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1181.

APPROVAL—BONDS OF VILLAGE OF MASON, WARREN COUNTY, OHIO, \$23,500.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 17, 1937.

State Employes Retirement Board, Columbus, Ohio. Gentlemen:

RE: Bonds of Village of Mason, Warren County, Ohio, \$23,500.00.

I have examined the transcript of proceedings relative to the above bonds purchased by you. These bonds comprise part of two issues of bonds of the above village dated December 20, 1931, bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum, one being waterworks improvement special assessment bonds in the aggregate amount of \$24,000 and the other being waterworks improvement village portion bonds in the aggregate amount of \$7,100.

From this examination, in the light of the law under authority of which these bonds have been authorized, I am of the opinion that bonds issued under these proceedings constitute a valid and legal obligation of said village.

Respectfully,

HERBERT S. DUFFY,

Attorney General.

1182.

APPROVAL—LEASE EXECUTED BY THE STATE OF OHIO TO ONE A. B. COVERDALE OF DRESDEN, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 17, 1937.

Hon. Carl G. Wahl, Director, Department of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR: You recently submitted for my examination and approval a canal land lease executed by you in your official capacity as Superintendent of Public Works and as Director of said department to one A. B. Coverdale of Dresden, Ohio.

By this lease, which is one for a stated term of fifteen years and which provides for an annual rental of \$7.50, there is leased and demised to the lessee above named the right to occupy and use for residential purposes that portion of the abandoned Ohio Canal property, including the full width of the bed and banks thereof, located in Madison Township, Muskingum County, Ohio, and described as follows:

Beginning at station 4181+50, of G. F. Silliman's Survey of said canal property, and running thence southwesterly a distance of thirteen hundred (1300') feet, as measured along the transit line of said survey to station 4193+50, and containing one and sixteen hundredth (1.16) acres, more or less, excepting therefrom any portion of the above described property that may be used for a public highway.

Upon examination of this lease, which is executed by you under the authority of an Act of the 89th General Assembly enacted April 29, 1931, 114 O. L., 541, I find that the same has been executed by you in your official capacity above stated and by A. B. Coverdale in the manner provided by law.

Assuming, as I do, that this property has not been designated for state highway purposes and that no application for the lease of the same has been made by any of the corporations or persons having prior rights to the lease of this property under section 8 of said Act, I find that the terms and provisions of this lease and the conditions and restrictions therein contained are in conformity with the above mentioned Act of the legislature and with other related statutes. I am, therefore, approving this lease, as is evidenced by my approval endorsed upon the lease and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which are herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

HERBERT S. DUFFY,

Attorney General.