summoned and fined for seeing fish. Mr Daley proposed that the fine be reduced the chairman said it would be better not to interfere with the decision of the

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magistrates, no notice of motion being given the matter was allowed drop to the Directors Society

Mr. Mr. Dwyer secretary applied for and was granted the use of Band Room at the usual remuneration one shilling per month. On the proposition of Mr. Daly seconded by Mr. Carroll -

A letter was read from William Connor asking to have his wages increased Mr. Dwyer proposed and Mr. Carroll seconded that he gets 18/- per week Sunday to be included

Return of Sales at Fair been October 1914

Sheep		Cattle	
Sold	unsold	Sold	unsold
Ewes 3126	597	Bullocks 3321	902
Wethers 6675	732	Sheepers 1830	848
Hoggets 1011	105	Calves 21	46
Lambs 1991	222	Cows 70	15
Rams 39	38		
<u>12872</u>	<u>1690</u>	<u>5242</u>	<u>1811</u>
Total 14532		Total 7053	

1913	11720 sold	153 unsold	1914	6694 sold	589 unsold
	Total 11773			Total 7283	

Proposed by Mr. Daly seconded by Mr. Murphy that the Contractor get the footpaths gravelled at once

The clerk was directed to write to Mr. Reid re. Gas contract and ask him to reply at once if he intended contracting

The caretaker for Town block drew the clerk's attention to state of block Dials and Slaying of same. The clerk was directed to get an estimate as to cost and have same at next meeting

Signed on Behalf of The Board
P. Murphy
Chairman

Dec 21 1914

Monday Nov 16th 1914

Special Meeting?

Tuam Friday 13/11/14

Please convene a special meeting to be held on Monday November 16th at 8 o'clock P.M. to consider report of the L. G. Board's engineer re. Artisans Dwellings, and also Mr. Costello's resignation as Engineer to Artisans Scheme, Mr. Reid's letter re. Public lighting, application for Hall from Boy Scouts and Mr. N. C. Shaw.

Signed F. B. McDonagh
John Burke
Anthony Mallory
Francis Keane
Thomas J. Mellin

To P. Hanavan Town Clerk

Town Hall Tuam 13/11/14

Sir
You are requested to attend a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners to be held in the Town on Monday evening next 16th inst at 8 o'clock to consider above

P. Hanavan
Town Clerk

To Each Commissioner

Commissioners present?

Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq (Chairman of the Board Presiding) Patrick Murphy, John Connelley, Charles Blake, James Daly, John Burke, Michael Dwyer, Michael Blain, Anthony Mallory, Patrick E. Carroll, Thomas Mellin, Francis Keane, Patrick Byrne

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman, Mr. Daly and Mr. Connelley for the following Housing Scheme Account

H. J. McVale	£ 1000. 0. 0	} £ 1025 = 0 = 0
G. A. Costello	25. 0. 0	

Paying orders to be paid when the amount recommended by the L. G. Board £1000 would be placed to the credit of the account by the Board of Public Works.

The clerk was directed to write to the L. G. Board to recommend the

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The balance £500 of the instalment asked for as they consider sufficient work has been done and the engineers report satisfactory

The following letters were read?

Tuam 2nd NOV-1914

The Tuam Town Commissioners

Gentlemen

I beg to enclose certificate payable to contractor, for the Artisans Scheme & also enclose a further certificate payable to self.

On Friday 23rd October a committee visited the artisans site on Ballyaddy Road and the following suggestions were recommended, that the front wall formerly 18" high be increased to 3 feet. Of the 20 garden gates, already specified, 10 are to be used as entrances, at the front of site and the remaining 10 to be eliminated and the schedule value of same to go towards providing two iron entrance gates at each end of site, the entrance road formerly shown in the centre between the two blocks is now changed to each end of site being each 12 ft wide, and the centre entrance to be left in grass, the wire fence specified between back road and gardens is rendered unnecessary also, and the schedule value will go towards supplying iron entrance gates already mentioned?

On the Dublin Road site I would suggest that a concrete fence 2 ft high and 6" thick, carrying an 18" wooden paling be erected along front of houses facing Racecourse and be carried round existing angle of site, this would very much enhance the appearance of the site and would protect the front from trespass.

Of the 10 gates at back of gardens, 5 of these would be used as entrance gates at the front of site, and the remaining 5 which would then be unnecessary, their schedule value would go towards providing an iron entrance gate at upper end of site. A committee of some members of the Board should visit the Dublin Road site and decide on the matter. The contractor is due £50 from last certificate, as there was only £200 paid on the amount certified £250. I am also due my percentage on the £50 -

It is with extreme regret that I have to inform the Board of my resignation on the Artisans Scheme on account of my joining the colours for service at the front as the matter appears to me, as an imperative duty towards our Country and every mans help is important, and being impressed by that sense of duty is the reason why I now sever my connection with your Board, which

November 16th 1914

has always treated me with the greatest consideration and kindness and to whom I shall always be very grateful. I have asked Mr Hamilton of Galway to take my duty and he has promised to complete the scheme, at the rate you allowed me 2 1/2% on the Contractors instalments, this leaves in fees for the new Architect about £20
Again Gentlemen I beg to thank you for your kindness, and hope sometime in the future I may have the luck, to be again a servant of the Board

I am Gentlemen

Faithfully Yours

G. P. Costello

Mr Costello's suggestions were unanimously adopted for the Ballyaddy Road site but not the Dublin Road?

A Committee of the whole Board were appointed to meet Mr Hamilton at the Dublin Road site following day the 17th inst at 10 o'clock to arrange about fencing etc.

Mr Hamilton was unanimously approved of to take up Mr Costello's duties, he Mr Hamilton to be notified of each meeting -

No 60 249 : 1914

Tuam Rural District

Tuam Town Commissioners

Local Government Board Dublin

12th November 1914

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to inform the Town Commissioners of Tuam, that they have recommended the Commission of Public Works to issue a sum of £1,000:0:0 sanctioned for the purpose of erecting working class lodging houses under the housing of the working classes acts. I am, at the same time, to forward herewith extracts from the report of the Board's Architect, Mr O'Leary, on his recent inspection of the works executed under the loan, and to request that the matters therein referred to, may receive attention.

I am also to request that the Board may be furnished with an explanation in regard to entry No 5 in form "A" returned herewith

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

J. R. Marles Secretary

The Clerk

Tuam Town Commissioners

November 16th 1914

No 60.249/1914

Extracts from report of Board's Architect
M. Foley dated 5th November 1914

Housing of Working Classes

Quam Urban District £6,000:0:0

Townlands: - 20 Houses in Two Blocks of 10 Each

The masonry joints where shown, do not appear to have been properly packed out before scrap plaster was put on.
And the position of the pumps, has been changed from the back to a point in front of the open between the ^{two} blocks, for the convenience of levels: _____

Dublin Road or Farnham

10 Houses in One Block

The drains in this case are laid, but not connected with the main sewer, which at this point is the property of the Racecourse Committee & was informed, and not of the Urban Council.

The laying of the ridge tiles is incomplete

November 16th 1914

No 60.249/1914

Extracts from Report of Board's Architect, Mr. Foley,

dated 5th November, 1914

Housing of the Working Classes

Quam Town Commissioners

£6000:0:0 loan

2nd Inspection

I have the honour to report that the 30 houses authorised are in course of construction, and the Plans and Specification have been adhered to except in the matter of the Pumps, which has been changed from the point shown to another, as mentioned in the detailed reports herewith.

I was met by the Town Surveyor, Mr. Costello, who excused himself on the point of not being able to accompany me while making the inspection, on the score that he had volunteered for Military service and had to present himself that very day at Mallow.

He further informed me that he had nominated as his successor while absent a Mr. Hamilton Architect Galway.

Nov 16th 1914

Mr Daly proposed Mr Dwyer seconded that our solicitor be asked to notify Mrs Mary O'Connor church view to leave open the Gully's at Tieroy Road for the purpose of allowing the water to flow.

Proposed by Mr Daly seconded by Mr Dwyer that the following represent the Commission on the reception Committee to Mr Redmond on Dec 6th
Messrs: The Chairman, Mr P. Murphy, Mr John Connelley, Mr H. Keane, Mr Mellin

Proposed by Mr Keane seconded by Mr Blake that the clerk be directed to write to the L. G. Board and ask them draw the attention of the District Council to the nuisance on Bloomasera road and to have same abated as it dangerous to Public Health

Mr Langley applied for and was granted the use of the Hall on Sunday night 22nd inst. for Boy Scouts Concert and lecture

Dr. G. Shaw was granted the use of Hall for Concert on January 14. 15 & 16 at the usual remuneration

The Elster Fine Opera Company were granted the use of Hall on Sunday night 29th inst also use of Reading Room for Week Commencing Monday 23rd to 30th inclusive. Pictures not allowed
Mr Byrne decentering

A letter was read from Mr Reid stating he would continue the tender accepted from Michael Dowling and signed by Mr. Shine last year.

The clerk was directed to get Mr Bourcanton to write to Mr Reid and accept tender if he entered into a Bond

Signed on Behalf of the Board

P. Murphy

Chairman

Dec 11/14

Nov 16 December 1st 1914

Monthly meeting -

Commissioners present Messrs Patrick Murphy, James Daly, Michael Dwyer Patrick E. Carroll, Patrick Byrne, Anthony O'Malley, Thomas J. Mellin

Proposed by Mr Daly seconded by Mr Dwyer that Mr Murphy takes the Chair

The minutes of last meetings were read and signed

Paying Order were made and signed by Mr Murphy, Mr Mellin and Mr Byrne for the following accounts and amounts certified

Revenue Account £ 22. 11. 6
Roads Account £ 28. 19. 9
Housing Scheme etc £ 264. 6. 1

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland enclosing a report from one of their inspectors relative to the cattle at last October not being sent, the long road from the daii Green past the Protestant Cathedral. The clerk was directed to write to the Department of Agriculture and state that the Commissioners consider that their ^{had} not been any inconvenience caused and that the cattle not not been illtreated in going through the Town.

A letter was also read from Dublin Castle re. Shop hours Act. The clerk replied that the Act was not in force here.

Letters were read from Mr Bourcanton Boards Director, stating he had prepared and sent notices to Mrs Mary O'Connor church view to have the drain opened up on her land and allow the surface water off the road on Bloomasera road.

A letter was read from L. G. Board acknowledging receipt of letter 17th containing resolution re-nuisance on Bloomasera road.

The Great Southern and Western Railway Company have now arranged for a connection to be made at Athlery with the 9.15 train from Bradstone on the distinct understanding that the Midland & Western Company's train, arrives in time our Train to start not later than 1.45, after which hour the G. & W. Train must

December 1st 1914

Start of the Midland Train has not arrived: there is also a connection at Claremorris to be maintained which necessitates my fixing the latest departure time from Athenry

The delay in the Goods Train service, is due to the taking off of a goods train on the M. & Western system, over which the G. S. & Western Co has no control. The goods service so far as the G. Southern is concerned has not been altered in any way
Geo Edward Smyth

Letter received from the Office of Public works acknowledging receipt of application for instalments of on the loan £6000 (housing of the working classes) and also that the local Government Board had recommended certain instalments and wished to know when the balance would be required

The chairman and clerk signed the form enclosed, stating the final instalment would be required 1st January 1915.

Madam Louise Grafton applied for use of Hall on Dec 7th.

Seeing the Hall would be required for Banquet to Mr Redmond, she was refused

Proposed by Mr Patrick Murphy seconded by Mr Daly that an address be presented to J. E. Redmond on his arrival at Tuam and that ~~Mr Daly~~ The chairman Mr Daly and Mr Dwyer form the Committee

The clerk was directed to write to the county surveyor re. Guey Traps to have them put down immediately, also to get a presentment at next District meeting to make a sewer to carry away the surface water on Gloomhoe road.

The clerk was directed to write to Mr Quinn Contractor of the Galway to have the footpath Gravelled

Write to the contractor of Public lighting calling attention to the number of lamps left unlighted.

Proposed by Mr Dwyer seconded by Mr Daly that the fish dealers be allowed on the square from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. during the advent.

Messrs Daly, Byrne and Dwyer were appointed to meet Mr Boncanon in reference to the Gally Hurin Markets and Fair Green, which Mr O'Hanagan wants to have a fair rent fixed to take what they think necessary

December 1st 1914

A letter was read from the Elster Home Opera Company asking for ~~a~~ an abatement on the rent paid for use of Hall £4.7.6 as they had a bad time owing to the two nights concert held in the presentation convent.

Mr Dwyer proposed Mr Murphy seconded that they be re-funded Two pounds (£2.0.0)

A letter was read from the Catholic Temperance Society asking the commissioners to provide a soot door at the joining of the Billiard room and Band room chimneys. — permission was given to have it put in but at the expense of the society. —

Signed on Behalf of The Board
J. E. Redmond
Chairman

January 5th 1915

Monday December 14th 1914

Special Meeting

Tuam

Dec 12th 1914

Please convene a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners to be held on Monday next the 14th inst at 11 o'clock, to consider Mr Boncaron's reply to deputation re Fair Green lease and Ballyshenin markets.

Signed Patrick Byrne
 Jas Keane
 John Bonnelly
 Michael Dwyer
 T. J. Meelin

To P. Banaran
 Town Clerk

Town Hall Tuam
 Dec 12th 1914

Sir

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners to be held in the Town Hall on Monday next at 11 o'clock, to consider above requisition

To each Commissioner -

P. Banaran
 Town Clerk

Commissioners present - Messrs J. B. McDonagh Chairman of the Board presiding
 John Bonnelly, Francis Keane, John Burke, Patrick Byrne, Thomas J. Meelin
 Anthony Malley -

The following letter was read

Tuam Ballyway
 11th Dec 1914

The Tuam Town Improvement Commissioners
 Tuam

Gentlemen,

In accordance with your resolution the following members

Dec 14th 1914

If the committee attended in my office on Monday last - Messrs P. Byrne and J. Malley accompanied by Mr Banaran.

In reference to the question as to Mr Costello's advertisement as to holding an Oats Market at Ballyshenin. I directed Mr Banaran to attend there on yesterday. He informs me that he did so, that Mr Costello attended, but there was no oats offered for sale. It is quite clear Mr Costello cannot set up the proposed market if it in any way interferes with your markets, that is, if it tapped the supply to Tuam, and I should think there would be no difficulty in proving this. I have written a cautionary letter to Mr Costello on the matter.

The committee also discussed the matter of Mr O'Hanagan's application to have a fair rent fixed. I informed them that I was acting as solicitor for Mr O'Hanagan, and if they wished to be represented, they should engage some other solicitor, but at the same time I informed them that it would be useless expense, for the sub-commissioners would not hear their solicitor: they would have no power whatever to lay their views before them. They are not in any way interested in the Fair Rent application, that is not legally interested in it

I am Gentlemen
 Your obedient servant
 Henry Boncaron

The Clerk was directed to go again to Ballyshenin and any other place that he could get information as regards same.

Mr Bonnelly proposed Mr Keane seconded and passed unanimous that a solicitor be engaged to hold a watching brief on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners at the Land Court to be held on the 15th inst at the hearing of an application of Mr O'Hanagan to have a fair rent fixed on his holding of land at Lisadyra, the Fair Green being portion of said holding.

Mr Bonnelly proposed Mr ~~Keane~~ Malley seconded that Mr Hosby be engaged and that Messrs Keane, Bonnelly and Byrne write on Mr Hosby as regards same.

Signed on behalf of the Board
 Fred. M. Donohue
 Chairman

Jan 5/1915

Dec 16th 1914

Roads Committee Meeting

Members present - Messrs John Conneely, James Daly, Michael Dwyer.

The clerk drew attention to the necessity of having something done to carry away the surface water on Tierboy Road, and as Mr Concanon had already drafted a notice which was served on the owner of the land adjoining that the place should be opened up within Ten days.

The committee decided as nothing had been done by the owner of the land adjoining that Mr Concanon be instructed to take proceedings against her and that the County Surveyor be notified to attend on behalf of the Contractor.

The clerk was directed to get extra labour and put on material before the date of inspection Dec 20th, and to advertise for 100 tons Best Sand for the footpaths.

Signed on Behalf of the Board
James P. O'Connell
 Chairman

January 5th 1915

Monthly Meeting

January 5th 1915

Commissioners Present? Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board Residing Patrick Murphy, Francis Keane, Thomas J. Mellin, James Daly, Anthony Malley, Patrick Byrne

The minutes of Previous meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed for the following amounts by The Chairman Mr Keane and Mr Mellin

Housing Scheme etc	£ 205-0-0
Revenue etc	65-4-9
Roads etc	29-15-8

agent for the Patriotic Insurance Co

Mr McDonagh representative, appeared before the Board relative to Insurance due on Meat Stalls and asked the Board not to change the Policy from his company the Patriotic to the Hebronian Insurance Society and also asked the Board not to change any of Policies when due, and that he would not interfere with the agent of the Hebronian Insurance Society, in ^{getting} the insurance of the Artisans dwellings when finished.

The Board unanimously decided in leaving the Policies of Insurance which Mr McDonagh unaltered, also that the Policy due on Meat Stalls be increased. Mr McDonagh holding the old Policy together with Meat Stalls not insured for the sum of £1000 until the following Committee Messrs Patrick Murphy, Patrick Byrne, Francis Keane, meet Mr McDonagh and arrange for a definite amount.

The clerk drew attention that the men working on the streets, did not received wages except for the time they worked, no work could be done owing to the frost. Mr Murphy proposed the chairman seconded that they be paid full wages for the time mentioned, and that Connor be appointed permanent man and receive full wages, Ruane to be paid to time worked.

It was also decided that Quinn gets one days wages for his horse on Sunday mornings

Proposed by The Chairman seconded by Mr Keane that the clerk Salary be increased by £5 - according to the terms of his appointment, that is £5 to 10 per annum until it goes to £80.0.0 if business is done to the satisfaction

January 5th 1915

of the Board.

The following Committee were appointed to meet Mr Hamilton of Galway, to go into details as regards plan and specification of ~~artisans~~ fencing etc of the Dublin Road artisans dwellings. Messrs Keane, ~~Mc~~ Daly, Dwyer & Murphy the clerk to notify each member as to Mr Hamilton's visit.

Four

Three tenders were received for repairs to Fish Shambles viz

Denis Breedon	14-15-0
John Hardiman	7-10-0
Peter Joyce	6-0-0
Garby Forder	9-7-6

Joyce tender being the lowest was accepted £6-0-0, in the event of Joyce not being at home, the Board recommended that the Committee Messrs Daly, Dwyer & Murphy give the Contract to Hardiman £7-10-0 it being the next lowest tender.

The clerk was directed to again write to the Traffic Manager Kingsbridge relative to the mismanagement of the Trains at Ahenry. The G. Southern Trains leaving before the arrival of the Midland Trains from Dublin.

The clerk was also directed to see Mr Concanon again and have a stop put to the buying of Corn etc at Doonbeg and Wrenkippen.

Two Tenders were received for sand for footpaths viz

Barthly Monaghan	boonacera	1/8 Per Ton
Patriek Smyth	blonfish	1/6 " "

Patriek Smyth Tender was accept, sand subject to approval of Roads Committee

Mr Patriek Murphy Proposed Mr W Donogh seconded that the clerk be directed to get the roads and footpaths repaired where torn up as in District Council. and send bill for same and to other party

Signed on behalf of the Board

February 1915

Chairman

P. Murphy

(Form No 8)

Notice of result of Election

Town of Tuam

Election of Commissioners for the Town of Tuam

In the year of 1915

I, the undersigned being returning officer at the above election for the said Town of Tuam do hereby give notice, that the candidates at the election whose names are entered hereunder have been elected commissioners

Byrne Patrick	Vicar Street	Merchant
McTigue Patrick	Vicar Street	Merchant
Malley Anthony	High Street	Drapeer
White John	Vicar Street	Hotel Proprietor

Dated this 15th day of January 1915

Patriek Conanan

Returning Officer

I Patrick Byrne having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January 1915

Patrick Byrne

Patrick Ganavan
Town Clerk

I Patrick McTigue having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January 1915

Patrick McTigue

Patrick Ganavan
Town Clerk

I Anthony Malley having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January 1915

Anthony Malley

Patrick Ganavan
Town Clerk

I John Whyte having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January 1915

John Whyte

Patrick Ganavan Town Clerk

I Frederick D. McDonagh having been chosen Chairman of the Commissioners for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office on myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January 1915

Frederick D. McDonagh

Patrick Ganavan
Town Clerk

January 23rd 1915

Statutory Meeting

The annual statutory meeting of the Board for the election of Chairman was held on this day

The following members were present: Messrs F. B. McDonagh, Michael Dwyer, Patrick Byrne, Thomas J. Mellin, Patrick Murphy, Patrick E. Garroe, Michael Nolan, Anthony Malley, John Whyte, Patrick W. Tighe

Federick B. McDonagh Esq. Presided.

Proposed by Mr Dwyer seconded by Mr Byrne that Mr McDonagh be re-elected Chairman.

No other candidate being proposed Mr McDonagh declared himself duly elected and suitably returned thanks.

Mr Malley handed in the following notice of motion.

Take notice that I or some commissioner on my behalf will move at the next monthly meeting that a commissioner be co-opted. If necessary

Signed

Anthony Malley

The caretaker applied for a fender for Board Room. The Board was directed to get one same as those at the Club

to Chairman

Patrick Murphy

February 2nd 1915

February 2nd 1915

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners Present. Messrs Patrick Murphy, James Daly, Anthony Malley, John Whyte, Patrick Byrne, Michael Nolan, Michael Dwyer, Patrick W. Tighe, Thomas J. Mellin.

Proposed by Mr Byrne. Seconded by Mellin that Mr Murphy be appointed Chairman for the meeting passed unanimously.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman Mr Murphy Mr Byrne and Mr Mellin for the following amounts

Revenue Account £ 73.0.10

Roads Account £ 28.8.4

with reference to the vacant seat on the Board after the last election, the returning Officers wrote to the L. G. Board as to filling the vacancy. The following letter was received

Local Government Board

Dublin

29 January 1915

No 5

996/1915

Tuam Rural District
Tuam Town

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 26th inst, relative to the number of nominated Candidates at the election of Town Commissioners in Tuam, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to refer you to article 10 (3) of the Urban District Council and Town Commissioners Election Order of the 22nd December 1898

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant

J. E. Davlin
Assistant Secretary

To Town Clerk

Tuam Town

Commissioners

The Paragraph referred to states that the highest on the poll at previous election would be the Candidate selected.

The Board unanimously decided that Mr Keane being the highest on the Poll at previous election should be the Candidate selected, and directed the Returning Officers to amend his return.

The following were unanimously selected for Roads and Streets Committee -
Messrs? Mr Dwyer, James Daly, Anthony Malley.

Finance Committee, Messrs. P. Byrne, Francis Keane & John Burke -

To Deceive some means from having nuisance committed at back of meat stalls was referred to Road's Committee

Proposed by Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Mellin that 2/6 each be granted to Messrs Connor and Keane for cleaning out the place, which had to be done at night.

John Hardiman's tender of £7-15-0 was unanimously accepted for repairs to fish Stables

The following letter was received for G. S. & Railway Co

Kingsbridge Dublin
15th January 1915

Dear Sir

With reference to your letter of the 11th, I would suggest your writing to the Traffic Manager, Midland Great Western Railway on this matter as we have an arrangement with that Company that our Trains wait a certain time at Abbey to make the connection, and it must be owing to the late running of the U.G. & Trains that the connections with our Trains is not maintained

Yours Truly

Geo Ed Smyth

P. Faravan Esq
Town Clerk
Tuam

Mr Malley's notice of motion. Take notice that I or some Commissioners on my behalf will move at the next monthly meeting that a Commissioner be Co-Opted if necessary.
Signed Anthony Malley

An application was received from the Commercial Dancing class for the use of Two Tables and a number of chairs from Friday 12th to Monday 15th

Granted unanimously -

A letter was read from Charles G. Blake tendering his resignation as Town Commissioner which was accepted -

Mr Murphy proposed and Mr Dwyer seconded that Mr John Connelly be Co-Opted in room of Mr Blake resigned.
Mr Byrne supporting ~~above~~ Mr Dwyer and Mr Murphy in above and passed unanimously

The following was read from Town Clerk

To
The Chairman and Town Commissioners
Tuam

Town Hall Tuam
15th Jan 1915

Sirs

Since last meeting I visited Doonbeg and Ballydavin two workippen frequently, and found no trace of a market or tapping the Tuam Market except on the morning of the 9th January at 9 o'clock a.m. I found two persons weighing oats at Corbelle's store at workippen, which Mr John Costello admitted she bought, but thought it was no harm in doing so.
I reported the whole proceedings to your solicitor Mr Connon

Yours truly

John O'Leary
Chairman Tuam

Proposed by Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Daly. That we request the Commissioners of Public Works to advance the sum of £500 being the 6th instalment of £6000 required for the erection of Artisans Dwellings in the Town of Tuam, and lodged to the credit of Housing Scheme Account, Tuam Branch Bank of Ireland

Signed Patrick Murphy
James Daly

Feb 2nd 1915

J. Francis Keane being election Commissioner by being highest on the poll at my previous election for the Town of Tuam, hereby declares that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me
this 10th day of February 1915

Francis Keane

Patrick Baravan Town Clerk &
Returning Officer

J. John Connelly being Co-opted Commissioner in room of Charles Blake resigned for the Town of Tuam, hereby declares that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties of said office, according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me
this 2nd day of ~~February~~^{March} 1915

John Connelly

Patrick Baravan
Town Clerk

Signed on Behalf of the Board
F. B. McDonagh
Chairman

7/2/15

March 2nd 1915

Monthly Meeting? Commissioners present Messrs F. B. McDonagh Chairman of the Board presiding, James Daly, Patrick Uffigue, John Whyle, Anthony Malley, Francis Keane, P. Byrne, Thomas J. Meelin, Patrick E. Barrell, Patrick Murphy, John Burke,

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by The Chairman, Mr Daly and Mr Malley for the following amounts

Revenue account £ 25-14-11
Roads account £ 26-14-6

The following letters were read -

Local Government Board Dublin
27th February 1915

No 10293/1915

Tuam Rural District
Tuam Town Commissioners

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 19th inst, forwarding Forms A & B in connection with the application of the Town Commissioners of Tuam for the issue of a further instalment of the loan of £6,000 sanctioned for the purpose of erecting working class lodging houses under the Housing of the working classes Act. I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to return, herewith, Form A and to request that the liabilities incurred under the loan up to date may be inserted therein

By Order of the Board
W. Gregg

The Town Clerk
Town Commissioners Office
Tuam

March 2nd 1915

from R. G. B.

A letter was also read, acknowledging receipt of resolution asking for a further instalment of £500 on the loan of £6000 for the erection of Artisans dwellings

Post card received from the County Surveyor dated July 11th 1915 calling attention to the state of the road from Bounolly's corner Galway Road to the Railway. The clerk stated same had been attended to -

A letter was read from the Toll Farmer asking to have the March Fair advertised. The Board decided that as a resolution was already on the minutes stating that only three fairs be advertised viz May, September and October, that the Toll Farmer should advertise himself, considering the low price the Tolls were at.

The clerk was directed to call the attention of the District Council to the state of the Old graveyard wall which required lime washing and coping.

The chairman drew attention and explained to his having an interview with the inspector of the Board of Agriculture, relative to the erecting of a scale for weighing Cattle on the Fair Green.

The chairman suggested that the clerk and himself would go into the matter and write to the Board, as to their position regarding Fair Green etc. Unanimously approved of.

The Finance Committee considered that the whole Board should go into the Solicitor's bill of Costs. It was proposed by Mr. Daly seconded by the chairman that the clerk ^{be} directed to see Mr. Boncanon Solicitor and appoint a suitable day to go into the account and notify the Commissioners.

Signed on Behalf of the Board
 J. P. Hamilton

Chairman

April 6th 1915

March 8th 1915

Special Meeting =

Please convene a special meeting of the Town Commissioners to consider a report of the Committee appointed to go into details as regards extras on the Dublin Road like re-
 Artisans Dwellings, also to go into Mr Boncanon's account in detail, before consulting with Mr Boncanon

Signed

P. Byrne
 Jas Keane
 T. J. Meelin
 Patrick McTigue
 John Burke

Town Hall Tuam

March 6th 1915

Sir

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners to be held in the Town Hall on Monday evening next at 8 o'clock in accordance with above requisition

P. Lanavan Town Clerk

To Each Commissioner

Commissioners Present? Messrs J. B. McDonagh, Chairman of the Board presiding
 Patrick Murphy, Michael Dwyer, J. J. Meelin, Jas Keane, A. O'Malley, John Whyte, Michael Han

The following letters were read

Boilage Road Galway
 26/2/15

Dear Sir

I return you the amended plan with copy for Contractor, of front walls and gates for Artisans Dwellings Dublin Road, also the amended bill of quantities. There will be no certificate issued for the coming months, as the work done during the past month was of a negligible quantity
 Yours faithfully
 J. P. Hamilton

P. Lanavan Town Clerk

March 8th 1915

The Committee approve of the Engineers report re artisans Dwellings of Plans and specification

Signed P. Murphy
T. J. Mellin
Thos Keane
Michael Dwyer
B. Byrne

Mr McAlley applied to have to have a caretaker put into Ballybaddy Road and Dublin Road.

Granted on conditions that they sign the necessary forms that they give up possession to the commissioners when contract is finished

A discussion arose as to the inspector from the Board of agriculture calling on the chairman during the week, relative to the erecting of a cattle weighing machine erected on the Dair Green.

It was decided the the chairman and clerk reply to the Board of agriculture

It was unanimously decided that Mr Patrick Murphy and Mr Mc Dwyer go into the details of Mr Concanon's Bill of lads together with the Finance Committee - Messrs. Keane, Byrne and Burke and arrange with Mr Concanon -

Signed on Behalf of the Board,
Fred. W. Donogh

Chairman

April 6th 1915

Special meeting

Tuam

13/3/15

Please convene a special meeting of the Town Commissioners on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock to consider the re-valuation of the Tolls and Customs; also the delay etc in forwarding stock caused by the G. S & Western Railway Co at the last fair March 10th

Signed

P. Murphy
Thos Keane
B. W. Tighe
Mc. Dwyer
John Burke

To
Flanavan Town Clerk

Town Hall Tuam

13/3/15

Sir

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners to be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday next the 16th Inst at 8 o'clock in accordance with above requisition

To each Commissioner

Flanavan
Town Clerk

Commissioners Present

F. B. McDonagh Chairman of the Board Preceding Patrick Murphy, Patrick E. Carroll
Anthony Malley, John Dwyer

Proposed by Mr Murphy seconded by Mr McDonagh. That the Town Clerk be instructed to appeal against the increased valuation of the Tolls and Customs of the Town passed unanimous

Proposed by Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Malley. That the Chairman and Clerk write to Mr Field Esq M.P. Chairman cattle Traders Association and report the whole matter concerning the delay caused in forwarding cattle by G. S & W Railway Co, inconvenience to buyers etc. and let us know the best means to adopt to prevent a re-occurrence in future
passed unanimous?

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Fred. W. Donogh Chairman

April 6th 1915

April 6th 1915

Monthly Meeting = Commissioners present Messrs F. B. McDonagh Chairman of the Board Presiding
Patrick Murphy, Michael Dwyer, John Burke, Anthony O'Malley, Francis Keane John Whyte
Thomas J. Mellin, Patrick Byrne,

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman, Mr Murphy and Mr Keane
for the following amounts.

Revenue Account	£ 84.4.8
Roads Account	18.13.6
Housing Scheme A/c	512.10.0

The following letters were read

Irish cattle Traders and Stock Association

City Arms Hotel
Prussia Street
Dublin
3rd April 1915

Dear Sir

Mr Field desires me to inform you that your letter to him re - the absence of
waggons accommodation was considered by my Committee, and I have already written the
Department of Agriculture, as well as made reference to your genuine complaint in
publishing the report of this Committee's proceedings

The Town Clerk
Town Commissioners
Team

Yours Faithfully
S. Skellock Secretary

April 6th 1915

A letter was read from the Chief Clerk Valuation Office Dublin acknowledging
receipt of appeal against the valuation of Tolls and Customs and asked to have same
forwarded to the Secretary of County Council on or before the 28th Inst.

A second letter was received from the valuation Office in reply to my letter of the 19th Inst
stating if the appeal had been lodged with the Secretary of the County Council it
would be further investigated by an appeal valuer.

A letter was received from the Office of Public works, stating they had sent a draft of
£500 to the credit of the Housing of the working classes Act

A letter was read from the Secretary of the County Council stating the appeal against
the valuation of Tolls and Customs, will be forwarded to the Commissioner of Valuation in due
course

Quotations were received for the printing of abstract forms from the following

Rosecommon Messengers £1-0-0

Bonnacht Tribune £2.5-0

The clerk was ordered to get them from the Rosecommon messengers, it being the lowest
tender

A letter was read from John Butler caretaker of the Town Hall for an increase of salary

Mr Dwyer proposed and Mr Mellin seconded that his salary be increased from £212/6
to £440/0 per annum

Passed unanimous

Rev Father Concanon applied for and was granted the use of the Town Hall on
Sunday night next the 11th Inst for a play by the Miltown Dramatic
Society.

The consideration of fixing rents and advertising Artisans Dwellings was
adjourned for a special meeting to be held on Thursday the 8th Inst at 8 o'clock

April 6th 1915

Mr. Byrne proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Boncanon, for the ~~the~~ courteous manner in which he received a deputation representing the Board which waited on him in reference to his bill of costs?

Passed unanimous?

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Fr. M. Donoh Chairman

May 4th 1915

Thursday April 8th 1915

Adjourned Special Meeting, Re. Aristans Dwellings

Commissioners Present. Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board Presiding
Patrick Murphy, Patrick Byrne, James Daly, Anthony Malley, Patrick U'Figue, Michael Nolan
Patrick C. Carroll, Michael Dwyer, John Whyte, Francis Leane

After some discussion the meeting was further adjourned, until Wednesday 14th at 8 o'clock

The Clerk was directed to write to the L. & S. Board, and find out what amount per annum would be allocated to our Board out of the Irish Housing Fund, and also to find out what amounts have been allocated to Galway and Athlone from same fund.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

May 4th 1915 Fr. M. Donoh Chairman

April 14th 1915

adjourned special meeting Re Artisans Dwellings

Commissioners Present - F. B. McDonagh Chairman of the Board Presiding James Daly
Michael Dwyer, John Burke, John Dwyer Thomas D. Meelin.

The following letters were read

Urban District Athlone
10th April 1915

The Town Clerk
Tuam

Dear Sir

The rent charged by my Council for their workman's dwellings is: houses
with gardens 2/9, and without gardens 2/6.

The annual grant received under the housing Act varies last year it
amounted to £109.10.9

Your obedient servant
P. Murtagh

Urban District Council Office
Galway April 10th 1915

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of the 9th inst. the houses built by the Council are let
at weekly rents ranging from 2/9 to 5/-.

The amount of Irish Housing Grant received by the Council last year
was £228-11-2

P. Canavan

Yours faithfully
John M. Leach

April 14th 1915

Local Government Board
Dublin

13th April 1915

No 19.765 1915

Tuam Rural District

Tuam Town Commissioners

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of the 10th instant inquiring as to the amount which will be
allocated to the Town Commissioners of Tuam, out of the Housing Fund for the financial
year ended the 31st Ultimo.

In reply I am to state that the sum in question
will be £13:6:1.

As regards your further inquiry, I am to state that it is not possible for the
Board to state what amount will be allocated to the Town Commissioners of the fund
in future years, as it will vary in proportion to the Total amount which may
be borrowed by all local authorities, under the Housing of the working classes
(Ireland) Acts 1890 to 1908, in each year

I am Sir

Your obedient servant
J. R. Harles Secretary

To

The Town Clerk
Town Commissioners Office
Tuam

Proposed by Mr Dwyer seconded by The Chairman, that 3/9 per week
be charged for the Artisans dwellings, and month's rent payable in advance

Passed unanimous

April 14th 1915

Proposed by the chairman seconded by Mr Daly, that the clerk be directed to ask Mr McKeely contractor to provide numbers for the dwellings. and that the Ballybaddy Road dwellings be called McHale Terrace and the Dublin Road Parkmore Terrace.
Any other improvements be left to the sites Committee

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Frank W. Donohue Chairman

May 4th 1915

May 4th 1915

Monthly meeting

Commissioners Present - Messrs J. B. McDonagh, Chairman of the Board presiding Patrick Murphy, P. Byrne, M. Dwyer, J. D. Mellis, John Burke, Francis Keane, John Hayte, A. Malley, M. Nolan

Mr P. Byrne Proposed Mr Dwyer Seconded. That we the Town Commissioners, as a mark of respect to the memory of an old and esteemed colleague Mr P. Lyons, adjourn this meeting until 8 o'clock on Thursday on Thursday evening next without transacting any business and that copies of this resolution be sent to Mr Lyons and Mr McKeely

Signed P. Byrne
M. Dwyer

Signed on behalf of the Board

May 6th 1915

Frank W. Donohue Chairman

May 6th 1915

Adjourned Monthly Meeting

Commissioners Present. F. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding
Patrick Murphy, Francis Keane, Michael Moran, Patrick Byrne, Thomas J. Mellin, John Burke
Patrick McTigue, Anthony O'Malley, Michael Dwyer.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the chairman Mr Murphy and
Mr Byrne for the following amounts

Revenue Account £ 104. 8. 0
Roads etc £ 15. 2. 3

The following letters were read -

From Boghlan Biscoe General Secretary Town Tenants League asking to have
a deputation sent from the Board to the Annual Convention to be held in the
City Hall Dublin on May 12th. no delegates were appointed.

A letter was read from the Roscommon Messenger, and enclosing half a dozen
abstract forms with the word Tuam printed on a slip over the word Roscommon
and stating our Abstracts would be forwarded in due course.

The clerk was directed not to accept Abstract Forms unless the word Tuam
was printed on same.

A sealed order was received from the local Government Board sanctioning the
amount paid by the Tuam Town Commissioners paid from the Revenue etc
£ 52. 2. 4 interest on the loan £ 3500. 0. 0 for Housing of the working classes
Acts 1890 to 1908.

Three applications were received for enumerating at the May Fairs
Cattle and sheep. viz Thomas Dwyer, John Shine, William Cannon,
William Cannon was proposed by P. McTigue seconded by F. Keane
John Shine was proposed by Mr Daly seconded by Mr Mellin
Thos Dwyer was proposed by The Chairman seconded by Mr O'Malley

May 6th 1915

On a poll being taken? Thomas Dwyer 9. John Shine 6. William Cannon 5

The Chairman declared Messrs Dwyer and Shine elected enumerators for May Fairs

Notice of Motion. I give notice that the service of the Bree Post be dispersed with and that in
future yearly tenders for the Breeposting be invited

Thomas J. Mellin May 6th 1915

Proposed by Mr Mellin seconded by Mr Keane that no advertising Boards be allowed outside
the Town Hall directly or indirectly except for the use of Town Commissioners, also
all the bills to be removed off the weighhouse, and that no bills be in future put on
same except on the Board supplied for that purpose. Commissioners bills only -
Passed unanimous

The clerk was directed to use his own discretion to prevent obstruction.

The clerk was also directed to write to the County Surveyor to have some Gavel put on
the footpath recently made.

Messrs. Murphy, Daly and Dwyer were appointed to see the water-cart and to have
the necessary repairs carried out.

Proposed by Mr Byrne seconded by Mr Keane. That we the Tuam Town Commissioners at
this our first meeting after the introduction of the Budget resent the drastic proposals
embodied by Mr Lloyd George to extinguish the chief Irish industry which is intertwined
financially with the commercial British empire and express our gratitude to Mr
John E. Redmond and the Irish party for the prompt action they have taken
to defeat such wholesale unwarrantable destruction of our Country's business
interests, and that no compromise whatever be arrived at

P. Byrne

Thos Keane

The following Tenants were approved of and allocated artisans dwellings viz
Barkmore Terrace

Barkmore Terrace			St. Hall Terrace		
1. M. McEgann	6. John Colleson R.D.C.	1. M. Bourke	6. R. Keane	11. G. Donaghy	16. J. McEgann
2. Jas. Jordan	7. Mick Brennan	2. W. Shine	7. T. Donelan	12. J. W. Sam	17. J. Clarke
3. Miss O'Grady	8. Thos. Giorde	3. Jas. Stockwell	8. J. Pierce	13. W. Rooney	18. P. O'Leary
4. Miss Conolly	9. Thos. Dwyer	4. J. Reidy	9. J. J. Egan	14. M. Harris	19. P. Donnan
5. Joseph Barr	10. Denis Bredon	5. J. Starrett	10. Miss Healey	15. P. Connor	20. J. Victor

Signed on behalf of the Board
F. B. McDonagh

Chairman

June 1st 1915

June 1st 1915

Monthly Meeting? Commissioners Messrs J. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding. Patrick Murphy. Patrick Byrne. Thomas D. Mellin. Michael Dwyer. A. O'Malley John Burke, Michael Nolan, John Whyte

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed —

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman. Mr Murphy & Mr Mellin

For the following amounts

Revenue Account £ 48-12-3
Roads Account £ 14-14-0

Proposed by Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Dwyer that John Hardiman gets £6 — as part payment of his contract of repairs to fish shambles and that he gets an additional £1 — for concreting the wall, same to be approved of the Committee Messrs Daly, Murphy & Dwyer

The clerk was directed to get the workmen to lock up the shambles every night

Mr Mellin withdrew his notice of motion handed in at last meeting in reference to the Sheepmarket

Interim protection note was received from the Liberman Insurance Co £6000 pending the arrival of policy on the Artisans Dwellings.

The clerk was directed to find out what percentage would be paid on above policy and let Commissioners know at next meeting.

A letter was received from Hosty Co asking to be granted permission to place some machinery on the square during the day. The Board unanimously refused.

^{Dramatic} Robert Kenais Concert Co were granted the use of the Hall for 3. 4 5 + 6 done at the usual remuneration 12/6 per night

June 1st 1915

A resolution was read from the Secretary of St Patrick's Insurance of the West. thanking the Commissioners for placing at their disposal the use of the Town Hall for holding their meetings.

A letter was received from the Local Government Board and enclosing paying Order £13-6-1 as being their portion of the Housing fund allocated to them re-loan =

An acknowledgement was received from Mr John E. Redmond re resolution passed at last meeting

Acknowledgements were also received from Mr John Lyons and Mr McFally re resolution of sympathy passed at last meeting

The clerk submitted quotations from Messrs Kelly's and Dollards of Dublin for Rental form 37 Public Bodies Order. it was decided to get them from Kelly's, as Dollards had not them in Stock the price being 12/6

Mary McHugh Kibbannon and William Bruce Dunmore applied for and were granted Artisans Dwellings on Whale Terrace in complying with the regulations

Messrs Murphy, Daly and Dwyer were appointed to get the necessary repairs done to making bart, mud bart and brush, get the painted and provide some place to store them.

The same Committee were appointed to look after the Five Station door and enumerating boxes

A letter was read from Edward Mellin asking to have his wages increased from 5/- to 6/- as the price of oats Hay etc was much increased.

Mr Mellin proposed and Mr Byrne seconded that his wages be increased to 6/- on week days and 5/- for Sunday mornings,

Passed unanimous?	Sold	unsold	Total
Sheep	2381	355	2736
Cattle	2218	217	2435

Exp returns May Fairs

June 1st 1915

notice of Motion

Take notice that I or some member on my behalf, will move on this day month, that all furniture, farm implements, and other saleable articles exposed by residents on or around the Potato market be charged 7/- per week or whatever sum may be agreed upon

Signed Michael Dwyer

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Francis W. Donohoe

Chairman

July 6th 1915

July 6th 1915

Monthly meeting?

Commissioners Present Messrs. F. B. W. Donoghoe Chairman of the Board - presiding. Patrick Murphy, James Daly, Francis Keane, Michael Nolan, John Burke, Anthony Malley, Patrick McTigue, John Whyte, Thomas J. Keenan, Patrick Byrne

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by The Chairman Mr Keane and Mr Daly for the following amounts

Revenue Account £120.0.9
Roads Account £38.7.2

The Road contract was adjourned for a special meeting to be held on Friday evening next at 8 o'clock

The clerk was directed to advertise the Public lighting for the coming winter

The following applicants applied for and were granted Artisans Dwellings on McHale Terrace =
Sergeant Byrne R. I. C. Shule
Michael Stewart Team
Michael Warner Team
Constable George Barrer R. I. C. Team

The clerk was directed to meet Mr Polley's man from Dublin to have him examine the weigh Bridge on the square and find out the probable cost of repairing same =

The clerk was also directed to get the enumerating boxes repaired by the one of the workmen or else engage a man to do so, and incur as little expense as possible

July 6th 1915

Continued =

Mr McValeys estimate for extra work at McHale Terrace was referred to Sites Committee

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture, asking to be supplied with specific instances in which delays of stock occurred at the April Fair or as an alternative perhaps your Commissioners might consent to the letter addressed by them to Mr Field being forwarded by the Department to the Railway Company =

The Board decided that in the event of specific instances be not forthcoming, that permission be given to forward the letter written to Mr Field to the Railway Co.

A letter was read from William Bruce Dunmore who had been granted a house on McHale Terrace, and begged to be excused for not occupying same as he did not like to change just now

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Local Government Board, asking for a copy of the rate made by the Town Commissioners for the current financial year.

The clerk replied that the Tuam Town Commissioners do not strike a rate

Signed on Behalf of The Board

P. Murphy Chairman

August 3rd 1915

July 8th 1915

"Sites Committee meeting"

Commissioners Present = Messrs. Patrick Murphy, James Daly, T. J. Mellin

The clerk was directed by the committee to get the contractor to carry out the works specified by the engineer at McHale Terrace, except the Canadian wire fencing which is to be left over for the present, and also the committee consider £15 sufficient for concrete works, and also to get contractor to have a trench chain with concrete covering made at each downpipe.

The clerk was also directed to write to the county surveyor to have the road stuff removed from the wall or road side at Parkmore Terrace

Signed on Behalf of the Board

P. Murphy Chairman

August 3rd 1915

July 10th 1915

Town Hall Tuam
July 8th 1915

"adjourned meeting"

Sir

You are requested to attend an adjourned special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners to be held in the Town Hall on Saturday evening next at 8 o'clock to consider road contract and valuation of Tolls and Customs

P. Lanavan Town Clerk

Commissioners Present - Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq Chairman of the Board presiding. Patrick Byrne. Anthony O'Malley. Jas Keane. John Burke. Jas Daly. John Whyte. Patrick Murphy.

The clerk was directed to contract for the roads and streets when same would be advertised for full amount £412.8.0

The clerk was also directed to get Mr Boncanon the Boards Solicitor to appeal against the re valuation of Tolls and Customs namely £200 at next quarter sessions

It was unanimously decided that the clerk withdraw the summons against Mrs Kay, Mr McTigh & Mr Browne for obstruction -

Mr Murphy Proposed and Mr Keane seconded the following resolution. That we the Tuam Town Commissioners, desire to record our sincere regret at the Death of that sterling Patriot, Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa, and tender our sympathy to his relatives in their bereavement.

Aug 3rd 1915

Signed on behalf of the Board
P. Murphy Chairman

August 3rd 1915

Monthly meeting -

Commissioners Present - Messrs Patrick Murphy. Thomas J. Mellin. Jas Keane. Michael Nolan. John Whyte. Anthony O'Malley. John Burke

Proposed by Mr Burke seconded by Mr O'Malley that Mr Murphy takes the chair

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed for the following amounts by Mr Murphy Mr Mellin and Mr Nolan

Revenue Account £ 19.5.9
Roads Account £ 14.6.9

The Commissioners decided in continuing the Public lighting with old lamps for one year, also they would be pleased to have an interview with Mr Reid Contractor as suggested in his letter of the 31st inst. on his giving the clerk four or five days notice.

The clerk was directed to summon a special meeting of the Commissioners on Monday evening next the 9th inst to consider revising Schedule of Tolls and Customs and advertising same, also to consider Mr O'Hanagan's letter re Fair Green walls and gates. The clerk to find out if the Concrete wall referred to in his letter is on Mr O'Malley specification or Contract.

Mr O'Malley suggested a few of the Commissioners see Mr O'Hanagan and he may allow the Street sweepings into the Fair Green

The following letters were read

Dublin 27th July 1915

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the Tuam Town Commissioners, expressing their sincere regret at the Death of O'Donovan Rossa. I shall have a copy of it sent to Mrs O'Donovan Rossa and to the Press thanking you for your letter. Yours faithfully
P. Lanavan Town Clerk T. J. Hobson Sec

August 3rd 1915

Department of Agriculture
50 & 51 Upper Mount Street
Dublin

12th July 1915

No 1674-15

Sir

Perhaps you are now in a position to favour the Department with a further reply to their letter 1674-15 of 25th ultimo respecting delays that occur in the forwarding of livestock from Tuam Station

The Town Clerk
Tuam

Yours Sir

Your obedient servant
T. P. Gill

Secretary

Ballinacorney

14th August 1915

Dear Sir

As the Tuam Town Commissioners have not complied with my repeated requests to erect a gate or gates on the wall dividing my portion of The Tuam Fair Green from Moran's Plot, and also to build the wall and erect an Iron Gate at Ballybaddy Road entrance in accordance with their Covenant with me on the 4th March 1911, I have now to formally notify you that unless within one week from this date they proceed to carry out said Covenants I shall be reluctantly compelled to take steps to enforce same.

I have also to direct the attention of the Commissioners to the fact that they are bound to fence off the plot acquired for Artisans' Dwellings by a concrete wall six feet high. That as regards the side of the plot adjoining the fair Green they have not done so, and I have to request their attention to same without further delay

To
Town Clerk Tuam

Yours sincerely
E. P. O'Hanagan

August 3rd 1915

Ballina Gas Works
July 31st 1915

To

P. Hanagan
Town Clerk Tuam

Dear Sir

Replying to yours of the 12th inst. re- unlighted lamps I have made full inquiry into this matter, and am satisfied that all the lamps were duly lighted, but that owing to the dilapidated condition in which they were, it was impossible to ensure that they would remain lighted for any length of time.

The whole lighting was most unsatisfactory, and it could not be otherwise, and this was pointed out to a Committee entrusted with arrangement for the lighting when a complete installation of improved lamps was decided upon and I was instructed to get them. This order was afterwards countermanded, leaving the lamps on my hands.

In the agreement sent to me for approval I objected to any clause penalising me for unlighted lamps as I foresaw that it would be impossible to guarantee that the lighting would be satisfactory. I do not see therefore that I am to blame for the matter complained of and regret that I cannot make any reduction in contract price for an occurrence for which the Commissioners are entirely to blame and which was a source of loss to me, owing to lamps being blown out and remaining full on and issuing Gas perhaps until lampsight again went to light same.

I understand you have issued an advertisement in connection with next season's lighting, and before I tender for this I would like to know if the Commissioners are prepared to endorse the agreement made between us last year as to new lamps and extended period of contract.

It would be absolutely useless to expect satisfaction either to the Commissioners, the Public or myself to continue the use of most of the existing lamps.

The proposal I made last year was a very favourable one, and one which if carried out, would have been to the advantage of the Commissioners having in consideration the increased price of material etc.

I shall be glad to discuss the matter with your Commissioners when doubtless an arrangement satisfactory to all concerned may be arrived at and I await your further advice in the matter

Yours Truly
T. J. Reid

August 3rd 1915

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Patrick M. Donogh Chairman

Sept 7th 1915

adjourned meeting

Town Hall
August 8th 1915

Sir

You are requested to attend an adjourned meeting in the Town of the Town Commissioners. To consider revising schedule of Tolls and Customs and advertising same, and also to consider Mr O'Flanagan's letter re Fair Green walls

To each Commissioner

Slanavan
Town Clerk

August 9th 1915

Commissioners Present.

F. A. McDonagh Esq Chairman of the Board presiding
Patrick Murphy, Anthony Macey, John Burke, John Whyte.

Proposed by Mr Murphy seconded by the Chairman. That the schedule of Tolls be left unaltered and that Tolls and Customs be advertised a special meeting to be held on the 23rd to consider Tenders —

Mr O'Flanagan's letter re Fair Green was adjourned to the 23rd. The Clerk to look up lease in the meantime.

Sept 7th 1915

Patrick M. Donogh Signed on Behalf of the Board
Chairman

August 23rd 1915

Special Meeting

Town Hall August 21st 1915

Sir

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the Town Commissioners to be held in the Town Hall on Monday evening next the 23rd inst at 8 o'clock to consider tenders for Tolls and Customs, and at 8.30 to meet Mr Reid re — Public Lighting

To each Commissioner

Slanavan Town Clerk

23/8/15

Commissioners Present. Messrs F. A. McDonagh Esq Chairman of the Board presiding
Gras Keane, Patrick Murphy, Michael Dwyer, Jas Daley, John Burke, M. Nolan, Anthony O'Malley, John Whyte, Thos. J. Mellin.

There was only one Tender before the Board that of Mr John Murphy Tole Farmer for the sum of £ 525.

The consent of his parties also enclosed, namely James McDonnell Esq Waterside Tuam and Terry Concanon The Grove Tuam

Mr Dwyer proposed the Tolls and Customs be not set less than £ 600 - but not seconded.

It was unanimously agreed that the Tolls be collected by the Commissioners and that arrangements be made at next monthly meeting for collecting them —

The following was read from Mr O'Flanagan.

Ballinrobe Co Mayo
1st August 1915

Dear Sir

As the Tuam Town Commissioners have not complied with my repeated requests to erect a gate or gates on the wall dividing

August 23rd 1915

my portion of The Tuam Fair Green, from Cloran's Plot and also to build a wall and erect a Gate at the Ballygaddy Road entrance in accordance with their covenant with me of the 4th March 1911. I have now to formally notify you that unless within one week from this date they proceed to carry out said covenants I shall be reluctantly compelled to take steps to enforce same.

I have also to direct the attention of the Commissioners to the fact, that they are bound to fence off the Plot acquired for Artizans dwellings by a concrete wall six feet high. That as regards the side of the Plot adjoining the Fair Green they have not done so, and I have to request their attention to same without further delay.

Yours sincerely
E. P. O'Glanagan

The Town Clerk

Messrs Patrick Murphy and Michael Dwyer were appointed to inspect same and report at next meeting.

The Clerk to write to Mr O'Glanagan in the meantime —

Mr Reid ~~had~~ came before the Board as arranged at last monthly meeting and explained about the Public lighting not being better last season also lamps. he suggested lamps he had at Ballina which he would hire to the Commissioners for the season at 7/6 each or if they purchased them from him 30/- each, and if at the end of next season they decided on keeping the lamps. he would allow for the 7/6 paid for the use of lamps — viz 22/6 each.

Messrs T. J. Mellin, Fras Keane, John Whyte, Jas Daly, were appointed as a Committee to meet Mr Reid next morning at 11 o'clock and examine lamps and decide on same — on above terms

The Public lighting to be advertised —

August 23rd 1915

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Daly seconded by Mr Murphy:

That we the Tuam Town Commissioners have learned with sincere regret of the death of our respected Engineer Lieut. G. Costello who was killed in action at the Dardanelles and we desire to tender to his parents and friends our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Jas Daly
Patrick Murphy

Signed In Behalf of The Board

Sept 7th 1915

Thos Wm Donald Chairman

Fairs for 1916

Jan 19	Wed	Pigs	Aug 16	Wed	Pigs
Feb 16	Wed	Pigs	Sept 9	Sat	Pigs
March 9	Thurs	Pigs	11	Mon	Sheep Cattle
10	Frid	Sheep Cattle	Oct 17	Tues	Sheep
April 14	Tues	Sheep Cattle	18	Wed	Cattle
19	Wed	Pigs	19	Thurs	horses
May 8	Mon	Pigs	20	Frid	Pigs
9	Tues	Sheep	Nov 15	Wed	Pigs
10	Wed	Cattle	Dec 14	Thurs	Pigs
June 20	Wed	Pigs	15	Frid	Sheep Cattle
July 5	Wed	Pigs			
6	Thurs	Sheep Cattle			

Mauarian Town Clerk

September 7th 1915

Monthly meeting - Commissioners present Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq, Chairman of the Board presiding. John Burke, Patrick Murphy, Thomas Keane, Patrick Byrne, James Daly, John Whyte, Michael Nolan.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by The Chairman Mr Keane and Mr Byrne for the following amounts

Roads Account £ 10.0.0
Revenue Account £ 69.11.6

Mr Murphy one of the Committee appointed to see the Jail Green walls. Stated it would be better to allow this matter stand until the October Fair. They could then be built with concrete. Sufficient time could be given to allow the concrete set Messrs Murphy and Dwyer to still act as a committee

Tender for street lighting from T. J. Reid Ballina

I propose and agree to supply Gas to the following street lamps in Tuam. provide same with with entirely new inverted Burners at latest design and maintain same (including lamps themselves) for the lighting season ending May 15th 1916 and beginning as soon as possible after acceptance of this tender

29 lamps to be lighted from one hour after sunset until 11 P.M. at £3.0.0 per lamp.

12 lamps to be lighted from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise at £4.0.0 per lamp

Two lamps on the Cathedral grounds to be lighted as required in adv at 30/- per lamp and Two lamps on Protestant Cathedral Grounds at 30/- per lamp

The cost of putting up lamps and all fittings in connection therewith, with the exception of the above mentioned inverted burners which will be supplied free, into workable condition to be paid by Commissioners. This will not include any maintenance charges for same during period of contract.

I also agree to erect a number of lamps of good design suitable for incandescent lighting, charging for use of same for period of contract

September 7th 1915

a sum of 7/6 per lamp, and should Commissioners at termination of contract wish to purchase lamps these will be sold to them at an additional 2/6 per lamp.

I also propose and agree to supply gas only to Town clock, Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office and Fire Station at 6/8 per thousand cubic feet as registered by Meter.

I also propose and agree to supply Tar at 4/- per Gallon.

Street lamps not to be lighted on Moonlight nights. I also agree that where it occurs that from any cause due to negligence on part of myself or servants, any lamp should not be lighted, a sum estimated on the consumption of Gas for said lamp for the time such lamp or lamps remains unlighted, when they should have been lighted, shall be deducted from amount of Contract.

This condition not to apply to cases where for structural damage or obstruction in gas supply such lamps could not be lighted, but it to be understood that such damage or obstruction be remedied at earliest convenience after such defect is known to exist, or to cases where lamps after being lighted are extinguished from any cause.

I agree to enter into a contract or Bond and name two sureties to be approved by Solicitor to Commissioners. Cost of Bond to be paid by Commissioners

Thos. J. Reid

This tender was accepted subject to alterations as under
40 lamps at £3 — per lamp from sunset to 11 O'clock P.M.
4 - - - 30/- do Cathedral and Protestant Church grounds
1 - - - £4/10 the lamp on the square to be an all night one

Cost of putting lamps etc in repair as under lined on tender to be borne by contractor, and also the lamps to remain lighted all night for the October, November, Dec and January fairs

Tenders for Printing and advertising

I propose and agree to do the Printing required by your Board

1. Printing in general £12.0.0
2. Election Printing if required 3.2.6
3. Grave docket Books as sample 3/- each
4. Abstract of accounts and auditors report £2/2/0

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and offer as my sureties Michael Hession and John Shanagan whose consent in writing is herewith enclosed.

Yours Faithfully
Mabel Keely
Herald Works Tuam

I propose to do all advertising in the Tuam Herald required by your Board for the sum of £12/0/0, and offer as my sureties Michael Hession and John Shanagan whose consent in writing is herewith enclosed.

Faithfully Yours
Mabel Keely

Both above tenders were unanimously accepted.

Mr Daly proposed Mr Burke seconded that the Taxes and Customs be re-advertised and a special meeting be held for the consideration of Tends on Tuesday 14th Inst at 8 o'clock P.M.

Messrs Daly, Keane and Burke were appointing to see the meat market yard and report at special meeting the best means to prevent nuisance etc

The clerk was directed to appeal against the amount assessed for Income Tax and afterwards get Solicitor to appeal to quarter sessions unless a substantial reduction is given.

Mr Murphy proposed Mr Byrne seconded that the tender for Roads and Streets be not carried out on account of the steamrolling included in specification. The clerk in the meantime notify the County Surveyors.

A letter or notice was read from the Sanitary Authority to abate the nuisance at the meat Market situated at Bishop's Street

An application was received from Messrs Dwyer and Shine for position of Enumerators for Sept Sheep & Cattle fairs

marked adjourned

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The following resolution was received from the Municipal Council City of Dublin.

That this Council representing every shade of opinion in Dublin, hereby enters an emphatic protest against the unjust treatment of our fellow Countrymen (members of the Irish Volunteers) who have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment without satisfactory reasons being given: that we demand their immediate release, and desire to draw the attention of our Parliamentary representatives to the unequal administration of the law as regards Public utterances and writings in Ireland and in England, further that we demand the same privileges to be extended to Irishmen, as have been given to Lord Northcliffe and the English Press presently opposed to the British Government.

The adoption of above resolution was proposed by Mr Burke seconded by Mr Daly supported by the Chairman and Mr Byrne

On the suggestion of Mr P. Murphy the clerk was directed to write to the Traffic manager G. S. & R. Railway Kingsbridge, to have a siding erected at Brooklawn for the convenience of persons attending Tuam Market

Signed on Behalf of the Board

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Wm. A. T. O'Connell Chairman

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adjourned
Special meeting - For considering tenders for Tolls and Customs
and letters from County Secretary and County Surveyor.

Commissioners present - Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board
presiding Patrick Murphy James Daly. John Burke. Patrick Byrne. Michael Dwyer.
John Whyte

No Tenders were received for Tolls and Customs. The following were
appointed to meet at 8 o'clock on Friday evening. propose some means
for collecting them and submit same to a general meeting of the Board
to be summoned for the purpose on Monday next the 20th inst at 8 o'clock
Messrs - F. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman, Patrick Murphy, Jas Daly,
Patrick Byrne, Michael Dwyer, Thos Keane,

The following letters were read.

County Surveyor's Office
Galway
10th Sept 1915

Tuam Streets

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst re above. I have to inform
you that the special clause in specification relating to steam rolling
will have to be adhered to

P. Canavan
Town Clerk

Yours Faithfully
John Moran

September 14th 1915

Secretary's Office
Court House
Galway
11th Sept 1915

Sir

My attention has been drawn to a report of a discussion at a meeting of
the Tuam Town Commissioners, in regard to a Bond of the Tuam Town
Commissioners for the maintenance of the streets of Tuam, from which it
would appear that the Town Commissioners were under some misapprehension
as to the position in this matter. The County Council at their meeting held on
the 18th August, had before them a Proposal from the Tuam Rural District
Council for the maintenance and repairs of 622 perches of main roads forming portion
of the streets of Tuam. This proposal was sent up without any tender, and the
County Council in the ordinary course advertised the work.

One of the clauses of the specification provided that the contractor should be bound to
to roll in, at least 800 tons of broken stones each year.

A Tender was received from Patrick Canavan, and attached thereto a bond duly
executed by Messrs Canavan, McHugh and Burke. The County Council approved of
the work, and accepted the tender of Mr Canavan

I am to point out that upon the face of the tender the
Town Clerk proposed and agreed to do the work in conformity in every
respect with the specification relating thereto prepared by County Surveyor
which specification is taken is to be taken as part of and incorporated with
the tender and contract

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
W. G. Fogarty
Acting Secretary

Town Clerk
Tuam

The Clerk was directed to see County Secretary and County
Surveyor and report on same

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P. Ganavan
Town Clerk
Tuam

Dear Sir

Mr Murphy Toole Farmer, has been served by Mr O'Shanagan Rate Collector, with a demand note demanding £55-3-6. Since that has been served with a six day notice, which is the preliminary proceedings to distress, or, possibly, to a summons at the petty sessions for the amount. Mr Murphy having given me those papers, I communicated with the Secretary of the County Council who has replied stating that the orders given to them are to collect notwithstanding the appeal and that the payment must be made on the original assessment of £330, notwithstanding the fact that the Commissioners of valuation has reduced this sum to £280. I am writing to you so that you inform the Board, of this, as the Rate Collector may distress either the goods of Mr Murphy, or possibly the goods of the Town Commissioners

Yours faithfully
Henry Bonebrake

It was unanimously decided not to pay the rates until the appeal is heard. And that the clerk see that the Toole Farmer's bill of £88- is paid —

The clerk was instructed to provide a lock and several keys, for park's taking water from the fountain at West Market and that the gate be kept locked —

Signed in Behalf of the Board

~~October 5th 1915~~

W.C.

Chairman

Sept 14th 1915

Proposed by Mr Daly seconded by the Chairman Mr W. Donogh. That the Solicitor be asked, if the Town Commissioners can make a bye law charging custom for cattle and sheep bought on the lands several miles from Tuam, and which come through the Borough of Tuam, to be despatched by Rail — Unless a bye-law is made to this effect we believe it will seriously affect the Revenue of Taxes and Customs

James Daly
P. B. W. Donogh —

On the proposition of Mr Daly seconded by Mr Byrne the fish dealers be allowed to hawk the streets on fast days from 11 to 2 o'clock

Signed On Behalf of the Board

Fred. P. Donegan
Chairman

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September 17th 1915

Special Committee Meeting Re Tolls and Customs

Commissioners Present. Messrs J. B. McDonagh Chairman of the Board Presiding
Patrick Murphy, Fras Keane, Patrick Byrne.

The following letter was read from Toll Farmer -

Foster Row
Tuam 16th Sept 1915

Dear Sir

I beg to inform you that I have been summoned to the next Petty Sessions by Mr Peter O'Shanagan collector of Rates for the sum of £55.3.6 Rates assessed on the Tolls and Customs of the Town of Tuam. The property of the Town Commissioners of the Borough of Tuam. would you please see to this at once

Yours Truly
John Murphy

J. Banavan Town Clerk

Mr Dwyer proposed by McDonagh seconded that Mr Bonconon be instructed to defend the summons against the Toll Farmer for the rates amounting to £55.3.6

The following appointments were suggested for approval of the General body of Commissioners to be held on Monday evening Sept 20th

1. That 3 pence per case of six hundred of Eggs be charged to all dealers living within the borough of Tuam
2. A collector be appointed to collect at the brane on the square on Market days Saturdays only
3. The brane to collect Tolls from those who weigh goods on the weigh bridge
4. A collector and assistant brane to be appointed for Potatoe market Saturdays only
5. To appoint a walking collector to keep check on those coming into Town and collect the Bonham Market.
6. To appoint a permanent man for week days

Signed on behalf of the Board
Fred W. Dwyer Chairman

at 1/5

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Adjourned Special Meeting Re Tolls and Customs

Commissioners present. J. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board Presiding. P. Murphy
Patrick Byrne, John Burke, Michael Olan, James Daly, Fras Keane, John Whyte Michael Dwyer

The appointments at previous committee were approved of -
Proposed by Mr Dwyer seconded by the Chairman that 3 pence per case of six hundred of eggs be charged ^{as Tolls} ~~in Tuam~~ ^{at the brane} ~~only~~
Mr Daly proposed Mr Murphy seconded that Mr Dwyer be appointed as permanent man at 10/- per week passed unanimous -

Mr Thomas Dwyer here was unanimously selected for Town Commissioners as he had been doing for Toll Farmer that is giving Dockets and collecting Tolls at Potatoe market at 14/8 per month

Mr Byrne proposed and Mr McDonagh seconded that John Shine be appointed to collect Tolls ^{at the brane} on the square market days (Saturdays only) 12/- per month

The clerk was directed to advertise for one man to assist at Potatoe market brane. to write to Mr Bonconon and find out if Hats and Potatoes passing through the borough to Stores ^{in Town} ~~on~~ the Railway can Tolls be collected -

Mr Daly proposed Mr Byrne seconded that covered standings in the Market selling clothing and harness be charged at the rate of 1/- Tolls

The Commissioners present with Messrs Whyte and Dwyer dissenting agreed to charge Tolls on Turf viz 1/- on horse and donkey or mule carts 1/2 on Donkey carts

The clerk was directed to get quotations for Docket Books approved of, and order from the cheapest firm in order to have them in time.

Proposed by Mr Daly seconded by Mr Murphy that all collected get books and enter up each Docket giving number of articles, weight etc and amount received -

The clerk to take up collections and check the collector's books on Wednesday and Saturday evenings and lodge the amount to the Commissioners' account every Monday.

The clerk to make out a poster showing alterations and additional

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articles on which Tolls will be charged and ~~present~~ submit same to the Committee on Monday evening next at a special Committee meeting convened for that purpose.

To advertise for one man to assist at Potato market crane and collect Tolls

It was unanimously decided that if the collections are satisfactory the Commissioners may consider giving the collectors a bonus

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Frederick M. Donohue
Chairman

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Sept 22nd 1914

Special meeting Re-Roads contract

To

Tuam Sept 20th 1915

P. Ganavan Town Clerk

Please convene a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners to meet Mr Moran County Surveyor re-Road contract on Wednesday next the 22nd at 12 o'clock noon
Signed

J. B. McDonagh
Patrick Murphy
Thos Keane
Michael Nolan
James Daly

Town Hall Tuam
Sept 20th 1915

Sic

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the Town Commissioners to be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday next, 22nd inst at 12 o'clock in accordance with above requisition

To
Each Commissioner

P. Ganavan
Town Clerk

Commissioners Present. Messrs J. B. McDonagh Chairman of the Board presiding James Daly, Patrick Murphy, John Whyte, Patrick Byrne, Michael Dwyer, John Burke.

Mr Moran County Surveyor also present.

Mr Daly proposed Mr Murphy seconded. That we beg to inform the County Council that the Tuam Town Commissioners cannot agree to accept the contract for the steam rolling and maintenance of the streets of Tuam at the amount allowed and that they can only do so on the amount per perch being increased from 10/- to 15/- or leave out the steamrolling

James Daly
Patrick Murphy

22/9/15

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The clerk was directed to write to Mr. Fogarty acting Secretary County Council and ask him to summon a special meeting of the Roads Committee of his Council and get them to decide what action will be taken in the event of no contractor being appointed on the 1st October as the present contract will expire on the 30th Sept.

Signed on Behalf of The Board

Wm. Donald
Chairman

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Sept 27th 1915

Adjourned Special meeting Re - Tolls and Customs

Commissioners Present. Messrs P. B. McDonagh Chairman of the Board presiding Patrick Murphy, James Daly, John Burke, John Whyte, Michael Nolan, Anthony Mearns, Patrick U'Figue,

The Board decided to engage John Daly to assist Thomas Dwyer here at the Potatoe Market same as he had been doing for Tee Farmer at 4/- per day.

The clerk read a letter from the Boards Solicitor re-battle sheep etc bought outside the borough. The clerk was directed to keep the letter in the safe fearing it would be required for future reference.

Messrs. Hession, Gannon, U'Figue, Conway, Haile. Egg dealers, came before the Board relative to the charge on eggs.

Hession and Gannon usually paid from 2/6 to 3/- every Saturday to the lake Toll Farmer, U'Figue from 1/6 to 2/-

after a long discussion Hession and Gannon agreed to pay 12 per case of six hundred on all eggs raised.

~~The Board decided to adjourn fixing the Toll on eggs to the next monthly meeting.~~

The Board unanimously decided in not charging Tolls on Turf

Sergeant Farrell R.D. 6 Tuam was granted 10 18 on U'Figue Terrace.

Signed on Behalf of The Board
Wm. Donald
Chairman

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October 5th 1915

Monthly meeting -

Commissioners Present - Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq Chairman of the Board presiding
 Anthony Malley, John Burke, James Daly, Michael Nolan, Patrick U'Figue
 Francis Keane, Thomas J. Meelin, John Whyte, Michael Dwyer

The minutes of previous meetings were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman, Mr Dwyer, Mr Malley

Revenue $\text{£} 14.0.11$

Proposed by Mr Daly, seconded by Mr Dwyer that a man be appointed to assist Mr Bolger in collections and that an advertisement be issued for same.

The Clerk was directed to get six men for the fairs to assist at the Gaps three at each viz.

Thomas Dwyer Junr and John Shine with three others at Tullinadaly Road Gap
 Thomas Dwyer Senr and the others at Bally Gaddy Road Gap -
 One man with each Collector on Horse Fair day -

The Clerk was directed to write the Gas Contractor and call his attention to the lamps left unlighted on Rooney's Lane and the Mall also the small incandescent mantle used on lamps.

It was unanimously decided that the route to the Railway by Beer Street

Mr Daly proposed Mr Dwyer seconded that the vacancy on the Board by the non attendance by Mr Bonnelly be filled.

Mr Daly proposed Mr Dwyer seconded that Mr Sloyan be Co-opted

Mr Malley proposed Mr Keane seconded that Mr Ed Quinn be Co-opted

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A vote being taken as follows

Mr Ed Quinn, Messrs Malley, Keane, U'Figue, Nolan and the Chairman - 5

Mr T. Sloyan, Messrs Daly, Dwyer, Burke, Meelin and Whyte - 5

The Chairman did not give a casting vote so the vacancy was not filled

The Clerk was directed to write the local Government Board and find out if it would be legal if all Commissioners would go out at the end of the year 1916 and that biennial elections be taken place afterwards.

Mr Dwyer proposed that the clock tower be painted, also Schedule Board. The Board decided in letting it stand for the present.

The tolls on eggs was left unaltered viz 3 per case of six hundred as already noted on minutes last meeting

The following letters were read?

Gas works Ballina
 Sept 13/15

P. Ganavan Esq

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 8th inst. and note that my tender for street lighting has been accepted, with the exception of cost of putting Commissioners lamps in repair. This is a charge which should be borne by Commissioners as lamps are their property and being in bad condition, it is only reasonable that the cost of putting them in order prior to lighting should be borne by them. However I shall find out what actual cost of this will be, and if not too much will accept half cost, and in any case it will be a separate arrangement and meanwhile shall proceed with lighting as ordered by you. I note that 40 lamps are to be lighted until 11 P.M. except on moonlight nights at £3.0.0 per lamp and one all night lamp on the square at £4.0.0, and four lamps on the Protestant and Cathedral grounds at 3/- per lamp. I also agree to light lamps on ~~the~~ November and December fairs. The candle power of each lamp to be 50 C.P each. I would be glad if you

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would send cheque for balance of last season's lighting

Yours Truly

T. J. Reid

Mr Reid's tender was accepted as above "no Bond"

A communication was received from the surveyor of Gasco that appeal would be heard at Blademois on Tuesday 5th October 1-30

County Surveyors Office
Galway

Sept 29th 1915

Contracts Nos 114 + 114 A

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter, I have to state that I must regard you as the Contractor for above roads for 4 3/4 years commencing 1st October 1915, and it will therefore be your duty to carry out the work of maintenance of these roads (as specified) for that period.

Yours faithfully

John Moran

County Surveyor

To

P. Canavan Town Clerk

County Secretary's Office
Galway

23rd Sept 1915

Sir

I have your letter with resolution. The Town Commissioners are not the Contractors for the Tuam Streets. The legal position is that you are the Contractor and are bound with your sureties to the County Council exactly as any other road Contractor in the County.

I am Sir

Your Obd. Servant

W. G. Fogarty

Acting Secretary

P. Canavan

Town Clerk

Tuam

October 5th 1915

The Elections and Registration Act 1915

Local Government Board

Dublin 14th Sept 1915

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward to you, for the information of the Town Commissioners, the accompanying copy of an order which the Board have made in pursuance of the Elections and Registration Act 1915, applying the provisions of the Act to the election of Town Commissioners. It will be seen that the next election of Town Commissioners which in the ordinary course would be held on the 15th day of January 1916 is postponed for a year, and that the term of office of the existing Commissioners is extended for one year accordingly. Copies of Circulars which have already been sent to other local bodies regarding the provisions of the Act are enclosed, herewith, for the guidance of the Town Commissioners.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

A. R. Dallas

Secretary

The Clerk to the
Town Commissioners

A letter was read from the Secretary of Dance Committee asking for the use of Hall on Saturday night the 10th inst -

Granted unanimous

Signed on Behalf of The Board

Frank W. Donohue
Chairman

Nov 2nd 15

November 2nd 1915

Monthly Meeting. Commissioners present Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq Chairman of the Board presiding Francis Keane James Daly John Burke Michael Nolan Patrick Byrne. Tho. D. Meelin. John White Michael Dwyer Anthony Malloy

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Paying orders were made and signed by The Chairman. Mr Daly and Mr Meelin. for the following amounts

Revenue a/c	£ 53.8.0
Roads a/c	6.6.4
Housing Scheme	97.0.9

The clerk reported that £ 138. 18.2 was received for Tolls during the five weeks the Commissioners had them on hands and out of that amount £ 158. 8.8 was collected the fair week.

This amount being lodged to the credit of Revenue account.

The clerk was directed to write to Mr Malloy contractor and ask him assist the plots to each Tenant on Malloy and Parkmore Terrace, to have all material and rubbish removed and also to fill up a hole at Parkmore Terrace

The Board decided that no vacancy occurred on the Board through Mr Barnes non attendance that same occurred through illness and that in future the clerk to report to the Board any ~~and~~ ~~was~~ member who has not attended for six months.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Daly seconded by Mr Dwyer. That we the Tuam Town Commissioners, have heard with regret the death of Miss Ellis and her sister and brother of our respected Auditor Mr A. B. Ellis, and we desire to tender our sincere sympathy to Mr A. B. Ellis and the other members of his family in their sad bereavement.

James Daly
Michael Dwyer

November 2nd 1915

Application was received from Thomas Dwyer branch John Butler asst branch for the usual allowance for overcoats

Granted unanimous

The following letters were read

Bank of Ireland
Tuam 2/11/15

Tuam Town Commissioners

Dear Sir

I have not received the usual batch of Poles in connection with fairs and markets, which are usually handed in at this time of the year.

The Roads a/c is now overdrawn £ 742 — " I should feel obliged by your laying the matter before the commissioners with a view to their letting me know their requirements. So that I may put the proposition before my Directors

Yours Truly
J. W. Weeks

To P. Ganavan
Town Clerk

Yours always
31 Oct 1915

Dear Sir

Having heard of the death of my sister, I must cancel the date fixed for the audit of your accounts until further notice

Yours Faithfully

Arthur B. Ellis

Auditor

To
Town Clerk
Tuam

November 2nd 1915

Department of Agriculture

50 & 51 Upper Mount St

Dublin

28/10/15

Dear Sir

With reference to the correspondence that took place some twelve months ago between the department and your Commissioners respecting the disadvantage of allowing cattle when being moved from the Fair Green to the Railway Station in connection with the Tuam October Fair, to be taken by the route through the town, instead of by the longer road, leading past the Protestant Cathedral, I have now to transmit, for ~~your~~ ^{the} information of the Commissioners, and with a view to their observations, an extract from a report on the same subject by one of the Department's Transit Inspectors, who was present at the recent fair held on the 20th Inst.

From the particulars given by the inspector, it is evident that the use of the town route on such occasions inevitably exposes the animals to serious ill-treatment, and that it is most desirable, in the interests of proper treatment of the stock, that they should be driven by the longer route in future.

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant

G. V. Giee

Secretary

The Town Clerk

Tuam

Nov 2nd 1915

Extract from a report by one of The Department's Inspectors in connection with his visit to Tuam October Fair 20th October 1915

The arrangement made some years ago and which was found to work most satisfactorily by which cattle for entrainment were driven the long way around from the Fair Green to the Railway Station was regret to say ~~was~~ departed from on this occasion were driven through the streets of the Town with the result that the streets became congested with cattle, and the cattle were subjected to very great cruelty.

The cruelty at the level crossing-gates was very bad, and large buyers complained very strongly of this damage caused to cattle in consequence.

These gates have to be frequently opened and closed during shunting operations and as the gates were opened a tremendous rush of cattle took place, and the beating which resulted was indescribable.

This could be entirely avoided if the long route were taken as the lots of cattle could be strung out and allowed to approach the loading banks as waggons were available for them. Owing to the congested state of the streets with cattle it was quite impossible for the Police to prevent the beating that took place as they could not reach the offenders.

The clerk was directed to write to the Department and state the Commissioner consider the cattle went the best route, High Street being so narrow it would be too dangerous for the public - and the cattle received no bad treatment.

The clerk was directed to write to the agent Bank of Ireland and state the Commissioner collected the Tolls which are lodged each week, and the quarterly instalment of £72 - will be lodged to the credit of Roads etc after the 17th Nov

Tollson

The clerk was also directed to get a report from Mr Bolger re - Eggs and any other complaints or suggestions he may have to make, then summon a meeting of Fairs Committee -

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Chairman F. H. M. J. J. J.

Dec 7th 1915

December 7th 1915

Monthly Meeting - Commissioners present Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq Chairman of the Board Residing, Patrick Murphy, James Daly, Michael Dwyer, John Burke, P. W. Tighe Francis Keane, Patrick Byrne, John Khyte, Michael Nolan

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman Mr Daly and Mr Dwyer for the following amounts

Revenue account	£43-17-0
Housing Scheme	15-0

It was unanimously agreed that Mr Reid Contractor for Public lighting get £7-10-0 instead of £15-15-0 demanded to pay off in full the balance of 1914/15 account

Mr P. Bolger's report re Tolls on Eggs was read and approved of. It was decided that the tolls on Eggs be collected as had been done in the Toll Farmers time.

Patrick Banks High Street representative of Messrs Linget Co applied for and was granted the meat stall advertised and enclosed 26/- Deposit

The following reports were read?

Town Hall Tuam Dec 7th 1915

The Chairman and Town Commissioners

Dear Sirs

Since our last monthly meeting the driver absented himself without giving any notice whatever

The work was done by Thos Dwyer here and Mr Bolger, but a good deal of inconvenience was caused on market days. The second market day I had to engage a extra man for the Potatoe market. I would also ask the Commissioners to get the collectors to be earlier at their work on market mornings, with the exception of Mr Bolger who is there at an early hour. During the Xmas markets I would recommend an extra man for the Potatoe and Fowl market.

The Coming Xmas Pig Fair, would also require an extra man or two, in order that proper check may be kept on pigs sold. On last fair day the inconvenience caused by carts in and around the

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Square was indisciplined and something should be done to prevent a repetition of same.

Your obedient servant

P. Canavan Town Clerk

All the collectors were instructed to be at the posts at 7.30 each market morning, and as J. Dwyer here was not present the Clerk was directed to write to him -

The Clerk was directed to get whatever extra man were required for the coming Fairs and markets.

The Commissioners considered it was better not to interfere with the obstruction caused in the early morning as it might interfere with the fairs

Re Artizans Dwellings

The Chairman & Town Commissioners

Town Hall Tuam Dec 7th 1915

Dear Sirs

Last week the surface water in the yards at Udale Terrace was very high in fact almost going into the kitchen at No 114. I reported same to the Contractor who sent his man there and found out the reason for the overflow was that the Reservoir made for that purpose got filled up, and in order to carry away the water the reservoir had to be tapped to allow the overflow out on the public road. The Contractor he reported the matter to the engineer

Your obedient servant

P. Canavan Town Clerk

The Clerk was directed to write to Mr Hamilton the Engineer and have him examine the place at once.

The Clerk was directed to write to the County Surveyor of the present state of the streets and foot paths. And also of the inferior quality of sand used on the foot paths on Dublin Road and other paths

The Clerk was directed to again write to the L. G. Board and state the Commissioners are anxious that election should be Triennial and all Commissioners ~~are~~ would

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go out in a body at the next election.

The following was proposed by Mr Daly seconded by Mr Byrne - That we the Tuam Town Commissioners, desire to express our deep regret, at the death of our respected Colleague Mr Patrick Barrell and also our late Town Clerk Mr John Glynn, and that we tender to Mrs Barrell and Mrs Glynn our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

James Daly
Patrick Byrne

Mr Dwyer proposed and Mr Daly seconded a resolution of sympathy Mr O'Malley on the death of his mother.

Copies of resolution to be sent to Mrs Barrell, Mrs Glynn and Mr O'Malley -

Messrs Stockwell Sons tender for painting etc 17 window sashes, front and rear of Town for the sum of £2/0/0 was accepted - and £1/5/0 for the doors -

The following letters were read -

41 Malabar road Dublin
5/11/15

Dear Mr Banaran

Kindly convey to the Tuam Town Commissioners my grateful thanks for their action in unanimously passing a resolution of sympathy with me on the occasion of the deaths of my brother and sister. It is very gratifying for me to know the friendly feeling that exists between us.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your personal expressions of sympathy

A Banaran
Town Clerk

Yours faithfully
A. Elliott

The Commercial Dancing class applied for and were granted the use of the Hall two nights weekly Thursdays and Sundays and to pay 4/- per night for use of Gas Consumed -

A letter was read from County Surveyor stating the Contract entered into by Town Clerk was annulled and that it was in his hands for six months ending 31/3/16

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No 59501: 1915

L. G. Board Dublin
12/11/15

Tuam Rural District
Town Commissioners

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant, relative to the election of the Tuam Town Commissioners, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that the reply to your query is in the negative. The L. G. Board are not aware of any Statutory provision for the institution of triennial elections in towns or urban districts. Section 23 (1) of the Local Government Ireland Act 1898 applying only to the Councils of an Urban District. I am at the same time to call your attention to the provisions of the Town Commissioners (Ireland) Postponement of Election Order 1915, a copy of which has been previously furnished to the Town Commissioners

I am Sir

The Town Clerk
Tuam

Your obedient servant
A. R. Warles Secretary

Messrs R. L. Dooles and Edward Elliott were granted the use of the Hall for Concert and Dramatic entertainments - Usual Terms -

An application was read from the Bank applying for the £5/0/0 increase of salary according to terms of appointment dated Nov 5th 1913

The Chairman proposed and Mr Keane seconded that the amount be granted passed unanimous

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Jan 14th 1916

A. Murphy

Chairman

December 21st 1915

Special meeting -

Tuam Dec 14th 1915

Please convene a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners to consider a letter received from the agent of the Bank of Ireland re- overdraft on Roads etc

Signed

F. B. McDonagh
 Thos Keane
 Patrick W. Tigue
 Thomas & Mellin
 Patrick Byrne

Copy of letter

Bank of Ireland Office Tuam
 Dec 13th 1915

Dear Sir

I am directed to draw your attention to the position of the Roads etc of your Board, on which there is a Debit Balance of £676-7-3

As I understand the Commissioners are not now contractors for upkeep of streets of the Town, and the money hitherto received for this purpose, is now now available for reduction of the Debt to the Bank; I am desired to ask what steps the Commissioners propose to take to pay off the debt, or satisfactorily securing same

Yours Truly
 J. W. Weekes
 agent

To

F. B. McDonagh Esq
 Chairman Town Commissioners

Town Hall Tuam Dec 17th 1915

Sir

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the Town Commissioners, to be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday next the 21st inst at 8 o'clock, according to above requisition

To

Each Commissioner

P. Ganavan
 Town Clerk

December 21st 1915

Commissioners Present. Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq Chairman of the Board Presiding
 Thos Keane, Patrick Byrne, Patrick W. Tigue, and Michael Nolan -

Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Byrne. That Mr Concanon Board's Solicitor be asked what is the legal position of the Board relative to the amount claimed by the Bank of Ireland viz £676-7-3 Balance due on Roads etc
 And what legal steps the Board should take, so that the amount claimed should be discharged and if necessary get Counsel opinion.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Jan 4th 1916

P. Murphy
 Chairman

January 4th 1916

Monthly Meeting - Commissioners Present Messrs Patrick Murphy, James Daly, John Burke, Michael Dwyer, Anthony O'Malley, Has Keane, Thos. J. Meelin, Patrick McTigue, Michael Nolan, Patrick Byrne, John Whyte

Proposed by Mr Dwyer seconded by Mr O'Malley that Mr Murphy be the Chair

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by Mr Murphy, Mr Dwyer and Mr O'Malley for the following amounts

Revenue Account	£ 34.5.1
Housing Scheme etc	15.0

Mr Daly handed in the following protest. I object to the Tuam Town Commissioners paying out of their ordinary account any money in respect to the Steamrolling Debt £473.7.3 as it does not form portion of the regular accounts of the Town Commissioners.
4th Jan 1916
James Daly

Mr Reid contractor for Public Lighting wrote acknowledging cheque for £ 7.10.0 sent him on the 9th December in full payment of Public Lighting account for 1914/15. Still demanding £ 8/5/0 due. This amount being deducted for the inferior quality of Gas and lamps left unlighted during the year 1914/15.

The Clerk was directed to write to Mr Reid and state the Board refused paying this amount

The following was received from Mr Boncanon Board's Director

The Town Clerk
Tuam

Tuam 4th Jan 1916

Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 2nd enclosing copy of resolution and copy letter from the agent Bank of Ireland of that date re roads etc. This is a matter which I must submit to Council and I am having a case prepared and hope to have same with Council's opinion for your next meeting

Yours Faithfully
Henry Boncanon

January 4th 1916

Constable Barrett R. J. C. Gummel applied for and was granted to 3 Artzian's Dwelling Parkmore Terrace.

The County Surveyor applied for and was granted the use of the sweeping brush for the Tuam streets. on conditions should the brush be worn or broken to be replaced.

The Clerk was also directed to write to the County Surveyor about the condition of the streets and particularly the footpaths. Broken flags being numerous and have them put right.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Mr Dwyer. Take notice that I or some commissioner on my behalf will at the next monthly meeting of the Commissioners move that a portion of the waste ground in the old meat market be allotted to the now existing hall, held by the Irish National Foresters. They to make the necessary repairs at their own expense and subject to the letting of the Commissioners

Michael Dwyer

L. G. Board's Architect Report Re. Artzian's Dwellings"

Tuam Rural District
Tuam Town Commissioners

£ 6000 loan

and inspection.

I have the honour to state that I have made a further inspection of the works carried out under this loan and found all the houses completed and occupied. The plans and specification have been departed from as regards the partitions, which were found to be made of studs and laths instead of concrete. The sump at Town Parks is a matter that I fear will lead to trouble. The subsoil is retentive and will lead the wet flow finds its way into some of the yards and on to the street or public road in front of the houses -

January 4th 1916

Extracts from Detailed Report

Town Parks? — Slates loose ^{in front} and western gable damp; complaints concerning damp in other walls also, but am of opinion a good deal of it is due to condensation. Some of the doors and windows, the ceilings and the pointing of ridge tiles need further attention. Some of the rough casting at back that was caught by frost working loose from the walls. Some of the flues not drawing well and grates cracked. Stud and laths used in partitions instead of concrete as specified, and the rendering fallen off or broken. Some of the concrete yards rough and not properly graded and the trap placed too low in order to save the use of a rising arm. The beam for sheds not painted and not provided with gutters. External concrete walls left rough and path and approaches incomplete. Saddle for doorways omitted.

The sump hole not absorbing the waste water quiet enough: some of the back yards flooded in consequence of the overflow finding its way to the public road in front of the houses.

Dublin Road? — Plots not fenced or divided. One of the ceilings fallen down in some of the back yards, and at the front doors in two cases there is a lodge of water. Some of the waste from the sinks not delivered over the traps as it should be. Other defects practically the same as those in Townsparks houses.

Drains =

There is no manhole at the junction of these drains with the town mains and a Buchan trap would be required on the drains themselves, near the existing man hole at the west gable to prevent sewer gas entering the houses.

January 4th 1916

Report of survey of cottages in conjunction with Mr. Staley L.S. Engineer

T. J. Hamilton

"McHale Terrace"

1. Rough basking at rear left rough
2. Damp on extreme west gable
3. Holes in concrete walls
4. Gratings in yards wanted at surface level
5. Doors and locks generally require overhauling
6. Valves of bedroom grates absent
7. The bottoms of several ranges cracked. The ranges appear useless at their best
8. Wood work of sheds unpainted
9. Pointing around hall door frames broken
10. Flooding of yards by backwater from tank
11. The rear road way rough and incomplete

Callmore Terrace

1. Slates at butt of chimneys to be pointed with mastic
2. Gratings in yards to be brought to yard level
3. Doors and locks generally
4. Broken plaster in places
5. Woodwork of sheds unpainted
6. Front gates broken down
7. Yards holding water in places
8. Edges of steps to yard broken down. Concrete ravelled when fresh

The block was directed to send copy of each report to Mr. McVally Contractor

T. J. Hamilton

J. M. Donohoe Chairman

Special meeting

January 19th 1916

To P. O'Connell Town Clerk

Please convene a special meeting of the Town Commissioners to consider the amount granted by the County Surveyor for maintaining the Tuam streets and lanes

Signed

F. B. McDonagh

P. Byrne

M. Dwyer

Jas Keane

John Burke

17-1-16

Town Hall Tuam

Jan'y 17-1-16

Sir

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners on Wednesday next the 19th inst at 8 o'clock P.M. to consider above requisition

To Each Commissioner

P. O'Connell Town Clerk

Commissioners Present. Messrs F. B. McDonagh Chairman of the Board presiding
P. Murphy, M. Dwyer, Jas Daly, M. O'Connell, A. O'Malley, P. Byrne, John Whyte
T. J. Meelin, John Burke.
Mr Boneason Boards Solicitor was also present.

The chairman announced that according to advertisement in local paper he thought this meeting was premature as the contract would not be considered on Saturday next 22nd inst. but still it would be well to discuss matters as they had met.

Mr Dwyer as one of the District Councillors of Tuam district stated he would be anxious to know what action they as Councillors would take in the contract.

The Board decided that the amount granted by the County Surveyor should be accepted. See the specification and afterwards tender for the roads if they thought well. a special meeting to be summoned

January 19th 1916

If necessary.

The clerk was directed to go over the minute book and give a copy of each minute in reference to the skimming of the streets to Mr Boneason Boards Solicitor.

An application was received from Mrs Margaret Nolan Dublin Road for the back of Artizans dwelling No 1 Parkmore Terrace.
Granted unanimous. On the proposition of Mr Dwyer seconded by the Chairman

February 1st 1916

F. B. McDonagh Chairman

January 24th 1916

Annual Statutory Meeting.

Election of Chairman

Commissioners Present. Messrs J. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board Presiding
Patrick Murphy. James Daly. Fr. Keane. John Burke. Patrick U. Tigue. H. D. McKelvie
John Whyte. A. O'Malley. W. Nolan. Patrick Byrne —

Proposed by Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Keane that Mr McDonagh be elected
Chairman of the Board — no other candidate being proposed Mr McDonagh
declared himself elected.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

John WhytePatrick Murphy Chairman

I Frederick B. McDonagh having been chosen Chairman of the Commissioners for the Town
of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office on myself, and will duly and faithfully
fulfil the duties of thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before
me this 23rd day of January 1916

Patrick Shanahan Town Clerk

February 1st 1916

Monthly Meeting — Commissioners present Messrs J. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman
of the Board presiding. Fr. Keane. S. Byrne. James Daly. Michael Dwyer
John Burke, Anthony O'Malley, John Whyte, Mr Hamilton Architect and Mr O'Veeney
Contractor were also present
The minutes of previous meetings were read and signed.

Paying Order were made and signed by the Chairman, Fr. Keane, and Mr Byrne for
the following amounts

Revenue Account	£ 105 = 7 = 4
Housing Scheme etc	£ 1 = 10 = 0

The Clerk was directed to tender for the Roads and Leases of the town for the sum
of £ 600. According to specification which was before. If Burchies were not
forthcoming the Clerk to see Mr McDonagh a get guarantee or fidelity Bond.

Mr Dwyer's notice of motion. Take notice that I or some Commissioner on my behalf will
move at the next monthly meeting of the Town Commissioners, that portion of the waste
ground in the old meat market be allotted to the now existing Hall used by the Irish
National Foresters, they to make the necessary repairs at their own expense and
subject to the letting of the Commissioners.

Granted unanimous subject to the approval of a committee namely. The
Chairman, Mr Daly and Mr Dwyer.

Resolution from the Athlone Urban District Council — re Town Tenants
movement was marked. Read.

The Tuam Star Football Club were granted the use of the Town Hall Board Room
for Sunday 13th Inst.

A Report was read from Mr Degeer Toll Collector Complaining that
Mr Parsons who has a standing on the square on Saturdays refused to pay
him 1/- —
And also a letter from Mr Parsons about the price charged unless
he was allotted a special place on the market square.

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The Clerk was directed to write to Mr Parsons and state the Commissioners would do their utmost to keep the peace referred to for him, but will not guarantee same, and unless he paid the Toll levied by the Commissioners, they would be compelled to pass it in the hands of their collector.

The following resolution was read from the Gaelic League and adopted

This meeting representatives of the Irish Public and of Irish educational interests protests in the most emphatic manner against any reduction by the Government of the Funds for education in Ireland, and calls upon the Irish Members of Parliament and all public representatives in Ireland to exert their influence to defeat this threatened alienation of funds from the Irish language and other branches of Irish education and to prevent and further attempts of the Treasury to curtail the already too meagre financial support given to education in Ireland.

The following was read from Mr McVeeey Contractor

Re Housing Scheme

Duam February 18/1916

The Chairman
Duam Town Commissioners

Sir

I am in receipt of a copy of G. G. Board Inspector's report on above & am pleased to know he found so little fault with my work, considering those houses are so long in occupation, the few items he refers to are having my attention and most of them are already attended to.

With reference to stud partitions ground floors, instead of concrete, the change was ordered by your Engineer the late high G. P. Bartello, - and on a former inspection by the inspector, this change was pointed out to him and Mr Bartello's reason for the change explained, and at that time the inspector made no objection although the partitions were at the time been erected. - I may mention doors entitled to an extra for this change, but at the request of your engineer I made no claim.

With reference to ranges, these were selected by your engineer. If you refer to specification you will see these are given as a (L.B) item and the Contractor has nothing to do with (L.C) items except order as directed by Engineer and

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for them. Further these ranges, were all in perfect order when you put tenants into these houses -

The following items mentioned in the report are not included in the specification, and if they must be carried out, you will require to give an order and pay extra for them -

1. alterations to sump hole Ballydaddy Road
2. Care gutters to yard sheds
3. Saddles to doors
4. Intercepting traps Dublin Road
5. Divisions in gardens

With reference to smoky chimneys, I wish the inspector had given particulars of what houses these are supposed to be in, as it is the first time I have heard a complaint, and I cannot find out where the complaint came from. Have asked Mr Hamilton who was round the houses with the inspector, and he has no recollection of any such complaint. I am surprised if such a complaint was made that Mr Baravan never mentioned it to me.

Faithfully Yours
A. G. McVeeey

Mr Daly put the question to the architect Mr Hamilton if the Commissioners could claim an allowance from the Contractor for using studed partitions instead of concrete.

Mr Hamilton said no, that studed partitions cost more than concrete -

Mr Hamilton stated he would make a full inspection of all the houses on the following day the 2nd inst -

The G. G. Board wants to know the required amount to defray all expenses and liabilities in connection with scheme

The Clerk was directed to furnish all particulars

Madame Lavanke applied for and was granted the use of the Hall for the 10th Feb - usual terms

March 7/1916

Signed in Belief of the Board
Chairman

~~February 1st 1916~~ March 7th 1916

Monthly Meeting - Commissioners present Messrs H. B. McDonagh Esq Chairman of the Board presiding. Patrick Murphy, T. J. Meelin, John Burke, Michael Dwyer Anthony Malley M. Nolan Patrick Payne, John Whyte, James Daery, J. W. Tigue,

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

Paying orders were made and signed by the Chairman Mr Murphy and Mr Meelin for the following amounts

Revenue account	£ 22-13-1
Housing scheme etc	£ 46-13-9

Letters were received by the Chairman from the Kimerick pigbuyers Protective Society relative to the seven o'clock rule and if it would be possible to establish fortnightly fairs.

The Commissioners were unanimous in not establishing fortnightly fairs. and directed the Clerk to write and say the Commissioners would like that, they ~~would~~ ~~can~~ should communicate with other pig buyers societies such as Sligo and Dublin and come to an agreement between themselves. the Commissioners would then take up the matter. and also on a previous occasion when the 8 o'clock rule was established. they themselves were the first the break through -

A letter was read from Joyce Mackie Esq Galway wanting to know if the Town Comm's were open to purchase the small fair ^{they would like to purchase but} ~~been~~ on Coleran Estate. The Clerk was directed to write and state ~~that~~ on account of the other portion of the fair being unsettled they cannot do so.

The Clerk was directed to have at next meeting what men were employed on the roads and streets and wages paid -

The usual Collectors were appointed for the March fair

Frederick Tierney Janey Fair Atherry was granted the use of Potatoe Shambles for a fortnight to date from the 20th March at 10/- per night

March 7th 1916

The following was read from the Commercial Dancing class -

nam directed by the Committee of above to return their sincere thanks to the Town Commissioners for giving them the use of the Town Hall for Practice Dances during the winter months and also for lending tables and chairs for overnight dances

J. Booney Sec

Signed on Behalf of the Board

April 11th 1916

Frederick M. Dwyer Chairman

April 4th 1916

Monthly meeting? Commissioners present? Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding. Thos Keane, P. Murphy, A. O'Malley, John Burke, M. Dwyer, P. Byrne, T. J. Meelin, John Whyte P. McTigue

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed for the following amounts by the Chairman Mr Keane and Mr Murphy

Revenue Account	£ 69.0.2
Housing Scheme Account	£ 1.16.0

The consideration of dealing with roads and lanes of the town until the Commissioners would have an interview with the County Surveyor as to when he would expect them to start steam rolling, the clerk to find out when he would be coming to town and communicate same to the Commissioners. In the meantime the clerk to get the streets clean as usual?

Notice to quit was received from Mr McHugh for the dish shambles terminating on 29th Sept 1916 -

The following was also received from Mr O'Mahagan Baccinole.

Baccinole
15th March 1916

Dear Sir

I will be obliged for cheque due me to 1st March by the Town Commissioners for use of the Fair Green on fair days. I have further to refer you to my letter of the 1st August 1915 in reference to the walls and gates on the Fair Green. you undertook to have the work carried out immediately after the October fairs but nothing has since been done. I have again to call your attention to the condition of the wall separating the Fair Green from the Artisans Dwellings and which you are bound to fence by a concrete wall six feet high. The occupiers of some of the Artisans dwellings have made gaps in this wall and are using the Fair Green adjoining as an ash pit and rubbish heap creating an intolerable nuisance. I have therefore to inform you that unless

April 4th 1916

The Commissioners within seven days from this date carry out their obligations in respect of these several matters, I shall at once institute proceedings against them without further notice.

Yours faithfully
E. P. O'Mahagan

P. Lanavan
Town Clerk

The resolution re. the over-fasciation of Ireland was unanimously adopted on the proposition of Mr Dwyer supported by the Chairman, Mr Byrne, and Mr Burke.

Letters were received from the Secretaries of the Pig buyers Associations of Dublin, Waterford, Kemeick and Tralee. to have the 7 o'clock rule established on Pig Fair mornings -

The Board unanimously decided to adopt it and prosecute any person found buying or selling before 7 o'clock a.m.

The clerk brought under the notice of the Board that obstruction on the footpaths and channels was becoming more dangerous every day -

after a long discussion the clerk was instructed to prosecute offending parties after giving due notice

8 o'clock on Mondays before the meeting of the Board was fixed for finance meeting due notice to be given -

and erect or put up
Mr Stockwell was ordered to put four notices to prevent nuisance etc for chapel lane, Turf market, Meat Shambles, and live weight Crane, — at 5/- each = £1-0-0

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Frank P. O'Mahagan

May 2nd 1916

May 2nd 1916

Monthly Meeting - Commissioners Present -
 Messrs F. P. McDonagh Esq Chairman of the Board Meeting. Patrick Murphy
 Michael Dwyer. John Burke. Frs Keane. Anthony O'Leary. John Whyte. P. Byrne
 Michael O'Leary -

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by The Chairman, Mr Keane and
 Mr Murphy for the following amounts?

Revenue Account	£ 159.14.2
Roads Account	£ 8.14.3
Housing Scheme	£ 4.9.0

The Sites Committee were appointed to meet the contractor, and carry out
 whatever would be necessary to rectify the sewerage at U Hall Terrace

On the suggestion of Mr Murphy the Clerk was directed to write to the Auditor
 that it would be the wish of the Board to have the Artisans Banking account
 kept separate.

The Clerk was directed to write to the representatives of the late Mr Hamilton
 and find out if they had appointed any engineers to complete the work of
 undertaken by the late Mr Hamilton

The Clerk was also directed to get three men to level the heaps on the Fair
 Green repair walls and get glasses + bottles picked up.

The Clerk to write Mr McVally Contractor re. Complaints Artisans
 Dwellings -

The report on Mr Dwyer's notice of motion to enlarge The Dockers Hall

The Chairman stated that Mr Dwyer Mr Daly and himself, had visited the

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place, and they saw no reason to refuse the extension, which was much needed and
 would not encroach on anybody. 20 feet long from the back of O'Boon Street and 9 feet from
 the outer part of the wall, now forming the wall that the present Hall is composed of -
 Messrs Murphy and Dwyer submitted a report recommending some work to be
 carried out to the walls between the Artisans cottages and the fair Green. portion of the
 expense to be borne by Mr O'Flanagan was approved of.

Signed On Behalf of the Board

Patrick P. McDonagh
 Chairman

June 6th 1916

June 6th 1916

Monthly meeting. Commissioners present? Messrs F. D. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding, Patrick Murphy, Anthony Malley, Thomas J. Mellin, Patrick Byrne, Michael Dwyer, John Burke, Patrick W. Tigue, Michael Moran

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Carrying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman Mr Byrne and Mr Malley for the following amounts

Revenue a/c £ 62. 13. 4
Roads a/c £ 16. 1. 3
Housing & a/c £ 4. 8. 6

The Clerk brought under the notice of the Board that he had been served with a civil Bill by Sarah Braughwell for the sum of £10 for damages by the overflow of water from the cesspool at Ullace Terrace.
Ordered that Mr Dwyer by the matter before the district Council, also give the B. Bill to the Board's Solicitor to defend same.

The Clerk was directed to write to the County Surveyor, when it would be known who would be elected, and fix a date with him, to interview the Commissioners to arrange about Steamrolling etc.

Also to write Mr Pims C. E. Galway and fix a date with him to meet Sites Committee to examine Artisans dwellings, Fair Green Walls etc. to get a plan and an estimate, work to be advertised for

It was unanimously decided to give about 9 or 10 ft extra to the enlargement already given at Meat Shambles to the Irish National Foresters,

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Burke and unanimously adopted -

That we the Tuam Town Commissioners, respectfully request the magistrates of the district to refuse to grant occasional licenses for the Tuam fairs in future.

We desire to point out that in a town of a little over 3000 of a population with no public houses, several of them adjacent to the fair green, the necessity for such occasional licenses does not exist; and further that in face of the widespread Temperance crusade now being carried on all over Ireland, and the restrictions

June 6th 1916

imposed even by the government on the drink traffic, the granting of further drinking facilities in the town of Tuam is unnecessary and undesirable, and a source of contamination to the people attending our fairs.

The Clerk was directed to forward a copy to each magistrate in the district

Proposed by Mr Mellin seconded by Mr Byrne that the barbers wages on the Roads a/c be increased to 7/- per day and scavengers and labourers to 3/- per day.

John Butters application for increase of salary was marked read.

The finance Committee referred Mr Kelly Bill of £11-10-0 for cleaning re-setting and adjusting the weigh Bridge. to the body of the Commissioners to be dealt with. Mr Dwyer proposed and was unanimously passed that Kelly gets £10— to square to the account. Mr Kelly who was present consented. Cheque was ordered to be filed for this amount.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Byrne seconded by the Chairman that the Treasurer be asked to honour all cheques from the town Commissioners on the Road account until first quarterly payments

P. Byrne
F. D. McDonagh

Five tenders were received for a Depot for street sweepings

Mr Kennedy	The buragh	£ 4-10-0
John Mullin	blonkose	4-10-0
Pat Burke	Do	4-0-0
Malachy Concanon	Do	nie

Mr Kennedy's tender was accepted. At the place being near the town

Returns for May Fair 1916	2873	2180	2ed
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A letter was read from Mr Hamilton Donagh stating he could not take over the work unfinished by his father, and that Mr Pims be asked to carry out the work

June 6th 1916

A letter from the L. G. Board stating that £33.3.10 was the proportionate amount payable to them in respect to liabilities incurred re artisans Dwellings -

A letter from the County Surveyor stating that certain articles were left in the store by H. Grady Ganger when the streets were in County Surveyor hands and the Commissioners could have them by paying £5.0.0 to Luke Mullin for the place given to the County Council to deposit road sweepings.

The clerk stated the articles were of no value except two rain coats, and the articles were worth £1.0.0.

The Board ordered £1— to be paid.

Notice was served by the District Council re sewerage at U-Hall Terrace

letter received from Mr Bonarow re valuation of 4000s Customs. The Recorder reserved his decision pending the Cork Corporation case.

letter received Mr Morris B.E. stating he would visit Tuam on an early date

Received from Registrar of Petty Sessions stating that the proportion of surplus money arising from the sale of licenses under the "Dogs Regulation" Act 1865 amount to £9-11-4

The clerk was directed to write to Mr O'Hanagan that they had engaged an Engineer to give them a plan and specifications for re-building the wall and supplying a Gate at Fair Green Ballybaddy Road

Signed on behalf of the Board

Frank M. Donohue

Chairman

July 4th 1916

July 4th 1916

Monthly Meeting - Commissioners Present
Messrs. F. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board Presiding. Patrick Murphy Jas. Daly Michael Dwyer. John Burke. Patrick Byrne. Thomas J. Mellin. Patrick W. Tigue. A. O'Leary

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman Mr Burke and Mr Murphy for the following amounts

Revenue Account	£ 138.10.7
Roads Account	£ 18.14.6
Housing S. Account	£ 7.7.0

The following letters were Read

Galena Gas Works
31/5/16

E. Banaraw

Town Clerk

Dear Sir

I enclose you account for street lighting and Gas supplied to the Town Hall and Offices and would be glad to have cheque in settlement. I would also be glad to know if the 24 lamps supplied on hire will be taken over by the Commissioners at the price of 22/6 additional as arranged

Yours Truly
T. J. Reid

£100 was paid on account of street lighting, and the lamps supplied on hire were ordered to stand until a new contract or 1916/17 contract would be entered into

A letter was also read from Mr Reid relative to the £8/5/0 struck off the account, which the Commissioners agreed that the amount was very little in for the number of lamps left unlighted for the year 1914/15, and asked the Commissioners to forward a resolution to the Board of Trade to urge upon the Government the necessity of supplying an adequate supply of coal to Irish Gas Concerns

Daily 4th 1916

The following was proposed by Mr Dwyer seconded by the Chairman.
That we the Drom Town Commissioners request the Board of Trade to urge upon the Government, the necessity of granting an adequate supply of coal to Irish Gas concerns, at a reasonable price, including sea carriage to enable them to carry on their business, as they have declined to enter into contracts owing to excessive freight.

Signed

Mr Dwyer

F. B. McDonagh

The Clerk was directed to advertise for Public lighting for the year 1916/17

The Clerk was also directed to write Mr Kennedy County Surveyor asking him to meet a Committee consisting of Messrs F. B. McDonagh Chairman Mr Murphy, Mr Byrne Mr Dwyer and Mr Daly, in reference to Steam-polling and quarrying.
also write Mr McDonagh about the quarry.

The Clerk notified the Board that the Ballinasloe March Fair for 1917 and Tuam Fair for 1917 fall on the same day viz Saturday 10th March.

It was decided that if no Fair fall on the 2nd Tuesday in March that the Tuam Fair be fixed permanently for that date same to be largely advertised in all almanacs

The Clerk was directed to write to Mr Binns Engineer Galway and remind him that the sewerage in B. G. Road or what he termed should be finished before the 1st August

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Fred. B. McDonagh Chairman

August 1st 1916

July 13th 1915

As arranged at the last monthly meeting - Messrs Murphy, Byrne and Dwyer met the County Surveyor relative to Steam-rolling etc.
S. J. McDonagh Esq. Dunmore was also present.
The following was unanimously agreed upon -

1. Mr McDonagh agreed to give the quarry at the rate of £5.0.0 per perch (light) all stones etc to be removed and paid for before 1st November next
2. Wages to be paid to labourers at the rate of 3/- per day. hours 7.30 a.m. to 6.30 P.M. 1 hour for Dinner and 30 clock quit on Saturdays Gangers wages not fixed
3. The Commissioners were to take 3 perches at above mentioned price

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Fred. B. McDonagh Chairman

August 1st 1916

Tuesday 1st August 1916

Monthly meeting? Commissioners present =

Messrs J. B. McDonagh Esqr Chairman of the Board presiding. Patrick Murphy
John Burke, James Daly, Patrick Byrne, Michael Dwyer

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman, Mr Murphy, & Mr Byrne
for the following amounts

Revenue A/c	£	65-14-3
Roads A/c	£	41-15-6
H. Scheme A/c	£	5-11-4

The following letters were read?

Gas works Ballina
July 31/4/1916

Planaraw
Town Clerk

Dear Sir

I enclose Tender for street lighting and hope same will be considered satisfactory.
I await Commissioners decision as to whether they will take over the lamps
erected by me last year on the terms then arranged or if they will hire
them for a further period.

I may say that as things now are and possibly will be for some
time, these lamps are much more valuable than the price arranged
Re-lamps unlighted - I cannot agree to any fine for this as it would
only lead to petty and fractious disputes over trifling failures which may
and doubtless will occur.

All I can agree to is that nothing will be left undone by me to secure
that all the lamps are lighted according to contract and it would be
unreasonable to inflict a fine for lamps extinguished by mischievous
persons or from some cause over which I have no control.

This matter is a small one, and in practice it will be found that if the
lamps are found and satisfactory there will be very little cause for complaint. This
was the case last year. Yours truly T. J. Reid ^{as} a bond is really not necessary, but if
insisted on I offer no objection. T. J. R

August 1st 1916

Tender for Street Lighting

I hereby propose and agree to supply with gas, incandescent burners, mantles and
glasses, and to repair and keep in repair, light, extinguish and clean the Public
lamps of Tuam on the following conditions?

Lighting period from Sept 1st 1916 to May 15th 1917.

Hours of lighting from one hour after sunset until 11 P.M. on each night
except moonlight nights for a sum of £3-7-6 per lamp

All night lamps £4-10-0 per lamp

Lamps in Cathedral grounds - conditions as per advertisement in Tuam Herald
of the 29th Inst £1-15-0 per lamp.

Lamps to be lighted all night where required on the nights of October, November,
December and Dany Faid.

A further sum of £10-0-0 to be paid for repairs to lamps, also cost of Bond
I also propose to agree to supply Gas to: Town Clock, Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office
and Fire Station at 7/6 per thousand cubic feet as from July 1st 1916

Tar at 6/- per Gallon.

I also propose and agree to hand over to the Commissioners the lamps erected
by me last year, in addition to that already charged of £1-2-6 per lamp
or hire them for above lighting period for 10/- per lamp.

I cannot agree to pay any sum for lamps discovered unlighted but
will undertake to observe all possible means to avoid any complaint of
this kind, and should any lamp or lamps remain unlighted for any
considerable time, through negligence would agree to a sum equal to
the amount of Gas which such lamp or lamps would have consumed, in
the unlighted period, being deducted from amount of Contract

T. J. Reid

It was unanimously agreed to adjourn consideration of Tender to an adjourned
meeting 14th August.

Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Murphy that the lamps on
hire last year be purchased at 2s/6 each. passed unanimous.

It was also decided to write to Mr Reid offering £6-0-0 for repairs to
lamps instead of £10 - as noted on Tender

August 1st 1916

It was unanimously decided not to light the Town block for lighting period -

The following Committee were appointed to go into the lamps lighted for the last season and see if any or how many could be left unlighted for the coming period -

Messrs Murphy, Dwyer, Burke, Byrne and Daly.

The Committee to deal with this matter on Friday Aug 4th and report to Commissioners at adjourned meeting Aug 14th

The clerk was directed to see Jas Stockwell and have clock Dial repaired

The Clerk was also directed to write Mr Waelles Treasurer stating the Commissioners would reduce the Draft on Roads etc by £100 per annum and any more they can safely do.

A resolution was received from the Westport Urban Council Calling on the Government to release Irish prisoners arrested in connection with the recent rebellion on suspicion

Mr Burke proposed the resolution be adopted. passed unanimously

The following was received from Mr Conoran Solicitor

The Town Clerk Tuam

Re. Tolls Customs

Tuam 6th July 1916

Dear Sir

The recorder yesterday gave his decision in the appeal against the rating of Tolls and Customs. The matter had been fully argued, as you are aware. Before the decision of the Court of appeal, in an appeal by the Cork Corporation against the rating of certain buildings used by the Corporation for public purposes. After the decision in that appeal, the recorder had the case re-argued, and Counsel on behalf of the Commissioners argued that such portions of Tolls and Customs as were devoted to public expenditure were not liable to rating. The recorder held otherwise, stating that it is immaterial to what purpose the proceeds of the Tolls were devoted. He assessed the valuation at £250, which is a reduction of £50 on the figure originally assessed, and he awarded no Costs.

Yours faithfully
A. Conoran

August 1st 1916

Flanagan
Town Clerk

Gas Works
Ballina
July 14th 1916

Dear Sir

Yours of the 5th with enclosures - Cheques £10-11-10 in payment for Gas account to aprie and £100 on account of Public lighting contract.

Note the Commissioners will refuse to pay £8/5/0 balance of last year's Contract. You do not pay on what grounds payment is refused. I cannot allow deduction for alleged non lighting, which if it occurred was due to the defective lamps belonging to the Commissioners. This matter was expressly excluded from agreement and Bond. I must therefore ask payment of this amount and also balance of last Contract.

Yours truly
T. J. Reid

The Clerk was directed to see Mr W Donagh next morning and have the men working at the quarry insured and get a protection note in the meantime -

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Daly seconded by Mr Byrne -

That we the Tuam Town Commissioners desire to place on record our deep regret at the death of Mrs Mrs G. Blake of this Town, whose son was a highly respected member of this Board and beg to tender our sincere sympathy to the members of her family in their sad bereavement. Copies to be sent Mrs Mrs Blake and Miss G. Blake -

The Clerk was directed to advertise for tenders for repairs to Fair Green was etc to be considered at adjourned meeting Aug 14th

Signed on behalf of the Board

Fredk. Wm Donogh Chairman

Sept 5th 1916

Friday August 4th 1916

The following committee met and recommended the following changes re-lamps -

Messrs Patrick Murphy, Jas Daly, Mr Dwyer John Burke, P. Byrne

The following lamps were recommended not to be lighted for the coming season

1. Convent Gate (He went to write to the nuns that the Com's were not going to light this lamp this winter, but if they wished they could light it at their own expense.)
2. National Bank
3. ~~Daly's West Street~~ The lamp turning to Railway Station
4. Farrell's Saw Mies
5. Goggin's Gate The Mall
6. Jas Begley's Corner
7. Blace Wall
8. The Bridge Shop Street
9. Monaghan's Inland Road except on Fair nights
10. Presbytery Yard Gate
11. Chapel Lane West Bank back Gate

Galway Road lamp recommended to be removed into the corner
lamp at Hylands Corner recommended to be removed to opposite corner
at Honnors on

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Fred. Mr Joseph
Chairman

Sept 5th 1916

August 14th 1916

Only three Commissioners attended. The Chairman Mr Keane and Mr Massey

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to the following evening. 15th inst

Commissioners Present -

Messrs F. B. McDonagh Chairman of the Board presiding, Patrick Murphy, Francis Keane, J. D. Melin, Michael Nolan, Anthony Massey

The ganger at the quarry appeared before the Board and stated the labourers were going on strike next day unless the wages was increased from 18/- to 20/- per week

The Chairman proposed and Mr Murphy seconded that they the labourers be paid 20/- per week from week commencing August 14th.

The following letter was read from County Surveyor

To Surveyors Office Galway
Aug 12th 1916

Dear Sir

I am sending Machinery to Tuam on the end of next week, and it will be necessary for you to arrange for a supply of coal to the plant. I would suggest that you supply coal to the plant, and I will provide everything else. You will require 15 Tons at least to do the work

Yours Faithfully
M. J. Kennedy

B. Lanavan
Town Clerk

The Clerk had a quotation from Mr M. S. Walsh for £2/14/6 per Ton to be delivered as required at Mrs Strahan's land. The quarry on any place in Town

The Tender was accepted =

Aug 15th 1916

The clerk was directed to write to the County Surveyor, to state his letter was before the Board, and that they understood, he the County Surveyor was to supply all except skilled labourers. In the meantime they would wish to know what the cost of the plant would be with ^{or} without coal.

The Committee's report re-lamps etc was approved of except the changing of two lamps by Galway Road, and Hylands Corner. The clerk to let the Commissioners know at next meeting, what the alteration would cost

The clerk was directed to write to Mr Reid and state they only require thirty lamps lighted from one hour after sunset until 11 o'clock P.M. and one all night lamp. The squares
Two lamps on Cathedral Grounds as advertised
Two Do Protestant Church Grounds Do

And state a Bond is required, contractor to pay cost of same, also state candle power of each lamp, and forward amended tenders per return post -

Only one Tender was received for repairs to Fair Green walls etc. it was reported to the Committee, Messrs. Murphy, Dwyer and Daly.

The clerk was directed to forward sketch of trench drain received from Mr Pims to Mr Kirwan in order to get permission to have the necessary drain made.

Signed On Behalf of the Board

Fr. M. M. Donohue
Chairman

Sept 18/16

Aug 24th 1916

Committee meeting Messrs. P. Murphy, M. Dwyer and John Burke attended to Consider tenders for repairs to Fair Green walls etc reported by Commissioners at last monthly meeting -

Only one tender was received from Mr McCreey -

The tenders were considered too high and allowed to stand for a future date. except the wall on Ballysaddy Road and Gate for Fair Green gap.

The clerk was directed to forward copy of tender with plan and specification to Mr O'Flanagan for his approval.

Signed On Behalf of the Board

Fr. M. M. Donohue
Chairman

Sept 18/16

January 1st 1918

monthly meeting

Only one commissioner attended namely Mr Walsh the clerk adjourned the meeting to Tuesday Jan 8th

W. L.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Chairman

8/1/1918

Sept 5th 1916

Monthly Meeting -

Commissioners Present: Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq, Chairman of the Board Presiding
John Burke, James Daly, Michael Dwyer, Patrick W. Tigue, Thomas J. Meelin
Francis Keane.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed

Revenue Account £ 155-11-6 signed by ^{the Chairman} Mr Burke and Mr Daly

Roads Account £ 114-10-10 signed by the Chairman Mr Burke and Mr Byrne

Tender for Public lighting was accepted as follows no Bond

31 lamps at £ 3-7-6 per lamp One hour after sunset to 11 o'clock P.M.
4 lamps at 1-15-0 per lamp On Cathedral Grounds as per advertised I. Howard
Repairs to old lamps £ 6-0-0
Gas to Clerk's office and Town Hall 7/6 per thousand cubic feet
Tax 6^d per Gallon
together with all necessary repairs etc as noted on page 128

Tender for Printing and advertising as follows was accepted from Marie Kelly, Luchies, Michael Meekin and John Olanagan

- 1 General Printing 12-0-0
- 2 Election Printing if required 3-2-6
- 3 Crane Dockets & Samples 2/- per Book
- 4 abstracts of accounts and Auditor's report £ 2/10

5 - advertising required by Town Commissioners £ 12-0-0

Replies were received and read from Mrs G. Blake and Miss H. Blake in reference to resolution passed by the Board on the death of their mother.

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A letter was read from U. S. R. Railway Company, stating they were sending a special train to Athlone in connection with one from G. S. & W. to Tuam for the convenience of buyers attending Tuam Fair Sept 11th -

The clerk was directed to ask the them to have posters issued to that effect

Soft Hans were granted the use of the Shambles any time in the month of Aug 1917

Resolutions from the Nenagh Urban Council ~~Council~~ were marked read

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Daly seconded by Mr Keane.
That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners desire to call ^{the} attention of the post Master General to the great inconvenience caused to the people of this district by the early posting hour for letters and parcels, and we respectfully request the Post Master General to re-consider his action in the matter and we suggest that they provide a motor service leaving Tuam at 8 o'clock P.M. for Galway.

Jas Daly
Jas Keane

A letter was read from Patrick Hopkins complaining the building that is being erected at the back of his meat stall, will deprive him of sufficient air and light the Committee appointed to inspect the place, stated the building would in no way interfere with Mr Hopkins as it would be two feet away from the back of his stall. The Commissioners took no action -

The clerk was directed to write to Rev Mother Mercy Convent and notify her that the Commissioners have decided in lighting the lamps at their Gate.

The proposed changing of Galway Road lamp and the lamp at Hyland's Corner was decided to be left as they are the cost being too much

Taxes and Customs were ordered to be advertised and a special meeting to be held to consider tenders on Tuesday 26th Sept at 8 o'clock P.M.

The clerk was directed to write to Mr Olanagan and state if he could get the wall and gate erected at B. F. Road Fair Gap for £ 28 according to

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plan and specification. The Commissioners would pay half the amount.
The clerk was directed to appeal against the assessment of Income Tax.

Signed on Behalf of The Board

Frederick M. Donnell Chairman

October 2nd 1916

September 26th 1916

Special meeting held to consider tenders for Tolls and Customs as advertised.

Commissioners Present Messrs: Patrick Murphy, Jas Daly, Jas Keane, John Burke, Patrick Byrne, Anthony Mahey, Patrick McTigue, Thos Meelin, Michael Dwyer,

Mr Byrne proposed Mr ^{Keane} ~~Byrne~~ seconded that Murphy takes the chair.

Only one tender was received that of Mr John Murphy offering £600 (Six Hundred pounds) for the Tolls and Customs and agreeing to the terms of advertisement.

The Board unanimously decided not to set the Tolls less than £625 - the clerk having an interview with Mr Murphy's son, he agreed to the price fixed by the Commissioners and the tender was accepted accordingly.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Frederick M. Donnell

Chairman

October 5th 1916

October 3rd 1916

Monthly meeting? Commissioners present Messrs J. B. McDonagh Esq, Chairman of the Board presiding, John Burke, Francis Keane, Anthony Mahey, Patrick Byrne, Patrick McTigue, Patrick Murphy, Michael Nolan James Daly, T. J. Meelin,

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman, Mr Keane and Mr Byrne for the following amounts

Revenue account £ 57-16-0
Roads account £ 62-0-4

The following was received from Mr Harty Collector

Guam 22nd Sept 1916

Dear Sir

I have been instructed by Mr Matthias Synnott to write in reference to the nuisance placed on his field at Gally Gaddy Road by the direction or order of the Guam Town Commissioners. The nuisance is very dangerous to his stock, and unless same is forth with abated, and a reasonable sum paid to my client for the damage done to his land, my instructions are to institute proceedings against the Commissioners for damages.

Unless this matter is amicably settled on or before Wednesday 27th Inst. I will be obliged to issue a civil Bill for the Sessions to be held at Seaway on the 18 Proxi.

Yours faithfully
P. W. Harty

P. Lanaran
Town Clerk

The Board decided that Mr P. Murphy and the clerk arrange with Mr Synnott as best they could.

Applications were received from Messrs Dwyer & Hine for enumerators for October Fair. Mr Murphy proposed Mr Mahey seconded that they be appointed at 10/-.

October 3rd 1916

Each for fair days

Letters were received from Denis Breddon and Thomas Owen re - Boundary wall at Parkmore Terrace and subject re. doorknob ? referred to Committee ?

Application from Francis Gurney for use of Shearwater next March was refused on the grounds that the period was too far in advance.

Application was read from Mr Bolger for Bonus on Collection of Tolls for the year ending 28th Dist.

The clerk also applied for remuneration for extra work in collecting and superintending collection of Tolls and Customs for year ending Sept 28th

The Chairman proposed Mr Byrne seconded that the clerk get £20 - passed unanimous

Mr Malley proposed that Mr Bolger get £5 - passed unanimous

Letter received from Mr Byrne re sewerage back of Town Hall was referred to a Committee Messrs. Chairman, Daly and Malley

The clerk was directed to write to Mr Malley Contractor re coping on Boundary wall at Parkmore Terrace

Notification of Audit was received from A. B. Ellis Esq. L. S. Board Auditor to be held on October 18th at Town Hall 11am

Application was received from Miss Garrett Galway for use of Hall on Monday evenings.

Granted subject to plays etc coming to town or any purpose the Commission may require. at last years terms.

Letter was read from Surveyor of Lanes Galway stating the appeal would be heard at Galway on Saturday October 7th 1.45

Acknowledgment was received and read from Mr Hartigan in reference to resolution sent to him re. alteration in posting hours for letters etc.

October 3rd 1916

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Keane seconded by the Chairman. That the clerk be directed to write to the local Government Board. to inform them and request their attention to the unsanitary state of one of the favourite walks of the town, owing to the rotten matter emanating from the workhouse and lodging on the roadside. to the detriment of the health and hygiene of the locality

Frans Keane and F. B. McDonagh

Signed on behalf of the Board

Nov 7th 1916

Frederick McDonagh Chairman

Friday 27th Nov 1916

The following Commissioners met the County Messrs. A. Malley, P. Murphy, J. J. Meelue, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Nolan, F. Keane, met the County Surveyor Mr. Kennedy to arrange about starting steam rolling

On the proposition of Mr Malley seconded by Mr Dwyer Mr Murphy took the chair.

Mr Kennedy suggested that steam rolling should be started at once, and the road to the station be done first.

It was unanimously decided to start on Monday the 2nd inst and that Carters be got to take stones from the quarry and Mrs. Stalans land at 1/- per truck. wet load to be weighed.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Nov 7th 1916

Frederick McDonagh Chairman

November 7th 1916

Monthly meeting

Commissioners Present. Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq Chairman of the Board presiding. Patrick Murphy, Francis Keane, Thomas J. Meelin, Patrick W. Figue, Anthony Malley, Michael Nolan, James Waly, John Burke Esq Surgeon, Patrick Byrne.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed for the following amounts by the Chairman Mr Malley and Mr Nolan

Revenue Account	}	£ 194. 2. 5
Roads 60		60. 3. 2
Housing Scheme		4. 0. 0

The following letters were read?

Extract from report by one of the Agriculture Transit Inspectors
re. October Fair -

There was almost incessant beating with sticks, especially every time there was a move forward on the line. In many instances I noticed cattle that were up on the pathway, get nasty faces through slipping on the flag stones, when being driven off to make way for passers by. Cattle also receive a great deal of beating, when those in charge had to make way for carts or other vehicles to pass.

The Town Commissioners should revert to the plan adopted some years ago of having the cattle and sheep, at all large fairs, driven to the Railway Station by the longer route past the Protestant Cathedral. This route is about one mile in length from the Town Hall to the Railway Station and the animals can be stringed out along it with very little necessity for much use of the stick.

The cattle and sheep for the great northern system, could still be brought through the town as their loading bank is on the town side of the railway line.

At present even westmeath buyers walk stock home, although it takes three days rather apparently than face the ill-treatment and consequent

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depreciation incidental to the present way of driving the animals to the railway loading banks.

The route now suggested was in use, for I think a couple of years and was found to be a great improvement. It should never have been discontinued.

As regards the resolution proposed by Mr Keane seconded by the Chairman re - the unsanitary state of the fairway walk of the town.

The L. G. Board received the following from the Duam District Council. The Master of the workhouse to be ordered, to get the cess pool cleaned out, and the nuisance deposit removed off the road, at an expenditure not to exceed £10, as a loan cannot be got until after the way for sewerage scheme.

Letters were ^{read} received from Mr Hazleton and the postmaster General regretting that the postmaster General could not see his way to alter the existing postal arrangements.

Mr Hugh & Commissioners

Letter read from Mr Bonean -

Dear Sir

The recorder as you are aware, granted a decree in the quietment at Galway Sessions yesterday. Council has advised that the Commissioners are entitled to acquire the Fish Market compulsorily, if the Commissioners should decide on doing so, the procedure would be as follows: -

1. Convene a meeting specially for the purpose
2. Give thirty days public notice of same
3. Have at least two thirds of the Commissioners present
4. Obtain the concurrence of a clear majority in the resolution proposing to acquire the place. Then forward the resolution to the L. G. Board with a statement, shewing the necessity for providing the market and market place. Their sanction is necessary. When their sanction has been obtained the land can be acquired either by agreement, or under schedule 2 of the Housing of the Working Classes' Act.

Faithfully yours

Henry Bonean

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Messrs John Shine, Thos Dwyer Senr, Thos Dwyer Junr, John Dwyer, applied for a bonus on collection of Tolls for the year of 1914/16. Mr Dwyer proposed and the chairman seconded that they get £2/0/0 each passed unanimously

Mr Thos Dwyer Graner applied for an increase of salary he being paid £2/18/4 per month.

The chairman proposed seconded by Mr Meelin that he be paid 15/- per week

The foresters were granted the use of the Hall for Tuesday night Nov 28th

Martin Flanagan barrowpeter applied for 15/- earnest money being 5/- per perch at the Quays

Mr Dwyer proposed Mr Dwyer seconded that he be paid 15/- passed unanimously

The artisans dancing class were granted the Hall on Wednesday and Friday nights and every alternate Sunday night - usual remuneration 4/- per night for Gas.

Returns of October Sheep & Cattle Fair

	<u>Soed</u>	<u>unsod</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Sheep</u> 1916	10170	383	10.553
Do 1914	12842	1690	14532
<u>Cattle</u> 1916	6119	377	6496
Do 1914	5242	1811	7053

Income Tax appeal the assessment was reduced from £462 to £322

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~~Co-optation of~~ The following resolution was proposed by the chairman seconded by Mr Dwyer.

That we the Tuam Town Commissioners, desire to express our deep regret at the death of our esteemed colleague Mr John Whyte, and beg to tender to Mrs Whyte and family our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

J. B. W. Donagh
James Dwyer

Co-optation of a Commissioner - Mr Malley proposed and the chairman seconded that Mr Patrick Walsh be Co-opted - no other candidate being proposed the chairman declared Mr Walsh duly elected -

Unanimously decided to hold a special meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock to consider about taking the fish shambles Compulsorily -

The chairman proposed Mr Dwyer seconded that Mr Turnbull be allowed 30/- during his time in the potatoe market.

Proposed by Mr Burke seconded by Mr Dwyer passed unanimously, that in future if any artisans become vacant, that it be immediately advertised and call a special meeting to allot same.

The Commissioners decided that egg cases or wrought timber were bound to pay 3/- per load as noted on schedule Board -

The clerk was directed to write to Father Cabon and that they would not accept less than 20/- Tolls on 12 Ton Potatoes sold last July -

Patrick Walsh having been Co-opted Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare, that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my ability

Made and subscribed before me } Patrick Walsh.
this 9th day of November 1916

Patrick Banavan Town Clerk

November 7th 1916

Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Burke. That we request the Board of Public Works, to advance the sum of £500 being balance of loan of £6000 required for completion of Artizans dwellings in the town of Tuam, and lodged to the credit of Housing Scheme account. Tuam Branch of the Bank of Ireland.

Signed F. B. McDonagh Chairman
John Burke

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Frank W. McDonagh Chairman

Dec 5th 1916

Nov 8th 1916

Adjourned special meeting was held this evening - to consider as to whether to commissioners would acquire the fish shambles or not.
Commissioners present. F. B. McDonagh chairman of the Board presiding Patrick Byrne, Anthony Malley, John Burke, Michael Dwyer, Frascane,

It was unanimously decided to acquire it compulsorily or by agreement and that a special meeting be summoned by requisition to be held on Tuesday the 14th Inst. to have the necessary resolution forwarded to the Local Government Board.

It was unanimously agreed to erect a gate at the back on meat stalls to prevent nuisance Mr Dwyer giving the gate free of charge.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Frank W. McDonagh Chairman

November 14th 1916

In accordance with above a special meeting was held on the 14th Inst - Commissioners present. Messrs. F. B. McDonagh chairman of the Board presiding Patrick Murphy, Frascane, Mr Nolan, Pat Walsh, J. J. Mellie, John Burke A. Malley.

Proposed by the chairman seconded by Mr Murphy that we the Tuam Town Commissioners take the necessary steps to acquire compulsorily the premises known as the fish shambles, situate at Ogan's lane Tuam, which said premises the Commissioners had for had been tenants of for a number of years and have put up all the buildings thereon, and kept the place in a suitable condition to have it used as a fish market

F. B. McDonagh
P. Murphy

Signed on Behalf of the Board
Chairman

Frank W. McDonagh

December 5th 1916

Monthly meeting 2

Commissioners present Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding, Thomas Keane, Anthony Malley, P. Byrne, Patrick Walsh, John Burke, James Draly, Mc Nolan, T. D. Mellin

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed
 Paying orders were made and signed by the Chairman, Mr Malley and Mr Walsh for the following amounts

Revenue account	£ 31-6-0
Roads do	£ 107-3-6
Housing scheme	£ 12-6-1

The following letters were read

A letter was read from Mr Connean to the clerk to give possession of the fish shambles to Mr M'Hugh and avoid expense of having Deeree executed by the Sheriff -

Letter from Mr Binns stating he would examine the artisans dwellings on Tuesday the 5th inst.

Letter from the Cornacht Tribune requesting permission to advertise fairs etc for the Town of Tuam in their Calendar for 1917 for the nominal sum of 10/-

It was unanimously decided to advertise fairs etc it being a local industry

The following resolution from the Kells Urban District Council was unanimously adopted -

That we the members of Kells Urban Council view with alarm the serious failure of the potato crop and the action of the Government in allowing the exportation of Potatoes out of Ireland, while famine is staring the people in the face: that the Government be called upon to take immediate action to prohibit the exportation of Potatoes.

The printer and Publishers of Purdon's Almanac applied that the fairs advertised for the sum of 10/-

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The clerk was directed to send them a list of the Tuam fairs and if they wished to publish them without charge.

Martin Commons Birmingham applied for twenty or thirty loads of stones to put on the road leading ~~to~~ from Birmingham or to be recouped in some way for the amount of traffic by the Commission

Referred to District Council =

A letter was read from Mrs Whyte, thanking the Commissioners for their resolution of sympathy in their recent bereavement on the death of her husband -

A letter was read from John Butler for an increase of salary his present salary being £ 2/10 per month as asst brewer and Hall caretaker. It was unanimously decided to give him £ 30 per annum

Mr Byrne applied to have his rent reduced amount at present being £ 2/5/0 per annum of a small portion at the back of the Town Hall -

It was unanimously decided to reduce his rent to £ 2/10 per annum

A long letter was read from the inhabitants of Tuam Road in reference to a footpath etc.

It was decided to refer them to the District Council

The Chairman, Mr Burke and Mr Daly were deputed to draw up a petition and get it signed by the Archbishop, Mr Keane, the Dean and other representatives of the town, to the Postmaster General asking that the Tuam Post office be restored as a head office.

The clerk was directed to write to the L. G. Board and state that nothing has been yet done to abate the nuisance on one of the favourite walks of the Town as notified by resolution passed at their meeting Oct 3rd =

A letter was read from Mr O'Keefe Contractor stating that some of the tenants refuse permission to enter the houses, to carry out the necessary repairs - The clerk was directed to give notice to quit to any tenant who refused

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The Contractor to enter their houses to carry out the necessary repairs

The Engineer's report was read —

Mr Chairman and gentlemen. I beg to report for your information, that I have this day, inspected twenty houses on Ballysaddy Road and ten houses on Dublin Road.

The chief defect in the internal work, was in the matter of internal lathing and plastering, the laths were as originally put on being too close together and not affording sufficient key for the plaster.

The Contractor Mr McVally has dealt with this in a very wholesale manner having taken down in some of the houses the ceilings of three rooms and newly plastered same, he appears to me to be dealing sufficiently with the matter and not leaving any defective work behind in any house he has completed. He has at present four plasterers engaged in remedying defective work, and I expect that in a fortnight's time, all defective plaster internally will be renovated, with the exception of some houses in which the tenants refuse permission for the work to be proceeded with.

I referred in my former report to the dampness of the front wall of the Ballysaddy Road houses this wall and the gables are still in a damp and saturated condition. I again recommend that these walls be plastered in cement mortar or plastered and pebbled dashed in cement mortar a mixture of "Pudlo" being incorporated in the cement, this is a great preventative of damp penetrating plaster. The present lime plaster and pebble dashing is not sufficient to prevent moisture getting through the walls in such an exposed position.

I recommend that weather boards be provided to back and front doors. I did not see except in two places any evidence of leakage through the plates, but was informed that leakages did occur occasionally in very rough and wet weather, should this leakage prove to be serious, the best remedy would be to point the plates in mastic and oil.

In some cases on the Ballysaddy Road house complaint was made of leakage through the window sash bars. If this leakage is of a serious kind the only remedy would be the

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provision of weather bars on the sashes. I stated in my last report that a cross door in the passages would add very much to the comfort of the houses, a matter I commend to the attention of the Commissioners.

Road houses has been very nearly complete. The outfall sewer from the B. Saddy

Your obedient servant
W. N. Binnis

June 2nd 1916
The Hon. Mr. Donohoe
Chairman

Dec 18th 1916

Special meeting as announced by advertisement for consideration of Fish Market.

Commissioners present - Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding. Patrick Murphy, J. J. Meelin, Mr Nolan, John Burke, P. Byrne, Has Keane, Anthony Malley, Patrick Walsh.

The following resolution was proposed by the chairman seconded by Mr Murphy

That we the Town Commissioners take the necessary steps to acquire compulsorily the premises known as the fish stables, situated at Lagan's Lane Town of which said premises, the Town Commissioners have been tenants for a number of years, and have put up all the buildings thereon and kept the place in suitable condition to have it used as a fish market.

F. B. McDonagh
Chairman of the Board

Patrick Murphy.

Copy of this resolution to be sent to the L. C. Board,

Donegal 2nd 1917
F. B. McDonagh Chairman

January 2nd 1917

Monthly meeting -

Commissioners present. Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding. Patrick Murphy, Anthony Malley, Michael Nolan, John Burke, Patrick Walsh, Patrick Byrne, Patrick W. Tigue, Michael Dwyer, J. J. Meelin.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the chairman, Mr Murphy and Mr Malley for the following amounts

Revenue Account	£ 171.15.10
Road's Account	96.1.4

A letter was read from the Agent of the Bank of Ireland asking to have a paying order £43-0-10 amount of interest due on Road's account up to Dec 31st 1916.

It was unanimously decided to pay this sum and include on Finance sheet.

A letter was read from the Vacant Land Cultivation Society 20 Caldwell Street Dublin, asking to have a representative of this society to attend a meeting of the members, to put before them some particulars of allotment schemes with a view to arousing interest in the allotment movement in the district -

Reconsideration of Thomas Dwyer's increase of salary and also Dan Bishem's increase was adjourned to next monthly meeting

A letter was read acknowledging resolution, respecting the nuisance matter emanating from the workhouse, and they have again addressed the Rural District Council on the subject.

A letter was read from Mr Geo Reynolds complaining about the state of the burrough road. The clerk was directed to get it put in order

January 2nd 1917

Resolutions from the Waterford Council, calling upon the government to fix a standard weight and price at which bread would be sold, also to prohibit the export of food from Ireland, particularly potatoes, and that the Government's attention be drawn to the enormous waste of sugar, entailed by the manufacture of confectionery and sweets in unnecessary large quantities.
were marked read -

A letter was read from Mr George Reynolds Curragh house Tuam complaining about the state of the Curragh Road and asking the Commissioners to have it repaired.
The Clerk was decided to have the necessary repairs carried out

A letter from Mr Weeks agent Bank of Ireland for paying Order for three half years interest on overdraft on roads account £43-0-10 it was ordered to be paid.

Signed on Behalf of The Board

Feb 6th 1917

Frank Mc Donogh Chairman

January 23rd 1917

Annual Statutory Meeting

Election of Chairman

Commissioners Present? F. B. McDonagh Esqr Chairman of the Board, presiding. Patrick Murphy, Fras Heane, Michael Dwyer, John Burke, Michael Nolan, Anthony Malley, Patrick Walsh, James Daly and T. J. Mellin -

Mr M. Dwyer proposed and Mr. Walsh seconded that Mr McDonagh be elected Chairman for the coming year.
no other candidate being proposed Mr McDonagh declared himself elected

I, Francis B. McDonagh having been chosen chairman of the Tuam Town Commissioners, hereby that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof, according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me
this 24th day of January 1917

Patrick Shanahan Town Clerk

Signed on Behalf of The Board

Feb 6th 1917

Frank Mc Donogh Chairman

February 6th 1917

Monthly Meeting -

Commissioners present Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding. Patrick Murphy, Jas Keane, Anthony Malley, Michael Nolan, Patrick Walsh, Patrick Byrne, John Burke, Michael Dwyer.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Paying Orders were made and signed by the chairman Mr Byrne and Mr Dwyer for the following amounts

Revenue Account £ 33-10-10
Roads Account £ 36-17-9

The clerk was directed to write to Mr Reid Public Lighting Contractor, relative to Gas supplied being bad and that something must be done to give better light -

The following notice of motion was proposed by Mr Byrne seconded by the chairman.

That the resolution on the minutes fixing the Craners salary at 15/- per week be rescinded at the next monthly meeting. And also to re-consider his application for increase of salary dated 7-11-16

A letter was read from The Beekeeper asking for a bonus as prices etc were very high -

Proposed by the chairman seconded by Mr Murphy that his salary be increased from £4 to £5 - during the term of the war.

A letter was read from Sergeant Farrell Esq Officer Inspector re weighbridge.

The clerk was directed to write Messrs Rooley and Avery's and find out if they could send a man to see to it -

July 6th 1917

The Artisans dancing class were granted the use of Hall for their annual dance on Saturday night 17th Inst

The Catholic Temperance Society were granted the use of Hall for a concert on Sunday night March 18th

The following was read from Mr Connean

Mr P. Lanaraw
Town Clerk

I am
6th February 1917

Dear Sir

Re Mr Hugh

I wrote direct to the L.S. Board. In reply to their letter to you of the 5th January. I think they are correct in the procedure they point out, but before this procedure can be adopted, it was necessary to have a special meeting of the Commissioners and the several notices published

Yours Faithfully
Jerry Connean

The clerk was directed to summon a special meeting

An application from the scavengers for wages during the frosty weather was refused.

The clerk was directed to write to the Land Cultivation Society 20 Kildare Street Dublin, and state the matter had been already taken up by the N.I. League here and all the land available will be procured.

The clerk applied for £50% increase of salary according to the terms of his appointment. Granted unanimous —

July 6th 1917

Mr Denis Freedom appeared before the Board relative to the boundary wall between his plot and Leahy's garden on Parkmore Terrace. Referred to sites Committee - and the clerk directed to advertise for a Contractor to build a wall 18" wide 5-6" high with two courses of Mortar and dashed.

Signed on Behalf of The Board

Wm. McDonagh
Chairman

March 6th 1917

March 6th 1917

Monthly Meeting - Commissioners Present. Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding. J. J. Meelin, Patrick Murphy, Mr. Dwyer, John Burke, Samuel Walsh, Patrick Byrne.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed. Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman Mr. Murphy and Mr. Meelin.

For the following amounts

Revenue a/c £114-3-0
Roads a/c £24-15-4

Notice of motion in the Chairman's name, ^{re cranes' salary} was proposed by him and seconded by Mr. Byrne, who also proposed and seconded that the cranes' salary be increased from £35 to £45 per annum and date from the date of his application by 7-11-16.

The Secretary Irish Women's Council wrote requesting the Board to get signatures to their memorial calling on the Government to treat Irish women prisoners as prisoners of war and not as criminals.

It was ordered that the clerk and Mr. Dwyer should get the women of the Town who are in sympathy with the object of the resolution to sign it.

Mr. Boncanon wrote to the Board stating he had not yet heard from the local Government Board re fish shambles.

A letter was read from the Gas Manager re lights and flat flame burners. The Board approved of the four lights at present in the Board Room at the cost of 8/- each.

Mrs. Mary McGrath applied for an increase of salary. Mr. Meelin proposed, ^{Mr. Meelin seconded} that her salary be increased from £4/10/0 to £5- per annum granted unanimously.

March 6th 1917

Tenders were received from Denis Creedon, Dobby Gorde and Thomas Haley.

They were referred to the sites Committee.

A letter received from Thomas O'neal No 9 Parkmore Terrace claiming compensation for damage done by Contractor was marked read.

Signed on Behalf of The Board

April 3rd 1917

M. Murphy Chairman

The sites Committee met on March 12th Messrs M. Dwyer, J. J. Keenan and M. Murphy -

Tenders were read. D. Creedon £17-10-0 Dobby Gorde £24-10-0 and Thomas Haley to put up 45 yards of concrete 5ft high and finish same in three weeks the Commissioners to find all material. It was unanimously decided to get Haley to do the work. The Clerk took quotations for cement and sand.

Signed on Behalf of The Board

M. Murphy Chairman

April 3rd 1917

April 3rd 1917

Monthly meeting? Commissioners present Messrs Patrick Murphy, Patrick Walsh, John Burke, Michael Nolan, Fr. Keane, Michael Dwyer

Proposed by Mr John Burke seconded by Mr Fr. Keane that Mr Murphy take the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman Murphy, Mr. Keane and Mr Walsh - for the following amounts

Revenue account	£ 166.11.4
Roads Do	19.0.6
Housing Scheme	18.8.10

A letter was read from Mr Boncanon stating an injunction was granted with costs against John Costello wrenkippen, restraining him from any further interference with the Swan Markets.

A letter was read from Mr Bonway Claremorris, in reply to my letter of the 27th re. footpath at Bishop Street, that he was investigating the matter, and would reply as soon as he had full details.

The Clerk was directed to write to him and give an estimate as to the cost of repairs, and he had not replied before ten days. Hand the case to the Solicitor -

A letter from Mr Warner re damage to walls etc at his place by Contractor was referred to Contractor -

Letter from Mr Daly resigning his office as Town Commissioner. Mr Murphy proposed Mr Burke seconded that Mr Daly be asked to re-consider his resignation.

Letter received from the District Council signed by John Hardeman re nuisance etc at Chapel Lane was marked read -

April 3rd 1917

The following was received from Mr Bonearon

March 9th 1917

S. Banavan
Down Clerk

Dear Sir

I now enclose you reply, I had from the Local Government Board. Kindly lay this before your next meeting. You should not give it to the press or have it discussed before them. The Commissioners might re-consider their decision, as of course, the obtaining of the Provisional Order etc would be expensive

Yours Faithfully
Henry Bonearon

Local Government Board Dublin
7th March 1917

No 10446: 1917
Tuam Rural District

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to acknowledge receipt of your further letter of the 21st ultimo, and enclosures, relative to the proposal of the Tuam Town Commissioners to acquire compulsorily the premises known as the fish chambers for the purpose of a fish market.

In reference thereto, I am to state that, as pointed out in the Board's letter of the 5th January last, if the notices prescribed by section 203 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878, have not been already published, steps could not be taken to insert them before next autumn.

The Board have not up to the present received any application from the Commissioners of a Town, not an Urban district, for a provisional order, authorising them to acquire compulsorily lands or premises, for market purposes, and the Board are advised that it is doubtful whether such Commissioners, when acting under section 21 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878, have the powers of Compulsory purchase of an Urban Authority. Under section 203 of the Act of 1878. The Board observe from the legal opinion forwarded by you, that Counsel who advises the Town Commissioners in the matter appears to assume

April 3rd 1917

that they are an Urban Authority. ~~of an application being made~~ It should, of course be borne in mind in the event of an application being made for a provisional order, that the owner of the premises, would be afforded an opportunity of stating his objections to the making of the order, and that it would also be open to him to oppose Confirmation by Parliament of the order if made.

The enclosures to your letter are returned herewith

Yours faithfully
Your obedient servant

Henry Bonearon Esq
Tuam

A. B. Watkins
Secretary

The Clerk was directed to see Mr Bonearon find out what the probable cost would be to summon a special meeting and have Mr Bonearon to attend.

The Patriotic Assurance Company offered 100% off Premium. If the Board entered into a contract for five years. The Board decided not to bind themselves to any company

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Wm. P. Donnell Chairman

May 1st 1917

Friday April 20th 1917

Adjourned
Special Meeting of Commissioners present. F. B. McDonagh Esq
Chairman of the Board presiding. Patrick Murphy, Mr Dwyer,
John Burke, P. McTigue, Jas Keane, Patrick Walsh
Mr Connon Board's Solicitor also present.

The above meeting was held to have Mr Connon opinion on a
letter received from the Co. G. Board and read at last meeting re
Fish Shambles

The clerk was directed to have to have it on agenda for next
meeting and afterwards adjourn consideration of same until the
June meeting.

Signed on Behalf of The Board

May 8th 1917

F. B. McDonagh Chairman

May 15th 1917 →

Monthly meeting?

Only two Commissioners were present the clerk adjourned the
meeting to ~~the~~ Tuesday the 8th inst.

Signed on Behalf of The Board

May 15th 1917

F. B. McDonagh Chairman

May 8th 1917

Adjourned Monthly meeting

Commissioners present? F. B. McDonagh Esq Chairman of The Board
presiding. Patrick Murphy, Patrick Walsh, John Burke, Jas Keane
Patrick McTigue -

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed. paying
orders were made and signed the Chairman, Mr Murphy and
Mr Burke for the following amounts.

Revenue a/c	£	26.3.0
Roads Do	£	17.14.3
H. scheme Do	£	8.1.6

The clerk was directed to write to Mr U'Valley Contractor and also
Mr Simms engineer and have the Housing scheme account wound
up -

The clerk was directed to write to Mr Daley and inform him that
consideration of his resignation was adjourned to the next monthly
meeting pending a reply to the clerk's letter dated April 5th

A letter was read from Mr Connon stating he had written to Mr Conway
Killemorris, threatening proceedings for the recovery of £12-10-0 damage
to footpath at Bishop St.

The Chairman suggested that no proceedings be taken for the
present -

John Shine and Thomas Dwyer apply to be enumerators at
the May Aairs.

application refused

The following resolution of The Dublin Corporation was adopted,

It is hereby resolved that this meeting of The Dublin Corporation
representing all shades of political opinion, hereby demands
that the British Government shall adopt a similar policy

May 8th 1917

to that upon which they have congratulated the provisional Government of Russia, and declare a general amnesty of Irish Political Prisoners and a revocation of the recent order of deportation upon other Irishmen.

The R. B. Board wrote stating that £37-13-9 was the proportionate amount of the housing fund payable to the Linn Town Commissioners

Mrs Mary Kennedy Bishop Street was unanimously allowed £5 for a Depot for sweepings -

A letter was read from Mr McDonagh clerk of the R. D. Council enclosed a report from Doctor Costello relative to the nuisance at the fair green and recommending that the boundary wall be raised

The clerk was directed to speak to the Tenants on UHale Terrace about this matter -

Signed on behalf of the Board,

June 5th 1917

Frederic Mc Donogh, Chairman

June 5th 1917

Monthly meeting - Commissioners present J. B. McDonagh Esq, Chairman of the Board presiding. Patrick Murphy, John Burke, A. Malley, Pat Walsh, Michael Dwyer, Patrick Byrne

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman Mr Burke and Mr Walsh for the following amounts

Revenue a/c £ 180.10.2

Roads a/c £ 14.2.3

Arising out of the finance of Roads account the Clerk was directed to summon a special meeting to go into details, and the a/c in general for Friday next the 8th inst at 8 o'clock

The letter received by Mr Connean from L. G. Board re fish shambles was also adjourned to Friday the 8th inst

A letter was read from a Stall holder about the game of pitch and toss being continually played at the back of meat stalls.

The clerk was directed to write to the District Inspector and have a stop put to it.

A resolution was proposed by Mr John Burke seconded by Mr Walsh that against partition of the Irish nation and that the names of the Commissioners to put to the proper quarters viz Messrs O'Neil, D. L. Graham Hotel Dublin -

The clerk was directed again write to Mr Conway relative to the flags broken at Bishop Street
A letter was received from Mr Baly thanking the Commissioners for their resolution, but could not attend for reasons stated

June 5th 1917

The following notice of motion was handed in by Mr Dwyer. That I or some Commissioners on my behalf will move at the next monthly meeting that a Commissioner be ~~appointed~~ co-opted, to fill the vacancy caused by Mr Daly's resignation.

Signed Mr Dwyer

Signed on Behalf of The Board

July 3rd 1917

Frank R. Donoff Chairman

June 12th 1917

Adjourned special meeting? To go into the Roads account generally and consider Mr Concanon's letter from the L. S. Board re fish stambles.

Commissioners present -

Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding. P. Murphy P. Byrne. John Burke. Patrick Walsh A. Malley.

Mr Murphy proposed and Mr Byrne seconded that one of the scavengers be dispensed with also the Sunday morning work, and that the clerk be instructed to keep down expenses in future.

Messrs Murphy, Byrne and John Burke were deputed to wait on Mr Concanon relative to the letter received from L. S. Board re fish stambles.

Signed on Behalf of The Board

July 3rd 1917

Frank R. Donoff Chairman

June 26th 1917

Special meeting - Summored by the Chairman. to consider a letter received by him from the L. S. Board, relative to the selection by the Mayors and chairman of small Towns and Urban districts of two members to attend at the convention as their representatives -

Commissioners present?

F. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding, Patrick Murphy, Jas Keane, Anthony Macey, Patrick Walsh, Patrick Byrne.

Proposed by Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Keane that the chairman attend the meeting to be held in the Mansion House for the purpose of selecting two representatives.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

July 3rd 1917

Frank R. Donoff Chairman

July 3rd 1917

Monthly Meeting?

Commissioners present. Messrs J. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding. Patrick Murphy, Patrick Walsh, John Burke, Patrick Byrne, Michael Nolan, Anthony Malley, Thos Keane.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were and signed by the Chairman, Mr Burke and Mr Walsh for the following amounts

Revenue Account	£ 58.4.2
Roads Account	£ 28.16.5

Mr Dwyer's notice of motion to Co-opt a Commissioner in room of Mr Dally resigned.

Mr Malley proposed and Mr Nolan seconded that Mr John Lyons be Co-opted.
passed unanimous

Mr Murphy proposed, Mr Keane seconded the following resolution.
That we the Tuam Town Commissioners at this our first meeting since the lamented death of Major William Redmond on the battle field of France beg to offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs Redmond, Mr John Redmond and his colleagues of the Irish Parliamentary Party and wish to express our regret at the great loss that Ireland has sustained by the death of this heroic Patriot —

A letter was read from Mrs Neil Dr Gresham Hotel Dublin acknowledging resolution passed at last meeting regarding Partition —

The P'S and Co's Concert Company were granted the use of Town Hall for the 2nd and 3rd August. usual terms

J. Talbot's estimate for repairing ladder shed at £3 — and repairing enumerating boxes for 15/- was sanctioned accepted

July 3rd 1917

A letter was read from Mr Comerford D.D. acknowledging the Board's resolution of last meeting re. pitch and Toss playing at the back of meat stalls. had his attention, and has instructed the police to warn parties concerned —

Assessment received from the Surveyor of Taxes Galway allowed being the same amount as last year. £322

Proposed by Thos Keane seconded by P. Byrne. That we the Tuam Town Commissioners protest against the spoliation and confiscation of property brought about by the unnecessary restrictions in the output of beef.

That we call upon the Government to remove those restrictions, or come to the rescue of those people who are now in a condition approaching destitution, owing to the fact that their business, which is the sole means of livelihood is paralysed.

That we protest against the matter of history repeating itself, by the Government's destruction of Ireland's woad-farmed industry by the contemplated reduction of gravity of Irish beer, to that of the inferior English manufactured article —

Copies of this resolution to be sent to J. O'Donnell Esq. and J. Dundon Esq. M.P. —

"Declaration of Mr John Lyons"

I John Lyons being Co-opted a Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof, according to the best of my judgment and ability —

Made and subscribed before me this 5th day of July 1917

Patrick Shanahan

Town Clerk

John Lyons

July 3rd 1917

Messrs Murphy, Byrne and Burke, have again arranged to interview Mr Concanon re fish shambles and report same at next monthly meeting

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Aug 7th 1917

John W. Donohue Chairman

August 7th 1917

Monthly Meeting ?

Commissioners present ? Messrs J. B. McDonagh Esq Chairman of the Board presiding. Patrick Murphy, Patrick Byrne, John Burke, Patrick Walsh, Anthony Malley, Michael Nolan, Michael Dwyer, Thomas J. Keelin Patrick W. Figue

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman, Mr Murphy and Mr Burke, for the following amounts

REVENUE A/c. £ 25-8-8
ROADS A/c. £ 47-8-10

The Clerk was directed to see Mr Concanon relative to the interview the Committee Messrs Murphy, Byrne and Burke re fish shambles and have the matter finally settled a special meeting to be held on Tuesday the 14th inst.

The Clerk was also directed ^{to advise and} to have information re public lighting, Candles power etc at ^{special} meeting, on July 21st

Mr Thomas Kardon M.P. acknowledged receipt of resolution re. liquor restrictions and hoped by having a united licensed trade behind them to save the situation.

Notice was read from Sergeant Byrne R. I. C. stating he would give up possession of No 13 W. Hall Terrace on the 20th inst.

The Clerk was directed to advertise No 13 W. Hall Terrace and No 1 Parkmore Terrace and receive applications on Tuesday the 14th inst.

The Clerk submitted a list of Fairs for 1918. he was directed to send a copy to each Commissioner before publication — and consider same on Tuesday evening the 14th inst.

August 7th 1917

note - mistake
in date / 20c

The following resolutions were adopted.

The Chairman and Mr Murphy descending

Tuam Walsh Sinn Fein Club

High St Tuam
Aug 7th

Dear Sir

We are directed by the Committee of the above to forward you enclosed resolutions, passed by them, at their meeting on August 6th and request you to put them before the Commissioners, for their adoption at their meeting on Tuesday Aug 7th

To P. Canavan
Town Clerk

John J. Waldron
James Moloney

Secretaries

1. That we condemn the action of those members of the Galway Co Council who degraded themselves by voting against rescinding their cowardly resolution passed on May 3rd 1916 (the day Padraic Pearse was shot) condemning the men of Easter week who shed their blood for Ireland. We trust when the time comes their constituents will remember their action.

2. That we strongly condemn the action of the Standing Committee of the General Council of County Councils in Ireland, for their resolution asking to exclude Ireland from the Representation of Peoples Bill thereby attempting to deprive the manhood of Ireland, from receiving the vote on equal terms with Englishmen and women, which the English government are extending to the latter, and that we also condemn the action of the Galway Co Council in refusing to pass a resolution asking for the extension of the Franchise to Ireland at their meeting on Tuesday July 31st 1917, and we call on the public Boards and their constituents in this County to repudiate their action.

August 7th 1917

It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr P Walsh, that we the Tuam Town Commissioners desire to express our deep regret of the death of Mr Joseph Lyons Brother of Mr John Lyons a member of this Board.

County Surveyors Office
Galway
30th July 1917

Tuam Street

Dear Sir,

I propose to carry out some experiments in tarring the Tuam square at an early date, and I would be obliged if you could arrange to give me the necessary labour, and also to provide the necessary quantity of tar for the work.

The tarring process will of course be a means of considerably improving the surface of the square, and at the same time keeping this portion of the town free from dust and nuisance during the dry weather. Please let me hear from you at an early date

To
P. Canavan
Town Clerk

Yours faithfully
J. M. Kennedy
Co Surveyor

The Clerk was directed to write to Mr Kennedy and find out how much tar would be required and the probable cost of same.

A letter was also received from the Co Surveyor, notifying to have removed the road scrapings along the palace wall Sullinadaly road.

The Clerk was directed to have this done, and removed to a convenient place if possible.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

John P. O'Donnell, Chairman

Sept 17

August 14th 1917

Special meeting.

Commissioners present? Messrs J. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board Presiding. Patrick Maesh. Samuel McTigue. M. Nolan. John Lyons. Michael Dwyer. J. J. Meelin. John Burke. A. Malley. John Burke.

Applications were read from Miss Fitzgerald, Pat Connor. Conet Keigney Michael Keely James Moloney Mrs Berwin for 101 Parkmore Terrace. -
On the applications being considered it was decided only three were eligible for an artisans dwelling -

On a vote being taken between Pat Connor. Michael Keely and James Moloney Pat Connor received 6 votes to 4 for Mr. Keely. Connor was declared tenant. for artisans dwelling -

Two applications were received for 1013 Udale Terrace. namely John Gury. Nora Moloney. The Chairman proposed and John Burke seconded that John Gury be declared tenant. the other applicant not being proposed John Gury was unanimously selected -

The Clerk was directed to advertise the Public Lighting and insert 25 candle power for lamps -

Letters were read from Mr Boncanon re. fish shambles and Fair Green Rent

13th August 1917

re. fish shambles

Dear Sir

Mr Boncanon is at present on holidays and I am not sure whether he had an opportunity of discussing this matter ^{with} Mr Fetherstonhaugh as arranged by him with the deputation from your Commissioners I will get the matter attended to by him at once

Yours faithfully
J. J. Galy

August 14th 1917

14th August 1917

Dear Sir

Re. Fair Green

I have looked into the contention made by Mr O'Shanagan in his letter of the 10th inst. The question is a very involved one and I think Council's opinion ought to be taken. If Mr O'Shanagan's contention that the Income Tax which the Commissioners pay is payable out of the Tolls and Customs only and not in respect of the lands I think there would not be any right of deduction. The only instance in which a tenant is allowed to deduct income tax from his landlord being when the tax is payable out of the lands. I return you Mr O'Shanagan's letter and cheque

Yours faithfully
Henry Boncanon

To O'Shanagan
Town Clerk

The Clerk was directed to write to Mr Boncanon and ask him to have Council's opinion.

It was proposed by Mr Dwyer seconded by Mr Burke that the Band Instruments be handed over to the Foresters Society. passed unanimous

list of Fairs for 1918 were considered correct and ordered to be advertised

Signed on Behalf of The Board

John B. McDonagh
Chairman

Sept 4th 1917

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present. Messrs J. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding. John Burke. Michael Dwyer. T. G. Meelin. Patrick Whigge. Patrick Byrne. Anthony Mallely. Michael Han. Patrick Walsh

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman Mr Byrne and Mr Burke, for the following amounts

REVENUE A/c. £68.19.0

ROADS A/c. 9.0.2

The following Tender was received for Public Lighting.

Thereby propose and agree to repair and put in order so far as material can be procured, the required number of Public lamps mentioned in advertisement for Tenders for Public Lighting in Tuam Town over date August 13th '17 for the sum of Eight pounds sterling.

To supply with gas, mantles, and glasses; light, extinguish and keep in repair (so far as material is procurable) the aforesaid number of lamps for the period mentioned (the lighting hour to be from one hour after sunset and lamps not to be lighted on moonlight nights.

30 lamps to be paid for at the rate of the pounds seven shillings and six pence each. One all night lamp £4-10-0.

four lamps in Cathedral grounds at £1-15-0 each

lamps to be 50 G.P. each

No allowance for unlighted lamps unless same is avoidable but every care will be observed to have all lamps lighted and re lighted as soon as any defect in this respect is noticed or observed.

To supply gas to buildings and offices of the Tuam Town Commissioners at 7/6 per thousand cubic feet. Tar 6^d per gallon accepted

subject to paying £5- to repair and put in order instead of £8.0.0 as before

Sept 4th 1917

The following tender was accepted for Printing and advertising

To the Chairman and Tuam Town Commissioners

Gentlemen

Thereby propose and agree to do all printing and advertising required by your board for twelve months as follows

1. Printing £ 13.0.0
2. advertising £ 13.0.0
3. Electro Printing 3.2.6
4. G. Vocket Books 2/ each per book of 500
5. Abstract of Accounts and Auditor report £2/2/0

and offer as my sureties Messrs Michael Hession and John Flanagan whose consent in writing are herewith enclosed

Yours faithfully

Richard J. Kelly for J.B. Manager

We whose names are hereto subscribed, consent to become sureties for Mr Kelly of his Tender for printing and advertising as accepted by the Town Commissioners

Signed

Michael Hession

John Flanagan

The Hall was granted to the Lin Fair Club for a concert and lecture on Sunday night Sept 23rd.

a letter was read from the sanitary authority stating that nuisance existed at Chapel Lane and have same removed.

The clerk informed the board that same was removed even before the the sanitary officer's letter was received.

Resolutions received from Mr G. B. Steffington to B.D. were unanimously adopted

Sept 14th 1917

Resolutions -

1. To have indicted and tried all the accomplices and accessories to the Portobello murders. Easter 1916
2. To have Bretthurst tried for the murder of Coade and other crimes
3. To have justice done to St. Francis base
4. To have printed and published forthwith the evidence taken at the inquiry by Sir J. Simon.

Mr Dwyer proposed and passed unanimous that the Town Commissioners assist in every possible way in their power the farmers association

John Shine and Thomas Dwyer were appointed enumerators for Sept Fair at 10/- each.

Mr Dwyer drew attention to the practice of having the road sweepings swept against the grove wall. The clerk was directed to have this discontinued.

The clerk was directed to advertise Tolls and Customs and summon a special meeting to consider Tenders on Monday Sept ~~17th~~^{17th} at 8 o'clock P.M.

A letter was read from Mr Concanon stating he had written to Mr Shanagan not to take proceedings for the present. pending Councils opinion re Rent due and Income Tax.

Mr Dwyer drew attention to the metal Columns that were removed from the Commissioners yard at Vicar Street.

The Chairman explained that at last meeting some of the Commissioners had left the room when he mentioned that Mr John Waldron requested a few of them. The Com's then present decided in giving them at Market House.

The clerk being instructed to find out the value of them

Sept 14th

The board decided that if Mr Waldron did not pay market value that is £ 2/15/0 each to return them -

Signed on Behalf of the Board

October 2nd 1917

John M. Dwyer Chairman

September 17th 1917

Special meeting? To receive tenders for "Tolls and Customs"

Commissioners present. J. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding
John Burke. Patrick Walsh. Fr. Keane. Michael Dwyer. Anthony Malley.

"Tolls & Customs"

Tuam Sept 17th 1917

Gentlemen

I beg to propose for the Tolls and Customs for the Borough of Tuam and offer you therefor from the 28th Sept 1917 to the 28th Sept 1918, and to pay you therefor the sum of £600 (six hundred pounds), and offer you as my sureties Messrs Michael Heskin, and John Burke whose assents I enclose.

Your obedient servant

John Murphy

To
The Tuam Town Commissioners

We hereby agree to become security for Mr John Murphy as Toll Farmer for the Borough of Tuam should his tender be accepted.

Michael Heskin
John Burke

No other tenders being received, the above was unanimously accepted.

The Clerk was directed to write Mr Reid Gas Contractor re. public lighting and the off power of lamps, and state an expert would be called to inspect same. If the light was not improved -

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Oct 2nd 1917

Fr. Keane
Chairman

October 2nd 1917

Monthly Meeting?

Commissioners present? Messrs J. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding. Patrick Murphy. Patrick Walsh. Thomas J. Keelin. Patrick U'Figue. John Burke. Anthony Malley. John Lyons. Mr. Moran. Michael Dwyer. Patrick Byrne -

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Payable Orders were made and signed by the Chairman, Mr Burke and Mr Walsh for the following amounts

REVENUE A/c. £ 163. 18. 10

ROADS A/c. £ 21. 3. 9

Re. Fair Green Rent and Income Tax

The following letter was received from Mr Concanon (Boards Solicitor) together with Councils Opinion

Tuam

2/10/17

Mr P. Concanon
Town Clerk

Dear Sir

I submitted a case with all papers and correspondence to Mr McCormack B. L. and he has advised that there is no right of deduction, on the part of the Commissioners, because the income tax which they are paying is assessed under Schedule D. He advised however, that as the tax has been paid for some years past by the Commissioners for Mr O'Hanagan that there is a right of refund as against Mr O'Hanagan.

I have been in communication with the Surveyor of Rates Galway in reference to the question and I send you his reply which please return when done with. It seems peculiar that the tax has been assessed, although the fair green is not separately valued

Yours faithfully
Henry Concanon

October 2nd 1917

Four applications were received for 1018 Uthale Terrace viz

Daniel U'Looy, Nora Moloney, Josephine Blake, Sergeant U'Carthy R.D.C. —

Mr John Burke proposed and the Chairman recorded that Daniel U'Looy get 1018 Uthale Terrace. no other applicant being proposed the above passed unanimously. As no artisan had applied for No 5, it was ordered to re-advertise and have a special meeting on Monday night the 8th inst to consider applications —

	Soed	unsoed	Total
Gap returns for Sept Fair - Sheep	9615	1427	11,042
	Soed	unsoed	Total
Battle	172	348	520

Ballina Gas Works

September 1917

S. Lanavan
Town Clerk

Dear Sir

Yours of the 5th inst received and note that my tender for Public Lighting of Tuam dated August 31:17 has been accepted, but that only £5.0.0 has been allowed for repairing lamps & accept this sum so that the contract will now read.

Wickly lamps at £3.7.6 each one lamp £4.10.0. 4 lamps £1.15.0 each.

Repairs to lamps previous to public lighting £5.0.0. Gas supplied through Meters 7/6 per thousand cubic feet Tar 6 per Gallon.

Yours Truly
T. J. Reid

In reply to a letter of the 18 inst calling attention to the miserable light from the supposed 50 G. S. lamps.

The Contractor stated that if they required better light, this can only be secured by installing larger burners which of course would be an additional cost both for material and Gas

A letter was received from Pat O'Connor complaining about having to pay rates on No 1 Rathmore Terrace, as the previous tenant did not pay. The Board would not interfere

October 2nd 1917

Messrs Mary U'Looy and Harry French came before the Board above having to pay Rates on the houses on Circular Road.

The Clerk was directed to look up the old minutes and find out if there was any agreement between the Commissioners and ~~the tenants~~ Messrs U'Looy and French

Thomas Dwyer and John Shire were appointed enumerators for October sheep and cattle fairs

Thomas Dwyer and John Burke were each granted £2.10.0 price of Overcoats

Mr Turnbull applied for and was granted the use of the Shambles for cinematograph and stalls for three weeks usual terms 10/- per night.

quotation for Dohin for use of hose at fire station 12/- per 700 lin. the clerk was directed to get the required quantity

The clerk was directed to write to Mrs Hamilton Galway stating the amount due to the engineers Messrs Brins & the late Mr Hamilton would be divided equally between Mr Brins and the representatives of the late Mr Hamilton

Proposed by Mr McDonagh seconded by Mr Mellin that we request the Board of Public works to advance the sum of £500 being the balance of the loan of £6000 required for the completion of artisans dwellings in the town of Tuam, and lodged to the credit of the housing scheme account Tuam Branch of the Bank of Ireland.

Signed

J. B. McDonagh }
J. J. Mellin }

Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Mellin that we request the Local Government Board to send their engineers to make a final inspection of the artisans dwellings, and give due notification in order that our engineers would be present at the inspection.

Signed

J. B. McDonagh }
J. J. Mellin }

It was also agreed that the engineers fees on Artisans dwellings be divided equally between Mr Brins and the representatives of the late Mr Hamilton.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

November 1917

John D. O'Connell }
Chairman }

October 1917

October 8th 1917

Special meeting held to consider applications for Nos 4 & 5 Arisians Dwelling
W. Hale Terrace.

Commissioners present ?

Messrs H. B. McDonagh Esqr Chairman of the Board presiding. John Burke, P. Walsh
Patrick Byrne, M. Nolan, John Lyons, Thomas Keane, P. U. Tigue, J. Meelin

Three applications were received viz. Mrs E. W. Garry, A. Keefe, Sgt W. Barry R. D. H.
only two applications were considered eligible Messrs W. Garry and Keefe.

Mr John Lyons proposed
M. Nolan seconded that A. Keefe get the cottage. The Chairman proposed and
Mr Keane seconded that Mrs W. Garry ~~be~~ get the cottage.

They voted for Mrs W. Garry. Messrs Keane, Byrne, Burke, U. Tigue, Walsh and
The Chairman 6.

For A. Keefe - Messrs Nolan and Lyons 2.

Mr Meelin did not vote

The Chairman declared Mrs W. Garry tenant.

Signed on Behalf of The Board

Nov 6th 1917

Frank M. Tonnell Chairman

October 15th 1917

Special meeting

Copy of requisition

We the undersigned request you summon a special meeting of the Town Commissioners to be held on Monday evening next at 8.06.

To consider the advisability of getting the cattle to go the long route next fair day

Signed

J. P. McDonagh. A. Malley. M. Keane
P. U. Figue and John Lyons.

In accordance with above requisition the following attended

Messrs J. P. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding. Fras Keane. Michael Dwyer. P. Walsh. P. Byrne. M. Nolan.

It was agreed that the cattle be taken to the Railway any way it suited either sellers or buyers Mr Keane dissenting.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

November 1917

J. P. McDonagh Chairman

November 6th 1917

Monthly meeting -

Only one Commissioner attended namely Walsh

The block adjourned to Tuesday Nov 13th

13/11/17

J. P. McDonagh

Chairman

November 13th 1917

Adjourned monthly Meeting

Commissioners present? Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq Chairman of the Board presiding
John Burke. Patrick Byrne. Pat Walsh. John Lyons. Patrick McTigue. Anthony Malley
Michael Dwyer.

Minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying were made for the following amounts, and signed by the chairman
Messrs McTigue and Malley

REVENUE A/c. £47.2.8

HOUSING SCHEME A/c. £504.11.11

ROADS A/c. £42.12.6

The following letters were read, from the local S. Board with extract from the report
of the Board's architect Mr Foley, on his recent inspection of the houses erected by the
Town Commissioners under the loan of £6000.
And also stating the Board recommended the Commissioners of Public works to issue
the balance of the loan namely £500 —

Architects report Dated 24th October 1917 loan £6000

In pursuance of instructions received, I made the 4th inspection of the works
carried out under this loan accompanied by Mr Binns, the present engineer
for the Commissioners, and found all the houses completed and occupied. —
The pump at Town parks has been done away with or connected into a
serviceable manhole, and the outfall drain continued well beyond the public
road, which is a great improvement in every respect. It effectively checks
the back flow and the other nuisance to which I directed my attention in my
previous report —

The painting and boundary walls have also been completed. Iron gates pro-
vided, and the various plots assigned to their owners.

In two or three cases the west and south west gables were found to be damp

Nov 13th 1917

but I could not say that this is due to any defective workmanship. I am rather inclined
to think that the walls should have been cement plastered, and that the lime dashing specified
will never keep out the wet in the exposed positions.
Weather boards to enhance doors and cross doors for the passages would also be desirable
so as to render the living room more comfortable.
Other minor defects I have pointed out to the engineer and he appeared to be already
aware of them. The contractor was also present and promised to see to them at once
though he at first demurred to have anything further to say to defective flues where the
occupier took out the ranges and substituted open grates instead as he found the
former small for turf fuel which they had to burn. Some of these houses have
been in occupation for over three years, and it is time the painting of the sashes
and other external timber should be removed.

A letter from the Department of agriculture and technical instruction for Ireland, enclosing
report from their transit inspector who was present on the occasion on the recent fair
on the 17th ultimo.

"Report"

I inspected the animals transit arrangements at Tuam on October 17th in connection with
the cattle fair.

Cattle were again driven from the Fair Green to the Railway station, through the main
street of Tuam.

To gain admission to the cattle loading banks, the animals have to cross the Railway
by a level crossing at the end of the passengers platform.

As the Gates of this level crossing have to be repeatedly opened and closed at short intervals
to permit the shunting etc. the entrance of cattle to the loading banks is frequently interrupted

When the Gates are closed the cattle are driven up against them in a
dense mass, and as each engine passes the cattle stampede back into the cattle
behind them with the result that the cattle are subjected to gross cruelty.

In one rush of cattle I observed 4 cattle knocked down and were it not for the efforts of the
Sergeant and some constables who at considerable risk to themselves forced back some
of the cattle, some would probably have been killed.

I was informed on Friday that some of the cattle from Tuam fair had arrived at
destination dead in the trucks.

Some years ago on the representation of the Department, The Tuam Urban Council
arranged that cattle from the fair Green, to the Railway would not be driven through
the town, but around by the circular route, with satisfactory results to all concerned.

November 13th 1917

Gap returns October Fair

<u>Sheep</u>		Total
Sold	unsold	
10978	2219	13197

<u>Cattle</u>		Total
Sold	unsold	
6463	1340	7803

The Gaelic League Dancing class were granted the use of Hall on Wednesday and Sunday nights usual terms

Thomas Quinn applied for and was granted a coat for winter also the two scavengers Ruane and Connor

Only one tender received for sand Pat Smyth Kilmore at 2/6 per ton accepted

Mr Byrne drew attention to the post office lamp being unlighted, the clerk was directed to write to the Postmaster.

John Burke proposed and A. Malley seconded a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr Bloran. Copies of resolution to be sent to Mr Murphy, Mr Bloran and Mr Hooley.

The clerk was directed to get Mr Concanon to claim a refund of £11-5-0 for income Tax not allowed by Mr O'Hanagan

The clerk was directed to write to the department of agriculture and state the Commissioners consider the direct way to the Railway from the Fair Green is the best route and if any difficulty had occurred it was through the Railway company not having sufficient siding.

Dec 11th 1917

Signed on behalf of the Board

Dec 11th 1917

Adjourned monthly meeting -

Commissioners present. Messrs J. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Byrne, Patrick Walsh, Patrick U'Figue, Anthony Malley, John Burke

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed for the following amounts

REVENUE A/c. £38.8.2

ROADS A/c. £34.19.6

The following letters were read?

Bachelinade Nov 2nd 1917

Auditors report

Copy No 55.457: 1917

Tuam Rural District

Tuam Town

Gentlemen

I beg to report that I have audited the accounts of the Tuam Town Commissioners for the year ending March 31st 1917, and I send you herewith abstracts of same duly certified. In my last report I drew attention in the manner in which the clerk retained in his hands moneys received from the rents of artisans dwellings, meat stalls and town hall things. During the year under audit and at the present time, I understand that the clerk collects these rents, and instead of lodging the amounts pays the wages of men working on the roads. (The Commissioners having secured from the District Council the contract for maintaining the roads in the vicinity of the Town of Tuam, out of the moneys so collected. When the County Council pay quarterly instalments to the town Commissioners, the amount expended on wages is refunded to the Revenue account. The reason for this peculiar and most irregular way of doing business is that the town Commissioners have overdrawn their road account of £100 over £200 and the Treasurer refuses to pay the wages. This method of doing business must be discontinued, as it is impossible to check the receipts from these rents when regular lodgments are not made. The following

Dec 12th 1917

	Arizans Rents	Meat Stalls	Down Hall
Sept 1916	£ 68		
Nov	£ 42 - 6 - 3		
Dec	£ 49 - 8 - 3		
Jan	£ 74 - 0 - 0		
July	£ 72 - 2 - 6		
March	£ 54 - 10 - 9	£ 26 - 12 - 0	£ 26 - 0 - 0

From these figures it will be seen that although the cottages were occupied during the whole year the first lodgment was made in Sept 1916 and the only lodgment made for rents for meat stalls and down hall lettings was in March 1917. The clerk informed me that the money shown in the abstract as on hands at the close of the year was actually expended on wages. Having pointed out these serious irregularities to the Commissioners on two successive occasions they must be prepared to hold themselves personally liable for any loss occasioned by their neglect.

At the date of the conclusion of the audit (Oct 1917) the clerk had not entered a figure in his financial statement book of receipts since March last. In the accounts under audit there were some receipts wrongly classified and others entered as other receipts, because the clerk forgot which the receipts were, and not having entered them in the receipt book until the last moment. The Commissioners should examine, and the Chairman sign, the financial statement book of receipts at each finance meeting. By doing so they would be in a position to see that regular lodgments are made and that the book is punctually written up to date.

Sam Forteman

Your obedient servant

Arthur B. Ellis

The Local Government Board Dublin

A letter was read from Mr O'Brien postmaster stating the post office lamp would be lighted in future

A letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that the Galway Road footpath was having his attention

Letter from the L. G. Board asking for particulars of liabilities in respect to instalments of loans for financial year ending March 31st 1918

Dec 12th 1917

Letters were read from Mr P. Murphy and Mr Bloran in reply to resolution of sympathy passed at last meeting on the death of Mr Gerard Bloran

The Bonnaert future applied for advertisement of Tuam fair for 1918 on the Calendar at the rate of 10/-

Granted unanimous.

Letter received from Mr Conanon enclosed cheque £11-5-0 refund of income tax

Mr O'Hanagan wrote stating he had written to Mr Conanon in reference to monies deducted wrongfully from him in respect to income tax off fair green rents

The clerk was directed to see Mr Conanon on the matter and report on same

Signed on Behalf of The Board

Jan 1918

Arthur B. Ellis Chairman

January 1918

Monthly meeting only one Commissioner attended Mr P. Walsh the clerk adjourned the meeting to Tuesday Jan 8th

Arthur B. Ellis
Signed on Behalf of the Board

Jan 8th 1918

Chairman

January 8th 1918

adjourned monthly meeting

Commissioners present. Messrs S. Murphy. P. Byrne. P. Walsh
no quorum. The clerk adjourned the meeting to Tuesday
the 15th inst.

Signed on Behalf of The Board

Paul M. Donohue
Chairman

Donegal 15th 1918

January 15th 1918

Adjourned monthly meeting?

Commissioners present & Messrs F. B. W. Donagh Esq. Chairman of the Board
presiding. Patrick Murphy. Patrick Byrne. Patrick Walsh. John Burke.
Anthony O'Malley

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed. Paying Orders were made
and signed by the Chairman Mr Byrne and Mr O'Malley. For the foregoing
amounts:

REVENUE A/c. £ 182.9.1
ROADS A/c: £ 32.9.6

The following letters were read.

A letter was read from Mr O'Hanagan Balerrobe asking for a cheque for £43-10-0
£22-10-0 of which was for half years rent due 1st Sept last and the remainder for
income tax deducted from rents as far back as 1910, also reading attention
to the fair green walls.

On Councils opinion the Commissioners declined paying the income
tax already deducted from rents. The clerk informing the Board that a
paying order was already signed for rent due.

The clerk was directed to get the coping put on and the wall built up
between the artisans dwellings plot and the fair green

The County surveyor wrote stating they were only waiting for the
Crusher to come to Tuam, when the screenings would be put on the
Galway road footpath.

The following resolution was received from the Dublin Corporation for
adoption.

That we, the members of the Dublin Corporation, having learned that certain
members of the Irish Civil Service have been victimised by dismissal, transfer to
other offices, or by having adverse records made against them by secret reports,
demand that the evidence upon which they have been victimised shall be produced
and that the officers concerned, shall be given a fair opportunity of meeting the
charges upon which they have been penalised.
Hailing the production of evidence or the formulation of direct charges

January 15th 1917

We demand that the adverse records be expunged, and that those victimised by dismissal or transfer, be restored to their various offices.

That copies of this resolution to be sent to the prime minister, the chief secretary for Ireland, the Postmaster General and all public bodies in Ireland for adoption.

I am Yours Faithfully

Berry Campbell Town Clerk

adopted unanimous —

A letter was read from Mr Shime asking to have the hose washed, and to have a fire place put in the fire station.

The clerk informed the Board that the hose had been washed and Dobbin put on same.

It was agreed that the fire place was not required.

The Pioneer Total abstinence Society applied for and was granted the Hall for their concert on Sunday Jan'y 20th 1918.

P. Banavan Town Clerk applied for an increase of salary £5/10/0 according to the terms of his appointment. Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Macey that the increase be given. Granted unanimous.

The All-Star Vaudeville Co applied for and was granted the use of Hall for Jan'y 25th + 26th usual terms.

A letter was read from the Dublin Corporation food Committee asking that particulars be furnished to them as regards the amount of produce (wheat, oats etc) in this district.

The clerk was directed to write and state there is sufficient in this district if not exported.

A Sim-Jin deputation namely Messrs Cooney, Roche and Seams waited on the Board to have something done to provide plots for artisans and labourers to potatoes and other crops.

Mr John Burke proposed that a public meeting be held and the District notified.

January 15th 1918

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Byrne seconded by Mr Walsh.

That we the Tuam Town Commissioners in view of the alarming shortage of food, ~~call a~~ public meeting in the Town Hall on Sunday the 27th inst at 1 o'clock, for the purpose existing this year and more likely to exist next, unanimously call upon the District Council to exercise any powers that are vested in them to acquire land for the artisans and labourers in the Town, to be distributed amongst them in small plots, so that they may provide themselves with potatoes next year. With this object in view, a public meeting is to be held in the Town Hall on Sunday the 27th inst.

Copy of this resolution to be sent to the District Council.

James Roche Bloonhoe Road asked the Board to have a gas lamp erected and lighted on Tierboy Road at the entrance to Kilgariffs field, as it is a very dangerous place on dark nights.

Messrs O'Malley, Burke and the clerk were deputed to see the place and report on same at next meeting —

Resolution from the Limerick Corporation re-housing of the working classes in the Towns and Cities of Ireland be provided has already been done in the country for the agriculture labourers — was adopted.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

July 5th 1918

Frank M. Dowd Chairman

January 23rd 1918

Annual Statutory Meeting

Commissioners present.

Messrs. F. B. McDonagh Chairman of the Board presiding Patrick Murphy
Patrick Byrne. Patrick Walsh. John Burke. A. O'Malley. M. Nolan -

Mr Murphy proposed Mr Byrne seconded that Mr McDonagh be elected
Chairman for the ensuing year.

No other candidate being proposed Mr McDonagh declared himself duly elected

Messrs Murphy, Walsh and Byrne were deputed to see the power at White Terrace and
report on same.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Patrick B. McDonagh Chairman

July 1918

I, Frederick B. McDonagh having been chosen chairman of the Commissioners of the Town
of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office on myself, and will duly and
faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and
ability.

Made and subscribed before me this
26th day of January 1918

Patrick Hanagan
Town Clerk

Patrick B. McDonagh

February 5th 1918

Monthly meeting ?

Commissioners present - Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esqr Chairman of the Board presiding
Patrick Murphy. Patrick Byrne. Patrick Walsh. Patrick W. Figue. Michael Nolan. John Burke
Anthony O'Malley.

Minutes of last meeting were read and signed. Paying Orders were made and signed by
the Chairman Mr Murphy and Mr Byrne. for the following amounts.

Revenue A/C £ 27.9.0
Roads A/C £ 20.0.0

The following letters were read ?

Ballinrobe Co Mayo
18th Jan'y 1918

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of yours with paying Order £22.10.0 for use of Fair Green on
Fair days during half year ending 1st Sept 1917. I note that the Commissioners decline to pay
the monies wrongfully deducted by them in respect of Income Tax claimed
by me, and that the Commissioners also state that when plans and specifications
were obtained and tenders received for the building of walls and erection of
gates that I refused to pay half same. This statement is absolutely incorrect

I simply pointed out that in my opinion the amount stated
in the tender was too high. A considerable time has elapsed since then and
the Commissioners have taken no steps to carry out their covenant in
the lease from me, although I have repeatedly written to them in the
interval requiring them to do so.

I shall now take such steps as I may be advised in the matter
without further notice.

Yours faithfully

E. P. O'Hanagan

To
Hanagan
Town Clerk

Feb 5th 1918

The clerk was directed to write to Mr O'Hanagan and state the Commissioners are still willing to carry out Mr Pinnis estimate on conditions that he (Mr O'Hanagan) pays half the cost of contract.

A letter was received from Mr Hosty Solicitor relative to the curragh road being worn away owing to the traffic of the Commission carts.

The clerk was directed to write to Mr Hosty and state that the Commissioners were not liable for the maintenance of the road, but that they would without prejudice and without admitting any liability have some material put on the road.

Michael Ruane applied for an increase of wages. he being paid 3/- per day. it was unanimously decided to grant him £1-0-0 per week.

Mr Boncanon submitted bill of costs for three years £26-15-8. The clerk was directed to see Mr Boncanon and if necessary have it taxed.

The following estimate was received from the Gas manager for erecting a lamp and doing all necessary work at Terboy Road.

3/4" service from Terboy Road corner at 1/2 per foot, excavation 6 per yard, erect and repair column £1-0-0.

The distance being 275 yards the Commissioners considered it too expensive at present.

The clerk was directed to see Mr Boncanon and find out what agreement was entered into by Mary Bonnor and the Road Contractor relative to a pool of water on Cloonhoe Road. and if necessary have it put in force.

Signed on Behalf of The Board

Frank P. O'Connell

Chairman

March 5th 1918

March 5th 1918

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners Present? Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding Patrick Murphy, Patrick Byrne, Patrick Walsh, Anthony O'Malley, Michael O'Leary, John Lyons, John Purke, Michael Dwyer.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed. paying orders were made and signed by The Chairman Mr Walsh and Mr O'Malley. for the following amounts.

Revenue	a/c	£ 54-6-11
Roads	a/c	£ 28-17-0
H. Scheme	a/c	£ 4-11-3

Letters were read from Mr P. M. Hosty Solicitor and D. B. Kiwan agent on the Strahan Estate relative to the sewerage at Ullak Terrace. Mr Hosty on behalf of Mr Synott the tenant and Mr Kiwan on behalf of the landlord or owner Mr Strahan.

Mr Synott being already compensated for making a drain through this field to the extent of £4-0-0.

The clerk was directed to see Mr Kiwan and state that the Commissioners men were prevented from opening this drain by Mr Synott's herd, and the Commissioners are still prepared to abate the overflow if allowed to open the drain in question.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor re. drainage on Cloonhoe road and have the nuisance abated at once.

Mr Murphy asked to have this left over as the late County Surveyor was granted the sum of £12 ~ to have this drainage done, and that he would bring up same at next D. B. meeting.

The Secretary of Band Committee applied for and was granted the use of Hall for concert on St Patrick's night.

Mr Waldron's price of 15/- each for seven metal pillars was accepted. A letter received from the Department of agriculture re. tillage scheme was marked read.

March 5th 1918

Contd.?

Mr Murphy drew attention to the shrubs that were sown at Uthale Terrace had been pulled up.

The clerk was directed to warn the tenants on whose plots damage has been done and ask them to preserve same.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

April 1918

Frank Mc Donnell Chairman

March 20th 1918

Inopportune Meeting? Summoned for the purpose of passing a resolution of sympathy with the members of the family and priests of the Archdiocese of the deceased Archbishop =

Commissioners Present. Messrs J. B. McDonagh Chairman of the Board presiding Patrick Murphy, Fras Keane, Michael Dwyer, John Burke, John Lyons, Michael Nolan Patrick Walsh, Anthony O'Malley.

The following resolution was unanimously proposed =

That we the Tuam Town Commissioners wish to place on record the expression of our deep ~~symp~~ sorrow at the death of our great and illustrious Archbishop, the Most Reverend John Healy D.D. who was so distinguished a member of the Irish Hierarchy, a scholar of world wide fame, and an ardent lover of his native land. That we tender our deepest sympathy to the members of his family and to the Priests of the Archdiocese.

Copies of this resolution were sent to the press. Father Hannon ADM. Rev. Mass Hannon C.C. Most Reverend Dr. Higgins and Miss Healy.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

April 1918

Frank Mc Donnell Chairman

April 2nd 1918

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners Present? Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq Chairman of the Board presiding. A. O'Malley. John Burke. Pat Walsh. Patrick Murphy. Patrick O'Figue. Michael Dwyer, Patrick Byrne.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the chairman. Mr Burke and Mr Walsh. for the following amounts

Revenue Account £ 178 7 3

Roads Account £ 20.0.0

Replies were read from Most Revd ^{Dominic} Higgins. Rev Father Hannon A.M. and Revd Mark Hannon. Thanking the Board for their resolution of sympathy on the death of the Archbishop -

The clerk informed the Board that he thought the Fire Insurance Policies should be increased. Messrs Dwyer and Murphy were deputed by the Board to go into this matter and have the amounts increased if they thought necessary. They arranged to meet at 7.30 next day April 3rd -

The clerk was directed to write to the ~~local~~ ^{local} ~~bounty~~ surveyor, and ask him to have the road stuff removed at Parkmore Terrace, as trespass is committed on the plots at this place.

Two tenders were received for building the Fair green wall at Ballygaddy Road:

Mr McVally £66 - } Tenders considered too high
Barby Ford £50.3-6 }

Messrs Murphy and Dwyer were appointed to meet Mr O'Hanagon and arrange about having it done as cheap as they could. the clerk in the meantime to find out from Mr O'Hanagon when he would be in Tuam and appoint

April 2nd 1918

An hour to meet in the Hall

The clerk was directed to have the clock Dial repaired, and find out the cost of same

Mr O'Malley proposed and was unanimously passed, that the clerk write to the Traffic Manager G. S. & Western Railway about the 6.30 train from Tuam to Milltown on market days be not discontinued, as it would interfere very much with the market and inconvenience the people attending same.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

May 7th 1918

M Dwyer Chairman

April 11th 1918

Inopportune meeting by requisition?

To P. Banaran Town Clerk

The undersigned request you call a special meeting of the Town Commissioners for Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the Town Hall, to protest against the intention of the English Government extending Conscription to Ireland

Signed John Burke
Michael Dwyer
Patrick Walsh
Patrick Byrne
Anthony O'Malley

In accordance with above requisition the following Commissioners attended.

Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq Chairman of the Board presiding, John Burke, Pat Walsh, Patrick Byrne, John Lyons, Thos. J. Meelin, Patrick Murphy, Anthony O'Malley, Patrick Murphy, Michael Nolan, Fras Keane, Michael Dwyer

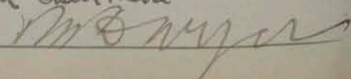
The following resolution was proposed by Mr Burke seconded by the chairman?

That we the Tuam Town Commissioners representing the people of Tuam, protest against the extension of Conscription in this Country. We deny the right of the British Parliament to impose such service, and hold that the Irish people will be justified in resisting it by all means in their power. We approve of Dr Sherlock's suggestion, at the Dublin Corporation of a National Covenant in opposition to the proposed measure, and call upon all Irishmen to unite as one man in combating this nefarious scheme. Copies of this resolution to be sent to the daily papers, and to be read in the square on Sunday the 14th inst and invite the clergy.

It was unanimously decided to hold a public meeting on the square on Sunday the 14th inst and invite the clergy.

May 7th 1918

Signed on Behalf of The Board Chairman



May 7th 1918

Monthly Meeting -

Commissioners present? Michael Dwyer, Anthony O'Malley, John Burke, John Lyons, Francis Keane, Patrick W. Tigue, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Walsh

Proposed by Mr O'Malley seconded by Mr Walsh that Mr Dwyer takes the chair passed unanimously

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

paying orders were made and signed by the chairman Mr W. Tigue and Mr Lyons for the following amounts

Revenue account £ 38.12.11

Roads etc £ 15.0.0

The clerk notified the Board that the amounts furnished by the Freeman's Journal and Daily Independent was for advertising the March and April Fairs, and that the only fairs advertised by the Board were May and October.

It was proposed by Mr Murphy seconded by the chairman that the amount be paid as the dates were changed and practically new fairs.

There was only one tender for building the fair Green wall at Bally Gaddy Road that of John Sheehan Bloomfield for the sum of £ 28 which was accepted subject to Mr Hanagan's approval.

The clerk was directed to write to Mr Bennis and have a sketch of the Gate as soon as possible. Get tenders for same and submit to Committee appointed Messrs Dwyer, Murphy, Byrne.

Mr John Burke proposed a resolution of sympathy on the death of John Butler, who was their Town Keeper and Assistant Craner for a number of years and showed himself a dutiful official. Mr Murphy seconded.

The clerk was directed to advertise for the positions of caretaker and assistant Craner. At the salary paid to the last assistant Craner of £ 24 and £ 6 per annum. The clerk in the meantime to get some persons to act pro-tem

May 7th 1918

Mr Murphy proposed ~~the following~~ that the clerk be directed to write to the General Manager of S & N Railway Co and have a resolution drafted and approved by Mr Murphy, Mr Mallery and Mr Byrne about the alteration of trains and point out the inconvenience caused by the present arrangement particularly the market train Claremorris to Tuam and the Dublin train arriving here at 9 o'clock after a three hours delay at Athlery. The following letter was written to each of the above.

Dear Sir

I am directed by my Board to draw your attention to the very great inconvenience caused to the people of Tuam and surrounding districts by the present train arrangements serving the town.

The only train by which a person can come from Dublin to Tuam is the 7.25 a.m. except the 1.30 p.m. with a delay of three hours at Athlery.

My Board begs to suggest doing away with the 7.30 a.m. Tuam to Athlery, and starting the 7.5 a.m. Tuam to Claremorris earlier to catch the 7.20 a.m. train Claremorris to Dublin. And substituting an evening train instead of the 7.30 a.m. to leave Tuam about 7.06 p.m. in connection with the 7.30 p.m. from Galway, and returning from Athlery after the arrival of the 7.30 p.m. from Dublin.

This arrangement if adopted would not incur any extra train mileage, and would be far more convenient, for both the travelling public, as well as for mail service.

We also point out, that the present service on Saturday (market day) between Tuam and Claremorris is most inconvenient for persons coming to market in Tuam and a great loss to the trade of the town.

If there would be a train arriving in Tuam about 9 a.m. and returning to Claremorris in the evening about 5 or 6 o'clock on market days only (Saturday) it would suit -

The Board are aware that this would be an extra train, but wish to point out it is only a distance of 17 miles between the two towns, and the necessity of such a train for persons marketing in Tuam. Considering the very great inconvenience the existing train arrangements are, my Board trusts you will give the matter your favourable consideration, as the suggestion does not incur, except the market train Claremorris to Tuam any extra mileage.

I am Sir Your Obedt Servt
H. O'Sullivan

May 7th 1918

An acknowledgment was received from the Chief Secretary's Office Dublin Castle, to the resolution adopted by the Board protesting against military service being enforced in Ireland. The Board was directed to advertise for the positions of assistant branes and barstals, in the meantime the clerk to get some person to do the work. Applications for decrease of wages were received from Michael Ryan and Thomas Quinn. adjourned to next meeting and have same on agenda.

Thomas Dwyer Lewis and John Blane were unanimously appointed as enumerators for the May Fair -

Signed on Behalf of the Board

June 4th 1918

John W. D. and J. O'Sullivan

June 4th 1918

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners Present. Messrs F. P. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding Patrick Murphy. Patrick Walsh. John Burke. A. O'Malley. Patrick W. Tigue. Michael Dwyer. Michael Nolan.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the chairman, Mr O'Malley and Mr Walsh for the following amounts

Revenue account £ 140-10-0

Roads Account £ 14-2-0

Applications for increase of wages was received from Michael Ruane, ^{carriage} and Thomas Quinn Carter.

On the proposition of Mr Dwyer seconded by the chairman Ruane's wages was increased from 20/- to 21/- per week. And Thomas Quinn's (Carter's) wages be increased from 7/- to 9/- per day passed unanimous?

Mr Murphy's suggestion of increasing Tolls and Customs be considered at next meeting same to be put on agenda.

Proposed by Mr Murphy seconded by the chairman that Messrs Beatty Bros tender for the Fair Green Gate be accepted at £12/15/0 same to be 6 ft high instead of 8 ft as specified.

The Board unanimously decided that the wall now being built be made on the old foundation, and that the gate open on the fair green side.

The Board approved of the increase made by Messrs Murphy and Dwyer on fire policies viz Town Hall from £2350 to £4400 —
Till Station and Meat Stalls from £760 to £1250 —

		Sold	unsold	Total	Enumerators returns
May Fairs	Sheep	2196	352	2548	
	Cattle	2361	340	2701	

June 4th 1918

Election of Assistant Cranes and Carpenters

Only one application was received for the position of assistant crane at the salary of £24 per annum. That of Thomas Dwyer being proposed by the chairman seconded by John Burke that Thomas Dwyer be appointed - passed unanimous.

As was also the case as regards carpenter only one application Mr J. Dunne proposed by Mr O'Malley second by Mr Walsh that he be appointed passed unanimously.

A letter was read from the Registrar of Petty Sessions stating that a sum of £7-11-10 had been lodged to the credit of the Board, arising from the sale of licenses under the Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act 1865

The clerk applied for and was granted the Hall for an auction at the end of the month

Mr Burke proposed and Mr O'Malley seconded, protesting against the action of the government in deporting the Sinn Fein leaders on the pretence of a German Plot -

Signed on Behalf of the Board

July 2nd 1918

F. P. McDonagh Chairman

June 14th 1918

A special meeting was convened to appoint two delegates to represent the Tuam Town Commissioners on the Defence Committee.

Commissioners present Messrs F. P. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding Mr Dwyer. A. O'Malley. S. W. Tigue, John Lyons. John Burke. Fr. O'Scane.

Mr O'Malley proposed and Mr W. Tigue seconded that Messrs Mr W. McDonagh (Chairman) and Mr Dwyer be appointed to represent the Board. passed unanimous

Signed on Behalf of the Board

July 2nd 1918

Chairman

F. P. McDonagh

July 3rd 1918

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners Present? Messrs F. D. McDonagh Esq Chairman of the Board presiding
 Patrick Murphy, John Lyons, Anthony O'Malley, John Burke, Patrick Byrne, W. Dwyer
 Patrick U'Figue

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Saving Orders were made and signed by the Chairman Mr Murphy
 and Mr Walsh for the following amounts

Revenue a/c £45-13-4

Roads a/c £25-18-4

Mr Shine applied for and was granted the use of Hall for one week
 for a Pottery Auction Usual Terms.

Messrs Murphy, Byrne and U'Figue were appointed to see to Mud Cask
 and water Cask get estimates and have the repairs carried out.

The Clerk was directed to write to the County Surveyor again and have
 the road scraping etc removed at Parkmore Terrace to prevent Trespass on
 adjoining Dwellings Plots.

The Clerk was directed to write to Mr McVally Contractor and ask him to
 repair the Plastering at No 4 Parkmore Terrace.

The overflow of water at the pump at Dear Street was referred to the
 waterworks Committee.

Mr Walsh drew attention to the Man hole at
 McHale Terrace being broken. The Clerk was directed to look after
 same.

The following letters were read ?

July 3rd 1918

Great Southern Western Railway

Kingsbridge Dublin

1st July 1918

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of the 27th May, addressed to the General Manager
 regarding the train service between Tuam, and Galway and Dublin.

I beg to say that your applications have been very fully considered
 and have to regret that the Company cannot see their way to accede to any
 of them.

The Company's present internal working arrangements preclude the
 substitution of the suggested evening train for the 7-30 am. Tuam to Athenry
 and 11-15 am in the reverse direction.

It is also regretted that anything in the nature of additional mileage,
 such as would be necessary to improve the service for Market passengers from Barmore
 is out of the question.

P. Baravan
 Town Clerk

Yours truly
 Geo. Ed. Smyth

A letter was read from John Keegan contractor for an instalment on his contract. The
 Board decided in granting £15 - pending the final certificate from Mr Keegan.

A letter was read from the Collector of Income Tax assessing the Taxes and Customs to the
 amount of £291-6-0 for the year of 1916/17 and 17/18 the amount was £322 -
 the Commissioners made no objection to amount levied by £291-6-0

Mr Collins Assistant Surveyor drew attention to Gully Traps etc. The Clerk was directed
 to have the work carried out.

A letter was read from the Secretary L. G. Board
 relative to the rate struck by the Commissioners. The Clerk replied that the Town
 Commissioners did not strike a rate. Letter received re. Coal Consumption
 the Clerk replied that the coal consumed was very little equal to about
 Two Ton per annum.

Signed on Behalf of the Board
 Chairman

Aug 6th 1918

W. J. Keane

Tuesday August 6th 1918

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present. Messrs Francis Keane, John Burke, Patrick Byrne, Patrick U'Tigue, and Thomas D. Meelin.

Proposed by Mr Burke seconded by Mr U'Tigue that Mr Keane takes the chair

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed paying orders were made and signed by Mr Keane, Mr Byrne and Mr Burke for the following amounts

Revenue Account £ 94-12-9
Roads Account £ 22-11-11

Mr Burke drew attention to the old Graveyard wall required to be lime washed. The Clerk was directed to write to the District Council to have it done.

Two tenders were received for doing repairs etc to mud-cart Mr John Hardeman £3-0-0 Mr U'Elgunn £4-11-6 -
Mr Hardeman's tender was unanimously accepted.

Mr Shine fixed date for Delft Auction in the Hall for the 16th to the 20th September.

Mr Meelin proposed Mr Meelin seconded the following resolution. That we the Town Commissioners beg to Congratulate our distinguished Townsman Mr R. J. Keely upon his suitable appointment as Director of that truly prosperous and popular institution The National Bank, and Congratulate the Bank upon having obtained the services of such a capable gentleman.

Notice of Audit was received and fixed for July 19th.

Mr Byrne proposed and Mr Keane seconded that a special meeting be held on Friday evening the 9th inst at 8 o'clock. To Draft an address to be presented to the Most Revd J. Gilmartin Archbishop on his entry to Tuam Diocese.

Signed on Behalf of The Board

Frank Mc Donnell Chairman

Sept 3rd 1918

August 9th 1918

Special meeting

Commissioners present. J. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of The Board presiding. P. Byrne, John Burke, Patrick Murphy, Pat Walsh, Mr. Moran & U'Tigue, John Lyons.

Mr Byrne proposed Mr Keane seconded that an address be presented to Archbishop Gilmartin on his entry to Tuam on Thursday August 15th. and that the Chairman, Mr Murphy and Mr Burke Draft the address.

The Clerk drew attention as to having the Tolls and Customs and Public Lighting advertised. He was directed to have a special meeting summoned for Monday the 19th at 8 o'clock to Consider same.

Signed on Behalf of The Board

Frank Mc Donnell Chairman

Sept 3rd 1918

Tuesday Aug 20th 1918

Special Meeting - To consider advertising Public lighting and Tolls and Customs

Commissioners present. F. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding Patrick Byrne, John Burke, Has Keane, Anthony Malley, Michael Nolan.

Mr Burke drew attention to the lamp at P. Farrells Saw Mills not be lighted last year and proposed that the lamp be lighted this year Mr P. Walsh seconded passed unanimous -

The Clerk was then directed to advertise for Tenders at next monthly meeting for 31 lamps. One ~~at~~ lamp at the square 50 Gaudes Ave and two lamps on each of the Cathedral grounds -

Increase on Tolls and Customs

Re. Tolls and Customs? Mr ~~Burke~~ Malley proposed Mr Burke seconded that the Tolls be increased viz. Cattle and Pigs from 4 to 6 each. 1 and 2 year old from 3 to 4 each. ~~sheep and lambs~~ sheep from 1 to 2 each and pigs from 2 to 3 each -

The Clerk in the meantime to find out if the Commissioners could increase the Tolls legally.

Tenders for Public lighting and Tolls and Customs (to be received at next monthly meeting) -

Signed on Behalf of the Board

F. B. McDonagh Chairman

Sept 2nd 1918

Tuesday Sept 2nd 1918

Monthly meeting?

Commissioners present. Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board Presiding Anthony Malley, Patrick Walsh, Patrick W. Tighe, Michael Nolan, Patrick Byrne, Michael Dwyer John Burke.

The minutes of last meetings were read and signed. Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman Mr Malley and Mr Walsh for the following amounts

Revenue account £ 71-6-6
Roads Account £ 22-4-0

Tender for Tolls and Customs

There was only one application or tender for Tolls and Customs that of Mr John Murphy offering £ 650 (Six hundred and fifty pounds) from the 20th day of September 1918 to 29th day of September 1919.

Offering as sureties John Burke Dublin Road Tuam and Michael Bestin Ship Street Tuam. whose consent were enclosed as follows.

We hereby consent and agree to become security for John Murphy Tuam. for the due and faithful performance of his Contract as Toll farmer should his tender be accepted

Signed John Burke
Michael Bestin

Proposed by Mr McDwyer seconded by Mr. Byrne that Mr John Murphy's Tender for £ 650 be accepted. passed unanimous

Tender for Public lighting

Tender for Public lighting was accepted subject to two alterations. namely that £5 be offered instead of £12 for repairing and keeping in repair all lamps lighted for season ending May 1919.

And that the paragraph subject to the material etc for lamps and gas is procurable, as that a sufficient supply of coal is procurable at present.

Tuesday Sept 3rd 1918

Tender for Printing and advertising

The following tender was accepted unanimous for printing and advertising from the Juan Herald Company by

1. General Printing	£ 14.0.0	} Michael Hession and Patrick Bradley were accepted as parties for the performance of contract -
2. Advertising	£ 13.0.0	
3. Election Printing if required	£ 8.10.0	
4. Grant Docket Books	4.6 Cash	
5. Abstract of Act and Audit Book for	3.0.0	

Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Malley that the above be accepted. Passed unanimous -

John Shine and Thomas Dwyer were appointed enumerators for September Fair

Increase of Carpenters Salary

Mr. J. Dunne applied for and was granted unanimous and increase of wages from 10/- to 20/- per month. on the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Mr Byrne

A list of Fairs for the year 1919 was submitted by the clerk. The Rev. Father and the clerk were appointed to see that it is correct.

A letter was read from Mr Shine stating that the fountain was being removed from Bear Street.

A letter was read from Robert Worthington stating that it would be well to forward a copy of resolution passed in 1912 in favour of Galway as a Transatlantic port to the Lord Lieutenant and Chief Secretary. That your Council adheres to the terms of our former resolution. The clerk was directed to forward a copy of resolution as above.

Signed on Behalf of the Board
Patrick M. Dwyer
Chairman

October 1st 1918

October 1st 1918

Monthly meeting

Commissioners present - Messrs J. B. McDonagh Esq Chairman of the Board presiding Michael Dwyer, Patrick Byrne, John Burke, Patrick W. Tighe, Michael Nolan Patrick Walsh.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman, Mr Dwyer and Mr Byrne for the following amounts

Revenue Account £ 26. 13. 10

Roads Account £ 20. 11. 4

Tender for Public lighting was accepted as follows

32 lamps at £ 3.7.6 per lamp. 4 lamps at £ 2.0.0 per lamp

10/- per thousand cubic feet for Hall, Banks of fire etc

To put and keep in order 36 lamps for the sum of Ten pounds £ 10.0.0

Gas Tax 1/- per Gallon. Gas

Tender from B. Monaghan Bloomasera for 100 Tons Gravel was accepted

John Shine and Thomas Dwyer applied for and were appointed unanimous. to act as enumerators for October Sheep and Cattle fair

Galp returns for Sept Fair

	Sold	unsold	Total
Sheep —	9951	560	10.511
Cattle —	438	164	602

Tender for Public lighting 1918/19

October 1st 1918

The clerk was directed to again write to Mr McVee to get the plastering done at once at No 4 Parkmore Terrace.

The clerk notified the Board, about the ceiling and etc at No 10 Parkmore Terrace he was directed to have it repair and find out the price before getting it done.

Signed on Behalf of The Board

Nov 31st 1918

Frank P. Mc Donnell Chairman

November 5th 1918

Monthly meeting

Commissioners present. Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq Chairman of The Board presiding Francis Keane, Patrick Walsh, John Burke, Anthony O'Malley, M. Nolan, P. McTigue

Buying Orders were made and signed by the chairman Mr Keane and Mr Burke for the following amounts

Revenue account £ 185-11-1
Roads Account £ 30-9-6

Applications were received for No 7 Parkmore Terrace from Michael O'Grady Harry Bredon. Mrs P. O'Skealy. Thomas Jorde.

Three

Only ~~two~~ applicants were considered eligible that of Thomas Jorde. M. Grady and H. Bredon.

M. Grady was proposed by Mr John Burke seconded by Mr P. McTigue. H. Bredon was proposed by the chairman seconded by Mr P. Walsh. Other applicants were not proposed.

Voted for Grady - Messrs McTigue and Burke = 2

100 to Bredon Messrs The chairman, O'Malley, Walsh = 3

Messrs Keane and Nolan did not vote =

The chairman declared that Harry Bredon get the cottage. =

The clerk drew attention to the state of some of the houses on U. Hale Terrace Messrs Dwyer and Murphy were appointed to examine and report on same

Gap returns for October fairs

	Sold	unsold	Total
Sheep	10810	1963	= 12,773

	Sold	unsold	Total
Cattle	3725	4259	= 7984

from the Sanatorium Committee

A resolution was read and adopted. That the public health authorities be asked to have a system of medical inspection of school children enforced in Co Galway.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Dec 2nd 1918

Frank P. Mc Donnell Chairman

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December 3rd 1918

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present? Messrs J. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding, Anthony Malley, Patrick Walsh, Patrick Murphy, Michael Nolan

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed. Paying Orders were made and signed by the chairman Mr Murphy and Mr Walsh for the following amounts:

Revenue account £ 49-15-7

Roads account £ 35-11-0

The Board room and reading room were granted to the Returning Officer for polling booths for the purpose of the general election

A letter was read from the cross channel and Coad Controllers Department about the maximum prices of turf and coal

A letter was read from the L. J. Board stating that no money will be granted for the housing of the working classes acts until the financial facilities which the government are prepared to offer are definitely known. It is impossible for them to determine the extent of the schemes which it will be within the limits of their financial powers to promote.

Messrs P. Murphy, A. Malley and W. Dwyer were appointed to meet D. Jode at 12 o'clock on Thursday and see what can be done with W. Boy house W. Hale Terrace and D. Kedon's house Parkmore Terrace also Miss Parvoly's D. Kedon's estimate to repair his own house was referred to the Committee

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Jan 1919

John Burke.

Chairman

Dec 30th 1918

Special meeting? Convened by the chairman to consider what would be done as regards the strike by the labourers and carters.

Commissioners present Messrs J. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding, Patrick Murphy, W. Dwyer, John Burke, A. Malley, M. Nolan, Patrick Byrne. Also present Denis Gredon and David Dwyer on behalf of the Transport Union.

The clerk on the instructions of the chairman and others had offered 30/- per week to the men and 12/- per day to the carters, which they refused to accept. After a lengthened discussion it was proposed by Mr Malley seconded by the Chairman and unanimously passed that the men be paid 35/- per week and the carters 15/- per day.

Signed on behalf of the Board
John Burke

Jan 7th 1919

Chairman

January 7th 1919

Monthly meeting?

Mr P. Byrne attended no further. The clerk adjourned the meeting to Tuesday the 14th inst

Signed

John Burke

Chairman

Jan 14th 1919

January 14th 1919

Adjourned Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present. Messrs P. Byrne. John Burke. P. W. Tigue. Mr. Nolan
Patrick Walsh. John Lyons,

Proposed by Mr W. Tigue seconded by Mr P. Walsh that Mr John Burke
takes the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Payment Orders were made and signed by The Chairman Mr Burke
Mr Byrne and Mr Walsh for the following amounts

Revenue a/c £ 173-18-11
Roads a/c £ 66-17-1

The Clerk was directed to get estimates from Messrs W. Bay. Jorde and
Bredon for repairs to roof and dome and summon a special
meeting to consider same next week -

A letter was read from Mr Denis Bredon complaining about the state of his house
and reminding the Commissioners that he would not pay any rent for 1919 until
same would be remedied - adjourned to special meeting

Darby Jorde's report of Artisan's dwellings adjourned to special meeting

The Commissioners decided in taking no action as regards the price
charged for Lizard Coal.

Notice of motion by Mr W. Tigue seconded by Mr Byrne that the
Salaries of the Clerk and Treasurer be considered at next
monthly meeting.

Mr P. W. Tigue proposed and Mr Nolan seconded the following resolution
That we the Tuam Town Commissioners beg to tender to our colleagues
Mr Dwyer and Mr Burke ^{and family's} our sincere sympathy on the death of
Mrs Dwyer.

Feb 14th 1919

Signed on Behalf of the Board
John Burke Chairman

January 23rd 1919

"Annual Statutory Meeting"

Commissioners Present J. B. McDonagh Chairman of the Board presiding. P. Murphy
Mr. Dwyer, John Burke, Patrick Walsh. A. Malley. P. W. Tigue. John Lyons -

Proposed by Mr Dwyer
seconded by Mr Nolan that Mr W. Donagh be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. no other
candidates being proposed Mr W. Donagh declared himself elected -

Darby Jorde's report re -
McHale Terrace was read and it was decided unanimously that nothing could be done at
present. he was also allowed 20/- for his time -

Two tenders were received for repairs
to roof of Town Hall. viz Denis Bredon 37/- Darby Jorde 30/- Jorde's tender was accepted.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Dwyer seconded by
the Chairman. That we the Tuam Town Commissioners representing the people of Tuam
protest in the strongest possible manner against the continued imprisonment of the three
young men Messrs Holey. Moran and Dunleavy, arrested on Thursday the 16th inst. and
still detained in the Tuam Police Barrack, without being charged with any offence.

We hold that such action is only calculated to bring the
Government and its administration of the law into contempt, and to
exasperate the people who witness such a flagrant violation of all the rules
of justice. The Clerk was directed to get tenders for repairs to plaster, etc to 16/10
Parkmore Terrace

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Feb 14th 1919

John B. McDonagh Chairman

I, John B. McDonagh having been chosen Chairman of the Commissioners
of the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office on myself, and
will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best
of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January 1919

Patrick Banavan Town Clerk

John B. McDonagh

July 4th 1919

Monthly meeting

No Commissioners attended

Bill approved to July 11th 1919

July 11th 1919

Chairman John Burke

February 11th 1919

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present: Messrs J. D. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding
Patrick Murphy. Patrick Byrne. Michael Dwyer. John Burke. A. O'Malley

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying orders were made and signed by the chairman, Mr Murphy and Mr O'Malley. for the following amounts

Revenue Account £ 17.10.3
Roads Account £ 37.15.3

Two tenders were received for repairs to No 10 park more Terrace
Denis Creedon £ 7.10.0 Darby Jordan £ 7.13.0

Mr McDonagh proposed. Mr O'Malley seconded that Denis Creedon tender for £ 7.0.0 be accepted
passed unanimous.

Notice of motion for increase of Salaries by the
Town Clerk and Cranes. Mr O'Malley proposed Mr Byrne seconded that the
Clerk's salary be increased by £ 20.0.0 (twenty pounds) this amount to be
paid off the Roads account. passed with Messrs Murphy and Dwyer
dissenting.

The Chairman proposed and Mr O'Malley seconded
that the cranes salary be increased to £ 5.0.0 five pounds a month.
passed unanimous.

One tender was received for repairs to Dome of
Town Hall that of Dan McBoy for the sum of £ 30. and if the
Commissioners erected scaffolding he would do it for £ 100.0.
(Ten pounds)

The Clerk was directed to advertise for tenders for doing
same as it was over £ 2 - and that McBoy's tender be handed
back

Mr John Burke T.B. applied for and was granted the
Hall for a concert on Thursday July 20th.

Mr John Burke proposed
and Mr Murphy seconded that a memorial be drawn up and
signed that the postal arrangements be altered and same to be

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forwarded to the Secretary General Post Office Dublin.

Mr Hosty solicitor on behalf of Mr George Reynolds re. Curragh road the clerk was directed to put it into repair.

A letter was read from the Private Secretary Vice Regal Lodge acknowledging receipt of resolution passed by the Commissioners at last meeting.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

J. B. McDonagh

Chairman

March 4th 1919

"March 4th 1919"

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners Present. Messrs J. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding John Burke. Anthony O'Malley. John Lyons. Michael Kavan. Pat Walsh. Patrick Byrne

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the chairman. Mr O'Malley and Mr Walsh for the following amounts

Revenue Account £ 49. 4. 1

Roads Account £ 58. 17. 11

Two applications were received for the vacant Meat stall namely Michael Rowland Junr and William O'Connor.

The chairman proposed Mr Walsh seconded that Michael Rowland Jr get the stall. The other application was not entertained. Rowland was declared tenant unanimous. The usual deposit of 26/- to be paid?

W. O'Connor the other applicant was not present.
David Toft was granted the use of the potato market at 10/- per night

Messrs A. O'Malley. P. Murphy and Mr Dwyer were appointed to inspect the sewerage at Whale Terrace and report on same or get what is necessary done.

WBoys Tender for repairs to dome was considered too high the clerk was directed to advertise, and give back WBoys Tender

The Gaelic League were granted the use of the Town Hall on Monday and Sunday nights 16th and 17th March.

A letter was read from Mrs Murphy calling attention to the leakage on the roof of the stall on Meat Street. It was decided that the necessary repairs should be done by the tenant. As the rent was considered low. A letter was received from the west Kent Yeomanry, refusing to pay the sum of £15- levied by the Board for use of Potato market. The clerk was directed to place the market in Mr Concanon's

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hands for collection.

A resolution from the Naas Union relative to the treatment of Political Prisoners in cork Jail was unanimously adopted.

A further communication was read from the coal Controllers Department in reference to Turf Prices. It was again decided unanimously that no action be taken in the matter.

The clerk submitted quotations from Messrs Varian's Dublin and Yates T Co Halifax for new sets of Brushes for the horse brush - Messrs Varian's being the cheapest for the same material it was decided to get them -

Varian's 80/6 per set

Yates T Co 113/6 do

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Thos J. Dowd Chairman

April 1st 1919

April 1st 1919

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners Present? Messrs J. B. McDonagh Esq Chairman of the Board presiding Patrick Murphy, A. O'Malley, Thomas J. Meelin, Patrick Walsh, Patrick Byrne.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the chairman Mr Murphy and Mr Meelin for the following amounts

Revenue account £ 30-18-1

Roads account £ 32-6-8

Only one tender was received for repairs to the Dome of Town Hall that of Mr Darby Jones for the sum of £ 18-0-0 same to be complete and any defective parts replaced to the satisfaction of the Board.

The chairman proposed and Mr Murphy seconded that the tender be accepted. passed unanimous

The clerk submitted sample Brooms received from Varian T Co half dozen of each were ordered. 55/- and 56/- per dozen.

Mr Daly secretary to the electric light company asked permission from the Town Commissioners to have poles erected on the streets. granted unanimous.

A paying order was accepted from the West Kent Yeomanry for damage done to the potatoe market gate

The secretary of the General post office acknowledged receipt of resolution re. postal arrangements - also a letter from R. J. Kelly received from the same source as follows?

General post Office London 6th March 1919

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 19th Febry. I am directed by the post-master General to inform you that the postal arrangements at Tuam depend on the train service and so long as that service remains on its present footing it is impracticable to provide a better despatch. than that now made by bus to Galway, for which the latest hour for posting

April 12th 1919
at the Tuam Post Office 3 P.M.

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
Allen for Secretary

Mr Murphy suggested they write to the Executive about the Trains -

Mr Murphy gave notice that the matter of getting a horse for the Commissioners use would be considered at next meeting.

The clerk was directed to get Mr Loucanow to write again to the West Kent Geomancy about the shambles

Frank M. Jones Chairman

May 6th 1919

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Tuam May 6th 1919

Monthly meeting -

Commissioners present. The Chairman Mr Murphy, Mr Malley Mr Byrne

There being no quorum the Board adjourned to Monday the 13th

May 13th 1919

Frank M. Jones Chairman

May 13th 1919

Adjourned Monthly Meeting ?

Commissioners Present - Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq Chairman of the Board presiding. Patrick Murphy, John Burke, Patrick Byrne, Patrick Walsh -

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman Mr Burke and Mr Walsh for the following amounts

Roads Account £ 35- 9- 8
Revenue Account £ 202- 19- 4

Mr Patrick Murphy did not move his notice of motion as regards the Commissioners buying a horse, as the Road Contract will expire in July 1921 and by that time horses and fodder may be cheap -

The Dramatic class applied for and were granted the use of Hall for rehearsals -

The caretaker of Town Hall applied for increase of salary, as his salary was increased from 10/- per month to 20/- last October, and his predecessor getting only 6/8 per month. The Board did not see their way to give a further increase -

The clerk was directed to see Mr Kiwan agent on the Strahan Estate and find out if he had a reply to a letter forwarded by the Housing Committee re sewerage at Bally Baddy Road

The clerk was directed to write to the Railway Executive re trains and postage facilities - also

Write to the District Council re whitewashing the walls of old grave yard -

Gap returns May Fairs

	Sold	unsold	Total
Sheep -	3095	177	3272
Cattle -	2348	585	2933

May 13th 1919

The Clerk was directed to see that the Bonham Market do not extend any nearer to the square than ~~the~~ Hancock's Corner.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

June 1919

Thos. John Donoh Chairman

June 3rd 1919

Monthly Meeting?

Commissioners present? Messrs J. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding. Patrick Murphy. T. J. Meelin. Fras Kane. A. O'Malley. Mr. Nolan John Burke

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman Mr Murphy and Mr Meelin for the following amounts

Revenue Account £ 22:7:10
Roads Account £ 58:13:4

The Clerk informed the board that Mr Kerwan ~~he~~ ^{on} received of the Strahan Estate had applied for and was granted an injunction against the Commissioners to close up the drain at U Male Terrace. A stay of execution was granted until the 11th June. to give the Commissioners an opportunity of coming to terms with Mr Kerwan and the owner of the land.

Messrs Murphy and O'Malley was asked to see Mr Kerwan and settle the matter if possible.

The following letter was received from Mr T. J. Reid Banna

Dear Sir

I would be glad if you would put this letter before your Commissioners at your next meeting, with a view to an early reply. I am proposing to apply for a provisional order in connection with the Gas works in Tuam with power to supply electricity for all purposes in Tuam and district.

It is conceded that in Towns with 12000 population with an existing Gas works the only hope of electricity being supplied at a fair price and competing on a commercial basis is by uniting the dual services of Gas and electricity.

A scheme with this intent was formulated in 1915 but Treasury sanction would not then be given for the raising of the Capital.

These restrictions have now been removed and I would be glad to know if the Town Commissioners would oppose my application as above.

Yours truly
T. J. Reid

June 3rd 1919

Mr Meek's proposed Mr Malley seconded the motion be opposed, passed with Mr Murphy dissenting. The sum of £ 24-5-3 was received from L. G. Board, being the proportionate amount out of the Housing Fund.

~~Messrs Murphy, Malley and Dwyer were appointed to wait on Mr Kirwan and fix up the sewerage question at Uthale Terrace~~

Mrs Kennedy. The Carragh applied for and was granted £ 7- for the use of the Carragh Road for sweepings etc. the Road to be kept in repair.

The clerk was directed to get an estimate for repairs to McBoy House Uthale Terrace and if under £2 to get it done.

Signed on Behalf of The Board

July 1919

Fred. Mc Donogh Chairman

July 1st 1919

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners Present? Messrs J. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Byrne, John Burke, Patrick Walsh, Mrs J. Deelin, P. O'Riain, Anthony Malley, Mrs Keane, Michael Nolan, Patrick Byrne,

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed. paying orders were ^{made} and signed by Patrick Murphy, Patrick Walsh for the following amounts

Revenue Account £ 186-3-7
Roads Account £ 42-11-1

A letter was read from Mr McDonagh Solicitor notifying the Board that Mr J. O'Leary intended to apply for a provisional order on or before the 21st December next by Memorial to the Board of Trade, in pursuance of the Electric Light Act 1882 to 1909 same to be confirmed by Parliament in the ensuing session,

Harry O'Donovan applied for and was granted the use of Town Hall for July 21 and 22nd. usual remuneration Arthur Lincan applied for and was granted the use of Hall for August 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th. Usual fees -

Barby/Torde Tender for the repairs to ceiling No 16 Uthale Terrace for the sum of £ 1-18-0 order to done, Copy of letter received from E & G. Stapleton Solicitors on Strahan Estate

June 14th 1919

Dear Sirs

Mr Kirwan has forwarded us your letter of the 12th inst. Mr Kirwan, however points out that the pipes, should be laid all the way to the river, and that the work should be examined, as it proceeds, and be approved of by some Engineer on behalf of the Strahan Estate, the Commissioners of course, paying his fees. If you would therefore kindly let us have a draft agreement carrying out the suggestions in your letter, and providing for the pipes running right through to the river and also providing for the fees of the engineer inspection the work, we will bring it before Judge Ross and obtain his sanction.

Yours faithfully
E & G. Stapleton

July 1919

The Board decided to have the draft agreement forwarded and the Committee to see the work carried out (Messrs Murphy, O'Malley & Dwyer)

A letter was read from H. G. Burgess re. coal prices. no action was taken

The assessment of Income Tax was before the Board. it was decided to accept the amount assessed -

The war savings Committee were refused the use of Hall for Cinema purpose

Notification from the Registrar of Lethy Sessions that £ 7.4.7 had been credited for surplus dog licenses -

application for Artizan Dwellings were received from the following -
Patrick Flynn, Patrick Burke, E. Fitzpatrick, Michael Murphy, John Murphy, John Babier -

after a long discussion as regards the candidates who were eligible for the Cottages

Mr Murphy proposed that Patrick Flynn get No 3 seconded by Mr Byrne, no other applicant being proposed.

Mr P. Flynn was declared tenant -

Mr Byrne proposed and Mr O'Malley seconded that Mr John Babier be tenant of No 19 -

no other applicant being proposed Mr Babier was declared tenant -

Mr Patrick Walsh proposed and Mr Byrne seconded a resolution condemning the action of the Government in arresting Mr Dwyer one of the Commissioners

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Aug 1919

Frank M. Donoghue

Chairman

August 4th 1919

Monthly Meeting?

Commissioners Present? Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq Chairman of the Board presiding
Patrick Murphy, John Burke, S. O'Malley, P. O'Riordan, P. Byrne.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed. Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman, Mr Murphy and Mr Burke for the following amounts

Revenue Account	£	22.15.0
Roads Do	£	55.7.3

Mr Murphy proposed and Mr O'Malley seconded that Mr Collins be appointed engineer over the sewerage scheme at Uthale Terrace.

The Clerk in the meantime get quotations for 6" sewerage pipes and advertise same in *Dum Herald*.

A letter was read from Mr Harty Solicitor in reference to the action taken by the employees of the Commissioners on entering the grazing land held by Michael Walsh on the Shahan Estate, and cautioning the Commissioners not to do any more damage without being compensated for same.

Messrs Murphy and O'Malley were appointed to

see and arrange with Mr Walsh.

A letter was read from Mr R. Northington Salmon Pool Dublin in reference to the Galway. Paena as a trans-atlantic port.

The Chairman drew attention to the repairs at Parkmore Terrace by Mr O'Malley. The Clerk was directed to again write to Mr O'Malley and state if the necessary repairs were not carried out this week to see Mr Concanon Solicitor on the matter.

The Clerk reported a young chap named McHugh got hurt with the crushed at Ballysaady Road Mr O being received from Dr Thompson. The Clerk was directed to settle and pay one week's wages.

Mr Murphy drew attention to the lamps that got broken. The Clerk stated he was in communication about two of them. the third one culprit could not be traced

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Chairman Frank M. Donoghue

Sept 1919

Tuesday Sept 2nd 1919

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present Messrs F. B. Wronagh Esq Chairman of the Board presiding Thomas J. Meelin, Anthony O'Malley, John Burke, Patrick Walsh, Michael Nolan Francis Keane, Patrick Byrne.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed. Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman Mr Burke and Mr Walsh for the following amounts

Revenue account £ 92.5.1
Roads Account £ 35.16.11

Tenders for Public Lighting

Two tenders were received for Public lighting that of Mr James Daly for the electric light company and Mr Reid for the Gas company.

To the Tuam Town Commissioners

Gentlemen

I hereby propose and agree to light the Town of Tuam up to 15th May 1920 with electric light at £ 3-10-0 per lamp of 50 candle power and one lamp of 200 candle power in the Market square at £ 6- Two lamps each at the Roman Catholic and Protestant Cathedrals at £ 2 - each to be 50 candle power.

To supply electric light to the Town Hall, Clerk's office and fire station at nine pence per unit.

I give as my security for the due performance of the Contract a fidelity Bond with The Northern Assurance Company limited 7 Westmoreland Street Dublin

Dear Gentlemen

Yours faithfully
James Daly

Sept 1919

Mr T. D. Reid's Tender read as follows - to put in proper repair thirty six lamps at the sum of Fifteen pounds. £ 15 - To supply with gas, light, extinguish and keep in ~~order~~ proper repair the said number of lamps for the period Sept 15-19 to May 15th 20 - for the sum of £ 4-5-0 per lamp for 32 lamps and £ 2-10-0 each for 4 lamps in Cathedral Grounds.

Lamps to be 50 candle power each.

To supply Gas to Town Hall etc at 10/10 per thousand cubic feet. Tax 1/- per gallon

Yours faithfully
T. D. Reid

Mr O'Malley proposed and Mr Meelin seconded that Mr Daly's tender be accepted for electric light. passed unanimous

Tender for Tolls and Customs

John Murphy Fish Row Tuam

Only one tender received for Tolls and Customs from 29th day of Sept 19 to 28th Sept 1920 for the sum of £ 650 (six hundred and fifty pounds) Consent in writing of Sureties enclosed, namely: John Burke Merchant Dublin Road Tuam } Accepted unanimous Michael Heskin Do Shop Street Tuam }

Tenders for Printing and advertising

Only one tender received that of Tuam Herald so reads as follows and accepted unanimous - viz: General Printing £ 14-0-0 advertising 12-0-0 Election Printing 8-10-0 Crane Dockets } 4-6 Ea } Books of 500 each } Abstracts of Accounts and Auditor Report } 3-0-0 } Sureties John Flanagan T. D. Road Michael Heskin Bishop St } accept unanimous

Sept 2nd 1919

A letter was read from Mr. Kerwan received on Strahan Estate, notifying the Board that Mr. Binns was Engineer on the proposed sewerage scheme, and that plans should be forwarded on to him.

A letter was also read from Mr. Collins who is acting on behalf of the Commissioners that he interviewed Mr. Binns and they had arranged for Monday 1st Sept and asked the Town Clerk to be there to represent the Commissioners.

Mr. Binns did not turn up on the day appointed. The clerk was directed to write to Mr. Kerwan and ask him to have the engineer there immediately.

A letter was read from Patrick Creaven Ballygaddy Road, demanding compensation for his cabbage plot, which had been destroyed by the men regulating the sewerage pipes. The letter was referred to the Committee to deal with Creaven as best they could.

Mr. John Shine and Thomas Dwyer were appointed enumerators of Sept Fair. A letter from Mr. H. G. Burgess Duff and Coal Controller was marked read, a letter was read from the Housing Dept of E. L. Board, and copies of draft regulations no action was taken.

Signed on Behalf of The Board

October 1919Fred. B. DowdChairman

October 7th 1919

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners Present. Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding
I. J. Meelin, Patrick Walsh, Michael Nolan, Patrick Byrne, John Burke

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Barring Orders were made and signed by the chairman, Messrs Meelin and Byrne for the following amounts

Revenue a/c £ 48-16-5

Roads a/c £ 40-7-3

The following was read re. public lighting

Tuam 4th October 1919

Mr. P. Conavan

Town Clerk Tuam

Dear Sir

During to the Railway crisis for some time past, the electric light Company are unable to obtain the material necessary to light the town for the October fairs. I am directed to inform you, that they cannot therefore sign their contract and therefore the contract goes to Mr. Reid in the ordinary course. They presume he will light the town for 3 months at least

Yours faithfully
James Daly Sec

The clerk was directed to write to Mr. Reid and offer him the contract according to his tender received at the September meeting, in the event of he not accepting the contract, that he be asked to light the town for the October fairs, a special meeting to be summoned in case the clerk heard from Mr. Reid.

October 7th 1919

A letter was also read from Messrs Hopkins, Mooney and O'Connor complaining about other stall holders killing sheep in the stalls. The letter was marked read, the complainants ordered to report the matter to the sanitary authority.

Gappeturns for September fairs

	1919	Sold	unsold	Total
Sheep		9284	2856	12140
Cattle		653	402	1055

The clerk reported that Messrs Egan's mineral water manufacturers, had two show boards up in town which they paid the Commissioners 10/- per annum for permission to have them put up. Those two boards have been broken down two and half years ago and the arrears due on same was 25/-. The Board decided unanimously that the amount be struck off.

Simibal case as regards the old Band Room arrears of 16/- could not be collected ordered to be struck off.

Messrs Thomas Dwyer and John Shinn were appointed enumerators for October Sheep and Cattle fair

Letters received from the L.G. Board, of Tuam Electoral areas for the election of Town Commissioners, and assigning members to each Town Electoral Area.

Letters also read from L.G. Board re. Housing Scheme and L.G.B. elections

Signed on Behalf of the Board.

Frank M. Toward Chairman

Nov 1919

Deducted from
Arrears of Meat Stall
Rents

November 4th 1919

Monthly Meeting?

Commissioners Present - Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding Patrick Murphy, Patrick McTigue, Patrick Walsh, Michael Walsh.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed. Paying orders were made and signed by The Chairman, Mr Murphy and Mr Walsh for the following amounts

REVENUE A/c	£ 174-3-8
ROADS A/c	£ 47-8-10
HOUSING SCHEME A/c	£ 12-5

The following letters were read.

Strahan Estate

Rent Office Tuam
25/10/19

Dear Sir

I have been asked to report what steps have been taken to complete the arrangement in regard to the laying of the pipes through this estate. I understand Mr Collins submitted plans to Mr Dennis whom I nominated to act for the estate, and that Mr Dennis did not approve of same. Will you kindly let me know exactly how the matter stands.

Yours truly

Yours Truly

T. P. Ganavan
Town Clerk

D. B. Kirowan

The clerk informed the Board that he interviewed Mr Kirowan and intimated to him that Messrs Collins and Dennis Engineers had arranged to meet on the estate on Saturday the 8th Inst.

Letter read from Mr Reid Gas Contractor stating he ~~would agree to~~ ~~light~~ he was prepared to perform the public lighting as per his tender Sept 1st 19, with the necessary alterations that lighting will commence as soon as the lamps are got in order.

November 5th 1919

Mr McVally wrote to say he would do the necessary repairs to No 4 Parkmore Terrace as soon as his men would be in Tuam, that is after the carpenters dispute being settled.

The R.R. Society of Ireland wrote stating that they purposed carrying out a lecture campaign to instruct both candidates and electors on the Proportional Representation Bill Ireland Act 1919, and asked the Co-operation of the Commissioners and those interested.

The Board was directed to write and ask them to fix a date for the lecture.

A letter was read from the Turf and Coal Controller stating proceedings would be taken unless the Commissioners fixed prices immediately.

The Board was directed to find out if we were the authority in power.

Letter received from the L.G. Board asking the Board to attend at a lecture on the Proportional Representation Act to be held at Court House Galway on Wednesday 12th Inst.

Letter from the L.G. Board asking to have the survey forms completed and forwarded on or before the 15th proximo.

The Commissioners took no action as regards the new housing scheme.

The Hall was granted to Professor Moylan for historical lectures on Nov 19th 20th and 21st.

Thomas Dwyer O'Connell applied for and was granted £210/0 for an overcoat. he was also granted two weeks leave of absence. Gap returns for October fair -

	shed	unshed	Total
Sheep	11,395	814	12,209

Cattle	4,952	518	5,470
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The deed received from Mr Concanon re - sewerage drainage at White Terrace to be signed by the Chairman was adjourned until after Messrs Collins and Purins Engineers interview on the 8th Inst.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Chairman

27/11/19

County Council Archives

December 3rd 1919

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners Present? Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esqr Chairman of the Board, Presiding, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Walsh, Thomas J. Meelin, Michael Dwyer, John Burke, Anthony O'Malley, Patrick Byrne

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made for the following amounts and signed by the Chairman Mr Byrne and Mr Walsh

Revenue Account £ 34-8-1

Roads Account £ 59-1-8

The Clerk was directed to advertise for an assistant braver to be employed two days each week at a salary of £24 per annum and applications to be considered at next monthly meeting -

also advertise for a contractor for repairs to weigh house. The Clerk to point out the necessary repairs.

The Clerk was also directed to get the clock Dial repaired or re-placed

Mr Murphy drew attention to the electric light poles not being put down in proper places.

The Clerk was directed to write to the Secretary of the Electric Light Company and arrange for a meeting with the Town Commissioners.

Mr Murphy drew attention to the state of the footpaths the Clerk was directed to have them put in repair.

Dec 10th 1919

Special Meeting -

As arranged at monthly meeting re - Electric Light Poles -

The following attended? Messrs F. B. McDonagh Esqr Chairman of the Board presiding, Michael Nolan, T. J. Meelin, P. Byrne, John Burke, P. Walsh, A. O'Malley, P. M. Tighe, Rev Canon Cahan, Michael Cahill and Mr Murray. Shrewless Engineer.

Mr Dwyer objected to the Pole at Carny's Corner.

Shrewless explained at length about the poles erected, but the Directors of the Electric Light Committee and the Secretary giving an undertaking that if an accident occurred they would be responsible the objections were withdrawn.

Messrs Burke and Walsh also suggested that Electric Light poles should be put down on the Galway Road and U Hall Terrace the Directors agreed to have it done

Signed on Behalf of the Board,

January 6th 1920

Mr Dwyer Chairman

January 6th 1920

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners Present. Messrs Mr. Dwyer. P. Walsh. A. O'Malley Mr. Nolan S. W. Tigue. P. Byrne. John Burke

Proposed by Mr O'Malley seconded by Mr Walsh that Mr Dwyer takes the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed paying orders were made and signed by the chairman Mr Walsh and Mr W. Tigue for the following amounts

Revenue Account £ 103. 15. 2
Roads Account £ 90. 16. 2

Only one estimate was received for repairs to weigh house, that of Mr David Dwyer for the sum of £9/10/0. which was accepted subject to the trade work getting two coats paint or lead.

A letter was read from Mr Connon relative to the reply received from the Coal Controller. The clerk was directed to write to the Controller and state it was hard to fix prices on coal when there was no coal to be had in town, as could be seen by having no gas in town for want of a supply of coal.

A letter was read from the Dept of agriculture relative to the Decline of Dairying in Ireland. no action was taken

A letter was also read with report attached from the L.S. Board re. housing scheme, same was adjourned to next meeting the new Board to consider same.

One application received for the position of Assistant tanner at £24 per annum that of Michael Murphy he also specifying to be provided with a coat. appointed unanimous the clerk was directed to get him a coat.

An application was read from the scavengers and Carter for one coat and one pair of leggings each. the clerk was also directed to get them.

Feb 1920

Signed on Behalf of The Board.
Mr Dwyer Chairman

"The Annual Statutory Meeting" January 23rd 1920

Borough of Tuam

Election of Town Commissioners 1920

Result of Election

North West Ward ?

Frederick B. McDonagh	1
John Burke	2
Martin W. Cooney	3
William	

McDonagh Frederick	1st
Cooney Martin	2nd
Reape William	3rd
Byrne Patrick	4th
Walsh Patrick	5th
Walsh John	6th
Larrey John	
Keane John	

Elected

North East Ward ?

Dwyer Michael	1st
Murphy Patrick	2nd
Costello Ellen	3rd
Guy Gabriel	4th
Keely Michael	

South Ward ?

McDonagh Frederick	1st
Burke John	2nd
Moran James	3rd
Browne Samuel	4th
Boogan James	5th
Brady Timothy	

Patrick Connon Returning Officer
Jan 18th 1920

January 23rd 1920

Declaration of Commissioners Elected ^{North West Ward} ^{Six Commissioners}

I Frederick A. McDonagh being chosen commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January 1920

Patrick Banavan Town Clerk

Mr McDonagh
Elected for Two Seats
Signed declaration for
South Ward
P.B.

I Martin Cooney having been chosen commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January 1920

Patrick Banavan Town Clerk

Martin Cooney

I William Reapy having been chosen commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January 1920

Patrick Banavan Town Clerk

William Reapy

January 23rd 1920

I Patrick Byrne having been chosen commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January 1920

Patrick Banavan Town Clerk

Patrick Byrne

I Patrick Walsh having been chosen commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January 1920

Patrick Banavan Town Clerk

Patrick Walsh

I John Walsh having been chosen commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January 1920

Patrick Banavan Town Clerk

John Walsh

January 23rd 1920

North East Ward Four Commissioners

I Michael Dwyer having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office on myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January 1920 } Michael Dwyer
Patrick Banavan Town Clerk

I Patrick Murphy having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January 1920 } Patrick Murphy
Patrick Banavan Town Clerk

I Eileen Costello having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January 1920 } Eileen Costello
Patrick Banavan Town Clerk

January 23rd 1920

I Gabriel Guy having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January 1920 } Gabriel Guy
Patrick Banavan Town Clerk

South Ward Five Commissioners

I Frederick P. McDonagh having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself, and I will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January 1920 } Frederick P. McDonagh
Patrick Banavan Town Clerk

I John Burke having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and I will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of January 1920 } John Burke
Patrick Banavan Town Clerk

January 23rd 1920

I James Moran having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duty thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January 1920 } James Moran
Patrick Banavan Town Clerk

I Samuel Brown having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January 1920 } Sam. Brown
Patrick Banavan Town Clerk

I James Hogan having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January 1920 } James Hogan
Patrick Banavan Town Clerk

January 23rd 1920

I Michael Dwyer having been chosen Chairman of the Town Commissioners for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the ~~said office~~ duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January 1920 } Michael Dwyer
Patrick Banavan Town Clerk

Commissioners present. Michael Dwyer. Patrick Byrne. John Burke. James Moran. Martin Cooney. Mice Reapy. Patrick Walsh. John Walsh. Gabriel Gury =

In the absence of the chairman the clerk took the chair. Mr P. Byrne proposed and Mr G. Gury seconded that Mr Dwyer be appointed chairman for the ensuing year no other candidate being proposed Mr Dwyer was declared elected and signed his declaration

Signed on Behalf of the Board

February 3rd 1920

M. Dwyer Chairman

February 2nd 1920

Monthly Meeting?

Commissioners present. Messrs McDwyer Chairman of the Board presiding, Patrick Byrne, John Burke, F. Guy, James Moran, James Coogan, Mrs Bartello, Martin Cooney, Patrick Walsh, John Walsh

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the chairman, Mr P Walsh and Mr J. Moran for the following amounts

Revenue Account	£ 140-16-5
Roads Account	£ 62-7-1

Co. Option for North West Ward. Mr Cooney proposed and Mrs Bartello seconded that Mr Whelehan be adopted, no other candidate being proposed the chairman declared him elected

Correspondence were read from the L. G. Board re. Housing Scheme, the chairman suggested that a small committee should go into the matter. Messrs Cooney, Guy, Burke, Moran and the chairman and meet on Monday evening the 9th inst at 8 o'clock -

Mr Quinn Solicitor was appointed to Tax Mr Concanon's bill of costs. A resolution was proposed by the chairman seconded by Mr Cooney condemning the Motor permit order

Letters were read from the P.R. Society and the L. G. Board acknowledging receipts of results sheets etc.

David Toft applied from and was refused the use of the turf market for work of North

ward of the Borough of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof, according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me this
day of February 1920

J. W. Whelehan

Patrick Conanan Town Clerk

Signed on Behalf of the Board

March 1920

Mr Dwyer Chairman

February 9th 1920

Committee Meeting re. Housing Scheme, those present Mr Dwyer Chairman of the Board presiding Gabriel Guy, Martin Cooney, John Burke.

The clerk was directed to see Mr Concanon and find out from him all particulars as to the borrowing powers etc. when all particulars are to hand convene a meeting of the committee appointed

Signed on Behalf of the Board

March 1920

Mr Dwyer Chairman

March 2nd 1920

Monthly Meeting?

Commissioners present. Messrs Mr. Dwyer Chairman of the Board Presiding
 Patrick Walsh, John Walsh, John Burke, James Coogan, William Reapy
 Martin Booney, Patrick Byrne, F. P. McDonagh, Patrick Murphy, J. N. Heenan
 Mrs. Costello, James Moran, Gabriel Guy.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman,
 James Moran and Patrick Walsh for the following amounts

Revenue Account £39.12.9
 Roads Account 59.8.7

Four

Four applications were received for No 20 White Terrace namely
 William Walsh, Martin Costello, Martin Burke, Edward McCormack

The Chairman proposed and John Walsh seconded that Martin Burke be accepted tenant
 Mr. McDonagh proposed and Mr. Moran seconded that William Walsh get the cottage
 the other applications were not entertained on a vote being taken Mr. Walsh
 got 10 votes to Burke's 4 The Chairman declared W. Walsh tenant —

Mr. Pat Breavin Ballybaddy Road wrote claiming £20
 compensation for damage to his garden by the overflow of sewerage from
 White Terrace. adjourned pending a reply from the engineers re sewerage
 scheme.

The Christian Brothers applied for and were granted the use of the stage and
 chairs for a concert to be held at the Christian Bros schools.

A letter was read from Young Ireland Dublin asking to have fairs etc
 advertised in their journal. The clerk was directed to write to the
 postmaster rems of postage for midday and evening post to extend the
 hours for posting.

M. Dwyer

Signed on behalf of the Board
 Chairman

April 6th 1920

Monthly Meeting? Commissioners present. Mr. Dwyer Chairman of the
 Board Presiding. James Moran, John Burke, Patrick Walsh, John Walsh, G.
 Guy, William Reapy, Mrs. Costello

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman, James Moran and
 Mrs. Costello for the following amounts

Revenue Account £104.7.4
 Roads Account 31.12.1

Arising out the minutes of last meeting the following Committee were appointed
 to inspect Pat Breavin's garden and arrange what compensation he is entitled
 to re. sewerage from White Terrace (Messrs Mr. Dwyer, P. Murphy, P. Walsh)

The clerk was directed to write to the county surveyor re. travelling and
 raising the centre of Galway Road footpath

Mr. M. S. Shine applied for and was granted the use of Town Hall
 for two auctions,

Mr. Loft was granted the use of the potatoe
 market at the usual remuneration 1/- per night on condition that he gives
 a benefit night in aid of the Christian Brothers —

It was unanimously decided not to pay income
 tax £44-14-0.

A letter or application was read from the Irish
 Transport workers union for an increase of wages to scavengers. It
 was unanimously decided to increase wages from 3/- per week to £2/6/0
 per week. The clerk was directed to have on agenda for next meeting
 to consider fixing a rent on the rooms occupied by the Billiard Club
 and Temperance Society

Signed on behalf of the Board
 M. Dwyer
 Chairman

May 4th 1920

May 4th 1920

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present. Messrs M Dwyer Chairman of the Board presiding. J. Walsh, John Walsh, John Burke, James Coogan, James Moran, Mrs Costello, P. Murphy, Patrick Byrne, J. D. Whelehan.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Buying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman, Mrs Costello and James Moran for the following amounts

Revenue Account £ 172. 5. 1
Roads Account £ 32. 6. 0

The Committee Messrs the Chairman, Mr Murphy and Mr Walsh awarded Pat Spaven £6 - for damage to his garden at Ballysaddy Road by the sewerage from Uthale Terrace.

Consideration of Road Contract was adjourned to a special meeting in the meantime the Chairman to see the County Surveyor.

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Whelehan and passed Mr Murphy dissenting.
That this Council of the elected representatives of Tuam, hereby acknowledge the authority of Dail Eireann as the duly elected Government of the Irish people, and undertakes to give effect to all decrees, duly promulgated by the said Dail Eireann in so far as same affect this Council.

Letters were read from the Inspector of Taxes Galway, pointing out the liability of the Commissioners as regards Income Tax -

The following resolution was received from the Urban Council Guendron and adopted. We, the Cove Urban Council, at a specially convened meeting resolved to call on our Republican Government Dail Eireann to decree the prohibition of Emigration from our shores, excepting in those cases where idleness has long prevailed and there is no absolute certainty of work, and further that booking agents be prohibited carrying out their distasteful work of encouraging Emigration for petty Commission.

May 4th 1920

A letter was read from the Christian Brothers thanking the Commissioners for arranging with Mr Toft for a benefit night which was so successful.

The sum of £ 31-19-11 was received from the Housing Fund as the proportionate amount of same,

A letter was read from Thomas Jorde peasterer for an Artizan Dwelling, it was decided to give him the next vacant dwelling.

John Shane and Thomas Dwyer were appointed enumerators for the May Fair.

Notice of Motion

Take notice that I or some Commission on my behalf will move at the next monthly meeting of the Town Commissions, that all resolutions on the minutes concerning the of the several rooms in the Town Hall be rescinded, and that a rent be fixed on each of the rooms.

Signed J. D. Whelehan

The Clerk was directed to get the eave gutters at Uthale and Ashmore Terraces cleaned, and that copies of above notice of motion be sent to the Secretary of each of the rooms.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

June 20 1920

M Dwyer Chairman

May 7th 1920

Special Meeting ?

Re. Roads etc

Commissioners present. Mr. Dwyer chairman of the Board presiding
Patrick Murphy, John Walsh, J. P. McDonagh, Mr. Stello, G. Guy

The chairman explained his interview with the County Surveyor
relative to tendering for Roads at £600 per annum.

The County Surveyor agreed to steam roll the following roads from
Connolly Corner Galway Road via High Street and Bishop Street
and from the same point via the Railway the square to meet at
Bishop Street. On giving the above undertaking the Board decided
to tender at the old price (£600) six hundred pounds for
three years from the 1st July 1920 to 30th June 1923.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

June 1st 1920Mr Dwyer

Chairman

June 1st 1920

Monthly Meeting -

Commissioners present. Mr. Dwyer chairman of the Board presiding
Patrick Murphy, Patrick Walsh, G. Guy, James Boogan, John Walsh, John Burke
J. N. Sheehan.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying orders were made and signed by the chairman Mr. Moran and
Mr. Murphy for the following amounts

Revenue Account	£ 37-14-5
Roads Account	£ 31-6-10

re. sitting of rooms in the Hall

Notice of motion by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by the chairman was passed
unanimous.

Messrs the chairman Mr. Guy and Mr. Boogan were appointed to meet a
deputation from Billiard Club and Temperance and arrange about
fixing a rent.

The chairman Mr. Murphy and Mr. Moran were
appointed to consider the buying of a horse, cart etc.

The clerk was directed to see Mr. Kirwan re - Sewerage on Strahan's
Estate, — also that the chairman and clerk see after the
footpaths, and get them repaired —

The watering cart to be repaired.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Dunes No 9 Parkmore Terrace complaining
about Mrs. Bradley for abuse to his wife. The clerk was directed
to send a copy to Const. Bradley and ask his explanation
on the matter.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

July 6th 1920Mr Dwyer

Chairman

June 23rd 1920

Special Meeting of Committee appointed to fix rent of rooms occupied in Town Hall.

Mr McDwyer Chairman of the Board. G. Guy. Mr McConnell Sec of Tuam Billiard Club. Mr McDuggan Secretary C.T. Society -

It was unanimously agreed to fix £5— (five pounds) per annum on each of the rooms viz. Tuam Billiard Club, C.T. Society Reading room and C.T. Society Billiard room rent to be paid from 1st July.

Signed on Behalf of The Board

July 6th 1920

McDwyer Chairman

Tuesday July 6th 1920

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners Present - Messrs Mr McDwyer Chairman of the Board presiding Patrick Murphy, Patrick Walsh, Patrick Byrne, James Hogan, Gabriel Guy, Mathew Cooney, John Walsh, James Moran,

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed for the following amounts by the Chairman Mr Murphy and Mr P. Walsh

Revenue a/c £52.13.4

Roads a/c £109.8.10

The Clerk was directed to write to Mr Meelin and other merchants in the Town who have flags broken opposite their place of business through negligence of their assistance or servants and have them repaired at once.

The Clerk was also directed to get quotations for a metal column for Potatoe Market brane and submit same at next monthly meeting.

Ladders were ordered to be repaired at once, and consider at next monthly meeting about fixing a price per day - also fixing a deposit on same before being lent or on hire.

Write to Secretary C.T. Society about having windows on Billiard room repaired and glazed. also

The Clerk to get panes of Glass put into windows on Hall and Board Room. & Store Room

Write to Mr Reid re Gas account giving him a list of the number of lamps lighted and have his account amended. Mr Hogan proposed that the Committee selected already look after the buying of a horse etc

July 6th 1920

Mr Guy proposed Mr booney seconded that the clerk write to the Commandant of volunteers to have the streets cleared of tinkers, dramps etc they being a nuisance.

The clerk was directed to have advertised for next meeting. Tolls and customs public lighting, parking and advertising.

Proposed by Mr booney seconded by the chairman that a public meeting be called or summoned for Sunday next the 11th inst at the Town Hall. Rev Father Hannon be asked to preside in aid of the Railway workers now dismissed over the present crisis. The clerk was also directed to have a copy of the Schedule of Tolls and customs for next meeting.

A letter was read from the registrar of Petty sessions notifying them that £2.14-1 was placed to credit. The clerk was directed to get an account of the number of dogs register and write for an explanation why the amount was so small in comparison to other years now that licences at double.

resolution was passed and memorial signed in favour of Mr Jim Harkin's release.

Mrs Kennedy wrote offering the Carragh Road as a Depot for the scavenging of the town for the sum of £850. Road to be kept in repair as usual. amount was agreed to.

Estimate was received from Mr McElgun of repairing and painting water Car £17.2-6 no action was taken

letter was read from Mr Reid for the amount of a/c submitted. the clerk explained the number of lamps lighted. The clerk was directed to write to Mr Reid and forward him a list of lamps lighted and have the account amended.

letter was read from the L. G. Board re Housing Scheme and Medical Superintendents report - no action was taken.

application for increase of salary from Daniel Bosham was marked read - The clerk was directed to have some repairs done to the gable of this Healey Cottage at Hale Terrace.

Aug 14th 1920

Signed On Behalf of the Board
Mr Dwyer

July 22nd 1920

Special Meeting. To consider public lighting and Tolls and customs.

Commissioners Present: Messrs Mr. Dwyer Chairman of the Board presiding
B. Murphy. Mr. booney. Patrick Walsh. Jas boogan. John Burke.

A letter was read from Mr Reid stating he would not accept less ^{than} £150 in full discharge of the account without prejudice, or else to have the matter left to any arbitration court.

The Board decided to adjourn consideration until next monthly meeting.

The matter of arranging about the tolls and customs was also adjourned. It was also decided that the chairman, Mr Walsh and Mr Murphy draft a resolution asking the government to send down a man to see the destruction done to the town and demand compensation.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Mr Dwyer
Chairman

Aug 7th 1920

August 3rd 1920

Monthly Meeting ?

Commissioners present - Messrs McDwyer Chairman of the Board presiding, P. Murphy, Jos Boogan, John Burke, W. Reahey, G. Sney, Jas Moran.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed. paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman Mr Murphy and Mr Boogan for the following amounts

Revenue Account £ 27-1-3

Roads Account £ 53-13-4

Mr Reid's letter was again read re. account due for Public lighting £161 - the Clerk was directed to offer him £100 in full discharge of amount due -

The Clerk was now directed to advertise the Public lighting and Tolls and Customs tenders to be received at a special meeting to be held on Tuesday Aug 17th at 8 o'clock. also advertise for a ~~column~~ ^{column} for White Marble grave to be considered at next monthly meeting. The Clerk reported that Mr S. Pomroy was disqualified for non attendance for six consecutive months. it was ordered that a co-opted member take place at next monthly meeting - Mr Murphy read the following resolution which was ordered to be handed to the press and inserted on the minutes. That the Commissioners place on record, their condemnation of the backing of the Town of Tuam. he thought there should be a public meeting called before this presided over by the Archbishop or Chairman. Mr Murphy proposed the following.

That we the Tuam Town Commissioners ~~do not~~ ^{cannot} find words to condemn the atrocious and savage conduct of the ~~members~~ ^{members} of the R.I.C who in the early hours of the morning caused such ~~havoc~~ ^{havoc} and destruction in several houses in the town. That many ~~lives~~ ^{lives} were not lost and the whole town laid in ruins is not the fault of the ~~Police~~ ^{Police} by their manical acts of incendiarism. That we demand of the British Government as has been already done by his Grace the Archbishop ~~of a~~ ^{of a} sworn public inquiry into the barbarous acts of these men, and that we demand from that Government full compensation for the burning and looting of property. Whilst we ~~condemn~~ ^{condemn} the shooting of two Constables near Tuam and express our sympathy with their relatives, it cannot be held as an excuse, for these unbridled acts of savagery }

August 3rd 1920

Quotations were received for Metal Columns for the potato market scale and considered too dear. the Clerk was directed to advertise for a Column larch or oak and have same complete with out fittings etc. the Clerk to point out what has to be done to intending contractors. tenders to be considered at next monthly meeting.

A letter was read from the Registrar of Petty Sessions stating the reduction in the amount of surplus Dog license duty was caused by decreased receipts by this department in fines etc.

The L. S. Board notified the Board that Mr J. F. Wiley B.A. will conduct the Audit in future in lieu of Mr Ellis -

A letter was also read from the L. S. Board that their attention had been called to the series of resolutions passed by local authorities in Ireland repudiating the authority of the Imperial Parliament. The Government have given the Board explicit instructions that no loans or grants from Public funds for any purpose shall be made by the L. S. Board to any local authority, without a definite assurance that they will submit their accounts to audit, and be prepared to conform to the rules and orders of the local Government as heretofore.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Sept 1920

Mr Sney Chairman

August 17th 1920

Special Meeting -

To accept Tenders for Public lighting and Tolls and Customs

Commissioners present: Messrs M. Dwyer Chairman of the Board presiding
Patrick Murphy, F. B. McDonagh, Patrick Murphy, James Moran, James Boogan
Patrick Walsh, Martin Booney, John Burke, G. Guy.

The following letter was read from T. J. Reid Gas Contractor =

Dear Sir

Yours of the 8th duly received. I note your list of lamps
lighted over period January to March 1920, were not lighted. but do not think
the proper time to point out such omissions, as when they occurred, as it
is obviously impossible for me to check your list or make a remedy
now.

However I am anxious to settle

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 6th inst offering £100 - in full
discharge of account.

I note you have not accepted my suggestion
of leaving the matter in dispute to arbitration.

However I am anxious
to settle the matter without any unpleasantness and without
prejudice will accept £130 - in settlement, which is on the lines
of time honoured practice of "splitting the difference"

Yours Truly

T. J. Reid

Ballina August 14th 1920

Aug 17th 1920

The Clerk was directed to offer £115 - One hundred and fifteen pounds
without prejudice in full settlement of the account -

Two Tenders were received for Public lighting from August 17th 1920
to May 15th 1921

By T. J. Reid Ballina Gas light.			
32 lamps	at £2-15-0 per lamp	at 50 c.p. Ea	
4 Do	2-0-0	50 c.p. Ea	
	3-10-0	100 Do	
	4-10-0	200 Do	

Mr Jas Daly on Behalf of the Electric Light Company

£4-0-0 per lamp and £2-0-0 Extra for any lamps required all
night, as may be specified by Town Commissioners, with the
exception of lamps of the lamp in the square, which will be left in light
for all night for aforesaid sum of £4 - The lamps at Carny's
Dones and also at the square to be 300 bands (power), all lamps to be
lighted and extinguished at the time mentioned in the advertisement
I give as my surties Mr Peter McHugh and Michael Hughes both
of Bishop Street

Signed James Daly

Secretary

The tender for electric light was unanimously accepted.

No Tender was received. The Clerk was directed to advertise for
a man at £3 - per week with bonus of the Commissioners
considered collection satisfactory to collect the Tolls and
Customs and enter into a Bond with surties to the amount
of £100 - same to be considered at next monthly meeting
consideration of employing two other men to be considered at next
monthly meeting -

Public
lightingPublic
lightingTolls and
Customs

August 17th 1920

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Guy seconded by the Chairman and adopted.

Dail Eireann has decreed that the imposition of religious or political tests as a condition of industrial employment is illegal.

Attempts are being made to enforce such tests in Belfast, and thousands of workmen and workwomen have been forcibly driven from their employment because they refuse to submit to them.

Until this tyranny ceases and the expelled workers are restored goods manufactured or distributed from Belfast must not be purchased or received elsewhere.

Business must be also suspended from the Northern and Ulster Banks, which Banks chiefly finance the firms who are thus treating a section of their employees to further deposits must be made with these banks pending the unconditional restoration of the employees, and accounts must be transferred.

A white list of firms in Belfast which refuse to permit tests to be imposed on their employees will be speedily issued. With these firms business may be renewed, but until the issue of the white list business with all firms in the area is prohibited.

The standing Committee of Sinn Féin direct's action is to be at once taken. The local elected Authorities are to be requested to assist by formal resolution and by action.

You are requested to make this known to all in your human area

Do bhara

Padraig O'Loon

Reunards

August 17th 1920

The following resolution was proposed by Mr John Burke seconded by Mr Daniel Murphy.

That we the Tuam Town Commissioners beg to tender to Most Revd Dr Mannix Archbishop of Melbourne our heartiest welcome on his return to his native country. We offer him at the same time our warmest sympathy in the affront attempted to be put upon him by the British Government in preventing him to land here, and condemn such stupid and malignant ~~action~~ conduct. We assure him such action only raises him the more in the estimation of his fellow country men, and will make his reception all the more cordial when he comes amongst us

The clerk read an anonymous letter he received re. Police in Artisans dwelling no action was taken

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Sept 7th 1920

M. Dwyer Chairman