

Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth.J.English presiding and all members present. This meeting was the first meeting held in the New Council Chamber and was attended by a good sized audience. Mr Bill Watson local reporter and representative of the Wilkes-Barre Times-Leader arranged for and had taken a photograph of the Mayor, City Council and City Clerk at their respective desks within the Chamber, same to be reproduced in the above Newspaper.

The minutes of July 9th meeting were not read but on motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following report covering Meter Returns & Violations for the Month of July was presented by Mayor Kenneth.J.English.

July 1, 1940 to July 31, 1940	Parking Violations.	\$ 70.00
July 1, 1940 to July 31, 1940	Meter Returns.	469.15

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M.P.Ruane submitted his report for the Month of July. A balance of \$51,219.67 was shown as of July 31st 1940

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

Mr Thos Newcomb submitted his reports as Sealer of Weights & Measures and Officer of the Health Department for the month of July.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above reports were ordered received & filed.

Dr S.C.Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finance, presented the following list of Bills for approval and payment.

Moesel Harness Shop.	10 Sets of Holsters.	75.00
Allied Steel Co	One Steel Bar (Projects)	\$ 31.74
Anthracite Paint Store.	Traffic White.	74.40
Austin Powder Co.	Dynamite & Caps (Projects)	41.82
Barber Motor Car Co.	Police Car & Equipment.	377.00
Central Clay Products Co.	Supplies.(Projects)	145.51
Durland Sand Co.	Sand & Gravel(Projects)	305.88
Dershimer Lumber Co.	Supplies.(Projects)	261.00
Goeringer Construction Co.	Projects, Cold Patch.	129.88
Kelly Run Stone Co.	Stone Chips, Pro & St Dept.	123.54
Mitchell P.F.Lumber Co.	Supplies.(Projects)	329.22
Stout William.	Repairs to Mixer.	2.00
Service Supply Co.	Stone Forks.(Projects)	31.00
Service Supply Co.	4th Install on Concrete Mixer.	91.50
Scr Spg Brook Water Co.	Hydrants, Old & New City Halls.	
	Niagra Hose & City Yard.	147.25
Scranton Electric Co.	Light. Old & New City Hall, Eagle & Niagra Cos, City Yard.	172.62
Wagner Lumber Co.	Cement, Brick, Lime.(Projects)	91.53
M.P.Ruane,	Cash advances for June.	548.74
M.P.Ruane.	Cash advances for July.	283.00
Community Theatre.	Rent & Gas to Sept.	46.77

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Bills were ordered paid.

RESOLUTION NO 3354--Re: Docket No Pa. 2074-F. BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pittston: THAT WHEREAS, it was necessary to advance the completion date of contract for Electrical Fixtures from 2-13-40 to 4-30-40 for the reasons that the General Contract stage of completion would not permit the completion of the above mentioned contracts. as no additional costs were involved to any party, the liquidated damages are hereby waived.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was Adopted. *J. H. English*

The following communication was received from Dr S.C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finances.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL: August 13, 1940

I wish to call your attention to the fact that our 1940 budget is made up of 80% collections, whereas approximately only 40% has been collected up to June 30, 1940, in comparison to 85% collected on the duplicate for the year 1939. Assuming that we collected 12% more for the balance of the year 1940, the 20% difference represents about \$40,200.00 less than was anticipated. As a result we will be ending the year 1940 with a deficit and we must have departmental cooperation during the remainder of the year. If there is any possibility for departments to save at least 10% or more from the expenditures set up in the 1940 budget, I feel sure that we can commence the year 1941 in much better financial condition than in the previous year.

The miscellaneous receipts for the first (6) six months of this year are far below the anticipated amount due to the fact that the State has with-held the liquor license fees and also that certain licensees have failed to pay their accounts. This means that about \$15,000.00 counted as certain to reach the Treasury will not be obtained.

The receipts for the balance of the year are probmatial and usually in the last half of the year the receipts obtained are less than expenditures. I am sure you will appreciate this situation and realize the necessity of curtailing expenditures to keep the deficit as low as possible.

For Councils information I briefly submit the status of each Department.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

Bureau of Engineer:

Purchase of office supplies in the Engineers office are running considerably high and with a very small balance in the appropriation for the balance of the year.

BUREAU OF HEALTH:

The unexpected epidemic of Spinal Meningitis has exhausted the appropriation and required a transfer. Future expense in this department will require additional transfers.

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE:

Bureau of Treasurer:

BUREAU OF SOLICITOR:

FOR filing Liens & Judgements we have already spent \$2,684.05 which is \$184.05 over the appropriation. This required a transfer

DEPARTMENT OF STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT:

The expenditure in the Department of Streets shows \$13,997.34 spent for the first (6) six months against an appropriation of \$22,500.00 leaving a balance of \$8,602.66 for the rest of the year. Careful planning for the balance of the year should be given this Dept.

Gentlemen, I have given you the financial status for the first six months. July's report on Tax collections is not so encouraging. The General Fund shows only \$11,349.30 to July 31, 1940. At this rate of tax collections we cannot meet budgeted expenditures for the balance of the year.

Therefore I recommend that penalties be abated on City Taxes for the months of Aug., Sept., and Oct. I urge partial monthly payments be accepted which may lighten the burden of the taxpayers and I also urge the collections of the Licensees Fees which are due to the City by various companies.

Respectfully submitted,

S.C. Andaloro Dir Acc & Finance.



On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received & filed.

Following properties were discussed by Council and the City Assessor relative to abatements said properties being owned by the Penn Coal Co.

Gravity Street, 10th Ward.

Lot 2-4-6-8-10 Block 45 Total reduction requested \$1,625.00
Recommended that per foot front be reduced from \$12.50 to \$10.00
Abatement of \$625.00

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call abatement was granted

Lot adjoining Roosevelt School on South Main Street. Requested that a Lease be given for a \$1.00 a year on this property on account of the School children using it as a play ground.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the request was refused, Secretary of Council to so inform the Penn Coal Co, also the Pittston City School Board and the latter to have referred to them any communication received from the Penn Coal Co.

Winter Street, No 4 Shaft.

Assessed at \$14,000.00 be reduced to \$10,000.00 on account of most of the buildings having been torn down.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh, the reduction was **allowed by the following vote.** AYES: Messers Mead, Grablick, Walsh and English. NAYS : Dr Andaloro.

South Main Street.

Request that all lots in Block 43 be reduced from \$22.50 to \$17.50 per foot front, the same on lot 242. On clear vote above was refused.

Oak Street.

Request lots 37 & 39 be reduced on account of City Sewer running through same. On clear vote above was refused, on account of the property owner being granted Free Sewer connections.

Plank Street.

Request that lot 11 Block 41 be reduced from \$1,500.00 to \$1,000.00
On recommendation lot reduced to \$1,200.00, Triangular Lot. Abatement of \$300.00 On clear vote above was allowed.

Statement that property in the Liberty Hill section was in the tax books as property of Kathleen Kearney, whereas it belonged to Harold Glenn and same should be assessed to him.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the change was ordered made.

The following petition signed by Mrs Tilley, Wm. B. Jefferies and others of the Lambert St section was read to council.
Mayor and Members of City Council, July 29 1940
City of Pittston, Pa.

We, the undersigned residents and taxpayers of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, do hereby petition your Honorable Body to act in our behalf as head of the City of Pittston and in the interests of its taxpayers, to obtain restitution for the damages done to our properties by the Mine workings underneath our homes.

Recently a cave occurred in the mines underneath our homes, thereby damaging same. Since then, it has been difficult for us to find out the owners who are responsible for the damages.

Therefore, we appeal to you at this time to assist us in having our homes repaired.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the above Petition was ordered received and filed, and that the State Secy of Mines be communicated with and requested to have a representative of his office come to Pittston and advise our people what can be done about such situations.

J. H. Jefferies.

City Engineer Major R.N. Myers suggested that an inspection of the City wide Projects be made by the Mayor and members of Council

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was deferred until Major Myers was relieved of his present sickness.

The following letter was received from Senator Jos. F. Guffey, in answer to one mailed him July 9th for information relative to the procedure by the U.S. Government in the obtaining buildings to house any manufacturing plants that might assist the latter in the manufacture of needed War material.

July 29 1940

Mr J.P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr Fitzpatrick:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter dated July 9th:

I doubt very much indeed that the Federal Government, for the present at least, will undertake to purchase, lease, or operate directly any existing idle plants and buildings for the purpose of manufacturing equipment needed in connection with the present Defense Program. The Governmental officials have made no move in this direction up to the present time. If the owners of any plants are interested in financing the operation of such plants and will inform the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy as to the particular equipment or materials which idle plants in the Pittston District are capable of turning out and will ask that those two departments consider them for orders when purchasing such material and equipment I feel sure that they will be glad to place the names of the owners and operators of such plants on their lists to be considered when orders are given.

Sincerely Yours.

Joseph F. Guffey

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh above letter was ordered received and filed by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, and that a copy of same be supplied to the Banks.

Letters from Col E.L. Lindemuth of the Wyoming Valley C of C inviting a representative of the City to accompany the Good Will Tour of the Anthracite Ambassadors to Toronto, Rochester and Niagara Falls on Sept 12th was read to Council. Together with one from President W.E. Greenwood of the League of Third Class Cities inviting representatives to the Annual Conference to be held at York, Penna. Sept 11, 12 and 13th 1940.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call both of the above together with any others that should be received would not be attended until the Financial condition of the City were on a former basis.

Quotations for a Cyclope Fence at Gazette Place were read to Council same received from Harris Hdw Co, Kingston Corners.

Quotations from James Wells of the N.Y. Casualty Co and Mr Gilhooly of the Fidelity & Casualty Co relative to Liability Ins on the New and Old City Halls, sidewalk liability and boiler insurance were both read and quoted to Council.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call all of the above were ordered received and filed.

Copy of agreement between the City of Pittston and the Penn Coal Co permitting the construction and maintenance of an eight-inch sewer line across land of the latter on West Oak St in the Tenth Ward was presented to Council.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call agreement was approved.

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Communication from the Scranton Spring Brook Water Co, C.W. Monie, Supt. was read to Council, subject matter pertained to cut charges on street openings and excavations.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received, filed and referred to the Street Department for attention.

Communication from the Pittston Volunteer Firemens Relief Assoc Rees. A. Llewellyn. Secretary, was read to Council. Mr Sylvester Grablick, Director of Public Safety attempted obtaining a loan for the City from above organization for the purpose of purchasing fire equipment. On account of the non receipt of any revenue from the State since 1937 and the lessening of earnings of Stock in their possession also of Bonds, the Directors were unanimous in the opinion that it would be unwise to make any loans at the present time.

On motion By Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call said communication was ordered received & filed.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the State Highway Motor Police relative to overloaded trucks using the City Streets asking that they look into and correct the same, also that the City Solicitor Atty Wm. H. Gillespie be instructed to prepare an Ordinance covering the overloading of trucks using our streets, highways and alleys.

Emerson Howley stated that the slides and settlements in the Penna Coal Co property on William and Broad Sts caused a subsidence of both the curb and sidewalks, that some of the trouble had been abated and repairs made some time ago, but that the worst spot of all namely the property of John Golden 290 William St has never been repaired.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Penna Coal Co and have an Engineer go over the ground referred to and make adjustments and repairs.

Mr John McDonald of William St reported that he lived opposite the now building Mt Carmel Church and felt that a dangerous situation existed there with employees autos parked on both sides of the street, he suggested that same be remedied at once ere a serious accident results. Mayor English thanked Mr McDonald for the courtesies extended and stated that Chief Edward Moran, who was present, would have No Parking signs placed before the days end. Mr McDonald presented a resume of his earnings together with his needed annual expenditures, stating that he felt that the taxes on his property was excessive under the circumstances of his earning ability.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, City Assessor Joseph McCanna was instructed to look into the assessment referred too.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

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SEPT 10th 1940

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Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon. with Mayor Kenneth.J.English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of August 13th meeting were not read but on motion of Mr Walsh,seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received,filed and adopted.

The following report covering Parking Violations and Meter Returns for the Month of August was submitted by Mayor English.

August.1,1940 to August.31,1940	Parking Violations	\$ 94.00
August.1,1940 to August.31,1940	Meter Returns	511.95

On motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M.P.Ruane submitted his report for the Month of August. A balance of \$ 52,483.46 was shown as of August 31st 1940.

On motion of Mr Mead,seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received and filed.

Mr Thomas Newcomb submitted his report as Sealer of Weights and Measures and Officer of the Health Department.for the month of August.

On motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above reports were ordered received and filed.

Dr S.O.Andaloro,Director of Accounts & Finance,submitted the following list of Bills for approval and payment.

Bell Telephone Co.	Telephone Service (6/16 to 8/16)	\$ 86.33
Bittenbender Company.	Crow Bars for Projects.	8.80
Clarkson Chemical Co.	Porcelain Cleaner.	6.00
Diamond Mfg Co.	Steel Trough (Niagra Truck)	6.25
Duplex Mfg Co.	Monument Box (Engineers Dept)	9.50
Thos English Agency.	Insurance on Fire Truck.	5.00
Jack Freedman.	Supplies (Fire Alarm)	1.35
Gerard Motor Car Co.	Adj Brakes No 6 Truck.	1.75
Hopkins Ins Co.	Ins on Truck (Fire & Theft)	9.10
Hollerans Drug Store.	Supp for 1st Aid Kit(Eagle Hose Co)	8.44
Howett Laboratories,Inc.	Disabler (Engineers Office)	7.50
Keystone Sales Equip.Co.	Traffic Signs.	13.25
Kelly & Mullin.	Two Mats & 1 1/3 Yds of Rubber	6.50
Keystone Roofing Co.	Roll Rubberoid & Felt.L.L.Or Project	2.90
Kleinrocks.	6 Pair of Rubber Gloves.	2.10
Lacka,Elec & Blue Print Co.	Blue Print Paper.	8.54
Anna.L.McTigue.	Fire & Theft Ins on Truck.	8.16
Michael Orlando.	Repairs.(Police Car)	1.35
Pittston Transfer Co.	Freight Charges.	.99
A.S.Powers.	Supplies Ford St Project.	5.28
Rutledge Motor Co.	Dusting Brakes on GMC Truck.	1.75
Rowans Garage.	Inspection of Trucks & Service.	5.00
Remington Rand Inc.	Mimeograph Supplies.	4.50
Allan Smiles.	Making Keys & Rep Locks.	5.65
Scranton Elec Co.	Wire,Clamps,Cord,Etc (Fire Alarm)	3.97
Service Supply Corp.	5th Installment on Concrete Mixer.	91.50
Scranton Chemical Co.	3 Gal of Liquid Soap.	5.25
Al Walsh.	Work on Fire Alarm System.	37.44
M.P.Ruane.	Cash Advanced.	681.85
Coon & Barrett.	Final Payment of fees on New Bldg.	1152.65
Wilkinson Equip Co.	Final Payment on Furn in New Bldg.	716.60
Kelly & Mullin.	Final Payment Furnishings " Bldg	273.63

Total Expenditures on New City Hall Account.	\$2,142.88
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Total City Expenses.	681.85
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Grand Total.	\$2,824.73
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On motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call all bills were ordered paid with the exceptions of the following. Thos English,Agency.Coon & Barrett,Wilkinson Equip Co and

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Kelly & Mullin, the registered vote on them being as follows:

Thos English Agency AYES: Messers, Mead, Andaloro, Grablick and Walsh. NOT VOTING, Mayor English.

Coon & Barrett, Wilkinson Equipment Co and Kelly & Mullin : AYES: Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. NAYS: Messers Grablick and Walsh.

Thus all bills as suggested by Dr Andaloro was ordered Paid.

The following communication was received from the City Solicitor Hon Wm.H.Gillespie and read to Council.

September 16th 1940

J.P.Fitzpatrick, City Clerk
City Hall
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter received from Attorney J. Justin Blewitt with reference to municipal lien indexed in the office of the Prothonotary of Luzerne County against James Gallagher to No. 312 March Term, 1940. The facts recited in the letter have been verified by me and under the circumstances set forth and under the decisions of the Pennsylvania Courts, the lien against this property is subject to being stricken off because of failure of the City to secure indexing against the real owner.

Accordingly, I would recommend the passage of a resolution such as suggested by Mr Blewitt, releasing part of this property from this lien, thereby preserving the lien as to the remainder of the property.

Very truly yours,
Wm.H.Gillespie.
City Solicitor.

Following is copy of letter referred too.

William.H.Gillespie, Esq.
Solicitor for City of Pittston
Dime Bank Building
Pittston, Pennsylvania

July 17 1940

Dear Sir:

On January 22, 1940 the City of Pittston caused to be issued by the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County a scire facias to revive judgement of the City of Pittston against James Gallagher, in a municipal claim filed in the office of the Prothonotary of Luzerne County to No 312 March Term, 1940 against properties known as no 74 and 76 Mill Street in the City of Pittston and directed service upon Pittston Building and Loan Assoc of Pittston, Pennsylvania, as to No 76 Mill Street.

I represent the Pittston Building and Loan Association and accepted service of the sci fa from the sheriff of Luzerne County, insofar as it related to No 76 Mill Street.

The records in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Luzerne Co discloses that the property, which I beleive is now know as 74-76 was conveyed to one John Gallagher by the Pennsylvania Coal Co by deed dated April 15, 1889 and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Luzerne County in Deed Book No. 285 at page 272. By deed dated April 25, 1894 John Gallagher and wife conveyed the property which I beleive is now known as No 76 Mill Street to Daniel Gallagher, and by a ~~letter~~ later deed dated January 7, 1905 and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Luzerne County in Deed Book No 483 at page 514, conveyed the same property to Daniel Gallagher, the purpose of the deed not being stated, but I beleive it to be to correct the previous deed, next above referred to.

On April 8, 1930 Daniel Gallagher mortgaged his said property to the Pittston Building and Loan Association No 1, which mortgage is recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Luzerne County in Mortgage Book No 336 at page 112. Due to default in the mortgage the Pittston Building and Loan Association foreclosed on the said property by proceedings to No 126 October Term 1934 and received a Sheriff's Deed for the property which is recorded in Deed Book No 730 at page 533.

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It will be seen therefore, that from 1889 up to and including the date of the Sheriff's sale, the property in question was owned and occulied by Daniel Gallagher.

The original lien which the City of Pittston is now attempting to revive, was filed by the City on January 22, 1925 against one James Gallagher, the property being described in said lien as situate in the 4th Ward in the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, bounded: North by Jos. Huber, East by Felix Petrosky, South by Mill Street, West by Paul Morlach Estate. Being known as 74-76 Mill Street and having a frontage of 50 feet.

The City of Pittston issued a scire to revive the said municipal lien to No. 809 March Term 1930 and on April 9, 1930 judgement was directed to be entered in its favor for want of an appearance and an affidavit of defense. The Sheriff's return in said proceedings I quote "Nihil habet as to James Gallagher. I further certify and return that on the 7th day of March 1930 I served the within writ upon John Gallagher terre tenant, by handing to him personally at his dwelling house, No 74 Mill Street, in the City of Pittston, Luz Co., Pa., a true and attested copy of the within writ and making known to him the contents thereof.

The City of Pittston to No 171 March Term 1935, issued a scire facias to revive the said municipal claim against James Gallagher and on March 25, 1935 by praecipe filed, judgement was directed to be entered against the defendant for want of an apperance and an affadavit of defense. In this revival I again quote from the Sheriff's return; " I hereby certif that on the 2nd day of February 1935 I served the within writ upon the withinnamed defendant, James Gallagher by handing to Mrs John Gallagher, his sister-in-law, an adult member of his famoly, at his dwelling house, No 74 Mill Street, in the City of Pittston, Luz. Co., Pa., a true and attested copy of the within writ and making known to her the contents thereof".

It will be seen therefore that the real owner of the premises was never served with the original municipal claim or in any subsequent proceedings to revive the same.

In addition to this the Pittston Building and Loan Assoc, in view of the fact that the claim was never filed or indexed against the real owner of the premises, Daniel Gallagher, bought this property without notice of the existence of this lien against the same.

I beleive that the facts as I have related them here justify the striking off of this lien insofar as it relates to the property now owned by the Pittston Building and Loan Assoc, to wit, No 76 Mill Street and I am writing you with a view of an amicable release of this property from the said judgement and revivals thereof. I would appreciate your cooperation in this matter, particularly under the facts in this case, because the Pittston Building and Loan Assoc is in no position, financially, at the present time, to engage in any litigation about this matter, but of course would be compelled to if you do not see your way clear to recommend a release by the City Council of this property.

I feel that the decision of Judge Valentine in the case of Pittston City v. the Dime Bank and Trust Co (the Glenn case) No 186 March Term 1934 and the case of Philadelphia v. Adams, reported in 18 Superior Court at page 639, govern this situation.

I am willing to cooperate with you in any way for an adjustment of this matter and you may feel at liberty to call upon me for any other information that you desire in this connection.

Very truly yours.
J. Justin Blewitt.

RESOLUTION NO 3355: WHEREAS, the City of Pittston filed a municipal claim on January 22, 1925 in the office of the Prothonatory of Luzerne County, to No. 71 March Term, 1925, M.L.D. for paving and curbing Mill Street in said city against one James Gallagher as the owner of a property on said street bounded as follows: North by Joseph Huber, East by Felix Petrosky, South by Mill Street, West by Paul Morlak and being known as No 74 - 76 Mill Street, and

J. H. Blewitt

WHEREAS, a scire facias sur municipal lien was issued on said lien in the office of the Prothonotary of Luzerne County to No. 809 March Term, 1930 and judgement taken thereon on April 9, 1930 against John Gallagher, terre tenant, for want of appearance and an affidavit of defense, and

WHEREAS, a scire facias sur municipal lien No 809 March Term, 1930 was issued on said municipal lien to revive and continue the lien thereof to No. 171 March Term, 1935 and service of said writ was made on the defendant James Gallagher, by handing the same to Mrs John Gallagher at No 74 Mill Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, and judgement taken thereon on March 25, 1935 against the defendant for want of appearance and affidavit of defense, and

WHEREAS, a scire facias sur municipal lien No. 171 March Term, 1935 was issued on said municipal lien to revive and continue the lien thereof to No. 312 March Term, 1940 and service of said writ was directed to be made on Pittston Building and Loan Association as to No. 76 Mill Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, and service of said writ was accepted by Pittston Building and Loan Association No. 1, only insofar as property No 76 Mill Street was concerned, and

WHEREAS, it has been called to our attention by Pittston Building and Loan Association No. 1, is the present owner of said property No. 76 Mill Street, having acquired the same on September 14, 1934 by deed from the Sheriff of Luzerne County recorded in Deed Book No. 730 at page 533 by virtue of the foreclosure of a mortgage on said Property given to it by Daniel Gallagher on April 8, 1930, and that the said property was owned by the said Daniel Gallagher on April 8, 1930, and that the said property was owned by the said Daniel Gallagher from April 25, 1894 and that the owner of the said premises, Daniel Gallagher, at the time of the filing of the original claim and in all subsequent proceedings was neither served, nor notified, although he in fact lived in the said property until the summer of 1934 and that the scire facias to revive and continue the lien of the judgement which was issued on January 21, 1935 (No. 171 March Term, 1935) was subsequent to the date the said property was acquired by Pittston Building and Loan Association No. 1 and consequently the judgement against the said premises had in fact expired, and

WHEREAS, it appears to us that the said judgement insofar as property No. 76 Mill Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, is illegal and would be stricken off by the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County on proper motion, and

WHEREAS, an investigation of the facts called to our attention by Pittston Building and Loan Association No. 1 disclosed that they are true,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Pittston and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same that the City Solicitor be and he is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City of Pittston to file in the Prothonotary's office of Luzerne County, a release of the said property from the lien of the said judgement.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

The following communication was received from City Solicitor Wm. H. Gillespie and read to Council, by Unanimous vote same was ordered received and filed.

September 9th 1940

J. P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk
City Hall
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of August 23, 1940, please be advised that Sections 90; to 907, both inclusive, of the Motor Vehicle Code provide full authority for prosecutions for excess weight on commercial vehicles Under the provisions of Section 903, the imposition of fines ranging from

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\$25.00 to \$50.00 upon conviction before a Magistrate, is provided, and under the provisions of Section 1207 of the Code, any Magistrate collecting such fines is required to pay the same to the Treasurer of the City.

Section 1207 further provides that the Magistrate shall make a report by a sworn statement of all fines and penalties collected for such offenses not later than the tenth day of the following month.

Very truly yours.

Wm.H.Gillespie, City Solicitor.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above was ordered received and filed.

Communication from City Solicitor enclosing letter he received from the Scranton Electric Co referring to the City's indebtedness to them of \$13,821.73 exclusive of accrued interest was read to Council. Same was ordered received and filed by clear vote of Council.

Notice and copy of application of the D&H.R.R.Co. to the Penna Public Utility Commission for the discontinuance of Passenger Trains between Scranton & Wilkes-Barre was read to Council. Same was ordered received and filed by clear vote of Council.

Following communication from Mr M.P.Ruane, Treasurer, was read to Council. On Motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh same was ordered received and filed and his selection was concurred in.

August 23, 1940

Joseph.P.Fitzpatrick, City Clerk.
City of Pittston.Penna.

Dear Sir:

I have made the following change in the present membership of the Tax Collector's office which became effective as of August 19, 1940. Miss Anna Walkavage, 96 Church Street, Pittston, as clerk in place of Miss Catharine Leehan (vacancy) who entered matrimony and her services thereafter terminated.

Very truly yours.

M.P.Ruane, Tax Collector.

Following communication was received from Acting Secretary of the Department of Mines Harrisburg.Pa. MR Jos.J.Walsh and read to Council.

August 29 1940.

J.P.Fitzpatrick, City Clerk.
Pittston.Penna.

Dear Mr Fitzpatrick:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 20th in which you suggest that I arrange to have a member of this Department explain to property holders in your city, whose property has been damaged by mine caves, just what can be done about it.

While this question involves many legal phases with which our men are not familiar and are, therefore, not competent to advise you along this particular line, nevertheless, we would be pleased to meet with the officials of your city and explain the manner in which mining has been carried on beneath your city and the extent to which caution has been exercised, together with other physical features.

A copy of your letter, together with a copy of my answer thereto, is going forward to Inspector Daniel H. Connolly of 25 E. Bennett St Kingston, Penn, with instructions to arrange for a meeting with you and the officials of your city, at which time the entire situation might be discussed. Mr Connolly, I am sure, will then study your problem and cooperate with you in finding a solution.

In closing, I desire to remark that the Department of Mines has no legal obligation in the way of protecting the surface of property thereon unless such protection is necessary for the safety of those employed in the mines.

Yours very truly,

Jos.J.Walsh, Deputy Secretary.

J. H. Fitzpatrick

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received and filed.

Mayor English stated that it had been called to his attention that out of town fruit venders were selling grapes at the freight siding of the Lehigh Valley Rail Road and that complaint had been made by local wholesalers on such practise, he was of the opinion that the Ordinance covering the licensing of fruit venders should be enforced all members entered into the discussion with the outcome that a motion was made by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead that all venders be required to obtain licenses, vote on the same was deferred until the subject was further investigated.

Mr Daniel H. Connelly, 25 East Bennett St, Kingston, Penna. Mine Inspector of the Eighth District which embraces the City of Pittston and who is referred to in the letter received from Mr Jos Walsh, Acting Secy of the Mine Bureau at Harrisburg was in attendance and offered the following. "Operators are privileged to Rob Pillars, the present work in the Morgan Slope is first mining, the cave that has occurred on Mill St during the past week no doubt has been caused from the Marcy Vein that had been worked some years ago that finally affected the Pittston Vein. Mr Connelly stated that Mr Minichello had informed him that he had not been approached by any property owners whose homes had been affected by the cave, in reference to repairs to their properties, Homes that had been affected by caves caused from mining in No 9 (Pagnotti operation) had all been repaired. Mr Connelly stated that the mining companies have crews that are known as "Tenement Crews" who make the repairs above referred to, as pillars and timber rot move caves will follow, Minichello was operating directly under where the cave occurred on Mill Street, the timber being dislodged by flying coal, concussion, etc may have been the cause of the cave and resultant damages, the abandoning operations will eventually rot timber and cause a cave, stating that the recent caves in Shenandoah occurred at a section that had been mined 35 years ago, continuing Mr Connelly stated that 30 to 40 feet of rock above a mining operation may cause a cave or settlement, however in his opinion 70 feet would prevent it, if 40% of coal is left for pillars that is enough to support the surface, Bore hole No 6533 rear of Mill st has next to surface 15 feet of Sand and Gravel, then 2 feet 3 inches of Coal followed by 17 feet 9 inches of Rock. Mr Connelly advises those property owners who have suffered damages to their homes to personally approach the mine operators and make known the amount of damages sustained and apply for its repair. We of the State Mining Bureau are interested in the surface condition only in so far as it might jepordize the lives of the miners working underneath which is our paramount duty to protect viz the lives and limbs of the worker. The cost of the shaft house erected by the Morgan Slope Co in the Park at the end of Church Street cost approximately \$800.00 to \$1,000.00." Mr Connelly was asked what report the city was entitled to as to the findings obtained by the operator in his borings throughout the city, "As a general rule none are made to the City, stated Mr Connelly, however the city can obtain that whenever it desires it by simply applying to the operator, as they are all numbered and kept on file."

Mayor English informed Mr Connelly on the fine work that had been done by Mr Thos Hennigan in his organizing of the Surface Protective Association and how the members of the City Government assisted in its progress, the assistance rendered by the members of the Scranton Assoc who have been active for years and how the members of the local association had been advised to proceed and negotiate with the operator to the end that their properties and homes would be returned to their original condition, the Mayor told Mr Connelly that he and his associates on Council fully realized that the Bureau he represented were primarily interested in the welfare of the miners, but that they all appreciated the courtesies extended both by Mr Jos Walsh and himself in coming to the meeting and in such an intelligent manner advising Council.

Messer John Higgins of the Pittston Gazette reporter staff William Watson of the Wilkes-Barre Times-Leader and Joseph Linskey of the Pittston Bulletin were in attendance and in each of their papers they had inserted complete accounts of the proceedings and especially of Mr Connelly's statements.


J. P. Higgins

A general discussion was had by all present on the subject Mr Connelly obligingly answering all questions asked him.

By clear vote of Council, Secretary Fitzpatrick was instructed to communicate with Mr Jos Walsh Acting Secretary of the Mine Bureau at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and thank him for the interest shown in having Mr Connelly visit with us and so thoroughly advise the Mayor and Council and general public.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:


J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

J.P. Fitzpatrick.

Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of September 10th were not read but on motion of Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

Dr S.C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finance, submitted the following list of Bills for approval and payment.

American LaFrance Co	Fire Hose (Exeter Hose Co)	\$ 301.75
Ardoline Bert	Affadavits	1.50
Butera Auto Body Works	Repairs to No 3 Truck.	1.50
Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Co.	Fire Hose & Nozzles.	375.25
Consumers Gas & Oil Co.	Gas & Tire Repairs.	198.83
Consumers Ice Co.	Ice, City Offices.	80.46
C.B. Dolge Co.	Cleaning Supplies.	113.62
Eugene Deitzgen & Co.	Two Scales (Engineers Office)	3.27
Wesley Evans.	Welding & Repairs Trucks, Police Car.	96.55
Eagen Hdw Co.	Supplies.	70.81
Egan Gas & Supply Co.	Gas & Oil.	346.70
Erie Railroad Co.	Expense incurred during April 1940	
	restoring Pittston Station Switch.	369.03
Jacob Kurlancheek.	Metal Stair Nosing.	17.40
Klein Auto Parts.	Parts & Supplies Trucks, Police Car.	86.11
Ludwigs Hdw Co.	Supplies.	9.72
LaBarres Stat Store.	Office Supplies.	18.88
Alex Mushkin.	2" Pipe for Projects.	11.50
Milwaukee Dustless Brush Co.	Supplies.	12.90
New York Casualty Co.	Fleet Insurance Policy.	573.80
New York Casualty Company.	Bond--John Wills.	150.00
Pittston Printing Co.	Printing Health Cards.	17.25
Pittston Oil Company.	Gas & Oil, Wash & Grease Police Car.	219.20
Vullos Tire Co.	Tire Service.	15.75
H.A. Whitman & Co.	Drinking Cups.	39.75
W-B Elec Con Co.	Electric Light Bulbs.	18.00
James Wright.	3 Sets of Annual Tax Books.	224.00
Wagner Lumber Co.	Supplies for Projects.	94.03
Mich Rollo & Ign Butera.	Refund on abatement of \$250.00 Granted	4.38
Williamsport Paper Co.	Office Supplies.	92.09

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above bills were ordered paid.

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RESOLUTION NO ~~3356~~ BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Pittston: That the following transfers be made:
IN THE SINKING FUND:

\$630.00 from Bond and Interest of 1909 (and all other funds) to Bond and Interest of 1935 Issue.

\$3,700.00 from Bond and Interest of 1923 Issue to Bond Interest of 1935 Issue.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

Following letter was received from the Pittston School Board same was read to Council.

September 24 1940

J.P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk.
City Hall.
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr Fitzpatrick:

At a meeting of the School Board held on September 23, 1940 the following resolution was adopted:

"Motion by Mr Clarke, seconded by Mr Falzone, that the property of the Penna Coal Co be exempt from school taxes for this year, as the said property is being used as a playground for the children at the Roosevelt School". All members voted yes on roll call.

Very truly yours. Thos. J. Hennigan. Secy.

J.P. Fitzpatrick

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received and filed and the Secretary was instructed to address a letter to the School Board and ask that they, in the event they desire the grounds referred to, to address a letter to City Council and so inform them.

Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call authorization was given to take out Boiler Insurance and step up the amount afterwards.

Discussion was entered into relative to an approach being made to Mr Williams of the Lehigh Valley R.R. Co relative to having their coal cars repaired here in the Coxton Yards in lieu of hauling them to Sayre to be repaired there. Mayor English stated that he had been in communication with Mr Williams on that point and expected to see him ere long when he was expected in Wilkes-Barre and that in all probability he would have some word on that point at the next meeting of Council.

Health Officer Thos Newcomb stated that in company with Dr Davidson of the Health Centre of Wilkesbarre he had visited the City refuse dump and found that paper that had been deposited there ~~was~~ set afire and caused a situation that should be eliminated. It was suggested that Messers Newcomb, Myers and Joyce take action with the business people and obtain their cooperation by having papers, card board boxes & all inflammable material bailed.

/ by Mr Mead

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded and by unanimous vote on Roll Call above gentlemen were authorized to ascertain if a boiler could be purchased thereby regulating the burning of of all inflammable material.

City Clerk was instructed to communicate with the Mayor of Carbondale and ascertain what arrangements the City officials had made with the D & H Coal Co towards the repairing of property holders homes that had been damaged by mining operations.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by unanimous vote on Roll Call Mr Joseph Walsh was instructed to ascertain the extent of the stated leaks in the water system in the Old City Hall and the Niagra Building and that Mr Joyce arrange for the City Street employees to do the excavating work.

City Clerk was instructed to write the N.Y. Casualty Co and ask them to make a survey of the experience record and equipment of the City with a view to obtaining a reduction in rates on our Fleet Ins.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick
CITY CLERK.

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City Clerk.

J.P. Fitzpatrick

Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 4 P.M. with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present, the meeting followed the Registration Day Parade sponsored by the American Legion, and participated in by other Veteran Organizations, school bands and school children of the Greater Pittston District, together with the Municipal bodies of the various towns comprising above district, the local body consisted of Mayor Kenneth J. English, Councilmen Roy Mead, Dr S.C. Andaloro, Joseph Walsh and Sylvester Grablick. City Solicitor Wm.H. Gillespie, City Clerk J.P. Fitzpatrick, City Controller Emerson Howley and Thomas Grace representing the Treasurers department, School Directors Jos Reap and Samuel Falzone, Congressman J. Harold Flannery, chief speaker at the exercises conducted at the New City Hall at the termination of the parade accompanied above officials, open automobiles decorated with the National colors conveyed all of the above. It was a most inspiring demonstration and the only one held in Luzerne or Lackawanna Counties, a most fitting tribute to Commander Thos McNeil of the American Legion.

The minutes of September 24th were not read but on motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following petition addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners was read to Council.

We, the undersigned, residents of Plank St., in the City of Pittston, request that immediate action be taken towards the removal of Wilkes-Barre Railway Company's tracks on Plank St. The hazard that exists on account of the present condition of these tracks justifies serious consideration on your part. Numerous accidents have occurred in the past, and within the last week there were three accidents one evening and a very serious accident Saturday Oct. 5, 1940. There is a very grave chance of loss of life to those who use the sidewalk as invariably the automobiles leave the highway and come up on the sidewalk. We are sure that those who are in authority and have the right to demand the removal of these tracks do not want to share such a responsibility. It should be understood all the accidents did not occur since the new Port Griffith highway was opened, as numerous reportable accidents occurred long before then. It has also been noticeably observed that the tracks are and have been removed in other municipalities and we cannot understand why the City of Pittston should be made an exception.

Signed by William L. McGarry, 68 Plank Street and others.

A general discussion was entered into on the above situation, Mayor English stated that approach had been made to Mr Eder General Manager of the Traction Co relative to the situation, he thought the proper thing to do was to pass a Resolution covering it wherein it was stated that an examination had been made of the section and the residents had been interviewed with the results that the Traction Co authorities should be addressed and informed that if the hazard was not removed that a nuisance charge would be brought against them.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Petition was ordered received and filed and that a letter be sent Mr Eder of the Traction Company and to Mr Wm. L. McGarry, signer of the Petition that they be present at our next Council meeting Tuesday October 22nd so that they whole subject could be debated.

RESOLUTION NO ^{355?} ~~354~~ BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That the following transfers be made:

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS---

\$ 812.00 from Wages, Special Officers to Salary of Patrolmen
500.00 from Salary of Sergeants, to Material & Supplies, Bur of Police.
50.00 from Insurance, Bur of Police to office supplies Bur of Eng.
50.00 from Equip, Bur of Police to Lab & Med Supplies Bur of Health.

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCE---

100.00 from Adv & Printing Reports Bur of Dir to Communication Bureau of Director.
50.00 from Off Supp, Bur of Dir, to other Expense Bur of Director.
200.00 from Adv Bur of City Clerk to Salary of Clks Bur of Treas.
200.00 from Office Supplies Bur of Treas to Sal of Clks Bur of Treas.

J.P. Fitzpatrick.

\$ 100.00 from other Exsp, Bur of Treas to Sal of Clks Bur of Treas.
 50.00 from Office Supp Bur of Assessors to Sal Clks Bur of Treas.
 420.00 from Equip Dept of Public Safety to Sal Clks Bur of Treas.
 300.00 from Spec Lit, Bur of Solicitor to Filing Liens Bur of Sol.

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT---

3,000.00 from Material & Supplies to Wages of Laborers.
 2,500.00 from Wages, Street Cleaning to Wages of Laborers.
 500.00 from Purchase of Major Equip to Wages of Laborers.
 500.00 from Gas & Oil, Dept of Strs to Wages of Laborers.

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY---

50.00 from Communications Bur of Dir to Material & Supplies
 Bureau of Operation & Maintenance.
 50.00 from Fuel, Light & Water to Material & Supplies Bureau
 of Operation & Maintenance.
 50.00 from Fuel, Light & Water to Repairs, Bureau of Operation
 and Maintenance.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by
 Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

Relative to the further progress of projects Mayor
 English stated that he wished finishing all of the smaller ones as early
 as possible then inaugurate the larger ones.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick.
 City Clerk.

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Pittston City Council met in Regular session at 12.00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present

The minutes of October 16th were not read but on Motion of Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following report on Motor Z Violations and Motor Meter returns were submitted by Mayor English.

Sept. 1, 1940 to Sept. 30, 1940	Parking Violations	\$ 81.00
Sept. 1, 1940 to Sept. 30, 1940	Meter Returns	447.10

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M.P. Ruane submitted his report for the month September. A balance of \$ 42,618.73 was shown as of Sept 30 1940

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received and filed.

Mr Thos Newcomb Sealer of Weights & Measures and Officer of the Health Department submitted his reports for the month of Sept.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above reports were ordered received & filed.

Mr M.P. Ruane, City Treasurer informed Council by letter that he had appointed Miss Susan Ruggerio, 22 East Oak Street, as (clerk) in place of Viola Ruggerio (resigned)

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was tabled. and City Clerk was instructed to so inform the City Treasurer.

The following letter was received from Atty Wm Pace Counsel for the 1st National Bank Pittston Pa, and read to Council.

Pittston Pa October 19 1940

J.P. Fitzpatrick.
Clerk of Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals,
Pittston, Pa.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of First National Bank of Pittston Pa., who recently was obliged at a very substantial financial loss to take over at Sheriff's Sale seventeen foot wide premises of Rosario Trischitta at # 151 South Main Street, Pittston City, I desire to ask the Board to grant a reasonable valuation abatement on said property for purposes of adjustment of ten years City, School, County and Poor taxes thereon, which aggregate thousands of dollars, and which I am confident the tax authorities will cheerfully approve under the circumstances, as I have talked with their representatives and know their attitude in the matter

Thanking you and the Board for any prompt and favorable consideration may be given the matter, I am

Very truly yours,
W.L. Pace, Counsel for 1st Natl Bank of
Pittston, Pa.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was referred to the City Assessor for action.

Major R.N. Myers, City Engineer submitted Sponsors acceptance of Project No 65-1-23-2492. Work Project No 25351, Location Pittston City--Road improvements--Vine & La Grange Sts.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh the above was ordered received and filed.

The following letter was received from the Penna Coal Co and read to Council.

J.P. Fitzpatrick.

October 18 1940

Mr Joseph P, Fitzpatrick,
City Clerk,
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sir:

The City of Pittston leases a plot of ground from Penna Coal Co in the Fourth Ward of Pittston for park purposes and for a number of years has been dumping ashes on part of the land. This ash fill is reaching a point where it will shortly become a nuisance unless steps are taken to properly grade the fill, and in some places, particularly in the direction of Lambert Street, the practise of dumping ashes and other refuse should be stopped. Your Engineer, Mr Nelson Myers, is familiar with this condition.

Will you please see that this matter is given prompt attention.

Very truly yours

E.V. Lynn. Land Agent.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was referred to Major R.N. Myers.

The following communication was received from Mr Emerson J, Howley, City Controller and read to Council.

October 8, 1940

Kenneth J, English, Mayor,
And Members of Council.

Gentlemen:

I wish to inform you that I have withheld my signature from Vouchers # 46394 and # 46236.

The first, dated Sept. 25th. and made payable to Howett Laboratories, Inc. for a gas disabler purchased for the Engineering Department. I feel that such a purchase is proper for the Police Department, but not the Engineering Department. This voucher will be released when the City Treasurer is reimbursed for the cost of the Gas Disabler.

The second Voucher dated Sept. 11th made payable to Jacob Karlancheek & Sons, Duryea, Pa. for Chrome stair nosings @ 29¢ per foot. I have been quoted a price from a local Merchant and Taxpayer @ 25¢ per foot. Mr Karlancheek has informed me that he will not meet the price of 25 ¢ per foot, I therefore withhold my approval of this voucher.

I suggest that in the future every effort be made to patronize local taxpayers.

Very truly yours,

Emerson J, Howley. Controller.

A discussion was had on the context of the foregoing letter Mayor English questioning the Controller as to his opinion of City Clerk Fitzpatrick's vigilance as a purchasing agent and officer and Mr Howley admitted that, generally speaking, Mr Fitzpatrick handles his assignment well. The City Clerk stated that Major Myers, City Engineer, in his the performance of his duties preparing projects etc has been obliged to go to various parts of the city and has encountered vicious dogs roaming at random, it was for his protection on such occasions that the Gas Disabler was purchased. Relative to the purchase of the Chrome stair nosing the City Clerk stated that Samuel Iorfida, employee of the Street Department had made a canvass of the local stores in quest of the required stair nosing at the time the same was required for the stairs in the Old City Hall, this occurring in the Month of June, unable to obtain the nosing, after a thorough shopping tour of the city he was informed that same could be obtained in Duryea, hence the purchase there. Mr Howley's price of 25¢ per foot was obtained from Kelly & Mullin, this firm was without this nosing at the time Mr Iorfida was shopping for it, as a Mr Baker of the Kelly & Mullin firm, so stated to Mr Iorfida. Mr Howley obtained this price of 25¢ on the nosing in early October after Kelly & Mullin had renewed their stock, at the time, having been waited upon by Mr Danky Burke or Mr Jos Mullin, he was asked if it was for himself or for the City being informed it was for the City the special price of 25¢ was quoted.

City Clerk Fitzpatrick informed Council that he had succeeded in obtaining a \$300.00 refund from the Standard Meter Co as part payment of the services of the policemen who collect the coins -- this 2% commission on \$15.000 being retroactive to the time the meters were installed under a previous government.

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On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Dr Andaloro, the City Clerk was instructed to write Miss Barrett, Supervisor of Matrons Project and ascertain if a project could be obtained for Matron attention to the Rest Rooms in the New City Hall. Above motion was carried by clear vote.

The residents of Plank St in the neighborhood of Kanes Switch were in attendance as well as Mr Jones of the W-B & Wyo Valley Traction Co, to discuss the situation and danger existing at that point via of the Traction Companys tracks and switch that was allowed to remain in place after the discontinuance of the Trolley cars, Messers McGarry, Oliver, Gibbons, Gerrity and others recited what had been happening at that point during the months, the many accidents, injuries to passengers in autos and injury sustained by the automobiles after running into telephone and electric light poles and stone walls in that section, a dangerous situation exists there not only to the drivers of automobiles but to the pedestrians using the sidewalks, as machines were constantly thrown out of their course once they contacted the switch and mounted the sidewalks on either side of the street.

Mayor English stated that he had taken up the subject over a year ago with both Mr Eder and Mr Jones and they stated that they would attempt having the State assist in having the danger removed.

Mr Jones for the Traction Company said that the Company and especially himself was not aware of the seriousness of the situation, but that he would recommend to his company the removal of both the tracks and the switch at the earliest possible moment.

Mayor English stated to Mr Jones that he had no desire to go into Court and prefer negligence charges against the Traction Co, but that if the situation was not corrected without delay he would of necessity be compelled to proceed as above stated.

Messers Gibbons and Oliver thanked Mayor English for the efforts put forward by him in attempting to entirely remove the hazard.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by unanimous vote on Roll Call a vote of thanks was extended those in attendance for the interest shown and their presence from their business to further the subject.

Moved by Mr Walsh, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by unanimous vote on Roll Call that Mayor English be empowered to approach the Traction Company and arrange for the removal of the tracks from the Erie R.R. Crossing to the City limits and if not satisfactory to proceed with the situation as he elects.

Mayor English stated for the benefit of the gentlemen in attendance that possibly a Petition would have to be sent to the Public Service and Utilities Commission at Harrisburg, if necessary same would be done asking for a conference between ourselves the Commission and the Traction Company representatives.

The following letter was presented by Mr Wm.L.McGarry, and read to City Council.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Highways
Harrisburg

Mr William L.McGarry
68 Plank Street
Pittston, Penna

October 8, 1940

Dear Mr McGarry:

I have your letter of October 7 with respect to the street car tracks in the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, on Plank St.

This matter should be directed to your City authorities inasmuch all franchises for street railway tracks are with the City and not with this Department, and arrangements must be made for the Paving of the area now occupied by the street car tracks before we can undertake the improvement of the street in question.

Very truly yours

T.O.Frame, Chief Engineer.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received and filed.

J. H. Fitzpatrick.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.


City Clerk.



Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12.00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of October 22nd were not read but on motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following report on Parking Violations and Meter Returns were submitted by Mayor English.

October 1, 1940 to October 31, 1940	Parking Violations.	\$ 77.00
October 1, 1940 to October 31, 1940	Meter Returns.	451.95

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M.P. Ruane submitted his report for the month of October. A balance of \$ 25,279.15 was shown as of October 31, 1940

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received and filed.

Mr Thos Newcomb, Sealer of Weights & Measures and Officer of the Health Department submitted his reports for the month of October.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

Resolution No 3358 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS BE MADE:

311.27 from the Bond & Interest of 1909 (and all other funds) to the General Fund.

\$ 883.30 from the Funding Bond of 1935 to the General Fund.

\$ 221.10 from the Seperate Fund to the General Fund.

\$ 1,300.62 from the Traffic Fund (Meter Service) to the General Fund.

\$ 365.01 from 1938 Bond (New City Hall Acct. #1) to the General Fund.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION No 3359 ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made and concluded this 12th day of November 1940, by and between the CITY of PITTSTON, COUNTY of LUZERNE, A Municipality subdivision of the Commonwealth of Penna party of the first part, hereinafter called City, and Degen, Messer & Company, a Partnership organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania party of the second part, hereinafter called Company.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Pittston, at a regular meeting held on this 12th day of November, 1940 passed a Resolution employing the said Company to prepare the Municipal Loans Tax Report for the said City for the year 1940, under certain terms and conditions, therefor

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION of the premises, it is hereby mutually agreed that

(a) The Company shall audit and determine the exempt holders of the bonds of the above-mentioned City for the year 1940, prepare the Municipal Loans Tax Report as required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and audit the Loans Tax Assessment made therefrom.

(b) As compensation for such services, The City agrees to pay and the Company agrees to accept the sum of Seventy-five (75.00) Dollars in full settlement for the preparation and filing of the said Report and the audit of the Tax Settlement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be duly executed by their proper officers, under their seal, the day and year aforesaid.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

J. J. English

RESOLUTION No 3360 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the action of the Mayor in directing counsel to perfect appeal of the City of Pittston from the decision of the Court of Common Pleas in the action for mandamus brought by Albert Detoro vs. the City of Pittston, Kenneth J. English, Mayor et.al. be and the same is hereby approved, ratified and affirmed.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

A communication from the St Johns Lutheran Church Council referring to an Old style fire plug situated on Wood St close to the Church was read to Council. Mr Grablick Director of Public Safety informed Council that same would be investigated.

Following letter was read to Council.

Pittston City Council
City Hall
Pittston, Penna. Nov 12th 1940

Gentlemen:

I represent Mrs Anna Marchulonis, 20 Mitchell St Jenkins T'shp Pennsylvania, who, on August 12, 1940, sustained painful and serious injuries in a fall down a flight of stairs in the New City Hall building under circumstances of which you are, no doubt, familiar.

The bills of Mrs Marchulonis to date are as follows:
Dr Michael J. Murphy \$ 75.00: Pittston Hospital \$30.00, and \$5.00 weekly to a woman who performed the house work for Mrs Marchulonis since the date of her injuries.

I have been instructed to accept \$750.00 in settlement of this claim, providing same is accepted within a reasonable time from this date

Thanking you for your attention to this matter and an acknowledgement of this letter, I remain

Very truly yours.
Patrick J. Flannery.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was referred to City Solicitor Gillespie for an opinion.

Following communication was received from Kehoe & McNamara relative to Liability Insurance on the New and Old City Halls.
City of Pittston Officials
Pittston, Pa. Nov 12 1940

Gentlemen:

The New City Hall is properly rated as buildings or premises-bank or office code 79. The \$.11 area rate and 4 .07 frontage rate applied to the coverage produces and annual premium of \$ 19.32 for standard limits. The three year premium, payable in advance is \$50.72 The following is the increased limits applicable to this building:

10/20	One Year	\$21.64	Old City Hall	
10/20	Three Years	\$56.81	25/50	1 Year \$6.00
			3 "	15.79
25/50	One Year	\$23.18		
25/50	Three Years	\$60.86		

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the City Clerk was instructed to negotiate as good a contract with the above firm as it was possible.

City Assessor Jos P. McCanna recommended a refund of Personal Tax on \$150.00 Valuation for the year of 1940 for Wallace Millus deceased 109 1/2 Searle Street.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above request was granted.

J. H. Flannery

Mr Mead, Director of Streets & Public Improvements informed his colleagues that the Wilkesbarre & Wyoming Valley Traction Company had inaugurated the work of Trolley track & switch removal on Plank Street and that the work was progressing very satisfactorily.

Mr Grablick, Director of Public Safety stated that his Department could use some Gas masks for the protection of the firemen in the discharge of their duties in smoke filled buildings. and that credit would be allowed the City in their purchase. He ~~was~~ authorized to look further into the subject and to use his own judgement.

Mr Howley, City Controller called Councils attention to the plates used on the walls of the building for turn off switches stating that they were a cheap product instead of the brass plates he thought should have been used.

Mr Mead, Director of Streets was of the opinion that Major R.N. Myers, City Engineer should enter a project for the improvement of the alleyways in the City. Mayor English answered by saying that all City wide projects planned from July 1940 to July 1941 are already planned and in the stage of being perfected. also that Projects contemplated covering Fiscal Year 1941 to 1942 can be planned during the coming year.

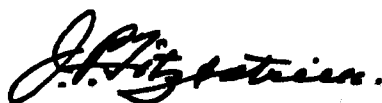
Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

ATTEST:


City Clerk.



Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 7.30 P.M. with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of November 12th were not read, but on motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 418, submitted by Mayor English :
" AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBTS AND EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR , COMMENCING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY 1941 AND ENDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY 1942" was read at length.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro the above ORDINANCE was passed on First Reading. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. NAYS: MESSERS GRABLIICK AND WALSH.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 418 was read by Title for the Second time. On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro the above ORDINANCE was passed on Second Reading by the following vote. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. NAYS MESSERS GRABLIICK AND WALSH.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 419, submitted by Mayor English:
" AN ORDINANCE FIXING FENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1941" was read at length.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Ordinance was passed on First Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 419 was read by Title for the Second time. On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Ordinance was passed on Second Reading

RESOLUTION NO 3361 BE IT RESOLVED, bt the City Council of the City of Pittston; "That WHEREAS, the PITTSTON City Council has approved the plans prepared by R.N.Myers for the project for improving

Cliff St.	Between Chapel St, and Ormsby Alley.
Thistle St.	Between Union St. and Ormsby Alley.
Church St.	Between Butler St. and Carroll St.
Defoe St.	Between William St. and Butler St.

CITY OF PITTSTON

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pittston City Council at this Special meeting held Nov 25th 1940 that the Works Progress Administration District No. 2 Pennsylvania be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of said project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if and when the project is approved by the Works Progress Administration, the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL will furnish at its own exspense, all tools, materials, supplies and necessary equipment to complete the said project, and that R.N.Myers, be and he is hereby appointed to be the certifying officer responsible to the Works Progress Administration for the supplying the tools, materials supplies and equipment referred to. to be delivered on the site from time to time as required by the Works Progress Administration.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3362 BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That WHEREAS, The PITTSTON City Council has approved the plans prepared by R.N.Myers for the project for a

Re-Survey to establish Street Centers and Boundary Lines of the City of Pittston.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL AT THIS SPECIAL meeting held Nov 25th 1940 that the Works Progress Administration District No 2 Pennsylvania , be requested to furnish the

necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of said project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if and when the project is approved by the Works Progress Administration, the Pittston City Council will furnish at its own expense, all tools, materials, supplies and equipment necessary to complete the said project, and that R.N. Myers, be and he is hereby appointed to be the certifying officer responsible to the Works Progress Administration for supplying the Tools, materials, supplies and equipment referred to, to be delivered on the site from time to time as required by the Works Progress Administration.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3363 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the following Funds be abolished as of October 31st, 1940.

1909 Bond and Interest (and all other Funds)
Funding Bond of 1938
Separate Fund
Traffic Service Fees
1939 Bond (New City Hall Account No 1)

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3364 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the President and Secretary of the League of the Third Class Cities be and they are hereby urged to promote legislation at the forthcoming Assembly of the Pennsylvania Legislature requiring the immediate payment of license (Retail beer and Liquor) moneys which were withheld from certain Cities of the Third Class during the year 1940 by the State and that a copy of this Resolution be mailed to the following with request that their aid in the promotion of such legislation be given; City of Wilkesbarre, City of Hazleton, City of Nanticoke, Senator Leo O. Mundy, Senator Robert Miller and all Representatives in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from Luzerne County.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3365 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

WHEREAS, in keeping with the National Defense Program, the Congress of the United States has passed a Law, signed by the President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt, calling into active Service The National Guard, And,

WHEREAS, The 109th Field Artillery, Wyoming Valleys own National Guard Regiment, has been called for Active Service, and

WHEREAS, The Pro-To Club of Luzerne County, A Civic Service Club of Business and Professional Men, desires to give the Patriotic Citizens of our Valley an opportunity to express their Traditional Loyalty and Support to our Local Guard Regiment, And,

WHEREAS, The Colonel commanding the Regiment, Thomas H. Atherton, and His Staff have expressed to the Pro-To Club the needs of the Regiment for Gasoline operated Coffee Urns for each Regimental Unit, to insure our soldier neighbors hot coffee on the March and without delay during Rest Periods, And

WHEREAS, The Pro-To Club has undertaken to conduct Tag Day throughout the Wyoming Valley on November 28th, 29th, and 30th, to raise the necessary funds for the purchase of said coffee urns, And,

WHEREAS The Pro-To Club has requested permission of the Council of the City of Pittston to conduct Tag Days on November 28th, 29th, and 30th within the municipal limits of the City of Pittston, And

WHEREAS, The Council of the City of Pittston is fully aware that its Citizens consider it a Patriotic Duty to aid in their Local National Guard Regiment with Reasonable comforts recommended by the

J. H. B. Patriotic.

Regiment Officers, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that permission be granted the Pro-To Club of Luzerne County to conduct a sale of Tags in the City of Pittston on November 28th, 29th and 30th for the purpose of raising funds necessary for the purchase of Gasoline-Operated Coffee Urns for the 109th Field Artillery, And

Be it Resolved Further, and it is hereby Resolved Further That in the City of Pittston November 28th, 29th and 30th shall be known as " 109th Field Artillery Days" in Tribute to the Gallant Record of the 109th Field Artillery in its Service to our Country and as a token of the good wishes of the Council and the Citizens of the City of Pittston for the 109th Field Artillery during the Regiments Active Service Period

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was Adopted.

The following letter was read to Council and by Motion of Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

November 25 1940

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council:

I hereby submit the Valuation of Property and Coal for the year of 1941.

Property Valuation	\$9,541,999.00
Coal "	582,509.00
Total Valuation	\$ 10,124,508.00

Hoping this report will suffice in compiling the 1941 Budget, I remain,

Very truly yours,
Joseph P. McCanna.
City Assessor.

The following letter received from Miss Anne M. Barrett District Director Prof and Service Projects Federal Works Agency Work Projects Administration, Scranton Penna, in answer to one sent her applying for Matron Service for the Rest Rooms in New City Hall, was read to City Council. On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received & filed. Mr J.P. Fitzpatrick. November 20th 1940

City Clerk
City Hall
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of November 9, in which you express your desire to sponsor a Matron Service Project for the rest rooms in the New City Hall in Pittston. I am sorry to tell you that WPA Procedure does not permit us to operate a Matron Project in any building other than public schools. We are sorry we cannot be of any assistance to you at this time.

Very sincerely yours,
Anne M. Butler, Dist Dir
Prof. and Service Projects.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

J.P. Fitzpatrick.

Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 7 P.M. with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present.

The Minutes of November 25th were not read but on Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following report on Parking Violations and Meter Returns were submitted by Mayor English.

November.1,1940 to November .30,1940	Parking Violations	\$55.00
November.1,1940 to November.30,1940	Meter Returns.	357.88

Mayor English stated that the cause of the smaller meter returns was attributable to the Holidays in the month together with a compliance with the Merchants in allowing 4 free meter days during their sales.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received & filed.

City Treasurer M.P. Ruane submitted his report for the month of November. A balance of \$ 15,354.90 was shown as of Nov 30 1940

On motion By Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received & filed.

Health Officer & Sealer of Weights & Measures Thomas Newcomb submitted his reports for the month of November.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received and filed.

Dr S.C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finance recommended the payment of the following bills.

Anthracite Paint Co.	Traffic White, Etc.	\$ 10.85
Austin Powder Co.	Dynamite, Quarry Project.	25.27
Bittenbender Co.	Supplies Laurel Line Crk.	3.30
Bonser William.	Spot Light Police Car.	11.45
Borr & Casey.	Rubber Gloves-Foster.	.39
Butera Body Works.	Repairs No 4 Truck.	4.00
Bell Telephone Co.	Telephone Service.	133.18
Continental Products.	Traffic White.	10.00
Coal-O-Matic Stoker Co.	Repairs to Stoker.	9.50
Drury Wm, Est.	Supplies Street Dept.	21.21
Duplex Mfg Co.	Monument Box, Eng Dept.	9.50
Delehanty Dyeing Co.	Steel Bolts, Street Dept.	.75
Eastern Penna Supply Co.	Push Brooms for Projects.	21.00
Evans Wesley.	Welding & Repairs.	9.75
Friedman Jack,	Supplies Treasurers Office.	1.35
Fern Restaurant.	Food Prisoners.	1.40
Glen Summitt Water Co.	Water, City Offices.	76.00
Huber Mfg Co.	Fan Belt, Roller.	7.71
Hazard Insulated Co.	Supplies, Fire Alarm Sys.	26.60
Hollerans Drug Store.	Supplies, Public Safety.	1.25
Krise Wm.L.	Bolts & Nuts, Service Auto.	.90
Kleinrocks.	Rubber Gloves, Laurel Line Cr.	4.20
Lacka Blue Print Co.	City Engineers Supplies.	8.54
Montante Chester.	Painting Desk. /Car	5.00
Motorin Garage.	Greasing & Washing Police	12.25
O'Dea W.J.	Typewriter Rep Mayors Office	4.00
Penna Coal Co.	Park Rent Apr '40 to Apr '41	12.00
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.	Glass, Police Dept.	4.35
Petrellos Brake Service.	Repairs Eagle Hose Pumper.	4.70
Ridall Hugh.	Repair Adding Machine.	3.15
Remington Rand, Inc.	Mimeograph Supplies.	7.40
Standard Equipment.	Hook Springs, St Dept.	5.50
Scranton Truck Co.	Parts # 2 Truck	5.44
Mitchell Lumber Co.	Supplies--Projects.	7 00.00
Smiles Allan.	Repairs to Locks, Keys.	3.75
Service Supply Co	Rental on Mixer.	183.00
Seeley Frank & Son.	Hinges & Snap Pins.	7.30

J. H. Fitzpatrick.

Scranton Chemical Co.	Supplies-Janitor.	\$ 13.50
Stackhouse Electric Co.	Repairs to Trucks.	2.25
Scranton Electric Co.	Office Lighting.	221.24
Tamblyn Co.	Mimeograph Supplies.	13.00
Texas Lunch.	Food Prisoners.	3.20
Weinberger Gus.	Installing Diffusers.	10.20
Weber F & Co	Eng Field Books.	8.58
Wagner Lumber Co.	Supplies, Street Dept.	8.71
W-B. Electric Construction Co.	Light Bulbs.	4.65
Williams Paper Co.	Office Supplies.	16.00
Kohl. John.B.	Decorating City Hall.	5.00

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above bills were ordered paid.

A letter from the Athletic Council of the City of Pittston School District signed by Francis A Earley, Pres. O.H. Leehan, Secy and Regina S. Long, Treasurer, commending John Joyce and the Street Dept, for their preparing the playing field of Albert West Park for the Annual Pittston High School Vs St John's High School Foot Ball Game played on Thanksgiving Day, also commending the Police Dept for their policing the Game was read to Council. By unanimous vote same was ordered received and Filed.

Mr Jos. P. McCanna, City Assessor recommended an abatement for the years 1939 and 1940 to Miss Mary Morrow, 62 Cliff St. Pittston, Pennsylvania, assessed in the First Ward to correct an error in copying, amount of abatement \$168.00

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the abatement was allowed as suggested.

The following letter addressed to Mayor English was read to Council, On motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed and referred to City Engineer Major R.N. Myers.

Honorable K.J. English, Mayor
Luzerne County
Pittston, Penna.

November 30th 1940

Dear Naylor English:

As Superintendant of Highways in the City of Pittsburg I realize the great expense to which the Administration is put in order to maintain the streets of the City.

It is my firm belief that with the increase of traffic especiallt truck traffic, the streets will become even more costly to keep in condition and, as usual, the real estate taxes will have to be increased to meet this additional expense.

During the 1941 session of the Legislature I intend to present a Bill which will, if passed, bring aid to the City Administration and to the home owners. It will compel the State to pay to each City a certain amount out of the Motor Vehicle Fund for the purpose of maintaining streets in the City.

This would lift a great burden from the shoulders of the real estate owners and would be a fair request because the City gets not one cent of the amount of money secured by the State from both the Gasoline Tax and Drivers and Owners Licenses which are paid by the residents of the City.

In an effort to secure data to present this bill, I am asking you to answer the following questions:

1st How many miles of streets are there in your City?

2nd What is the present population of your City?

I wish to thank you for whatever information you are able to furnish and I also would like to ask your cooperation in securing passage of this proposed Bill.

Sincerely yours.

Elmer J. Holland.

A lengthy discussion was entered into by Messers Grablick, Walsh and Mead on the expenses incurred in the collection of ashes, suggested finally that same be let out on Contract. On motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh and by the following vote on Roll Call Yeas: Messers Mead, Grablick and Walsh, Nays: Messers Andaloro & English

A. J. B. retained.

It was moved that ash and garbage collections be let out on bids and that City Solicitor and City Clerk draw up a Contract covering same, the Mayor and Council to pass on said Contract previous to advertising for Bids.

Mr Walsh suggested that the City Clerk notify Mr Wm Crunden, General Contractor of New City Hall relative to the broken glass in the main entrance doors to the City Hall, also to notify Mr Popky, Electrical Contractor of Wilkesbarre, Pa. that the light switches and wall plates are not according to specifications and that if both of the above do not correct the existing conditions that the City will have same remedied and replaced and charge each of above contractors for the material used and labor on same.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

ATTEST


J.P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk.

J.P. Fitzpatrick

Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 8 P.M. with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of December 10th were not read but on motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following bills were recommended for payment by Dr S.C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finance. On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered paid.

Penna Coal Co.	Tax Refund	\$ 2,039.98
Hillside Coal & Iron Co.	Tax Refund	98.39
Lehigh Valley Coal Co.	Tax Refund	182.42
Firemens Payroll	April, May & June	640.80
Dershimer Lumber Co.	Supplies-Projects	102.30
Pittston Gazette Co.	Stat, Printing & Advert.	385.84
M.P. Ruane,	Cash Advances-Mo of Nov.	
To Wm.H. Gillespie, for filing Liens & Revivals. (Fees)		286.35
To Thos.A. Grace for Salary--Mo of Nov.		140.00
To Nan Golden for U.S. Stamp purchase for Police Dept.		10.00
Thos. Hood, Repair to Fire Alarm System.		47.94
Jos. Loughney, Niagra Hose Co. Parts \$14.23 Labor \$43.00		57.23
Jos. Loughney, Old City Hall. Parts \$16.52 Labor \$20.00		36.52
Peter M. Margie, Prothonatory. 16 Writs of Scire Facias to revive Municipal Liens for Grading & Curbing Nos. 1596 to 1611 December Term 1940 at \$1.25 each. /Tax		20.00
Peter M. Margie, Prothonatory. 762 Municipal Liens for 1937 at \$1.25 each or a total of		952.50
Filing 667 suggestion at \$1.00 each or a total of		667.00

RESOLUTION NO 3366 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the following transfers be made: \$4,371.00 from the New City Hall Constr. Acct. to the General Fund.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3367 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the following transfers be made: \$175.00 from the Dept. of Parks & Public Property, Bur. of Library, Operation & Maintenance to the Dept. of Accts. & Finance, Bur. of Solicitor, Filing Liens, Etc.

\$225.00 from the Dept. of Parks & Public Property, Bur. of Library, Operation & Maintenance to Material & Supplies in the Dept. of Parks & Public Property.

\$1,600.00 from Firemens' Relief, Bur. of Misc. Accts. to Filing Liens, etc. Bur. of Solicitor, Dept. of Accts. & Finance.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3368 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That in recognition of the spirit of co-operation, civic pride & helpfulness, displayed by Messers R.D. Shepherd, Supt. Wm Jermyn & Edward Green, Owners of Jermyn-Green Coal Co., in having created, by their employees, the beautiful Star that adorns the New City Hall, as the main portion of the Christmas display, and complimenting the Mayor, Council & Citizenry with same, we wish Via this Resolution to recognize their graciousness & return thanks to them & their associates, as well as that this action of Mayor Kenneth J. English and Council become a part of the minutes of this meeting & that a copy of this Resolution be mailed to the above named Gentlemen.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

J. H. English

On suggestion of Mayor Kenneth J. English, referring to the Christmas Decorations and Display on the New City Hall, a motion was made by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call a vote of thanks was given the City Clerk J P. Fitzpatrick for his arrangement of Christmas Holiday display on the New City Hall.

A communication was received from City Solicitor Wm H. Gillespie and read to Council covering the indebtedness to Peter M. Margie, Prothonator of Luzerne County for 16 writs Scire Facias to revive Municipal Liens for Grading & Curbing at \$1.25 Each Total \$20.00 and for 762 Municipal Liens for 1937 at \$1.25 each Total \$ 952.50 also filing 667 suggestions at \$1.00 each Total of \$667.00

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above was ordered received & Filed.

Following letter was read to Council
J. P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk. December 16th, 1940
City Hall
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of Dec 11, 1940, in which you inform me that Council instructed you to direct the City Solicitor to prepare a contract providing for the collection of ashes and garbage, to be let out under bids to be submitted to Council following advertisement, and further, that Council would approve such contract previous to advertising for bids.

In reply to your letter, permit me to say that before I can prepare such a contract it will be necessary for Council to pass a Resolution setting forth the terms, conditions and specifications to be embodied in the proposed contract. This Resolution should also provide for the advertisement for bids according to such terms, conditions and specifications so provided, if the cost of the proposed collection of refuse and garbage exceeds \$500.00. It should provide, of course, for a deposit of a specific sum of money to accompany each bid which may be submitted. These requirements, of course, do not apply where the work is done or provided by the officers and employees of the city. (See Article XIX, Section 1902 of the Act governing Third Class Cities, to wit June 23 1931, P.L. 932, as amended by the Act of May 22, 1933, P.L. 927)

Subsequently, after Council accepts the lowest bid so submitted the City Solicitor will be in a position to prepare and submit to Council a form of contract containing the essential matters embodied in the Resolution to be executed by the successful bidder and the City of Pittston.

Further, I wish to advise you that the present ordinance under which ashes and unburnable refuse are collected by the city employees, namely, the Ordinance approved August 24, 1937, excludes garbage and burnable refuse, among other things, and, therefore, this ordinance should be either amended to include the proposed change, or preferably, be repealed and a new ordinance covering the required changes be adopted before proceeding along the lines I have above indicated.

I shall await further instructions and information from Council in the matter under consideration.

Very truly yours,
Wm H. Gillespie, City Solicitor.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received & Filed.

Following letter read to Council.
The Mayor and Members of Council, Dec 23 1940
City of Pittston Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

On the 16th day of October 1940, I notified you of the appointment of Miss Susan Ruggerio, 22 East Oak Street, Pittston, Penna., as clerk in my office to fill a vacancy.

Since that date Miss Ruggerio has not been paid because warrants for her pay have not been received.

Will you please provide for the issuance of necessary warrants so that payment may be made to this employee. Very Truly yours, M. P. Ruane

M. P. Ruane

Continued.

Pittston Pa., December 23rd 1940

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On motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh above letter was ordered received and filed and warrants ordered drawn and Miss Ruggerio paid, by the following vote. AYES: Messers Mead, Grablick, Walsh and English. Not Voting Dr Andaloro.

Following letter was read to Council.

Dec 16th 1940

Mr Joseph Fitzpatrick,

My dear Friend:

I could be charged with a want of appreciation did I not remark your beautiful decoration of color and form enhanced with the glow of heavenly light, as I have the finest view in the City from the window of my Study.

Influenced by leadership in decoration I may give a Christmas design on the grounds opposite our Rectory next year, which will be credited to your inspiration.

Wishing you the fullness of Christmas Joy, I am

Yours sincerely

P.J. Boland.

On motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received & filed.

The following communications were read to Council

Director of Accounts & Finance
City of Pittston
Pittston Pennsylvania.

Nov 22 1940
County Luzerne
Route 40103
Job No 1640263
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You will find under the "Division of Cost" your share of the costs incurred by the Department of Highways for repaving Parsonage Street between Station 0--00 and 24--74, including the abandoned car TRACK AREA in Pittston City Under agreement No 6933 P.U.C. Order No Dated January 22, 1940 The repaving was completed August 3, 1940

DIVISION of COST

STATE
CITY OF PITTSTON
Total

\$5,221.01
3,482.50
\$8,703.51

J H. Dorning.

Deputy Secy of Hways & Comptroller

December 17 1940

In your reply please
refer to O.R. 640

Director of Accounts & Finances
City of Pittston
Pittston, Penna.

Recently we forwarded a statement of your share of the cost of construction on Appl. Route 40103 amounting to \$3,482.50

Interest at the rate of six percent is charged beginning thirty days after the date on the statement.

We are calling this to your attention in order that you may make payment before interest accrues.

J H. Dorning, Comptroller.

On suggestion of Mayor English it was moved by Mr Grablick seconded by Mr Mead and voted Unanimously on Roll Call that the above be received and filed and referred to a Committee composed of the Director of Accounts & Finance Dr S.O. Andaloro, City Comptroller Emerson Howley and Mayor Kenneth J. English, to wait on the officers of the W-B and Wyoming Valley Traction Co relative to the payment of the above account.

List showing the types of White Collar work that can be performed by W.P.A. for Cities and Boroughs, received from Jos A. McNulty, Assistant Director, Fed Works Agcy, Work Projects Administration, 325 Ash Street Scranton, Penna. was presented to Council same by clear vote on Roll Call was ordered received & filed.

Letter from the Standard Meter Corp, Hartford Conn. quoting approximate cost of painting the Meters and standards as well changing the large glass in the meters to aluminum discs was read to Council. The painting to be entered as a N.Y.A. Project. by clear vote same was referred to Police Chief Edward Moran.

J. H. Dorning

A memorandum dated December 19 t h 1940 relating to to a Dump Site in the 8th Ward City accompanied by a sketch of the same and statement made that said land was owned by the Pennsylvania Coal Co was tendered to Council by Major R.N.Myers, City Engineer.

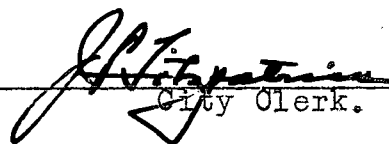
On motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was received and filed and referred to Major Myers with instructions to him to negotiate with the Penna Coal Co for a Lease for the property.

Mayor English stated that if the Tax refund was paid the Penna Coal Co, also payment made of the Pittston Gazette Co and the Dersheimer Lumber Co bill that they in turn would make settlement of their Tax indebtedness to the City. He also stated that the Firemen should be paid for the Months of April, May and June and hoped that same was done.

Mr Mead stated that he had been approached by residents of the Chapel Street section with the proposition of causing a walk being projected for bordering the Cemetery on Chapel Street with an outlet opposite the old Maloney Store on No Main Street thereby allowing those living on the hill section to have a Shorter cut to the St Marys Church on No Main Street. On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the City Clerk was requested to inform Major R.N.Myers, City Engineer to stake out a 6 or 12 foot walk adjoining the Cemetery and enter a project for the construction of the same.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.


ATTEST:


City Clerk.

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J P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.



Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of December 23rd were not read but on Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 418 was read by Title for the Third time. On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by the following vote above Ordinance was passed on Third Reading. AYES: Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. NAYS: Messers Grablick and Walsh.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 419 was read by Title for the Third time. On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Ordinance was passed on Third Reading.

Mr Sylvester Grablick, Director of Public Safety had read to Council by City Clerk Fitzpatrick a letter received from Mr Spader of the Gamewell Fire Alarm Company in reference to a bill against the City for \$115.00 for equipment or work done on the Fire Alarm System, Mr Grablick moved, seconded by Mr Walsh that the communication be made a part of the Minutes of the meeting, the Motion was lost by a 3 to 2 vote. It was ascertained that no Requisition had been obtained for the purchase of any parts or for work done covering the above charge Mayor English stating that in his opinion the bill should not given to the City, he figuring that if Mr Walsh had made a mistake regarding the requirements necessary on the Fire Alarm System that the City should not necessarily be held accountable. Mayor English stated that the Contract on the Fire Alarm System could be viewed at any time that one wished doing so, as a copy of same were in his files and that a copy of same were in the possession of Coon & Barrett Architects.

On Motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call Mr Coon of Coon & Barrett together with Mr A.A. Walsh, City Electrician were requested to be present at the next meeting of Council to further enlighten the Mayor and Council on the foregoing.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call disposition of the Tax Duplicate of Treasurer M.P. Ruane, was deferred until next meeting of Council.

Mr Chas Monie of the Scranton Spring Brook Water Co was in attendance to enter a complaint on the opening charge of streets made by the City against his Company stating that a charge of \$10.00 is made by the State plus \$1.00 for a permit when an opening is made in the Highway pave, whereas the City charges \$25.00. Mayor English stated that Mr Thos. F. Gallagher a former Councilman and who voted on the above charge stated to him that the charge of \$25.00 was established in order to discourage the opening of the streets, the City Engineer concurred in the same. A specific instances of charges having been made by the City for the second opening at the same point was made by Mr Monie, VIZ: May 1939 an opening was made at 669 No Main Street and on Jan 28th 1940 an opening was made at the same address he felt that this second charge should not have been made.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the Second charge was ordered rescinded.

No further business Council adjourned.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

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Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 8 P.M. with Mayor Kenneth J.English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of Dec 31st were not read but on Motion by Dr Andaloro,seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received,filed and adopted.

The following report on Parking Violations and Meter Returns for the month of December was submitted by Mayor English.

December.1,1940 to December 31,1940	Parking Violations	\$ 75.00
December.1,1940 to December 31,1940	Meter Returns	432.05

On motion by Dr Andaloro,seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received & filed.

The following report covering Parking Violations,State Fines,Violations of Ordinances and monies collected from the Meters from January 1,1940 to December 31,1940 was submitted by Mayor English.

January.1,1940 to December.31,1940	Parking Violations.	\$ 883.00
January.1,1940 to December.31,1940	Viol of Ordinances.	45.00
January.1,1940 to December.31,1940	State Fines.	30.00
January.1,1940 to December.31,1940	Meter Returns	5286.38

On motion by Mr Walsh,seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received & filed.

City Treasurer M.P.Ruane,submitted his report for the month of December. A balance of \$ 18,550.85 was shown as of Dec 31,1940.

On motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received & filed.

Health Officer & Sealer of Weights & Measures Thomas New comb submitted his report for the month of December.

On motion by Dr Andaloro,seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received & filed.

Dr S.C.Andaloro,Director of Accounts & Finance recommended payment of the following bills.

Wilkes-Barre Multigraphing Company	Printing (Solicitor)	\$ 8.69
John A.Allan.	Employees Comp Ins.	404.24

On motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above bills were ordered paid.

City Assessor Jos P.McCanna recommended an abatement of \$500.00 in Valuation per year on house,for years 1935-1936-1937-1938-1939 and 1940,on property of Margaret Murphy,38 Fulton St., 6th Ward,Pittston Penna. On account of fire and no tenant in these specified years.

On motion by Dr Andaloro,seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above request was granted.

The following communications were received from Major R.N. Myers City Engineer.

On motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received & filed and that a vote of thanks be given Major Myers for interest shown and the speed with which all of the work was prepared & concluded.

Pittston City Council.

January 3,1941

Gentlemen:

The following is a resume of the status of the several projects included in your W.P.A.program as of this date.

1. Projects now operating --:

a. Laurel Line Creek..... 15% Complete.

b. Streets

Butler Street 10% Complete

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East Street	20% Complete.
Price Street	20% Complete.
La Grange Street	20% Complete.
Prospect Street	80% Complete.
Seneca Street	5% Complete
Division Street	5% Complete.

- c. Survey Project, to locate and record all underground structures. 90% Complete.

2. Projects approved but not commenced --:

Union Street	Middle Court
Johnson Street	Dock Street
Tompkins Street	Vine Street Culvert

Area Wide Sidewalk & Curb. Suspended until Spring.

3. Projects now in Washington, D.C. for review & approval--:

Thistle Street	Bet Union Street & Ormsby Alley.
Church Street	Bet Butler & Carroll Streets.
Defoe Street	Bet Butler & William Streets.
Cliff Street	Bet Chapel & Ormsby Alley.

4. The W.P.A. through its local representative Mr Howard West is prosecuting the work in a most efficient manner and is now furnishing the following equipment.

- 1 - Air Compressor.
- 1 - Pump.
- 2 - Dempster Dumpsters (Each equivalent to 5 trucks)
- 2 - Dump Trucks

The stone for use in street base and culvert construction is being acquired from the lands of the Pennsylvania Coal Co without any cost to the City. With the present allotment of equipment the above work should continue until October 1, 1941. It is therefore recommended that the undersigned be directed to prepare and present the following units, thereby insuring a completed program for the year 1941.

Streets.

Ford Street	Bet Butler Street & William Street.
Daley Street	Bet William Street & Broad Street.
Vine Street	From Swallow - 600' South.
Leonard St	From Prospect Street to Searle Street.

Sewers

Storm outfall from Parsonage Street to the Panama Creek.
 Short lateral on Alley West of Main Street from R.R. to Oak Streets.
 Short storm outfall on Tompkins Street, from Market Street to L.L. Creek.
 Short storm sewer on Landon Street from Nafus Street 160 feet northerly.

Street Markings

Painting of cross walks, intersections, center lines, and stop signs on all heavily travelled paved streets in the City.

5. It is also recommended that an Ordinance be adopted requiring the property owners on Butler Street to place a concrete curb and gutter in front of their properties under the W.P.A. plan of .35¢ per linear foot, thereby allowing the work to proceed in the Spring and the City to collect for the materials involved.

6. Pursuant to instructions from the Mayor and Council conferences with the Pennsylvania Dept of Highways, W.P.A., and Wilkesbarre Railway Co have developed the details of construction and procedure with reference to the street car track removal on Main street. Information is requested as to whether any further steps are to be taken in the matter.

J. F. Fitzpatrick

Respectfully submitted R.N. Myers, C. Eng.

Pittston City Council.

January 7, 1941

Gentlemen:

The following is a report of the work completed under your W.P.A. program during the year 1940.

<u>Sanitary Sewer Laterals.</u>		
Streets	Completed	Linear Feet
Ford Street	June 6, 1940	250
Between Broad & William Sts)		
Oak Street	July 10, 1940	500
(Bet Vine St & Jenkins Alley)		
George Street	June 16, 1940	60
<u>Street Grading & Surfacing.</u>		
Streets	Type of Surface	Square Yards
Gazette Place	Amesite	562
Johnson Street	Grading Only	
(East St to R.R.St)		
Broad Street	Bituminous Macadam(OP2)	2320
(Bet Fulton St & Erie R.R.)		
Thistle Street	Bituminous Surface Treatment	890
(Bet Chapel & Union Sts)		
Price & Frothingham Sts.	Bituminous Surface Treatment	1332
(Bet R.R. & Tompkins Sts)		
Railroad Street	Grading Only	533
(Bet Elizabeth & Johnson Sts)		
Vine Street	Bituminous Surface Treatment	2888
La Grange Street	Bituminous Surface Treatment	855
(Bet Pine & Market Sts)		
<u>Concrete Sidewalks & Curb.</u>		
Various Streets in South Pittston		Square Feet
(This project has been suspended until Spring)		1852
<u>Rubble Masonary Walls.</u>		
Street		Cubic Yards
Thistle Street		294
Gazette Place		274
Johnson Street		139
Laurel Line Creek (Bet Tompkins St & L.V.R.R.)		597

The above work represents an expenditure by the W.P.A., for labor, of \$116,192.40 and the return to the City of the items shown at a cost of less than 40% of normal.

Attached hereto is a resume of the status of the several projects sponsored by you, as of this date.

Respectfully submitted,
R.N. Myers, City Engineer.

Pittston City Council

January 7, 1941

Gentlemen:

Under the requirements of the sidewalk and curb project the amount of \$43.50 was collected from Jos. S. Foster for the materials to construct a sidewalk in front of his property 85-87 So Main Street. This amount was deposited with the City Treasurer.

The advent of freezing weather prevented the completion of this work before the project was suspended until Spring. It is therefore recommended that the City Treasurer be directed to return the amount collected to the Jos. S. Foster Estate.

Very truly yours.

R.N. Myers, City Engineer.



On Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the City Clerk was instructed to requisition the City Treasurer for the return of \$43.50 to the Estate of Jos.S.Foster.

The following communications were received from the Park Comm and read to Council.

Mr J.P.Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.
Pittston Pa.

Jan 6 1941

Dear Sir:

The statement below show the receipts and disbursements in connection with operation of West Park for perdioid Dec 18-39 to Dec 31 1940.

Balance on hand Dec, 18-39.	\$ 408.90
Receipts from Foot Ball Game Nov 28-40	187.05
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	\$ 595.95
Disbursements "Total"	281.91
Balance on hand	<hr/>
	\$ 314.04

Largest item of expense was for rental of Bull Dozer for leveling field: cost of paint, brushes, material used in painting bleachers. Balance was missellaneous expense for labor, lime, straw, lumber, etc. A detailed report of all receipts and disbursements is carried in the Commissioners files. For your information I might state that we expect to place proper insurance coverage on the bleachers for the City's protection. Our plans also cover one more coat of paint for the bleachers.

Yours respectfully
Pittston City Park Commission.
G.W.Bainbridge, Secretary.

Jan, 6, 1941

Mr Jos.P.Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.
Pittston Penna.

Dear Sir:

I am attaching copy of report prepared by the undersigned in connection with sale and collection of tickets for the Thanksgiving Day Foot Ball Game between St John's and Pittston High School teams. Similar reports were given to the proper officials of both contending schools. Weather conditions only kept the attendance to about one half of expectations.

Total Adults	881	Pittston High Cards	454
Total Students	1979	St John's High Cards	397
	<hr/>	Student Tickets sold at gate	1128
	2860	Complimentary	76
Total 2 Gates			\$ 935.25
Park Commission Rental 20%			\$187.05

Yours Respectfully
Pittston City Park Commission
G.W.Bainbridge, Secretary.

Hon.Mayor K.English,
and Council Members:

Jan 6, 1941

Gentlemen:

A recent meeting of the Park Commission was held at which time the present condition of West Park was discussed. We are glad that some of the work done during the past year has been of a permanent nature which will eliminate future expense along the same lines. This has been advocated by your Commission from time to time. We want you to know that we stand readt at all times to offer assistance to any program that will in the end improve conditions at this or any other playing field.

At this meeting a plan or program was adopted which we hope you might study and carry through with as little expense as possible to the City.

1. Extend Park toward Oak Street. In order to do this we understand it will be necessary to Rip-Rap on this end. The dirt & gravel

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on hill could be used for fill. By eliminating the hill; spectators by the hundreds could not congregate there and view the games without paying. By extending the field a more suitable playing field could be made and a longer Base Ball diamond layed out which would stop the breaking of windows by batted balls into homes located adjacent to fence

2. The wooden fence along left side of field is decayed badly and in need of considerable repairs. Temporary repairs have been made from time to time but this work is too expensive. Having consideration for the home owners adjacent to this fence we suggest a stone or concrete wall not too high erected along this line and a steel wire fence be set on top of it. On the inside of this fence a canvas or burlap cover could be placed. The cover to be put up at beginning of season and removed at the close of the playing season. This cover should last a long period if properly taken care of.

3. The fill or level of the field has now been raised to a point where according to Engineers estimate only about 1 foot is needed to bring it up to a place where proper drainage can be arranged for flow to sewer connection, inside of gate near Swallow Street entrance. When this is done it will be necessary to raise the bleachers by jacking up in order to keep the lower portion from being covered with the fill and rotting away. A platform should be erected in front of them which will increase the comfort of spectators considerably and stop the practice of standing several deep directly in front of bleachers and cutting off the view of seated spectators.

4. We have always had in mind some sort of a field house which is badly needed. The proposed wall would serve as sides for such houses.

While the operator of the Bull Dozer was at work levelling the field during October we inquired as to the approximate cost of removing the hill and he stated it would cost about as much as the leveling of field. Namely: \$ 112.00. From its funds the Commission paid this bill and several others and would be willing to assume the latter obligation.

While on the face of these suggestions they may seem like an expensive proposition we think with the entering of a project or projects the biggest item of expense is eliminated. The cost of steel fence probably, if agreed upon, would be the most expensive item. It may not be possible to do all the work at one time, but we feel that when done a satisfactory playing field would be provided.

Yours respectfully
Pittston City Parl Commission.
M.J. Clarke, President.
G.W. Bainbridge, Secretary.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh above communications were ordered received and filed, by Unanimous vote on Roll Call that same should be referred to City Engineer Major R.N. Myers for a project or projects preparation, and that a letter of appreciation, thanks and commendation be mailed the Park Commission for the splendid work done and their presentation of such a complete, comprehensible report.

Councils attention was called to the defacement of the walls, partitions and doors, the breaking of locks on the latter in the comfort stations in the basement, after some discussion on the subject, it was moved by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call to offer a reward of \$10.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those guilty of same and that in future said comfort stations were to be locked no later than 6-30 P.M. with the exception of Saturdays, special occasions or nights when services were being held in the neighboring churches.

The City Clerk was instructed to communicate with the Penna Coal Co and inform them that were they to supply the material needed in laying a sidewalk on Parsonage Street adjoining Gilmartin Park and on Butler Street opposite Graces homestead adjoining the new stone wall recently completed that both sidewalks would be laid when the sidewalk

[Signature]

Project is again started in the Spring. The Erie R.R.Co was to be written to with a similar offer to them covering their sidewalk on So Main Street directly under their Oak Street bridge.

Mayor English informed Council that a Committee of youngsters had called on him and asked him to use his good offices in creating for them within the City a safe Skating Rink, all members of Council entered into the discussion on the subject, all having worth while suggestions to offer relative to its location, construction, Etc, it was finally concluded to use Fleming Park in the 6th Ward for that purpose, that Major Myers would be approached for his cooperation and that Mr Robt Connell of the N.Y.A. would be appealed to in order to obtain a project and have the Skating Rink made. On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above suggestions was so ordered.

Dr Andaloro stated that complaints had been registered with him from residents of Carroll Street relative to mine blasting in the mine workings underneath that section, said disturbances seemingly occurring all hours of the night and day, so much so that it is almost impossible to obtain any rest either day or night. Mayor English stated that the mining companies had promised to cooperate by blasting only at reasonable hours and to use smaller charges of powder when blasting, seemingly "They have ignored their promises to me, I would suggest that a letter be sent all mining companies to discontinue blasting between the hours of 9 P.M. and 5 A.M. within the confines of the City otherwise they will be prosecuted for maintaining a nuisance." Dr Andaloro said that he was informed that Walsh & Bellicastro were the offending mine operators in that section. On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above suggestions offered by Mayor English were ordered consummated.

The 1939 City Tax exoneration list as of September 30 1940 amounting to \$ 16,019.68 was presented by Mr M.P. Ruane, City Treasurer. same having been at the disposal of Council the past 2 months.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed

Mr Coon of Coon & Barrett Architects of the New City Hall, Mr Gus Weinberger Plumbing & Heating Contractor and erector of the Fire Alarm System and Mr Albert Walsh, City Electrician were in attendance on invitation to give information desired by Mr Sylvester Grablick Director of Public Safety relating to the cost of the Fire Alarm system. The following article appeared in the January 2nd 1941 issue of the Pittston Bulletin and was referred to and read by Mayor English to acquaint the above three gentlemen with the contents of said article.

" GRABLICK ASKS EXPLANATION OF \$900 OUTLAY ON GONG SYSTEM OVER PRICE OF GAMEWELL CO "

" MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEN VOTE TO SUMMON ARCHITECTS FOR INTERROGATION CONTRACTOR DECLARES THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG BECAUSE MY PROFIT WAS LESS THAN TEN PERCENT OF THE COST "

" The Gamewell Fire Alarm Company, in a communication declared it would provide a call system for Pittston for approximately \$1,800.

City officials gave Gus Weinberger of Old Forge, a plumbing contractor approximately \$2,700 for installing a similar setup.

Information on the difference in price was presented to Council on Tuesday by Commissioner Sylvester Grablick head of the Fire Dept. Mr Grablick ~~did~~ did not say anything about graft. He did seek an explanation

Construction of the New City Hall and installation of all equipment was supervised by Mayor K.J. English, Councilman Roy Mead and S.O. Andaloro Coon & Barrett, architects, directed building and installation work. Councilmen Walsh and Grablick were not consulted on any phase of construction, major portion of which was carried out prior to their induction to office.

Mr Grablick told colleagues Tuesday it is his belief the additional outlay of \$900 for the fire call system ought to be investigated. The expose was launched through a bill for \$115 that the Gamewell Co wants to collect from the City on grounds that certain electrical equipment was authorized by City Electrician Albert Walsh. The mayor, Mr Mead and

A. Fitzpatrick.

Mr Andaloro contended the issue existed between the company and the contractor and were reluctant to put the data in city records.

Continued pressure by Mr Grablick and Mr Walsh for explanation brought a motion to summon Coon & Barrett, architects, to the next council meeting for interrogation. The motion was approved by all members. This Manuver indicates the Mayor, Mr Mead and Mr Andaloro also want to know as well as Mr Walsh and Mr Grablick if there is an odor attendant the transaction. Summoning of Plumbing Contractor Weinberger of Old Forge, who held the installation contract was not authorized by council.

Mr Weinberger was contacted by a Bulletin reporter for a statement in connection with the report presented by Mr Grablick.

The contractor contended that "There is something wrong. I paid the Gamewell Company \$2,459 for equipment used in the city hall for fire calls. I have the bill in my desk. I can't explain how the councilman got a letter telling the cost was \$1,800. I'm going to see that letter". Mr Weinberger further stated that "My profit on the fire alarm system was small. After I paid compensation for my workmen, installed an extra platform and paid for a bond - made less than ten percent on the contract".

Councilman Grablick declared at the meeting he asked the mayor for a copy of the contract covering installation of the fire call system and the mayor agreed to permit him to inspect his files. Mr Grablick said he couldn't find the copy.

It is expected a complete explanation of the contract will be made by Coon & Barrett, architects, when they appear at the next session of council.

Mayor English referred to that portion of the newspaper article " Mr Grablick did not say anything about GRAFT. He did seek an explanation". "Clearly one can see, continued the Mayor, that the insinuation and reference to GRAFT was a crafty way of calling the readers attention to the thought that was in the mind of the writer of the above article, fixing in their mind the one thought of GRAFT although GRAFT was not directly charged, however it left the reader possessed of that idea since the insinuation appeared in the first part of the article, the Writer of that article had no thought of being Fair, there wasn't any thing Sporting about it at all, this item, is similar to others that have appeared from time to time in the same publication which clearly portrays the mental attitude of the writer towards everything pertaining to this Administration, we are much pleased at this opportunity to thoroughly go into this matter and clarify the situation to the satisfaction of all concerned and showing that the author of above article was guilty of a reporting of a "SHADY" nature and that it revealed a "cunning which is not deceiving anyone".

Mayor English then informed Mr Sylvester Grablick, Director of Public Safety that Messers Coon, Weinberger and Walsh were here for the purpose of answering all questions that he, Mr Grablick cared to ask and asked that he proceed with the matter.

Mr Grablick to Mr Weinberger. I have a letter here dated December 22nd 1940 from Mr Spader of the Gamewell Fire Alarm Co stating that you would assume payment of a bill for \$115.00. Mr Weinberger there is no reason for Mr Spader stating that as I did not intend to assume payment of a bill of that amount and accordingly stated so to him, all equipment for the fire alarm system originally specified and purchased by me from the Gamewell Co were paid for, any and all transactions I had with the Gamewell Co has been concluded and I owe them nothing. I learned from Mr Walsh the City Electrician and employee of the Scranton Electric Co that 3 phase was available in back of the New City Hall but not in the building as a one phase had been run into the building.

Mr Grablick to Mr Walsh. Did you inform Mr Spader that 3 phase was available.? Yes, 3 phase is available in the areaway in back of the building, in fact it is situated on a pole directly in back of the building, as an employee of the Scranton Electric Co I have been aware of its being there and as an employee of the Scranton Electric Co I so informed him.

Mr Grablick to Mr Walsh. On whose authority did you give the foregoing information.? On the authority of the then Director of Public Safety Mr Olgert Pauxtis.

J. P. Fitzpatrick.

Mr Grablick to Mr Coon. Do you have in your files papers covering the fire alarm system setup.? Mr Coon we have in our files all papers, change suggestions, change orders entered into and approved by the Federal authorities, among the lot all papers pertaining to the subject under discussion. In the first place a one phase was introduced into this building long before any discussion was had with Mr Spader of the Gamewell Fire Alarm System relative to anything being introduced into this building from his company. I have here with me a list, together with prices, of all changes entered into and approved by the building committee and the Federal Government ere said changes or additions were made. (A list was then shown Messers Grablick and Walsh, each looking over the individual items listed with the cost of each item together with the labor, insurance and other charges appearing after each item).

Mr Grablick to Mr Coon. The contract price of \$1,845 and the final cost of \$2,736.64 in installation of the fire alarm system one finds a material difference, what is the reason of this difference.?

Mr Coon. The contract price of \$1,845 did not include the transfer from the Old City Hall to the New City Hall of the fire alarm registration box the material used on same, labor, insurance, compensation charges etc I have reference to the registration wall box and recorder now erected in the Police Clerks office on the main floor, change orders were issued and approved of by the Federal Government after we had received bids on this particular work.

Mr Grablick to Mr Coon. Was this change order inaugurated in a similar manner as all other change orders.? Mr Coon. Positively 7 copies were made out and forwarded to the Federal Government the same way as other change orders viz All change orders had to be made out in lots of 7 change orders each and forwarded to the Federal Government. In this respect, stated Mr Coon, I have in my office copies of all change orders that are available at any time, in fact a copy of everything pertaining to this building, the same will be retained for the next Ten Years in our files.

Mr Grablick at this point stated that he was very well satisfied with the explanations as made by each of the gentlemen and appreciated the information obtained from them.

Mayor English thanked the 3 gentlemen for appearing and thanked them for their clearing up of the situation with the information given by them. to Mr Coon he said " I will not have occasion to ask you to come here again on such an errand, but I do wish you to know that we fully appreciate your being here and the sacrifice you made to be with us."

Mr Coon answered Mayor English by stating " Anytime your newspapers makes an accusation, such as has been made, on this building, we are very liable to be here whether we are invited or not. We have on file in our office all papers covering any and all transactions change orders etc on this building, copies of which might be had if arrangements are made to make copies, however no papers will be allowed out of our offices unless one of us accompany them."

Mayor English continued by giving a complete resume of the procedure entered into with the Federal Government in order to obtain their assistance in having the fire alarm system introduced into the New City Hall. " On our first approach to the Federal Government for their participation and share in this undertaking, was met with a flat refusal on their part, we being informed that in their opinion a fire alarm system had no relationship with a City Hall, however when at a Regular meeting of Council on August 22 1939. Resolution No 3279 moved by Mr Thos Gallagher, seconded by Mr Olgert Pauxtis and adopted by Unanimous vote on Roll Call was forwarded to the Federal Government, the latter readily recognized its importance and consented to go along, so that we feel pleased that we obtained for the tax payers of the City of Pittston a fire alarm system that cost them \$1,505.10 instead of the sum of \$ 2,736.54. In this connection and the support offered by our former Council Associate Mr Olgert Pauxtis, a sterling high class

J. A. English

commendable gentlemen, it is sad indeed that aspersions should be cast upon him via the newspaper article I referred to above, especially when he is not present to defend himself, he gave of his time and efforts, as Director of Public Safety, to obtain for the City the greatest value for the monies expended in his own and other departments and I feel that it was a distinct pleasure and privilege to have been associated with him."

Mr Mead spoke up stating " We have a good building here, just as Engineer Ted Burke, associated with the Federal Government in the construction of some of the finest buildings in the Eastern part of the United States had stated after having been shown through the New City Hall, " You can all be proud of this building as in my opinion of all the construction work I have been identified with or seen you have obtained more for your money than anything I have seen to date". Continuing Mr Mead stated " It seems strange no matter how hard you try and no matter what you attempt accomplishing there are always some RATS who will pick flaws and continually register sickening complaints, take for instance the wonderful accomplishments of our greatest of Presidents, Franklin Delano Roosevelt , and what he has continusly stood for yet there were those who ridiculed his work as has been done to those who accomplished the building of this present outstanding New City Hall."

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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ATTEST:


City Clerk.



Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present with the exception of Mr Roy Mead.

The minutes of January 14th meeting were not read but on motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following report was received and read to Council.

January 28th 1941

To the Council of the City of Pittston:

We, the undersigned managers of the Sinking Fund make the following report as to the condition and application of the Sinking Fund as of December 31, 1940.

The Treasurers Report as of December 31, 1940 shows the following monies in Sinking Funds

Bond and Interest 1923	\$ 4,959.85
Bond and Interest 1935	2,957.92
Bond and Interest 1938	1,112.23
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	\$ 9,030.00

Whereas, the bank balance shown in his report amounts to only \$6,682.51. The City Treasurer explained this discrepancy by advising that he construed Resolution of Council No. 3366 of December 23, 1940 as authorizing him to deposit money in Sinking Funds from the Construction Account, and that he made deposits during this month and would continue to make same to balance these amounts. Whatever may have been the intent of said Resolution No. 3366 we believe that the Construction Account having served its purpose, a transfer of money directly from that account to Sinking Funds would have been entirely proper and would have balanced the amounts. However, the context of the Resolution transfers the Construction Account monies to the General Fund from which payments may be made only on warrant. We believe that this matter requires further examination and further report.

Very truly yours,
Kenneth J. English.
S O. Andaloro.
M P. Ruane.

On motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote report was ordered received and filed.

The following communication was read to Council.
 Pittston City Council. January 15th 1941

Gentlemen:

In view of the elaborate construction program contemplated for the ensuing year, it is suggested that the City Clerk be instructed to prepare advertisements for bids and the undersigned be instructed to prepare specifications and bidding blanks for materials so that bids may be received in the early part of March next. This procedure has heretofore brought the best prices.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed and both the City Clerk and the City Engineer were authorized to proceed.

Atty George L. Fenner, Jr., 34 So River Street Wilkesbarre, Pa. addressed a communication to the Mayor and Council relative to the tax on property owned by Miss Gertrude Voight, 100 LaGrange St, Tenth Ward, City of Pittston. On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh & by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was referred to Mr Jos. P. McCanna, City Assessor.

J. H. English

Atty Frank M. Flanagan, Miners Bank Bldg, Pittston addressed a communication to the Mayor and Council relative to an injury sustained by one William Kelly of 3 Owen Street, Jenkins Township, Penna, on July 23, 1940, said William Kelly was averred to have fallen through a grating on the Church Street side of the Y.M.C.A. Building. Damages in the sum of \$250.00 and \$300.00 a total of \$550.00 was claimed by his Father John Kelly.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was referred to the City Solicitor.

Colonel E.L. Lindemuth, Chairman of the Anthracite Boosters of Wilkesbarre, Pa. addressed a communication to the Mayor and Council relative to a Good Will Trip to the City of Philadelphia, Pa. Wed Feb 5, 1941, for the purpose of appealing to the Mayor and Council of the City of Philadelphia to continue in the use of Anthracite Coal in City owned property.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

A communication from Mr E.C. Lewis of the Credit Dept of the Scranton Electric Company relative to the City's indebtedness to said Company was read to Council.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

A complaint was registered with the City Clerk by the following Ladies relative to the continued blasting at the workings of Walsh & Bellocstra, Mine Operators, after a letter had been sent them as per instructions given the City Clerk by the Mayor and Council at the January 14th meeting, blasting of a most severe nature had been made on Monday night, January 27th between 9 and 9-35 P.M. The City Clerk was called on the telephone at his office in the City Hall between 9.25 and 9.40 P.M. and complaints were registered by the following.
Miss Keenan, 133 Carroll Street. Mrs Fadden, 155 Carroll Street.
Mrs Fadden, 5 Radcliffe Street. Miss Loftus, 144 Carroll Street.

Information was given the Ladies that Mayor English and Council Associates were doing all in their power to have the local mine operators cooperate as evidenced in the following copy of letter mailed Coal Operators in the Pittston City District.

Walsh & Bellocstra
Mine Operators
Pittston, Penna.

January 18 1941

Gentlemen:

It is the wish of Mayor Kenneth J. English and Council Associates that I inform you that a very great number of complaints have been registered against the manner of your mining coal, both as to the amount of explosives used and the hours of blasting.

The peace of mind of the residents under whose homes you are now operating has been very greatly disrupted, the Mayor and Council feel that same could return to normal were you to forego blasting between the hours of 9 P.M. and 5 A.M. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the above gentlemen as well as the residents.

Procedure against you for maintaining a nuisance is not desired as all feel that you will recognize the Justice of the complaints and act accordingly, thereby cancelling any cause for instituting said proceedings.

Respectfully submitted
J.P. Fitzpatrick. City Clerk.

Mayor English requested the City Clerk to prepare a memorandum of above complaints for Chief of Police Edward Moran, with the object of summoning Walsh & Bellocstra before him.

J.P. Fitzpatrick.

Mr Grablick called Councils attention to the dangerous condition existing at the corner of No Main and Mill Streets, stating that in company with Major R N. Myers, they noted the speed attained by motorists entering or exiting from the new pave between Mill & Parsonage Streets. He was of the opinion that a Traffic Light placed at this intersection would greatly assist in correcting the present evil and permit motorists entering upon Main Street from Mill Street to do so without injury to themselves or their Automobiles. He also stated that he was informed by a Motor Highway employee that it would be necessary to erect a Traffic Light at the intersection of No Main Street and Fort Jenkins Bridge providing one was placed at No Main & Mill Sts.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:


City Clerk.

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Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of January 28th meeting were not read but on motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following report on Parking Violations and Meter returns for the month of January were submitted by Mayor English.

January. 1, 1941 to January. 31, 1941	Parking Violations	\$136.00
January. 1, 1941 to January. 31, 1941	Meter Returns	319.95

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M P. Ruane submitted his report for the month of January. A balance of \$18,333.92 as of January 31 st was shown.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received & filed.

Health Officer & Sealer of Weights & Measures Thos Newcomb submitted his reports for the month of January.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above reports were ordered received & filed.

Dr S C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finance recommended payment of the following bills.

Austin Powder Co. Dynamite & Caps.	\$	44.84
Bell Telephone Co. Telephones, December. 1940		42.50
Clarkson Chemical Company Janitor Supplies.		26.25
Darby Sign Co Painting Xmas Greetings Sign for City Hall.		6.00
Falzone S.V. Petty Cash Purposes.		10.00
Fitzpatrick. J.P. U.S. Postage Stamps for City Clerk.		5.00
Grace Thos A. Salary for month of December.		140.00
Hall Nurseries. Xmas Tree for City Hall.		10.00
H.C. Harding. Typewriter Ribbons & Repairs.		16.00
Hoover Kenneth. Wreaths & Pine Rope for City Hall.		3.95
Myers R.N. U.S. Postage Stamps for City Engineer.		5.00
Myers R.N. Expense in preparation & prosecution W.P.A. Projects during month of November 1940		67.50
Myers R.N. Expense as above for month of January 1941		68.00
Moran Edward. U.S. Postage Stamps for Chief of Police Office.		10.00
Ruane M.P. Int paid on 5 Coupons 1935 Issue @ \$20.00		100.00
Ruane M.P. Payment of honored Requisitions No 3509-3516 3531-3552-3456		157.80
Shacochius S.P. Photos of Xmas Decorations New City Hall.		3.00

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above bills were ordered paid.

Following communication was read to Council.

To the Council of the City of Pittston: February 10 1941

Reporting further on the condition of Sinking Funds you are advised that the discrepancy between the reported balance on hand in Sinking Funds and Bank Deposits as noted in our report of January 28th has been eliminated and deposits have been made in Sinking Funds in the Miners Savings Bank to balance the amount received by the City Treasurer and applicable to Sinking Funds to date hereof. It is expected that further report may be made after further study of Sinking Fund Management.

Very truly yours,
Kenneth J. English.
S C. Andaloro.
M P. Ruane.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above communication was ordered received & filed.

J. P. English

Resolution No 3369. Be it Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: WHEREAS, THE PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE PLANS PREPARED BY R.N.MYERS for the project for REMOVING AND REPAVING PORTIONS OF THE FRANCHISE AREA OF MAIN STREET, CITY OF PITTSTON.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL at this Regular meeting held February 11 1941 that the Works Progress Administration District No.2. Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of said project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if and when the project is approved by the Works Progress Administration, the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL will furnish at its own expense, all tools, materials, supplies and equipment necessary to complete the said project, and that R.N.MYERS, be and he is hereby appointed to be the certifying officer responsible to the Works Progress Administration for supplying the tools, materials and equipment referred to, to be delivered on the site from time to time as required by the Works Progress Administration.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was Adopted.

Resolution No 3370. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: " That in the event City Council should decide to prosecute the repaving of certain portions of the Franchise Area on Main Street, said decision will be reached and permission granted to start said work, only by order of Council contained within a Resolution

On motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was Adopted.

Resolution No 3371 WHEREAS, THE PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE PLANS PREPARED BY R.N.MYERS For the Project for CONSTRUCTING CONCRETE SIDEWALKS, CURBS, GUTTERS AND INLETS AT VARIOUS POINTS IN THE CITY OF PITTSTON.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL at this Regular meeting held February 11 1941 that the Works Progress Administration District No 2. Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said Project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of said Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if and when the Project is approved by the Works Progress Administration, the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL will furnish at its own expense, all tools, materials, supplies and equipment necessary to complete the said Project, and that R.N.MYERS, be and he is hereby appointed to be the certifying officer responsible to the Works Progress Administration for supplying the tools, materials and equipment referred to, to be delivered on the site from time to time as required by the Works Progress Administration.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was Adopted.

The following communication was read to Council.

Honorable Kenneth J. English
and the Members of Council
of the City of Pittston,
Pittston, Penna.

February 11th 1941

Gentlemen:

I present herewith for your consideration a Resolution which may be adopted by Members of Council if it meets with their approval.

Under the facts set forth in the Resolution, which are true and correct to my personal knowledge, I believe that the Resolution may be properly adopted, and the relief asked by the owners of the property, to wit, the heirs of the Estate of T. Leonard, be granted. *J. H. Sigatman.*

I wish to say that because of errors in the original municipal claim filed January 22, 1925, this claim can be stricken from the record upon application of the heirs of the said estate of T. Leonard, principally for the following reasons, to wit: First, the assessment was made against the property presumably in the name of Toney Watch, when, as a matter of fact, the said property was legally owned by T. Leonard or Thomas Leonard in his lifetime and never owned by said Toney Watch, and, in the second place, because the person named as owner, to wit, Toney Watch, is unknown and was never personally served by the Sheriff in the attempt to revive this irregular lien. For these reasons, I recommend the passage of this Resolution in question.

Resolution No 3372. WHEREAS, the City of Pittston filed a municipal claim on January 22, 1925, in the office of the Prothonotary of Luzerne County to No. 163 March Term, 1925, M.L.D., for paving and curbing Tompkins Street in said City against one, Toney Watch, as the owner of a property on said street, bounded and described as follows:

"Property situate in the Eleventh Ward of the City of Pittston, Luxerne County, Pennsylvania, bounded North by Railroad Street, East by Joseph Farrava, South by Thomas Leonard, West by Tompkins Street: being known as No. Tompkins Street, having a frontage of seventy-three feet and a depth of forty-six feet: improved with a dwelling."

WHEREAS, a Scire Facias sur Municipal Lien was issued February 7, 1930, to No. 874 March Term, 1930 and judgement was taken thereon on April 9, 1930, against said Toney Watch, for want of an appearance and an affidavit of defense; and

WHEREAS, A Scire Facias sur Municipal Lien was issued January 22, 1940, to No 348 March Term, 1940 and judgement was taken thereon on June 6, 1940, against Toney Watch, for want of an appearance and an affidavit of defense: and

WHEREAS, it has been called to our attention by Miners Savings Bank of Pittston, Mortgagee of the above described real estate, that Thomas Leonard Estate is the present owner of said property: the late Thomas Leonard having acquired title by deed dated September 3, 1901: which said deed is recorded in the office of the Recorder of the County in Deed Book No. 407 at page 33, and that subsequent thereto, he gave a mortgage to Mrs Dora Long, on August 7, 1909, which said mortgage is recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of said County in Mortgage Book No. 168 at apge 441, which said mortgage was subsequently assigned to Anthony Walsh, Esq., on March 22, 1920, which said assignment is recorded in the office of said Recoredr in Mortgage Book No 235 at page 7;

That subsequent thereto said Anthony Walsh, Esq., assigned said mortgage to Peoples Union Savings Bank of Pittston on July 22, 1921, which said assignment is recorded in said Recorders office in Mortgage Book No 309 at page 444;

That subsequent thereto all the property and rights of action of said Peoples Union Savings Bank of Pittston became vested by operation of law, in the Miners Savings Bank of Pittston; and

WHEREAS, the said Anthony Walsh, Esq., never had title to said premises, nor did he ever have notice of said municipal claim or the subsequent revivals of the same; and

WHEREAS, that neither the heirs of the said Thomas Leonard, nor the Miners Savings Bank of Pittston, the mortgages of said premises, ever had notice of said municipal claim or the revivals of the same, due to the fact that said premises were improperly assessed and said lien was improperly entered against said Toney Watch, who is an unknown person and who never held title to said premises.

WHEREAS, it appears to us that said judgement is illegal and would be stricken off by the Court of Common Pleas of the County if proper proceedings were instituted; and

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WHEREAS, an investigation of the facts discloses that they are true and correct

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Pittston and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same that the City Solicitor be and he is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of said City of Pittston to file in the Prothonotary's office of Luzerne County a release of the said property from the lien of the said judgement.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was Adopted.

City Assessor Jos P. McCanna in a communication to City Council recommended an abatement of \$420.00 in valuation for years of 1929-30-31 1932-33-34, on property of Gertrude Voight, 100 LaGrange Street, 10th Ward, Pittston, Pennsylvania.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above suggested abatement was authorized on the condition that all taxes to date were paid at once.

Following communication was read to Council.

Pittston City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

January 28, 1941.

Gentlemen:

My client, Mrs Anna Armitage, suffered injuries as a result of a fall on the sidewalk in front of the Loughney home on Market Street. The fall was caused by the icy condition of the pavement and my client has suffered considerable injuries including a compound fracture of the right arm. The accident occurred February 27, 1940,

Before instituting legal proceedings in the matter I would be glad to discuss the matter with your Solicitor if you see fit to refer the matter to him.

Very truly yours,
John T. Mulhall.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was referred to City Solicitor Wm H. Gillespie.

The following prepared statement was read at today's meeting by Dr S. C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finance with regard to criticism made against leaders of the City Administration for its failure to provide salaries for municipal employees for the latter part of January

" I wish to make comment on the recent publicity given the payless period, and on the follow up notoriety given Pittston City by the alleged ex-administration leaders.

" As to the payless period publicity, it was news. But not alarming news, as some administration opponents would have it. If we received the liquor license revenue, this payless period would have been avoided. Should we offer that as an excuse for the payless period?

" Previous administrations have borrowed temporarily to pay wages and have floated Bond issues to pay off debts. It would be nothing new if we did borrow to pay our employees. But no one complained, so borrowing was not necessary.

" The notoriety and false alarm given this City recently by the cry of mismanagement and inefficiency by the alleged ex-administration leaders, will do no good towards this City's credit. In fact, good weather creditors already have the jitters. Let me say this to those who are finding fault with this Administration. Remember that the last Administration functioned on a levy of .019 or better each year, a total of .077 for the years of 1934, 1935, 1936 and 1937. And at the end of that period they had nothing to show as to improvements and City's equipment.

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Whereas, this Administration has functioned on an average of .016 each year, a saving of .013 to the taxpayers of Pittston City. .013 is the equivalent of \$130.000 on the \$10,000.000 valuation: yet we are able to show several outstanding completed improvements-- a New City Hall and other necessary improvements under construction--with less millage. " Now where does mismanagement and inefficiency fit.?"

Mayor English asked if there was anybody present in the Council Chamber that was associated with the former Administration and who thought that they done a better job.? No response.

Roy Mead stated that the present Administration were engaged in quite an open creek covering job as demonstrated at Tompkins Street and the Laurel Line Creek, possessed of a new roller and scarifier, a snow plow, 4 trucks in good condition, picks, shovels, hammers and complete equipment for the W.P.A. workers. "Its a wonder to me that the unemployed League hasn't had something to say on the work accomplished by the present Administration, they know what has been done as a large number of their members were assisted in having steady work for quite a period of time. Regarding the accomplishment of the former Administration they didn't even know that the Traction Company rails had been taken out of Main Street between Mill and Parsonage Streets."

Mr Lance of Wilkesbarre former Engineer of the Spring Brook Water Company spoke to Council on the contemplated purchase by the Federal Water Company of the Scranton Spring Brook Water Company. Mr Lance was quite conversant with the situation by the way he handled the subject, he recited many instances of purchases having been made of plants in various sections and the excessive amounts paid for them clearly demonstrating that something had been passed around to obtain the support of those in a position to loan assistance to the completed sale, chief among those was the case of the sale in Chester Penna, that is now in Court and where close to a Million Dollars was passed around to Political Leader McClure and his henchmen. "The Freeland plant was sold for \$400.00 and the same was only worth \$100.000, the plants are sold at such a high rate and so much money must be earned to pay off the Bonds that nothing is left for upkeep or improvements, as a consequence the rates would of necessity be raised. In the Scranton Spring Brook Water Company case a fair price for the same would be \$20,000.000 whereas \$49,000.000 is asked for the same, Via of the Act of 1874 you can take this property, the price paid should correspond to the price that you could get it at by process of Law, if purchased at a fair rate you could obtain lower water rates, free Fire Plug Service and you should be able to pay off the Bonds in Fifteen Years instead of Thirty or more Years. Mr Lance stated an injunction could be served on the County Commissioners against the purchase of the property. Mayor English was of the opinion that the serving of an injunction would be a bit premature, he suggested though that the City Council could create a Resolution suggesting an open Public hearing being held ere concluding finally.

Resolution No 3373 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That it is the sentiment of Mayor Kenneth J. English and members of the City Council, that the County Commissioners of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, hold an open Public hearing on the subject of purchase of the Scranton Spring Brook Water Company before final action is taken on the matter.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was Adopted.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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City Clerk.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.



Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon with all members present with the exception of Mayor Kenneth J. English, who was detained at the Luzerne County Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa. on a case he had in progress there. Director of Accounts & Finance Dr S.C. Andaloro presided.

The minutes of February 11th were not read but on Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following bills were recommended for payment by Dr S.C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts and Finance.

Murrelle Printing Company.

40 copies, Brief for Appellants on appeal to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. in re : Albert Detoro v. City of Pittston, et al No 58 February Term 1941. \$ 81.91

Murrelle Printing Company.

40 copies. Record on appeal to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania in re : Albert Detoro v. City of Pittston, et al. No 58 Feb Term 1941 \$ 122.88

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, settlement of State Loan Tax for year 1940 \$ 965.84

Degen, Messer & Company, for preparing of State Loan Tax Report for year 1940. \$ 75.00

M.P. Ruane, City Treasurer, 5000 Stamped Envelopes. \$ 100.00

Dr S.C. Andaloro, for petty cash purposes, Acc & Fin Office. 10.00

Dr S.C. Andaloro, for U.S. Stamps to be used in Acc & Fin Office. 5.00

Roy A. Mead, for U.S. Stamps to be used in the Dept of Streets Office 5.00

Jos. P. McCanna, U.S. Stamps for use in City Assessors Office. 3.00

J.P. Fitzpatrick, U.S. Stamps for use in the City Clerks Office. 5.00

Edw A. Moran, U.S. Stamps for use in the Police Dept. 10.00

Pittston Diner, Lunch for Firemen 2/16/41 6.65

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above bills were ordered paid.

Communication from Mr Harry Levin regarding valuation on his property located at 54-56 No Main St, registering a complaint as to same being excessively high and asking for a revision of the same.

On clear vote same was referred to Assessor Jos. P. McCanna for data on this property.

Communication from Mr Jesse Lipfert, Secy of the Church Council of St John's Lutheran Church, relating to a decision to be rendered by the City Solicitor regarding a dispute with the Lewis Smith Estate and the Church regarding access to an alley in the rear of the Church property as well as the icy condition of a sidewalk in front of property of said estate on Wood Street in front of garage used by the Grablick Dairy Co, on which one of their partitioners Mrs Barbara Lucas 106 Carroll Street fell on said sidewalk.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, the City Clerk was authorized to obtain a reading on the first part and mail to Mr Lipfert, and that the Executor Louis Smoith 623 Warren St, Kingston, Pa. be notified by letter of the above 2 conditions.

Following communication was read to Council.

Pittston City Council.

February 23, 1941

Gentlemen:

At the request of Mr Grablick, I have investigated the possibility of using the Signal Light, recently removed from William & Church Streets, to relieve the dangerous condition at the Fort Jenkins Bridge and Mill Street. The old Signal Light can be removed to meet the

J. H. Fitzpatrick

requirements of the permit issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Highways and the other light necessary to control the exit from the Fort Jenkins Bridge together with a pedestal for the old light and a controller and cable can be purchased for approximately \$ 323.17. The total installation charges should not exceed \$100.00

Respectfully submitted
R.N. Myers, City Engineer.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above communication was ordered received & filed and action deferred.

Invitation was received from the Purple Club of the Scranton University, for the Mayor and Council and their friends to attend a "WAKE UP AMERICA." address by the Hon Harold G. Hoffman, Former Governor of New Jersey under the auspices of the Amer Legion, Civic, Patriotic & Fraternal Organizations of Lackawanna County at Town Hall, Scranton. Pa. Friday Feb 28 1941 at 8 P.M.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed. Dr Andaloro addressing Council and the audience of Citizens urged a large attendance on this occasion, thereby attesting to our own citizenship as well as a courtesy to the boys of our District who are being inducted into the U.S. Military and Naval forces by way of the draft and the departure of the 109th Field Artillery for a year of encampment at Indiantown Gap. Penna.

Bids for Bituminous products, Road Oil, Material and supplies for the use of the City and Projects authorized or registered for the year 1941, had been advertised in the local press, were presented by the various bidders.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick all bids were ordered received, opened and read to Council.

On completion of the foregoing and on Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, the City Clerk was instructed to present same to City Engineer Major R.N. Myers, he to tabulate same and present to Council at a future meeting.

Controller Emerson Howley stated that the Audit is not ready due to his awaiting a reading from the City Solicitor, the Audit is due on March 1st, fully made out and filed. Mr Mead addressing Mr Howley stated that were he to call on the City Solicitor that he would no doubt obtain the information desired. adding "That I noticed an article in the Pittston columns of last Sunday's Wilkes-Barre Independent to the effect that if Controller Howley was a bit late in the presentation of the Audit that the Public should be patient that the Controller was loaning his time and efforts to the Red Cross." Mr Howley answered that he was doing some work for the Red Cross. Director of Accounts & Finance Dr S.C. Andaloro stated that they might present the Audit without the signature of Howley.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:


City Clerk.

APPROVED
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J P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.



Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 7 P.M. with all members present and Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding.

The Minutes of Feb 25th were not read but on motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

Resolution No 3374 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston; " That the Mayor and Director of Accounts and Finance be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to negotiate a loan from the Miners Savings Bank of Pittston, Pa. in the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars, to be repaid from the first taxes received by the City in not less than Sixty (60) Days from date of said loan, and for such purposes they are hereby authorized to pledge the credit of the City and to execute any Note or Notes payable not later than Sixty (60) Days from date of said loan".

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

A discussion was held by the members relating to the Auto Bus schedule of the Wilkesbarre and Wyoming Valley Auto Bus Company on the Pittston-Duryea line, so many complaints had been filed with the members of Council by the patrons of that line, they contending that too long a wait was necessary, not running on schedule and the elapsed time between runs, viz 30 minutes, was too long.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, Secretary Fitzpatrick was authorized to write Mr Eder General Manager relative to the numerous complaints on the service to the Public on the Pittston-Duryea line and that they be requested to improve said service immediately, as well that the scheduled 30 minute service did not seem adequate for the convenience of the patrons of said Auto Bus line.

Their being no further Business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:


J. P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk.

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City Clerk.

J. P. Fitzpatrick

Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present with the exception of Dr S C. Andaloro, later's absence caused by illness.

The Minutes of February 26th were not read but on Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following report on Parking Violations and Meter Return for the Month of February was submitted by Mayor English.

February. 1, 1941 to February. 28, 1941	Parking Violations	\$156.00
February. 1, 1941 to February. 28, 1941	Meter Returns	331.26

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received & filed.

City Treasurer M.P. Ruane submitted his report for the month of February. A balance of \$ 24,894.78 on hand was shown as of February 28th 1941.

On Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received & filed.

Health Officer & Sealer of Weights & Measures Thos Newcomb submitted his reports for the Month of February.

On Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above reports were ordered received & filed.

The Annual Reports and Financial Statements of Director of Accounts & Finance Dr S.C. Andaloro and the City Controller Emerson Howley for the year ending December 31st 1940, same submitted as of March 1st was presented to City Council.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received & filed.

Dr S.C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finance recommended approval of the following bills for payment.

League of Third Class Cities	Dues, Year 1941	\$ 161.00
John F. O'Brien.	Rental, Air Compressor.	125.00
Joseph Pergetto	Repairs & Parts, Trucks.	17.49
M.P. Ruane, Treasurer.	Affidavits on Reports.	1.00
Service Supply Corp	Last 3 installments on	
	Concrete Mixer \$91.50 Each.	274.50
Scranton Elec Co.	Office Lighting Dec 1940	
	Jan & Feb 1941	213.91
Wilkes-Barre Multigraphing Co.	Mimeographed Claims for	
	Sewer-- 2 Pages complete.	8.69
R.N. Myers, City Engineer.	Stamps Engineers Office.	5.00
Harry Morrissey.	Magistrate Costs.	8.80

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Bills were ordered Paid.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 420 AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE MANNER OF ASSESSMENT OF THE COST OF THE MATERIAL NECESSARY FOR USE IN THE SURFACING, CURBING AND GUTTERING OF BUTLER STREET FROM NORTH MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH TO FORD STREET IN THE SAID CITY OF PITTSBURGH, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND MANNER OF COLLECTING THE COST OF SAID IMPROVEMENTS, was read at length for the First time.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same passed First Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 420, AN ORDINANCE was read for the Second time.

On Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same passed Second Reading. *J.P. English*

RESOLUTION NO 3375 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

WHEREAS, it has been directed to our attention that the Commissioners of Luzerne County are considering the formation of a joint authority with Lackawanna County to acquire the Scranton Spring Brook Water Company at an overall cost of \$ 49,500,000.00, and

WHEREAS, past records of the Public Service Commission of the State of Pennsylvania have fixed the valuations of this Company at a value far less than that above stated, and

WHEREAS, the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, being a consumer of the Spring Brook Division of the Scranton Spring Brook Water Service Company, whose interest would be vitally affected by such a purchase, now therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, urgently request the Commissioners of Luzerne County to carefully review the whole matter of rates and values before joining with the Commissioners of Lackawanna County, and further that the Commissioners of Luzerne County certify to the Council of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, that they will take no action on this matter until the said Council of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, is given an opportunity to appear before said County Commissioners and explain their views on the matter.

On Motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was Adopted.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, the recommendation of City Assessor Jos. P. McCanna was favorably passed upon and the following abatement on property valuation was granted to Jas A. and Belinda Redington for the years 1932 to 1940 inclusive, with the understanding that all Taxes owing the City of Pittston would immediately be paid up to date.

7-9 Spring Street	\$575.00	per year
13 Spring Street	\$475.00	per year
10 Spring Alley	\$175.00	per year

On Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, the Street Dept and Project material bids were ordered opened and presented to Council and the tabulation made by Major R. N. Myers City Engineer and recommendation by him be accepted viz acceptance of the lower bids on all material excepting the Bituminous material (Road Oil) and that all bids on that item be rejected, the bidders certified checks returned to them and arrangements made to again advertise for bids on this item.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick the letter received from Mr Eder, Genl Manager of the Wilkesbarre R'way Co relative to letter received from the City Clerk covering the complaint of patrons using the Pittston-Duryea Auto Bus Line of the scheduled service on that line being too infrequent was ordered received and filed by clear vote of Council. Mr Mead stated that patrons Messers Carmody, McGarry and others had spoken to him about the service, stating that a 20 minute service at least should be inaugurated on this Bus Line, and that Mr Eder should be so so advised.

Mayor English called Councils attention to the work being done by the Committee of 70, viz Their attempt to have Legislation enacted wherein the Cities of the State would be vested with "Home Rule" having something to say in the governing of their cities and not to be hampered by each succeeding Legislative body in the enactment of Laws governing the cities of the State, same to be submitted to the People in a 2 year Constitutional Amendment, simply approve of the Law wherein the Public will have something to say on their local government, No legal question.

Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call that we participate in the same and also communicate with the Pittston School Board and have them do likewise.

J. P. Grablick

Messers Max Huber and Kizis of the Pittston Surface Protective Association addressed Council by stating that the Pittston Mine Bureau appointed by the Mayor does not function properly, suggests that the City of Pittston hire a Mining Engineer to investigate on occasion, and file report for the Public information. Scranton and Carbondale have a Mining Engineer who functions in the above manner.

Mayor English answered by stating that both Scranton and Carbondale are owners of coal underlying certain portions of the City and for that reason no doubt hires the Mining Engineer to protect their interests, a mining engineer can give you a report still he can't do anything about it, information has been given at the meetings of the Surface Protective Association, covering all phases relating to the rights of both the property owners, also the City, in regards to the mining of coal. Said information having been given by he, the Mayor, City Engineer Major Myers, City Clerk Fitzpatrick and the members of the Mine Bureau of the City, he also stated that the Blue Prints were in the possession of City Engineer Major Myers in his office which showed where the mine operators were working and that they were available at all times for the perusal of any one who desired to look them over and gain the desired information therefrom, Major Myers being present verified the Mayors statement and said that "The public, or any one interested, will have made available to them 24 hours in the day the Blue Prints and all information we have pertaining to the subject discussed.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, City Clerk Fitzpatrick was instructed to cause the foregoing, to be made a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:


City Clerk.

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J P. FITZPATRICK.
CITY CLERK.



PITTSTON GAZETTE

MARCH 29, 1941

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FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 420
AN ORDINANCE
DIRECTING THE MANNER OF
ASSESSMENT OF THE COST OF
THE MATERIAL NECESSARY
FOR USE IN THE SURFACING,
CURBING AND GUTTERING OF
BUTLER STREET FROM NORTH
MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF
PITTSTON TO FORD STREET IN
THE SAID CITY OF PITTSTON,
AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR
THE PAYMENT AND MANNER
OF COLLECTING THE COST OF
SAID IMPROVEMENTS.

Section 1. WHEREAS, a resolution was regularly adopted by Council of the said City of Pittston upon the tenth day of January, 1939, and approved upon the same day by the Mayor of the said City of Pittston, and known as Resolution No. 3231 in the files of the said Council, approving plans and specifications prepared by the City Engineer of the City of Pittston for the grading, paving, curbing and drainage of Butler Street from North Main Street to Ford Street in the City of Pittston, and further providing that the Works Progress Administration shall furnish the labor and that the City of Pittston shall furnish the materials, tools and equipment necessary for the completion of the said proposed improvements.

Section 2. BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE SAID CITY OF PITTSTON, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that the cost of the materials necessary to complete the proposed surfacing, curbing and guttering of said Butler Street be charged and assessed against the owners of real estate fronting and abutting on said Butler Street where the said proposed improvements may be made, in accordance with an assessment to be made and furnished by the said City Engineer upon the completion of the said work.

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Sealed Bids or proposals will be received, opened and read by the Council of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, at a Regular meeting thereof to be held at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, April 8th, 1941, at the City Hall, Broad Street, for furnishing Bituminous materials, of the kind and character within the time and in accordance with the conditions contained in the specifications and written information in the hands of the City Clerk. Copies of which may be obtained therefrom.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

J. P. FITZPATRICK,

City Clerk.

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of them in all—the Vittorio, the Vittorio Veneto, the Impero and the Roma—each carrying 1,600 men and nine 15-inch guns in addition to 12 six-inch guns, and 12 3½-inch guns. The admiral said that the engagement was "of some importance," indicating that it was the first time the British warships in the Mediterranean had been able to come to grips with the Italian battle fleet since the war started.

It appeared that the Italians may have sought to change their tactics of keeping the fleet close to home bases and had gone out to sea in an effort to bolster the Axis position in the Mediterranean area and the Balkans.

The British fleet, which had been reported moving ships to the Atlantic for protection of supply lines in the submarine war, appeared to have maintained strong forces nevertheless in the Eastern Mediterranean. The action against the Italians was directed by Admiral Sir Andrew Browne Cunningham, commander of the British forces in the Mediterranean, which indicated that it was a fleet effort.

Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present with the exception of Mr Roy Mead.

The minutes of March 11th were not read but on Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following report on Parking Violations and Meter returns for the Month of March were submitted by Mayor English.

March 1st, 1941 to March 31st, 1941	Parking Violations.	\$171.00
March 1st, 1941 to March 31st, 1941	Meter Returns.	374.61

On Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received & filed.

City Treasurer M.P. Ruane submitted his report for the month of March. A balance of \$ 28,516.04 as of March 31st was shown.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh above report was ordered received and filed, by Unanimous vote.

Health Officer and Sealer of Weights & Measures Thos Newcomb submitted his reports for the Month of March.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received & filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 420 was read by Title for the Third time. On Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Ordinance was passed on Third Reading.

Dr S.C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finance recommended approval of the following bills for payment.

Allan John	Bal on Employees Compensation Ins.	\$ 404.23
Allan John	Insurance on Pumper, 1941 (Eagles)	5.00
Ardoline Bert.	Burglary & Robbery Ins Treas. Office.	138.38
Ardoline Bert.	Affadavits on Liens & Revivals.	656.00
American Surety Co.	Bond, Major R.N. Myers.	5.00
Allied Steel.	Scarifer Teeth for Roller.	90.09
Austin Powder Co.	Dynamite for Projects.	207.63
Anthracite Paint Co.	Traffic Paint.	32.75
Barrett Joseph.	Magistrate Costs, March 1941.	19.80
Beach Mfg Co.	Caution Flares, (Projects)	12.00
Bonser William.	Battery Hook & Ladder.	13.75
Butera Body Works.	Glass for doors St Dept Trucks.	17.00
Boston Shoe Store.	Boots, Projects.	59.25
Barber Motor Car Co.	Parts & Repairs St Dept Trucks.	31.08
Barber Motor Car Co.	Parts & Repairs Police Car.	107.69
Bruning Chas.	Tracing Cloth Engineers Office.	22.25
Barritts Paint Store.	Paint, Brushes, Etc.	75.18
Borr & Casey.	First Aid Supplies.	7.64
Bell Telephone Co.	Telephone Service to March 1941.	113.35
Comm of Penna.	Balance on Tax Loan for 1940.	41.04
Community Theatre.	Rent & Gas to Feb 28th 1941.	90.12
Con Gas & Oil Co.	Gas, Oil, Tire Repairs, Etc.	977.24
Consumers Ice Co.	Ice City Offices.	159.09
Central Clay Pro.	Terra Cotta Pipe, Projects.	228.96
Cyclone Machin Co.	Picks, Shovels, Etc.	348.99
Dolge Co.	Janitor Supplies.	35.40
Dietzgen Co.	Engineer Supplies.	16.24
Deemer & Co.	Office Supplies.	22.85
Drury Wm, Estate.	Oil for Projects.	75.75
Durland Sand Co.	Sand & Gravel, Projects.	632.45
Dershimer Lumber Co.	Cement, Lime, Projects.	195.30
Diamond Mfg Co.	Sheet Iron for Funeral Signs.	3.00
Eagle Hose Co.	Rent July 1940, to July 1941.	750.00
Erie R.R. Co.	Removal of Rails, Gazette Place.	369.03
Egan Gas & Supply Co.	Gas & Oil.	1,138.23

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Eagen Hdw Company.	Supplies St and Police Department.	\$ 139.90
Evans Wesley.	Parts,Dodge Truck.	1.85
Eastern Pa,Supply Co.	Wicks for Torches.	1.00
Fern Restaurant.	Food for Firemen,Greenfield Fire.	18.90
Friedman Jack.	Electrical Supplies.	2.05
Flax Company.	Office Supplies.	13.51
Fleming Geo.	Traffic Light Repairs,Etc.	156.28
Firemans Pay Roll.	Aug 1st 1940 to Oct 31st 1940	703.20
Firemens Pay Roll.	Nov 1st 1940 to Jan 31st 1941.	344.00
Gates Foundry Co.	Man-hole Covers & Inlets Complete.	638.10
Gardner Denver Co.	Parts for Compressor used on Projects.	13.95
Gamewell Company.	Fire Alarm Supplies.	8.97
Glen Summitt Springs Co.	Water,City Offices.	29.00
Goeringer Constr Co.	Road Oil.	1,009.93
Gazette Pittston.	Advertising & Printing.	117.45
Howell C.E.	Ambulance Rental for Jos O'Brien.	7.00
Huber Mfg Co.	Parts for Roller.	12.75
Hunt Harry.	Printing.	159.00
Hopkins Ins Agency.	Bond,Controller.	5.00
International Salt Co.	Rock Salt.	120.50
Kehoe & McNamara.	Liability Ins New & Old City Hall Bldgs.	32.84
Kehoe & McNamara.	Boiler Policy New City Hall.	76.05
Krise William.	Repairs Truck.	.90
Kelly Run Stone Co.	Stone Chips,Projects.	937.64
Keystone Roofing Co.	Paint,Etc.	37.95
Klein Auto Parts.	Parts & Supplies,Trucks & Police Car.	213.53
LaBarre Printing Co.	Binding Minute Book.	4.75
LaBarres Stat Store.	Office Supplies.	81.12
LaBarres Stat Store.	Treas Office Supplies.	79.30
Lacka Blue Print Co.	Blue Print Paper,Engineers Office.	8.54
Lenker Mfg Co.	Rods Engineers Office.	30.30
Ludwigs Hdw Co.	Supplies	55.55
Lehigh Valley R.R.Co.	Ground Rent City Yard.	60.00
Loughney Joseph.	Plumbing Repairs Old City Hall.	12.86
Morrissey Harry.	Magistrate Costs,March 1941.	4.50
Mitchell,P.F.	Supplies,Projects.	1,400.83
Motorin Garage.	Greasing,Washing Tire Repairs.	31.94
Myers, R.N.	Expenses for Projects, Feb 1941	25.90
Myers, R.N.	Expenses for Projects, Mar 1941	25.00
Margie, Peter.M.	Costs for Revival of Sewer Liens.	2.75
New York Cas Co.	City Treasurers Bond.	1,420.25
New York Cas Co.	Policemen Bond.	125.00
New York Cas Co.	Bonds,Mayor,Councilmen,City Clerk.	
	and City Solicitor @ \$ 5.00 each.	35.00
New York Cas Co.	Bonds,Treasurers Clerks.	264.11
New York Cas Co.	Add'l Premium on Fleet Ins. 1940	5.93
Newcomb Bros.	Coal,New & Old City Hall & Niagras.	784.89
Oplinger Blue Print Co.	Blue Prints,Engineers Office.	1.70
Premier Steel Co.	Steel,Street Dept.	113.28
Powers.A.S.	Terra Cotta Pipe,Projects.	50.35
Penna Coal Co.	Park Rent 1941.	12.00
Pittston Oil Co.	Gas,Oil,Wash & Grease Police Car.	654.45
Quinn Agency.	Ins Bldg on Tompkins St,(City Yard)	16.70
Raeder William.	Dynamite,Projects.	36.40
Rutledge Motor Co.	Truck Repairs.	14.15
Rowans Garage.	Truck Repairs,Inspection.	17.65
Reliable Spring Service.	Welding,Etc, Pt Dept Trucks.	6.00
Ridall Hugh.	Repairs Adding Mch Treasurers Office.	34.50
Remington Rand Inc.	Mimeograph Supplies.	7.40
Shobert Dallas.C.	Sheriffs Costs for Revival of Liens.	14.90
Smiles Allan.	Keys & Repairs.	7.45
Sproul Con Co.	Road Oil.	102.31
Scranton Truck Co.	Parts for Trucks.	35.99
Scranton Times.	Advertising.	13.50
Scranton Chemical Co.	Janitors Supplies.	7.84
Smith Bennett Corp.	Register Book or Record.	47.00
Stroahs Service Sta.	Battery Cable.	.50
Scranton Elec Co.	Street Lighting to Mar 31,1941	21,502.78
Scranton Elec Co.	Office Lighting to Mar 1941.	52.37
Scr Spg Brook Water Co.	(Old Account)	1,000.00
Scr Spg Brook Water Co.	Hydrant Rental,March 1941	136.57

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Scr Spg Brook Water Co.	Old & New City Halls, Mar 1941	\$ 10.71
Scr Spg Brook Water Co.	Niag Hose Co & City Yard, Mar 1941	5.50
Seeley Frank & Son.	Tailgate Hinges, Bracket. Truck.	1.50
Stauffer Roy	Install Glass & Repair Truck.	14.34
Turon & Schwartz.	Cement, Lime, Brick. Project.	339.25
Tamblyn Co.	Mimeograph Supplies.	39.30
Union Con Co.	Road Oil.	1,376.50
Wagner Lumber Co,	Cement, Lime, Brick. Projects.	776.72
Whiteman & Co.	Supplies, City Hall.	76.69
W-B Elec Con Co.	Light Bulbs.	63.67
W-B Assoc for the Blind.	Brooms.	10.65
White Leo, Atty.	Fees, Costs, A. DeToro vs City of Pittst	ston. 588.07
Williams Paper Co.	Office Supplies.	29.89
Williams Stat Store.	Office Supplies.	73.74

Moved by Dr Andaloro that the above Bills be paid, Mr Grablick offered an amendment to same that all bills with the exception of Atty Leo White bill be paid, same was acceptable to Dr Andaloro accordingly the bills were ordered paid as per amendment as per the following vote on Roll Call. AYES: Messers Andaloro, Grablick and Walsh. NOT VORING: Mayor English.

Bids on Road Oil were received from the Union Bldg & Con Co, Passaic. N.J. and the Sproul Construction Co, Scranton. Penna. On Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call bids were ordered received, opened and read. Bids as follows.

Union Building & Construction Co.	.1163 Per Gallon.
W.B. Sproul Company.	.119 Per Gallon.

Moved by Dr Andaloro that the bid of the lower bidder be accepted and he be given the contract, for want of a seconder motion failed. Moved by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick the bids be rejected and that we readvertise for bids. Vote on same was as follows NOT VOTING: Dr Andaloro, YEAS: Messers Grablick and Walsh. NAYS: Mayor English.

Moved by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick that Certified Checks be returned to the bidders, same passed by Unanimous vote on Roll Call.

RESOLUTION NO 3376. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston.: "That the United States Senators of the State of Pennsylvania, James J. Davis and Joseph F. Guffey and Congressman J. Harold Flannery use their influence and efforts in the defeat of the St Lawrence River Power Project, as passage of same would prove detrimental to our vital and leading industry Anthracite Coal, and the Rail Roads engaged in the transportation of the same, and that a copy of this Resolution be furnished each of the above Gentlemen.

On Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3377. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That we are in full sympathy with and advocate the passage of House Bill No 1078 introduced in the Legislature by Hon John Boney of Larksville, Penna. to establish a revolving fund for the state-wide installation of the food stamp plan through the Department of Public Assistance and the State Treasurer, and that a copy of this Resolution be supplied each member of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania, who are residents of Luzerne Co, and enlist their Aid, Support and Vote on its successful passage.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was Adopted.

Applications for decreased assesments on propeties were received and read to Council from Mrs Catharine Wills 137 William St and Mr John Giambra, said applications were referred to City Assessor Jos. P. McCanna, with instructions to report back to Council.

J. P. McCanna.

Communication was received from Atty John R. Reap relating to an injury sustained by one Mrs Louise Osieski of 61 Vine Street, on March 13, 1941 when she fell on an icy sidewalk beneath the railroad bridge on Railroad Street, fracturing her right arm above the wrist, x-ray pictures were taken at the Pittston Hospital and she was treated by Dr Lenahan.

On Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Dr Andaloro the above communication was reffered to the City Solicitor.

Letter from Mr R.V. Eder, Genl Mgr Wilkesbarre Railway Corp relative to the Duryea-Pittston Auto Bus Service, statement made that the service had been stepped up and that Traffic Manager Mat Bilbow had been instructed to pay particular attention to this service.

By Unanimous vote above was oredred received & filed.

Letter of request to permit a Bore Hole being made on Butler Street was received from the Morgan Slope Coal Co, same was read to Council. On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, all requests for such work was denied until the Operators appeared before Council and promised to discontinue Night Blasting in their Mines and also repair all property damaged from caves etc in their Mines.

Communication from Mr Chester E. Rogers, Secy City Clerks Assoc of the League of Third Class Cities, asking for support of Senate Bill No 284 was read to Council, as well as a letter informing Council of a meeting to be held Friday, April 18, 1941, at 10.00 a.m. in the Court House at Wilkesbarre on the application of the D & H.R.R. Co. for approval of the abondonment of passenger train service between Scranton and Wilkesbarre. On clear vote of Council both communications were ordered received and filed.

The following information was received from Stephen J. Tkach, Chief Clerk of the Luzerne County Commissioners, by clear vote of Council same was prdered received and filed.

Number Residents	Valuation Residents	Number Properties	Valuation Properties	Total
9686	\$744,060.00	3463	\$8,547,944.00	\$9,292,004.00

Mr Jos Marriott, 293 No Main St, Secretary of the Pittston Branch of the American Progressive League petitioned Council for their support in the installation of the Food Stamp Plan in the City of Pittston and throughout the State generally. Mr Raymond Hoover O'man of the Pittston City Branch was in attendance and explained the proposition to the Mayor and Council and stated that a Mr Jos. J. Gallagher of Scranton would, if given permission attend the next meeting of Council and more fully explain the proposition, permission was cordially extended Mr Gallagher, through the Mayor to Mr Hoover, as well the Mayor suggested that a Resolution be prepared and sent to each of the members of the Senate & House of Representatives from Luzerne County showing that Pittston City Council fully endorses the Plan also the Bill, as a consequence Resolution No 3377 was prepared and a copy of same was given Mr Hoover as Chairman of the Pittston City Branch of the American Progressive League for his Organizations Files.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

J. P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk.

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City Clerk.

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Sealed Bids or proposals will be received, opened and read by the Council of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, at a Regular meeting thereof to be held at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, May 13th, 1941, at the City Hall, Broad Street, for purchasing Bituminous materials, of the kind and character, within the time and in accordance with the conditions contained in the specifications and written information in the hands of the City Clerk. Copies of which may be obtained therefrom.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

J. P. FITZPATRICK,

City Clerk.
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Sealed proposals will be received at the City Clerk's office, Pittston, Pa., until Tuesday, May 13, 1941, 10:00 A. M. for one Motor Car for the Police Dept. to cost not more than \$500.00, less allowance for 1940 Ford V-8, 5 Passenger Fordor Sedan, 95 Horsepower Mercury Motor, 123 Springbase. Proposals to be endorsed, "Proposal for Police Motor Car" and addressed to J. P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk, (from whom Specifications may be obtained). Certified Check in the sum of \$50.00 must accompany such proposal. The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all Bids.

J. P. FITZPATRICK,

City Clerk.
A23,30,M7

Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present with the exception of Mr Sylvester Grablick.

The minutes of April 8th meeting were not read but on Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

FILE of COUNCIL NO 421 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MOTOR CAR FOR THE USE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON. WAS READ AT LENGTH FOR THE FIRST TIME.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was passed for First Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 421 AN ORDINANCE WAS READ BY TITLE FOR THE SECOND TIME.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was passed for Second Reading.

Director of Accounts & Finance Dr S.C. Andaloro recommended approval of the following bills.

Kenneth J. English.	Stamps for Mayors Office.	\$ 5.00
Jos A. Loughney.	Plumbing Service, Old City Hall.	10.25
Joseph Perfetto.	Parts & Repairs to Trucks.	11.17
Edward A. Moran.	Stamps for Police Department.	10.00
Sullivan Taxl.	Taxi to Searle St a/c Childs death.	.75
Texas Lunch.	Food for Prisoners.	4.95
Times-Leader.	Advertising by City Treasurer.	17.85
Leo W. White.	Fees & Costs, Albert DeToro vs, City of Pittston.	583.07
Volunteer Firemen.	Special Work, Flushing Streets.	115.20
Plumbing Exam Board.	W.W. Lewis \$11.00 Paul Bohan. \$10.00	21.00

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above bills were ordered paid, with the exception of Atty Leo Whites bill Mr Walsh voting in the negative on that bill.

RESOLUTION NO 3378 : WHEREAS, the City of Pittston by contract in 1919, did grade, pave and curb that portion of Church Street between William and Butler Streets, and

WHEREAS, the said grading and curbing did cause the grade to be lowered on that portion of the cartway along the (then) Reap property, located at the Northeast corner of Church and William Streets, and said condition has existed since that time, and

WHEREAS, the City of Pittston prepared and presented for approval to the Federal Work Projects Administration a proposal to widen the cartway on that portion of Church Street from William Street, 150 feet northeasterly, and to reduce the northeast corner of William and Church Streets and construct a retaining wall along the northeasterly side of Church Street from William Street 144 feet northeasterly and,

WHEREAS, The Federal Works Progress Administration did by letter dated June 20, 1940 advise the City of Pittston that the proposed retaining wall could not be constructed under the proposal for the entire distance along Church Street, but only that portion in the immediate vicinity of the actual northeast corner of said Church and William Streets, a distance along Church Street of only thirty feet, would be completed, thereby leaving an uncompleted solution to the problem presented, now

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Pittston, that the Federal Works Progress Administration be requested to reconsider the action taken under date of June 20, 1940 and the entire portion of the wall along the northeasterly side of Church Street a distance of approximately one hundred feet, as indicated on the initial plans submitted be constructed, thereby completing the initial proposal and furnishing a necessary public convenience.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was Adopted.

J. H. English.

Communications were received and read to Council from the Spanish American War Veterans. The American Legion and the National Regulars relative to a contribution to each of them by the City for the purpose of decorating their Comrades graves on Decoration Day.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh the usual contribution to the Spanish American War Veterans was voted them by clear vote on Roll Call. The City Clerk was instructed to call the representative of the American Legion, the National Regulars and the Veterans of Foreign Wars together so that an understanding might be reached and the decorations of graves be not duplicated.

Communication was received and read to Council from Attys Joseph Seiling and E.F. McGovern of Wilkesbarre reading an injury reputed to have been sustained by a client of theirs Lena Dressler 1093 Wyoming Avenue Exeter. Pa. when she fell on the sidewalk in front of numbers 28 and 30 So Main St., Pittston. Pa. she slipped on ridges of ice which were permitted to accumulate in a depression of open drain across the sidewalk making it slippery and dangerous to pass over. She sustained a broken hip. injuries to both legs and body.

On Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above communication was referred to the City Solicitor.

Invitation from G Harold Wagner to attend his inauguration as State Treasurer on Monday May 5th 1941 at Harrisburg was read to Council. Same was ordered received and filed by clear vote.

A Petition was received from the residents of the 11th Ward Athletic Club and read to Council they asked that the playing field at what is now known as Burke Park (Formerly Oregon Grove) be improved they offered the man power if the necessary machinery and tools were furnished by the City. Mr John Hastie of 76 River Street acted as spokesman for the Committee of 11th Ward residents.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote the Petition was ordered received and filed and the matter of improvement be referred to Director of Parks Jos Walsh and City Engineer Major R.N. Myers.

On Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the City Clerk was authorized to re-advertize for bids on Road Oil.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:


City Clerk.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.



Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of April 22nd meeting were not read but on motion by Dr S O. Andaloro, seconded by Mr Joseph Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following report on Parking Violations and Meter returns for the Month of April was submitted by Mayor English.

April. 1, 1941 to April. 30, 1941	Parking Violations	\$ 100.00
April. 1, 1941 to April. 30, 1941	Meter Returns	442.07

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M P. Ruane submitted his report for the month of April. A balance of \$ 82,947.16 as of April 30th was shown.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received and filed.

Health Officer and Sealer of Weights & Measures Thos Newcomb submitted his reports for the Month of April.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received and filed.

Following communication was received from Health Officer Thomas Newcomb and read to Council.
Honorable Mayor and Members of Council.
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

May 9 1941

Gentlemen:

A brick residence property at 30 East Railroad Street, assessed to Charles Lucenti, is a fire trap and a menace to the health of people living in that neighborhood. I have notified Mr Lucenti several times and the condition has not been corrected. I recommend that the building be torn down immediately.

Respectfully yours.

Thomas Newcomb. Health Officer.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, above was referred to the City Solicitor for an opinion.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 421 was read by Title for the Third time On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Ordinance was passed on Third Reading.

RESOLUTION NO 3379: BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That an Electric Street Light be erected on Prospect Lane between Church Street and Prospect Place in the rear of the Releif Building on an unoccupied pole erected there and that the Scranton Electric Company be communicated with and instructed to comply with above Electric Light installation.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3380: BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That an Electric Street Light be erected on the upper end or dead end of Chapel Street, and that the Scranton Electric Company be communicated with and instructed to comply with the above specified Electric Light installation.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3381: submitted by Dr S.O. Andaloro. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That an Electric

J. H. B. [Signature]

Street Light be erected on South Main Street in the vicinity of Underwood Lane, and that the Scranton Electric Company be communicated with and instructed to comply with the above specified Electric Light installation.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3382: BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the discount period for the payment of City Taxes be extended to May 30, 1941

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3383: WHEREAS, the City of Pittston by contract in 1919, did grade, pave and curb that portion of Church Street between William and Butler Streets, and

WHEREAS, the said grading, paving and curbing did cause the grade to be lowered on that portion of the cartway along the (then) Reap property, located at the Northeast corner of Church and William Streets, and said condition has existed since that time, and

WHEREAS, the City of Pittston prepared and presented for approval to the Federal Works Projects Administration a proposal to widen the cartway on that portion of Church Street from William Street, 150 feet northeasterly, and to reduce the northeast corner of William Street and Church Street and construct a retaining wall along the northeasterly side of Church Street from William Street 144 feet northeasterly and,

WHEREAS, The Federal Works progress Administration did by letter dated June 20, 1940 advise the City of Pittston that the proposed retaining wall could not be constructed under the proposal for the entire distance along Church Street, but only that portion in the immediate vicinity of the actual northeast corner of said Church and William Streets, a distance along Church Street of only thirty feet, would be completed, thereby leaving an uncompleted solution to the problem presented, now

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Pittston, that the Federal Works Progress Administration be requested to reconsider the action taken under date of June 20, 1940 and the entire portion of the wall along the northeasterly side of Church Street a distance of approximately one hundred feet, as indicated on the initial plans submitted be constructed, thereby completing the initial proposal and furnishing a necessary public convenience.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3384: WHEREAS, a complaint has been made to the Council of the City of Pittston that a certain building, to wit, a dwelling house known as no 291 South Main Street in the said City of Pittston, is partly in a condition and in effect dangerous to life and health; and

WHEREAS, written reports filed by the Chief of Police and the Health Officer, respectively, of the City of Pittston declare that the said building, in their opinion, is partly in a condition and in effect dangerous to life and health; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Pittston has not seen fit to elect to create, by Ordinance, a Board of Health under the provisions of the Third Class City Act of June 23, 1931, P. L 932:

THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, exercising all the rights and performing the duties and obligations imposed by the said Act of June 23, 1931, P. L. 932, Article XXIII, Section 2303, and the laws of the Commonwealth, upon Boards of Health, does resolve, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same:

Section 1. That a certain building, to wit, a dwelling house known as No 291 South Main Street in the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and hereinbefore mentioned, in the opinion of Council of the City of Pittston, is partly in a condition and in effect dangerous to life and health, and the Council of the City of Pittston,

J. H. [Signature]

does hereby declare the same to be a public nuisance and dangerous to life and health, in that the same has become dilapidated, is likely to collapse and is in a filthy and foul condition, and the Council of the City of Pittston does further order the said building to be removed, altered or otherwise improved, so that it may not hereafter continue to be a public nuisance and dangerous to life or health.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution and the order herein contained, be served on the owner or reputed owner, agent, occupant or tenant of said building, or some of them, if said parties or any of them are in the City of Pittston and can be found.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

Following estimate was presented to Council in a communication received by Major Myers, City Engineer, from George Fleming, Electric Engineer. Estimate for changing Traffic signal, Traffic Bell & Switch. Spot light, service and switch. Main service supply for control. Cable and pipe feed to Traffic signals. The amount for this work is as follows.

Changing, stripping down and assembling, installing traffic signal from Broad & Main to Water & Main	\$ 49.00
Running cables for new booth to signal at new location	25.00
Changing Traffic signal bell from old to new booth	8.00
Changing spot light service & switch from old to new Booths.	19.00
Changing main service supply to traffic control.	18.00
Changing traffic signal control, disconnecting, reconnecting and moving to New Booth.	50.00
Changing all cables from old to new location.	25.00
Changing 4" conduit from old to new Booth.	18.00
	<u>\$ 212.00</u>

The above price include all labor and materials necessary to complete the above work specified but does not include excavation between new and old Booth.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh above estimate was accepted, the work ordered to be proceeded with and the new Traffic Control Booth erected by clear vote of Council on Roll Call.

The following bills were presented and recommended for payment by the Director of Accounts and Finance Dr S.C. Andaloro.

Ardoline Bert.	Affadavits.	\$ 1.00
Fitzpatrick.J.P.	U.S.Stamps for City Clerk's Office.	5.00
Myers R.N.	Projects expense for April.1941	29.20
Newcomb,Thos.	U.S.Stamps for Health Dept.	3.00
Ruane.M.P.	Prepare County & Poor Tax Duplicate	
	Post Card purchase for City, County & Poor	
	School Taxes year 1940 from H.Hunt.	50.50
Scr Spg Brook Water Co.	Fire Hydrants., April 1941	136.67
Scr Spg Brook Water Co.	Old & New City Hall April 1941	11.78
Wilkes-Barre Record.	Advertising.	17.64
Wilkes-Barre Independant.	Advt Financial Report 1940	84.00
Firemens Pay Roll.	Feb .1. to Apr 30.1941	1,126.40
Barrett.Jos.A.	Magistrate Costs, April 1941	4.50

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above bills were ordered paid.

Following communication from Major R.N.Myers, City Engineer was read to Council.

"At the request of Mr Grablick, I have invetigated the possibility of using the Signal Light, recently removed from William and Church Streets, to releive the dangerous condition at the Fort Jenkins Bridge and Mill Street. The Old Signal Light can be renovated to meet the requirements of the permit issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Highways and the other light necessary to control the exit from the Fort Jenkins Bridge together with a pedestal for the old light and a controller and cable can be purchased for approximately \$ 323.17. The total installation charge should not exceed \$ 100.00". Respectfully submitted, R.N.Myers.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by clear vote, suggestion was accepted & work ordered done. *J. A. Andaloro*

Mayor English stated that Mr James Corcoran owner of property at 9 So Main St, Pittston. (Stag Tavern) was desirous of purchasing a piece of City property located in the rear of his property, also in the rear of City Building now housing the Niagra Hose Co, when the latter Hose company's Fire Apparatus were Horse drawn, this particular property was used as a refuse or manure depository, in later years or since the Fire Department has been motorized, this particular strip has been used as an entry to the Stag Tavern and property of Thos Linnen immediately adjoining to the North, the latter Thos Linnen, as stated by Emerson Howley, City Controller, has a right of way from the City on this plot and for which he pays an Annual Fee of \$14.00. Mr Frank Turon, tenant of Mr Corcoran and proprietor of the Stag Tavern, was present and stated that this property is being used as a dumping ground by those in the neighborhood and a mosy unhealthy and dangerous condition exists on account of the same, the statement was made that in the event of the sale of this property to Mr Corcoran that Mr Linnen would still have a right of way over the property. Mayor English stated that if the Council wished to act as a Committee of the whole and view this property also interview Mr Corcoran they might do so between now and the next meeting of Council. On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call Council as a whole together with Mr Patk Sammon and City Assessor Jos. P. McCanna were appointed a Committee to view this property and give an estimate on its value and the Committee to select from its number Two or more to interview Mr Corcoran. Further discussion was entered into on the subject of obtaining an opinion from the City Solicitor relative to the right of Council to sell any of the City's Realty. On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the right of Council to sell City property was referred to the City Solicitor for an opinion.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick bids on Auto for the Police Dept were ordered opened by clear vote. Council found that there was only One Bid submitted on the Police Car that by Barber Motor Car Co, for \$300.00 cash and the present Police Car if it was decided to equip the new car with Fram Oil Filter an extra charge of \$ 6.00 would be made, Mercury Motor \$25.00 extra, Goodrich Seal-O-Matic Tubes and 6- ply R7 Life Saver Tires and Goodrich 51 plate 145 Amp. Kathanode Electro-Pak Battery instead of regular equipment \$60.00 extra.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh the base bid of Barber Motor Car Co, with accesories decided upon by Chief Moran was accepted by clear vote.

Bids on Road Oil for the street department for the year 1941 were ordered opened on motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call. It was found that only 2 bids were received. H B. Sproul Construction Co Scranton Penna and the Mathers Construction Company, Trucksville. Penna. as follows.

Sproul Construction Company.	40.000 Gal @ .119 Per Gallon
Mathers Construction Company.	40.000 Gal @ .1225 Per Gallon

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by the following vote the contract was given to H. B. Sproul, Construction Company. AYES: MESSERS Mead, Andaloro, Grablick and English. NAYS: Mr Walsh.

On the above item bids were advertised and called for on Feb 25th, April 8th and May 13th, bids on the first two dates were rejected with the following losses on Oil 2 7/10 Mills per Gallon Loss \$108.00 2 extra insertions in newspaper \$17.10 making a total loss of \$ 125.10

J. P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk.
City Hall
Pittston. Penna.

May 3rd 1941

Dear Sir: Claim of Mrs Anna Marchulonis Vs. City of Pittston.

In reply to your letter of several weeks ago in the above matter, in which you advise me that the claim of the said Mrs Anna Marchulonis had been referred to me for my attention, permit me to say that there seems to be no doubt that the claimant suffered certain injuries because of a fall on a flight of stairs in the new City Hall building on August 12, 1940, and that she incurred expenses on account thereof. The principal

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question involved, of course, is whether or not the flight of stairs upon which she fell was in such a condition as to cause the accident because of faulty construction or a defect in the said flight of stairs. I suggest, therefore, that the question of a faulty construction or a defect in said flight of stairs be thoroughly investigated by the architects in charge of the construction of the said building. Upon this question will depend the liability of the City for the accident in question. If the architects admit that the construction of the flight of stairs is defective, of course, it will be advisable to make a settlement with the claimant. If they decide otherwise, then it will become a matter to be decided by a jury during trial of the action.

Kindly bring this communication to the attention of Council at your earliest convenience, and oblige.

Very Truly Yours.

Wm. H. Gillespie, City Solicitor.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the City Clerk was instructed to refer the above to the Architects Messers Coon & Barrett for an opinion on the construction of the stairs in question.

Letters containing copies of the Resolution passed by Council on the St Lawrence River Project and mailed to Senators Joseph Guffey, James Davis and Representative J Harold Flannery, were answered by the latter two to the effect that they were unalterably opposed to the project, no word was received from Senator Joseph Guffey.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call said communication were ordered received & filed.

A communication from the Production Division of the U.S. Government was ordered received & filed by clear vote of Council.

Excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the Luzerne County Commissioners held on April 7th 1941 with the following present Messers. Robert Lloyd and Stanley B. Janowski, Commissioners, R. Lawrence Coughlin, Solicitor, and Robert N. Bierly, Controller, were read to Council as follows.

"It was moved by Mr Janowski and seconded by Mr Lloyd, that

WHEREAS, Purchases of supplies and equipment by the City Treasurer, acting as collector of taxes of the County, may amount to more than \$100.00 or more than \$300.00, and

WHEREAS, The law governing the County requires contracts for all purchases in excess of \$100.00 and under \$300.00 to be in writing and contracts in excess of \$300.00 to be executed only after advertisement and award. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council and City Treasurer be informed that in the purchases of supplies and equipment for the city treasurer as tax collector, where the County is required to pay a portion thereof, the County law as to contracts and advertisement be complied with, and requisition through the County's Purchasing Agent be made before actual purchase or advertisement therefor.

"Ayes" Messers. Janowski, Lloyd."

Certified from the minutes of the Luzerne County Commissioners this 1st day of May, 1941.

John L. Dasch, Asst. Secretary.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the communication was ordered received, filed and that the proper authorities be notified.

The following letter was read to Council, On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

May 3, 1941

Mr J. P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk.
City of Pittston
Pittston, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 29th, in which you enclose Resolution No 3375 passed by Mayor Kenneth J. English and the Council of the City



of Pittston, please be advised that we have repeatedly stated that we do not propose to do anything with reference to the Scranton-Spring Brook Water Company matter until there had been the fullest exploration of all benefits and disadvantages of municipal operation of the Water Companies properties, either through a joint Lackawanna- Luzerne County Authority or a Luzerne County Authority. We do not believe that there can be too much discussion of a project of such magnitude before any step is taken.

Speaking solely for ourselves, we were never consulted by anyone concerning this matter nor did we participate in any conference concerning the possible acquisition of the Water Company's properties. When the plan was publicized in the newspapers that was our first knowledge of the details. Prior to that we had no information excepting such as was picked up through rumor on the street. It may seem peculiar that this matter could progress to the point it did without consultation with public officials upon whom would rest the initial responsibility for the creation of a Water Authority, but we can vouch that such is the situation as far as our personal actions are concerned.

Sincerely yours,
Robert Lloyd.
Stanley B. Janowski.
County Commissioners.

Answers were received from Senator Leo Mundy and Robert M. Miller and Representatives Ed O. Schwab and Jas J. Malloy, to letters and Resolution No 3377 mailed them asking their support and vote of House Bill 1078, wherein the all stated support would be given the Bill and that they were in thorough accord with the same.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received and filed.

The Military Organizations seeking a contribution from the City to assist in decorating the graves of members on Decoration Day were represented by Commander Mich Fiume of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Mr Hart of the National Regulars-Gibbons-Buss Post. The former stated that they decorate with flags and have a Mass said on that day also that the County contributes \$50.00 to them, the American Legion also receiving \$50.00 from the County. Mr Hart stated that the graves looked after by his Organization are those who do not belong to the American Legion or the Veterans of Foreign Wars, they specializing in decorating neglected and forgotten graves of the district stating that they decorated one last year of a veteran of the War of 1812 that had not been decorated in 31 years.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call that following Organizations were voted the customary contribution of \$50.00 each, with the proviso that they comply with the State Law and render a statement of expenditures to the City.
National Regulars, Gibbons-Buss Post.
Spanish-American War Veterans.
Veterans of Foreign Wars.
American Legion.

Mr Mead stated that it was the desire of Council to see that none of the graves of those entitled to be remembered on Decoration Day be neglected, hence the desire of Council to check with representatives of the Military Organizations on this phase of it, he also stated that Council was most pleased to know that such a thorough search was being made as stated by Mr Hart to discover those who had in the past been neglected, and commended he and his organization on same.

Mr James Craig, President of the Surface Protective Society of Pittston was in attendance and stated that the Sullivan Trail Coal Co of the West Side were repairing all homes damaged through subsidence over their workings without any squabbling, while Peter Minichello of the Morgan Slope Coal Co, although called upon and having promised to make repairs to properties damaged by caves in the holdings had neglected to do so and as he understands from miners working in this mine states that they are about ready to abandon that section where damage has occurred as it is all worked out, he presented a list of people whose homes were damaged and the extent of the same. Mr Thos Newcomb stated that the Minichello operation are now blasting under Butler Street in the vicinity of the old Kennedy home on Butler Street. Permission was requested of Council by the Minichello mining Co to make surface borings on Butler street, their request was refused until

A. F. B. Janowski

such time as they complied with communication mailed them on April 9th wherein it was stated that Council would withhold all permission of this nature in the future until they satisfied Council that they would accept the responsibility and make repair of all properties damaged ~~though~~ through blasting or mining of coal in their holdings.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grabliak and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above was passed.

Mr Hastie of the Oregon section addressed Council stating that the operation of the Bull-dozer now operating there in an attempt to level off the ground so that same might be used as a Base Ball Field, would terminate to' day and that the work was only half done, he was reminded that the man power promised by he and his associates at a former meeting of Council had not been forthcoming, also that the appropriation of \$100.00 allowed for this work had been used up and as stated by Mr Walsh, Director, of Parks he didn't know what could be done about it.

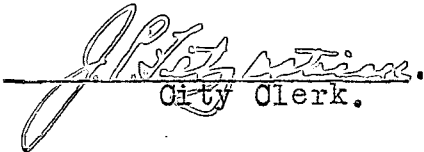
By clear vote of Council application for the Razing of Nos 9 to 17 No Main Street by S.S.Kresge Co was granted, providing all the requirements for safety of workers and general public was complied with, as well by clear vote of Council permission was granted them to construct a building on the same site 94 X 140 feet and 18 to 20 feet high, providing all requirements pertaining to the building code was complied with. Cost of new building to be approximately \$65,000.00

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, the City Clerk was instructed to return to the Mathers Construction Company the Certified Check for \$50.00 that accompanied their bid on Road Oil.

Thomas Foley a reputed citizen and tax payer of the City of Pittston. was present and asked if the Director of Accounts & Finance Dr S.C.Andaloro was bonded, he was answered in the affirmative and that the New York Casualty Co was the maker of the same.

There being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:


City Clerk.

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MAY 27th 1941

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J P.Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.



Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present.

The Minutes of May 13th were not read but on motion by Dr S.C. Andaloro, seconded by Mr Joseph Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

Dr S C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts and Finance, recommended approval and payment of the following Bills.

Anthracite Paint Co	Traffic Paint	\$75.70
Allardyce John	Communication	6.00
Bell Telephone Co	Telephones, April 1941	39.35
Broad Street Garage	Repairs Police Car	3.50
Daly-Volpe Constr Co	Bulldozer for Oregon B.B. Field.	124.25
Hanline Brothers	Traffic Paint.	16.50
Howell, C.E.	Amb Service for Paul Lukas.	25.00
Gillespie Wm. H.	Fees for Liens & Revivals.	2.75
Ruane, M.P. Treasurer.	Int on 1938 & 1923 Issues.	1,237.50
Stackhouse Auto Elec Co.	2 Cans Radiator Flush.	1.12
So Side Plating Works,	Plating pick & shovel used in	
	breaking ground New City Hall.	7.50
Scranton Electric Co.	Office Lighting Apr, 1941	48.88
Andaloro, Dr. S.C.	Petty Cash for use City Offices.	10.00
Harding Harry.	Typewriter Repairs.	20.00

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Bills were ordered Paid.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 422. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPAYMENT OF LOAN TO THE MINERS SAVINGS BANK? PITTSTON, PENNA. WAS READ AT LENGTH FOR THE FIRST TIME.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was passed for First Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 422. AN Ordinance was read by Title for the Second Time.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was passed for Second Reading.

The following communication was read to Council

J.P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk
City Hall
Pittston, Penna.

May 17th 1941

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 16, 1941 advising me that Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer of the City of Pittston, by a communication dated May 9, 1941 to the Mayor and Members of Council, declared that a brick residence known as No. 30 East Railroad Street in the City of Pittston, and assessed to Charles Lucenti, is a firetrap and a menace to the health of the people living in the neighborhood of said property and recommending that the building in question be torn down immediately, and enclosing with your letter the said communication from the Health Officer.

In reply, permit me to say that inasmuch as the said building is declared by the Health Officer to be a firetrap, as well as a menace to the health of the people living in the neighborhood thereof, I deem it advisable to obtain from the Chief of the Fire Department of the City of Pittston a notice to the effect that the said property is a firetrap if, in the opinion of the Chief of the Fire Department, the said property is, in fact, a firetrap and dangerous to life.

I trust you will immediately bring this matter to the attention of the Chief of the Fire Department and will ask him to make a report forth with to you or to the Mayor of the City of Pittston.

Respectfully submitted, Wm. H. Gillespie.
City Solicitor.

J.P. Fitzpatrick

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above communication was ordered received and filed.

Following communication was read to Council.

Honorable Mayor English & Council
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your instructions of recent date, in company with Asst State Fire Marshall Mr Al Wilson, inspection was made of building located at No 30 East R.R. Street, Pittston, assessed to one Charles Lucenti, this building is in a dilapidated condition and at present is a menace to the neighborhood and a hazardous firetrap, unless an immediate correction and removal of the existing dangerous conditions are made, we recommend the immediate razing and removal of same. A year ago this same property was investigated and verbal notice given the interested parties to correct the complained of conditions, nothing having been done in the interim to correct same.

Respectfully submitted Howard Owens, Chief of Fire Dept

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above communication was ordered received and referred to the City Solicitor with instructions to proceed to the abatement of the nuisance complained of.

Following communication was read to Council.

J.P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk
City Hall
Pittston, Penna.

May 17th 1941

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 16, 1941 enclosing certified copy of Resolution No 3384, referring to a dwelling house known as No. 291 South Main Street in the City of Pittston, and asking me to have Mayor English sign the same. I have handed the Resolution to Mayor English who said that he would approve the same and return to you without delay.

So that the City may proceed to carry out the order of Council in the matter of declaring the said property a public nuisance and dangerous to life and health, I have prepared and enclose herewith a form of notice to be signed by the Mayor and yourself with the seal of the City of Pittston affixed thereto, as well as a copy thereof which should be signed by the Mayor and yourself in a like manner. The Chief of Police should then serve the said notice and order upon Miss Mary Johnson personally as soon as convenient by producing to her personally the original notice and informing her of the contents thereof, and at the same time, by handing to her a copy thereof which I have enclosed with the original notice. The Chief of Police will then return to me the said original notice so that I may make a proper return of service thereon before filing the same in your office. I shall telephone you on Monday next and give you further information and instructions in this matter if necessary.

Respectfully yours
Wm. H. Gillespie, City Solicitor.

On Motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above communication was ordered received and filed and acceptance of the opinion and recommendations of the City Solicitor.

Following communication was read to Council.

J.P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk
City Hall
Pittston, Penna.

May 17th 1941

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 16, 1941 in which you advise me that negotiations are pending for the sale of certain real estate owned by the City of Pittston and asking for my advise as to the necessary legal proceedings required for such sale by the City of Pittston.

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In reply permit me to say that the Act of June 23, 1931, Pamphlet Laws Page 932, governing Cities of the Third Class, provides in Article XXIV, Section 2402 that "Each city is hereby declared a body corporate and politic, and shall have perpetual succession, and may:*** 2. 'Purchase and hold real and personal property for the use of the city; ' 3. 'Lease, sell and convey any real or personal property owned by the city, and make such order respecting the same as may be conducive to the interest of the city; ***"

If the Council of the City of Pittston proposes to sell and convey any real estate, title to which is vested in the City of Pittston, it may proceed to authorize the sale thereof by Ordinance duly enacted by Council, and approved by the Mayor, fixing the consideration therefor and directing the Mayor and City Clerk of the said city to execute a proper deed conveying title to such property to the proposed purchaser.

The exercise of the corporate power of Cities of the Third Class to lease, sell and convey any real or personal property owned by the city is vested in cities not only by the present Act of Assembly governing Cities of the Third Class, namely, the Act of June 23, 1931, P.L. 932, above cited, but also vested in said cities of the Third Class by previous legislation governing such cities by the Act of May 23, 1889, P.L. 277 and the Act of June 27, 1913, P.L. 568, Respectively. Accordingly, I advise you that under the Act of Assembly governing Cities of the Third Class in Penna, the City of Pittston may proceed to sell and convey the property in question if title thereto be vested in the city, and make such order respecting the same as may be conducive to the interests of the city.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. H. Gillespie, City Solicitor.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above communication was ordered received & filed, and that Messers Jos. P. McCanna, City Assessor and Mr Patk Sammon, Real Estate Agent, be requested to sit with the members of Council to night at 8-30 P.M. and discuss the situation relative to price to be asked for the property and generally go over the situation.

The following communication was read to Council.

PITTSTON-DURYEA COAL COMPANY.

Hon. Mayor Kenneth J. English
Pittston, Pennsylvania

May 5th 1941

Dear Sir:

We hereby request your permission to drill five (5) two (2") diamond drill bore holes in the tree lawn of the streets in the City of Pittston.

Attached print shows the approximate location of the holes to be drilled on Main, Cornelia and New Streets.

Very truly yours, James A. Bradbury,
General Superintendent.

Above letter was referred to Major R. N. Myers, City Eng. who stated that "The proposed locations do not appear to constitute any interference to the traveling public."

On Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above request was granted with the proviso that said borings be done under the supervision of Major R. N. Myers, City Engineer

from Mayor English stated that a complaint had been received by him by Mrs James Rowan, wherein she stated that concrete base and iron pipes had been erected to support a clothes line on the rear of a property purchased by Peter Minichello from the Erie R.R. Co. on William Street, the complaint referred to the closing of a right of way that has existed on the upper end of Butler Street in the vicinity of the Erie R.R. Co's tracks. The Mayor stated that as far as could be ascertained the rear of the property in question, has been a Public Way and that Mr Minichello should be asked to remove the same and that the City Clerk should be instructed to write a letter to Mr Minichello to that effect.

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On Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, the City Clerk was instructed to write a letter to Mr Peter Minichello and request the removal of the obstructions referred to as above recited.

Mr Grablick remarked that papers deposited at the Fourth Ward dumping ground was being blown around in the neighborhood thereby creating a public nuisance, and asked when the new dumping ground was to be opened, Mr Mead, Director of Streets and Sewers advised that dumping at the point referred to would terminate within a very few days and that added protection from the complaint registered would be obtained at the newer dumping grounds.

Information from the Pennsylvania Public Health Assoc together with a programme covering a meeting of this body at the Sterling Hotel, Wilkesbarre, Wednesday May 28th 1941, accompanied an invitation to the Mayor and members of Council to attend same was presented to Council.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

Mr James P. O'Brien, Luzerne County Supervisor of the N.Y.A. extended an invitation to the Mayor and Council in the form of an announcement to attend on Saturday May 31st The National Youth Administration and the Wilkesbarre Post 132 American Legion's Dedication and Flag Raising Ceremonies at the New Machine Shop Building, Scott and Delaware Streets, Wilkesbarre, Pa., at 2 P.M.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 7-30 P.M. with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of May 27th were not read but on motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following report on Parking Violations and Meter returns for the Month of May was submitted by Mayor English.

May 1, 1941 to May 31, 1941	Parking Violations.	\$ 71.00
May 1, 1941 to May 31, 1941	Meter Returns.	418.83

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received & filed.

City Treasurer M.P. Ruane submitted his report for the month of May. A balance of \$ 74,413.48 as of May 31st was shown.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received & filed.

Health Officer & Sealer of Weights & Measures Thos Newcomb submitted his report for the month of May.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received & filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 422 was read by Title for the Third time. On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Ordinance was passed on Third Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 423. AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXCHANGE OR SALE OF THE POLICE CAR IN PRESENT USE BY THE BUREAU OF POLICE OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH IN PART PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF A NEW MOTOR CAR TO BE USED BY THE BUREAU OF POLICE OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE BID PUBLISHED ACCORDING TO LAW AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID OF THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE SALE THEREOF TO THE SAID CITY OF PITTSBURGH. WAS READ AT LENGTH FOR THE FIRST TIME.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was passed for First Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 423. AN ORDINANCE WAS READ BY TITLE FOR THE SECOND TIME.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was passed for Second Reading.

RESOLUTION NO 3385: BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That authorization is hereby given to the proper authorities to accept the Deed from the Pennsylvania Coal Company for property adjoining James Street, in the City of Pittston, and directs that a warrant be drawn for the payment of \$100.00 for the purchase of said property."

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3386: BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Bond of M.P. Ruane, Collector of City Taxes, for the City of Pittston, Pa., be relieved and released, of the following balance, as appears on the duplicate for the year 1939, \$ 58,137.81.

The foregoing balance consists of Personal Tax of Male and Female, and Exonerations, Abatements and of Properties that have been Certified and for which Liens can be filed against said Properties at the time as required by Law.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO 3387.:

WHEREAS, complaint has been made to the Council of the City of Pittston that a certain building located at No. 30 East Railroad Street, City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, assessed to and presumably owned by Charles Lucenti, is in a condition and in effect dangerous to life and health; and

WHEREAS, written reports filed by the Chief of the Fire Department and by the Health Officer, respectively, of the City of Pittston, with the City Clerk of the City of Pittston, declare that the said building is in a dilapidated condition, a hazardous firetrap and a menace to the health of the people living in the neighborhood of said property; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant State Fire Marshal, to wit, Mr. Al Wilson, has joined with the Chief of the Fire Department of the City of Pittston in the recommendation of the latter, recommending the immediate correction and removal of the existing dangerous conditions and further recommending the razing and removal of the same; and

WHEREAS, The Council of the said City of Pittston has not elected to create, by ordinance, a Board of Health under the provisions of the Third Class City Act of June 23, 1931, P.L. 932;

THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Pittston, exercising all the rights and performing the duties and obligations imposed by the said Act of June 23, 1931, P.L. 932, Article XXIII, Section 2303, and by the laws of the Commonwealth, upon Boards of Health, does resolve, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. That a certain building located at No. 30 East Railroad Street in the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and hereinbefore mentioned, in the opinion of Council of the City of Pittston, is in a condition and in effect dangerous to life and health, and the Council of the City of Pittston does hereby declare the same to be a public nuisance and dangerous to life and health, and the Council of the City of Pittston does further order the said building to be removed, altered or otherwise improved so that it may not hereafter continue to be a public nuisance and dangerous to life and health.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Pittston that a copy of this Resolution and the order herein contained be served upon the owner thereof, namely, Charles Lucenti, or the reputed owner, agent, occupant or tenant of said building, or some of them, if said parties or any of them are in the City of Pittston and can be found.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3388: BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the City Clerk notify the Public Utility Commission that the City of Pittston protests the Application of the Scranto-Spring Brook Water Service Company. (Application Docket Numbers A. 60055 : A. 60056 : A. 60057 : S.O. 218) and that the City Solicitor represent the City at the hearings on said Application."

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted. City Clerk to notify the Public Utility Commission by letter and include a copy of Resolution.

The following communication was read to Council.

J.P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk.
City Hall
Pittston, Penna.

May 29th 1941

Dear Sir:

I wish to inform you that written notice was served upon Miss Mary Johnson, owner of building located at No. 291 South Main Street in the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, by Edward A. Moran, Chief of Police of said City, upon May 28, 1941, to the effect that the Council of the

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said City of Pittston had, at its regular meeting on May 13, 1941, adopted a Resolution, acting as a Board of Health of said city, to the effect that the said dwelling is partly in a condition and in effect dangerous to life and health, and did in said resolution order the said building to be removed altered or otherwise improved so that it might not thereafter continue to be a public nuisance and dangerous to life and health. The said notice so served upon the said Miss Mary Johnson further notified her that if she saw fit to apply to said Council, acting as a Board of Health of the said City of Pittston, on or before June 7, 1941, to have the said order or its execution stayed or modified, the said Council, so acting, would temporarily suspend or modify said order and give the said Mary Johnson a reasonable and fair opportunity to be heard before the said Council, acting as such Board of Health, to present proofs and facts against said declaration and the execution of said order or in favor of its said modification, and that thereupon the said Council so acting will then fix a meeting thereof when such facts and proofs as it may receive will be entered upon its proceedings on such hearing, and thereafter it may rescind, modify or reaffirm its said declaration and order and require execution of said original or of a new or modified order to be made in such form and effect as it may finally determine.

I take this means of advising Council of the situation that now exists, and to simplify the matter involved I advise you that if the said Mary Johnson, owner of the building in question, sees fit to notify you, as City Clerk, that she demands such a hearing, then Council will again notify her of the time and place of such hearing, and thereupon proceed to a hearing at the time and place so fixed.

Respectfully Yours, Wm. H. Gillespie, City Solicitor

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, above communication was ordered received and filed and that the proper authorities be notified to proceed with the demolishing of this building, unless after notice by letter, said Mary Johnson makes satisfactory arrangements for repairs or otherwise by June 30th 1941.

Suggested by Mayor English that the Realty Dept of each of the Banking Institutions in the City be sent a letter informing them of the conclusions reached by City Council on both of the above properties thereby enabling them to protect any interests they might have in either property, same was complied with under date of June 13th 1941, and information received from each of the Banks that they had no interest in either property.

Itemized statements were received and read to Council from the Spanish American War Veterans, Wm. A. Francis, Commander and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Michael J. Fiume, Commander, as per Penna Laws governing contributions to military and veteran organizations for the purpose of assisting in the defraying of expenses entered into via Decorating of graves on Memorial Day.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call both were ordered received and filed.

Invitation was received and read to Council from the B.P.O. Elks No 382, inviting the Mayor and Council to participate in the Parade and Services on Flag Day June 14th 1941, to be held at the Erie Station, Broad Street, Pittston.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous same was ordered received and filed and the invitation accepted.

Dr S. C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finance recommended the following bills for payment.

Austin Powder Company.	Dynamite for Projects.	\$ 29.21
Barber Motor Car Co.	Pur of Police Car & Equipment.	366.00
Barber Motor Car Co.	1 Chev Truck, 1937 Model.	344.00
Barrett Jos. A.	Magistrate costs for May.	4.50
Dal Balso Daniel.	Dump body & hoist all for Truck.	40.00
Moran Edward A.	Stamps for Police Dept.	10.00
Motor Vehicle Co.	Straighten & Align frame #1 Truck	24.00

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Myers, R. N. Major.	Expenses incident to prosecution of	
	W. P. A. Projects during May 1941	\$ 24.30
Penna Coal Co.	Purchase of parcel of land off James St	
	to be used for dump purposes.	100.00
Fords West End Drugs	1st Aid supplies for Niag, Hose Co.	4.27

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above bills were ordered paid.

The following communication was received and read to Council both Messers Jos P. McCanna, City Assessor and P. A. Sammon having been appointed to act with the Council in viewing the ground in question and to submit their views on the valuation of same.

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council
Pittston, Penna.

June 9th 1941

Gentlemen:-

Pursuant to your request the undersigned, after careful examination, have appraised the value of the piece of unimproved land, 7½ feet in width and 22 feet in depth, situate in rear of the Niagra Hose Company building, at the amount of Three Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$360.00).

Respectfully submitted,
P. A. Sammon
Jos. P. McCanna.

Mayor English stated that the property in question in the event it were sold to Mr James Corcoran who is the owner of No 9 So Main Street a property directly in front of the one in question, would be built upon thereby vacating and preventing an unsanitary condition that has existed for some time in the past and has been a source of complaint from those living in close proximity to this plot, ere transfer of any Deed an easement of approximately 3 feet would be allowed Mr Thos Linnen whose property adjoins that of Mr Corcoran, said easement permitting of the entry and exit to Cron Street from Mr Linnen's property. The Mayor continued by stating that at the time the Fire Apparatus of the Niagra Hose Co was Horse drawn this particular small plot of ground was used as a refuse box or receptacle, however with the present modern Motor equipment of the Hose Company use for this plot is negligible. Messers Corcoran and Linnen have been heavy consistent tax payers in the City of Pittston over a great number of years and when one wishes to improve their properties at this particular time they should be encouraged and everything possible should be done to assist, the City has no possible use for the ground in question and since its disposal will bring added revenue in the way of taxes to the city I can see no reason for not disposing of it. It is entirely up to you gentlemen continued the Mayor to conclude definitely on this property as I, being Mr Corcoran's Attorney, will not vote on it.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead that the recommended price namely \$360.00 be accepted and the property sold to Mr James Corcoran at that price, the results of the votes on Roll Call resulted as follows. AYES: Messers Mead and Andaloro, NAYS: Messers Grablick and Walsh, NOT VOTING : Mayor English.

Further discussion on the subject brought forth the statement from Mr Grablick that he thought the price asked was too low, that the plot might be used some time by the City, also that they had no information as to whether the sale would be satisfactory to Mr Linnen whose property adjoined also as to whether Mr Linnen might be interested in its purchase for himself. "Were we, continued Mr Grablick, in possession of a letter from Mr Linnen, signed by himself, and stating that he was satisfied that it be sold to Mr Corcoran and that he Linnen was not interested in purchasing it for himself, I could then look on it differently, my suggestion would be that the City Clerk address a letter to Mr Linnen and have him express his views in the matter!" Mr Walsh stated that he based his objections on the fact "That since the City has had possession of this plot of ground for 50 Years that they should continue in possession of it and not sell".

Mayor English told Mr Grablick that his reasoning relative to an approach to Mr Linnen and the obtaining of a written statement from him relative to

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his purchase of same or the City's sale to Mr Corcoran was in order and correct and no doubt would be more fully satisfactory to everybody.

Dr Andaloro accordingly withdrew his former motion and in its stead moved, seconded by Mr Mead that the letter and recommendation of Messers Sammon and McCanna be temporarily tabled and that the City Clerk write Mr Linnen, along the lines outlined by Mr Grablick, and await his reply, same was passed by the following vote Ayes: Messers Mead, Andaloro, Grablick, Walsh

The following communication was received from the Greater Pittston District Master Plumbers Association and read to Council.

Mayor Kenneth J English and
City Council.
Pittston, Penna.

June 9th 1941

Gentlemen:

We respectfully submit the following to you for your consideration and ask that the same be acted upon favorably by your Honorable body.

An understanding, our Organization has with the Kingston, Penna. Plumbing Inspector permits us to perform plumbing work in that Borough on the payment of a Fee of \$1.00, paid to the Treasurer of Kingston, instead of the Fee of \$15.00 now charged. We would appreciate your extending to the Registered Plumbers of Kingston, through Mr Wm Foster, Plumbing Inspector of the City of Pittston and on payment of a Fee of \$1.00 to the City Treasurer, a like courtesy.

Respectfully submitted.
John. J. Curry, President.
Wm. W. Lewis, Secretary.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received and filed.

Mayor English suggested that the situation could be taken care of very nicely by having an amendment to our present Ordinance covering Plumbing created, wherein a reciprocal registration fee could be inaugurated covering the Cities in Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the City Clerk was instructed to inform the City Solicitor that it was the wish of Council that he prepare an Amendment to the Ordinance on Plumbing providing for a reciprocal registration fee between Pittston City and other Cities and communities.

The following letters relating to the plans and stairways in the New City Hall asked for from Mr Harry. D. Day, Chief Buildings Division Bureau of Inspection, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Labor and Industry, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. and Coon & Barrett, Architects of Scranton, Penna. in response to claim of one Mrs Anna Marchulonis for injuries sustained because of a fall on a flight of stairs in the New City Hall building on August 12, 1940. was read to Council.

June 4, 1941.

Re: Pittston City Hall, Pittston, Pa.

Hon. Kenneth J. English,
Mayor of the City of Pittston,
Pittston, Pa.

Honorable and dear Sir:

The steps from the vestibule floor level to the main floor level are built from plans approved by the Department of Labor & Industry. The steps are built in the usual manner and of materials usually employed in this type of work. In the design and selection of materials, the safety for users of the steps has been considered. The pitch of the steps are well within the State recommendations.

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It is our opinion that the steps are practical, safe for traffic, and are as required by the State for such installations.

Very truly yours,

Coon & Barrett.
Arthur P. Coon.

APC:J

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY
HARRISBURG

June 9th 1941

J.P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Subject: Pittston City Hall
Broad Street
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 28, our file on the above building indicates that the plans were approved on September 26, 1938 for Coon and Barrett, Architects in Scranton.

Very truly yours,
Harry D. Day, Chief
Buildings Division
Bureau of Inspection

HDD:RFR:MD

By Robt F. Ross, Asst Chief.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letters were ordered received and referred to the City Solicitor.

J.P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk
City Hall, Pittston, Penna.

June 4th 1941

Re: Marion Wilson, Trustee ad litem, suing on behalf of herself as widowed mother and sole survivor of James Wilson, dec'd. vs City of Pittston

Dear Sir:

I wish to advise you that the Sheriff of Luzerne County today served upon Mayor Kenneth J. English a summons in trespass dated June 3, 1941, in an action in trespass in the above stated case, returnable June 16, 1941. I shall enter my appearance of record in the said case in behalf of the City of Pittston before the return day of the said summons.

Very truly yours,
Wm H. Gillespie, City Solicitor.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received and filed.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 8-30 P.M. with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of June 11th were not read but on motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 423 was read by Title for the Third time. On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Ordinance was passed on Third Reading.

RESOLUTION NO 3389. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That bills now pending in the State Legislature having for their purpose appropriation of funds from the gasoline tax fund to Cities of Pennsylvania for road repairs and other maintenance work be and they are hereby fully endorsed and that the City Clerk furnish copies of this resolution to Members in the Senate and House of Representatives from Luzerne County."

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was Adopted.

Dr S.C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finance presented the following list of bills with a recommendation that same be paid.

Accounts & Finance Dept	Petty Cash.	\$ 5.00
Bell Telephone Co.	Telephones. May & June 1941	83.35
Bianton, McNaughton & Douglas.	Brief of New York Laws applicable to case DeToro vs City of Pitt.	75.00
Community Theatre.	Rent & Gas Mar, Apr, May 1941	43.16
Central Clay Products.	Curbing & Forms for City Pro	827.65
Ruane M.P.	Aff, repairs & Post Cards.	51.25
Smith Bennett Corp.	2,500 Quad sets of Order Forms	31.75
Stauffer Roy.	Supp, Pro & Repairs St Dept.	9.64
Scr Spg Brook Water Co.	Hydrants, Old & New City Hall.	146.11
Sammon P.A.	Appra Land rear Niag Hose Co.	10.00
United Span War Vets.	Dec of Graves, Memorial Day.	50.00
Veterans of Foreign Wars.	Dec of Graves, Memorial Day.	50.00
Wagner Lumber Co.	Supplies City Wide Projects.	176.79
Hood Thos.	Repairs Fire Alarm System.	34.68

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro above bills were ordered paid by the following vote on Roll Call AYES: On all bills Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. On all bills Messers Grablick and Walsh voted AYES excepting Bianton, McNaughton & Douglas on which they voted NAYES.

The following Petition was read to Council.

To Pittston City Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

We the undersigned residents of Broad Street, Pittston Pennsylvania do hereby petition the Pittston City Council to repeal Ordinance No. 317 approved July 22, 1926 prohibiting the erection of any building within twelve (12) feet of sidewalk line on Broad Street.

Signed; Dominick Muzzupappa & others.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call Ordinance No 317 was repealed and Petitioners satisfied.

The following letter from Mr Thos Linnen in answer to one recently sent him for an expression from him on the sale of property, in the rear of the Niagra Hose Co Building and adjoining his own property on South Main Street, to Mr James Corcoran, owner of property at No 9 South Main Street, was read to Council.

93 William Street
Pittston, Penna.
June 18 1941

J. L. Linnen

J.P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk
City Hall
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of recent date inquiring as to my attitude towards the purchase of City property on Cron Street by Mr James Corcoran. I understand that the property Deed to Mr Corcoran would provide a right-of-way of approximately three (3) feet from Cron Street to my property. This arrangement is perfectly agreeable to me. I have been Mr Corcoran's neighbor and friend for a good many years and our relations have been pleasant at all times. I consider the sale of the small strip of land involved a wise move on the part of the Council as efforts to keep this space clear of rubbish and litter have sometimes been in vain. Such a sale will also enable Mr Corcoran to improve his property which is a decided advantage over its present condition and will yield an income to the City for land which now serves no purpose or holds no promise of future service because of its size and location.

Please express my thanks to the Council for affording me this opportunity to indicate my views.

Very Truly yours

Thomas E. Linnen.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received & filed.

Discussion was entered into on the above subject, Mayor English stating that word was received from and contained in the letter that was requested of Mr Linnen by Mr Grablick at a previous meeting since satisfaction was expressed by Mr Linnen in the transfer of said property to Mr Corcoran and since, by so doing, an unhealthy condition, as referred to in above letter, would be terminated and since taxes could be obtained on a piece of property of no use to the City he saw no reason why the same should not be sold to Mr Corcoran.

Mr Grablick stated that there isn't any exit to the rear from the second floor how would we build one if the property was sold.? Mayor English answered by stating that there never was any exit to the rear and if one were necessary that no doubt it would have been created long ago, however if one were necessary the easement to be granted to Mr Linnen could be jointly used by he, Mr Corcoran and the Niagra Hose Company members. Mr Grablick again stated that he was concerned about the firemen getting from the second floor if an emergency existed. to which the Mayor made answer that there was one brass pole there now for the firemen to slide down from the second floor, why not put in the second one if you are so worried about the firemen. Mr Walsh stated that since the property has been owned by the City for over Fifty Years that he thought the City should continue to hold it, however if the City was privileged to re-purchase it at any time in the future, (the City desired doing so) and for the same price it were sold for, that he would give it some thought. continuing Mr Walsh said " I am not now in favor of selling this property nor have I been" to which Mr Grablick stated that he felt the same way about it.

A motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead that the City sell the property to Mr James Corcoran at the price suggested by Mr Jos P. McCanna, City Assessor and Mr P.A. Sammon, Realtor, members of the Committee. was voted upon as follows on Roll Call. AYES: MESSERS MEAD and ANDALORO. NAYS: MESSERS GRABLICK and WALSH, NOT VOTING: MAYOR ENGLISH.

Question of the acting Janitor came up the services of Harold Sheridan in the absence of Mr Wm Foster was being used. Mayor English stating that the procedure during the past few years when Mr Foster went on his vacation was to use the services of a city employee from the street department, in this instance Mr Sheridan had been working two days a week in the street department and since he was familiar with Janitor work, having performed in that capacity for a number of years and since it had been the policy to utilize the services of those in the city's employe rather than go to a further expense, hence his assignment.

J.P. Fitzpatrick.

The Gibbons-Buss Post No 6 National Association of Regulars, Pittston, Penna. Michael McAndrew, 62 Tompkins St. Pittston, Penna. Post Commander and William Hintze, Adjutant. presented an itemized statement as per the State requirements, covering expenses incurred in decorating graves on Memorial Day as follows.

B.B. Carpenter, Florist. Wreaths & Baskets	\$43.50
Consumers Gas & Oil Co. Gasoline.	6.20
Joseph Wycoskey, Shells.	3.00
	<u>\$52.70</u>

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the communication was ordered received and filed and a Voucher issued of the payment to above Organization of the contribution of the City of Pittston of \$50.00

Notice in compliance with the requirements of the Act of July 1, 1937, P.L. 2547 was presented by Atty John R. Reap covering an injury sustained by Mrs Louise Osieski of 61 Vine Street, Pittston, who was injured on March 13, 1941, when she fell on an icy sidewalk on the North side of Railroad Street, in the City of Pittston, on that portion of the sidewalk beneath the railroad bridge.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed & referred to the City Solicitor.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh the City Clerk was authorized to advertise that an examination for Electrical Master and Journeyman Licenses would be held on July 5th 1941, the vote on same was Unanimous.

Discussion was had on the Mary Johnson property on So Main Street, it being stated that there was an accumulated City Tax of \$2,400.00 on the same in addition to the County and State tax. Dr Andaloro stated that he had been approached by one or more people on the chances of making a purchase of this property, it was decided ere completing the razing of this building to again attempt contacting Miss Johnson and giving her the information supplied by Dr Andaloro and attempt inducing her to place the property in the hands of a Realtor.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

APPROVED
JULY 8th 1941

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J. P. FITZPATRICK.
CITY CLERK.

ATTEST:

J. P. Fitzpatrick
CITY CLERK.

J. P. Fitzpatrick

Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 8-30 P.M. with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present.

The only portion of the minutes of June 26th meeting that was read was that pertaining to the presentation of the Petition of the Broad Street residents wherein they sought a repeal of the Ordinance No 317, after the completion of the reading of the same, On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call said minutes were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following report on Parking Violations and Meter returns for the month of June were presented by Mayor English.

June 1, 1941 to June 30, 1941	Parking Violations.	\$ 67.00
June 1, 1941 to June 30, 1941	Meter Returns.	377.47

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received, & filed.

City Treasurer M.P. Ruane submitted his report for the month of June. A balance of \$ 56,399.39 as of June 30 was shown.

On motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received & filed.

Health Officer and Sealer of Weights & Measures Thomas Newcomb submitted his report for the month of June.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received and filed.

The following letter was read to Council.
Honorable Kenneth J. English
Mayor of the City of Pittston
City Hall
Pittston, Pennsylvania
July 8, 1941

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of this date in which you ask my opinion as to the legality of the action of Council in repealing or attempting to repeal a certain Ordinance which established a building line on Broad and Front Streets in the City of Pittston in 1926. Your letter states that a motion was made, seconded and carried un-
unanimously, repealing the Ordinance in question. You now ask me to advise you whether or not said Ordinance was legally repealed by a motion so made.

In answer permit me to say that, in my opinion, an Ordinance duly enacted can be repealed only by proceeding in the same formal manner, namely, by the enactment of another Ordinance, having for its purpose the repeal of such Ordinance already enacted.

I respectfully suggest that in order to keep the record clear in this matter, Council, by motion or resolution, declare the motion in question null and void so that you may further proceed by repeal of said Ordinance in due form if you see fit.

Respectfully submitted
Wm. H. Gillespie, City Solicitor.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received & filed.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the following was passed, namely, That the motion adopted at June 26th meeting to the effect that Ordinance #317 establishing building lines on Broad and Front Streets should be repealed, be now rescinded and declared Null and Void and of no effect.

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Mayor English addressing a group of 10 residents of Broad and Front Streets who were in attendance stated " I have no doubt but that you are in attendance here in the interest of the Ordinance of the building line on Broad Street, as you will note by our actions and conclusions just reached said Ordinance No 317 is still on the books, for your information I would state that at our meeting held June 26th a Petition, signed by 70 odd residents of Broad and Front Streets, was presented to Council, there being no objections registered by any of you now in attendance or any one else Council accordingly acted in unison and granted the Petition and repealed the Ordinance. In due time Mr Merenda made application for a permit. Same was granted him, being acted upon in a similar manner as all building permits have been acted upon in this and the former Council, regarding the construction of the addition to the building, I had the Police stop the further building, Attorney Martin Mulhall, legal adviser of Mr Merenda, informed me that if necessary the addition would be removed." Atty Mulhall being in attendance stated " I will be fully responsible for Mr Merenda's action, when I told him to continue with his addition I knew what I was doing, The Ordinance No 317 was an invalid act in the first instance, you, Honorable Mayor and Council have stated that if Mr Merenda has violated the Ordinance that he will remove the addition at his expense, which is correct". Atty J Justin Blewitt also in attendance addressed the Mayor and Council stating " I am appearing here as a property owner also representing others, the damage has been done, no permit has been passed here and no permit granted, we wish to know what is to be done about it". Mayor English again addressed the group stating " Gentlemen, to my way of thinking, what this amounts to is this, whether I shall proceed against Mr Merenda, or whether we should refer same to Atty Gillespie, City Solicitor, for an opinion." Addressing Atty Blewitt, Mayor English asked. Do you agree with Atty Mulhall that if this constitutes a nuisance that Mr Merenda will remove it.? As well is there any harm in having our City Solicitor pass on this and render an opinion.? To which Atty Blewitt made answer stating " I feel the burden of proof should not be up to us, what I am interested in is the presentation of a Petition, I have here, to Council and having them take some action on same.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote of Council on Roll Call it was ordered that the matter of the legality of Ordinance No 317 be referred to City Solicitor Wm.H.Gillespie for his opinion.

L.A.Bartone one of the signers of the Petition referred to by Atty Blewitt stated that he would be willing to reimburse Mr Merenda for any expense he had gone to in the erection of the addition to his property were same removed. He as well stated to the Mayor and Council that they, the Mayor and Council, had been imposed upon by those who had presented the Petition on June 26th.

The following Petition was read to Council.

To the Honorable Mayor and
City Council of the City of
Pittston, Penna.

Pittston, Pa. June 28th 1941

Gentlemen:

It has just come to our notice and attention that upon the Petition of seventy-four alleged residents of Broad Street in our City, a comparatively few of whom are owners of real estate, your Honorable body took some action, the exact nature of which is unknown to us, at a recent Special Meeting, looking toward the repeal of an Ordinance of the City adopted July 22, 1926, and designated No. 317, prohibiting the erection of any building within twelve (12) feet of sidewalk line on said Broad Street.

We respectfully protest against any action being taken that will destroy the uniformity and symmetry of the line that has been observed and adhered to for the last fifteen years in pursuance of said important and meritorious City Ordinance by not only the owners of residences but also the owners of business places on said thoroughfare in said City. We feel that at the insistence of and in this movement sponsored by a person whom we understand is a non-citizen it would not only be unwise, but would also seriously mar the appearance of business and residential structures, as well as add to difficulties connected with fires and fire hazards on said Street. We are your Honorable Body at this late day repeal said ordinance and issue

J. A. Bartone

a permit to Mr Frank Merinda or Maria Merinda, his wife, and other persons to erect structures on the whole or any part of twelve foot space. We feel that in so doing the property of many of our best tax-payers will be irreparably damaged, and that regardless of the aesthetics of the situation, said action would be inimical to the best interests of our City and greatly add to the inconvenience, discomfort and annoyance of many of its home-loving citizens.

We respectfully beseech you for the foregoing reasons and in the interest of the privacy of our homes to rescind any action taken to repeal said ordinance, as we believe the majority of the property owners on Broad Street favor the retention in force of said Ordinance.

Signed L.A. Bartone and others.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Petition was ordered received & filed.

Dr S.O. Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finance recommended the payment of the following bills.

Alaimo & Son	Use of Concrete Mixer on Project.	\$ 67.50
Butera Body Works.	Repair Radiator #2 Truck	1.00
Coal-O-Matic Stoker Co.	Services to Stoker.	1.50
W. Dudley Dull	Services as Electrical Examiner.	2.00
Mead Roy. A.	Stamps for the Dept of Streets.	5.00
Myers R. N.	Stamps for Engineers office.	5.00
Myers R. N.	Project Exsp for month of June. 1941.	46.10
Reap E. J.	Services for Electrical Exams.	2.00
Weeks Hdw Co.	One 28" Level for St Dept	7.00
Drury Wm Estate,	Kerosene for Projects.	30.00
Fleming Geo.	Repairs Traffic Control.	216.65
Whiteman & Co.	Supplies for Buildings.	

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above bills were ordered paid.

Following letter was read to Council

J.P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk. July 1st, 1941
City Hall
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sir: Re: Repeal of Resolution No. 3384

I enclose herewith a resolution which I have prepared for the purpose of correcting the error made in stating the number of the dwelling house, against which action was taken by virtue of the above resolution, as No 291 South Main Street in the City of Pittston instead of No 283 South Main Street in said City of Pittston, which the said resolution declared to be a public nuisance and dangerous to life and health.

The mistake was no doubt innocently made by the citizen of this city who first made complaint against the said building and asked for the abatement of the alleged nuisance. The complainant gave the number of the dwelling as No 291 South Main Street instead of the correct number to wit, No. 283 South Main Street.

After the adoption of the enclosed resolution of repeal you may then adopt the corrected resolution which I also enclose to take the place of the original resolution, to wit, Resolution No 3384, adopted May 13, 1941. Proceedings may then be had giving notice to the reputed owner of the said premises as though the first or original resolution had not been adopted.

Very truly yours. Wm. H. Gillespie. City Sol.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received and filed.

Resolution No 3390:

WHEREAS, a certain resolution, to wit, Resolution No. 3384, having for its purpose the abatement of an alleged nuisance existing at No 291

J.P. Fitzpatrick

South Main Street in the City of Pittston, was adopted by the Council of the City of Pittston on May 13, 1941; and

WHEREAS, subsequent thereto notice of the said proceedings was given, as required by law, to the person presumed to be the owner thereof: and

WHEREAS, it has developed since the adoption of the said resolution that the citizen who made the original complaint as to the existence of the said nuisance incorrectly gave the number of the premises in question as No 291 South Main Street in the said City of Pittston where, as a matter of fact, the number of the said premises should have been given as No. 283 South Main Street in the said City of Pittston;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the said resolution, to wit, Resolution No 3384, adopted May 13, 1941 as aforesaid, be and the same is hereby repealed, and all proceedings thereunder are declared to be null, void and of no effect.

On motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No 3391:

WHEREAS, complaint has been made to the Council of the City of Pittston that a certain building, to wit, a dwelling house known as no 283 South Main Street in the said City of Pittston, is partly in a condition and in effect dangerous to life and health; and

WHEREAS, written reports filed by the Chief of Police and the Health Officer, respectively, of the City of Pittston, declare that the said building, in their opinion, is aptly in a condition and in effect dangerous to life and health; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Pittston has not seen fit to elect to create, by ordinance, a Board of Health under the provisions of the Third Class City Act of June 23, 1931, P.L. 932;

THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, exercising all the rights and performing the duties and obligations imposed by the said Act of June 23, 1931, P.L. 932, Article XXIII, Section 2302, and the laws of the Commonwealth, upon Boards of Health, does resolve, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same:

Section 1. That a certain building, to wit, a dwelling house known as No 283 South Main Street in the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Penna, and hereinbefore mentioned, in the opinion of Council of the City of Pittston, is partly in a condition and in effect dangerous to life & health and the Council of the City of Pittston does hereby declare the same to be a public nuisance and dangerous to life and health, in that the same has become partly dilapidated, is likely to collapse and is in a filthy and foul condition, and the Council of the City of Pittston does further order the said building to be removed, altered or otherwise improved, so that it may not hereafter continue to be a public nuisance and dangerous to life or health.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution and the order herein contained, be served on the owner or reputed owner, agent, occupant or tenant of said building, or some of them, if said parties or any of them are in the City of Pittston and can be found.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

Major R.N. Myers recommended to Council the purchase by the City of the anvil and tools of the Blacksmith who has been working as a Blacksmith on the W.P.A. Projects in the City, as he is about to leave the employ of the W.P.A. and the City will be required to furnish tools & equipment for the next blacksmith assigned to W.P.A. Projects within the City.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the City Clerk was authorized to make purchase of the same for the sum of \$25.00

Thos Foley an alleged citizen and tax payer appeared before Council and requested that Dominick Muzappapa be called before Council and that charges be preferred against him for signing the Broad Street Petition

J. H. Ditzler

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

ATTEST:


J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

J.P. Fitzpatrick.

To Celestine Cannon (now Mrs. Celestine Shriber or Shriver, by marriage). Baltimore Maryland, and to any other interested person or persons: Notice is hereby given that a writ of scire facias was issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania upon July 9, 1941 to No. 582 October Term, 1941 to revive and continue the lien entered by the City of Pittston against the premises described in a municipal claim for the construction of a sewer, filed originally to No. 11 October Term, 1921, and subsequently reduced to judgment and periodically revived according to law, and finally revived to No. 502 October Term, 1936. Said sewer was constructed upon Tompkins Street in the said City of Pittston, Pennsylvania as an improvement against property now or lately owned by the above named Celestine Cannon (now Mrs. Celestine Shriber or Shriver, by marriage); said property being a vacant lot or parcel of land located upon said Tompkins Street in the Eleventh Ward of the said City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, being 68 feet in width, 109 feet in depth; being bounded upon the North by Cleveland Street, upon the East by Tompkins Street aforesaid, upon the South by an alley and upon the West by land now or late of Frank Falkenburg; and, whereof the said municipal claim is still due and unpaid and remains a lien against the said property, you are hereby notified to file your affidavit of defense to said writ of scire facias, if you have any defense thereto, in the office of the Prothonotary of the said Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, within fifteen (15) days after the third and last weekly advertisement of the said writ of scire facias issued as aforesaid.

WILLIAM H. GILLESPIE,
City Solicitor,
City of Pittston.
A12,19,26

Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present.

At the request of Mr Grablick, that portion of the minutes of July 8th pertaining to the building line on Broad Street, was read in its entirety. On the completion of said reading. On motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the minutes of July 8th were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following report on Parking Violations and Meter returns for the Month of July were presented by Mayor English.

July 1, 1941 to July 31, 1941	Parking Violations	\$ 27.00
July 1, 1941 to July 31, 1941	Meter Returns	355.93

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M.P. Ruane submitted his report for the month of July. A balance of \$ 51,171.55 as of July 31st was shown.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received and filed.

Health Officer and Sealer of Weights & Measures Thomas Newcomb submitted his report for the month of July.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received and filed.

Dr S.C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finance recommended the approval of the following Bills.

American LaFrance Co	Valve Springs, Fire Dept.	\$ 9.30
Anthracite Paint Store.	Traffic paint, Brushes, etc	96.95
Alaimo & Son.	Rental of Concrete Mixer.	109.50
Andaloro, Dr S.C.	Stamps & Petty Cash Acc & Fin Off	15.00
Consumers Ice Co.	Ice, City Offices.	239.65
Dershimer Lumber Co.	Supplies for projects.	231.03
Durland Sand Co.	Supplies for projects.	598.03
Fitzpatrick, J.P.	Stamps for City Clerk.	5.00
Guzior Barney.	Use of Water Pump.	18.00
Hunts Garage.	Repairs to Truck, Fire Dept.	3.00
Kelly Run Stone Co.	Crushed Stone for Projects.	827.25
McTigue Anna.L.	Fire & Theft Ins on Ford Truck.	6.12
Moran Edw.A.	Stamps for Police Dept.	10.00
Myers, R.N.	Project Exs for July.	43.80
Mitchell Lumber Co.	Supplies for Projects.	1,916.89
New York Casualty Co.	Fleet Ins on St Dept Trucks	
	Pumper & Hook & Ladder, Police	
	Car, Road Roller Year 1941	483.58
Quinn M.V.	Ins on Stock, City Yard, 1941	16.70
Chaplick Rose.	Two Affidavits	1.00
Gillespie, Wm.H.	Fees for Rev of Liens, etc.	15.05
Ruane, M.P., Treasurer.	Stamps for Tax Office.	10.00

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the above bills were ordered paid.

RESOLUTION NO 3392: BE IT RESOLVED, by then City Council of Pittston: That the City Clerk be and he is hereby instructed and authorized to communicate with the Scranton Electric Company and arrange for the supplying of Electric Power to the contemplated new Traffic Lights situate at the intersection of North Main and Mill Sts and the Fort Jenkins Bridge.

On Motion By Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.



RESOLUTION NO 3393: BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston : That the condition of the roadway of the Fort Jenkins Bridge between Pittston and West Pittston, Luzerne County, Penna is such as to require re-surfacing thereof and that application be made by the Mayor to the Pennsylvania Department of Highways requesting the performance of such re-surfacing accompanied by a copy of this resolution that a copy of this resolution be also furnished to Officials of Communities in the Greater Pittston Area with suggestion that they join in the above request.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

The following communication was read to City Council.

J.P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk
City Hall
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

August 11th 1941

Re: Albert Detoro vs. City of Pittston, Kenneth J. English, Roy A. Mead, Dr. S.O. Andaloro, Jos Walsh, Sylvester Grablick, Appellants, No. 58 February Term, 1941 in the Superior Court of Pennsylvania (Scranton District) - Appeal from the judgement of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, No 159 July Term, 1938.

Dear Sir:

As you already know, a decision in the above stated case which was filed by the Superior Court of Pennsylvania July 2, 1941 was in favor of the above named plaintiff, Albert Detoro, and against the above named defendants who were the appellants before the said Court.

In order for the City of Pittston and the other appellants to enter an appeal from the said decision to the Supreme Court of Penna, it will be necessary to do so before the expiration of forty-five days following the filing of the said decision of the Superior Court upon July 2, 1941.

In the opinion of myself and the counsel associated with me in the appeal before the said Superior Court, it is advisable that an appeal be taken from the said decision of the Superior Court to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania so that the matters at issue in said case may be finally determined. If this meets with the approval of Council, I suggest that Council authorize, empower and direct myself, as City Solicitor, and the associate counsel, namely, W.L. Pace, Esquire, and Leo W. White, Esquire, to perfect such an appeal within the prescribed period. Such authorization should be in the form of a Resolution to be duly passed by Council. Permit me to inform you, however, that such proposed appeal may be taken only by permission first granted by a member of the Supreme Court allowing such appeal. If permission to appeal be refused, the decision of the Superior Court affirming the order of the Court below becomes effective.

I enclose herewith form of Resolution to be adopted by Council if the members see fit to authorize the proposed appeal.

Respectfully submitted.

William H. Gillespie, City Solicitor.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Letter was ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO 3394 : BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same as follows:

That William H. Gillespie, City Solicitor of the City of Pittston W.L. Pace, Esquire, and Leo W. White, Esquire, associated with the said City Solicitor in the case of Albert Detoro V. City of Pittston, Kenneth J. English, Roy A. Mead, Dr S.O. Andaloro, Joseph Walsh and Sylvester Grablick, Appellants, No. 58 February Term, 1941 in the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, Scranton District, Appeal from the Judgement of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, No 159 July Term, 1938, be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take the necessary legal steps to appeal from the decision of the said Superior Court in said case to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania;

W.H. Gillespie

And be it further Resolved that Kenneth J. English, Mayor of the City of Pittston, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute such papers and to take such legal action for and in behalf of the City of Pittston, Kenneth J. English, Roy A. Mead, Dr S. C. Andaloro, Joseph Walsh and Sylvester Grablick, the aforesaid Appellants, as may be required to perfect the appeal to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro the above Resolution was adopted by the following vote. AYES: Messers Mead, Andaloro and Mayor English: NOT VOTING: Messers Walsh and Grablick.

A lengthy discussion was entered into previous to final vote on the foregoing Resolution. "Isn't it a fact that two Courts have decided against us already in this police issue, Your Honor", Mr Grablick demanded from the Mayor. "I feel that to appeal this case any further is only to waste additional monies."

Mayor English explained that he agrees with the minority opinion written by Judge John A. Apponick when the case was originally decided in the Court of Common Pleas of this county. He pointed out that the City's stand in appealing the cases of Daley, Delaney and others officers who were dismissed after hearing, was sustained in the Supreme Court and he expressed confidence that, if an appeal to the Supreme Court is permitted in this instance, the highest court will again see the justice of the city's side of the question.

"Well that's your 'baby' now, Mayor, go ahead and handle it", Mr Grablick remarked.

"In reply to that I want to say that that has been the attitude of yourself and Mr Walsh ever since we elected you two to Council", the Mayor countered.

RESOLUTION NO 3395 : BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same that the two present 400 Candle Power lights now furnishing illumination for Water Street be eliminated and replaced with six 250 Candle Power Boulevard lights to be placed on the existing steel poles.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

Following communication was read to City Council.

J. P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk.
City Hall
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

July 25th 1941

Re: Lena Dressler vs. City of Pittston, No. 687
October Term, 1941, in the Court of Common
Pleas of Luzerne County.

Dear Sir:

I wish to advise you that suit was entered in the above stated case in the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County upon July 15, 1941, and a summons therein together with statement of claim were served upon the Mayor of the City of Pittston on July 16, 1941. I shall prepare an affidavit of defense in due time and bring upon the record, by scire facias proceedings, the owners of the properties to wit, No 28 and No. 30 South Main Street, this city, before which the plaintiff claims she fell because of the icy condition of the sidewalk.

Very truly yours
Wm. H. Gillespie, City Solicitor.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above communication was ordered received & filed.

The following communication was read to City Council.

J. P. Fitzpatrick.
City Hall
Pittston, Penna.

July 15 1941

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of July 9, 1941 in which you



acknowledge receipt of my letter of July 8, 1941, which answered the request of Council for an opinion as to the legality of its action in repealing or attempting to repeal Ordinance No 317 which established a building line upon Broad and Front Streets in the City of Pittston. You inform me that Council has accepted my opinion to the effect that the said Ordinance could not be legally repealed by a motion and that it could be repealed only by the passage of an Ordinance for that purpose. Further, you stated that Council had acted favorably on my suggestion to rescind and declare null and void the motion by which it had attempted to repeal said Ordinance.

Your letter further stated that Council now desires my opinion as to the legality of said Ordinance No. 317. I assume that Council wishes to be advised whether or not said Ordinance can be legally enforced against a violator thereof, and the penalty imposed for its violation, namely, a fine of \$100.00, be collected by legal proceedings.

I understand that this question has arisen because a property holder had attempted to build and had partially completed an addition to his dwelling house upon Broad Street which encroached upon the building line established by said Ordinance, and that protest had been made to Council by certain persons who were owners or occupants of properties in the neighborhood of the building in question. I have also been informed that upon the hearing of the said complaint or protest before Council, it developed that the owner of said property had learned of the so called repeal of Ordinance No 317 and had proceeded, in good faith, to extend the said building across the established building line.

In view of these circumstances, I respectfully submit that, in my opinion, it is very unlikely that the Court would affirm a judgement of summary conviction involving the imposition of the above penalty upon the said property owner for the alleged violation of said Ordinance. However, I would not advise that the Ordinance be repealed because of any complaint as to its validity inasmuch as the Ordinance has been in force for a long time, and because I further believe that the question of its legality or validity should be decided by the Court when an issue involving such question comes properly before the Court for disposition. I further respectfully submit that it would be unwise for Council to establish the practise of repealing Ordinances regulating the construction of buildings or having for their purpose the enhancement of values or the enforcement of health or fire regulations. I repeat that the wiser practise would be to insist that interested parties raise the question of the legality or validity of such Ordinances and bring the matter properly before the Court for disposition. If the Court, decides that an Ordinance is invalid, then the question will be settled finally and Council will be guided accordingly. However, if Council insists upon my opinion as to the legality or validity of said Ordinance, I shall, of course, submit such an opinion without delay.

Respectfully submitted.

Wm. H. Gillespie, City Solicitor.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received & filed.

A discussion was entered into upon the alleged violation of the Ordinance No 317 by one Frank Marenda who on the advice of his Counsel built a store front out along the inner line of the sidewalk. L. A. Bartone, whose home adjoins the Marenda property, addressed the Council and quoted excerpts from the Third Class Cities statutes to indicate that Council is within its rights to establish a building line. Mayor English explained that Marenda, upon advise of Atty Martin Mulhall, built upon his property in defiance of the city zoning Ordinance and further explained that there is a question whether the zoning Ordinance, still on the records can be enforced, that the Courts have already drawn a distinction and made decisions where a City had building line Ordinances, uniformity has already been destroyed where buildings have been erected beyond the building lines and further I can only rely upon the opinion of the City Solicitor.

By clear vote of Council City Clerk J. P. Fitzpatrick was delegated to represent the City at the Convention of Third Class Cities to be held at Hazleton Aug 28th, 29th and 30th and that the usual amount for expenses be advanced, namely \$25.00

J. P. Fitzpatrick.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:


J.P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk.

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Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of August 12th were not read but on motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following report on Parking Violations and Meter returns for the month of August were presented by Mayor English.

August 1, 1941 to August 31, 1941	Parking Violations.	\$ 23.00
August 1, 1941 to August 31, 1941	Meter Returns.	320.56

City Treasurer M.P. Ruane submitted his report for the month of August. A balance of \$ 57,014.27 was shown as of August 31st.

Health Officer and Sealer of Weights & Measures Thos Newcomb submitted his reports for the month of August.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call both the Treasurers report and those of Mr Newcomb were ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO 3396: BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That the following transfer be made in the Sinking Fund:
\$2,301.67 from Bond and Interest 1938 Issue to Bond and Interest 1935 Issue.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3397: BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS BE MADE:

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

\$250.00 from Insurance, Bureau of Police to Equipment, Bureau of Police.

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE:

\$ 50.00 from Communication, Bureau of Director. to Advertising and Printing Reports, Bureau of Director.
\$ 50.00 from Communication, Bureau of Director, to Office Supplies Bureau of Director.
\$ 100.00 from Advertising, Bureau of City Clerk to Office Supplies, Bureau of City Clerk.
\$ 200.00 from Premium on Bond, Bureau of City Treasurer to Office Supplies, Bureau of City Treasurer.
\$ 15.00 from Communication, Bureau of Solicitor to Office Supplies, Bureau of Solicitor.

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:

\$ 100.00 from Communication, Fire Houses to Material and Supplies, Fire Department.
\$ 500.00 from Maintenance of Fire Houses to Material and Supplies, Fire Department.

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:

\$ 400.00 from Purchase of Major Equipment, Street Department, to Gas and Oil, Street Department.
\$200.00 from Minor Equipment, Ash Collection to Gas and Oil Ash Collection.
\$ 100.00 from Maintenance and Repairs to Trucks, Ash Collection, to Gas and Oil, Ash Collection.

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY:

\$ 150.00 from Wages, Janitresses to Mat & Supplies for Bldg.
\$ 100.00 from Fuel, Light & Water for Bldgs, to Material and Supplies, Bldg.

J. H. English

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS:

W.P.A. PROJECTS:

\$200.00 from Library Maintenance, Department of Parks & Public Bldgs, to Gas and Oil for Projects.

\$ 5000.00 from Scranton Electric Company. (Old Acct) to Material and Supplies for Projects.

INTEREST DEPARTMENT:

\$ 100.00 from State Tax on Bonded Indebtedness to Interest of 1935 Bond Issue.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3398: BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That the City of Pittston accepts notice of the replacement of the track area of the Wilkes-Barre Railway Company on Plank Street between the Jenkins Township line and the Erie Railroad crossing by removal of the rails and ties in such area and the pavement thereof and concurs in request that the Pennsylvania Department of Highways assume all future maintenance of this area. Copies of this Resolution to be furnished to the Wilkes-Barre Railway Company and the Pennsylvania Department of Highways.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3399:

WHEREAS, Almighty God in his Infinite Wisdom has called our friend and fellow-worker, Thomas A. Grace, from his earthly labors to eternal peace and rest; and

WHEREAS, we, the Mayor and members of Council of the City of Pittston, feel that we should note his passing from our circle of faithful employees as well as his loss to this community which he has served so well and faithfully in life; and

WHEREAS, in common with the people of our community which honored, trusted and loved him for his splendid qualities as a citizen and as a faithful worker in every cause that brought health, comfort and happiness to the needy, the friendless and the homeless of our community, we express our sorrow at his passing and extend to the members of his family our deepest sympathy in the loss that they have sustained;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution be published in the public press and that a copy thereof be sent to the members of the family of our deceased friend, co-worker and fellow-citizen.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

The following communication was read to Council.

September 25th, 1941

Honorable Kenneth J. English
and Members of Council
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Re: Detoro vs. City of Pittston et al., No. 58
February Term, 1941 in the Superior Court of Penna.

Gentlemen:

I wish to inform you that I received a communication today from the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Eastern District, dated September 24, 1941, to the effect that the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania had granted the petition and allowed an appeal from the decision of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania in the above stated case. I have, therefore, prepared for filing in the office of the said Prothonotary of the Supreme Court the necessary form for entering an appeal in behalf of the City of Pittston and the other defendants in the said case, in accordance with the said order of the Supreme Court. *J. H. [Signature]*

I wish to further state that I shall inform you as to the future legal steps to be taken in pursuing the said appeal to argument before the said Court. My action in filing the form required for entering said appeal, as allowed by the Court, is necessary to protect the rights of the city in pursuing this case further before the said Court.

Respectfully submitted
Wm.H.Gillespie.
City Solicitor.

At the conclusion of the reading of the above letter Mayor English stated that at the August 12th meeting of Council a lengthy discussion was entered into by Mr Grabli~~ck~~ relative to this case and that on the vote for the adoption of Resolution No 3394 that both Messers Walsh and Grablick answered on Roll Call as Not Voting. Continuing Mayor English asked, "Is there any member of Council who now thinks we should abandon our appeal in this issue?". There was no response. "You see now that it was a good move." remarked Councilman Andaloro, directing his remarks at Councilman Grablick. "Yes, said Councilman Mead. "It's a bad move for some of the boys, who made capital out of the Police Case during the recent primaries, "The shoe is on the other foot."

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, above letter was ordered received and filed and that City Solicitor Wm.H.Gillespie should proceed with the necessary action.

A communication was received and read to Council from Frank De Renzis, 53 Parsonage St, City relative to damage to a stoker in his home by water entering his cellar from the street, asking that the damage which amounted to \$15.15 be paid him by the City. By clear vote on Roll Call same was referred to Major R.N.Myers, City Engineer & Wm.H.Gillespie, City Solicitor, for opinions.

A communication was received and read to Council from Ross Bufalino, 105 East R.R.St. City relative to damage to his cellar and cellar walls and the removal of dirt and debris therefrom caused by rain waters entry, said damage in the sum of \$200.00. By clear vote on Roll Call same was referred to Major R.N.Myers City Engineer and Hon Wm.H.Gillespie, City Solicitor for opinions.

A communication was received and read to Council from Molly Nardone, 324 William St, City, wherein she avers that at the junction of the Dupont Highway and William Street a depression exists that on the slightest rainfall fills up with muddy water which is finally deposited against her store door and windows, she asks that the condition be remedied at the city's earliest convenience. By clear vote of Council on Roll Call same was referred to Major R.N.Myers, City Engineer.

and read to Council

A communication was received from John.J.Gilroy 241 So Main St. City, accompanied by a bill for rental of Garage in the rear of his lot that had been used by the Project Department for the storing of tools, material and equipment for the past ten months, used on the Laurel Line Creek project. Rental being \$7.00 per month or a total of \$70.00 to September 1st 1941. By clear vote of Council on Roll Call same was ordered paid.

A communication was received from Orem and Anna Breymeier, 621 $\frac{1}{2}$ Main St. Avoca. Pa. and read to Council, wherein it stated that the latter had sustained an injury while walking along William St in front of the D.P.A. Building. they desired that the medical and M.D's bill together with the bill for X Rays Photo be granted them. By clear vote of Council on Roll Call same was referred to the City Solicitor.

J.H. Gillespie

Following communication was read to Council.

The City Council,
City Hall,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Sept 15, 1941

Gentlemen:

As Owners of part of Lots No.13 and 14, as shown on the Penna Coal Company Maps, on George Street, we wish to build a garage for our Dairy Trucks on this lot.

At present time it is impossible to drive from George Street to our property. Considerable fill will be required to open the Street.

If Council cannot fill the Street, we will place sufficient fill in the Street, with permission of the Council, so our trucks can drive into our property, providing the Council assumes the property damage, if any, caused by said fill.

Thanking you for your cooperation, we remain

Respectfully yours,
Grablick's Farm Dairy
Sylvester C. Grablick. M.

By clear vote of Council on Roll Call above communication was referred to Major R.N. Myers, City Engineer.

Mr Grablick called Council's attention to a break in the side walk at the junction of Butler Street and Butler Alley stating that the "step off" was rather dangerous and should be looked into by the City Engineer and Superintendant of the Street Department. and same remedied. By clear vote of Council on Roll Call the situation was authorized to be called to the attention of the above gentlemen Messers Myers & Joyce. City Controller Emerson Howley interrupted stating "Gentlemen, that condition is caused by the sidewalk being higher than the curb." Mayor English addressing his Council associates stated " Since Mr Howley seems capable of diagnosing this situation as he has the preceeding situations that has arisen here to'day, we seem to have taken the wrong course in referring the various subjects for final correction to the proper heads Viz The City Solicitor, City Engineer and Superintendant of Streets, why not save ourselves a lot of time by simply referring them to Mr Howley, he seems to have all the answers."

A communication was received and read to Council from P.A. Sammon, Realtor referring to a frame addition being made to a blacksmith shop on Spring Street in the rear of 21-23 Kennedy St. stating that in his estimation a hazardous condition existed there. By clear vote of Council on Roll Call same was referred to Fire Chief Owens and Supt of Streets John Joyce.

Gibbons - Buss Post No6 Natl Assoc of Regulars, Pittston, Pa. having rendered the necessary statement of expenditures made on Decoration Day 1941 in their decoration of graves, the sum voted them by City Council at a previous meeting, Viz \$50.00 was ordered paid by clear vote of Council on Roll Call.

A anonymous letter, signed "W.A.", received by Mayor English from a supposed-to-be former resident of York, Pa., was read to Council, protesting police officers working around the Fifth Ward Polling place on election day. " I move we throw the letter in the waste basket," said Mr Mead, " as whoever wrote it hadn't enough sense to be considered " If anyone here or elsewhere has any complaint to make about any member or members of the police department, we will most willingly receive it" said the Mayor, since I do not hear any I will accept a motion to receive and file it". continued the Mayor. "Why receive and file it?" said Mr Mead. "We dont know who it is from . I still move we throw it in the basket." the motion was seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Clear vote on Roll Call the motion carried.

A. J. English

Dr S.C. Andalaro, Director of Accounts and Finance recommended payment of the following bills.

Alaimo & Son.	Rental of mixers for Projects.	\$ 157.50
Allan John.A.	Employees Comp. Insurance.	950.50
Austin Powder Co.	Dynamite & Squibs for Quarry.	43.33
Butera Auto Body Works.	Repairs to Trucks.	5.00
Broad Street Garage.	Repairs to Police Car.	3.50
Bell Telephone Co.	Tel June, July & Aug.	86.85
Central Clay Products Co.	Curb & Curb Forms. Projects.	827.65
Clarkson Chemical Co.	Janitor Supplies.	44.55
Chaplick Rose.	Affadavits.	2.50
Drury Wm Est.	Kerosene for Projets.	21.75
Duro Test Corp.	Electric Light Bulbs.	11.88
Dolge.C.B.Co.	Janitor Supplies.	20.50
Dietzgen Eugene Co.	Engineers Supplies.	11.95
Evans Wesley.M.	Repairs to Trucks & Police Car.	123.56
Gazette, Pittston.	Advertising & Printing.	381.95
Glen Summitt Spgs Water.	Water City Offices Nov 1941-Aug 1941	85.50
Hopkins Ins Co.	Fire & Theft Ins Ford Truck.	9.10
Huber Mfg Co.	Parts for Roller.	34.01
Hunt Harry.	Stationery & Printing.	440.10
Keystone Auto Ignition.	Repair Generator G.M.C. Truck.	2.25
Keystone Roofing Co.	Supplies Street Dept.	42.95
Kleinrocks.	Coveralls for Street Dept.	6.26
Ludwigs Hdw Co.	Supplies.	93.06
LaBarre Stat Store.	Stationery & Supplies.	19.40
Mine Safety Appl Co.	Service Masks, Fire Dept.	180.98
Megargee Bros.	Office Supplies.	19.00
Oplinger Blue Print Co.	Blue Prints, Engineers Office.	1.70
Powers A.S.	Supplies, St Dept & projects.	69.45
Perfetto Jos.	Repairs & Parts for Trucks.	25.95
Ruane.M.P.	Inc Expenses Treasurers Office.	163.30
Reliable Spg Ser Co.	Repairs to Trucks.	15.40
Remington Rand Inc.	Mimeograph Supplies.	3.25
Sproul Con Co.	Road Oil.	1,868.30
Smiles Allan.W.	Keys, Repair Steel Tape, Etc.	12.65
Stackhouse Auto Elec Co.	Repairs & Parts for Trucks.	44.35
Community Theatre.	Rent June, July, Aug. Gas May to Sept	59.23
Scranton Truck Co.	Repairs & Parts to Trucks.	14.28
Scranton Chem Co.	Janitors Supplies.	27.74
Stroahs Ser Station.	Battery Cable Police Dept.	.50
Stauffer Roy	Repairs to Trucks.	14.57
Scr Spg Brook Water Co.	Fire Hydrants Rental.	136.67
Scr Spg Brook Water Co.	Water Ser, Old & New City Hall.	7.28
Scranton Elec Co.	Light City Offices, Apr to July 1941	136.24
Tamblyn Co.	Mimeograph Supplies & Repairs.	6.05
Turon & Swartz.	Supplies for Projects.	490.50
Voigt George.	Repair Acid Tank Plunger, Niagras.	2.25
Wagner Lumber Co.	Supplies for Projects.	433.75
Whiteman H.A.Co.	Towels, Cups, Toilet Paper.	18.35
Wyoming Sand & Stone Co.	Colprovia for Projects.	2,267.15
Williams Stat Store.	Office Supplies.	26.25
Firemans Releif Fund.	Premium Foreign Fire Ins.	1.096.88
Myers R.N.	Stamps for Engineers Office.	5.00
New York Gas Co.	Bonds & Ins Treasurers Office.	288.38
Fitzpatrick.J.P.	3rd Class City Con Expenses.	25.00
Fitzpatrick.J.P.	Stamps City Clerks Office.	5.00
Gillespie Wm.H.	Stamps Solicitors Office.	5.00
Gillespie.Wm.H.	Expenses for Revival of Liens.	17.00
Myers R.N.	Expense for Projects for Aug.	25.80
Natl Assoc of Regulars.	Con for decorating graves May 30th.	50.00
Dr S.C. Andalaro.	Petty Cash for Incidental Expenses.	10.00
Gillespie.Wm.H.	Filing Fees Detoro Vs Pittston City.	12.00
Gilroy.John.J.	Garage Rent 10 Mos @ \$7.00 L.L.Creek.	70.00
Howett Laboratories Inc.	Disabler for Police Dept.	7.50
Texas Lunch.	Food for Prisoners.	2.50

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Pittston Pa., September 26th 1941

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by
Unanimous vote on Roll Call above bills were ordered paid.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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City Clerk.

ATTEST:


City Clerk.



Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 12:00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of September 26th meeting were not read but on motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call they were ordered received, filed and adopted.

Mayor English explained the object of the meeting namely that City Controller Emerson Howley had written the City Solicitor Wm. H. Gillespie for an opinion on his (Howley's) right to sign vouchers for the payment of the salaries of the Special Policemen and Special Police Clerks, also that on September 30th Controller Howley had signed the vouchers for the salaries of the Special Policemen and Special Police Clerks in question and that he had turned over to Mr Samuel V. Falzone, Deputy in the Accounts and Finance office a letter received from the City Solicitor, in order that Mr Falzone might read it and familiarize himself with the opinion as rendered by the City Solicitor to Mr Howley, the latter taking the letter with him at the conclusion of Mr Falzone's reading of same. Continuing the Mayor stated that it has been the custom of this and former Councils to hire Extra or Special Policemen at any time the necessity arose and to continuously have them engaged. The Patrolmen must have vacations and they cannot continuously work on account of their specified and allotted time off. Mr Howley's seemingly has thrown the matter into our laps. These men can be placed under the head of the Street Department and assigned to Special duty in the Police Department, such a procedure would be circumventing the Law of the State, a procedure that I most strenuously object to and would not countenance nor be a party too. I grasp from the opinion rendered by the City Solicitor that it will be necessary, under the circumstances, for Council to meet every Ten Days and pass on the continued employ of these Special Policemen and Special Police Clerks. Discussion of the situation was entered into by the Mayor and Council at the termination of which the following Resolution was presented.

RESOLUTION NO 3400: BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Pittston: That it is the considered judgement of the Council that the employment of Special Police and Clerks was necessary to preserve order as of October 1, 1941, and the appointment of such men as of that date for a period of Ten Days is hereby approved.

On motion By Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3401: BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Martin Walsh, M. D., be and he is hereby appointed to the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for the Police Department for the unexpired term of Dr Adrian Conlon, (Deceased). effective immediately.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro the above Resolution was adopted by the following vote on Roll Call. Ayes : Messers Andaloro, Mead and English. Nays : Messers Grablick and Walsh.

RESOLUTION NO 3402 : BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Pittston: That Martin Walsh, M. D., be and he is hereby appointed to the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for the Fire Department for the unexpired term of Dr Adrian Conlon, (Deceased). effective immediately.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro, the above Resolution was adopted by the following vote on Roll Call. AYES: Messers Andaloro, Mead and English. NAYS: Messers Grablick and Walsh.

RESOLUTION NO 3403: BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of driver in the Fire Department and no eligible list exists from which a Civil Service appointment may be made; NOW, THEREFORE,



BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pittston that Joseph Rowan is hereby nominated to the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for the Fire Department for non-competitive examination for the position of driver in the Fire Department.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro, the above Resolution was adopted by the following vote on Roll Call. AYES : Messers Andaloro, Mead and English. NAYS: Messers Grablick and Walsh.

RESOLUTION NO 3404: BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Anna Giardina be and she is hereby dismissed as an employee of the City of Pittston.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead, the above Resolution was adopted by the following vote on Roll Call. AYES : Messers Andaloro, Mead and English. NAYS: Messers Grablick and Walsh.

RESOLUTION NO 3405: BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS BE MADE:

- # 385.58 from the 1935 Bond Issue to the 1923 Bond Issue.
- \$ 794.39 from the 1938 Bond Issue to the 1923 Bond Issue.
- \$ 2,604.14 from the 1938 Bond (New City Hall Constr. Acct.) to the 1923 Bond Issue.
- \$ 6,717.40 from the General Fund to the 1923 Bond Issue.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3406:

WHEREAS, statistics show that the City of Pittston had from the fiscal year 1940 car registrations equal to 07.9 per cent of the total registrations of the county from the proceeds of which registration and the gas ~~at~~ tax paid thereon the said City received nothing, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of 1941 enacted with only one negative vote in the Senate and unanimously in the House Senate Bill No. 298, which would have given to said City some portion of the gasoline tax collected from its citizens and thereby helped to relieve the local tax burden, and

WHEREAS, the Gouvernor saw fit to veto said bill on the ground that the Cities are receiving or can receive substantial sums from the county's share of gasoline tax, and that monies spent by the Highway Department on State Highways in Cities of the Third Class benefits said Cities, and

WHEREAS, such returns if and when made are infinitesimal when compared with the contributions made by the Cities.

NOW , THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Pittston that the action of the Governor in his veto of Senate Bill No. 298, is greatly to be deplored as unfair to the municipalities of the State; more particularly so as large sums of money from said funds are paid and approved by the Governor to the Counties and Townships of the Second Class which organizations likewise enjoy the benefits cited by the Governor in his veto as accruing to the Cities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officials of the League of Cities continue to gather information as to receipts and expenditures of gasoline tax funds and present the same to the next legislative session, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the question of fair and equitable treatment to the Cities and other municipalities of the State be

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brought to the attention of the political committees of the State of Pennsylvania for the purpose of having a pledge of a reasonable allotment of gasoline tax funds in releif of local taxation included in the party platforms, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk be forwarded in triplicate to the President of the League of Cities of the Third Class to be by him presented to the Governor and the Republican and Democratic State Committees together with the resolution adopted at the Convention of the League of Cities of the Third Class at Hazleton.

On motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

An opinion was received and information given Council by City Solicitor Wm.H.Gillespie,regarding the professional services rendered and to be rendered by Attorneys W.L.Pace and Leo.W.White in the case of Albert DeToro V. City of Pittston, including securing of allowance of appeal from Superior to Supreme Court of Pennsylvania,preparation of paper books and argument of appeal before the Supreme Court,together with their bill of \$2,500.00 for said services.

On motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro,and by the following vote on Roll Call the opinion, information and recommendation of the payment of the \$2,500.00 bill was ordered received and filed and the bill paid. AYES: Messers Andaloro,Mead and English. NAYS: Messers Grablick and Walsh.

By clear vote of Council a bill of \$5.00 from City Solicitor Wm H.Gillespie for fee advanced to Dallas C.Shobert, Sheriff of Luzerne County for making return of service by publication to the office of Prothonotary- In re: City of Pittston vs. Celestine Cannon (now Mrs Celestine Shriber or Shriver,by marriage) - Scire Facias to revive municipal lien- No 582 October Term, 1941.... \$3.75
For fee advanced to Prothonotary of Luzerne County for entering judgement in the above matter. 1.25
was ordered paid.

Discussion was entered into by the Mayor and Council and City Controller Howley relative to the necessity of meeting every ten days in order to re-hire the Special Policemen and Clerks. The Mayor stating that they had followed the same procedure as their predecessors in htis respect,but through the efforts of Mr Howley,who seemingly is capable of interpreting the laws governing Third Class Cities,and in instances reaches conclusions without having recourse to the opinions of our City Solicitor,who is engaged by the City to assist Council by enlightening them,when called upon so to do,on subjects they desire some knowledge of. Mr Howley answered by stating that if all heads of Departments had performed as he had during his term in office there would be little need of such discussions,stating that through his effort the Scranton-Spring Water Co was called on the carpet about their non-payment for street cuts made by them over the years and as a consequence he had a reduction of approximately \$6.000.00 allowed by them on an old water service bill that has stood for years,continuing he stated that if an attempt had been made to collect the Annual Tax from Auto Bus Lines and other Corporate interests their would be more money in the Treasurers hands to operate with. Asked by Mayor English if he knew the ones who had evaded the payment of their Annual License Fees,Mr Howley answered in the affirmative. "Well,said Mayor English,"that is just fine,kindly furnish us with the names and the amount of their indebtedness and within Ten Days after you furnish the same,the legal Department of the City will proceed against them in Court,we will expect above information from you,Mr Howley,at our next meeting,kindly do not fail us,thereby proving to the satisfaction of all who are interested your contention of the business efficiency of your Department and most especially of yourself."

City Clerk J.P.Fitzpatrick at this point reminded Mr Howley that when Mayor English and Councilmen Andaloro and Mead took office



in January 1938, that he as City Clerk as well as every one else in the City Government fully realized the small amount of monies budgetted for them by the outgoing Mayor and Council, immediately set about to examine the License Fee Receipt books of the City to ascertain if the City was receiving all the monies from this source it was entitled to. Mr M.P. Ruane, City Treasurer, when informed by the City Clerk of his desires and wishes co-operated by turning over to him the Annual License Fee Books he carried in his office. After three weeks work on said receipt books by the City Clerk he returned a complete report on all payments made by Street Car Lines, Bus Company's, Corporate bodies and others from 1921 to 1937 and presented them to Council, incidentally calling your attention and showing you the report, Mr Howley. I might add as well that a letter was sent to each of the company's calling their attention to their non-compliance with the Ordinance covering Annual License Fees and the penalty for non-adherence to same and for not obtaining and payment of fees for street cuts, that hereafter they would be accordingly fined for their non-Compliance. In looking over and registering payments made by the different corporate bodies to the City I found that one of the largest and best paid for their service to the public had not paid their Annual License Fee between 1923 and 1938, there was an indebtedness of \$1,500.00 alone, two weeks after this concern received my notice they responded with a check for \$100.00 for their 1938 License. All street cuts were recorded in ~~naaa~~ a ledger previous to the issuance of a permit, no doubt they above system of recordings had a great deal to do with reductions in the Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co's old bill, especially so when the Committee had the figures on 1938 cuts made to assist them. Early in 1939 had the great pleasure of having Mr M.P. Ruane, City Treas. tell me that he had received more monies from the Annual License Fees Cuts, etc, as recorded by the City Clerk's office, than he had received in the 14 Years that he had acted as City Treasurer. Addressing Mr Howley, City Clerk Fitzpatrick stated. "As long as their seems to be a desire to pin roses on oneself for accomplishments, I feel at liberty to select one for my own accomplishment on the above." Mr Howley admitted that the City Clerk had advised him of his contemplated work on the above recordings and had shown him the completed record as prepared.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

J.P. Fitzpatrick

Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of October 8th were not read but by motion of Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following report on Parking Violations and Meter returns for the month of September were presented by Mayor English.

Sept. 1, 1941 to Sept. 30, 1941	Parking Violations	\$ 15.00
Sept. 1, 1941 to Sept. 30, 1941	Meter Returns	327.48

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M.P. Ruane submitted his report for the month of September. A balance of \$ 53,301.70 was shown as of Sept 30.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received & filed.

Health Officer & Sealer of Weights & Measures Thos Newcomb submitted his report for the month of September.

On motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above reports were ordered received & Filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 424. AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW (SOLICITOR). WAS READ AT LENGTH FOR THE FIRST TIME.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro, the above Ordinance passed First Reading by the following vote on Roll Call. AYES: Messers Andaloro, Mead and English. NAYS: Messers Grablick & Walsh.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 424. AN ORDINANCE WAS READ BY TITLE FOR THE SECOND TIME.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead, the above Ordinance passed Second Reading by the following vote on Roll Call. AYES: Messers Andaloro, Mead and English. NAYS: Messers Grablick & Walsh.

RESOLUTION NO 3407: BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That it is the considered judgement of the Council that the employment of Special Police and Clerks was necessary to preserve order as of Oct 11, 1941, and the appointment of such men as of that date for a period of Ten Days is hereby approved.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3408: BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That a Fireman from the Pittston Fire Department be assigned with Department equipment to extinguish a surface fire caused by the removal of burning debris and coal from a slope leased by the Volpe Coal Co from the Pennsylvania Coal Co, North of Fleming Park. All expenses of Firemans services, use of equipment and water used, to be borne by the Volpe Coal Co. The Scranton Spring Brook Water Company to be informed of Councils action.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

Dr S.C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts and Finance recommended approval and payment of the following Bills.

Buckley Dan'l	Install Signals at Fort Jenkins Bridge.	\$ 261.65
Consumers Gas & Oil	Gas, Oil, Greasing, Washing, Repairs.	398.60
Egan Gas & Oil Co.	Gas & Oil.	430.45
Pittston Oil Co.	Gas & Oil.	495.86

J. P. English

Scranton Elec Con Co
Durland Sand Co
Rowans Garage

Lead Wire & Reel
Sand & Gravel Projects.
Inspect Trucks.

\$ 29.29
575.53
3.50

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by
Unanimous vote on Roll Call above bills were ordered paid.


Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

ATTEST:


J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

J.P. Fitzpatrick.

Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of October, 4th were not read but on Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 424 was read by Title for the Third time On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro above Ordinance was passed on Third Reading by the following vote on Roll Call. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO and ENGLISH. NAYS: MESSERS GRABLICK AND WALSH.

RESOLUTION NO 3409. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston; That it is the considered judgement of the Council that the employment of Special Police and Clerks was necessary to preserve order as of October 21, 1941, and the appointment of such men as of that date for a period of Ten Days is hereby approved.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3410. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That on and after the 1st day of November 1941 that all permits for service cuts on State Highways within the City, together with the restoration thereof, be made by the Pennsylvania Department of Highways.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3411. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS BE MADE:

\$ 1,850.00 from Salary of Sergeants, Dept of Public Affairs to Special Litigation, Bur of Solicitor in the Dept of Accounts & Finance.

\$ 840.00 from Salary of Patrolmen, Dept of Public Affairs to Special Litigation, Bur of Solicitor in the Dept of Accounts & Finance.

\$ 310.00 from Salary of Clerks, Dept of Public Affairs to Special Litigation, Bur of Solicitor in the Dept of Accounts & Finance.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by the following vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO and ENGLISH. NAYS: MESSERS GRABLICK and WALSH.

Dr S.C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finance presented the following bills with a recommendation for their payment.

Alaimo & Son	Rental of Mixtures for Projects.	\$ 270.00
Broad St Garage.	Supplies & Repairs to Truck.	3.20
Hood Thomas.	Repairs to Fire Alarm System.	26.52
Mitchell Lumber Co.	Supplies for Projects.	1,666.81
Scranton Supply & Mach Co.	Traffic Lights No Main St.	369.94
Hillside Coal & Iron Co.	Tax Refund 10th Installment.	98.39
Lehigh Valley Coal Co.	Tax Refund 10th Installment.	182.42
Penna Coal Co.	Tax Refund 10th Installment.	2,039.98
Andaloro, S.C.	Stamps Acc & Finance Office.	5.00
Mead, Roy A.	Stamps Street Dept Office.	5.00
Gillespie Wm.H.	Filing writ of certiorari in appealing case of Detoro vs City of Pittston, et al	15.00
English Hon K.J.	Stamps for Office of Mayor.	10.00

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

J. R. Z...

The following communication was read to Council.

Councilmen of the
City of Pittston, Pa.

Oct 18 1941

Gentlemen:

I have purchased the Old Silk Mill on Tunnell Street, from the Miners Savings Bank of Pittston Pa. the building is to be removed, if I am to remove the building I will also have to remove a stone wall running along Tunnell Street, the wall is 24 feet high by 100 feet long. My estimate is that to build a new wall, by the City, will cost not less than \$500.00 and more, if there is a way to work out for the City to help me along on this. for the City to buy this wall., or allow some future Tax on some parcel of land. I am to purchase the land from the Miners Bank and repair the building so it will save the City from building a wall and it will insure the old taxes due to date and so much more in the future, and perhaps to bring a good payable factory of some kind in to this building. I hope you will consider this as it sure would be a double benefit.

Yours very truly
Isa dor. A. Levin.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered refered to City Engineer Major R.N. Myers and Superintendant of Streets John Joyce for advise as to the value of the wall to the City and then refering same to City Solicitor Wm H. Gillespie for an opinion.

The following communication was read to Council.

Pittston City Council
City Hall
Pittston, Pennsylvania

October 17th 1941

Gentlemen:

With reference to the proposal of Grablick's Farm Dairy to extend George Street to their property now under improvement, please be advised that ingress and egress to this property within the limits of George Street, as shown on the Pennsylvania Coal Company's map of the City of Pittston, may be acquired by placing an embankment, ten feet wide at the top and extending along the easterly side of the centerline of George Street from the end of the present cartway, southerly to the property in question, as shown on the attached sketch.

Respectfully submitted
R.N. Myers. City Engineer.

Considerable discussion was entered into regarding the above letter and its contents together with the way to be opened. It developed in the discussion that this opening from George Street would not make an opening to Butler Street and that the only opening would be from George Street. Mayor English stated that Mr Grablick wishes to be absolved from any property damage should any arise, that he (Grablick) would assume the expenses of the fill under the supervision of the City Engineer, this being on private property, the City would be the only one who could underwrite this work. Mayor English was of the opinion that this case was to a great extent similar to the application made by Mr James Corcoran a few months ago when the latter wished to purchase unused property of the City in the rear of the Niagra Hose Company, thereby releiving a continued nuisance that existed there for some time, however continued Mayor English. "If the City Engineer will say that this desired change will be a Public benefit I will vote for it." Mayor English was of the opinion that Council should act as a Committee of the whole, as they did in the James Corcoran application, and act on this.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by the following vote on Roll Call the communication was ordered tabled until the next meeting. AYES: Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. NAYS: Mr Walsh. NOT VOTING. Mr Grablick.

J. H. English

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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City Clerk.

ATTEST:

J.P.Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

J.P.Fitzpatrick.

Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 8 P.M. with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present with the exception of Mr Sylvester Grablick. Mr Joseph Walsh stated that Mr Grablick had called him and informed him that he would not be present as he was going to attend a meeting in Scranton of the milk dealers.

The minutes of October 28th meeting were not read but on motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following report on Parking Violations and Meter returns for the month of October were presented by Mayor English.

October. 1, 1941 to October. 31, 1941	Parking Violations	\$ 24.00
October. 1, 1941 to October. 31, 1941	Meter Returns	324.91

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M.P. Ruane submitted his report for the month of October. A balance of \$27,686.69 was shown as of October 31.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received and filed.

Health Officer & Sealer of Weights & Measures Thos Newcomb submitted his reports for the month of October.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above reports were ordered received and filed.

Dr S G. Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finance recommended approval and payment of the following bills.

Alaimo & Son	Rental of Mixers for sidewalk Project.	\$ 337.50
Eagle Signal Corp	Returning Control & connection panel.	6.80
Fitzpatrick. J.P.	Stamps for City Clerks Office.	10.00
Myers R.N.	Exp for W.P.A. Projects Sept & Oct	9.80
Pittston Feed Co.	36 empty bags for Projects	3.60
Penna Coal Co.	Park Rent Year 1941	13.00
Scranton Elec Co.	Office Lighting Aug & Sept 1941	71.94
Scr Spg Brook Water.	Fire Hydrants, Oct & Nov 1941	274.18
" " " "	Water Niagra Hose Co.	3.50
" " " "	Water New & Old City Hall	20.81
" " " "	Water City Yard	2.00
Grabosky Anthony	Exp Acct attending Nat'l Civilian Defense School in Philadelphia.	24.14
O'Brien James	Exp Acct attending Nat'l Civilian Defense School in Philadelphia.	24.14

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above bills were ordered paid.

The following communication was read to Council

November 13th 1941

We, the undersigned, members of the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for positions in the Fire Department, do hereby certify that we have subjected Donald Williamson and Joseph Rowan to non-competitive examination for the position of driver in the Fire Department and that the said Donald Williamson and Joseph Rowan are qualified for appointment to such position.

Signed M. J. Walsh. M. D.
Frank A. Earley.
Jos J. Graziano.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above communication was ordered received & filed.

J. J. Graziano.

RESOLUTION NO 3412. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That it is the considered judgement of the Council that the employment of Special Police and Clerks was necessary to preserve order as of October 31, 1941, and the appointment of such men as of that date for a period of Ten Days is hereby approved.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3413. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS BE MADE:

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

\$ 150.00 from Communication, Bur of Police to Equipment Bureau of Police.

\$ 50.00 from Cars of Prisoners, Bur of Police to Equipment Bureau of Police.

\$ 50.00 from Insurance, Bur of Police to Equipment Bureau of Police.

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS:

\$1,000.00 from Wages of Street Cleaning to Wages of Laborers in the Street Department.

IN MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS:

\$1,000.00 from Wages of Street Cleaning, in the Dept of Streets & Public Improvements to Wages of Truck Drivers, Bureau of W.P.A. Projects.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3414. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Joseph Rowan having been certified by the Civil Service Commission for the examination of applicants for positions in the Fire Department has qualified after non-competitive examination for appointment to the position of driver. The said Joseph Rowan is hereby appointed provisionally to the position of driver in the Fire Department.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro above Resolution was adopted by the following vote on Roll Call. AYES: Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. NAYS: Mr Walsh.

RESOLUTION NO 3415. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That the Civil Service Commission for the examination of applicants for positions in the Fire Department be requested to certify to the City Council the names of those eligible after competitive examination for appointment to the position of driver in the said Fire Dept.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3416. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That the Civil Service Commission for the examination of applicants for positions in the Police Department be requested to furnish the City Council with the names of those eligible after competitive examination for appointment to positions as clerks and as patrolmen in said Police Department.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3417. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Francis Feeley be and he is hereby dismissed from his employment as an acting police clerk in the Police Department effective immediately.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead above Resolution was adopted by the following vote on Roll Call. Ayes: Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. NAYS: Mr Walsh.



RESOLUTION NO 3418. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Joseph Noto be and he is hereby appointed as acting police clerk in the Police Department at a salary of one hundred dollars (\$ 100.00) per month.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro above Resolution was adopted by the following vote on Roll Call. AYES: Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. NAYS: Mr Walsh.

RESOLUTION NO 3419. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That the Bond of M.P. Ruane, Collector of City Taxes for the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania be releived and released of the following balance as appears on the duplicate for the year 1940. \$63,715.11

The foregoing balance consists of personal taxes of male and female, exonerations, abatements, and of properties that have been certified and for which (liens) can be filed against said properties at the time as required by Law.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3420. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to make correction of error in the assessed valuation on the John Wills Estate located at 137 William Street, 7th Ward, City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, for the years 1929 to 1941 inclusive in the amount of \$ 1,000.00 and to adjust the said city taxes in accordance with said levy ordinances in their respective years.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

Letter of Mr Frank DeRenzis, 53 Parsonage St, City, dated August 15 1941 wherein he alleged that a blocked sewer caused water to enter his celler thereby damaging a Stoker to the amount of \$15.15 was returned by Major R.N. Myers, City Engineer, to whom it was referred to by Council at the time, for an explanation. Major Myers stating from his inquiries and examination he learned that a tin can became lodged in the sewer causing the flooding of the celler.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter, referred too, with notations by the City Engineer be referred to the City Solicitor for an opinion relative to damages.

Following communications were read to Council

Mr J P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

November 10 1941

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the improvements on Butler Street, contemplated under Ordinance File of Council No. 420 were commenced Nov 20, 1940 and completed between Main and Church Street and Defoe and Wilson Streets on October 30, 1941

Very truly yours,
R.N. Myers, City Engineer

Mr J P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

November 10, 1941

Dear Sir:

Herewith copy of assessment for improvements on Butler Street in the Sixth and Seventh Wards as provided in Ordinance, File of Council No 420.

Very truly yours,
R.N. Myers, City Engineer.

J. P. Fitzpatrick.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above communications were ordered received and filed.

Following communication was read to Council

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
SCRANTON
NOVEMBER 6, 1941
O.R. 042
Luzerne County
City of Pittston
Route 5

Pittston City Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Attention: Mr J.P. Fitzpatrick

Gentlemen:

Under date of September 26, 1941 your Council, by resolution, requested that the Department assume future maintenance in the abandoned trolley area on Plank Street between the Jenkins Township line and the Erie Railroad crossing where the rails and ties have been removed and the pavement restored.

As the restoration meets our requirements, this Department will assume future maintenance responsibility in this area. This street is known as our Legislative Route 5 and the area extends from Station 298-50 to Station 307-77.

The maintenance of the track area on the remainder of the street where the rails and ties are still in place will, of course, still remain the responsibility of the City.

Yours very truly,
John L. Herber,
District Engineer

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received and filed.

Following communication was read to Council

Pittston City Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania

November 13, 1941

Gentlemen:


Your Work Projects Administration proposal to remove the track and repave the track area on South Main Street from Railroad to Plank Street and Plank Street from South Main Street to the Erie Railroad crossing, has been held in abeyance pending the execution of certain legal requirements.

Recent advices from the Work Projects Administration indicate that, in view of the present emergency, the sponsor's contribution may be entirely accomplished by the transfer of the steel rails to the Office of Production management.

This requirement could be met by a conveyance of the rails by the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation to the City and abandonment of the franchise rights between those points by an Ordinance duly adopted by City Council and approved by the Public Utility Commission.

In view of the Pennsylvania Department of Highways plans to surface that portion of their routes, mentioned in the first paragraph, next Spring, it is respectfully suggested that steps be taken to initiate the local requirements at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours
R.N. Myers, City Engineer.



On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received and filed.

A lengthy discussion was entered into on the subject matter of Major Myers letter. Mayor English stating " That we could have had this work done a year ago, under the same terms, if the Traction Company had agreed to pay the costs of re-pavement of the track area on Parsonage Street, but that all negotiations, with the Officials of the Traction Co, broke down because of their unwillingness to pay the City for the pave of Parsonage Street." Continuing Mayor English stated " Were the Wilkesbarre Railway Company advised of the status of the situation, as contained in City Engineer Major Myers letter, they might in all probability take advantage of the offer without further delay, however the Parsonage Street pave must be paid for first, if acceptable to them, steps will be taken immediately to inaugurate the preliminary work."

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the City Clerk, with the assistance of the City Engineer, was instructed to advise the Wilkesbarre Railway Company, in brief, what might be accomplished with W.P.A. but that Council is of the opinion that nothing be done until the Parsonage Street pave is paid for. If same is accepted by the Wilkesbarre Railway Company, Mayor English and Council will immediately authorize preparation of all necessary work.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

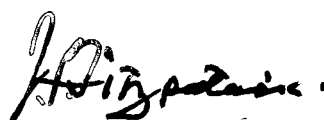
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J. P. FITZPATRICK.
CITY CLERK.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK.



Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 8 P.M. with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of November 13th were not read but on motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following was presented and read to Council

GENERAL FUND
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR YEAR 1942

Taxes	\$ 187,813.98
Licenses & Permits	16,800.00
Fines & Forfeits	1,000.00
Interest & Rents	40.00
Departmental Earnings	8,875.00
Other Revenue Receipts	5,500.00
Refunds, Tax Office Expense	7,000.00
Lien Costs	900.00
Total Estimated Receipts	<u>\$ 227,928.98</u>

SINKING FUND
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR YEAR 1942

Taxes	\$ 39,050.00
Total Estimated Receipts	<u>39,050.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 1942 \$ 266,978.98

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above estimate was ordered received & filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 425, submitted by Mayor Kenneth J. English " AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBTS AND EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, COMMENCING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY 1942 AND ENDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY 1943." was read at length.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by the following vote on Roll Call, above Ordinance was passed on First Reading. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO and ENGLISH. NAYS: MESSERS GRABLICK & WALSH.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 425, was read by Title for the Second time. On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by the following vote on Roll Call, the above Ordinance was passed on Second Reading. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO and ENGLISH. NAYS: MESSERS GRABLICK and WALSH.

RESOLUTION NO 3421. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That it is the considered judgement of the Council that the employment of Special Police and Clerks were necessary to preserve order as of November 10th, 1941, and the appointment of such men as of that date for a period of Ten Days is hereby approved."

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3422. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That it is the considered judgement of the Council that the employment of Special Police and Clerks were necessary to preserve order as of November 20th 1941, and the appointment of such men as of that date for a period of Ten Days is hereby approved."

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

J. English

RESOLUTION NO 3423. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That it is the considered judgement of the Council that the employment of Special Police and Clerks was necessary to preserve order as of November 30th 1941, and the appointment of such men as of that date for a period of Ten Days is hereby approved."

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3424. BE IT RESOLVED, BY the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Agnes Sarago be and she is hereby appointed as a Janitress of the City of Pittston, at the rate of Twenty-Four Dollars (\$24.00) per month, effective the 16th day of November 1941.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3425. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the following Transfers be made:

In the Dept of Public Safety:

\$300.00 from maintenance of Fire Houses to Wages of Vol Firemen.
\$300.00 from Equipment, Bur of Fire Dept to Wages of Vol Firement

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

Dr S.C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finance recommended approval and payment of following bills.

Alaimo & Son	Rental of Mixers & Lumber. Sidewalk Pro.	\$ 205.82
Austin Powder Co.	Dynamite & Squibs for Quarry Project.	26.47
Anthracite Paint Co.	Traffic White.	22.50
Amer Auto Stores.	Flashlights.	12.60
Allied Steel Co.	Steel scarafier teeth for Roller.	90.09
Bell Telephone Co.	Tel service September & October.	91.05
Barber Motor Car Co.	Repairs Street Dept Trucks.	196.46
Barber Motor Car Co.	Repairs to Police Car.	51.22
Barritts Paint Co.	Supplies.	.30
BiLateral Hose Co.	Fire Hose.	440.00
Bonser Wm.P.	Battery Eagle Hose Co.	25.45
Consumers Ice Co.	Ice City Offices to Nov 1, 1941	60.36
Consumers Gas & Oil.	Greasing & Washing Police Car.	13.50
Consumers Gas & Oil.	Gas & Oil, Tire Repairs, Street Dept.	326.74
Cyclone Mch Co.	Material & Supplies. Street Dept.	37.48
Cyclone Mch Co.	Material & Supplies, Projects.	84.08
Central Clay Product.	Material & Supplies, Projects.	802.28
Continental Products.	Material & Supplies, Street Dept.	22.75
Clarkson Chem Co.	Janitor Supplies.	37.80
Deemer & Co.	Office Supplies.	19.30
Durland Sand Co.	Material & Supplies, Projects.	1,509.67
Drury Wm, Estate.	Material & Supplies.	38.55
Delaney Thos.	Automobile Hire.	13.00
Dolge C.B.	Material & Supplies. Janitor.	12.00
Daley Blue Line Co.	Freight Charges.	2.29
Dershimer Lumber Co.	Material & Supplies.	582.39
Evans Wesley.M.	Maintenance & Repairs.	16.75
English Agency.	Insurance.	5.00
Eagle Hose Co.	Rent of Fire House.	750.00
Egan Oil & Gas Co.	Gas & Oil.	603.40
Eagen Hdw Co.	Material & Supplies.	155.96
Friedman Jack.	Material & Supplies.	.78
Firemen Call.	Wages May, June, July. 1941	1,219.20
Gates Foundry Co.	Material & Supplies, Projects.	105.30
Gazette Co.	Material & Supplies.	97.00
Glen Summitt Water Co.	Water for City Offices.	19.50
Hunt Harry.	Supplies.	48.20
Huber Mfg Co.	Parts & Repairs to Roller.	46.30
Kelly Run Stone Co.	Material & Supplies. City & Projects.	1,635.89
Krise Wm.	Material & Supplies.	1.90
Kehoe & McNamara.	Insurance.	19.70

Signature.

Keystone Roofing Co.	Material & Supplies.	\$ 5.55
Kelley Joseph.	Rent of Truck.W.P.A.Project.	48.00
Klein Auto Parts Co.	Material & Supplies.	245.03
LaBarres Stat Store.	Office Supplies.	29.83
Ludwigs Hdw Store.	Material & Supplies.	34.97
Lehigh Valley R.R.CO.	Rent of Yard Year ending June 30 1942	60.00
Lacka & Wyo Valley R.R.Co.	Rails for W.P.A.Projects.	144.64
Mitchell P.F. Lumber Co.	Material & Supplies.Projects.	454.80
Motorin Garage.	Washing & Greasing Police Car.	32.89
Myers. R.N.Major.	Project Exspense. Nov,1941	5.70

On motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call all bills were ordered paid with the exception of the English Agency bill on which Mayor English was registered as Not Voting.

Following communication was read to Council.

To the Mayor and Members of Council
City of Pittston,Pennsylvania

November 28th,1941

Gentlemen:

The City Clerk,by a letter addressed to me today,informed me that a claim has been made by Frank DeRenzis,No 53 Parsonage St,this city for damages sustained by him when water entered the cellar of his property at the above address through a back-wash from the sewer upon said street,which caused damage to the stoker in his cellar.

The City Clerk advised me that Council had referred the question of the liability of the city for the alleged damage to me for an opinion thereon. He also informed me that the matter had been referred to the City Engineer for investigation and that the latter had reported that he had been informed by John Joyce,Superintendant of Streets,that "Tin can in sewer caused sewer to block and back into his cellar at that time",and the City Engineer so reported his findings.

The City Clerk enclosed with his letter the written claim of the said Frank DeRenzis,dated August 15,1941,for said damages which he fixed at \$15.50 for repairing the said stoker.He did not,however,fix the date or dates of the alleged damage to the stoker alleged to have been caused by the back-wash from the sewer. Aside from this omission which should be included in a layer claim in writing,supported by affadavit of the claimant, a statement showing the nature of the damage and the cost of the repairs made by the mechanic or workman who made the repairs, should be submitted to Council. If Council is then satisfied that this damage was caused by the back-wash from the sewer and arose from an obstruction which the city negligently permitted to exist,and also is satisfied that the amount of the damage is correct,then Council may lawfully direct the payment of the said claim.

Respectfully submitted.

Wm.H.Gillespie,City Solicitor.

On motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received and filed and instructions given to Mr Joyce to examine the affadavit and report his findings.

Following communication was read to Council.

Kenneth J.English,Mayor,
City Hall
Pittston.Pa.

Nov 14th 1941

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that the sidewalk laid in August,1941 on the Butler St.,end of the property at 156 William St.,is not satisfactory and has been objected to both W.P.A.and city officials. As it has not been remedied we will not be responsible for any injury or damage to anyone.

Yours truly Chas McCarthy,Sr. 156 William St.

Chas McCarthy

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received and filed and referred to City Engineer Major R.N. Myers.

The following was read to Council

To the Mayor and Members of
City Council, City of Pittston,
Pennsylvania

November 24, 1941

Gentlemen:

I have made the following appointment to the personnel of the Tax Collector's office which became effective as of the 17th of November 1941.

Miss Margaret Rittenmeyer, 139 Mill Street, City of Pittston, clerk, in place of Thomas A. Grace, vacancy, at one hundred (100.00) dollars per month.

Very truly yours.

M.P. Ruane, Tax Collector.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received and filed.

The following was read to Council

Pittston City Council

November 19th 1941

Gentlemen:

In calculating the cost of a sidewalk to be constructed under W.P.A. Sidewalk Project in front of the property of Mr Sam Castellino, 47 E. Railroad Street, an error was made amounting to \$13.80.

Due to this error the sidewalk was first measured at 475 Square feet at a cost of \$71.25, whereas it was actually only 383 square feet at a cost of \$57.45.

As the money collected from Mr Castellino had already been deposited in the City Fund, it was too late to reimburse him for the amount due to him.

It is therefore respectfully suggested that Mr Castellino be reimbursed in the sum of \$13.80.

Very truly yours

Appro. 11/20/41
R.N. Myers.

Joseph J. McLaughlin, Clerk to City Eng.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received and filed and the amount of \$13.80 ordered returned to Mr Sam Castellino.

The following was read to Council

Pittston City Council

November 19 1941

Gentlemen:

The repaving of Church Street, between Butler and Carroll Sts, included widening of the cartway on the easterly side between Butler and Sand Streets. This widening was interrupted by a maple tree in front of the Brennan property No 65 Church Street. It developed this tree was an heirloom and efforts were made to move the tree to a point designated by the owner. However the expense involved seemed too great in proportion to the chances of successful accomplishment of the transfer. Further inquiry revealed that a new tree could be acquired and placed satisfactorily for approximately one hundred dollars. This action would satisfy all claims of the property owners.

It is therefore recommended that this replacement be considered in the light of damages to the owner be considered in the light of damage to the owner and the sum of one hundred dollars awarded to Mrs John Glenn owner, thereby permitting immediate removal of the obstruction and replacement with a new tree.

Respectfully submitted. R.N. Myers, City Engineer.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the above letter was ordered received and filed and the suggestions contained therein be acted upon and the sum of \$100.00 be paid Mrs John Glenn.

Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick "That Council meet at 12:00 oclock Noon Dec 31, 1941 for Final Reading of the Budget Ordinance; that the budget be made available for public inspection at the office of the Director of Accounts & Finance for a period of twenty (20) days after Dec 5th, 1941 and that ten (10) days notice of that fact and of the date of final reading be published in the Pittston Gazette.

Motion carried by Unanimous vote on Roll Call.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

APPROVED
DEC 9th 1941
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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

ATTEST:


City Clerk.



Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present with the exception of Mr Mead.

The minutes of December 2nd were not read but on motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call they were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following report on Parking Violations and Meter Return for the month of November were presented by Mayor English.

Nov. 1, 1941 to Nov. 30, 1941	Parking Violations	\$ 16.00
Nov. 1, 1941 to Nov. 30, 1941	Meter Returns	289.08

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received & filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted his report for the month of November. A balance of \$ 10,068.99 was shown as of November 29th.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received & filed.

Health Officer & Sealer of Weights & Measures Thos Newcomb submitted his reports for the month of November.

On motion by Mr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above reports were ordered received & filed.

The following communication was read to Council

To the Hon Mayor and Members
of City Council:

December 8th 1941

I hereby submit the Valuation of Property, Coal, Occupation and number of Taxables for Poll Tax for the year of 1942.

Property Valuation	\$ 9,515.906
Coal "	485.132
Occupation "	790.052
Total Valuation	<u>\$10,791.080</u>

Number Taxable for Poll Tax--- 4,226

Hoping this report will suffice in compiling the 1942 Budget, I remain,

Very truly yours

JPM/CM

Joseph P. McCanna, City Assessor.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the above was ordered received & filed.

RESOLUTION NO 3426. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: " That it is the considered judgement of the Council that the employment of Special Police and Clerks was necessary to preserve order as of December 10th 1941, and the appointment of such men as of that date for a period of Ten Days is hereby approved.

On motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3427. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the improvements, paving, curbing, guttering on Butler Street contemplated under Ordinance File of Council No 420, commenced Nov 20 1940 and completed between Main & Church Street and Defoe & Wilson Streets on October 30, 1941, are hereby accepted.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

Handwritten signature

The following communication was read to Council

To the Mayor and Members of Council December 8, 1941
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Re: Mrs. Mame Llewellyn vs. City of Pittston,
No 301 October Term, 1940.

Gentlemen:

The above named Mrs Mame Llewellyn, resident at No 222 South Main Street in the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, entered suit in trespass against the City of Pittston upon June 26, 1940 to the above number and term, in which she claimed damages in the sum of \$5.000 for personal injuries allaged to have been sustained by her on February 23, 1940 when she slipped and fell upon an icy sidewalk adjoining premises situate on South Main Street at the intersection of Oak Street and near and under a railroad bridge on the easterly side of said street in the said City of Pittston. As a result of said accident, she claims to have sustained severe injuries to her face, hands, limbs, torso and other portions of her body, and a shock to her nervous system, and more particularly, a severe fracture of her right forearm, or ulna, and her right wrist.

Upon the entry of said suit against the City of Pittston, the matter was referred to me for investigation. Recently, the said case appeared on the trial list of the Court of Common Pleas by the plaintiff's attorney for trial to' day, Monday, December 8, 1941. When the case first appeared upon the published trial list a couple of weeks ago, the plaintiff's attorney, Frank Slattery, Esquire, conferred with Mayor Kenneth J. English and myself with reference to a proposed settlement of the case. Later the attorney submitted to us photographs of the sidewalk upon which the plaintiff claims to have been injured by her fall. The photographs show considerable accumulation of ice in large ridges completely covering the sidewalk at that point. I have found that the plaintiff suffered severe injuries and that she was under the care of a registered nurse, Miss Deeble, from March 9, 1940 to May 31, 1940, and paid the said nurse, as compensation, the sum of \$76.00 at the rate of \$42.00 per week; to Dr C.W. Prevost for medical services during a period of that time, the sum of \$46.00; to the Pittston Hospital for X-ray pictures the sum of \$5.00 and to M.A. Ford Drug Store for drugs from February 23, 1940 to March 8, 1940 the sum of \$7.76, or a total of \$634.76, for all of which, receipts were submitted to me. Thereafter, plaintiff's attorney offered to compromise the case for a very substantial sum which included the amount of the exspenses above named, but later offered to settle the case for the sum of \$750.00 which would include the above named exspenses as well as damages for pain and suffering. Upon his agreement to continue the trial of the case until the next term of Court, Mayor English and myself agrred to consider the offer of settlement and submit the same to Council for approval or disapproval.

Permit me to say that under all the circumstances of the case, namely, the legal liability of the City of Pittston, about which there is no doubt in my mind, the extent of the injuries apparently sustained by the plaintiff, the amount of the exspenses incurred by plaintiff, as well as her advanced age, approximorely seventy years, I respectfully recommend to Council the acceptance of the said offer of settlement by plaintiff's counsel and the payment thereof in the sum of \$750.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. H. Gillespie, City Solicitor.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the above letter was ordered received & filed and the suggestion of the City Solicitor accepted and that the City Solicitor be instructed to attempt obtaining from the Erie R.R. Co and the Laurel Line R.R. Co. a substantial amount of the \$750.00 to be paid the Plaintiff.

J. H. English

RESOLUTION NO 3428: WHEREAS, suit was entered by Mrs Mame Llewellyn vs. the City of Pittston in the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, to No. 301 October Term, 1940, in action of trespass for damages alleged to have been incurred through injuries sustained by a fall by the plaintiff upon an icy sidewalk at the corner of South Main and Oak Streets in the City of Pittston upon February 23, 1940, in which suit the plaintiff asks for damages in the sum of Five thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS, the said plaintiff has agreed to accept from the City of Pittston the sum of Seven hundred fifty (\$ 750.00) Dollars in full settlement, liquidation and satisfaction of her said claim against the City of Pittston; and

WHEREAS, the City Solicitor of the City of Pittston has investigated plaintiff's claim upon which suit was entered as aforesaid, and, as reported to Council, that, in his opinion, it is advisable to accept the said offer of settlement in the sum of Seven hundred fifty (\$750.00) Dollars for the reasons set forth in his said report dated December 8, 1941;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON that the said City Solicitor be authorized and empowered to agree, in behalf of the said City of Pittston, that a verdict be taken in the said Court of Common Pleas in favor of the said plaintiff, Mrs. Mame Llewellyn, against the City of Pittston for the said sum of Seven hundred fifty (\$750.00) Dollars, without costs.

On motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3429: WHEREAS, suit was entered by Mrs. Lena Dressler against the City of Pittston upon July 15, 1941 to No. 687 October Term, 1941 in the Common Pleas Court of Luzerne County in an action in trespass to recover damages in the sum of Twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars for injuries alleged to have been sustained by her in a fall upon an icy sidewalk upon February 5, 1941 in front of the premises at Nos. 28 and 30 South Main Street; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary for the Mayor of the City of Pittston to execute an affidavit of defense as well as other papers and pleadings to be filed in said case;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON that Kenneth J. English, Mayor of the City of Pittston, be and he is hereby authorized to execute the necessary affidavit of defense and any other paper or pleadings which may be necessary in the defense of the said suit in behalf of the said City of Pittston.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

Dr S. C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finance recommended approval and payment of the following bills.

Andaloro, Josephine	Clerical work in filing liens.	\$ 60.00
Myers R.N.	Stamps for Engineers Office.	5.00
Murrelle Printing Co	Copies of Record & Brief for Appellants on appeal to Supreme Court in Re Al DeToro vs City of Pittston, et al.	326.91
Newcomb Bros.	Coal for Bldgs, Apr to Nov 1941	196.79
New York Casualty Co.	Bond for new clk. Treas Office.	50.00
Premier Steel Co.	Bars of Tool Steel.	236.59
Perfetto Jos.	Parts & Supplies for Trucks.	31.78
Pittston Oil Co.	Gas & Oil.	587.04
Ruaduve, Stanley.	Photos of City Wide Projects.	64.00
Reliable Spring Service.	Repairs to Trucks.	3.75
Rutledge Motor Car Co.	Repairs & Parts for Trucks.	19.20
Scr Spg Brook Water Co.	Water, City Halls & Hydrants.	152.59
Scranton Elec Co.	Office Lighting.	44.97
Scranton Elec Co.	Clamps, Wire, etc for Traffic Lights	1.18
Stackhouse Auto Elec Co.	Repairs to Trucks.	4.50
Scranton Chemical Co.	Janitor Supplies.	36.00
Smiles Allan.	Keys, locks, etc.	4.05

Stauffer, Roy	Repairs to Trucks.	\$ 2.30
Sproul Constr Co.	Supplies for Projects.	688.22
Turon & Swartz.	Cement & Lime for Projects.	499.00
Whiteman & Co.	Janitor Supplies.	23.65
Williams Paper Co.	Supplies.	3.45
Williams Stat Co.	Office Supplies.	68.93
Wagner Lumber Co.	Supplies for Projects.	585.00
Wyoming Sand & Stone Co.	Supplies for Projects,	1,125.00

On motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above bills were ordered paid.

The following communication was read to Council.

COMMONWEALTH of PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT of HIGHWAYS
HARRISBURG

O.R. 254

December 3, 1941

Mr J.P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk
City of Pittston
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of Resolution No 3410 adopted by the City Council of the City of Pittston authorizing the Department of Highways to issue permits for opening the improved road surface of State Highways within the City.

In accordance with the Resolution, the Department of Highways will issue all permits for opening the improved surface of State Highways.

Very truly yours
I Lamont Hughes, Secretary of Highways
By
H.G. Van Riper, Township Engineer.

On motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh the above letter was ordered received and filed, by Unanimous vote on Roll Call.

The following was read to Council

To the Mayor and Council
Pittston, Penna.

Dec 6 1941

Gentlemen:

On or about June 16th 1941 a back-wash occurred in the connection of my house sewer connecting with the main sewer on Parsonage St., said back-wash caused damage to my Furnace Stoker. It was necessary for me to engage Jos. F. O'Hara, 1400 No. Washington Ave, Scranton, Pa. to repair same. Enclosed please find his bill of \$15.15 and affidavit covering same.

Respectfully submitted.
Frank DeRenzis, 53 Parsonage St, City.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter and statement was ordered received and filed and the amount of \$15.15 paid Mr DeRanzis.

The following letter was read to Council

Mayor and Members of Council
City Hall
Pittston, Pennsylvania

December 6 1941

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of communication received from Collins & Collins, attorneys for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co,

H.G. Van Riper

with reference to appeals from assessments on properties of that company located at 79-81 North Main Street and 47 North Main Street, Pittston. The facts recited in the communication have been investigated and are correct.

In view of the opinion of Judge Jones in the appeal that was heard to determine the valuation of 79-81 North Main Street for the years 1937, 1938 and 1939, and the findings made in that decision, I am of the opinion that there is nothing to be gained by contesting the remaining appeals, but rather there is a possibility of the valuations being further decreased in the light of the prices paid in property transfers in this city during the past several years. Accordingly, I believe that the best interests of the city will be saved by acceptance of the proposal contained in the enclosed communication, and I recommend the acceptance of this proposal.

Very truly yours,
Wm. H. Gillespie, City Solicitor.

Following letter read to Council

Collins & Collins
Attorneys at Law
804 Second National Bank Bldg.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

December 6, 1941

In re: Appeal from Assessment, 79-81 N. Main Street
for years 1937-1938-1939 and 1940-1941-1942.
Also 47 N. Main Street for years 1937-1938-1939
1940-1941-1942.

Hon Kenneth J. English,
Dime Bank Building,
Pittston, Pa.

Dear Sir:

As you know, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company took appeals from assessment on the above properties from the 1936 Triennial assessment for the years 1937-1938-1939 and also from the 1939 Triennial assessment for the years 1940-1941-1942.

In order to determine values in Pittston, we had a hearing on the 1936 assessment appeal on the property 79-81 N. Main Street.

On January 7, 1941, the Court ordered that the 1936 assessment covering the years 1937-1938-1939 on the property at 79-81 N. Main Street be reduced to \$22,470. During those years we paid taxes on this property under protest. As stated above, we also took an appeal from the 1939 assessment on this property and have been paying our taxes under protest

We have not been forcing action in this matter in an attempt to work out our assessment problem with the City of Pittston on an amicable basis. As you know, the law provides that in case the assessment shall be reduced, the excess of taxes paid shall be returned to the party paying same. At the present time we have not received any moneys from the over-payment of our taxes on the property at 79-81 N. Main Street for the years 1937-1938-1939-1940.

Recently we have conducted research of the records concerning bona fide sales of property in the City of Pittston for the years 1938-1939 and 1940-1941 up to on or about November 1. We found that the percentage of the assessment to the bona fide sales price is approximately as stated in Judge Jones' decision, which was 64.2%. For the years 1940-1941 we find the percentage ratio between the assessment and the sales price to be under the percentage found by Judge Jones.

In order to adjust this entire assessment matter without further litigation, our client suggests the following proposition:

J. H. Gillespie

1. That the City of Pittston reduce the 1939 Triennial Assessment on the property 79-81 N. Main Street in accordance with the decision of Judge Jones, to a valuation of \$ 22,470. Actual records of bona fide sales show that if another hearing is held in this matter, the Court could reduce the valuation to a lower figure than that already found of \$ 22,470

2. That the 1936 and 1939 Triennial assessment on 47 N. Main Street be reduced in accordance with Judge Jones' findings, which, without prejudice to any future testimony, would reduce the assessment on this property from \$ 22,500 to \$ 14,445.

3. The Company is willing to withhold its demand for immediate payment of the taxes overpaid for the years 1937-1938 1939-1940-1941 and receive payment for same in installments over a four-year period.

We shall appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience concerning the attitude of the City in an endeavor to adjust this matter.

Very truly yours

JCC:S

Collins & Collins.

A lengthy discussion was entered into on the above subject the contention being that here was a wealthy concern who could go into Court and challenge our assessment conclusions but how about the little fellow, owner of property, who is without the means of doing the same as the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Council was of the opinion that a conclusion should not be reached until an appeal was made from the opinion handed down by Judge Jones, if there is a chance for an appeal, then same should be made.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above communications were ordered Tabled and the City Solicitor advised that Council expressed a desire to contest the appeals of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and desired information as to whether an appeal may be taken from the decision of Judge Jones.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call. Mrs Elizabeth Bianco, Rear 76 Parsonage St was granted a permit to erect a 2 car garage, application having been passed upon favorably by Fire Chief Howard Owens and Street Superintendent John Joyce.

Council's attention was called to the Department of Highways of Pennsylvania, I. Lamont Hughes, Secretary's letter of December 8th referring to the standardization of Traffic Lights within the City and the necessity of the City registering a tentative program of standardization ere an extension is granted. The subject was discussed and it was learned that the only Traffic light not conforming with the State Highways program being the one at So Main & R.R. Streets.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the City Engineer Major R.N. Myers, was instructed to prepare a tentative program and that Mayor English be permitted to make the application.

Atty Carl Burke addressed Council stating that he represented Mayor Elect John Reilley and Councilmen Elect John Sheridan and Frank Turon. Messrs Reilley and Turon being in attendance, Mr Burke stated that he had a list of items taken from the proposed Budget for 1942 that they wished discussing, he proceeded to read them asking that consideration be given them at the earliest possible time, so as to allow an appeal being made to the Court, on the Budget, in the event they deemed it advisable. The situation was discussed and finally agreed that the earliest time the subject could be thoroughly gone into was the night of Wednesday December 17th at 8 P.M. when a Special meeting would be held for that purpose. The above list referred to was given

W. J. Jones

to Council by Atty Burke.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call. A Special meeting was decided upon to discuss the items referred to by Atty Burke and any other business that might come before Council, said meeting to be held Wednesday December 17th 1941 at 8 P.M.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

APPROVED
Dec 17th 1941

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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK.



Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 8 P.M. with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of December 9th were not read but on motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call they were ordered received, filed and adopted.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 426, submitted by Mayor Kenneth J. English "AN ORDINANCE FIXING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1942". was read at length.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro above Ordinance was passed on First Reading by the following vote on Roll Call. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. NAYS: MESSERS GRABLICK & WALSH.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 426: Was read by Title for the Second Time. On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro above Ordinance was passed on Second Reading by the following vote on Roll Call. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. NAYS: MESSERS GRABLICK & WALSH.

Dr S.C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finance recommended approval and payment of the following bills.

Alaimo & Son.	Rental of Mixer	\$ 90.00
Andaloro Josephine,	Clerical work in filing of Liens.	52.00
Austin Powder Co.	Dynamite & Squibs for Projects.	8.42
Allardyce John.	1 Pair of Handcuffs.	10.00
Bell Telephone Co.	Telephones for November 1941.	45.09
Buckley Daniel.	Install & Repair Traffic Lights.	35.17
Barber Motor Car Co.	Repairs to Trucks & Police Car.	7.83
Butera Auto Body Co.	Repair Truck Radiator.	.75
Consumers Gas & Oil Co.	Gas, Oil, Tires, Washing & Greasing.	360.61
Consumers Ice Co.	Ice, City Offices for Nov 1941.	19.05
Continental Products Co.	Traffic Paint.	33.50
Cyclone Mch Co.	Scoops for Street Dept.	6.00
Chaplick Rose.	Affadavits.	1.50
Drury Wm, Est.	Oil for Projects for Nov 1941.	6.00
Deemer & Co.	Office Supplies, Mayor's Office.	5.30
Commonwealth of Penna.	Int on add'l amt of 1939 Loans Tax.	2.65
Durland Sand Co.	Sand & Gravel for Projects.	226.74
Egan Gas & Oil Co.	Gas & Oil.	108.30
Eagen Hdw Co.	Supplies Nov 1941.	5.40
Gates Foundry.	Supplies for Projects.	68.55
Gazette Pittston.	Printing 1,000 Tax Liens.	17.50
Glen Summitt Springs.	Water, City Offices for Nov 1941.	6.50
Klein Auto Parts Co.	Parts & Supplies.	19.37
Krise, Wm.	Repairs to Service Car, St Dept.	1.00
Kelly Run Stone Co.	Supplies for Projects, Nov 1941.	6.65
Lion Bros Co.	Arm Bands for Air Raid Wardens.	16.80
Lacka Blue Print Co.	Blue Print Paper, Projects.	8.54
Margie, Peter M. Proth.	Fees for Filing Liens & Revivals.	1,554.75
Reliable Spg Service Co.	Repairs to NO 3 Truck.	1.00
Sproul Con Co.	Supplies for Projects.	232.05
Stauffer Roy.	Repairs for Police Car.	.50
Texas Lunch.	Food for Prisoners.	1.65
Whiteman, H.A.	1 Case of Drinking Cups.	13.25

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above bills were ordered paid.

Resolution No 3430. Be it Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS BE MADE:

\$1,200.00 from Scranton Electric (Old Acct) to Gas & Oil for Projects.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

The following letter from Mr George Bainbridge Secy-Treas of the City Park Commission, together with the report for the year 1941 was read to Council.

George Bainbridge

Pittston City Park Commission.

Honorable Mayor English
and Members of Council,

December 10th 1941

Gentlemen:

We have seen in the Public press a copy of the proposed budget for the coming year. We note there is no item therein for the building, repair or equipping of a suitable playing field for the youth of this City.

Under date of Jan 6, 1941 we sent you a communication describing the unsatisfactory conditions existing at West Park and stated certain recommendations which in our opinion should be made so that athletic contests might be conducted there to the satisfaction of the participants and the public.

The Park Commission has felt and so stated on several occasions that the continued expending of moneys at this place was in a way a waste of effort. We have felt, as indicated in our reports, that the physical conditions there are such that it seems impossible to cure the basic evils and to operate the park efficiently so that a proper financial return may be made when athletic contests are held.

The wooden fence will have to be rebuilt or replaced. I think you will agree the cost of patrolling West Park for an ordinary event is out of the question. We had hoped you might have seen your way clear to budget a certain amount of money to get a preliminary start, at least, on a project such as grading, enclosing with fence etc.

At a meeting of the Commission recently, a motion prevailed asking council's cooperation in the matter by adding to its facilities during the next couple of years we would have a field worthy of Pittston. From a careful complying of records during the past few years we feel that with a proper built field sufficient rental charges can be collected to materially aid in defraying the expense expended.

The events however which have taken place during the past couple of weeks we presume will have a decided bearing on any hoped or anticipated Federal aid.

Permit the members of the Park Commission to thank you gentlemen for the spirit of cooperation you have given us during the past few years.

Pittston Park Commission.
G.W. Bainbridge, Secretary.
M.J. Clarke, President.

On motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received & filed.

To Hon Mayor English
and Members of Council

Pittston, Penna, Dec 10th 1941

Gentlemen:

The statement below shows receipts and disbursements in connection with operation of West Park for the period Jan 1, 1941 to Dec, 10th 1941.

Balance on hand Jan 1st 1941	\$ 314.04
Receipts from Foot Ball Game Nov 27th 1941.	258.75
Total Receipts.	<u>\$ 572.79</u>

Disbursements.	
John A. Allan Insurance Year 1941.	\$ 29.64
Labor Expense.	11.00
Marking Field.	3.50
Pittston Flour & Feed Co (Straw)	3.45
Keystone Roofing Co.	2.25
Ticket Takers.	10.00
P.F. Mitchell (Material)	57.34
John A. Allan Insurance for 1942	29.64
Secretary Expense, Typing, Postage, Telephone Misc Cash	55.15
Paid out.	<u>\$ 201.97</u>
	\$ 370.82

Balance on Hand.

Pittston City Park Commission. G.W. Bainbridge, Secy.

J. H. Bainbridge

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received & filed and the Park Commission commended and thanked for their fine efforts.

RESOLUTION NO 3431. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That it is the desire of Council to express their appreciation and return thanks for the splendid co-operation and assistance rendered by the Park Commission. Messers M.J. Clarke, Pres. George.W. Bainbridge, Secy-Treas, Charles Morgan, John Flanagan and Thos Hennigan. for their untiring efforts over the years in the supervision of the Parks and Funds, and for the concise, comprehensive and complete reports as rendered by Mr George.W. Bainbridge, Secy-Treas, fully meriting as well, from the taxpayers, residents and youth of the City their approbation for the Commissions show of Public Spirit, Civic Betterment, Local Pride and Youth advancement. That a copy of this Resolution be mailed each of the above named Gentlemen."

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3432. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That a contract be entered into with Deegan, Messer & Co, Easton, Pennsylvania.

(a) Deegan Messer & Co shall audit and determine the exempt holders of the bonds of the City of Pittston for the year 1941, prepare the Municipal Loans Tax Report as required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and audit the Loans Tax Assessment made therefrom.

(b) As compensation for such services, the City of Pittston agrees to pay and the Company agrees to accept the sum of Seventy-Five (\$75.00) Dollars in full settlement for the preparation and filing of the said Report and the audit of the Tax Settlement.

On motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

The following was read to Council

Hon, Mayor Kenneth J. English
and Pittston City Council.

December 10th 1941

Gentlemen:

I find after an investigation that the following sums are due the estate of Michelean Baccarro and Andrew Baccarro, both deceased, the estate being located at 398 North Main Street in the Third Ward:

Mrs Baccarro the sum of	.70	in occupational Tax 1940
Both husband and wife	4.33	in occupational Tax 1941
Total	\$ 5.03	

Sincerely

Jos. P. McCanna, City Assessor.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above communication was ordered received and filed and that the Treasurer be instructed to return the above sum.

A communication from the City Solicitor was read to Council. Re: Catheryn Burkel vs City of Pittston, No 225 January Term 1941 (Trespass) The above case which was on the Common Pleas Trial List for December Term, 1941, was tried in the said Court yesterday, Dec 15, 1941 before Judge Culver, specially presiding, without a jury. The said suit was based upon the claim of the said plaintiff, Catheryn Burkel, for the sum of \$2,500.00 for damages in an action in trespass.

An investigation was made by his Honor, Mayor English, and at his direction, Mr Howard Owens, Chief of the Fire Department, and John J. Loughney, General Contractor of Pittston, Pennsylvania, examined the premises to determine the extent of the damage to the building. Both of them appeared in Court yesterday as witnesses in behalf of the City of Pittston. Mayor English also appeared in Court and took part

J. P. McCanna

in the trial of the case with myself in behalf of the City of Pittston. At the end of the trial, the case was taken under consideration by his Honor, Judge Culver, who will later render a decision when the testimony taken in the case has been transcribed by the Court stenographer and presented to Judge Culver for a decision.

I enclose herewith, with my approval thereon, a bill submitted by the above named witness, John J. Loughney, General Contractor, for his services in the sum of \$25.00 for estimating damages caused by the said fires to the plaintiff's dwelling house, and for one day, namely Yesterday, for his attendance at Court as witness, \$25.00, or a total of \$50.00. The said Howard Owens, Chief of the Fire Department, being a city employee under salary, did not present any bill for services or attendance at Court.

Respectfully submitted.

Wm. H. Gillespie, City Solicitor.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by the following vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received & filed and the bill of Mr John Loughney, approved by the City Solicitor, was ordered paid. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. NAYS: MESSERS GRABLIICK AND WALSH.

Following communication was read to Council

To the Mayor and Members of Council
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

December 11th 1941

Gentlemen:

I wish to advise you that I complied today with the provisions of Resolution No 3428 adopted by Council of the City of Pittston on December 9, 1941 and approved by Honorable Kenneth J. English, Mayor of the said city, upon the same day, authorizing and empowering me to agree, in behalf of the said City of Pittston, that a verdict be taken in the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County in favor of Mrs Mame Llewellyn, plaintiff, against the City of Pittston for the sum of \$750.00, Without costs, in a suit or action brought by her in the said Court upon June 26, 1941 and entered to No. 301 October Term, 1940.

By agreement with Frank Slattery, Esquire, counsel for the said plaintiff, and myself as City Solicitor of the City of Pittston, Honorable Thomas F. Farrell directed the entry of a verdict in said Court in favor of the said Mrs Mame Llewellyn, plaintiff, against the City of Pittston in the above named sum of \$750.00, without costs.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. H. Gillespie, City Solicitor.

On motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above communication was ordered received and filed.

Following communication was read to Council

Mayor and Members of Council
City of Pittston, Penna.

December 17th 1941

Gentlemen:

I wish to call your attention to the fact that 759 claims for delinquent city taxes due to the City of Pittston for the year 1938 and 606 suggestions of non-payment of tax liens, already filed, and averment of default thereof, must be filed, according to law, in the office of the Prothonotary of Luzerne County on or before December 31st of this year, in order to protect the City of Pittston in the matter of unpaid delinquent taxes.

The cost of filing said 759 Claims for delinquent city taxes is \$1.25 each or \$948.75, and the cost of filing said 606 suggestions for revival of tax liens is \$1.00 each or \$606.00, or a total of \$1,554.75. Inasmuch as the Prothonotary of Luzerne County will not file

Wm. H. Gillespie

such tax liens or suggestions for revival without the payment of cash at the time of filing, I must, as usual, ask Council to approve the payment of the said sum of \$1,554.75 to Peter M. Margie, Prothonotary of Luzerne County, so that a voucher for the said sum may be in my hands before the date for filing the said tax claims and suggestions for revival in the said office of the Prothonotary.

For your convenience, I enclose herewith form of a bill for the payment of the said sum as aforesaid which I ask you to approve and order the same to be paid as aforesaid.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. H. Gillespie, City Solicitor.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above communication was ordered received and filed and Voucher for the above sum of \$1,554.75 be drawn.

A communication from the Tax Payers Assoc of Wyoming Valley, Wilkes-Barre, Penna and signed by Wm. E. Mannear, Manager, was read to Council. In said communication the wish was expressed that after careful consideration of the budget that Council would decide to continue the economical practises of their administration, and that no increase in millage would result.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call said communication was ordered to be received and filed.

Permit was granted Edward Grasavage, 294-296 South Main Street to improve his present Gas Station into a Super Service Automobile Station, by clear vote of Council

As noted in the minutes of December 9th. in attendance at that meeting were Mayor Elect John Reilly, Councilmen Elect John Sheridan and Frank Turon and Atty Carl Burke, the latter stating that he represented the above Gentlemen, that they were in attendance to discuss various phases of the proposed budget for 1942, at that meeting it was decided by Council to hold this Special meeting giving Mr Burke and those he represented all the time necessary to discuss any and all subjects they wished to discuss. In attendance were Atty Burke, Messrs Sheridan and Turon, statement was made that Mr Reilly was indisposed. Addressing the Mayor and Council Atty Burke stated that they were in attendance to discuss the various items contained in a list that had been presented to Council at their December 9th meeting. Mayor English informed Atty Burke that Council was in possession of the list referred to, also that he understood Atty Burke to say that he represented the Mayor Elect as well as the Councilmen Elect, however the list that he had access to hadn't been signed by Atty Burke, as representative of the gentlemen named, and until that was done naturally Council could not take it for granted that he did represent them and asked that Mr Burke sign the paper as their legal representative, after some debate on the same Atty Burke affixed his signature. Following is a copy of the paper presented by Atty Burke.

The following reductions have made in the budget:

Amounts listed are reductions:

Special Officers, \$ 1,000.00. This item should be at least restored if not increased because of past experience and the unknown requirements of War. Route No. 11 is a United States Highway necessary for troop movements.

Assistant Engineer, \$ 1,100.00. This amount should be restored. In the first year of the English administration the Assistant Engineer was dispensed with and extras were paid the Engineer. Those payments were continued over the four years period up to November of this year. If it was necessary to pay the Engineer extras with an Assistant Engineer employed how can you justify the elimination of the Assistant Engineer at this time. (The claim that all projects are completed will be proven untrue later)

Atty Gillespie

Office Supplies, \$ 50.00. This sum should be increased.

Street Department Clerk, \$ 600.00. The sum of \$ 1,800.00 was paid for years and in particular during the past four years. If the salary was too high it should have been reduced or additional work put on the person, such as the preparation of liens, etc., instead of using extra help.

Wages of Laborers, \$ 2,400.00. There is no reason for this reduction. We have by far the dirtiest streets and the greatest number of unpaved streets of any third class city. Let us try to improve the City.

Purchase of Equipment, \$ 1,000.00. It is a fact that each year during the last four years it was necessary to replace equipment. The present equipment is being worked two shifts at the present time and there is only one good truck. Prices are going up on account of Defense.

Ash collection. It is true that the sum of \$ 10,000.00 appropriated in 1938 and 1939 was found to be insufficient. In 1940 and 1941 this amount was increased. The reduction of \$ 5,000.00 is not justified at this time.

Wages of Janitors. \$ 150.00 should be increased over last year as WPA furnished a janitor for the Old City Hall. You are not so unpatriotic as to refuse ordinary janitor service to the Local Selective Service Board who are donating their services to their Country.

WPA, \$ 18,000.00. It is a fact that the City of Pittston has pledged to the WPA the sum of \$ 110,260.00., as the sponsors share of projects and that to date their remains uncompleted the Creek Project and Butler Street and others. In a letter signed by the Mayor prior to last election and sent to property owners on Butler Street, he said in substance that there is a rumor current that Butler Street, between Church and Defoe Street will not be resurfaced. That is only a rumor as that section of Butler Street is included in the city wide projects and will be resurfaced. Unpaid bills will be in excess of the budget amount, leaving nothing.

Library. \$ 500.00. Practically every civic club favors a library. The excuse put forth for failure to provide space in Old City Hall was that the space occupied in the Old Cell block was necessary for WPA use. If WPA is to be eliminated then provide for library space.

Dues, 3rd Class City, \$ 161.00. Convention Expenses, \$ 100.00. These items are so insignificant that the benefits derived by an administration willing to accept the recommendations proposed at these conventions by progressive third class cities certainly warrants the return of these items.

Anticipated Revenue is based on 80% collection while the records show that the average collection is less than 70%. The inclusion of personal tax is unfair as only 30% is collectable. (by past records).

Interest charges are on \$ 60,000.00 in 1938 City Hall is listed for \$ 59,000.00. The interest is right.

Presented by Carl J. Burke, Atty
for Mayor Elect Reilly.
Councilman Elect John Sheridan.
Councilman Elect Frank Turon.

All of the above items were discussed in turn, Mayor English and his associates allowing Atty Burke all the time he wished to go over each item. Relative to the millage of $17\frac{1}{2}$ mills as proposed, Atty Burke for the incoming officials asked for an increase over the above amount. Mayor English answering stated that his administration had been more grievously handicapped in 1938 when the budget was cut to 12 mills general fund levy, without equipment of any sort to do work with whereas the incoming administration will be possessed of equipment to the value of \$ 11,000.00 more than we had to start operating with, as well there

A. J. Burke

has been paid out to December 1st 1941 the sum of \$21,000.00 for Project supplies. On the Patrolmen item the sum of approximately \$3.000 has been saved during the past year, and as for the item of traffic and the movement of Soldiers through our district, why not have Chief of Police Edward Moran, who is present say a word on the movement of troops through Pittston a few weeks ago and the way our Police Force handled that assignment. Chief Moran answered by stating "That the great number of troops that passed through Pittston taking approximately 6 hours to pass not one bit of trouble was encountered and that he would rather have a whole Division of the Army pass through the City, than have two funerals to take care of, as he felt the former would be by far more easily handled." Referring to the campaign in which he, Councilmen Dr S.C. Andaloro and Roy Mead were defeated for the Democratic nominations Mayor English produced the following letter purported to have been sent by Mayor-elect Reilly and his colleagues to taxpayers of the city during the campaign.

To You---Taxpayer:

November 1, 1941

The Constitution permits you to elect citizens for operation of government. You will exercise the privilege on Tuesday, Study---wisely---records of individuals aspiring for City and School offices.

John J. Reilly, candidate for Mayor; Frank Turon and John Sheridan for Council; Emerson Howley for Controller, Thomas Hennigan, Anthony Zack and Harold Collins for School Directors represent the Democratic Party. Their records, public and social, are unblemished. They're fully qualified to serve you.

These men are pledged to establish playgrounds for your children, construct a swimming pool and athletic stadium with W.P.A. funds and provide supervision through N.Y.A.---all without burdensome cost to taxpayers. They will strive for new industries, advocate--- buy in Pittston---and will allow property owners, delinquent in tax payment, to work out their obligations to the Municipality. They will continue the W.P.A. program and intend to pave every dirt street in town over a period of four years. They will cooperate with U.S. Senator Guffey and Congressman Flannery in speeding the new airport project. A saving of \$ 5,000.00 a year in ash and garbage collection is planned as well as a saving of a similar amount by having W.P.A. pay truck drivers--- NOW PAID BY THE CITY.

Endeavoring to again control the City and School District---Ambrose Langan---has a group of Hand Picked Candidates seeking office. If they are elected they will be principals in a Puppet Government, dominated by Langan, a citizen who, with his relatives, received \$ 495,000--- a half million---in the past thirty years from City, School, County and State Governments. Langan is the man who couldn't find school records when a previous board was taken into court for irregularities. Langan, when he was Mayor, stopped a labor parade of mine workers who sought equalization of work. He has no labor record--- neither have any of his candidates.

You want clean, honest and efficient Government. You'll get it by voting the Straight Democratic ticket on Tuesday.

Pittston City Democratic Committee.

Referring to the above letter and stating "We are only trying to aid your economy platform," the Mayor said, "Your candidates stated the ash collection could be handled for \$ 5.000 another \$ 2,500 could be saved by having W.P.A. drivers operate street department trucks, and they would save laborers wages by having delinquent taxpayers work out their taxes. "The first step taken by your School Board when it took control was to raise the salary of the Solicitor from \$1,200 to \$1,800 and we have been waiting six months for the School Board to pay its pro-rata share of tax collection costs," Is that economy in government.? asked the Mayor. besides the School Board does not require the services of a delinquent tax collector. Treasurer M.P. Ruane, surely has a staff large enough to act in that capacity.

J. P. Langan

The library was discussed at length especially by Attorney Burke and City Controller Howley, Mayor English answered by stating that money had been allocated for a library for a number of years and no one up to the present seemed interested, so why continue said allocation. Curtailment of the salary of the Street Department clerk was justified as all permits for street cuts heretofore attended to by said clerk had been turned over to the State Highway Department who in future would issue and grant the street cut permits. Mayor English contended that their inaugurating of projects throughout the past three years was primarily to provide employment for those whom were willing to work and were unable to obtain it, at the same time only selecting those projects that would produce the most good for the most people. Statistics of September 1939 showed 721 male and 56 female employables while September 1941 showed 190 Male and 15 Female employables from this, said the Mayor, I feel that our administration done its part. Referring to the Janitor for the Old City Hall, the Mayor stated that were one to look into the amount of work now performed by the present Janitor in the New City Hall, one possessed of only ordinary common sense could see that he has time sufficient to act in the capacity as Janitor of both the new and old City Hall without the extra expense for an individual Janitor for the latter. Concluding the Mayor addressing Atty Burke stated, that in his opinion, the newly elected officials aspired for office just to gain office with little or no consideration for the taxpayers.

Mayor English informed Council that some sort of a welfare fund would have to be set up to provide for exigencies of the Civilian Defense Movement in Pittston. Plans for this will be made later, same no doubt would be taken care of in the budget.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 8 P.M. with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present with the exception of Mr Grablick.

The minutes of December 17th meeting were not read but on motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call they were ordered received, filed and adopted.

Dr S.C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finance suggested approval and payment of the following bills.

Anthracite Paint Store.	Paint & Brush	\$.90
Egan Oil & Supply Co.	Motor Oil.		20.40
Buckley Dan'l.	Erecting Elec Wire, Xmas Decor.		8.00
Eagean Hdw Co.	Supplies Street & Police Dept.		4.53
Fitzpatrick, J.P.	Inc Exsp Decorating City Hall.		1.25
Hoover Kenneth .	Xmas Green Rope & Wreaths.		25.00
Klein Auto Parts Co.	Supplies for Street Dept.		10.08
LaBarres Stat Store.	Office Supplies.		5.80
New York Gas Co.	Bond, Treas, 1/1/42 to 1/1/43		1,407.32
Vol Firemens Payroll.	Aug, Sept. & Oct. 1941		544.00

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above bills were ordered paid.

RESOLUTION NO 3433. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That it is the considered judgement of the Council that the employment of Special Police and Clerks was necessary to preserve order as of December 20th 1941, and the appointment of such men as of that date for a period of Ten Days is hereby approved.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3434. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS BE MADE:
\$ 555.00 from Scranton Electric (Old Account) to Wages, Volunteer Firemen, in the Department of Public Safety.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3435. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Joseph Graziano be ousted, removed and dismissed from his position as a member of the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for positions in the Police Department and from his position as a member of the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for positions in the Fire Department, effective immediately.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by the following vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. NAYS: MR WALSH.

RESOLUTION NO 3436. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Frank Earley be ousted, removed and dismissed from his position as a member of the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for positions in the Police Department and from his position as a member of the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for positions in the Fire Department, effective immediately.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by the following vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. NAYS: MR WALSH.

RESOLUTION NO 3437. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston; That Josephine Alaimo and John J. Loughney be appointed to membership on the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for position in the Police Department for a Term of Four (4) Years, effective immediately.

J. H. English

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by the following vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. NAYS: MR WALSH.

RESOLUTION NO 3438. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Josephine Alaimo and John J. Loughney be appointed to membership on the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for positions in the Fire Department for a Term of Four (4) Years, effective immediately.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by the following vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. NAYS: MR WALSH.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

ATTEST:


City Clerk.



Pittston City Council met in Session as per arrangements of some time ago for the purpose of Passing on the Budget and any other business that might come before Council, with Mayor Kenneth J. English, presiding and all members present. Meeting called to order at 12:00 Noon

On demand of Mr Grablick the minutes of Dec 22nd meeting was read in their entirety, Mr Grablick objected to the minutes also to the meeting he stating that he had not received 24 hours notice, Mayor English stated that his objections and statement would be entered on the minutes. On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by the following vote the minutes were ordered received, filed and adopted. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. NAYS: MESSERS GRABLICK & WALSH.

The General Fund. Estimated Receipts for the year 1942 was read to Council. On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the following Amendments to Ordinance No 425 was adopted.

\$ 1,000.00 to Welfare and Bureau of Health.
1,100.00 to Assistant City Engineer. (Restored)
600.00 to Clerk of the Street Dept. "
360.00 for Rent & Telephone for the Housekeepers
Aid Project.
750.00 for Llewellyn Judge ment.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 425 was read by Title for the Third time as amended. On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro the same was passed on Third Reading by the following vote on Roll Call. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. NAYS: MESSERS GRABLICK AND WALSH.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 426 was read by Title for the Third time On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by the following vote on Roll Call above Ordinance was passed on Third Reading. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. NAYS: MESSERS GRABLICK AND WALSH.

Accompanying the above Ordinances was a list of Bills payable in the sum of \$ 46,705.26 by clear vote acted upon.

Dr S.C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts and Finance presented the following bills with a suggestion of their payment.

Alaimo & Son.	Rental of Mixer for Sidewalk Project.	\$ 67.50
Austin Powder Company.	Dynamite and Squibs for Projects.	4.21
Ardoline Bert.	Affadavits for Liens & Revivals.	670.00
Bell Telephone Co.	Telephone service for Dec. 1941	44.14
Community Theatre.	Rent & Gas for Oct, 1941	14.93
Curry Chas.	Use of ground for W.P.A. Projects.	55.00
Cyclone Mch Co.	Hammer handles for Projects.	3.60
Dershimer Lumber Co.	Supplies for Projects.	162.50
Egan Oil Company.	Kerosene for Projects.	2.13
Fitzpatrick. J.P.	Wreath for Old City Hall.	.60
Fleming George.	Repairs to Traffic Lights.	87.12
Gazette Pittston.	Advertising Budget Notice.	10.50
Kelly Run Stone Co.	Supplies for Projects.	152.18
Ludwigs Hdw Co.	Supplies.	8.53
Newcomb Bros.	Coal for Bldgs.	301.51
Shacohius Stanley	Photos of Xmas Decorations.	7.50
Stauffer Roy.	Front Axle No 4 Truck.	14.24
W-B Multigraphing Co.	Mimeographing Tax Lien Forms.	12.31
Andaloro Josephine.	Clerical work in filing Liens.	40.00
Darby Sid.	Painting & erecting display.	10.00
Keystone Roofing Co.	1 loft extension ladder.	15.74
Krise. Wm. L.	Rear axle shaft.	5.00

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above bills were ordered paid.

A. J. English

The following resignations were read to Council.

Honorable Mayor & Members of Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

December 31, 1941

Gentlemen:

I hereby tender my resignation as Chief of Police of the City of Pittston effective at the pleasure of Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward A. Moran, Chief of Police.

Mayor English stated that in his opinion that the foregoing resignation should be tabled as it would leave the Police Department without a head, action on the same could be taken by the incoming Mayor and Council.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above resignation was ordered tabled.

Resignations of the following, effective as of January 5th 1942 were read to Council.

Mr Joseph P. McCanna, City Assessor.
Mr Samuel V. Falzone, Assistant Director of Accounts and Finance.
Mr John J. Joyce, Assistant Superintendant of Streets.
Mr Joseph E. Fadden, Clerk of the Street Department.
Miss Nan E. Golden, Stenographer in the Department of Public Affairs.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above resignations were accepted.

Following communications were read to Council

Hon Mayor & Council
Pittston, Penna.

December 30th 1941

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned do hereby certify the following to have met the requirements of this Board and to have passed the mental and physical examinations conducted by this Board for the position of PATROLMAN and to have acquired eligibility for appointment to such position upon ratings established on the basis of percentages in the following numerical order:

1. George Delia, Jr.
2. James S. Jamison.
3. Daniel Connell.

Signed:

John Loughney, President.
Josephine Alaimo, Secretary.
M. J. Walsh, M. D.

Civil Service Board for the Examination of Applicants
for Positions in the Police Department of the City of Pittston.

December 30th, 1941

We, the undersigned do hereby certify the following to have met the requirements of this Board and to have passed the mental and physical examinations conducted by this Board for the position of FIRE TRUCK DRIVER. and to have acquired eligibility for appointment to such position upon ratings established on the basis of percentages obtained in the following numerical order;

1. Joseph Rowan.
2. Edward Pahl.

J. H. Loughney

Signed:

John Loughney, President.
Josephine Alaimo, Secretary.
M.J. Walsh. M.D.

Civil Service Board for the Examination of Applicants for
 Positions in the Fire Department of the City of Pittston.

December 30th 1941

We, the undersigned do hereby certify the following to have met the requirements of this Board and to have passed the mental and physical examinations conducted by this Board for the position of POLICE CLERK. and to have acquired eligibility for appointment to such position upon ratings established on the basis of percentages obtained in the following numerical order:

1. Joseph Notta.
2. Harold Sheridan.
3. Daniel Connell.

Signed:

John Loughney, President.
Josephine Alaimo, Secretary.
M.J. Walsh. M.D.

Civil Service Board for the Examination of Applicants for
 Positions in the Police Department of the City of Pittston.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by the following vote on Roll Call the above three communications and recommendations of the Civil Service Board were ordered received and filed.
 AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. NAYS: MESSERS GRABLIICK & WALSH.

Resolution No 3439 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That the following transfers be made:
 \$ 600.00 from Scranton Electric (Old Account) to Wages, of Employees in the Street Dept.
 \$ 600.00 from Scranton Electric (Old Account) to Bur. of Solicitor.
 Filing Liens, etc, in the Dept of Accounts & Finance.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No 3440 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That it is the considered judgement of the Council that the employment of Special Police and Clerks was necessary to preserve order as of December 30th 1941, and that the appointment of such men as of that date for a period of Ten Days is hereby approved.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No 3441 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Joseph Rowan whose name has been certified by the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for the Fire Department be and he is hereby appointed to the position of Driver in the Fire Department and assigned to duty as Relief Driver.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by the following vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. NAYS: MESSERS GRABLIICK AND WALSH.

Resolution No 3442 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Joseph Notta whose name has been certified by the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for positions in the Police Department be and he is hereby appointed to the position of Clerk in the Police Department. On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by the following vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted. AYES: MESSERS, MEAD, ANDALORO, ENGLISH. NAYS: GRABLIICK & WALSH.

J.H. [Signature]

Resolution No 3443 BE IT RESOLVED: by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Harold Sheridan whose name has been certified by the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for positions in the Police Department be and he is hereby appointed to the position of Clerk in the Police Department and he is assigned to duty as Relief Clerk.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by the following vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. NAYS: MESSERS GRABLICK AND WALSH.

Resolution No 3444 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

WHEREAS, appeals having been taken by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company from the 1936 and 1939 triennial assessment on real estate property of that company located at 79-81 North Main Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, and 47 North Main Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, and appeal from the 1936 triennial assessment on property at 79-81 North Main Street having been sustained and the valuation under said assessment reduced by order of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County to Twenty two thousand, four hundred seventy (\$22,470.00) Dollars, and it appearing further that other appeals now pending would result in said valuation of 79-81 North Main Street being maintained at no greater amount than said sum of Twenty-two thousand, four hundred seventy (\$22,470.00) Dollars and that in the light of the findings and order of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County in said appeal, the assessment of property at 47 North Main Street would be reduced to Fourteen Thousand, four hundred and forty-five (\$14,445.00) Dollars;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, and it is hereby resolved that the assessment of property of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company at 79-81 North Main Street is reduced to Twenty-two thousand, four hundred seventy (\$22,470.00) Dollars, and the assessment of the property at 47 North Main Street is reduced to Fourteen thousand, four hundred forty-five (\$14,445.00) Dollars, and that such reductions shall apply to the years 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941 and 1942; that overpayments of city and school taxes made by the said Metropolitan Life Insurance Company on said properties during any of the said years shall be refunded by installment payments to be made in four installments over a period of four years at the time of presentment of annual tax statements for the City of Pittston and the School District of the City of Pittston; that certified copies of this Resolution be furnished to Collins & Collins, attorneys for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the School District of the City of Pittston and M.P. Ruame, City Treasurer.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted.

A recess had been taken by Council they repairing to the City Clerk's room to discuss the above case and Resolution with Hon. Wm. H. Gillespie, ere adopting said Resolution.

The following was read to Council.

Mayor & Members of Council
City of Pittston, Penna.

December 30th 1941

Gentlemen:

I wish to inform you that I filed yesterday in the office of the Prothonotary of Luzerne County seven hundred thirty-two municipal liens for delinquent city taxes for the year 1938 and six hundred eight suggestions for revival of tax liens already entered for previous five year intervals, as required by law.

The Prothonotarys fees for filing seven hundred thirty-two municipal liens for delinquent city taxes at \$1.25 each amounted to \$ 915.00, and the cost of filing six hundred eight suggestions for revival



of tax liens at \$1.00 each amounted to \$608.00 or a total of \$1,523.00, in payment of which I delivered to the Prothonotary, Warrant of the City of Pittston No. 50550, dated December 19, 1941, drawn upon the Treasurer of the City of Pittston and payable to Peter M. Margie in the sum of \$1,554.75 advanced by Council for the payment of said filing fees. Because of the payment of delinquent taxes for the said year 1938 by certain tax payers after the said Warrant had been drawn and delivered to me, the said Warrant represented an over-payment of filing fees in the sum of \$31.75 which the Prothonotary will refund to the City Treasurer at the close of the current fiscal month. I hold a receipt from the Prothonotary's office for the delivery of the said Warrant and a written promise of the Prothonotary to refund the said over-payment to the City of Pittston.

Respectfully submitted.

Wm. H. Gillespie, City Solicitor.

By clear vote of Council above letter was ordered received and filed.

The following notice was read to Council.

TO THE CITY OF PITTSTON:

Gentlemen:

Notice is hereby given that Benny Menik and Mary Menik, his wife of 68 East Railroad Street, Pittston, suffered damages to their property and house furnishings on or about August 4th, 1941, when a catch basin on Vine Street proved inadequate to take the water and the water overflowed the street and ran into the premises of the above-named Benny Menik and Mary Menik, his wife. That the catch basin has been of recent construction. The water arose two feet over their kitchen floor, thereby damaging the contents of the kitchen, washing out the support of concrete walks and destroying wearing apparel that was in the rooms. The kitchen and dining room floors have been damaged as a result of the said flood and have warped and bulged to such extent that they will have to be replaced or repaired. Mr & Mrs Menik feel that the damage has been caused by the negligence of the City of Pittston in failing to care for the water and in constructing an inadequate catch basin on Vine Street and they look to the City to compensate them for the damage. This notice is given in compliance with the requirements of the Act of July 1, 1937, P.L. 2547.

Benny Menik & Mary Menik.

by their representatives, Reap & Reap.

Attorneys for Claimants.

Now this, 26th day of December, 1941, I acknowledge receipt of the above notice.

J. P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above notice was ordered received and referred to City Engineer Major R. N. Myers for a check and report and to City Solicitor Wm. H. Gillespie for an opinion.

Communication from Jos. M. Walsh, Detachment Commandant of the George R. Newitt Detachment, Marine Corps League, referring to the uniformity of ammunition used in the equipment of all officers and others engaged in Defense Policing was read to Council. By clear vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

Notice of no hearing filed by the Grey Hound Bus Lines with the Public Utility Commission at Harrisburg was read to Council. Same by clear vote was referred to the City Solicitor.

A. B. [Signature]

The following communication was read to Council

December 31, 1941

Pittston City Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is a resume of the status of your four year
Work Projects Administration improvement program as of this date:

STREET IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED 1941

Price Street- From Railroad Street North.
LaGrange Street- From Pine Street to Railroad Street.
Divison Street- From Searle Street to Prospect Street.
Seneca Street - From Searle Street to Prospect Street.
East Street - From Tompkins Street to Johnson Street.*
Butler Street - From Main Street to Church Street.
Butler Street - From Defoe Street to Wilson Street.
Wilson Street - From Butler Street to Broad Street.
Middle Court - From Fear Street to Daley Street.

* It is recommended that a guard rail be constructed on Johnson Street
from East Street 300 feet South.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS PARTIALLY COMPLETED
FOR WHICH W.P.A. FUNDS ARE APPROPRIATED.

Cliff Street --- From Chapel Street to Ormsby Alley.
Thistle Street - From Union Street to Ormsby Alley.
Oak Street ---- From Elizabeth Street to Johnson Street.
Johnson Street-- From Oak Street to Railroad Street.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS FOR WHICH W.P.A. FUNDS
APPROPRIATED BUT WORK NOT COMMENCED.

Tompkins Street- From East Street to Dock Street.
Dock Street - From Main Street to Lehigh Valley Railroad R.O.W.

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS AND CURBS COMPLETED

28,600 Square Feet Sidewalks.
536 Linear Feet, Concrete Curb.

STREET CORNERS MODERNIZED

Granite Curb--- 8
Concrete Curb-- 8

FLAG STONE SIDEWALKS RE-SET

18,520 Square Feet

LAUREL LINE CREEK ENCLOSURE

About 900 Square Feet of concrete slab covering
remaining to be placed to complete this Project. W.P.A. funds are
available for this purpose.

STREET CAR TRACK REMOVAL

This Project has been prepared and submitted to the
W.P.A., where it has been reviewed and is awaiting the necessary
documents listed in my letter to Council dated November 14, 1941.

Respectfully submitted
R.N. Myers, City Engineer.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by
Unanimous vote on Roll Call above was ordered received & filed.

[Signature]

A general discussion was entered into on the amendment to the Budget relating to the appropriation to the Welfare and Bureau of Health. Mayor English stating that the manner in which the various cities were entering into the Defense Program and the wonderful contribution of time and efforts on the part of those who had served their country in the armed forces previously and in other capacities led him to feel that it would be necessary to perform some welfare work along the same lines during the coming year, by the purchasing of needed equipment for those who were going to act in the capacity of guardians of our bridges, etc. hence the desire to set up a sum for that purpose.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

APPROVED
Jan 3rd 1942

*	M	2
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Absent	G	
Absent	W	
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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

ATTEST:


City Clerk.



Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 8 P.M. with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present with the exception of Mr Sylvester Grablick and Mr Joseph Walsh.

The Mayor stated that he had sent notices of this meeting to Messers Grablick and Walsh, said notices were sent out on January 2nd 1942, the notice to Mr Grablick was delivered to him personally by Mr John Allardyce a member of the Pittston Police force the time of delivery being 6:55 P.M. Notice to Mr Walsh was personally delivered to him at his home 246 South Main Street, by Edward Moran, Chief of Police of the City of Pittston, at 6:55 P.M. Mayor English stated that there was an affidavit of delivery on each notice.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead, copies of the notices were ordered received and filed and a copy of them together with the affidavits be spread on the minutes of this meeting by the following vote on Roll Call. AYES MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. ABSENT: MESSERS GRABLICK AND WALSH.

The minutes of December 31st meeting were not read but on motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by the following vote on roll they were ordered received, filed and adopted. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. ABSENT: MESSERS GRABLICK AND WALSH.

CITY of PITTSTON
PENNSYLVANIA

Office of
Kenneth J. English
Mayor

January 2, 1942

Mr Sylvester Grablick
72 Church Street
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Notice is hereby given that I have called a special meeting of Council to be held at the Council Chamber, City Hall, Pittston, Pennsylvania at 8:00 o'clock P.M., E.S.T., January 3, 1942, which meeting is to be convened for the purpose of considering all business which was transacted at the special meeting of the Council of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania upon Monday, December 22, 1941 at 8:00 o'clock P.M., and to consider the ratification and confirmation of such business as was transacted by said Council at said meeting and to consider and transact such general business as may come before the Council at the meeting herein called.

KJE/NEG

Kenneth J. English.
Mayor of the City of Pittston.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COUNTY OF LUZERNE

ss:

Before me, the Mayor of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania personally appeared John Allardyce, Police Officer of the City of Pittston, who being duly sworn according to law deposes and says that he served notice of special meeting of Council of the City of Pittston to be held January 3rd, 1942 at 8:00 o'clock P.M., upon Sylvester Grablick, one of the Members of said City Council by handing to said Sylvester Grablick personally at his home at 72 Church Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania at 6:55 o'clock P.M., of the day of January 2nd, 1942, a copy of notice appearing on the reversed side hereof, which copy bore the signature of Kenneth J. English, Mayor of the City of Pittston and seal of the City of Pittston in the presence of Anthony Grabosky, Police Officer of the City of Pittston at the same time informing him the said Sylvester Grablick as to the contents of said notice.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 3rd day of January, A.D. 1942.

John Allardyce

Kenneth J. English, Mayor of the City of Pittston.

[Signature]

Office of
Kenneth J. English
Mayor

CITY of PITTSTON
PENNSYLVANIA

January 2, 1942

Mr Joseph Walsh
246 So Main Street
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Notice is hereby given that I have called a special meeting of Council to be held at the Council Chamber, City Hall, Pittston, Pennsylvania at 8:00 o'clock P.M., E.S.T., January 3, 1942, which meeting is to be convened for the purpose of considering all business which was transacted at the special meeting of the Council of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania upon Monday, December 22, 1941 at 8:00 o'clock P.M., and to consider the ratification and confirmation of such business as was transacted by said Council at said meeting and to consider and transact such general business as may come before the Council at the meeting herein called.

KJE/Neg

Kenneth J. English
Mayor of the City of Pittston.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COUNTY OF LUZERNE

SS:

Before me, the Mayor of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania personally appeared Edward A. Moran, Chief of Police of said City who being duly sworn according to law deposes and says that he served notice of special meeting of Council of the City of Pittston to be held January 3rd, 1942 at 8:00 o'clock P.M., upon Joseph Walsh, one of the Members of said City Council by handing to said Joseph Walsh personally at his home at 246 South Main Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania at 6:55 o'clock P.M. of the day of January 2nd, 1942, a copy of notice appearing upon the reversed side hereof, which copy bore the signature of Kenneth J. English, Mayor of the City of Pittston and seal of the City of Pittston in the presence of Joseph Fadden at the same time him the said Joseph Walsh as to the contents of said notice.

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 3rd day of January, A.D., 1942.

Edward Moran.

Kenneth J. English
Mayor of the City of Pittston.

The following report for Parking Violations and Meter Returns for the month of December was submitted by Mayor English.

Dec. 1, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1941	Parking Violations.	\$ 9.00
Dec. 1, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1941	Meter Returns.	297.80

The following report for the year 1941 for Parking Violations and Meter Returns was submitted by Mayor English,

Jan. 1, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1941	Parking Violations	\$ 815.00
Jan. 1, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1941	Meter Returns	4,179.95

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by the following vote on Roll Call both of the above reports were ordered received and filed. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. ABSENT: MESSERS GRABLIICK AND WALSH.

J. J. English

The following communication was read to Council

Honorable Mayor & Members
of Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

January 3, 1942

Gentlemen:

I hereby tender my resignation as City Clerk of the City of Pittston, Penna, effective at the pleasure of your honorable body.

Respectfully submitted Joseph

Joseph Paul Fitzpatrick.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by the following vote on Roll Call above was Tabled. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. ABSENT: MESSERS GRABLIICK & WALSH.

RESOLUTION NO 3445 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the action of the City Council of the City of Pittston at a special meeting held December 22nd, 1941 in adopting Resolution No 3435 removing Joseph Graziano from his position as a Member of the Civil Service Boards of the City of Pittston be and the same is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by the following vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. ABSENT MESSERS GRABLIICK AND WALSH.

RESOLUTION NO 3446 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: " That the action of the City Council of the City of Pittston at a special meeting held December 22nd, 1941 in adopting Resolution No 3436 removing Frank Earley from his position as a Member of the Civil Service Boards of the City of Pittston be and the same is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

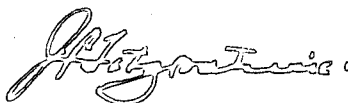
On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by the following vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. ABSENT: MESSERS GRABLIICK & WALSH.

RESOLUTION NO 3447 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the action of the City Council of the City of Pittston at a special meeting held December 22nd, 1941 in adopting Resolution No 3437 appointing Josephine Alaimo and John J. Loughney to Membership on the Civil Service Board for the Examination of Applicants for positions in the Police Department for a term of four (4) years, be and the same is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by the following vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. ABSENT: MESSERS GRABLIICK & WALSH.

RESOLUTION NO 3448 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the action of the City Council of the City of Pittston at a special meeting held December 22nd, 1941 in adopting Resolution No 3438 appointing Josephine Alaimo and John J. Loughney to Membership on the Civil Service Board for the Examination of Applicants for positions in the Fire Department for a term of four (4) years, be and the same is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by the following vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted. AYES: MESSERS MEAD, ANDALORO AND ENGLISH. ABSENT: MESSERS GRABLIICK & WALSH.



The following letter and extensions were read to Council

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Highways
Harrisburg

December 31, 1941

Mayor Kenneth J. English
City Hall
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Mayor English:

Reference is made to your letter of December 26, 1941, relative to the standardization of traffic signals in the City of Pittston.

Enclosed are extensions of time for the operation of the existing signals until January 1, 1943. Since no list of the signals of your City was submitted, these extensions have been prepared for those intersections at which our records indicate non-standard signals to be installed.

If any corrections are necessary, please inform us of them and we shall make any necessary changes.

Very truly yours,

I. Lamont Hughes, Secy of Highways
By Ray F. Riegelmeier, Traffic, Eng.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Highways
Traffic Division

Temporary Permit
Providing a time Extension
for the
Standardization of Traffic Signals

In accordance with Section 1110 Vehicle Code and in consideration of the intention of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County to meet all requirements with respect to the traffic signal installations under their jurisdiction as expressed in their letter of Dec 26, 1941; The Secretary of Highways of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby grants a Temporary Permit for the operation of the existing traffic signals installation at

Main Street { L.R. 5 } and Railroad Street (L.R. 40047)
Main Street { L.R. 5 } and Broad Street
Main Street (L.R. 5 & L.R. 232) and William Street (L.R. 5)

In the City of Pittston until January 1, 1943.

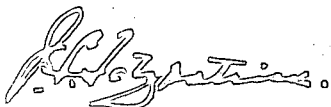
In the event that the City of Pittston fails to carry out the standardization of traffic signals under their jurisdiction in accordance with aforesaid agreement, the aforesaid traffic signal installation becomes illegal as of January 1, 1943 and in accordance with Sections 1026 and 1110 of the Vehicle Code, become unenforceable.

Any prosecution for the subsequent violation of this traffic signal installation will be unauthorized and any fines and or costs imposed as a result of such prosecution will be without authority.

APPROVED: Dec. 30, 1941

I. Lamont Hughes, Secy of Highways.
By H. R. Moffitt, Dep Secy of Highways.

On motion by Mr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by the following vote on Roll Call above were ordered received & Filed AYES: Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. ABSENT: Messers Grablick & Walsh.



RESOLUTION NO 3449 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

WHEREAS, Kenneth J. English, Mayor, called a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittston for December 22nd 1941 at 8:00 P.M., without giving twenty-four (24) hours notice to the Members of Council, and

WHEREAS, such meeting was held at the stated time with Councilman Sylvester Grablick absent therefrom, and

WHEREAS, at meeting of City Council held Dec 31st 1941 at 12:00 o'clock noon the said Sylvestre Grablick noted objection to the special meeting of December 22nd, 1941 and protested to the proceedings of Council at such meeting of December 22nd, 1941 alleging that the conduct of said meeting was improper and irregular because same was a special meeting convened on call of less than twenty-four (24) hours,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pittston that all motions passed, Resolutions adopted and business transacted by said Council at special meeting held December 22nd, 1941 and in particular Resolutions No 3433, 3434, 3435, 3436, 3437, and 3438 be and the same are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

All actions taken by the Civil Service Boards of the City of Pittston following appointment to such Boards of John J. Loughney and Josephine Alaimo be and the same is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by the following vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted. Ayes: Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. Absent: Messers Grablick & Walsh.

Mr Mead stated that he was sorry that Messers Grablick and Walsh wasn't at the meeting to night since they will continue on the Council with Messers John Reilly, Mayor Elect and Councilmen elect John Sheridan and Frank Turon, as he had noted that a great number of the Western States had succeeded in interesting the American Legion in taking an active part in the Defense program that has been inaugurated and for the benefit of the Greater Pittston District we might have gone into that feaze of it, Mayor Kenneth J. English, Councilmen Dr S.C. Andaloro and Roy Mead are Members of the American Legion and as a consequence they are all familar with what is being done by all the Veterans to assist in the present World's upset. It was recalled by Mr Mead that Mayor English's Father the Venerable Thos English, former County Commissioner, and for years the Aldermen in the Sixth Ward and always in the forefront in all Civic movements, was a Veteran of the Civil War, and that his Brother Thos English, Jr, former City Clerk, was also a Veteran of the Spanish American War, and with Mayor English a Veteran of the last World War, the English Family could boast of having Veterans of three wars former members of the Fighting Sixth Ward of Pittston.

Mr Thos Foley was in attendance at the meeting the Mayor commenting on his regular attendance stated that you have not only been a more active participant in our meetings than some but you have shown as well a great deal more ability. The members of the "Fourth Estate" was out enmasse, scribbling the proceedings and taking numerous flash light camera pictures. After adjournment the assembly joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne". with a great deal of merriment being displayed.

No further Business Council adjourned. Sine Deb.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK.

DEO GRATIOS.



Pittston, Pa., January 5, 1942

Pursuant to the Act of June ^{23 - 1921} ~~27, 1913~~ which provides for the time and the manner of Councilmanic Bodies of Third Class Cities to meet for the organization of the City Council.

The meeting was called to order by City Clerk J. P. Fitzpatrick.

The Mayor-Elect John J. Reilly, Councilmen-Elect Mr. John Sheridan and Mr. Frank Turon and the City Controller-Elect Mr. Emerson Howley filed their Certificates of Election, Oaths of Office and Bonds, all in turn were duly sworn by Mayor Kenneth J. English, and escorted to their respective chairs. On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh that the Certificates be referred to the City Solicitor for approval, the motion carried by a unanimous vote on Roll Call.

In a brief inaugural message, Mayor Reilly remarked that the only pre-election promise made by him was that, if elected Mayor, he would give the taxpayers of Pittston a good administration and said that he was prepared to fulfill that promise. Inasmuch as the newly appointed officers are public servants, Mayor Reilly announced that he had cautioned them to be impartial in the performance of their duties and to disregard all animosities over politics and all other considerations. He solicited the cooperation of all the citizens explaining that unity is especially desirable in this time of national emergency and revealed that he has been trying for weeks to interest the Fairchild Aircraft Corporation to establish an airplane parts factory in Pittston which would provide employment for fifty men. It is his purpose to establish a Planning Commission at a later date, he said. Finally he thanked all his friends for their kind messages of good will and for the several bouquets of flowers which adorned the Council Chamber.

Congratulatory telegrams were received and read from The Women's Branch of the American Progressive League; Attorney A. P. Conniff, of Washington, D. C., and George and Mary Schroeder.

The following resignations were read to Council:

Honorable Mayor & Members of Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania

December 31, 1941

Gentlemen:

I hereby tender my resignation as Chief of Police of the City of Pittston, effective at the pleasure of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward A. Moran, Chief of Police

On motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, above resignation was ordered received, filed, and accepted.

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania

January 3, 1942

Gentlemen:

I hereby tender my resignation as City Clerk of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, effective at the pleasure of your Honorable Body.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Paul Fitzpatrick, City Clerk

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, above resignation was ordered received, filed and accepted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3450. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That we hereby commend and thank Chief of Police, Edward A. Moran, and City Clerk, J. P. Fitzpatrick for their fine work and the high type of efficiency and performance in their respective offices during the past four years".

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, above resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3451. Appointment of Mr. Daniel Connell as City Clerk of the City of Pittston. Note: Bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1.000.00) Dollars was presented by City Clerk Mr. Connell.

On Motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, above resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3452. Designation of Department Heads.
 Accounts and Finance-----Sylvester Grablick
 Streets-----Joseph Walsh
 Parks and Buildings-----John Sheridan
 Public Safety-----Frank Turon

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, above resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3453. Resignation of Mayor's secretary, Miss Nan Golden, and appointment of Miss Frances Krososky as Mayor's secretary.

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, above resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3454. Resolved by the City of Pittston, in Council assembled, that the office of City Solicitor is hereby declared vacant. Passed by Council January 5, 1942.

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, above resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3455. Appointment of Mr. Carl J. Burke as successor to Mr. William Gillespie. Note: Bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1.000.00) Dollars was posted by Mr. Carl J. Burke.

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, above resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3456. BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the City of Pittston, in Council assembled, that Thomas Kearney be and is hereby appointed Street Commissioner of the City of Pittston.

On motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, above resolution was adopted.

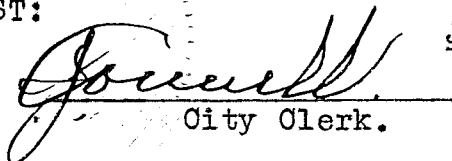
RESOLUTION NO. 3457. Appointment of Mr. Leo Tierney as Chief of Police of the City of Pittston.

On motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, above resolution was adopted.

There being no further business, Council adjourned to meet again at the call of the chair.

On motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call,

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D. J. Connell,
 City Clerk.

Pittston City Council convened in special session at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor John J. Reilly residing, and all members present.

Minutes of January 3rd were read by City Clerk, Mr. D. J. Connell.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, said minutes were rejected.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, the Civil Service Board as appointed by the previous administration, was referred to the City Solicitor, Mr. Carl J. Burke, for an opinion as to the legality of appointment and the right to serve.

RESOLUTION NO. 3458. BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Pittston, in Council assembled, that James L. Patterson is hereby appointed Assistant Superintendent of Accounts and Finances at a salary of Eighteen Hundred (\$1,800.00) Dollars per annum. Note: A Surety Bond in the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars was presented by Mr. J. L. Patterson.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3459. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Pittston, in Council assembled, that Samuel Zanta is hereby appointed Clerk, Street Department, at a salary of Eighteen Hundred (\$1,800.00) Dollars per annum.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3460. Resolved by the City of Pittston, in Council assembled, that the office of City Engineer is hereby declared vacant.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3461. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Pittston, in Council assembled that, Thomas J. Halsey is hereby appointed City Engineer, at a salary of Seventeen Hundred and Fifty (\$1,750.00) Dollars per annum.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3462. Resolved by the City of Pittston, in Council assembled, that the office of Fire Chief is hereby declared vacant.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3463. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Pittston, in Council assembled, that Joseph A. O'Brien is hereby appointed Fire Chief, at a salary of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars per annum.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3464. Resolved by the City of Pittston, in Council assembled, that the office of Assistant Fire Chief is hereby declared vacant.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3465. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Pittston, in Council assembled, that Robert Mitchell is hereby appointed Assistant Fire Chief, at a salary of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars per annum.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3466. Resolved by the City of Pittston, in Council assembled, that the office of Assistant Fire Chief is hereby declared vacant.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3467. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Pittston, in Council assembled, that Frank Castner is hereby appointed Assistant Fire Chief, at a salary of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars per annum.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3468. Resolved by the City of Pittston in Council assembled, that the regular meeting dates of said Council will be the second and last Tuesdays of each month, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, the above Resolution was adopted.

Telegraph from Governor Arthur A. James, inviting the Mayor and Council to a meeting of Civic Heads in Harrisburg, on the Defense Program, was read to Council.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, the Council decided to have one or more attend said meeting as of January 7th, at 2:00 P.M.

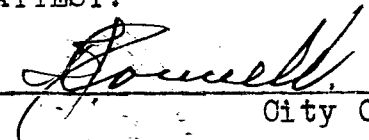
Mayor Reilly addressed Council to the effect there going to be a lay-off of between 125 to 135 W.P.A. workers, leaving on possibly 33 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, Council decided that the Mayor and Council meet Mr. Snyder of W.P.A. and discuss the above lay-off with him.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, Council adjourned.

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City Clerk.

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Pittston City Council convened in regular session at 7:00 P.M., January 13, 1942, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members present.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by clear vote of Council, reading of the minutes of January 5, 1942, were dispensed with for this meeting, but were ordered received, filed and adopted.

Mayor Reilly addressed the body on his visit to the Governor's Defense Council, at Harrisburg, and told of the cooperation asked for by the State Department; placing the County Commissioners of each County in charge of the local Defense Work. He also explained that this set-up was advised through the National Defense Council at Washington, D. C.

Report of City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane, for the month of December, 1941, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of Council, was accepted.

Report of City Health Officer, Thomas Newcomb, together with his report as Sealer of Weights and Measures, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by clear vote of Council, was accepted.

Communication from Dr. M. J. Walsh submitting his resignation as Member of the Civil Service Board was read, and, on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, the resignation was accepted.

Communication from City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke, was read as follows:

January 13, 1942

To the Mayor and Members of
Pittston City Council.

Gentlemen:

At your meeting held January 5, 1942, you referred to me the matter of the minutes of the preceding regular meeting and alleged special meeting for an opinion.

It is my opinion that the special meeting, at which new appointments to the Civil Service Board of the City of Pittston were made, was illegal and contrary to the Statute of 1931, regulating meetings of Council and the business transacted at said meeting, is, therefore, void.

The Civil Service Board appointed at said meeting were without proper power and authority to act, therefore, their acts are void.

The attempted ratification at the last special meeting of Council, January 3, 1942, was of no effect because it was impossible for the said Council to confirm or ratify an act which was void.

Therefore, it is to be concluded that the appointments made are void and have no force and effect upon the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl J. Burke
CITY SOLICITOR

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On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, above communication was received and ordered filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3469. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That all positions as members of the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for the positions in the Police Department are hereby declared vacant, also all appointees recommended by said Board.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3470. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That all positions as members of the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for the positions in the Fire Department are hereby declared vacant, also all appointees recommended by said Board.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3471. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Professor Frank Earley be appointed as member of the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for positions in the Police Department, for a term of four (4) years.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3472. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Joseph Graziano be appointed as member of the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for positions in the Police Department for a term of four (4) years.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3473. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Dr. William F. Connell be appointed as member of the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for positions in the Police Department, for a term of four (4) years.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3474. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Professor Frank Earley be appointed as member of the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for positions in the Fire Department, for a term of four (4) years.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3475. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Joseph Graziano be appointed as member of the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for positions in the Fire Department, for a term of four (4) years.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3476. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Dr. William F. Connell be appointed as member of the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for positions in the Fire Department, for a term of four (4) years.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3477. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That it is the considered judgment of the City Council that the employment of Special Police and Clerks was necessary to preserve order as of January 10th, 1942, and that the appointment of such men as may be approved by Mayor and Council for a period of ten days, is hereby approved.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, above Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Henry Ziegler, 46 South Main Street, Pittston, Pa., addressed the Council and complained of being placed under arrest in the Central Lunch Room, on January 1, 1942, by Officer John Allardyce, and stated that while being taken to the City Hall, reaching a point in front of the People's Light Company, on Broad Street, Mr. Allardyce struck him several times in the face and upon being placed in the cell at City Hall, his belt and tie were not removed. He told of getting a hearing before Alderman Barrett on January 1, 1942, at 7:45 P.M., and when not able to pay fine and costs of \$14.50 was committed to the County Jail for 10 days, where he remained for 7 days, and during his confinement there was taken ill and had to have hospitalization and doctor's care. He also stated that while at the City Hall he was refused the use of the telephone and was not offered anything to eat until late on the night of January 1, 1942.

No action was taken by Council at this time.

Mr. Raymond Hoover, of 480 North Main Street, Pittston, Pa., addressed Council on the Orange & Blue Stamp Set-Up which has come into the County. He explained that the County Commissioners, in cooperation with Luzerne County Board of the Department of Public Assistance, have arranged for distribution of Federal Surplus Commodities stamps whereby 20,000 families representing 40,000 persons will benefit \$6.00 weekly in securing provisions.

This means substitutions of food stamps among W.P.A. workers and persons on relief for the warehouse plan, now in force, for distribution of surplus commodities, and the \$6,240,000 that that will annually accrue in family benefit will be distributed through regular business channels in grocery stores. Under the warehouse plan, there were no profits for anyone.

The County Commissioners in signing their contract with State D.P.A. established a revolving fund of \$60,000 to put the food stamp plan in operation. A check for that amount has been forwarded State authorities.

On motion of Mr. Grablick that the Mayor appoint a committee to meet with the County Commissioners as to the Stamp Set-Up, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and clear vote of Council said motion was adopted.

There being no further business Council adjourned on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of Council.

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Jan. 20th, 1942.

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Meeting was called to order by Mayor John J. Reilly, with the following members in attendance: Messrs. Grablick, Walsh, and Reilly.

On case of Henry Ziegler vs: Patrolman John J. Allardyce, Former Mayor, Kenneth J. English, was present representing Patrolman Allardyce, and City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke, was present representing the City.

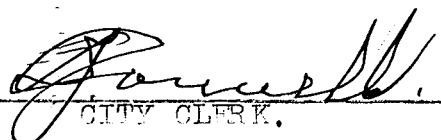
Record of this testimony is on file in the City Clerk, Daniel J. Connell's office.

After testimony was completed, adjournment was made by clear vote of Council.

ATTEST: Jan. 20th, 1942. APPROVED: Jan. 20th, 1942.

YEAS	COUNCILMEN	NAVS
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A	TURON	
A	SHERIDAN	
*	REILLY (MAYOR)	

D. J. CONNELL
CITY CLERK


CITY CLERK.

Council met in special session on January 20th, 1942, at 7:00 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members answering present on Roll Call.

The minutes of the meeting of January 13, 1942, were read, and on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by clear vote of Council, same were approved and ordered filed.

Report of City Treasurer, M.P. Ruane, was read on the License Fees collected for the month of December, 1941, and on clear vote of Council was ordered received and filed.

Report of condition and application of the Sinking Fund for the year ending December 31st, 1941, was submitted by Messrs. Riley, Grablick, and Ruane, and on motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and on Roll Call of members present, was ordered approved and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3478. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That all positions as members of the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for the positions in the Engineering Department of the City of Pittston are hereby declared vacant.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by clear vote of Council, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3479. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Professor Frank Earley be appointed as member of the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for positions in the Engineering Department for a term of four (4) years.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3480. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Joseph Graziano be appointed as member of the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for positions in the Engineering Department for a term of four (4) years.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3481. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Dr. William F. Connell be appointed as member of the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for positions in the Engineering Department for a term of four (4) years.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of Council, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3482. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That it is the considered judgment of the Council that the employment of Special Police and Clerks was necessary to preserve order as of January 20th, 1942, and that the appointment of such men as of that date for a period of 10 days is hereby approved.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3483. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Patrolman Thomas Walsh be advanced to Sergeant of Police at a salary of Eighteen Hundred and Sixty (\$1,860.00) Dollars per annum.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and the following vote on Roll Call: Grablick, Yes; Walsh, Not voting; Turon, Yes; Sheridan, Yes; Mayor Reilly, Yes. Resolution carried.

Bill for Ten (\$10.00) Dollars was presented by City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane, for purchase of stamps for Account and Finance Department.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, said bill was passed.

Communication signed by Benny Menik, and Mary Menik, his wife, of 68 East Railroad Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, complaining of damage to their property and house furnishings on or about August 4, 1941, caused by overflowing of catch-basin on Vine Street, was read together with an opinion on the matter from Ex-City Engineer, R. N. Myers, and Ex-City Solicitor, William H. Gillespie.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, communications were referred to City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke, for an opinion.

Proclamation by Governor Arthur H. James proclaiming that the third registration day of certain male citizens shall take place on Monday, February 16, 1942, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by clear vote of Council, above Proclamation was ordered received and filed.

A permit for remodeling front of building of the English-Loftus Estate at 13 Broad Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, with new glass and tile front, was submitted and being approved by the Sup't of Streets, and Fire Chief, on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, same was ordered granted.

There being no further business, Council adjourned, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by clear vote of Council.

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Jan. 27th, 1942.

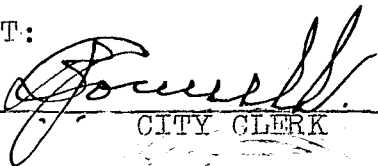
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PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, JANUARY 27TH, 1942.

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Council met in session on January 27th, 1942,
at 7:00 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all mem-
bers answering present on Roll Call.

The minutes of the meeting of January 20th, 1942,
were read, and on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick,
and by clear vote of Council, same were approved and ordered filed.

ORDINANCE #427. PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF CITY
ASSESSORS FOR THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH, REGULATING THE DUTIES AND QUAL-
IFICATIONS AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION THEREOF.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Council of the
City of Pittsburgh, and is hereby ordained by the authority of the
same: That Council elect one (1) person, resident of the City of
Pittsburgh for at least five (5) years previous to his election,
qualified elector thereof, and owner of real estate therein, at
the time of his election and during the entire term of service, of
the assessed value of at least Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, as
City Assessor, to serve for the term of one (1) year, to be compu-
ted from the First Monday of January, 1942.

SECTION 2. The City Assessor shall, before entering
upon his duties, take and subscribe the oath prescribed for Munici-
pal Officers and file the same with the City Clerk.

SECTION 3. The said City Assessor shall perform all
the duties imposed upon him as such Assessor by the Act of June 23,
1931, P.L. 932.

SECTION 4. The said City Assessor shall receive a
salary of Four Hundred (\$400.00) Dollars per annum, which shall be
paid semi-monthly.

SECTION 5. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances,
inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

PASSED FIRST READING: January 27, 1942.

PASSED SECOND READING: January 27, 1942.

PASSED THIRD READING: February 17th, 1942.

ATTEST: Feb. 17th, 1942. APPROVED: Feb. 17th, 1942.

John J. Reilly.
MAYOR

D. J. Connell.
CITY CLERK

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and
by clear vote of Council, Ordinance passed first reading.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and
by clear vote of Council, Ordinance passed second reading.

ORDINANCE #428

PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF ASSISTANT CITY ASSESSORS FOR THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH, REGULATING THE DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION THEREOF.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, and is hereby ordained by the authority of the same: That Council elect five (5) persons, residents of the City of Pittsburgh, and qualified electors thereof, at the time of their election and during the term of service as Assistant Assessors to serve for the term of One (1) Year, to be computed from the first Monday of January, 1942.

SECTION 2. The Assistant City Assessors, shall, before entering upon their duties, take and subscribe the oath prescribed for Municipal Officers and file the same with the City Clerk.

SECTION 3. The said Assistant Assessors shall perform all the duties imposed upon them as such Assistant Assessors by the Act of June 23, 1931, P.L. 932, Article XXV. Paragraph 2503.

SECTION 4. The said Assistant Assessors shall receive a salary of Three Hundred and Twenty (\$320.00) Dollars per annum, which shall be paid semi-monthly.

SECTION 5. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

PASSED FIRST READING: January 27th, 1942

PASSED SECOND READING: January 27th, 1942

PASSED THIRD READING: February 17th, 1942.

ATTEST: Feb. 17th, 1942. APPROVED: Feb. 17th, 1942.

John J. Reilly.
MAYOR

D. J. Connell.
CITY CLERK

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, Ordinance passed first reading.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of Council, Ordinance passed second reading.

Upon advise of City Engineer Thomas J. Halsey calling attention of Mayor and Council, that bids be advertised for purchases of all materials to be used for the coming year:

RESOLUTION NO. 3484. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittsburgh: That Daniel J. Connell, City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for necessary materials for the year 1942.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3485. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That the various Civil Service Boards be requested to conduct examinations for positions in the following departments:

1. Fire Department.
2. Police Department.
3. Engineering Departments.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by clear vote of Council, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3486. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to appoint special Police Clerks and Policemen every ten (10) days, when in his opinion, said officers are necessary in the City.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of Council, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3487. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That the following are hereby appointed to the Planning Commission of the City of Pittston:

Michael J. Clarke.....	term of 1 year.
Samuel Cohen.....	term of 2 years.
Rev. J. J. Bednarcik.....	term of 3 years.
Patrick Sammon.....	term of 4 years.
Joseph Yonakas.....	term of 5 years.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by clear vote of Council, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3488. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTS-
TON: That the WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION, DISTRICT NO. 1, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the approved plans prepared by Thomas J. Halsey, For the Project for Improvements to George Street, from Mill St., to Butler Street, Pittston City, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of the said project, and that if and when the project is approved by the WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION, the Pittston City Council will furnish at its own expense, all tools, materials, supplies, and equipment necessary to complete the said project, as listed under the sponsor's contribution in the Project Proposal, and that Thomas J. Halsey, City Engineer, be and is hereby appointed to be the certifying officer responsible to the WORKS PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION for supplying the tools, materials, supplies, and equipment referred to, to be delivered on the site from time to time as required by the WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and the following vote on Roll Call; Mr. Grablick, not voting, Mr. Walsh, yes; Mr. Turon, yes; Mr. Sheridan, yes; Mayor Reilly, yes; above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3489. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Pittston City: That the City Clerk, Daniel J. Connell, be empowered to purchase stamps for the various City offices to the amount of Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3490. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Pittston: That Donald Williamson, being the only applicant remaining on the Certified List for a position in the Fire Department as the result of a non-competitive examination for the appointment to the position of Driver. The said appointment by the Supt. of Public Safety, Frank Turon, as of January 16th, 1942, is hereby approved and ratified, for a probationary period not to exceed 90 days.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by clear vote of Council, above Resolution was adopted.

COMMUNICATION from City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke, was read as follows:

January 27, 1942.

Honorable Mayor & Members of
Pittston City Council,
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sirs:

At your last meeting, you directed me to investigate the Food Stamp Plan as inaugurated by the County Commissioners of Luzerne County.

County Commissioner, Stanley Janoski, informed me that the County Commissioners had already appropriated the sum of \$60,000.00, which was allocated to the institutional district in charge of Mr. Robert Bowen, and that the machinery had been set in motion by the Federal Authorities to effect the use of the Food Stamp Plan within Luzerne County within the next month.

Under the plan agreed upon by Luzerne County Commissioners, the County itself has allocated sufficient moneys to take care of the entire County, therefore, it is not necessary for the City of Pittston to make any contribution to this fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl J. Burke.

CARL J. BURKE
CITY SOLICITOR

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by clear vote of Council, above communication was ordered received and filed.

COMMUNICATION from St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wood Street, Pittston, Pa., dated May 20, 1940, was read as follows:

May 20, 1942.

To the City Council,
Of Pittston City,
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned Trustees of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, of Wood Street, in the City of Pittston,

are of the opinion, that our lots #9 and #11 facing Wood Street, according to our Deed and a map on the back thereof, are 100 feet wide on Wood Street, extending at right angle to an alley at the rear, a distance of 150 feet. Six feet of which were given to the City for side-walk or to form part of the alley, leaving an alley the entire width of our lots next to our lots, leaving our lots 144 feet in length.

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It is furthermore our opinion that at some time, and by someone, the original course of the alley has been changed and a triangle between our lot #9 and the alley has been fenced in by late Lewis Smith cutting our lot #9 off from the alley.

We hereby petition the City Council, if it be within its right and jurisdiction, to look into this matter, and assist us in regaining access to the alley; if and when we build, to be able to have an entrance from the alley.

Thanking you for your kind interest and co-operation,

Trustees of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church:

William G. Albrecht, Chairman
Edward Naugle
Fred Renfer, Jr.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and by clear vote of Council, above communication was referred to City Engineer, Thomas J. Halsey, and City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke.

The following report was submitted by Fire Chief, M. Joseph O'Brien:

January 26, 1942.

Mr. Frank Turon,
Director of Public Safety,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

As Chief of the Bureau of Fire of this City, I wish to report on the condition of Fire apparatus, tools, and equipment:

Engine #1. Housed at Eagle Hose Company, two-wheel mechanical brakes, inadequate for modern traffic conditions, and weight of truck. This apparatus has been in operation and active service for 18 years, and is now obsolete and no longer dependable.

Tires????Ladders 100% Bad. No Booster Tank, a modern fire-fighting necessity.

The pump to the best of my knowledge, is in very poor condition. Having had the occasion several months ago to use it in a relay with West Pittston pumper, it was unable to get above the pressure being delivered to it and all attempts to do so made the pump sound as if it were coming apart.

The Ladder Truck, stationed at Eagle Hose Company, is to the best of my knowledge over 30 years in ser-

vice. Having been designed as a horse-drawn vehicle and converted to motorized equipment by the addition of a Chevrolet tractor and Chevrolet truck-wheels about 8 years ago. This apparatus does not answer all alarms;

1. Lack of a tillerman.
2. Not enough weight and tractor force to climb all of the hilly streets in snowy weather.

The Ladder Equipment:

1. 55 Ft. Bangor Ladder in good condition but cannot be used because of broken tormentor pole. Unsafe for use.
2. 45 Ft. Bangor Ladder 100% Bad. Unusable.
3. 30 Ft. Wall Ladder: Burned at Mt. Carmel Church Fire, January, 1942, repaired by cutting off burned portion and is now shorter by 3 feet than ladder carried on pumper.
4. 26 Ft. Wall Ladder: Singed at Greenfield Fire, February, 1941; needs rubbing and revarnishing, otherwise, O.K. Note: I strongly advise replacing this truck by a 75 Ft. all steel aerial, power operated, carrying a complement of 240 Ft. of ground ladders and cab over engine drive, eliminating necessity of a tillerman, this rig could also be used as a water-tower, being equipped with a ladder pipe or nozzle.

The Niagara Truck or Engine #2 is in serviceable condition, but is of an obsolete type. Two-wheel brake, no wind shield, no booster tank. Ladders O.K. This truck in service 19 years, should be a reserve.

The two Boyd Hose Trucks, obsolete, unusable, in service about 25 years.

This department should also be equipped with a combination Squad-Turret and Lighting Wagon. The pumpers should be replaced by pumpers of 1000 gallon per minute or better capacity at 150 pounds pump pressure.

There is a 2100 Ft. of 2½ double jacket hose in #1 Company; 1900 feet less than recommended by the Underwriters.

There is 2850 Ft. at #2 Company; 1150 feet less than recommended by the Underwriters.

The department is in need of boots, coats, mittens, socks, helmets, lights, and other minor equipment.

There are also several locations in the City which are badly in need of fire-hydrants. Copy of same locations enclosed with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Joseph O'Brien
FIRE CHIEF

ENC.

FIRE HYDRANTSSTREETS

Church & Center.....	Needed very badly.
Broad & Church (Front of City Hall).....	" " "
South Main & Charles.....	" " "
Tompkins (Near Motorinn Garage).....	" " "
West Railroad & Johnson.....	" " "
South Main & Oak.....	" " "
Mill & Searle.....	" " "
Searle & Webster.....	" " "
Broad & Front.....	Change plug from center hill on Broad Street.
Sand.....	Recommended
Carroll (Between Church & Radcliff).....	" "
Carroll & George.....	" "
East Oak (Between Vine & Robert).....	" "
Elizabeth & Garfield.....	" "
LaGrange & East Frothingham.....	" "
Carroll & Hunter.....	" "
North Main & Lambert.....	" "

M. Joseph O'Brien,

M. JOSEPH O'BRIEN, FIRE CHIEF

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by clear vote of Council, above report was ordered received and filed.

Mr. Grablick asked for the amount of money appropriated in the Budget for 1942 on W. P. A. Expenditures, for the City of Pittston, and was informed that Forty-Five Hundred (\$4,500.) Dollars was appropriated, and was also advised by City Controller, Emerson J. Howley, that close to Eleven Thousand (\$11,000.00) Dollars was still owing on 1941 purchases made for W. P. A. Projects.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, that a new Coal Bin be installed at the Niagara Hose Company by W.P.A. labor, said motion was carried by clear vote of Council.

The following communication was read as follows:

FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY
WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION
FOR PENNSYLVANIA

325 Ash Street
Scranton, Pennsylvania
January 26, 1942

Re: 01-1476

Honorable John J. Reilly
City Hall
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

The writer regrets that he is unable to make arrangements whereby Mr. Flanagan or Mr. Harrison can be in attendance at the council meeting which is being held in the City Hall, Pittston, at 7:30 tomorrow evening, January 27, 1942.

The following figures are conveyed to you in hope that they may be of assistance if at this council meeting the discussion regarding the amount of money necessary to sponsor W.P.A. projects is considered.

During the past year, January 1, 1941 to January 1, 1942, on three (3) projects, W.P.N. 26101, 26614 and 27523, the sponsors expenditures have been \$16,798.00, \$33,654.00 and \$1,343, respectively. If you should continue with W.P.A. participation during this year as you have in the past and if you should construct all the work proposed in the remaining portions of these three (3) listed jobs, your commitments will be \$11,073.00, \$56,719.00 and \$671.00, respectively.

Very truly yours,

F. C. Boldry
District Director of Operations

For: W. Frank Snyder
District Manager
District No. 1

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by a clear vote of council, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Miss Ida Walsh, of the House-keeping Aid Projects, addressed Council and advised that the rent, light, gas, and telephone bills should be paid by the City and asked that a committee be appointed to visit their headquarters for inspection.

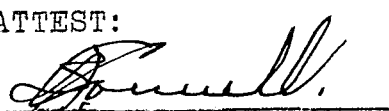
Mayor Reilly and Council, acting as a body, accompanied Miss Walsh to the headquarters housing the Project immediately after the meeting.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, adjournment was made.

ATTEST
Feb. 17, 1942.

APPROVED:
Feb. 17, 1942

ATTEST:


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YEAS		NAYS
*	GRABLICK	
*	WALSH	1
*	TURON	2
*	SHERIDAN	
Absent	REILLY	

D. J. CONNELL
CITY CLERK

Pittston, Penna., January 31, 1942.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor John J. Reilly, with the following members in attendance: Messrs. Grablick, Walsh, and Reilly.

On case of City vs: Officer John J. Allardyce, Atty. Kenneth J. English represented the defendant, and City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke, represented the City.

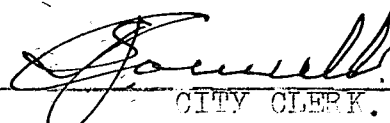
Record of this testimony is on file in the City Clerk, Daniel J. Connell's office.

After testimony was completed, adjournment was made by clear vote of Council.

ATTEST: February 17, 1942 APPROVED: February 17, 1942

YEAS	COUNCILMEN	NAYS
*	GRABLICK	
*	WALSH	
A	TURON	
A	SHERIDAN	
*	REILLY (MAYOR)	

D. J. CONNELL
CITY CLERK


CITY CLERK.

Pittston City Council met in special session at 7:00 P.M. On Roll Call, the following members were present: Messrs Grablick, Walsh Turon, Sheridan, Mayor Reilly on account of illness was absent.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of those present, the minutes of the meeting of January 27, 1942, were dispensed with and were ordered received, filed and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of those present, the monthly report of Mayor Reilly for the month of January, was read and ordered received and filed.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of those present, the monthly report on the conditions of the receipts and disbursements of City Treasurer M. P. Ruane was read, and ordered received and filed.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by clear vote of those present, the report on the collections of City Licenses for the month of January, 1942 of the City Treasurer M. P. Ruane, was ordered received and filed.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by a clear vote of those present, the monthly report of Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, was ordered received and filed.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by a clear vote of those present, the report of Health Officer Thomas Newcomb for the month of January, 1942, was ordered received and filed.

ORDINANCE #427. PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF CITY ASSESSORS FOR THE CITY OF PITTSTON REGULATING THE DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION THEREOF, passed THIRD READING, on the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by a clear vote of those present.

ORDINANCE #428. PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF ASSISTANT CITY ASSESSORS FOR THE CITY OF PITTSTON REGULATING THE DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION THEREOF, passed THIRD READING, on the motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by a clear vote of those present.

A communication as follows was received from the Civil Service Board, Pittston, Pennsylvania:

January 23, 1942

The Mayor and Members of Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith are Rules and Regulations as adopted by the Board for examination of applicants for positions in the Bureau of Police, Bureau of Fire, and the Engineering Bureau in the City of Pittston, setting forth qualifications required for the certifications of such applicants.

Wm. F. Connell, M.D.
Frank A. Earley, Secretary
Joseph J. Graziano, President

On the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of those present the communication accompanied setting of regulations was ordered received and filed.

The following communication of the Civil Service Board of the City of Pittston, qualifying applicants for positions of the Police Department and Fire Department, was read:

Pittston, Pa.
Mon. Feb. 16, 1942.

Mayor John J. Reilly,
Pittston City Council,

Dear Sirs:

This is to notify you of the certification of the following men:

Police Officers.

1. Leo Tierney 98%
2. Edward Burke 93%
3. James Hogan 88%
4. Merle Finan 80%

Police Clerks.

1. Harry Morrissey 95%
2. John McHale 91%
3. Frank Kearney 90%

Health Officer.

1. Thomas Newcomb 90%

Truck Drivers.

1. Donald Williamson 89%
2. William Melvin 85%

Respectfully submitted,

Frank A. Earley,
Sec., Civil Service Board.
Joseph J. Graziano
Pres., Civil Service Board.
William F. Connell, M.D.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by a clear vote of members present the above communication and qualifications were ordered received and filed.

The following communication from Attorney Kenneth J. English was read as follows:

February 3, 1942.

Mayor and Members of Council
City Hall
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

Officer John Allardyce, upon reporting for duty yesterday, February 2, 1942, at the end of his ten day period of suspension, was informed by Chief of Police Tierney that he was suspended until the next meeting of Council. No reason was assigned for this suspension, and, accordingly, you will be held accountable for pay due this policeman for such period if he may be denied employment.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth J. English.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by a clear vote of council, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

The following Resolution was passed by a clear vote of members present, on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan:

RESOLUTION #3491. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 17, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That the action of the Mayor in suspending Officer John Allardyce without pay is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION #3492. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 17, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That after hearing of testimony in support of charges that John Allardyce, Patrolman in the Bureau of Police, in the City of Pittston, did violate Provisions of Section 1207, Act of Assembly of Pennsylvania, Approved June 3, 1937, Act 320, in that he did, while a member of the Bureau of Police, approach within one hundred (100) feet the Polling Places in both the first and second districts of the 10th Ward in the City of Pittston, both on Primary and Election Days 1941; while not being in vicinity of said Polling Places for the purpose of voting, serving a warrant, or of preserving peace; also that his conduct during the said campaign was unbecoming an officer in that from the testimony heard it was apparent that he spent more time in political matters than he did in his Police duties. Said Patrolman Allardyce pleaded guilty to two charges of receiving compensation for services other than provided by Ordinance in violating the Act of June 12, P.L. 338, Article 1, 1939, while it is not within province of Council to dismiss on these charges until conviction is had, the other charges of conduct unbecoming an officer and violation of Election Laws appear to be well-founded, and he is adjudged guilty thereof; and is hereby dismissed as a Patrolman in the Bureau of Police in the City of Pittston.

The above Resolution on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of members present, was approved.

RESOLUTION #3493. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 17, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Leo A. Tierney whose name has been certified by the Civil Service Board for the examination as an applicant for the Police Department be and he is hereby appointed as a Patrolman in the Bureau of Police of the City of Pittston at a Salary of \$1800.00 per Annum.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by a clear vote of members present, the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3494. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 17, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Leo A. Tierney be and he is hereby designated and appointed as Acting Chief of Police in the Bureau of Police, City of Pittston at a Salary of \$2100.00 per Annum.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by a clear vote of members present, the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3495. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 17, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Donald Williamson whose name has been certified by the Civil Service Board for the examination of applicants for the Fire Department be and he is hereby appointed to the position of Driver in the Fire Department at a Salary of \$1800.00 per Annum.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by a clear vote of members present, the resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION #3496. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 17, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That a copy of Resolution #3492 be referred to City Solicitor Carl

Burke for his information so that the proper legal procedure may be complied with.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by a clear vote of Council of the members present, the resolution was approved.

The following communication was read, dated,

Pittston, Penna.
February 17, 1942.

Mayor and Members of Council,
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

Harry G. Harding,
Trucksville, Pa. Typewriter Repairs \$2.00

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvester Grablick
Director of Accounts &
Finance

The above bill, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by a clear vote of the members present, was ordered paid.

The following communication was read, dated:

January 30, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that we extended the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,

John J. Reilly
Mayor

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by a clear vote of Council, the above communication was ordered approved, adopted and filed.

The following communication was read, dated:

February 9, 1942

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that we extended the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,

John J. Reilly
Mayor

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by a clear vote of Council, the above was ordered approved, adopted, and filed.

The following communication was read, dated:

Harrisburg, Penna.,
February 3, 1942.

Honorable John J. Reilly, Mayor,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mayor Reilly:

The question of taxation of future and outstanding City and State bonds is again being agitated before Congress, and we would request that your City adopt a resolution opposing the continued attempts of the Treasury Department, either by statute, administrative rulings or by judicial decree, to impose a Federal tax on state and municipal bonds. Please forward the resolution to Honorable Joseph F. Guffey and Honorable James J. Davis and to your Congressman.

On behalf of the League we are sending a letter of protest to these Senators, and Congressman Boland and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and of the Senate Finance Committee and Congressman Patrick Boland of Pennsylvania is on the House Ways and Means Committee.

Very truly yours,
Walter E. Greenwood, Pres.

The above communication on motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by a clear vote of members present, was ordered received and filed, and that a set of resolutions be forwarded to the Senators and Congressman at Washington.

RESOLUTION # 3497. Pittston, Penna., February 17, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "And it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that the proposed taxation of future and outstanding city and state bonds is being agitated before Congress. We hereby enter a protest against the passage of such legislation, and a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Joseph F. Guffey, of the State of Pennsylvania, who is a member of the Senate Finance Committee, Senator James J. Davis, of the State of Pennsylvania, and Congressman Patrick Boland of the County of Lackawanna, Pennsylvania, who is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee; and we ask that they use the means of their powerful office in preventing the enactment of such legislation of additional taxation on future and outstanding city and state bonds."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by clear vote of those present, the above Resolution was adopted.

There being no other business a motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by a clear vote of the members present, adjournment was made.

ATTEST
Feb. 17, 1942.

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<u>Feb. 17, 1942.</u>		
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D. J. CONNELL
CITY CLERK

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FEBRUARY 24, 1942

Pittston City Council met at 7:00 P.M., on this date, in regular session. On Roll Call all members answered as present.

The minutes of the meeting of February 17, 1942, were read, and upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, they were ordered approved.

The following communication was received:

February 19, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that we extended the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,

John J. Reilly,
Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of Council, the above communication was ordered received, approved and filed.

Upon request of Mr. Jack Freidman, 71 South Main St., City, application was made for the erection of a light, metal sign, to be erected flat against the building, for his place of business, 71 South Main St.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, the above application was granted, upon the inspection and approval of the Fire Chief and the Superintendent of Streets.

RESOLUTION #3498. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 24th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That James Sheerer, Sam Rodola, and Charles Turco, be and are hereby appointed as City Truck Drivers at twelve hundred dollars, (\$1200.00) per Annum, effective as of March 1st, 1942.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, the above Resolution was passed.

RESOLUTION #3499. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 24th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That John Dobbie be and is hereby appointed as the Chief City Assessor, at a Salary of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per Annum.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, the Resolution was passed as above.

RESOLUTION #3500. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 24th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That James Craig, Leo O'Haire, Joseph A. Smith, Sr., Anthony DeAngelo, and Joseph Katkowski, be and are hereby appointed as Sub-Assessors, for a period of one year at three hundred and twenty dollars (\$320.00) each, per Annum.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of Council, the Resolution as above was passed.

The following communication was received from the Civil Service Board:

February 24th, 1942.

Mayor John J. Reilly,
Pittston City Council.

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the next four eligible on certified list are as follows:

Edward Burke.
James Hogan.
Merle Finan.
Anthony Levonowski. 80%

Respectfully submitted.

Frank A. Earley,
Secretary, Civil Service Board.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION #3501. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 24th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Edward A. Burke, having been certified by the Civil Service Board, is hereby appointed as Patrolman, at a Salary of \$1800.00 per Annum.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, the above Resolution was passed.

RESOLUTION #3502. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 24th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Harry A. Morrissey, having been certified by the Civil Service Board, is hereby appointed as Police Clerk, at a Salary of twelve hundred dollars, (\$1200.00) per Annum.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of Council, the above Resolution was passed.

The following communication of the Civil Service Board was received and read:

February 24th, 1942.

Mayor John J. Reilly,
Pittston City Council.

Gentlemen:

This is to notify you that the following have been certified on the Civil Service List for employment in the City Engineer's Department:

Gilbert Hill. 98%
Joseph McLaughlin. 96%
Leo Faschina. 90%

Respectfully submitted,

Frank A. Earley,
Sec., Civil Service Board.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of Council, the above communication was filed.

RESOLUTION #3503. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 24, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: And it is hereby resolved by authority of the same that Leo Faschina be appointed provisionally as an assistant City Engineer, effective March 1st, 1942, at \$1100.00 per Annum.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, the above Resolution was passed.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by clear vote of Council, adjournment was made.

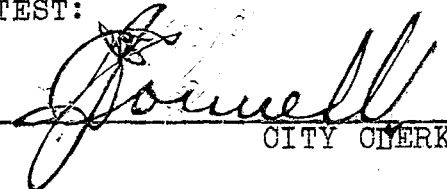
ATTEST
March 2, 1942.

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March 2, 1942.

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D. J. CONNELL
CITY CLERK

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MARCH 2, 1942.

Pittston City Council met in special session at 12 o'clock noon. Waiver of notice being waived by all present, and on Roll Call the following members were present: Messrs. Grablick, Walsh, Turon, Sheridan, and Mayor Reilly.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of members present, the minutes of the meeting of February 24th, 1942, were dispensed with and were ordered received, filed and adopted.

RESOLUTION #3504. Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 2nd, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:
WHEREAS, Almighty God in His Infinite Wisdom, has called from among us our worthy and esteemed municipal fellow-worker, DANIEL J. CONNELL, from his earthly labors to eternal peace and rest; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that he was privileged to serve as City Clerk for the brief period of only seven weeks, demonstrated in that short time his efficiency and a splendid spirit of co-operation with his fellow-workers, makes it highly proper that we record our appreciation of him; and

WHEREAS, in common with the people of our community which honored, trusted and loved him for his splendid qualities as a citizen and as a faithful worker in every cause that brought health, comfort and happiness to the needy, the friendless and the homeless of our community, we express our sorrow at his passing and extend to the members of his family our deepest sympathy in the loss that they have sustained;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of Council of the City of Pittston express our sincere sorrow over the loss of a very faithful friend as well as his loss to this community which he has served so well and faithfully in life;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the records of Pittston City Council, a copy published in the local press and that a copy be sent to the members of the family of our deceased friend, co-worker, and fellow citizen, DANIEL J. CONNELL.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of members present, the above Resolution was passed.

RESOLUTION #3505. Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 2nd, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:
That John D. McNulty be appointed as Acting City Clerk, at a Salary of \$2100.00 per Annum, and that a Bond in the sum of \$1000.00 be posted by Mr. McNulty.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3506. Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 2nd, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:
That Harold Tracey and Harold Collins, residents of Pittston City, be paid five dollars per day to assist in preparing tax duplicates in the Office of Finance and Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of members present, the Resolution was adopted.

The following communications were read:

Pittston, Penna.,
Feb. 28, 1942.

Mayor and Members of Council,
Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my resignation as
salaried truck driver, the same to become
effective March 1st, 1942.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph Hoover.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by
clear vote of members present, the above resignation was accepted and
ordered filed.

Pittston, Penna.,
March 2, 1942.

Mayor and Members of Council,
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the
following bills:

Harold Tracey, City,
Preparing Tax Duplicates, \$110.00

Harold Collins, City,
Preparing Tax Duplicates, \$115.00

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvester Grablick,
Director, Acct. & Finance.

The above bills, on motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by
Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of members present, were ordered paid.

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment
was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by clear vote
of members present, adjournment was made.

ATTEST
March 10, 1942.

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JOHN D. MCNULTY
CITY CLERK

ATTEST:

John D. McNulty

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MARCH 10, 1942.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session at 7:30 P. M., March 10, 1942, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding. On Roll Call, all members answered as present.

The minutes of the meeting of March 2, 1942, were read, and on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by clear vote of Council, they were ordered approved and filed.

Mayor Reilly submitted the report of Parking Violations and Collections from Meters for the month of February, in the amount of \$227.63. Upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh and by clear vote of Council the report was approved of as read, and ordered filed.

The following communications from Mayor Reilly were read:

February 28, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that we extended the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Reilly,
Mayor

March 10, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that we extended the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,

John J. Reilly,
Mayor

Upon motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of Council, both letters were approved and ordered filed.

Report of City Treasurer, Mr. M. P. Ruane, for the month of February, 1942, was received and read, showing a Cash Balance on hand in the General Fund, as of February 28, 1942, in the amount of \$7516.49.

On motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of Council, report was approved of as read and ordered filed.

Report on City Licenses issued during the month of February, 1942, by City Treasurer, Mr. M. P. Ruane, was received and read.

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of members present, the report was approved and ordered filed.

Report of Annual Audit, as well as Financial Report for the year ending December 31st, 1941, of City Controller, Emerson Howley, and Director of Accounts and Finance, Sylvester Grablick, respectfully, being received February 27th, 1942, was presented to City Council.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, same were ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION #3507. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: WHEREAS, complaint having been filed by Mr. Michael Kozlack, 225 Johnson St, City, of the existing danger to the public, due to insufficient street lighting, at the extreme end of Johnson St., and,

WHEREAS, investigation by the Department of Streets and the Department of Public Safety confirm said complaint, since Johnson St. extends into Melvin's Quarry, and ,

WHEREAS, it is the considered judgment of the Superintendent of Streets, and the Fire Chief that said danger exists due to a drop-off at the end of said Johnson St., into said Melvin Quarry.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that a street light of 100 Candlepower, this being the size light used in other lights in the vicinity of Johnson St., be placed at the end of Johnson St., so designated by the Department of Streets and Department of Public Safety.

The above resolution, on motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon roll call of all members present, was approved.

The following communication was read:

March 10, 1942.

Mayor and Members of Council,
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

Bell Telephone Co. City,	
Jan. 16 & Feb. 16, 1942. Bills.	
Housekeeping Aid Project.	10.00
Degen, Messer & Co., Easton, Pa.	
Preparing Loans Tax Report for year 1941.	75.00
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,	
Harrisburg, Penna.	
Loan Tax for year 1941.	927.20
W.T. Grant Co., City,	
Jan. 15, 1942 to March 15, 1942	
(Two months) Rent, Housekeeping Aid Project.	50.00
Peoples Light Co., City.	
Jan. 16, to Feb. 14, 1942, Gas Bill,	
Housekeeping Aid Project.	1.44
Total	1063.64

Respectfully yours,
Sylvester Grablick
Director of Acct. & Finance.

The above bills on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, were ordered paid.

The following communications were received from the City Engineer:

March 10, 1942.

To the Honorable Mayor and,
Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Subject: Cave in Alley rear of Butler St. at rear corner of Property No. 54-57 Butler Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

On March 6, 1942, Mr. Kearney and myself inspected the location of Cave in the alley rear of Butler Street and properties Southeast of Church Street. Checking the Mine Maps on file in my office, I find the mining is controlled by the No. 9 Coal Company, No. 1 Shaft, and the disturbance, most likely, is in the Checker Vein.

The cave caused the stone wall, on which an iron fence was erected, to crumble, and the timber supports to a porch on the second story of Property No. 54 Butler Street have fallen away, thereby endangering the porch.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Halsey,
City Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by clear vote of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to ascertain from the Superintendent of Streets, the expense involved by the City in filling in said Cave, and forward a bill to the Coal Company responsible for the same.

March 10, 1942.

To the Honorable Mayor,
Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Subject: Cave on Johns Street in front of Properties No. 115 and 119 Southeasterly from O'Connell Street, Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

After notification of the cave on Johns Street, Southeasterly about one hundred (100') feet from O'Connell Street, in front of Properties No. 115 and 119, I made an inspection of same. The maps in my office show that the top vein being mined in that location is the Marcy Vein, and from the borehole records it shows a heavy sand cover and a thin rock roof, and the vein is mined by the No. 9 Coal Company.

The cave was, most likely, a sand slide caused by the poor roof.

Very truly yours,
Thomas J. Halsey, City Engineer

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by clear vote of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to ascertain from the Superintendent of Streets, the expense involved by the City in filling in said Cave, and forward a bill to the Coal Company responsible for the same.

A card of thanks and appreciation to the Council and Employees of the City of Pittston, from the family of our late City Clerk, Daniel J. Connell, was received and read.

Upon motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by clear vote of members present, the above card of thanks was ordered received and filed.

Application from the Stegmaier Brewing Company for permission to erect an electric sign at 45th North Main St., City, having been approved by the Chief of the Fire Department, as well as the Superintendent of the Street Department, and approved Bond in the sum of \$500.00 having been submitted with the application, upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by clear vote of Council, said application was approved as read.

Permit application was submitted by Mike Talipan, 25 Pine St., City, to remodel single dwelling, at 25 Pine St., City.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and on roll call of members present, permission was granted, upon the approval by the Fire Chief and by the Superintendent of Streets.

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by clear vote of members present, adjournment was made.

ATTEST
March 24, 1942.

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<u>March 24, 1942.</u>		
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JOHN D. MCNULTY
CITY CLERK

ATTEST:

John D. McNulty

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, March 24, 1942, at 7:45 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding. On Roll Call all members answered as present.

The minutes of regular meeting of March 10th, 1942, were not read, but on motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present were ordered received, adopted and filed.

The following Resolutions were read and adopted:

RESOLUTION # 3508. Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 24th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Robert Rowan be demoted, from position of Sergeant in the Police Force, effective April 1st, 1942, to Patrolman in the Police Force, at a Salary of \$1800.00 per year."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present the Resolution was approved as read.

RESOLUTION # 3509. Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 24th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Edward Burke, Patrolman in the Police Force, be advanced to Sergeant in Police Force, effective April 1st, 1942, at a Salary of \$1850.00 per year."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the Resolution was approved as read.

RESOLUTION # 3510. Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 24th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the City Clerk be instructed to arrange with the Bell Telephone Co. to install a telephone at the home of the City Fire Chief, Mr. Joseph O'Brien, 173 Broad St., City, said telephone service to be charged to, and paid for, by the City of Pittston."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present above resolution was approved.

The following communication was read:

March 24, 1942.

Mayor and Members of Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

Carl J. Burke, Solicitor, for satisfaction of liens, Prothonotary's Office.	\$ 1.50
Carl J. Burke, Solicitor, to Dallas C. Shobert, Sheriff, Luzerne Co., Costs -- Petition & Order Lena Dressler vs. City of Pittston.	19.30
Carl J. Burke, Solicitor, Powder License Prothonotary's Office.	.75
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Penna. Approval of Plans for Coal Bunker, Niagara Hose Co.	2.00
City Clerk's Office, for postage stamps for various departments.	20.00
J. O'Brien, expenses Harrisburg and Return, meeting with State Chief Fire Warden regarding Auxiliary Fire Units for City of Pittston.	20.00
Harold W. Tracey 21 days @ \$5.00 per day. Preparing Tax Duplicates.	105.00

John F. O'Brien, Rental of One Air Compressor,
from Jan. 13th to Feb. 13th. \$ 200.00

Bell Telephone Co., Jan., Feb., and March 16th,
1942 Bills. 114.30
Total \$ 482.85

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvester Grablick,
Director of Accts. & Finance

Upon motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of members of Council, the above bills were approved as read, and ordered paid.

The following communication from Mayor Reilly was received and read.

March 21, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that we extended the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,

John J. Reilly, Mayor.

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of Council, the above letter was approved and ordered filed.

Pittston, Penna.
March 24, 1942.

Mayor & Members of Council,
City of Pittston,
Pittston City, Luzerne County, Penna.

Gentlemen:

I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Mine Commission. My new duties as sub-assessor keeps me busy.

Very truly yours,

James Craig

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the resignation of Mr. Craig was accepted and ordered filed.

Councilman Turon reported that after meeting at Harrisburg, with State Chief Fire Warden, Mr. Charles E. Clark, the following application was submitted to the State Council of Defense.

March 13th, 1942.

We, the undersigned, make application for 2 pumping units of the "skid" type and for 1 front mount pumps.

It is understood that with each pump we will receive 800 Feet of hose with standard thread ($7\frac{1}{2}$ threads per inch). On this basis we apply for 800 Feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose and 1600 feet of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose.

Signed:-

City of Pittston
John J. Reilly, Mayor
Dept. of Public Safety
Frank Turon, Director

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by clear vote of Council, the above application was ordered approved and filed.

Councilman Walsh recommended that a Tar Kettle, or so-called Burner, of proper size and capacity, be purchased for the Street Department for the purpose of Street repairs.

On motion by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to proceed with the purchase of a kettle of the proper type and capacity as approved by the Superintendent of Streets.

Councilman Walsh also recommended that a used truck, in first class condition, and offered to the City at a price of \$125.00 be purchased for use in the Street Department.

On motion by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and on Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to proceed with purchase of said truck.

Councilman Turon reported that the following ladders were recommended by the Fire Chief for use in the Fire Department:

- 1 -- 36' -- 3 Section Ladder.
- 1 -- 12' -- Roof Ladder.
- 1 -- Tormentory Pole for 55 Ft. Ladder.

On motion by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by clear vote of Council, the City Clerk was instructed to solicit bids on the above ladders.

Raymond Hoover, head of the Progressive League, addressing Council, told of the action taken by his group to encourage the establishment of Defense Industries in this area, and referred to newspaper clipping taken from local newspaper. Mayor Reilly stated that the matter had been taken up with Washington, and was awaiting action on the part of the seven-man commission appointed by the President.

Application from the Rees Poster Advertising Company, Scranton, Penna., for permission to erect a sign, 25 Ft. Long, by 13 Ft. High, at 130 South Main St., City, having been received and approved by Chief of the Fire Department, as well as the Superintendent of Streets, was presented to Council, it was stated also that the Rees Co., had not yet paid its 1942 license fee to the City.

On motion by Mr. Grablick to approve said application, Mr. Joseph P. Fitzpatrick addressed Council protesting against granting permission to erect said sign. Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that the same company had asked permission of the last City Administration to erect a sign at the same address for the Heinz Pickle Co., Pittsburg, and that permission was denied by Council and Mayor. After further remarks by Mr. Fitzpatrick, on the same question, the Mayor stated that the sign referred to was to be erected 10 Feet in from the sidewalk and that an unsightly condition at the rear of the property on which the Rees Co. desires to erect the sign, this condition would be taken from view by the new sign. Mr. Grablick, thereupon renewed his motion that permission be granted the Rees Company to erect this sign, upon payment of the yearly fee to the City for 1942. Mr. Walsh then seconded the motion and on unanimous vote of members present, the application was approved.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Grablick seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by Roll Call of members present to adjourn.

ATTEST: April 18, 1942.

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April 18, 1942.		
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JOHN D. MCNULTY
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, APRIL 18TH, 1942.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Saturday, April 18th, 1942, at 4:00 P.M., with Director of Accounts and Finances, Mr. Sylvester C. Grablick presiding. On Roll Call, all members answered present with the exception of Mayor Reilly, who was absent on account of illness.

The minutes of regular meeting of March 24th, 1942 were not read, but on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, were ordered adopted and filed.

Report by Mayor Reilly was submitted covering parking violations, meter collections and fines collected for the month of March, as follows:

April 13, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit a report of the fines received by this Department from March 1, 1942, to March 31, 1942.

Mar. 1, 1942 to Mar. 31, 1942	Parking Violations.	\$ 8.00
Mar. 1, 1942 to Mar. 31, 1942	Meter Collections.	244.46
Mar. 1, 1942 to Mar. 31, 1942	Disorderly Conduct.	10.00

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Reilly, Mayor.

Upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of members present, the report was approved of as read, and ordered filed.

Report of City Treasurer M. P. Ruane, covering receipts and disbursements by him for the month of March 1942, was received and read, showing a Cash Balance on hand as of March 1st, in the amount of \$13,453.54, receipts during the month, \$3,897.79, or a Total of \$17,351.33. Warrants paid during the same period amounted to \$13,182.15, leaving a Cash Balance on hand in all funds as of March 31st, 1942, \$4,169.18.

On motion by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, report was approved of as read, and ordered filed.

Report submitted by City Treasurer Mr. M.P. Ruane, of City License issued during the month of March, 1942, was read, showing the following licenses granted and paid for:

March 31, 1942,
Pittston, Penna.

John D. McNulty, City Clerk,
City of Pittston, Penna.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

I herewith submit my report of City License issued during the month of March, 1942.

License applied for by:	
Rees Poster Co., 93 Tripp St.,	
Forty-Fort, Penna. Bill for	
Poster License for year of 1942.	
Granted March 20, 1942. License #568	\$50.00
License applied for by:	
Jack Friedman, 71 S. Main St.,	
Pittston, Pa., For a metal sign-	
flat. Granted March 21, 1942.	
License #569	2.00
Total	\$ 52.00

Very truly yours,
M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer.

On motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote of members present, report was received, approved of as read, and ordered filed.

Reports submitted by Health Officer Thomas Newcomb for the month of March, 1942, as well as, Annual Report covering the period Jan. 1st, 1941, to Dec. 31st, 1942, as well as report by Mr. Newcomb as Sealer of Weights and Measures, for the month of March, 1942, and Annual Report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year 1941, were received and read.

Upon motion by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above reports were approved of and ordered filed.

The following bills were recommended for payment by Director of Accounts and Finances, Mr. Sylvester C. Grablick, in letter dated

April 17, 1942.

Mayor and Members of Council,
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

Lehigh Valley Railroad Co., covering
Freight Charges on one Tar Kettle re-
ceived by the Street Department.

\$ 4.34

M. P. Ruane, Tax Collector, covering
miscellaneous office expenses, City
Treasurer's office, for post cards,
stamped envelopes, postage stamps,
City Tax Postal Notices, etc., for the
period Jan. 26th, 1942, to March 26th,
1942.

234.47
\$ 238.81

Respectfully submitted,
S. C. Grablick,
Director of Acct. & Finances.

Upon motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of members present, the above bills were ordered paid.

The following communications were received and read:

April 1, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that it will be necessary to extend the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,

John J. Reilly, Mayor.

April 11, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that it will be necessary to extend the positions of the Special

Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,

John J. Reilly, Mayor.

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of members present, approving the above letters, and ordered that the same be filed.

Letter dated April 8th, 1942, was received from Pittston Camp Number 17, United Spanish War Veterans, Pittston, Penna., reading as follows:

Honorable John J. Reilly, Mayor,
Pittston City Council, Pittston, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

Pittston Camp 17, U.S.W.V., is requesting your honorable body for our Annual Memorial Day appropriation.

This is to be used to help pay for decorating deceased comrades graves and other expenses for our Memorial Day ceremonies.

Respectfully,

Robert J. McKane., Adj.

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of members present, that the same be referred to the City Clerk for his attention.

Letter dated April 13, 1942, from the Medical and Surgical Relief Committee of America, was received, reading as follows:

The Hon. Mr. Reilly, Mayor,
City Hall, Pittston, Penna.,

My dear Mayor Reilly:

The women physicians, comprising the Luzerne County Committee of the Medical and Surgical Relief Committee of America with headquarters at 420 Lexington Avenue, New York, wish to hold a public sale of mercy emblems within one month in one or more central stores of Pittston. They are pins and lapel buttons of the medical caduceus with the spread wings of victory in the national colors. They sell for one dollar (\$1.00) each. The proceeds will purchase medical supplies and surgical sets requested by needy hospitals, first aid outposts, and recognized relief agencies in America and allied nations. Since our entry into the war, over 2,000 of these sets have been requested. This Committee cooperates with the United States Office of Civilian Defense.

May we have your permission to conduct this sale? Thanking you for a prompt reply, I am

Very truly yours,

Marjorie E. Reed, M.D., Chairman.

Upon motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above letter was referred to the City Clerk for further investigation.

Proclamation by the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, the Honorable Arthur H. James, proclaiming Monday, April 27th, 1942, as 4th Registration Day, for the registration of males who were born on or after April 28, 1877, and on or before February 16th, 1897, was read.

On motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of members present, the above proclamation was ordered received and filed.

Tax Collector's Warrant, dated April 14th, 1942, and drawn by the Honorable John J. Reilly, Mayor of the City of Pittston, upon Michael P. Ruane, City Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Penna., reading as follows, was received and read:

These are to authorize and direct you, the City Treasurer of the City of Pittston, as the collector of taxes therein, to demand and receive from every person named in the annexed duplicate of taxes of the City of Pittston the sum wherewith such person stands charged therein; and you will give all taxpayers therein named the notice required by law, and if any person shall neglect or refuse to make payment of the amount due by him or her, it shall be your duty as Tax Collector aforesaid to levy such amount by distress, and such sale by written or printed advertisements, and return the overplus (if any there by) to the owner. And in case goods and chattels sufficient to satisfy the same, with the costs, cannot be found, you are hereby authorized to take the body of such delinquent and convey him or her to the jail of the proper county, there to remain until the amount of such taxes, together with the costs, shall be paid or secured to be paid, or until he or she shall be otherwise discharged by due course of law.

Given under my hand and seal of the Mayor's office in the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Penna., this 14th day of April, A. D. 1942.

John J. Reilly,
Mayor of the City of Pittston

Countersigned:

(SEAL)

Emerson J. Howley,
Controller of the City of Pittston.

On motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by Roll Call of members present, the above was ordered received and filed.

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and approved on Roll Call of members present, to receive and open bids for materials and supplies as referred to in legal notice published in local newspapers, March 26th, April 2nd, and April 9th, 1942.

Bids were received and opened from the following concerns who have complied with all regulations specified in the proposal covering all such items:

Mather's Supply Company, covering the requirements of Road Oil. Eureka Fire Hose Company, Philadelphia, Penna., and Raub Supply Company, Lancaster, Penna., covering Hose requirements. A.S. Powers, Pittston, Mitchell's Lumber Yard, Pittston, Eagen Hardware Company, Pittston, Frank V. Scarlet Estate, Forty-Fort, Airport Sand and Gravel Company, Luzerne, Central Clay Products Company, Wilkes-Barre, and the Banks Stone and Sand Company, Wilkes-Barre, Penna., covering requirements of necessary materials for W.P.A. Projects, and for General City Purposes.

After reading proposal by the Mather's Supply Company, motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and on Roll Call of members present, to refer same to the City Engineer and Superintendent of the Street Department for tabulation.

Upon reading proposal by the Eureka Fire Hose Company, and Raub Supply Company, motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon clear vote of members present, to refer same to the City Engineer, and Director of Public Safety for tabulation.

After reading proposal submitted by A. S. Powers, Mitchell's Lumber Yard, Eagen Hardware Company, Frank V. Scarlet Estate, Airport Sand and Gravel Co., Central Clay Products Co., and the Banks Stone and Sand Company, motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and approved by clear vote of members present to refer same to the City Engineer and proper department heads for tabulation.

Proposal was received and opened from Wyoming Sand and Stone Co., Scranton, Penna., covering 200 Tons, more or less, Pennsylvania Department of Highways specifications JC-2, and having complied with terms and regulations as specified in said proposal, motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon vote of members present, to refer the same to the City Engineer, and the Department of Streets, and Public Improvements, for tabulation.

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of members present, adjournment was made.

APPROVED

April 28, 1942.

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JOHN D. MONULTY
CITY CLERK

ATTEST: April 28, 1942.

John D. Monulty

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, APRIL 28TH, 1942, AT 7:45 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, April 28th, 1942, at 7:45 P. M., Mayor Reilly presiding. On Roll Call all members answered present.

The minutes of regular meeting of April 18th, 1942, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous approval of members present, were ordered adopted and filed.

The following Resolutions were presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 3511. Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "WHEREAS, the Mathers Construction Company, Luzerne, Penna., having submitted the lowest bid, or 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per gallon on asphalt road oil, they be and are hereby awarded the contract to furnish the same under the terms and regulations prescribed in the original proposal."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous approval of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3512. Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "WHEREAS, the Eureka Fire Hose Co., Philadelphia, Penna., having submitted the lowest bid, or \$1.25 per foot on "Styx Brand" Fire Hose, they be and are hereby awarded the contract to furnish the same under the terms and regulations prescribed in the original proposal."

The above Resolution was adopted, on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 3513. Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "WHEREAS, A. S. Powers, Pittston, Penna., having submitted the lowest bid on Items One, Two, and Three, covering 140 feet, 15 inch D.S.V.T. Pipe, at \$1.08 per foot, 50 feet, 12 inch V.C. Pipe, at \$.74 per foot, 2 -- 15" x 12" Y's, and 4 -- 12" elbows, at \$4.32 and \$2.96, respectively, be and are hereby awarded the contract to furnish the same under the terms and regulations prescribed in the original proposal."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3514. Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "WHEREAS, the Mitchell Lumber Company, Pittston, Penna., having submitted the lowest bid, on Item Nine covering 2000 Bags of Cement at 66¢ per bag, and Item Twenty, various sizes and amounts of lumber, be and are hereby awarded the contract to furnish the same under the terms and regulations prescribed in the original proposal."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3515. Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "WHEREAS, the Central Clay Products Co., Wilkes-Barre, Penna., having submitted the lowest bid, covering Items Seven, Eight, and Fifteen for 4000 No. 1 Common Brick, at \$24.00 per M, 2000 Road Paving Brick, at \$100.00 per M, and 100 Pounds Jute, at 18¢ per pound, respectively, be and are hereby awarded the contract to furnish the same under the terms and regulations prescribed in the original proposal."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3516. Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "WHEREAS,

the Eagen Hardware Co., Pittston, Penna., having submitted the lowest bid, on Items Fourteen, Sixteen and Seventeen, for 115 Bags of Lime, at \$.35 per bag, 2 Tons Calcium Chloride, at \$28.00 per Ton, and 2 Ton Rock Salt, at \$16.00 per Ton, respectively, and Items Twenty-three to Twenty-eight, inclusive, covering General Hardware Items, be and are hereby awarded the contract to furnish the same under the terms and regulations prescribed in the original proposal."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of Council, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION # 3517. Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "WHEREAS, the Banks Stone and Sand Co., Wilkes-Barre, Penna., having submitted the lowest bid, on Item No. Eleven, for 130 Tons of One-inch crushed stone, at \$1.95 per Ton, and 10 Tons $\frac{1}{2}$ " crushed stone, at \$2.00 per Ton, and Items No. Twelve and Thirteen for 1000 Tons Penna. No. 2-B Stone, at \$1.95 per Ton and 160 Tons Penna. No. 1-B Chips, at \$2.00 per Ton, respectively, be and are hereby awarded the contract to furnish the same under the terms and regulations prescribed in the original proposal."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION # 3518. Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "WHEREAS, the Airport Sand and Gravel Company, Forty-Fort, Penna., having submitted the lowest bid, on Items No. Ten and Eleven, for 204 Tons washed sand, at \$1.25 per Ton, and 130 Tons of one-inch crushed gravel, at \$1.30 per Ton, and 10 Tons $\frac{1}{2}$ " crushed gravel, at \$1.35 per Ton, respectively, be and are hereby awarded the contract to furnish the same under the terms and regulations prescribed in the original proposal."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3519. Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "WHEREAS, the Wyoming Sand and Stone Company, Scranton, Penna., having submitted the lowest bid, on 200 Tons, more or less, Penna. Department of Highways Specifications JC-2, at \$6.25 per Ton, be and are hereby awarded the contract to furnish the same under the terms and regulations prescribed in the original proposal."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3520. Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "WHEREAS, certified check, having been received from all firms submitting bids on necessary materials and equipment for W.P.A. projects, and General City purposes, as per proposal, that the check be returned to all unsuccessful bidders."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3521. Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "WHEREAS, the successful firms submitting bids on necessary materials and equipment for W.P.A. Projects, and General City purposes, as per proposal, and having submitted certified check in the amount of 5% of their bid, that the check be returned upon the proper execution of Contract, and posting of Bond as required under the terms of the proposal."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of Council, the above Resolution was adopted.

The following communication was read:

April 28, 1942.

Mayor and Members of Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

Community Theatre:	Rent and Gas Bills, Sept. 15 to Dec. 15, 1941.	# 29.48
S. S. Kresge:	6 Doz. Whistles @ 57¢ ea., purchased by Jos. Foster for Police Dept. under date of Dec. 23, 1941.	3.42
Bell Telephone Co.:	Telephone, Housekeeping Aid Project; two months @ \$5.00 per month.	10.00
W. T. Grant Co.:	Rent, Housekeeping Aid Project; March 15, to April 15, 1942.	25.00
Peoples Light Co.:	Gas Bills, Housekeeping Aid Project; March 30, and April 29, 1942.	5.30
Rowan's Garage:	Bill of April 10, 1942, Inspection of trucks.	2.75
Carl J. Burke:	Filing Liens & Judgments.	68.75
P. A. Sammon:	Filing Liens & Judgments.	27.50
		<u>172.20</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvester C. Grablick,
Director of Accts. & Finance.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, and seconded by Mr. Turon, also by unanimous vote on Roll Call, the above Bills were ordered paid.

The following letter was read:

April 21, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that it will be necessary to extend the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,

John J. Reilly, Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of members present, the above communication was ordered approved, adopted, and filed.

The following communication was read, dated:

April 22nd, 1942.

Pittston City Commissioners,
City Hall, Pittston, Penna.

Honorable Gentlemen:

Fort Pittston Post #635, Veterans of Foreign Wars again ask that your Honorable body remember our Post again this year with your Annual Memorial Day Donation.

The need this year is greater, as the Veteran is passing on to the great beyond in larger numbers year after year, and your allowance has been a great asset to our organization.

Trusting that you can see your way again this year to continue your valued donation, we are,

Fort Pittston Post #635, Veterans of
Foreign Wars.
Per. Edward J. Flanagan.
Commander.

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the usual contribution of fifty (\$50.00) dollars, be granted, upon submission of copies of bills paid from this contribution.

The following communication was read, dated:

April 1, 1942.

Carl Burke, Esq.,
Solicitor for City of Pittston,
Old Post Office Building,
Pittston, Pa.

Dear Mr. Burke:

In reference to the case of Catheryn Burkel vs. the City of Pittston, heard last term before Judge Culver under the Bradford County Act, I must inform you that on March 24th I filed with the Prothonotary of Luzerne County the enclosed exceptions to the award fixed in the aforesaid case.

The City of Pittston, at the time of the original hearing, did not contest the question of negligence. The only matter heard by the Court was as to the amount of damages sustained by the plaintiff. Judge Culver fixed the damages at \$500.00. After a careful canvass of all the facts with my client, we have reached the decision that the award is inadequate in the sum of \$200.00. Therefore, I must inform you that in the absence of an amicable settlement in the sum of \$700.00, I have been instructed to prosecute the exceptions before the Court en banc at the earliest opportunity. It is my earnest hope that the suggested settlement figure will be agreeable to your client.

Hoping to hear from you in this matter at your earliest convenience, I remain

Yours very truly,

Vivian Probert Edwards, Jr.
Attorney-at-law,
920 Miners Nat'l Bank Bldg.,
Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

Upon motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous approval of members present, the same be referred to the City Solicitor for his attention.

There being no further business, Mayor Reilly asked that if any persons present at the meeting had any questions to ask, Council would

be pleased to act upon them. There being no questions asked, motion was made By Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote of members present, to adjourn.



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JOHN D. MCNULTY
CITY CLERK

ATTEST: May 7th, 1942.

John D. McNulty

Pittston, Penna., May 2nd, 1942.

Pittston City Council convened in special session Saturday, May 2nd, 1942, at 3:00 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and the following members present: Messrs. Grablick, Walsh, Sheridan, and Reilly, Councilman Turon being absent.

The purpose of the meeting was the hearing of charges preferred against Officer Bellanca. City Solicitor Carl J. Burke was also present, and represented the City, while Attorney Kenneth English represented Officer Bellanca.

City Clerk, John D. McNulty read the summons as follows:

Mr. Nicholas Bellanca,
31 Elizabeth Street,
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sir:

This is to notify you that a hearing will be had on Saturday May 2, 1942, at 3:00 P. M., in Council Chambers, City Hall, Pittston, Penna., on the following charges:

- (1) Violation of Election Laws of State of Penna.
- (2) Conduct unbecoming an officer.
- (3) Failure to report for duty.
- (4) Possession of meter box keys.

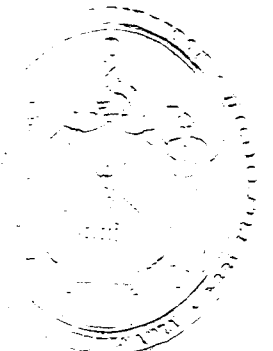
The hearing will be held before the Mayor and members of Council, and, should you desire to be represented by counsel, you may do so.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) John J. Reilly, Mayor.

Record of this testimony, which is rather lengthy, is on file in the office of the City Clerk, John D. McNulty.

After testimony was completed, motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the meeting was adjourned.



ATTEST: May 7th, 1942.

John D. McNulty

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CITY CLERK		

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MAY 7TH, 1942, AT 8:15 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in special session Thursday, May 7th, 1942, at 8:15 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members of Council answering present upon Roll Call.

Minutes of regular meeting of April 28th, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present, were ordered received and filed.

The following report from Mayor John J. Reilly was received and read:

May 7, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit a report of the fines and meter collections received by this Department for the month of April, 1942.

April 1, 1942 - April 30, 1942	Parking Violations	\$ 4.00
April 1, 1942 - April 30, 1942	Meter Collections	228.62

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Reilly, Mayor.

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by clear vote of members present, the same was approved and ordered filed.

Report dated April 30th, 1942, addressed to the Mayor and City Commissioners, showing condition of receipts and disbursements of the City Treasurer's office, for the month of April 1942, was received from City Treasurer M. P. Ruane, and read, showing a Cash Balance on hand April 1st, 1942, \$4169.18, receipts for the month \$67,411.37, making a Total of \$71,580.55. Warrants drawn during the same period amount to \$16,190.59, leaving a Cash Balance on hand April 30th, 1942, in all funds, of \$55389.96

On motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present, the report was approved of and ordered filed.

Report dated April 30th, 1942, addressed to City Clerk John D. McNulty, was received from M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer, reading as follows:

April 30, 1942.
Pittston, Penna.

John D. McNulty, City Clerk
City of Pittston, Penna.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

I, herewith, submit my report of City License issued during the month of April 1942.

License applied for by: Tom Harris,
30 S. Main Street, Pittston, Penna.
for a Neon sidewalk sign. Granted
April 16, 1942. License #570 ----- \$ 2.00

License applied for by: Peoples
Light Company of Pittston, Penna.
Main license tax for the year 1942.
Granted April 23, 1942. License # 571 ----- 100.00
\$102.00

Very truly yours,
M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of members present, the above report was approved and ordered filed.

Report dated May 1st, 1942, addressed to Honorable Mayor and members of Council was received from Mr. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, reading as follows:

May 1st, 1942.

Honorable Mayor & Members of Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of April, 1942.

	Corrected and Sealed	Adjusted
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Wagon Scales	1	
Counter Scales	9	
Spring Scales	6	
Oil Pumps	4	
Beam Scales	2	
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Checked on all signs on Main Street on ~~April 23 and 24, 1942~~
April 23 and 24, 1942, and turned them over to City Clerk, John D. McNulty.

On April 20, 1942, checked on all Coal Trucks to see if they had the proper Weigh Slip for the customer they delivered coal to.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Newcomb,
Sealer of Weights & Measures.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, same was ordered received and filed.

Report dated May 1st, 1942, addressed to Honorable Mayor and Members of Council, was received from Mr. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, reading as follows:

May 1, 1942.

Honorable Mayor & Members of Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of April, 1942.

Visits to Restaurants and Lunch Rooms.....12
Weekly Reports sent to County Medical Director
Monthly Report sent to County Medical Director
Visits to Beef Houses.....7
Public Eating and Drinking Places monthly.
Report sent to Medical Director, Luzerne County
Measle Cases Reported.....3

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Newcomb.
Health Officer.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above report was received and filed.

RESOLUTION #3522. Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 7th, 1942.
 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "WHEREAS, hearing was held on May 2nd, 1942, by the Mayor and Members of Council, on charges preferred against Patrolman Nicholas Bellanca. We do hereby find him guilty of the following charges:

- (1) Violation of Election Laws of State of Penna.
- (2) Conduct unbecoming an officer.
- (3) Failure to report for duty.
- (4) Possession of meter box keys.

And City Council hereby dismisses Patrolman Bellanca after having found him guilty of the above mentioned charges."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

The following communication dated May 7th, 1942, and addressed to Mayor and Members of Council, was received from Mr. Sylvester C. Grablick, Director of Accounts and Finance:

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

American Surety Company	
Premium (Bonds)	\$ 300.00
Firemen's Relief Fund. (Foreign Fire Ins.)	2909.29
The Pittston Gazette Co.	
(Copies of Liens, Carl Burke)	7.25
	<u>\$ 3216.54</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvester C. Grablick.
 Director of Accts. & Finance.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above bills were ordered paid.

The following communication, dated May 1st, 1942, addressed to to Members of City Council, was received from Mayor John J. Reilly:

May 1, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
 Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that it will be necessary to extend the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,

John J. Reilly, Mayor.

Upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was approved and ordered filed.

The following communication dated May 7th, 1942, addressed to Mayor and Council of Pittston, was received from David C. Vaughan, County Chairman for the Republican Committee, reading as follows:

May 7, 1942.

Mayor and Council of Pittston
City Hall, Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sirs:

With your permission we would like to hang two street banners on Main Street in Pittston.

Thanking you for this favor and with kindest personal regards,

Yours truly,

David C. Vaughan
County Chairman for Rep.

Upon motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above permission was granted on conditions that the regular License Fee of two (\$2.00) dollars per banner be paid, and indemnity bond in the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, each, be posted with the City Clerk's Office.

The City Clerk reported that communication of April 8th, 1942, received from Pittston Camp, No. 17, United Spanish War Veterans, Pittston, Penna., and submitted to Council at it's regular meeting of April 18th, 1942, and being referred to the City Clerk for further attention, fifty (\$50.00) dollars was granted them during the previous year, for expenses in connection with Memorial Day Ceremonies.

Motion was made by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous consent of members present, that the same amount be granted, fifty (\$50.00) dollars, upon submission of copies of bills paid from this contribution.

Permit application dated May 4th, 1942, was received from Freed's Jewelry Store, 40 N. Main St., to erect a Fluorescent, neon, sidewalk sign, as specified in permit application blank. The said application having been approved by the Chief of the Fire Department, as well as the Superintendent of the Street Department, motion was made by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, permission was granted.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous consent of members present, to adjourn.

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JOHN D. McNULTY		
CITY CLERK		

ATTEST: May 26th, 1942.

John D. McNulty

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MAY 26TH, 1942, AT 7:45 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, May 26th, 1942, at 7:45 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and Councilmen Turon and Sheridan, present, Councilmen Walsh and Grablick being absent.

Minutes of special session of May 7th, 1942, were read, and upon motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and on Roll Call of members present, were ordered approved as read.

RESOLUTION #3523. Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 26th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS BE MADE: \$1,425.00 from Salary of Patrolmen, Department of Public Affairs, to Wages of Special Officers, Department of Public Affairs. \$750.00 from Salary of Sergeants, Department of Public Affairs, to Wages of Special Officers, Department of Public Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of members present, the above resolution was adopted.

The following recommendations were received from Director of Accounts & Finance, Sylvester C. Grablick:

May 25th, 1942.

Hon. Mayor and Members of Council,
City of Pittston, Penna.

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

12/31/41	Austin Powder Co.	Materials & Supplies	\$ 9.64
12/22/41	Drury Est.	St. oil	3.00
12/ 41	Eagen Hdw. Co.	Mat. & Supplies	32.42
12/20/41	Jack Friedman	Electrical Supplies	5.13
1 / 1/42	Hall's Nursery	Xmas Tree	10.00
12/ 41	Klien Auto Parts Co.	Supplies	20.38
12/31/41	Will Krise	Parts	5.00
1 / 1/42	La Barre Stat. Store.	Supplies	25.25
12/ 1/41	Pittston Gazette	Tax Books	119.75
12/31/41	Jos. Perfetto	Parts	6.00
12/ 41	Reliable Spring Serv.	Welding	5.00
12/24/41	S.P.Shacochius	Pictures	6.00
12/ 41	Texas Lunch	Food, Prisoners	1.45
			<u>\$ 256.52</u>

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. Grablick,
Director of Accts. & Finance.

May 25, 1942.

Hon. Mayor and Members of Council,

Pittston, Penna.

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

4/ 42	Michael Bone	Purchase of Truck	\$ 125.00
4/ 42	Sidney Darby	Sign Painting	8.00
	Wilkes-Barre Independent	Adv. Financial Report	84.00
	Independent Exp. Co.	Supplies	79.75
	Pittston Diner		10.00
	Glen Summit Water Co.		7.50
	Pat's Shoe Repair Shop		10.50
	John D. McNulty	Postage Stamps	25.00
	John D. McNulty	Petty Cash	10.00
			<u>\$ 359.75</u>

Respectfully submitted,
S. C. Grablick, Director, Acct.
& Finance.

Upon motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above recommendations were approved of and ordered paid.

The following communications were received from Mayor John J. Reilly:

May 11, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that it will be necessary to extend the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,

John J. Reilly,
Mayor.

May 21st, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that it will be necessary to extend the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,

John J. Reilly,
Mayor.

Upon motion by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above letters were approved of as read, and ordered filed.

The following communication from Gibbons-Buss Post #6, National Association of Regulars, Pittston, Pennsylvania, dated May 8th, 1942, addressed to John D. McNulty, City Clerk, was received, and read:

May 8th, 1942.

Mr. John McNulty
City Clerk,
Pittston City.

Dear Sir:

As Commander of this Post, I am requesting the members of council to approve the sum of fifty dollars to be used for wreaths on graves of our departed comrades of this post; and also to departed veterans that never belonged to any organization.

Yours truly,

Phillip J. Morgan,
Post Commander.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, that the above contribution be granted, inasmuch as this has been the usual annual contribution in the past.

Copy of bills paid by the above organization, however, must be submitted to the City Clerk's office, before warrant covering the same is issued.

The following letter from the Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Company, Rochester, N. Y., dated May 9th, 1942, was presented to Council by Mr. Turon:

City of Pittston,
Pittston, Penna.

We offer the following quality equipment for your greater fire protection and safety -

(4)	#90G Indian Fire Pumps with Bomb Nozzles - 18.50 --	74.00
(2)	#400 Akron Ball-Type Nozzles with Play-Pipe	
	and Threaded tip for 1½" Hose 1.99 x 9 -----	89.40
	(Chrome plating later will be \$6.00)	
(1)	#06 Oscillating Wig-Wag Light, -----	35.00
(4)	Doz. 2½" Koroseal Gaskets -----	6.00
(1)	Federal Model "W" Siren with Flasher -----	48.00
		<u>252.40</u>

Terms 30 Days Net.
Fob - Factory.

Mail to W. J. Lawless,
278 Alexander St.,
Rochester, N. Y.

On motion by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to make a Requisition on the Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Company, for the above mentioned items.

Permit application was received from the Gibbons Brewery, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, dated May 22nd, 1942, to erect a neon, sidewalk sign, at the Fern Restaurant, 52 South Main Street, Pittston, Penna.

The above application having been approved of by the Chief of the Fire Department as well as the Superintendent of the Street Department, motion was made by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, was granted, subject to payment of permit fee to the City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane.

Permit application was received from Miss Hannah Mullin, 318 Butler St., Pittston, Pa., dated May 14th 1942, to re-model dwelling at same address.

This application having been approved by the Chief of the Fire Department, as well as the Superintendent of Streets, motion was made by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, that the above permit be granted.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, to adjourn.

ATTEST: June 13th, 1942.

APPROVED		
June 13th, 1942		
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JOHN D. McNULTY		
CITY CLERK		

John D. McNulty

Pittston City Council convened in special session, Saturday, June 13th, 1942, at 7:30 P. M., for the purpose of general business, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, waiver of notice being waived by all members present. On Roll Call, Messrs. Grablick, Walsh, Turon, Sheridan, and Mayor Reilly were present.

Minutes of regular session of May 26th, 1942, were read, and upon motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and on Roll Call of members present, were ordered approved as read.

Mayor Reilly, by letter dated June 9th, 1942, reported the following fines and meter collections received by his department for the month of May, 1942:

Parking Violations	\$ 2.00
Meter Collections	251.00
Total	<u>253.00</u>

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, the report was ordered approved, and filed, after unanimous consent of members present.

City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane, submitted report dated May 29th, 1942, addressed to the Mayor and City Commissioners, of the condition of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of May, 1942, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand May 1st -----	\$ 55,389.96
Receipts during the month itemized--	<u>24,695.62</u>
Total	<u>\$ 80,085.58</u>
Disbursements by Warrants paid -----	\$ 34,553.76
Cash on Hand, May 31st -----	<u>45,531.82</u>
Total	<u>\$ 80,085.58</u>

Cash on hand as of May 31st, 1942,
being credited to the following accounts:

General Fund -----	\$ 29,787.90
Bond and Interest Account, year 1923	6,918.85
Bond and Interest Account, year 1935	6,955.90
Bond and Interest Account, year 1938	<u>1,869.17</u>
Total Cash on Hand	<u>\$ 45,531.82</u>

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote of members present, the same was approved of as read, and ordered filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane also, in report dated May 29th, 1942, addressed to John D. McNulty, City Clerk, reported the following collections for City Licenses issued by him during the month of May 1942:

License applied for by: Railway
Express Agency, Pittston, Pa.
Mercantile tax for year 1942.
Check #400455 Guaranty Trust N. Y.
Granted May 12, 1942. License #572 ----- \$ 100.00

License applied for by: Scranton
Elec. Co., Scranton, Pa. Lic. tax
for year 1942.
1290 poles @ .12¢ ea. 154.80
License ----- 100.00
Granted May 12, 1942. Check
#63655 1st Nat'l Bk., Scranton,
License #573 ----- 254.80

License applied for by: Comerford
Publix Corp. Theatres.
License for American 100.00
" " Roman 50.00
for year ending 12/31/42. Granted
May 14, 1942. License #574 ----- 150.00
Amount Carried Forward ----- \$ 504.80

Amount Brought Forward \$ 504.80
 License applied for by: The Bell
 Telephone Co., Pittston, Pa.
 License for year 1942 100.00
 429 poles @ .12¢ ea. 51.48
 Granted May 22, 1942. License
 #575 ----- \$ 151.48

License applied for by: Freed's
 Jewelers, No. Main St., Pittston,
 Penna. Permit for an electric
 sign. Granted May 26, 1942.
 License #576 ----- 2.00
 Total \$ 658.28

On motion by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present, the same was approved and ordered filed.

The following report dated June 1st, 1942, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, was submitted by Mr. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer:

The following is my report for the month of May, 1942:

Eating and Drinking Houses inspected	23
Bakery Shops visited	4
Beef Houses visited	4
Complaints investigated	35
Weekly Reports sent to County Medical Director	
Monthly Reports sent to County Medical Director	
Contagious Diseases reported	5
Warning signs - "No Dumping" put up.	3

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Newcomb
 Health Officer

Mr. Newcomb also submitted his report dated June 1st, 1942, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of Council, as Sealer of Weights and Measures, reading as follows:

The following is my report for the month of May, 1942:

	Corrected and Sealed	Adjusted
Pierson Scales	12	4
Wagon Scales	1	
Counter Scales	15	
Prescription Scales	5	
Oil Pumps	3	
Gasoline Pumps	4	
Total	40	4

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Newcomb
 Sealer of Weights & Measures.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, both reports were ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION #3524. Pittston, Pennsylvania, June 13th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS BE MADE: \$5000.00 from Accounts Payable, Miscellaneous Accounts, to W. P. A. Projects Material and Supplies, Miscellaneous Accounts. \$ 450.00 from Accounts Payable, Miscellaneous Accounts, to Rent and Telephone, Housekeeping Aid Project."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3525. Pittston, Pennsylvania, June 13th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS BE MADE: \$12,700.00 from Scranton Electric Company Miscellaneous Accounts, to Wages of Laborers, Street Department. \$1,100.00 from Scranton Electric Company, Miscellaneous Accounts, to Wages Street Cleaning, Department of Streets and Public Improvements. \$6,200.00 from Scranton Electric Company Miscellaneous Accounts, to Ash Collection, Department of Streets and Public Improvements."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3526. Pittston, Pennsylvania, June 13th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That, due to the resignation of James Craig, dated March 24th, 1942, as a member of the Mine Commission, James Wall is hereby appointed to the Commission, and will fill the duties as chairman of said Mine Commission."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3527. Pittston, Pennsylvania, June 13th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "THAT the assessed valuation of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company property, at 79-81 N. Main Street, City, for the year 1942, be reduced from \$43,406.00 to \$22,470.00 as per order by the Court of Luzerne County, Wilkes-Barre, Penna., and as per minutes of the City Council meeting, dated December 31st, 1941, Resolution #3444. ALSO, THAT the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company be refunded in four annual installments, commencing with presentation of the 1943 tax bills, the excess of taxes paid by them on the above mentioned property for the years 1937 to 1941, inclusive, the Court Order reducing the assessed valuation applying to the years above mentioned. Copies of this Resolution being furnished to Collins & Collins, Attorneys-at-law for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Carl J. Burke, City Solicitor, M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer, and Attorney Frank M. Flanagan, Solicitor for the Pittston City School District."

On motion of Mr. John Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Frank Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3528. Pittston, Pennsylvania, June 13th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "THAT the assessed valuation of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company property, at 47 North Main Street, City, for the year 1942, be reduced from \$26,968.00, to \$14,445.00, as per order by the Court of Luzerne County, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and as per minutes of the City Council meeting, dated December 31, 1941, Resolution #3444. ALSO, THAT the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company be refunded in four annual installments commencing with presentation of the 1943 tax bills, the excess of taxes paid by them on the above mentioned property for the years 1937 to 1941, inclusive, the Court Order reducing the assessed valuation applying to the years above mentioned. Copies of this Resolution being furnished to Collins & Collins, Attorneys-at-law for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Carl J. Burke, City Solicitor, M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer, and Attorney Frank M. Flanagan, Solicitor for the Pittston City School District."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

The following communications were received from Director of Accounts and Finance, Sylvester O. Grablick:

Pittston, Pennsylvania,
June 8, 1942

Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

Edward Ford
Edward Ford
Volunteer Firemen (Niagara)
Volunteer Firemen (Eagle)
Veteran of Foreign Wars
Spanish American Veterans
Nat'l. Assoc. of Regulars
Thomas Hood
C. J. Burke
Miners Safety Appliance Co.
American La-France Corp.
Airport Sand & Gravel Co.
John A. Allan
Anthracite Paint Company
American Auto Stores
Austin Powder Company
Boston Shoe Store
Barber Motor Car Company
Barber Motor Car Company
Kathleen Brennan Glynn
Borr & Casey
N. R. Black, Mrs.
Bell Telephone Company
Clarkson Chemical Company
Cyclone Machine Company

Stone & Gravel. Jan. to Apr.,
Inc. \$ 229.05
Stone & Gravel. Dec. Acct. 16.80
24 Men; 80¢ per hour; 306 hrs.
Nov. - Dec., 1941, Jan. 1942. 244.80
20 Men; 80¢ per hour; 400 hrs.
Nov. - Dec., 1941, Jan. 1942 320.00
Decoration Day Donation 50.00
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Decoration Day Donation 50.00
Repairing Fire Alarm, 47 Hrs.
@ \$ 1.02. 47.94
Liens 1.20
Gas Masks, helmets 98.80
Equipment 32.40
Supplies 21.31
Insurance 5.00
Supplies 77.80
Flashlights 21.45
Material, Supplies 52.05
8 Pair Fire Boots. 71.60
Police Car Repairs 20.13
Police Car Repairs 56.85
Removal of Tree 100.00
Supplies 1.00
Box Candles 1.50
Miscellaneous Telephone Bills. 95.50
Material, Supplies 3.50
Material, Supplies 9.50
Total \$ 1,678.18

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvester C. Grablick
Director of Accounts & Finance.
Pittston, Pennsylvania,
June 8, 1942.

Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

Cyclone Machine Company	Material, Supplies	\$ 83.03
Coal-O-Matic Company	Repairs	13.05
B. J. Coom Company	Material, Supplies	10.00
Deemer-Company	Janitor Supplies	28.50
C. B. Dolge Company	Supplies	35.20
S. R. Durland Company	Supplies	5.00
Diamond Manufacturing Co.	Truck Repairs	6.00
Duro-Test Company	Truck Repairs	41.83
Dunlop Tire Company	Tires & Tubes	87.05
Jack Friedman	Fire Alarm Parts.	1.32
" "	Mat. Supplies.	7.73
Franconi Auto Parts	" "	67.48
Fishman, Louis	Coats, Repair	1.00
Fern Restaurant	Food	4.20
Grant, W. T.	Rent, H. A. Proj., May 15, '42	25.00
Pittston Gazette	Supplies Police Cards.	10.00
" "	" Arm Bands	3.75
" "	"	41.75
Glen Summit Water Co.	Water, Jan. to April.	36.00
Peoples Light Co.	Housekeeping Aid Proj.	2.72
Scranton Electric Co.	" " "	4.06
Bell Telephone Co.	" " "	5.00

R. & R. Compressor & Hydraulic

Jack Service

Peter Petrokas

J. Earl Langan

Pittston Diner

Street Department

1 Bottle Watch Oil

Rental of Projector

Pumping Cellars

\$ 14.75

.75

5.00

2.00

Total \$ 542.17

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvester C. Grablick,
Director of Accounts & Finance.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above communications were approved of as read, and ordered paid.

The following communications were received from Mayor John J. Reilly:

May 31st, 1942

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that it will be necessary to extend the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,

John J. Reilly
Mayor

June 10th, 1942

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that it will be necessary to extend the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,

John J. Reilly
Mayor

Upon motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above letters were approved of as read, and ordered filed.

The following communication was received from the family of the late Ex-Mayor Ambrose Langan:

June 9, 1942

Pittston City Council,
City Hall, Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sirs:-

My family and I are extremely grateful for your kindness in honoring my recently deceased father. Your act in draping our municipal center as a token of respect keenly noted and greatly appreciated by us.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard Langan

On motion by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above letter was ordered received, and filed.

From the office of the County Commissioners, Court House, Wilkes-Barre, Penna., the following communication was received:

May 28, 1942.

To the Secretary,
Pittston City Council,
City Hall, Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sir:

Under date of May 28, 1942, the County Assessors certified to the Luzerne County Commissioners the assessed valuation and the number of taxables for the City of Pittston for all taxable purposes for the year 1942, as follows:

<u>NUMBER RESIDENTS</u>	<u>VALUATION RESIDENTS</u>	<u>NUMBER PROPERTIES</u>	<u>VALUATION PROPERTIES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		3,474	8,466,689	8,466,689

Yours respectfully,
STEPHEN J. TKAOH
Chief Clerk

SJT:b

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon vote of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Councilman Mr. Frank Turon, submitted letter received from J. M. Spader, Sales Engineer for The Gamewell Company, 70 East 45th St., New York City, relative to seventy battery cells required at this time for the City's Fire Alarm System, the cells being quoted at a cost of \$2.85 each.

On motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was authorized to make requisition upon The Gamewell Company for the purchase of these cells.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote, to adjourn.

ATTEST: July 14th, 1942.

<u>APPROVED</u>		
<u>July 14th, 1942.</u>		
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<u>JOHN D. McNULTY</u>		
<u>CITY CLERK</u>		

John D. McNulty

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JULY 14TH, 1942 AT 12:30 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, Tuesday, July 14th, 1942, at 12:30 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members of Council present.

Minutes of special session of June 13th, 1942, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, were ordered received and filed.

Mayor Reilly reported the following fines and meter collections received by his department for the month of June, 1942:

June 1, 1942 - June 30, 1942	Parking Violations	\$ 4.00
June 1, 1942 - June 30, 1942	Meter Collections	329.10
June 1, 1942 - June 30, 1942	Disorderly Conduct Fine	5.00
		<u>\$338.10</u>

Upon motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, the report was ordered approved, and filed, after unanimous consent of members present.

City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane, submitted report dated June 30th, 1942 on the condition of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of June, which read as follows:

Cash on Hand June 1st -----	\$ 45,531.82
Receipts during the month -----	27,264.75
Total -----	<u>\$ 72,796.57</u>

Disbursements by Warrants Paid -----	\$ 14,851.18
Cash on Hand June 30th -----	57,945.39
Total -----	<u>\$ 72,796.57</u>

Cash Balance on Hand June 30th, 1942,
distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund -----	\$ 37,389.21
Bond and Interest Account, year 1923	8,952.67
Bond and Interest Account, year 1935	8,998.97
Bond and Interest Account, year 1938	2,604.54
Total Cash on Hand -----	<u>\$ 57,945.39</u>

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, that the above report be approved of and ordered filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane, in report dated June 30th, to the City Clerk, John D. McNulty, reported the following City Licenses issued by him during the month of June, 1942:

License applied for by: Gibbons
Brewing Corp., Wilkes-Barre, Penna.
Permit for porcelain enamel Neon
sign for the Fern Restaurant at
52 S. Main Street, City.
Granted June 8, 1942. License #577 ----- \$ 2.00

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote of members present, the same was approved of and ordered filed.

City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane, submitted itemized, final report and settlement of City Tax Duplicate for the year 1941, as set forth to the close of business as of July 1st, 1942, and asked that he be exonerated and released of the same.

After careful study of this report, motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and concurred in by members present, that this report be approved and filed, and that Mr. Ruane be notified to instruct the Deputy Delinquent Tax Collector to make every effort to collect the balance of taxes due on this duplicate, especially those of the personal taxes of both male and female.

In complying with above wish/^{es} of Council, the following Resolution was submitted:

RESOLUTION #3529. Pittston, Pennsylvania, July 14th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Bond of M. P. Ruane, Collector of City Taxes for the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania be relieved and released of the following balance as appears on the duplicate for the year 1941, \$63,918.35. The foregoing balance consists of personal taxes of male and female, exonerations, abatements, and of properties that have been certified and for which (liens) can be filed against said properties at the time as required by law."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Health Officer, Mr. Thomas Newcomb, submitted his report for the month of June, 1942, reading as follows:

The following is my report for the month of June, 1942:

Visits to Eating and Drinking Places	15
Complaints Investigated	45
Visits to Bakery Shops	4 ea.
Visits to Beef Houses	5 ea.
Warning signs (No Dumping) Put Up	2
Health Cards given out	35
Contagious Diseases Reported	5
Weekly Reports sent to County Medical Director.	
Monthly Report sent to County Medical Director.	

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Newcomb
Health Officer.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, this report was approved of and ordered filed.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, Mr. Thomas Newcomb, submitted his report for the month of June, 1942, reading as follows:

July 6th, 1942

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of June, 1942:

	Corrected and Sealed	Adjusted
Pierson Scales	15	4
Wagon Scales	1	
Counter Scales	12	
Oil Pumps	4	
Gasoline Pumps	3	
Prescription Scales	4	
Total	<u>38</u>	<u>4</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Newcomb
Sealer of Weights and Measures

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, the above report was ordered approved and filed, after unanimous consent of members present.

Mr. Thomas A. Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted also, the following report:

Pittston, Pa.,
July 3, 1942

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council,
City of Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I wish to report that I made an inspection of the old Barber & Company Warehouse, Carbondale road, (now said to be owned by the Miners Bank), which was recently badly damaged by fire. I find that it is in bad shape, a menace to the safety of pedestrians. The rear wall of the building is ready to fall down. It is a very dangerous situation, especially on account of the fact that passenger trains of the Lehigh Valley Railroad pass right by this stretch and there is danger of this wall falling out onto the tracks.

I recommend that this building be torn down.

Thomas A. Newcomb
Department of Health.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous consent of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed, and the City Clerk instructed to notify the Miners Savings Bank, Pittston, Pennsylvania, of this condition, recommending that the building be razed.

ORDINANCE NO. 429. TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING OF PERSONS, CO-PARTNERSHIPS, ASSOCIATIONS AND CORPORATIONS FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF KEEPING OR OPERATING ANY AMUSEMENT MACHINES IN ANY BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT OR IN ANY PUBLIC PLACE WITHIN THE CITY OF PITTSSTON.

SECTION 1. WHEREAS, amusement machines are now being taxed by the State and Federal Governments, and

WHEREAS, no Ordinance exists in the City of Pittston covering a tax on said machines,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Pittston, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that a tax be imposed upon such amusement machines.

SECTION 2. The amount to be paid for the license to operate said machines, shall be twenty (\$20.00) dollars, for the first machine, in any one establishment or business place, and ten (\$10.00) dollars for each additional machine thereafter.

SECTION 3. The said license to be due and payable on the first day of January of each year, and shall be for the calendar year period.

SECTION 4. That any amusement machine or machines, installed for the first time, within any establishment or in any public business place, after the first day of July, of any calendar year, shall be one-half of the annual license for the first machine, and one-half of the annual license for each additional machine or machines, thereafter.

SECTION 5. Said license to be obtained upon application to the City Clerk, and shall be displayed so as to be clearly visible, at the place near to the machine, or machines, being operated in said establishments or public business places.

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the same was passed upon First Reading.

Motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous consent of members present, to suspend the rules, and that the Ordinance be read in full for the second time.

Ordinance was then read in full by the City Clerk, and upon motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous consent of members present, was passed upon Second Reading.

Director of Accounts & Finance, Sylvester C. Grablick, in letter addressed to the Mayor and Members of Council, recommended payment of the following bills:

Egan Oil and Supply Company	\$ 97.30
Eagen Hardware Company	9.15
Evans, Wesley M.	43.26
Gompertz & Company	7.30
Gamon, Thomas Jr.	4.51
Glen-Summit Spring Water Company, Inc.	14.50
Kleinrock's	312.60
Kelly, J.	96.00
Lehigh Valley Railroad Company	60.00
Leader Tire & Supply Co.	6.25
Luzerne County Pennsylvania	5.85
La Barre's Stationery Store	12.78
Ludwig's Hardware Store	14.99
Mitchell, P. F.	304.73
Newcomb Bros.	.25
Pittston Oil Company	97.10
Powers, A. S.	13.19
Pittston Printing Company	15.00
Pittston Gazette	14.25
Scranton Electric Company (Est.)	1,006.45
Stackhouse Auto Electric	6.53
Scranton Electric	45.80
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Company	138.34
Volunteer Firemen (Flushing Streets)	38.40
William's Stationery Store	3.38
Welders Supply Company	1.35
P. A. Sammon, Public Liability Insurance	1,083.25
Frank's Fire Hose Company (1100 Ft. Hose @ \$1.25 per Ft.)	1,375.00
The Gamewell Company (70 Battery Cells, @ \$2.85 Ea.)	199.50
Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Co., (Fire Dept. Equipment)	280.40
Barney & O'Neill (Repair Parts Dodge Truck)	3.04
Mike Bone (Truck Hire, City Streets)	42.00
Carl J. Burke, Solicitor (Postage Stamps)	10.00
Miles Sound Service (For Projector Rental)	3.00
Total	\$ 3,990.45

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)
Sylvester C. Grablick,
Director of Accounts & Finance.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous approval of members present, the above bills were approved of and ordered paid when sufficient funds were available.

Director of Accounts & Finance, Sylvester C. Grablick, in letter addressed to the Mayor and Members of Council, recommended payment of the following bills:

Allan, John A.	\$ 950.50
Barber Motor Car Co.	22.78
Durland Sand Co.	110.66
Hillside Coal and Iron Co.	98.39
Marinellio, Primo	648.92
Mitchell, P. F.	711.65
Pennsylvania Coal Co.	2,039.98
Pittston Oil Co.	222.74
Scranton Electric Co.	1,005.00
Scranton Electric Co.	54.43
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	14.37
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	138.34
Wagner Lumber Co.	134.50
Eagen Oil and Supply Co.	103.40
American Surety Co.	138.38
Airport Sand & Gravel Co.	199.86
Allied Steel Company	767.69
Aeroil Burner Co., Inc.	210.00
Dan Buckley	8.90
Bonser, William P.	484.86
Barber Motor Car Co.	174.88
Banks Sand & Stone Co.	59.10
Cyclone Machine Co.	106.34
Central Clay Products Co.	139.68
Diamond Manufacturing Co.	9.00
Evans, Wesley M.	43.35
Thos. A. English	5.00
Egan Oil & Supply Co.	505.97
Eagen Hardware Co.	179.90
George H. Fleming	139.82
Glen Summit Water Co.	46.50
Gates Foundry Co.	89.50
Harris Hdw. & Supply Co.	2.38
Hunt, Harry C.	248.55
International Salt Co.	132.00
Klein Auto Parts Co.	400.43
Kehoe -- McNamara	28.83
LaBarre's Stationery Store	129.83
Ludwig's Hardware Store.	50.80
Lackawanna Elect. & Blue Printing Co.	8.54
Lehigh Valley R. R. Co.	60.00
Lehigh Valley Coal Co.	182.42
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Motor Twins	109.30
Manufacturers Casualty Ins. Co.	4.76
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	668.70
Newcomb Bros.	468.82
Pittston Diner	3.10
Pittston Gazette	489.45
A. S. Powers	69.34
Premier Steel Co.	774.67
Pittston Spring Co.	1.50
Joseph Perfetto	2.00
Pennsylvania Coal Co.	12.00
J. C. Penney Co., Inc.	13.12
Pittston Oil Co., Inc.	398.21
Pittston Printing Co.	15.00
Total Carried Forward	\$ 13,838.14

Total Brought Forward \$ 13,838.14

Reliable Spring Service Station	60.75
Specialty Sales Co.	3.10
P. A. Sammon	355.97
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Service Co.	754.82
Scranton Chemical Co.	7.84
Allan W. Smiles	49.45
Stackhouse Auto Electric	7.15
Scranton Chemical Co.	6.00
Stamp Pad Service	12.40
Scranton Electric Co.	5,349.97
Stauffer, Roy	68.81
Tamblyn Co.	24.68
Texas Lunch	2.95
United Motor Parts	8.03
Voigt, George R.	3.00
Whiteman, H. A., & Co.	191.60
Williams Stationery Store	28.48
Welders Supply Co.	19.60
Wagner Lumber Co.	2.00
Williams Paper Co.	78.00
Consumer's Gas & Oil Co.	1,104.00
Anthracite Paint and Wallpaper	77.75
Airport Sand & Gravel Company	158.05
American Auto Accessories	6.84
Bell Telephone	54.02
Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Company	28.46
Barrett's	24.00
Barber Motor Car Company	3.60
Clarkson Chemical Company	11.75
C. B. Dolge	12.00
Dershimer Lumber Company	7.17
Diamond Manufacturing Company	12.00

Grand Total \$ 21,200.38

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvester O. Grablick,
Director of Accounts & Finance

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous approval of members present, the above bills were approved of and ordered paid when sufficient funds were available.

The following communications were received from Mayor John J. Reilly:

June 20th, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that it will be necessary to extend the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,

John J. Reilly, Mayor

June 30th, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that it will be necessary to extend the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,

John J. Reilly,
Mayor.

July 10th, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that it will be necessary to extend the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,

John J. Reilly,
Mayor.

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communications were ordered approved of as read, thereby extending the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the City force, as recommended by Mayor John J. Reilly.

The following communication, addressed to the Honorable John J. Reilly, Pittston, Penna., was received and read:

Dear Sir:

I hereby turn in my resignation as a police officer of Pittston City at the pleasure of Council.

Yours truly,

Paul M. Kane

Motion was made by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, that the resignation of Paul M. Kane be accepted and filed.

Mr. Charles McCarthy, Senior, 156 William Street, complained to City Council, regarding the city sidewalk, laid in August, 1941, on the Butler Street end of the property at 156 William Street. Records of City Council meeting of December 2nd, 1941, discloses the following complaint, and action of Council, thereon, being received from Mr. McCarthy, Sr., dated December 14th, 1941:

Kenneth J. English, Mayor,
City Hall, Pittston, Pa.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that the sidewalk laid in August, 1941, on the Butler Street end of the property at 156 William Street, is not satisfactory and has been objected to both

W. P. A. and city officials. As it has not been remedied, we will not be responsible for any injury or damage to anyone.

Yours truly,

Chas. McCarthy, Sr.
156 William Street.

On motion by Mr. Mead, seconded by Dr. Andaloro and by unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received and filed and referred to City Engineer Major R. N. Myers.

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and concurred in by members of council present, that this complaint be referred to the City Engineer, as well as the City Solicitor, and that they be instructed to remedy the condition, if in their judgment, the complaint is justified.

The following communications were received and read:

Luzerne County Pennsylvania,
Office of County Commissioners,
Court House Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

THE COMMISSIONERS TO RECEIVE PRIVATE BIDS FOR PROPERTY PURCHASED AT TAX SALE.

The Commissioners of Luzerne County hereby announce that up to July 24, 1942, bids for private sale of properties, with the approval of the Court, purchased by Luzerne County at tax sale held February 28, 1940, will be received.

Such bids shall be placed in writing and delivered to Harry T. Farrell, Assistant Chief Clerk, in charge of Real Estate Tax Department, Commissioners Office.

The right to reject any bids is hereby reserved.

Persons desiring to redeem their property will have preference over any such bid. All people who are interested in the purchase of properties are urged to immediately take the necessary measures to either protect their interest in such properties or make bid for purchase since this will be the last opportunity for such procedure.

A list of properties upon which bids may be received is on file in the Commissioners' Office with Harry T. Farrell, Assistant Chief Clerk in charge of the Real Estate Tax Department, where further information may be obtained.

Robert Lloyd
Herman C. Kersteen
Stanley B. Janowski

Attest:

Stephen J. Tkach
Chief Clerk

Commissioners of Luzerne County

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, this communication was referred to City Solicitor, with instructions to attend the sale, in the interest of the City, reporting back to Council his recommendations of any properties that may be purchased by the City in the best interest of the City.

A letter was received from the Eureka Fire Hose Company, dated July 10th, and reading as follows:

July 10, 1942.

Mr. John D. McNulty,
City Clerk,
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Mr. McNulty:-

Relative to your letter of July 9th with reference to purchase of Fire Hose by your City, the W. P. B. having advised they cannot issue any Preference Rating.

For your information we will be able to ship the Hose without a Preference Rating, but, of course, it will take a much longer time. Under the circumstances, we would appreciate your having the contract executed and sending it to us. We will enter it for shipment without a Preference Rating.

It will, however, be necessary for you to furnish us with old couplings for use on the new Hose and advise us that you have A-10 Preference Rating for the couplings only.

For your information there is a blanket A-10 Preference Rating covering supplies, etc. for fire departments but this does not cover the hose itself. This reads as follows:-

"Material for Maintenance, Repair, or Operating
Supplies -- Rating A-10 under Preference Rating
Order P - 100 with the terms of which I am familiar."

(Signature of Designated Official)

If you will put this on the contract and sign it, as to the couplings only, this will take care of the matter.

You will understand that, since you do not have a special Preference Rating, it will take 4 to 5 months to ship your hose.

Thanking you and with best personal regards, I remain

Yours very truly,

Jonas R. Smith
Manager, Eureka Fire Hose
Division of United States Rubber Company

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, that the same be referred to the Director of Public Safety, Mr. Frank Turon.

Letter dated July 9th, and reading as follows, was received from the City Planning Commission:

The Planning Commission of the City of Pittston, with all members present, met on the above date at 8 o'clock P. M. with T. J. Halsey, City Engineer, at his office in the City Hall, and transacted the following business:

President M. J. Clark reported that he requested Mr. McNulty, City Clerk to have lease between the Pennsylvania Coal Company and the City of Pittston for the land known as the Fourth Ward Park at our meeting and that Mr. McNulty furnished him with the original lease dated May 24, 1915 extending for the term of 24 years. Mr. McNulty later produced a renewal of this lease for a further term of one year from expiration of the original lease, and automatically extending from year to year. After a thorough discussion of the lease it was brought out that Mr. Minichelli, one of the owners of the concern now mining coal under the park had called the City Clerk on the telephone and informed him that they expected the park land to cave any time and that they would not be liable for any ensuing damage. Mr. Halsey said that when Mr. McNulty informed him of this he contacted Mr. Minichelli and requested him to make a written rather than a verbal report but he

refused to do so. It was the consensus of opinion that for park purposes this land was of no further use to the City but rather a liability to its citizens and a hazard in the neighborhood.

A motion was regularly made by Mr. Yonakas and seconded by Mr. Cohen that proper authorities of the City take the necessary steps to declare this lease void and that it be cancelled at the earliest possible date and the land placed upon the assessment books for proper taxation. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Yonakas, seconded by Mr. Cohen that the proper authorities of the City examine all other leases for park purposes and that such as are not fit for, or being used for park purposes, be annulled and land be properly assessed for taxation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 P. M.

P. A. Sammon, Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above letter was accepted and referred to the City Solicitor, ~~after unanimous vote of members present~~

Letter dated July 2nd, 1942, and reading as follows, was received from Mr. Ross Bufalino, 105 East Railroad Street, Pittston, Penna.:

To the Mayor and Members of Council
Of The City of Pittston,
Pittston, Pa.

In Re: Damages to the Property
of Ross Bufalino, 105
E. Railroad Street,
Pittston, Pa.

By reason of rain water washing dirt and refuse in to the cellar of Ross Bufalino above mentioned, a taxpayer of the City of Pittston, hereby submits a claim against the City of Pittston in the amount of Two hundred fifty dollars, 250.00, which is the cost for the removal of the dirt and refuse and also repairs to cellar walls caused by the said rain fall.

Signed: Ross Bufalino

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, the above letter was referred to the City Engineer, as well as the City Solicitor, after unanimous vote of members present.

Letter dated July 9th, 1942, and reading as follows, was received from the law offices of Reap & Reap, Miners Bank Bldg., Pittston, Penna.

To the Mayor and
Members of Council,
Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Mrs. Louise Osiecki of 61 Vine Street, Pittston, has consulted me relative to injuries she received on March 13, 1941, when she fell on an icy sidewalk on the north side of Railroad Street, Pittston, on that portion of the sidewalk beneath the railroad bridge. She fractured her right arm at a point above the wrist and was treated by Dr. H. J. Lenahan. She feels that her injury was caused by the negligence of the City of Pittston in permitting the sidewalk to remain for a long period of time in a dangerous condition. She was laid up for eight weeks and had to have help in her home. While the arm has healed, the injury has resulted in a permanent injury insofar as she is unable to use it as she did previous to the injury.

She has asked me to submit a bill for \$710.00 for which

amount she will settle this claim.

Very truly yours,

JJR - MMcL

John R. Reap.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present, this letter was ordered received and referred to the City Solicitor, as well as the City engineer.

Letter dated July 9th, 1942, reading as follows, was received from the law offices of Reap & Reap, Miners Bank Building, Pittston, Pa.:

To the Mayor and
Members of Council,
Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Benny Menik and Mary Menik, his wife, of 68 East Railroad Street, Pittston, have consulted me about damages to their property, house furnishings, wearing apparel, foods, etc.

They have suffered damage on three distinct and separate occasions, notice of two previous damage claims having been brought to the attention of Council. The first damage occurred in April, 1941, the second in August, 1941, and the third on Thursday, June 4, 1942.

These catch basins have been recently constructed and are inadequate to take care of the large body of water that flows into Vine Street. On two occasions the water arose two feet over the kitchen and dining room floors and last week it arose about one foot over the floors. These waters have damaged the woodwork and furnishings and Mr. Menik had them repaired after each damage.

The Meniks feel that the damages have been caused by the negligence of the City of Pittston to take care of the water and in the construction of inadequate catch basins on Vine Street, and they look to the City of Pittston for compensation for the damage suffered.

The first flood caused damage in the sum of \$157.10; the second flood caused damage in the sum of \$296.20, and the third flood caused damage in the sum of \$43.68, or a total damage of \$496.98.

Very truly yours,

JJR-MMcL

John R. Reap

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of members present, this letter was referred to the City Engineer, as well as the City Solicitor, with instructions to investigate and eliminate this condition if possible, and to arrange for settlement of claim for damages stated therein.

Letter dated June 24th, 1942, and reading as follows, was received from the Pennsylvania Coal Company:

Carl J. Burke, Esq.,
Solicitor for Pittston City,
Miners Bank Building,
Pittston, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The judgment mentioned to you yesterday resulted from a petition filed by Pennsylvania Coal Company in the matter of the change of grade of Plank

Street, Pittston City, in the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, No. 1218, October Term, 1916. Verdict taken in favor of Pennsylvania Coal Company for \$750.00 with interest from March 24th, 1924.

Very truly yours,

F. V. Lynn,
Land & Tax Agent

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, that the same be referred to the City Solicitor, with instructions to arrange for the best possible settlement of claim stated therein.

Letter from the Kentucky Rock Asphalt Company, dated June 25th, 1942, and reading as follows, was received and read:

Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk,
City of Pittston,
Pittston, Pa.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

We wish to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of June 22nd.

We do hereby quote you the price of \$9.00 per ton, f.o.b. Bowling Green, Ky. on Natural Kentucky Rock Asphalt. The freight rate from Bowling Green, Ky. to Pittston, Pa. is \$5.10 per ton. A minimum carload of our material is 40 tons, and we can ship as much as 60 tons in a single carload.

Please do not hesitate to call upon us whenever you feel that we may be of service.

Trusting to hear from you shortly, we are,

Very truly yours,

KENTUCKY ROCK ASPHALT COMPANY
M. A. Lippman,
Assistant to President.

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On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by clear vote of members present, the same was referred to the City Engineer, with instructions to check specifications on this material, and if in his opinion, the same is adaptable for street repair purposes, to prepare specifications and advertise for 180 Tons of this material.

City Commissioner, Mr. Joseph A. Walsh, recommended that a service record board, containing the names of all residents of Pittston who have entered the armed forces of our Government, be arranged for and placed at the most appropriate place available at City Hall.

Mr. Walsh offered this in the form of a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and concurred in by all members present, instructing the City Clerk to arrange for the installation of this record.

Permit application was received from Mr. J. Joseph Mangan, 170 William Street, dated June 23, 1942, to erect a five-room house of brick veneer, at the corner of Butler and Fulton Streets in the City of Pittston.

This application, being approved of by the Chief of the Fire Department, and the Superintendent of the Street Department, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous consent of members present, was granted.

Permit Application was received from Frank Bubul, 185 N. Main St., City, dated June 22nd, 1942, to make a cut in sidewalk for metal doors at the above address.

This application, having been approved of by the Chief of the Fire Department, as well as the Superintendent of the Street Department, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon unanimous vote of members present, was granted.

Reference was made by the City Clerk to the forthcoming War Bond Parade to be held in the City of Pittston, on Friday evening, July 24th. Mr. McNulty recommended that provision be made by Council for the decorating of the City Hall for this parade.

Motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, that the City Clerk be instructed to arrange for the decorating at a cost not to exceed ten (\$10.00) dollars, the amount for the decorating to be paid for after the completion of the work and the presentation of the bill covering the same.

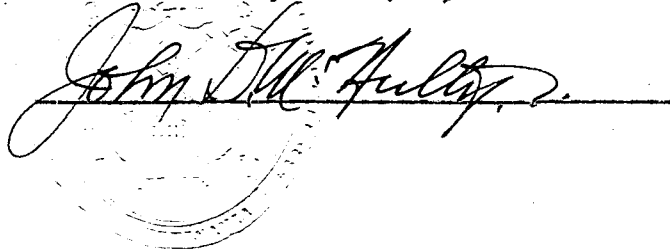
Upon request by Chief of Police Leo A. Tierney, that a new police car, of a panel type, to provide for stretchers and full equipment to care for injured people when called upon, motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present, that the City Clerk be instructed to prepare specifications to cover this type of Police Car, and at the same time, provide for the trade-in of the present police car, as a condition upon which new car is to be purchased.

Motion was also made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and concurred in by all members present, that the City Clerk, be instructed to prepare specifications for the purchase of a new or used $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 Ton Truck Chassis, the used type to be of a model not later than the year 1940. Also, to prepare specifications for a Gar Wood type Load-Packer, to be mounted upon the above described truck.

Verbal report was made by Mayor Reilly, in which he stated that the Belcastro & Walsh Mining Company, who were responsible for the recent cave at Butler and Depew Streets, had promised that they would cease mining at this particular operation. Mayor Reilly also stated that the State Mine Cave Commission are about to make a state-wide examination of mining operations, which will include those of Pittston City.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.

ATTEST: July 28th, 1942.



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CITY CLERK		

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JULY 28TH, 1942, AT 7:00 P. M.

City Council convened in regular session, Tuesday, July 28th, 1942, at 7:00 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members of Council present, with the exception of Councilman Turon, who was absent.

Minutes of regular session of July 14th, 1942, were read, and upon motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, were approved of as read, with the exception of Ordinance No. 429, dated July 14th, 1942, providing for the Licensing of Amusement Machines, Within The City Of Pittston.

Mayor Reilly reported that under date of July 24th, 1942, he had requested Frank A. Earley, Secretary of the Civil Service Board, to furnish him a certification of the next four eligible on the certified list of Police Officers, and that under date of July 27th, 1942, Mr. Earley submitted the following letter:

July 27th, 1942.

Mayor John J. Reilly,
City Council,
City of Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the next four eligible on the certified list of Police Officers, are as follows:

James Hogan	88%
Merle Finan	80%
Anthony Levanowski	80%
William Kerwin	80%

Respectfully submitted,

Frank A. Earley, Secretary
Civil Service Board

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of Members present, that the above letter be ordered received and filed.

Mayor Reilly presented letter received by him from Patrolman Dominick Muzzupappa, reading as follows:

Pittston, Penna.
July 17th, 1942.

Honorable John J. Reilly
Mayor of the City of Pittston
City Hall, Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of the Act of Assembly of Pennsylvania, approved June 7, 1917, P. L. 600, notice is furnished herewith, under oath, advising of my induction into the military service of the United States and of the disposition of salary during my service. Power of Attorney authorizing my parents, or either of them, to receive proportional part of my salary is also furnished herewith.

Very truly yours,

Dominick Muzzupappa

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA :
 COUNTY OF LUZERNE : SS:

Dominick Muzzupappa, a Patrolman in the Police Department of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, hereby deposes and says that he has been drafted for military service in the United States Army, and that on July 16, 1942 he was inducted into the United States Army at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; that it is his intention to retain his employment in the Police Department in the City of Pittston and to resume the duties thereof after the expiration of his service in the United States Army; that his parents, Paul Muzzupappa and Mary Muzzupappa, of 247 Broad Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, are dependent upon his income, and that in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Assembly of Pennsylvania, approved June 7, 1917, deponent requests the payment of one-half of his salary, as Patrolman in the City of Pittston, to his said parents during his service in the United States Army, and directs that payments be made by the proper officers of the City of Pittston to his said parents, Paul Muzzupappa and Mary Muzzupappa, or either of them.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of July, Dominick Muzzupappa
 A. D., 1942.

Rose A. Chaplick
 Notary Public
 (S) My Comm, exp. May 6, 1944.

I, Dominick Muzzupappa, of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, a Patrolman in the Police Department of said city, do hereby direct, authorize and empower my parents, Paul Muzzupappa and Mary Muzzupappa, or either of them, to receive their proportion of my salary as a Patrolman in the said City of Pittston as and when the same shall be paid by the proper officers of the said city, and to execute and deliver a receipt therefor as fully as I might do myself.

Dominick Muzzupappa

COUNTY OF LUZERNE : ss:

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said county, personally appeared Dominick Muzzupappa, who, being first duly sworn according to law, did acknowledge the foregoing power of attorney, to be his act and deed and desires the same to be recorded as such.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal this 17th day of July, A. D., 1942.

Rose A. Chaplick
 Notary Public
 My comm. exp. May 6, 1944.

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and approved of on Roll Call of members present, that the same be accepted and referred to the City Solicitor for opinion as to Patrolman Muzzupappa's request for one-half pay during his military service in the United States Army.

ORDINANCE #429. TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING OF PERSONS, CO-PARTNERSHIPS, ASSOCIATIONS AND CORPORATIONS FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF KEEPING OR OPERATING ANY AMUSEMENT MACHINE IN ANY ESTABLISHMENT OR IN ANY PUBLIC PLACE WITHIN THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH.

This Ordinance was read for the third time, and upon motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote of members present, was rejected in its entirety, and ordered filed in the Ordinance Records.

ORDINANCE #430. TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING OF PERSONS, CO-PARTNERSHIPS, ASSOCIATIONS AND CORPORATIONS FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF KEEPING OR OPERATING ANY PIN-BALL MACHINE IN ANY BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT OR IN ANY PUBLIC PLACE WITHIN THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH; DEFINITION OF PIN-BALL MACHINE; LICENSE FEE; REQUIRING CERTIFICATES; PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT, HEREWITH; EXEMPTING HOMES, CHURCHES, AND ORGANIZATIONS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, of the County of Luzerne, and State of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, that from and after the approval of this Ordinance and effective date in accordance to law, every person, co-partnership, association and corporation, for the privilege of keeping or operating any Pin-Ball machine which is held out to the public in any business establishment, or in any public place within the City of Pittsburgh, shall and must obtain a license for each machine from the City Clerk and shall pay for the same as hereinafter specified.

SECTION 2. Definition. For the purpose of this Ordinance, certain words are hereby defined as follows: "Pin-Ball Machine" - A machine which is not per se a gambling machine, but is a coin-controlled amusement device operated by the insertion of a coin therein and used for recreation or amusement purposes, and NOT for giving prizes, rewards, merchandise or money.

SECTION 3. The amount to be paid for the license to operate a Pin-Ball machine shall be the sum of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars per year from January 1st of each year, or for any fractional part of a year for the first machine, and Ten (\$10.00) Dollars for each additional machine in any one business establishment or public place.

SECTION 4. The said license shall be obtained from the City Clerk and shall be displayed so as to be clearly visible at a place near the machine or machines being operated in said business establishments or public places, and is not transferable from person to person, one machine to another machine, from one business establishment to another business establishment, or from any one public place to another public place.

SECTION 5. Any person, co-partnership, association or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon summary conviction before the Mayor or any Police Magistrate of the City of Pittsburgh, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars and in default of the payment of such fine, it shall be the duty of the said Mayor and of any such Police Magistrate to commit every such person, having been convicted as aforesaid, to the County Jail of Luzerne County, there to be imprisoned until such fine shall be paid, not exceeding however a period of thirty (30) days.

SECTION 6. Should any provisions of this ordinance be judicially determined to be unconstitutional or invalid, such determination shall not affect the validity of any other portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to homes, churches, welfare organizations, social organizations, patriotic, educational or charitable organizations.

SECTION 8. The City Council may revoke any of said licenses issued for cause and after a hearing.

SECTION 9. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed.

Motion was made by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, that this Ordinance be approved of on the first reading.

Motion was then made by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and concurred in by all members present, that the rules be dispensed with, and the Ordinance be read in full for a second time.

After reading the Ordinance in its entirety for the second time, motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon unanimous vote of members present, approved of as read, on second reading, and the City Clerk instructed to advertise said Ordinance in accordance with provisions of the law pertaining to same.

RESOLUTION NO. 3530. Pittston, Pennsylvania, July 28th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That James Hogan, having been certified by the Civil Service Board, is hereby appointed as Patrolman, effective August 1st, 1942, at a Salary of \$1,800.00 per annum, replacing Patrolman Paul M. Kane, resigned."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by clear vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3531. Pittston, Pennsylvania, July 28th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Merle Finan, having been certified by the Civil Service Board, is hereby appointed as Patrolman, effective August 1st, 1942, at a Salary of \$1,800.00 per annum, to replace Patrolman Nicholas Bellanca, dismissed."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by clear vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3532. Pittston, Pennsylvania, July 28th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Anthony Levanowski, having been certified by the Civil Service Board, is hereby appointed to the position of temporary Patrolman, effective August 1st, 1942 at a Salary of \$1,800.00 per annum, to fill the vacancy caused by the induction of Patrolman Dominick Muzzapappa into the United States Army."

Upon motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous consent of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

The following letter was read:

July 20th, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that it will be necessary to extend the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,

JJR:FMK

John J. Reilly, Mayor

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above letter was approved of as read and ordered filed.

The following communication, dated July 14th, 1942, reading as follows, was received from City Engineer, Thomas J. Halsey:

July 14, 1942

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council,
Pittston City, Pennsylvania.

Re: Report of Mine Inspection
Belcastro & Walsh Workings
Pittston City, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

On June 28, 1942 Mr. James Wall of the Mining Commission of Pittston City; Mr. Walsh, Coal Operator; and Myself made an inspection of the underground workings in the Checker Vein in the vicinity of Carroll and Hunter Streets. The Checker Vein, at this location, shows about 7' - 6" of coal with no rock. The roof consists of poor quality sandstone about 1' thick overlaid with sand pocket to the surface which varies from 25 to 30' in thickness. The blasting vibrations cause the sand and roof rock to loosen and cave, thus causing disturbances and cave holes on the surface.

If this mining is continued, the surface overlying the coal will have a tendency to cave and destroy the improvements in that territory.

I would recommend that the mining in this territory be discontinued so as not to destroy the improvements made; and also protect the life and health of the inhabitants, as there is not sufficient roof to insure safe mining.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Halsey,
City Engineer.

TJH:AM

Motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, that this communication be received and filed, since Mayor Reilly had reported in person on this operation at Council meeting of July 14th, 1942.

The following communication dated July 28th, 1942, from Thomas J. Halsey, City Engineer, was received and read:

July 28, 1942.

Mr. John D. McNulty,
City Clerk,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

The following is an estimated amount of Kyrock that would be needed on the various Streets in the City of Pittston that have a hand knapped base already prepared:

Dock Street	880 Sq. Yds.	-	60 tons Kyrock
Tompkins Street	1937 Sq. Yds.	-	130 tons Kyrock
Thistle Street	2516 Sq. Yds.	-	170 tons Kyrock
Cliff Street	2445 Sq. Yds.	-	165 tons Kyrock
	Total		525 tons Kyrock

The above amount is figured on a 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ " compressed surface.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Halsey,
City Engineer

TJH:AM

On motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above was ordered received and filed, and the City Clerk instructed to advertise for 525 Tons, more or less, Kyrock for repair of City Streets.

Letter dated June 15th, 1942, from Tabone & Barbera, 186 North Main Street, Pittston, Penna., and addressed to Mr. John Dobbie, City Assessor, reading as follows, was received and read:

June 15, 1942.

Mr. John Dobbie, City Assessor
City Hall, Pittston, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The assessment on our property at 100-102 South Main Street, 9th ward, is very high to the extent that we cannot meet the payment of both the City and School taxes.

We wish to make a request to grant us a tax abatement for the years 1939-40-41 and 42 inclusive and we assure you that upon receiving a satisfactory abatement we will make a substantial payment toward these taxes.

Thanking you for your consideration and awaiting your favorable reply, we remain

Very truly yours,

ST:PT

Tabone & Barbera

Motion was made by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and concurred in by members present, that this letter be received and studied by Council, along with the City Solicitor, and Board of Assessors.

Letter dated July 23rd, 1942, from Gar Wood Industries, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, reading as follows, was received and read:

July 23rd, 1942

Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of July 20 in which you advise you were considering equipping two of your trucks with Load-Packers, we wish to advise that we immediately contacted our salesman, Mr. Koehler, to get in touch with you at once. No doubt, he has done so and we believe he is in a position to give you full information regarding the inquiry you made in your letter.

We hope you may see your way clear to place an order with us for this unusual piece of sanitary equipment for the collection of garbage and rubbish. Trusting we may serve you to your entire satisfaction, and thanking you for your co-operation, we are

Very truly yours,

GAR WOOD INDUSTRIES, Inc.

A. E. Hilderley, Manager
Philadelphia Branch

AEH:MG
cc-Koehler

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to advertise for One (1) 9 Cubic Yard Truck Body of this type for the collection of garbage and rubbish.

Mr. Wilson, Fire Marshal, Pennsylvania Motor Police, Wyoming, Pa., recommended that the following paragraph, taken in part from Section 11, of the Pennsylvania Motor Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, Harrisburg, Penna., be incorporated into, and become a part thereof, of City Ordinance No. 280, dated June 16th, 1924, pertaining to the storage of gasoline:

No person, firm, association or corporation, keeping volatile inflammable liquid, for sale or use, shall store or permit to be stored within the City of Pittston, any such liquid within a building used for other purposes, except when contained in safety containers or vapor proof receptacles. When safety containers or receptacles are used NOT MORE than 5 gallons shall be kept in any Building.

Upon motion by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above recommendations were referred to the City Solicitor.

Permit Application was received from James Dobbie, 162 Butler St., City, dated July 15th, 1942, to install new Brick-Tex Siding, on home at same address, size of building 16' x 30', approximate cost of same, \$395.00, Contractor, John Nealon.

This application, having been approved by the Chief of the Fire Department, as well as the Superintendent of the Street Department, was granted, on motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, on condition that all State and Federal regulations be complied with.

Permit Application was received from Mr. Elwood Richards, rear of 61 Plank Street, City, dated July 20th, 1942, to erect an addition of one room to present building at above address; room to be 10' by 20', to be used as a store; approximate cost, \$300.00 and to be erected by Contractor P. F. Mitchell, Gravity Street, Pittston, Penna.

This application, being approved of by the Chief of the Fire Department, as well as the Superintendent of the Street Department, was granted, upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, on condition that all State and Federal regulations be complied with.

Permit Application was received from Mr. S. C. Grablick, 3½ George Street, City, dated July 23rd, 1942, for an addition to garage at above address; size of addition 18' by 36'; approximate cost, \$450.00, Contractor, Joseph Venetz.

This application, being approved of by the Chief of the Fire Department, as well as the Superintendent of the Street Department, was granted, upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, on condition that all State and Federal regulations be complied with, Mr. Grablick not voting.

Permit application was received from Mr. Joseph Bubuls, 127 North Main Street, City, dated July 24th, 1942, to erect a neon sign at the above address, size of sign, 20" by 30"; approximate cost, \$25.00, to be erected by Gibbons' Sign Shop.

This application, being approved of by the Chief of the Fire Department, as well as the Superintendent of the Street Department, was granted, on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous consent of members present.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.

ATTEST:

APPROVED

August 11th, 1942

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JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AUGUST 11TH, 1942 AT 7:30 P. M.

City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, August 11th, 1942, at 7:30 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members of Council present, with the exception of Councilman Sheridan who was absent.

Minutes of regular session of July 28th, 1942, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon and by unanimous vote of members present, were ordered received and filed.

Mayor Reilly reported the following fines and meter collections received by his department for the month of July, 1942:

July 1, 1942 - July 31, 1942	Parking Violations	\$ 3.00
July 1, 1942 - July 31, 1942	Parking Meter Fees	321.21
July 1, 1942 - July 31, 1942	Violations of City Ordinances	71.00
	Total	<u>\$395.21</u>

Upon motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered approved and filed.

City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane, submitted report dated July 31st, 1942, reading as follows:

To the Mayor and City Commissioners
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is a report of the condition of receipts and disbursements of the City Treasurer's office as of the 31st day of July, 1942.

Balance of Cash on Hand ----- \$ 57,945.39

Cash Rec'd.	City License -----	\$ 502.18	
" "	Parking Meter Fees -----	321.21	
" "	WPA Project (Sidewalks & Curbs) ---	458.59	
" "	L. Tierney (Chief of Police) Fines	74.00	
" "	Sewer Tappage connection (Fulton)---	25.00	
" "	John McNulty (City Clerk) Sale		
	scrap iron) -----	34.75	
" "	City Taxes - 1921 -----	3.57	
" "	" " 1923 -----	29.90	
" "	" " 1925 -----	19.18	
" "	" " 1926 -----	14.18	
" "	" " 1927 -----	27.94	
" "	" " 1928 -----	18.52	
" "	" " 1929 -----	77.38	
" "	" " 1930 -----	37.68	
" "	" " 1931 -----	89.11	
" "	" " 1932 -----	404.47	
" "	" " 1933 -----	438.40	
" "	" " 1934 -----	413.58	
" "	" " 1935 -----	310.54	
" "	" " 1936 -----	610.53	
" "	" " 1937 -----	510.20	
" "	" " 1938 -----	404.20	
" "	" " 1939 -----	838.46	
" "	" " 1940 -----	1,124.52	
" "	" " 1941 -----	1,502.08	
" "	" " 1942 -----	6,434.62	
" "	1921-23-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-		
	34-35-36-37-38 liens, sts., fees and		
	revivals -----	215.10	14,939.89
			<u>\$ 72,885.28</u>

By Cash to Warrants Paid ----- \$ 14,154.93

Balance of Cash on Hand ----- 58,730.35
\$ 72,885.28

Cash on Hand in City Funds

General Fund -----	\$ 36,004.99
Bond and Interest, 1923 -----	9,853.63
Bond and Interest, 1935 -----	9,908.60
Bond and Interest, 1938 -----	2,963.13
Balance of Cash on Hand -----	\$ 58,730.35

Respectfully,

M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer.

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above report -- with the exception of item of City License in the amount of \$502.18, which was objected to -- was approved of and ordered filed.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, Mr. Thomas Newcomb, submitted the following report, dated August 5th, 1942, reading as follows:

Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of July, 1942:

	Corrected & Sealed	Adjusted
Pierson Scales	9	3
Wagon Scales	1	
Counter Scales	10	
Oil Pumps	3	
Gasoline Pumps	2	
Prescription Scales	5	
	<u>30</u>	<u>3</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Newcomb
Sealer of Weights and Measures

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon approval of members present, report was ordered received and filed.

Mr. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated August 5th, 1942, reading as follows:

Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of July, 1942:

Monthly Report sent to the Medical Director.	
Weekly Report sent to the Medical Director.	
Visits to Beef Houses (each)	3
Warning Signs posted (No Dumping)	3
Visits to Restaurants (each)	4
Health Certificates issued and filed	35

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Newcomb
Health Officer

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of members present, this report was approved of and ordered filed.

ORDINANCE NO. 430. TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING OF PERSONS, CO-PARTNERSHIPS ASSOCIATIONS AND CORPORATIONS FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF KEEPING OR OPERATING ANY PIN-BALL MACHINE IN ANY BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT OR IN ANY PUBLIC PLACE WITHIN THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH; DEFINITION OF PIN-BALL MACHINE; LICENSE FEE; REQUIRING CERTIFICATES; PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT, HERewith; EXEMPTING HOMES, CHURCHES, AND ORGANIZATIONS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, was read for the third time, and upon motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote of members present, was approved of and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3533. Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 11th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the properties assessed in the name of Mary, or Kate Hogan, at Numbers 1-3 Landon Street, 5-7 Landon Street, 272-274 South Main Street, 282-284 South Main Street, and 288 South Main Street, all in the 10th Ward of the City of Pittston, with a Total Assessed Valuation of \$16,106.00, for the years 1928 to 1941, inclusive, be broken down into the following names, to wit: To John Hogan: Property 1-3 Landon Street, Value of Lot, \$500.00, of house, \$1,700.00, Total Valuation, \$2,200.00; To Evelyn Hogan O'Mara et al: Property 5-7 Landon Street, Value of Lot, \$500.00, of house, \$1,700.00, Total Valuation, \$2,200.00; To Cecilia Hogan Brady: Property 272-274 South Main Street, Value of Lot, \$675.00, of house, \$1,500.00, Total Valuation, \$2,175.00; To John Hogan: Property 282-284 South Main Street, Value of Lot, \$1,384.00, of house, \$3,716.00, Total Valuation, \$5,100.00; To Joseph D. and Evelyn M. O'Mara: Property, 288 South Main Street, Value of Lot, \$1,581.00, of house \$2,850.00, Total Valuation, \$4,431.00. Copy of this Resolution to be forwarded to M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer, and Tax Collector and to Attorney Frank M. Flanagan, Solicitor for Pittston City School District.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous consent of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3534. Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 11th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the properties assessed in the name of Mary, or Kate Hogan, at Numbers 1-3 Landon Street, 5-7 Landon Street, 272-274 South Main Street, 282-284 South Main Street, and 288 South Main Street, all in the 10th Ward of the City of Pittston, with a Total Assessed Valuation of \$12,885.00, for the years 1924 to 1927, inclusive, be broken down into the following names, to wit: To John Hogan: Property 1-3 Landon Street, Total Assessed Valuation, \$1,760.10; To Evelyn Hogan O'Mara et al: Property 5-7 Landon Street, Total Assessed Valuation, \$1,760.10; To Cecilia Hogan Brady: Property, 272-274 South Main St., Total Assessed Valuation, \$1,740.75; To John Hogan: Property 282-284 South Main Street, Total Assessed Valuation, \$4,079.40; To Joseph D., and Evelyn M. O'Mara: Property 288 South Main Street, Total Assessed Valuation, \$3,544.65. The above properties were broken down in the same ratio of those broken down for the years 1928 to 1941, inclusive, as covered by Resolution No. 3533, dated August 11th, 1942. Copy of this Resolution to be forwarded to M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer, and Tax Collector, and to Attorney Frank M. Flanagan, Solicitor for Pittston City School District.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts & Finance, Sylvester C. Grablick, in letter dated August 11th, 1942, addressed to Honorable Mayor and Members of Council, recommended payment of the following bills:

Postage Stamps	Office of Mayor	\$ 5.00
" "	Office, Chief of Police	5.00
" "	Office of Accounts & Finance	5.00
" "	Office of City Clerk	5.00
Edward A. Turnbach	Damage to Car	22.00
John P. Kelly	" " "	19.00
	Total	\$ 61.00

Sylvester C. Grablick
Director of Accounts & Finance

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, that the above bills be approved of and paid.

The following communication was received from Mayor John J. Reilly:

July 30th, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that it will be necessary to extend the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,
John J. Reilly, Mayor.

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and concurred in by all members present, that the above communication be approved of as read and ordered filed.

The following communication was received from Mayor John J. Reilly:

August 9th, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that it will be necessary to extend the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,
John J. Reilly, Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was approved of as read and ordered filed.

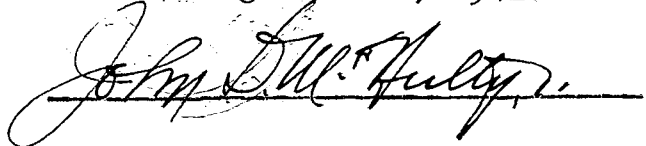
Councilman Sylvester G. Grablick addressed the Mayor and asked what provisions were being made for the elimination of the City dumping grounds situated in the Fourth Ward.

Mayor Reilly stated that Mr. F. Lynn, Land Agent for the Pennsylvania Coal Company, met with him and the City Solicitor, with reference to this situation, and that he promised to send a Mr. Robbins from his office, to meet with our City Engineer, Mr. Halsey, for the purpose of seeking a new site, to be used for this purpose rather than the present Fourth Ward site.

Mayor Reilly stated also, that he would have the City Engineer, and Mr. Robbins, check upon any desirable location there may be within the various Wards of the City, that could be used for park purposes.

There being no other business, motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote of members present, to adjourn, until Tuesday noon, August 18th, 1942, at which time City Council would re-convene.

ATTEST: August 18th, 1942.



<u>APPROVED</u>		
<u>August 18th, 1942.</u>		
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<u>JOHN D. McNULTY</u>		
CITY CLERK		

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AUGUST 18TH, 1942, AT 12:30 P.M.

City Council re-convened adjourned regular session of Tuesday, August 11th, 1942, on Tuesday, August 18th, 1942, at 12:30 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and Councilmen Grablick and Walsh, present, Councilmen Turon and Sheridan, absent.

Minutes of adjourned session of August 11th, 1942, were read, and upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, were approved of as read and ordered filed.

RESOLUTION #3535. Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 18th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the office of City Sub-Assessor now held by Joseph Katkowski be, and is hereby declared vacant, as of this date, due to the failure of Mr. Katkowski to properly perform the duties of the office."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3536. Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 18th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Frank Skillonger be, and is hereby appointed City Sub-Assessor, to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Katkowski, removed, at a Salary of \$320.00 per annum, effective as of this date."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous consent of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3537. Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 18th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: WHEREAS, the Pittston City Council has approved the plans prepared by Thomas J. Halsey; for the project for The Construction of a Storm Sewer on Drummond Street and its various intakes; Paving Rock Street from Drummond Street to Alley in rear of Searle Street; Constructing Storm Water Ditch in the First Ward of the City, same to be a joint project between Pittston City and Duryea Borough; and the Curbing and Paving of Center Street from Wood Street to the City Line and the necessary Storm Drainage connected with it. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pittston City Council at this adjourned meeting held August 18, 1942, that the WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION, DISTRICT NO. 1, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said projects; such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of the said projects, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if and when the project is approved by the WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION, the Pittston City Council will furnish at its own expense, all tools, materials, supplies and equipment necessary to complete the Project Proposal, and that Thomas J. Halsey, City Engineer, be and he is hereby appointed to be the certifying officer responsible to the WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION for supplying the tools, materials, supplies and equipment referred to, to be delivered on the site from time to time as required by the WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3538. Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 18th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:
IN THE COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS OF LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
IN RE. :
FUNDING UNFUNDED INDEBTEDNESS : No.
OF THE :
CITY OF PITTSTON, LUZERNE COUNTY :
PENNSYLVANIA :

Sessions, 1942
PETITION FOR AUTHORITY TO FUND UNFUNDED DEBT
CONTRACTED FOR CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions
of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania:

The Petition of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania,
respectfully sets forth:

1. That the City of Pittston is a city incorporated and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, located in Luzerne County in the said Commonwealth.
2. That during the years 1941 to 1942, inclusive, said City of Pittston, for the purpose of meeting its current operating expenses, contracted indebtedness in anticipation of the collection of current revenues in an amount totalling, with interest, \$94,000., and by reason of the failure to collect such current revenues, said indebtedness remains unpaid and unfunded.
3. That while there is included in the current budget the sum of \$50,800. for payment on account of such debt, the City has been unable to collect sufficient taxes for the current year to provide the funds with which to make such payments and at the same time to perform properly its municipal functions. Wherefore, in the opinion of the City Council of said City of Pittston, the said City is unable to meet such debt within the fiscal year 1942 without an unreasonable curtailment of its municipal functions and will be unable to meet such debt within the fiscal year 1943 without an unreasonable curtailment of its municipal functions or the levy of an excessive tax.
4. That the City Council of said City of Pittston desires to issue bonds in an amount of Ninety-four Thousand Dollars (\$94,000.) for the purpose of funding said unfunded debt contracted for current operating expenses.
5. That the said City Council of said City of Pittston, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Borrowing Law (Act of June 25, 1941, P. L. 159), Section 502 (a), is required to address its petition to your Honorable Court of Quarter Sessions in and for Luzerne County.

WHEREFORE, the said City Council of the City of Pittston prays your Honorable Court to make an Order pursuant to said Section 502 (a) of the Act of June 25, 1941, P. L. 159, granting authority to fund such unfunded debt of Ninety-four Thousand Dollars (\$94,000.) contracted for current operating expenses.

CITY OF PITSTON

Attest:

By (Signed) John J. Reilly
Mayor

(Signed) John D. McNulty
City Clerk

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

The following communication was received and read:

August 14, 1942.

Pittston City Council
City Hall, Pittston, Penna.

Re: Housekeeping Aide Project
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sirs:

We regret to inform you that due to the redirection program of WPA during the present War Emergency, it was necessary to close the above mentioned project, under your sponsorship, on August 13, 1942. Any activity or project which is not considered to be directly contributing to the war effort will be temporarily suspended. We feel sure that you will understand this situation and want you to know that when and if projects of this type can receive approval to operate, we will notify you at once.

We wish to thank you for your sponsorship and fine cooperation during the operation of the above project.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph A. McNulty, District Director
Service Division
For: W. Frank Snyder, District Mgr.
District #1.

JAMc:hm

On motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above letter was ordered received and filed.

The following communication was received and read:

August 17, 1942.

Mayor and City Council,
City Hall, Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Since W. P. A. has closed the Home Aid Project which was located on the second floor of the old City Hall, Water Street, the State Health Clinic would consider it a great favor if the Clinic were removed to the second floor.

Should this be done it would give more room and greater privacy to the work of the Clinic.

Trusting that the Mayor and Council will see fit to permit the removal of the Clinic from the first floor, old City Hall, to the second floor, old City Hall, I am

Very truly yours,

OJB:tm

(Signed) Martin J. Walsh, M. D.

On the question, Mayor Reilly stated that he had conferred with Mr. W. Frank Snyder, District Manager, District #1, Federal Projects Administration, Scranton, Penna., relative to securing a Nursing Project, that the second floor of the Old City Hall building was being reserved for that purpose, and that in the meanwhile, it was the intention of Council to remove the Tire and Sugar Rationing Board, as well as the Civilian Defense Project, now quartered at the New City Hall, to this building, in order to relieve the overcrowded conditions existing at the present time at the New City Hall.

Motion was then made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon vote of members present, that the above communication be received and filed, and that Councilman Sheridan, in the meanwhile, investigate present conditions at the Old City Hall.

The following communication was received and read:

August 10th, 1942.

Honorable John Reilly,
Mayor of Pittston,
Pennsylvania.

Dear Mayor:

The Anthracite Subsidence Commission is to meet in Wilkes-Barre, August 20-21, for the purpose of investigating

mine caves in the Luzerne county area. On the 20th, the Commission will make a tour of the region and on the 21st it will sit for the purpose of hearing testimony relating to the cause and cure of mine subsidences.

I hereby extend to you an invitation to appear before the Commission with your solicitors and your engineers so that the Commission will secure a complete picture of the subsidence evil. I will appreciate your notifying me if you will be present.

If you send to me the sections of your town that have been affected by mine caves I will include such districts as far as I am able on our tour schedule.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this important matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

725 Connell Building,
Scranton, Pennsylvania.

ANTHRACITE SUBSIDENCE COMMISSION
Joseph F. English, Director

Motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, that the above communication be received and filed, and that the City Clerk contact Mr. English and arrange, if possible, for the Commission to visit Pittston while on their present tour of inspection.

The following communication was received and read:

August 18, 1942.

Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council:

A cave has occurred on Searle Street, in front of property of Dan Connell, located at 117, Corner of Center & Searle Streets. Said cave occurred at 10:45 P.M., August 17, and is 20' x 15' x variable depth of 6' to 15'.

The above home has also settled at the kitchen room.

Approximately 12' of stone curb disappeared in the cave, also part of the brick pave.

Mr. Wall, chairman of the Mine Cave Commission, and Leo Fasciana, Ass't Engineer, visited the cave and the above is our findings.

Thomas J. Halsey, City Engineer
Leo Fasciana, Ass't Engineer
James Wall, Chairman, Mine Cave Commission.
Joseph A. Walsh, City Councilman.
Sylvester C. Grablick, City Councilman.

Upon motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and on Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed, and the City Clerk instructed to submit copy of this report to the Anthracite Subsidence Commission meeting, to be held in Courtroom No. 3, Court House Building, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Friday, August 21st, at 10:00 A. M.

The following communication was received and read:

August 17, 1942.

Hon. John J. Reilly,
Mayor's Office
Pittston, Pa.

Dear Mayor Reilly:-

Organized labor in Wyoming Valley is sponsoring the appearance here next Saturday, August 22, of the famous comedians of stage, screen and radio, Abbott and Costello. They are touring the country at their own expense promoting the sale of War Bonds.

This committee, representing all branches of labor, invites you to attend the luncheon to be held at Hotel Redington's Victory Ballroom next Saturday, starting at 12:30. Abbott and Costello will do their stuff and later will greet the guests and autograph receipts for bond purchase applications.

If you know of any organization or individuals in a position to make purchases of War Bonds, will you please try to have them make the purchase at this luncheon. Local unions and individual members are co-operating in this effort.

Will you please advise me if you can arrange to attend this luncheon so we may make proper reservations as the attendance promises to be large.

Yours for victory,
Joseph M. Walsh
General Chairman
Hotel Redington,
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

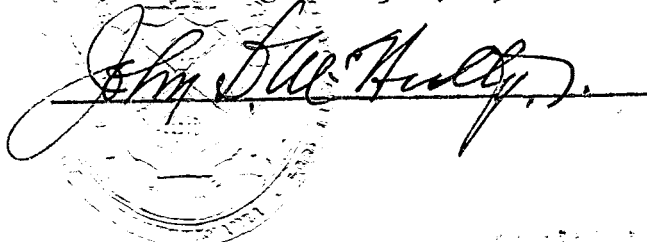
On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Before adjournment was made, Mayor Reilly asked if anyone present had any questions to ask of Council, whereupon City Controller, Mr. Emerson Howley suggested that the Volpe Coal Company be billed with the expense involved in filling in cave at Wilson Street, during the latter part of the term of the previous administration.

Mayor Reilly then stated that he would entertain a motion concerning this suggestion, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote of members present, that the City Engineer prepare an estimate of this expense, as well as the expense of repairing Searle Street, at the corner of Center Street, due to the recent cave caused by the Walsh and Belcastro Mining Company, and upon receipt of said estimate from the City Engineer, the City Clerk prepare and forward to each of these companies proper bills covering said expense.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.

ATTEST: August 25th, 1942.



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August 25th, 1942		
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JOHN D. McNULTY		
CITY CLERK		

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AUGUST 25TH, 1942, AT 7:45 P. M.

City Council convened in regular session, Tuesday, August 25th, 1942, at 7:45 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all Councilmen present, with the exception of Councilman Grablick, who was absent.

Minutes of re-convened session of Tuesday, August 18th, 1942, were read, and upon motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present, were approved of as read, and ordered filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3539. Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 25th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of \$2,850.00, be transferred from the Sinking Fund, 1938 Bond and Interest Account, to the Sinking Fund, 1935 Bond and Interest Account."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3540. Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 25th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the two (2) front rooms, and waiting room, or former Council Chamber, on the second floor of the Old City Hall Building, Water Street, be rented to the United States of America War Production Board, for use of Rationing Board, at rental of approximately Sixty (\$60.00) Dollars per month."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Sylvester C. Grablick, in letter dated August 25th, 1942, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, recommended payment of the following bills:

John A. Allan	Compensation and Liability Insurance \$	461.92
Airport Sand & Gravel Co.	Sand and Gravel	219.90
Bell Telephone Co., The	Phone Bills to August 16th.	50.08
Barber Motor Car Co.	Parts, etc.	10.85
Butera Auto Body Works	Repairs, etc.	6.00
Bonser, William P.	Misc. Equipment & Repairs, etc.	30.27
Dershimer, P.W., Lumber Company.	Miscellaneous materials.	40.75
Eagen Hardware Co.	Misc. supplies	34.11
Evans, Wesley M.	Misc. parts	13.20
Eagle Hose Co.	Rent -- July 1942 to July 1943	750.00
Egan Oil & Supply Co.	Gas -- Oil	100.48
Ford Motor Twins, Inc.	Repair parts, etc.	14.93
Glen Summit Springs Water Co., Inc.	Water	16.50
Gates Foundry Co.	Frames & Grates	85.00
Gamon, Thomas Jr.	Reflecting Sign	9.45
Hunt, Harry C.	Tax Statements	40.00
Klein Auto Parts Co.	Misc. parts	130.56
Lion Bros., Inc.	Cap Ornaments	5.78
La Barre's Stationery Store	Supplies	5.45
Mitchell, P. F.	Misc. supplies	331.94
New York Casualty Co.	Automobile Insurance	81.56
Pittston Printing Co.	Traffic Tags	27.50
Pittston Gazette	Letterheads	7.25
Powers, Austin S.	Miscellaneous supplies	22.28
Pennsylvania Government Administration Service.	Assessor's Handbooks	16.00
Quinn, M. V., Insurance.	Ins. Storage & Garage	33.40
Reliable Spring Service Station	Miscellaneous Repairs.	26.10
Scranton Electric Co.	Light -- City Buildings	1,045.96
Scranton Spring Brook Water Service.	Hydrants, etc.	180.81

Stauffer, Roy	Parts, etc.	6.07
Smiles, Allan	Locks, etc.	11.61
Scranton Chemical Co.	Disinfectant	10.00
Welders Supply Co.	Oxygen & Acetylene	6.45
Williams Stationery Store,	Supplies	2.15
Walsh, Ida	Housekeeping Aid.	11.00
		<u>\$ 3,845.31</u>

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of as read, and ordered paid, when sufficient funds are available.

The following communication was received and read:

August 19th, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that it will be necessary to extend the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,

JJR:FMK

JOHN J. REILLY, MAYOR

On motion by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the positions of the special Police Officers and Police Clerks were extended for an additional ten days.

Permit Application was made by Joseph Boyle, 85 North Main Street, City, dated August 19th, 1942, to erect a light metal, neon sign, at 85 North Main Street, City; capacity of sign, 40 pounds; approximate cost, \$60.00; sign to be erected by Gibbons Sign Shop.

The above application having been approved of by the Chief of the Fire Department, as well as the Superintendent of the Street Department, was granted, on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present.

Permit Application was received from the Stegmaier Brewing Company, dated August 24th, 1942, to erect a porcelain, neon sign, at 85 North Main Street, City; capacity of sign, 75 pounds; approximate cost, \$25.00; to be erected by Stegmaier Brewing Company.

The above application, having been approved of by the Chief of the Fire Department, as well as the Superintendent of the Street Department, was granted, on motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present.

City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke, reported, that along with City Engineer, Thomas J. Halsey, and Chairman of the Mine Cave Commission, James Wall, they attended the meeting of the Anthracite Subsidence Commission, at the Court House Building, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Friday, August 21st. All three representing the City, testified as to the mine cave menace, as it applied to the City of Pittston, and that valuable testimony by other persons present, including mine inspectors, should be valuable to the Commission in its report to the next session of the State Legislature, wherein legislation affecting this evil, would be possible.

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, to receive and open bids for the items referred to in Legal Notice, published in local newspapers, August 7th, to August 21st, inclusive.

Proposals, which were received from the following concerns, all of whom having complied with the regulations specified therein, were opened and read:

Barber Motor Car Company, Pittston, Penna., 2½ and 3 Ton Truck Chassis and Cab; Mack--Stewart Sales and Service, Incorporated, Wilkes-Barre, Penna., 2½ and 3 Ton Truck Chassis and Cab; International Harvester Company, Inc., Wilkes-Barre, Penna., 2½ and 3 Ton Truck Chassis and Cab; Roy Stauffer, West Pittston, Penna., Police Patrol and Ambulance Motor Car; Kentucky Rock Asphalt Company, Louisville, Ky., Natural Rock Asphalt; C. F. Goeringer Company, Wilkes-Barre, Penna., Natural Rock Asphalt, and alternates, Numbers 1, 2 and 3.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above proposals were referred to the City Engineer, City Solicitor, Mayor, and Members of Council.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.

ATTEST: September 8th, 1942.

John D. McNulty

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<u>September 8th, 1942.</u>		
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<u>JOHN D. McNULTY</u>		
CITY CLERK		

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 1942, AT 7:45 P. M.

City Council convened in regular session, Tuesday, September 8th, 1942, at 7:45 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all Councilmen present, with the exception of Councilman Turon, who was absent due to illness.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, August 25th, 1942, were read, and upon motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote of members present, were approved of as read, and ordered filed.

Report dated September 1st, 1942, was submitted by Mayor John J. Reilly, reading as follows:

August 1, 1942 - August 31, 1942	Parking Meter Fees	\$ 342.01
August 1, 1942 - August 31, 1942	Parking Violations	2.00
August 1, 1942 - August 31, 1942	Violations of City Ordinance	10.00
		<u>\$ 354.01</u>

On motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report dated August 31st, 1942, and reading as follows, was received from City Treasurer M. P. Ruane:

Balance of Cash on Hand ----- \$ 58,730.35

Cash Rec'd.	City License -----	\$ 64.00
" "	Parking Meter Fees -----	342.01
" "	L. Tierney (Chief of Police) Fines --	12.00
" "	WPA Projects (sidewalks & curbs) ----	708.99
" "	Butler St. (imp. assessments) -----	507.76
" "	Sewer Tappage Connection (Johnson St.)	5.00
" "	Sewer Tappage Connection (Thistle St.)	26.55
" "	Bolin St. (sewer) -----	5.00
" "	County Treas. (salaries & expenses	
	tax coll.) -----	2,022.23
" "	Bell Tel. Co. (comm. on public phone)	.87
" "	City Taxes - 1925 -----	20.75
" "	" " 1930 -----	29.12
" "	" " 1931 -----	17.41
" "	" " 1932 -----	198.31
" "	" " 1933 -----	220.89
" "	" " 1934 -----	310.30
" "	" " 1935 -----	184.81
" "	" " 1936 -----	236.57
" "	" " 1937 -----	412.41
" "	" " 1938 -----	243.75
" "	" " 1939 -----	514.74
" "	" " 1940 -----	723.61
" "	" " 1941 -----	829.80
" "	" " 1942 -----	2,392.81
" "	1925-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38 liens,	
	sts., fees and Revivals -----	121.45
		<u>10,151.14</u>
		<u>\$ 68,881.49</u>

By Cash to Warrants Paid -----	\$ 13,885.26
Balance of Cash on Hand -----	54,996.23
	<u>\$ 68,881.49</u>

Cash on Hand in City Funds

General Fund -----	\$ 31,245.93
Bond & Interest, 1923 -----	10,288.49
Bond & Interest, 1935 -----	13,176.41
Bond & Interest, 1938 -----	285.40
Balance of Cash on Hand -----	<u>\$ 54,996.23</u>

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report dated August 31st, 1942, and reading as follows, was received from City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane:

License applied for by: Joseph Boyle,
85 No. Main Street, City. To erect one
Neon sign at the above address.

Granted August 19, 1942. License #594 ----- \$ 2.00

License applied for by: Pittston Diner
4 Dock Street, City. Two pin ball
machines, license to Jan. 1, 1943.
Ordinance #430. Granted August 24, 1942.

License #595 ----- 35.00

License applied for by: Boyle's,
85 No. Main Street, City. To erect a
Neon sign. Granted August 24, 1942.

License #596 ----- 2.00

License applied for by: Stanley
Fader, 679 No. Main Street, City.
(restaurant) One Pinball machine at
above address. Granted August 27, 1942.

License #601 ----- 25.00

Total \$ 64.00

Upon motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report dated September 1st, 1942, and reading as follows, was received from Mr. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures:

	Corrected and Sealed	Adjusted
Wagon Scales	2	2
Counter Scales	13	
Person Weighers	10	
Prescription Scales	7	
Oil Pumps	4	

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report dated September 1st, 1942, and reading as follows, was received from Mr. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer:

Weekly report sent to Medical Director.
Monthly report sent to Medical Director.
Visits to Beef Houses.....4
Health Certificates Issued.....40
Visits to Eating Houses and Restaurants (each)..... 4
Cases of Measles reported..... 2
Warning Signs (No Dumping) posted..... 3

On motion by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous consent of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3541. Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 8th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the properties of James A. Joyce, at 209--213 North Main Street, in the Fourth Ward, City of Pittston, and at 5--7 Lambert Street, in the Fourth Ward, City of Pittston now assessed in bulk, under the name of James A. Joyce, 209--213 North Main Street, Fourth Ward, City of Pittston and described as having a

sixty-five foot frontage, by a depth of 180 Feet, at a value of \$62.50 per foot front, and assessed at \$4,063.00, value of lots, and \$6,250.00, value of houses, or a Total Assessed valuation of \$10,313.00, be divided and assessed as follows:

Property at 5--7 Lambert Street, with a frontage of 50 Feet, by 100 Feet Depth, Value per foot front, \$10.00; Value of lot \$500.00; Value of House, \$1,500.00; Total Assessed Valuation, \$2,000.00.

Property at 209-213 North Main Street, with a frontage of 65 Feet, and a depth of 130 Feet, at a Value of \$54.82 per foot front, Value of Lot, \$3,563.00; Value of House, \$4,750.00, Total Assessed Valuation, \$8,313.00.

The above division of these properties, to be applied to all delinquent tax years, to, and including, the year 1942.

Copies of this Resolution submitted to Michael P. Ruane, City Treasurer and Tax Collector, and to Attorney Frank M. Flanagan, Solicitor for Pittston City School District."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3542. AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR SALE OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.) OF FUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO BEAR INTEREST AT THE RATE OF 1-1/2%, 1-3/4%, 2%, 2-1/4%, 2-1/2%, 2-3/4%, 3%, 3-1/4% OR 3-1/2% PER ANNUM; ADOPTING THE FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE AND PROVIDING THE MANNER IN WHICH THE SAME IS TO BE PUBLISHED.

The City Council of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, hereby resolves that:

Section 1. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for sale One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.) of general obligation coupon Funding and Improvement Bonds of the City of Pittston, to bear interest at the rate of 1-1/2%, 1-3/4%, 2%, 2-1/4%, 2-1/2%, 2-3/4%, 3%, 3-1/4% or 3-1/2% per annum, to be dated October 1, 1942, and to mature as follows:

Bonds Nos.	1 to 10, incl.,	\$10,000.,	October 1, 1943,
Bonds Nos.	11 to 20, incl.,	\$10,000.,	October 1, 1944,
Bonds Nos.	21 to 30, incl.,	\$10,000.,	October 1, 1945,
Bonds Nos.	31 to 40, incl.,	\$10,000.,	October 1, 1946,
Bonds Nos.	41 to 50, incl.,	\$10,000.,	October 1, 1947,
Bonds Nos.	51 to 60, incl.,	\$10,000.,	October 1, 1948,
Bonds Nos.	61 to 70, incl.,	\$10,000.,	October 1, 1949,
Bonds Nos.	71 to 80, incl.,	\$10,000.,	October 1, 1950,
Bonds Nos.	81 to 90, incl.,	\$10,000.,	October 1, 1951,
Bonds Nos.	91 to 100, incl.,	\$10,000.,	October 1, 1952.

Said bonds are to be advertised as payable without deduction for any tax or taxes, except succession or inheritance taxes, now or hereafter levied or assessed thereon under any present or future law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 2. The following form of advertisement of sale and the terms thereof as therein set forth are hereby adopted:

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pa., will receive sealed bids for the purchase of 100 general obligation coupon Funding and Improvement Bonds, of the denomination of \$1,000. each, aggregating \$100,000., bearing interest at the rate of 1-1/2%, 1-3/4%, 2%, 2-1/4%, 2-1/2%, 2-3/4%, 3%, 3-1/4% or 3-1/2% per annum, at the option of the bidder, payable semi-annually on April 1st and October 1st. Bids will be received for the entire issue at any of the above rates of interest but no bid combining two different rates of interest will be accepted. Said bonds and the interest thereon will

be payable without deduction for any tax or taxes, except succession or inheritance taxes, now or hereafter levied or assessed thereon under any present or future law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, all of which taxes the City of Pittston assumes and agrees to pay. The bonds will be sold to the highest responsible bidder, provided such bid is not less than par and accrued interest.

The highest responsible bidder shall be the one who, having complied with the conditions of sale, offers to take the whole amount of the issue at the lowest interest cost to the municipality, which shall be determined by deducting from the total amount of interest to be paid on account of such bonds during the life thereof, the amount of premium offered, if any, over and above the face amount of the issue.

The bonds will be dated October 1, 1942, may be registered as to principal only and will mature in numerical order as follows:

\$10,000. on October 1, 1943, and each year thereafter up to and including October 1, 1952.

Every bid should be addressed to

JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK, Pittston, Pa., and shall be placed in a sealed envelope sufficiently labeled to indicate that it is a bid for the bonds of this issue, before being delivered to the aforesaid.

Bids will be received up to 7:00 o'clock P. M. on the 29th day of September, 1942, at which time they will be publicly opened at the aforementioned address by JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or treasurer's check drawn to the order of the Treasurer of the City of Pittston, or a sum of money, equal to two per centum of the face amount of the bonds, as security against any loss resulting from the failure of the bidder to comply with the terms of his bid. The deposit of each unsuccessful bidder will be returned immediately upon the award of the bonds or the rejection of all bids. In the case of the successful bidder, the deposit will be held by the Treasurer and will be applied on the purchase price when the bonds are actually delivered and paid for.

These obligations will be payable from ad valorem taxes within the taxing limitations imposed by law upon cities of the third class.

The enactment, at any time prior to the delivery of the bonds, of Federal legislation which in terms, by the repeal or omission of exemptions or otherwise, subjects to a Federal income tax the interest on bonds of a class or character which includes these bonds, will, at the election of the purchaser, relieve the purchaser from his obligations under the terms of the contract of sale and entitle the purchaser to the return of the amount deposited with the bid.

These bonds are issued subject to the favorable opinion of Messrs. Townsend, Elliott & Munson, Philadelphia, Pa., and will be delivered to the purchaser only if and after the proceedings authorizing the issuance thereof have been approved by the Department of Internal Affairs of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

For further information apply to the undersigned.

BY ORDER of the City Council of the City of Pittston.

(Signed) John D. McNulty
City Clerk

Section 3. The advertisement of sale as set forth in Section 2 of this resolution shall be published in The Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Luzerne, and in the Luzerne Legal Register, the legal journal designated by the Rules of Court for the publication of legal notices and advertisements in said County. The advertisement of sale shall be published three times at intervals of not less than three days, in the aforesaid newspaper of general circulation and shall be published twice, once a week for two successive weeks, in the aforesaid legal journal. The first advertisement in each case shall be published not less than fifteen (15) days before September 29, 1942.

Section 4. All resolutions or parts of resolutions, in so far as they are inconsistent herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Duly presented and unanimously adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, held the 8th day of September, 1942, at which meeting all members of Council were present except Councilman Frank Turon.

(Signed) John J. Reilly
MAYOR

Attest: (SEAL)

(Signed) John D. McNulty
City Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution of City Council of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, duly adopted at a meeting held the 8th day of September, 1942, and that said resolution has been duly recorded upon the records of said City Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said City of Pittston this 8th day of September, 1942.

(SEAL)

(Signed) John D. McNulty
City Clerk

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3543. Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 8th, 1942, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "WHEREAS, petition for authority to fund unfunded debt contracted for current operating expenses, dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 18th, 1942, Resolution No. 3538, was presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions, of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, the final order of the Court was received, reading as follows: AND NOW, September 8th, 1942, upon consideration of the within petition and such facts as were shown at the hearing, it is hereby ordered and decreed that authority is hereby given to the City of Pittston to fund its unfunded debt in the amount of Ninety-four Thousand Dollars (\$94,000.) contracted for current operating expenses, the Court believing the proposed funding will accomplish the relief intended.

BY THE COURT

(Signed) Farrell
J.

(Seal)

Certified from the records
this 8 day of September, 1942

(Signed) Michael A. Yeosock
Clerk of the Court of
Quarter Sessions.

Per M. J. Kobson (Signed)
Deputy

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3544. Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 8th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made and concluded this 8th day of September 1942, by and between the CITY OF PITTSTON, COUNTY OF LUZERNE, a Municipal subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, party of the first part, hereinafter called CITY, and DEGEN, MESSER AND COMPANY, a Partnership organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, of Easton, Pennsylvania, party of the second part, hereinafter called COMPANY.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Pittston, at a regular meeting held on this 8th day of September, 1942, passed a resolution employing the said Company to prepare the Municipal Loans Tax Report for the said City for the year 1942, under certain terms and conditions, therefore

WITNESSETH

IN CONSIDERATION of the premises, it is hereby mutually agreed that

(a) The Company shall audit and determine the exempt holders of the bonds of the above-mentioned City for the year 1942, prepare the Municipal Loans Tax Report as required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and audit the Loans Tax Assessment made therefrom.

(b) As compensation for such services, the City agrees to pay and the Company agrees to accept the sum of Seventy-five (\$75.00) Dollars in full settlement for the preparation and filing of the said Report and the audit of the Tax Settlement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be duly executed by their proper officers, under their seal, the day and year aforesaid.

ATTEST:

CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA

(Signed) John D. McNulty
City Clerk

By (Signed) John J. Reilly
Mayor

DEGEN, MESSER AND COMPANY

By (Signed) D. H. Messer
Partner

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Sylvester O. Grablick, Director of Accounts & Finance, in letter dated September 8th, 1942, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of Council, recommended payment of the following bills:

Samuel Daley	Moving Pictures, Civilian Defense	\$ 5.60
Carl J. Burke	For Bond Issue, Luzerne Legal Register.	3.75
Joseph O'Brien	Expenses - State College, Pa.	40.00
Michael A. Yeosock	Clerk of the Courts, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Filing Fee, Bond Issue.	3.50
Pittston Gazette	Advertising Bond Issue	3.15
	Total	\$ 56.00

On motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above recommendations were approved of, and ordered paid when sufficient funds are available.

The following communications were received from Mayor John J. Reilly:

August 29th, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, as of this date, that it will be necessary to extend the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) John J. Reilly

JJR/fmk

JOHN J. REILLY, MAYOR

September 8th, 1942.

Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

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Respectfully yours,

(Signed) John J. Reilly
JOHN J. REILLY, MAYOR

JJR/fmk

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communications were approved of as read, extending the positions of the Special Police Officers and Police Clerks, as stated therein.

The following communication was received from William W. Hall,
Attorney:

September 4, 1942.

Mayor and City Council,
Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Louis Volpitti, owner of property on the southeast corner of Main and Parsonage Streets has asked me to bring to your attention the condition of the sidewalk on Main Street in front of his property.

It seems that when the new concrete roadway and curb was laid, the grade of the Street was changed; the top of the grade being some 4 to 6 inches above the top of the curb originally in the front of the property. As a result, the new grade forms a kind of a dam to hold the water, causing the water to fall on the sidewalk which forms a pool or reservoir of water after each rainstorm.

Mr. Volpitti says, that during the winter season the conditions are such that many pedestrians have to walk into the road instead of using the sidewalk.

As I view it, it is a matter which should be attended to by the City without cost or expense to Mr. Volpitti.

Very truly yours,

wwh/hmd

Wm. W. Hall

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and concurred in by members present, referring the above communication to the City Engineer, as well as the City Solicitor for their attention.

The following communication was received from City Engineer,
Mr. Thomas J. Halsey:

August 25, 1942.

Mr. John D. McNulty,
City Clerk,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

The letter concerning damages to the property of Mr. Ross Bufalino, 105 East Railroad Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, was received, and I made an inspection of same.

The gutter along Railroad Street is ample to carry away the storm water from any ordinary storm, it being 5½ feet wide and 10" below the level of the sidewalks with a fair grade.

I do not believe that the City should be responsible for the water conditions, which caused damages to the above property, as they have no control over the powers that cause these freak storms, flash floods and overloads the present sewer systems; also Railroad Street is controlled by the State Highway Department.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Halsey,
City Engineer.

TJH:AMM

Copy - Carl J. Burke,
City Solicitor.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous consent of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed, the City Solicitor notifying Council that the City was not responsible for these damages.

The following communication was received from Thomas J. Halsey, City Engineer:

August 25, 1942.

Mr. John D. McNulty,
City Clerk,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

In regards to letter of Mrs. Louise Osiecki of 61 Vine Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, dated June 9, 1942, as to her accident on the sidewalk located on the North side of East Railroad Street beneath the Erie Railroad Bridge.

Now knowing the condition of the sidewalk at the time of the accident I am unable to make a definite statement; but if the sidewalk was icy for a long period of time, as stated in the letter, I believe the City was negligent in not enforcing the cleaning of the sidewalk from snow and ice; but that the Railroad Company should be the party at fault for the accident for allowing their sidewalk to remain in an unsafe condition for the traveling public.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Halsey,
City Engineer.

TJH:AMM

Copy - Carl J. Burke,
City Solicitor.

Motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, that the above communication be referred to the attention of the City Solicitor.

The following communication was received from Mr. Thomas J. Halsey City Engineer:

September 2, 1942

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of
City Council, Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

As requested by the Chief of Police, Mr. Leo Tierney,

I made an inspection of the surface conditions at the Morgan Slope.

The Company has removed all the Building except the Engine house, and have filled in the Slope and Man-way leaving only the Air Shaft, which is protected by an enclosure and locked.

Very sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Halsey,
City Engineer.

TJH:AMM

Motion was made by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and concurred in by members present, that the above communication be received and filed.

The following communication was received from City Engineer, Thomas J. Halsey:

September 3, 1942

John D. McNulty, City Clerk,
City Hall,
Pittston City, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Enclosed find copies of letters to Mr. Rossman, District Engineer, Erie Railroad Company, regarding the crossings at Broad, Pine and Market Streets; and to the Pennsylvania Department of Highways at Scranton, Pennsylvania, regarding painting of lines at the upper end of William Street.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Halsey,
City Engineer.

TJH:AMM
Enc.

COPY

CITY OF PITTSBURGH
PENNSYLVANIA

September 1, 1942

Mr. Rossman, District Engineer,
Erie Railroad Company,
Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Rossman:

I have inspected the Street Crossings of the Erie Railroad Company in the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and find that the crossings at Broad, Pine and Market Streets are in a very poor condition.

The City Officials would greatly appreciate your prompt attention in correcting these conditions, so that they are in good condition for the coming winter months.

Thanking you, I remain

Very truly yours,

(S) Thomas J. Halsey

Thomas J. Halsey,
City Engineer

TJH:AMM