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### A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Holland

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March 25 , 1969

A resolution of the Common Council of the City of Holland, upon learning that A. C. Van Raalte "intends to leave for an indefinite period, and devote the greater part of his labors to the interests of a New Colony in Virginia," expresses its deep "regret for the removal of the founder of our City and Colony, their appreciation of his successful efforts in planting the Holland Colony, and laying the foundations of a large and prosperous community here,..."

Original in the Archives of the Netherlands Museum.

HOLLAND, MICH., March 25, 1869.

Pursuant to call by the Mayor, the Common Council met at the Recorder's Office at 1 o'clock P. M.

Present: Mayor Ledeboer, Aids. Vander Veen, Van Schelven, Lander and Recorder Post.

Previous to calling the Council to order, Hon. F. H. Stevens of St. Joseph presented the claims of the "Lake Shore Railroad" for our aid.

Council was called to order by the Mayor, and on motion of Van Schelven, 2nd by Lander, and carried, all voting yea.

Rules were suspended.

On motion of Van Schelven, 2nd by Vander Veen, and carried, all voting yea.

Whereas, Dr. A. C. Van Raalte intends to leave for an indefinite period, and devote the greater part of his labors to the interests of a New Colony in Virginia.

Resolved,

That the Common Council proceed to his house and bid him a formal adieu, in behalf of the Corporation.

Resolved,

That a proper set of resolutions be drawn up to be presented at that occasion, and that a Committee of two be appointed to draw resolution

Whereupon the Mayor appointed Aldermen Van Schelven and Recorder Post, Committee to draw up resolutions.

The Special Committee on Resolutions reported the following:

Whereas,

The Rev. Dr. Van Raalte is about leaving his residence among us, to find a new home in Virginia.

Resolved,

That the Common Council of the City of Holland in behalf of the City desire to express their deep regret for the removal of the founder of our City and Colony, their appreciation of his successful efforts in planting the Holland Colony, and laying the foundations of a large and prosperous community here, and their hope that he will be as successful in the future in his enterprise in planting a Colony as he has been in the past. That he carries with him to his new home our best wishes for his future prosperity and happiness, and that we cherish the hope, that although leaving his residence here, he will still retain his interest in the welfare and prosperity of his old home.

On motion of Van Schelven, 2nd by Vander Veen, and carried, all voting yea.

The report was accepted, the Resolutions were adopted, and the Committee was discharged.

On motion of Van Schelven, 2nd by Vander Veen, and carried, all voting yea.  
Resolved,

That the Council proceed to the residence of Rev. Dr. VanRaalte, and that the Mayor present to him the resolutions as hoped.

On motion of Van Schelven, 2nd By Vander Veen, and carried, all voting yea. Council adjourned, till 7 1/2 P. M.

No quorum being present at 7 1/2 P. M., Council was further adjourned till 7 1/2 P. M. March 26, 1869.

B. Ledeboer, Mayor.

Henry D. Post, Recorder.

Committee - Armand Van Schelun  
Mons. by Van Schelun 2<sup>d</sup> Grand Ven. Clerk always

Whereas - The Rev. Dr. Van Raalte is about leaving his residence  
among us. to find a new home in Virginia.

Resolved.

That the Common Council of the City of Holland in behalf of  
the City desire to express their deep regret for the removal  
of the founder of our City and Colony, their appreciation of  
his eminent successful efforts in planting the Holland Colony  
and laying the foundations of a large and prosperous  
Community here, and their hope that he will be as  
successful in the future in his enterprise in planting a  
Colony as he has been in the past. And that he  
comes with him to his new home our best wishes  
for his future prosperity and happiness, and that  
we cherish the hope that although ~~changing his~~  
residence here, he will still ~~remain as heretofore~~  
retain his interests in the welfare and prosperity  
of his old home.

Street Commissioners  
Report.  
Oct 26th 1869.

Filed Oct 27th 1869.  
Mr. Hayschager,  
Recorder.

City Clerk Records Box (

Holland, Oct. 1. 1869.  
The Mayor and Common Council  
City of Holland.

Gentl: In accordance with the provisions of  
Ordinance No. 22. I have the honor to submit  
the following report:

The whole number of days of Poll tax  
assessed is; 275.  
of which I have worked out 160  
Commuted at One Dollar per day 96  
Balance not worked 19 275.

In carrying out your instructions I have purchased  
from several parties Cull R.R. ties to the amt  
of 869 Hemlock @ 7 1/2 & 8 cents.

30 Oak " 10 ct  
and 87 Ash " 10 ct

The following Bills have been contracted, viz

E. van der Veen - Rails to 32.76.

John Elferink - Tan bark 5.90.

W.K. Fletcher Sen. - Lumber 49.88

Hins of H. Puyze Co. do 48.00

L. van Dyk & Co. do 36.15

Respectfully Submitted  
J. van Putten  
Stret Commission

Known to and subscribed before me this  
8th day of October, 1869.

G. van Gheben.  
A. C. C.