

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eau Claire Public Library was held on Monday evening, April 27th, 1903, at the library rooms, at 7:30 o'clock and the following were present: F. H. L. Cotten, Vice President, presiding, and Directors Frawley, Halvorson, Gross, Lockwood, Ingram, and Mrs. Putnam.

The records of April 6th and 9th were read and approved with the exception of that part of the minutes of April 6th relating to acceptance of bid of Hoepner & Bartlett Co., of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and on motion it was ordered that the portion referred to read as follows:

"On motion of Director Frawley seconded by Director Allen, it was voted that the general contract be awarded to Hoepner & Bartlett Co., of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, for \$30004.10 with additions amounting to \$358.10 as recited in supplemental specifications, or a total of \$30462.20 as per specifications, upon presentation of proper bond and on execution of contract."

On motion of Director Halvorson seconded by Director Gross it was voted that the building committee be authorized to select a superintendent of construction of the new library building and to decide upon the amount of his compensation.

The contract between Patton & Miller, Architects, of Chicago, and the Board of Directors, dated, October 18th, 1902, was then read in full, and on motion of Director Frawley seconded by Director Ingram, it was approved, and the officers of the Library Board were authorized to execute it on the part of the Board.

On motion of Director Gross seconded by Director Halvorson the following bills approved either by the librarian or by the proper officer, were allowed and ordered paid:

Tabard Inn,	\$37.50.
Carnegie Library,	25.00.
Nelvick, to 4/9/	6.67.
Biscoe, April,	75.00.
Hoyt, "	41.67.
Coffin, " 3 weeks,	22.50.
L. Radensleben, April,	15.00.
Asper,	1.00.
Nelvick, to 4/30/	5.34.
Patton & Miller, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % of \$34093.10,	852.32.
Eau Claire Book & Stationery Co.	35.49.
" "	17.31.
" "	60.68.
" "	9.05.
" "	.60.
" "	75.75.
F. Blackwell,	11.20.
"	33.50.
"	4.20.
Eau Claire Light & Power Co.	40.95.
Telegram.	1.60.
Leader,	5.40.
Pioneer Press,	5.70.

Sentinel.

\$5.88.

The secretary reported the balance with the city treasurer before paying the above, of \$

On motion of Director Halvorson seconded by Director Ingram the building committee was authorized to make a contract for that part of the gas piping of the new library building which is not covered by previous contracts.

The building committee reported verbally that they had very carefully considered the kind of stone which should be used for the new library building, and to that end had examined the Colfax stone in the foundation and the trimmings of the buildings in the Home for the Feeble Minded, at Chippewa Falls, and various other buildings and structures at Colfax, Wisconsin, where the stone had been exposed to the weather for a number of years, and that after considering the matter the committee had decided upon the use of Bedford stone, and had authorized Hoepfner & Bartlett Co., the contractors, to use it as required in their specifications.

The committee had held a meeting on April 22nd, 1903, and had opened the new bids for wiring, which were as follows:

M. J. O'Neill, of St. Paul; estimate A, \$590.00; estimate B, \$545.00; estimate C, \$635.00.

Cuthbert & Block, of Chicago, Ill.; estimate A, \$497.00; estimate B, \$446.00; estimate C, \$479.00;

Eau Claire Light & Power Co., of Eau Claire, Wis.; estimate A, \$527.50; estimate B, \$475.00; estimate C, \$485.80.

The proposal of the Eau Claire Light & Power Co. was ac-

cepted.

The committee also reported that on April 24th, 1903. they had signed the general contract with Hoepfner & Bartlett Co. and had received the first instalment of the Carnegie gift amounting to \$1000.00 from the Home Trust Company of Hoboken, New Jersey.

There being no further business the Board of Directors then adjourned.

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