

COPYCITY OF PITTSTON
PENNSYLVANIA

September 2, 1942

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
Department of Highways,
Wyoming Avenue and Ash Street,
Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The City of Pittston have had their men out painting the lines on the Streets in the various parts of the City, and would greatly appreciate it if the State Department would cooperate and paint the lines at the upper end of William Street at the intersection with the Highway leading through Hughestown, Dupont and Avoca Boroughs.

Very truly yours,

(S) Thomas J. Halsey

Thomas J. Halsey,
City Engineer.

TJH:AMM

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and on Roll Call of members present, the above communications were ordered received and filed.

The following communication was received from Mr. M. A. Lippman, Assistant to the President of the Kentucky Rock Asphalt Company, Louisville, Kentucky:

September 1, 1942

Hon. John J. Reilly, Mayor,
City of Pittston,
City Hall,
Pittston, Pa.

Dear Mayor Reilly:

I wish to take this means of expressing my appreciation for the opportunity you afforded me to discuss the merits and uses of our product. I was indeed very pleased to learn that you want to carry on the Kentucky Rock Asphalt Wearing Surface work as soon as possible, and look forward to the privilege of serving you very soon.

Realizing that you do not want to do any bituminous work during cold weather, I know that you will endeavor to send us shipping instructions at the earliest possible moment.

I wish to assure you again that we are desirous of cooperating with you in every way possible. Therefore please do not hesitate to call upon us whenever you feel that we may be of further service to your city.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

(S) M. A. Lippman
M. A. Lippman,
Assistant to President.

MAL:GN

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and concurred in by members present, that contract be awarded to the lowest bidder on bid submitted at meeting of August 25th, for certain equipment and materials advertised for in local newspapers.

The International Harvester Company, Incorporated, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, having submitted the lowest bid, of Twenty-two Hundred and Three (\$2,203.00) Dollars, on a 3 Ton Truck Chassis and Cab, listed as Model K-7, conditioned upon proper priority rating being secured, was, on motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon vote of members present, awarded the contract.

The Gar Wood Industries, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, having submitted the lowest bid of Twenty-three Hundred Seventy-Five (\$2,375.00) Dollars, on Load-Packer Body, conditioned on proper Priority Rating being secured, was, upon motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, awarded the contract.

The Kentucky Rock Asphalt Company, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky, having submitted the lowest bid of Thirteen Dollars and Ten Cents (\$13.10) per Ton for Natural Rock Asphalt, was, upon motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, awarded the Contract.

The C. F. Goeringer Construction Co., Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, having submitted the lowest bid, of \$7.95 per Ton, for JC-5, and \$7.25 per Ton for HE-1, on motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, was awarded the contract, conditioned upon proper priority rating being secured.

Motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, to defer bid of Roy Stauffer, for Station Wagon Type Patrol Car, to a later meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, that the City Clerk be instructed to return all certified checks to the unsuccessful bidders.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.

APPROVED

September 29, 1942.

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ATTEST: September 29, 1942.

John D. McNulty

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 1942, AT 8:00 P.M.

City Council convened in regular session, Tuesday, September 29, 1942, at 8:00 P. M., with Councilman Sylvester C. Grablick presiding, and Councilmen Walsh and Turon, present, Mayor Reilly and Councilman Sheridan, absent.

Minutes of regular session of September 8th, 1942, were not read, but upon motion of Councilman Walsh, seconded by Councilman Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, were ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION #3545. Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 29th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of Forty-five Hundred (\$4,500.00) Dollars, be transferred from the Ash Collection Account, Department of Streets and Public Improvements, to Wages of Laborers, Department of Streets and Public Improvements."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3546. Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 29th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That City Council pledges itself, to provide in the 1943 Budget, its proportionate share, up to \$5,000.00, to further improvements of Gilmartin Park, situated in the Third Ward, City of Pittston, and hereby authorizes the Park Commission to proceed with the improvements of said Park, if and when the City Solicitor, in writing, approves of the legality of this Resolution."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3547. Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 29th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Councilman Turon, Director of Public Safety, be, and is hereby authorized, to hire a Fire Truck Driver, during an emergency, and that said Driver, be paid at the rate of \$1800.00 per annum, until such time as a driver is certified from the Civil Service List".

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous consent of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3548. Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 29th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That, Mr. Nick DiLeo, 30 Church Street, City, having made payment of \$57.00, for construction of new sidewalk, be refunded this payment, at his request, since sidewalk has not been constructed, to this date."

On motion by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3549. Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 29th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Doctor James S. Dixon, 33 Parsonage Street, City, be appointed a member of the Civil Service Board, to fill the unexpired term of Doctor William Connell, due to his moving out of the City."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3550. Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 29th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Messrs. M. J. Clark, Charles F. Morgan, George W. Bainbridge and Thomas J. Hennigan, be, and hereby, are re-appointed members of the City Park Commission."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon unanimous vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3551. Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 29th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, of the City of Pittston: "That John C. Kehoe, be, and is hereby appointed, a member of the City Park Commission, to fill the vacancy caused, due to the induction of former member, John Flanagan, into the United States Armed Forces."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Tax Collector, M. P. Ruane, under date of September 29th, 1942, submitted to Mr. Sylvester Grablick, Director of Accounts & Finances, the following list of incidental expenses of the Tax Collector's Office, with attached receipts, requesting that warrant be drawn, to his account for the reimbursement of same:

June 8, 1942	Melanie Conant, Notary Public two (2) affidavits on Tax Returns for 1941	1.00
July 8, 1942	James Gibbons, postmaster, 5000 post cards for School taxes 1942	50.00
July 10, 1942	Allan W. Smiles, repairing numbering machine	0.45
Aug. 6, 1942	Allan W. Smiles, repairing numbering machine	0.35
Aug. 9, 1942	James Gibbons, postmaster, Postage stamps for Tax Collectors office	10.00
Aug. 11, 1942	Melanie Conant, Notary Public one (1) affidavit	0.50
Aug. 18, 1942	LaBarre's Stationery Store two (2), ten column cash Ledger School and State, County & Poor Taxes @ \$3.00 each	6.00
Aug. 21, 1942	James Gibbons, postmaster, deposit on order of 5000 stamped envelopes for State, County and Poor taxes for year 1942	9.80
Sept. 17 1942	James Gibbons, postmaster, balance due on 5000 - 2¢ printed stamped envelopes	<u>100.00</u>
	Total	\$ 178.10

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, that the above request be approved of, and ordered paid.

Two communications, dated September 29th, 1942, addressed to Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, and reading as follows, were submitted by Councilman Grablick, Director of Accounts and Finance:

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

Volunteer Firemen,	Eagles Hose Company (12) February, 1942 to July, 1942, inclusive; 581 Hours @ .80	\$ 464.80
Volunteer Firemen,	Eagles Hose Company Special (32) February 1942 to July 1942, in- clusive; 193 Hours @ 80¢	154.40
Volunteer Firemen,	Niagara Hose Co. (27) February 1942 to July 1942, inclusive; 652 Hours @ 80¢	521.60
Clover Restaurant,	T. Collins, Proprietor, 43 Dinners, Firemen, @ 50¢	21.50
Carl J. Burke, City Solicitor,	Liens Satisfied.	1.50
New York Casualty Company,	Bonds - Police Dept., \$125.00; John Wills, Deputy Tax Collector, \$100.00.	225.00
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,	Department of Internal Affairs, Proposed Bond Issue	60.00

Total \$1,448.80

Respectfully submitted,

(S) Sylvester C. Grablick
Director of Accounts & Finance.

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

Justin Blewitt,	Attorney for Mrs. Marion Wilson, Final Settlement of Claim, in re: Wilson vs. City of Pittston.	\$ 300.00
Nick DiLeo,	Refund of Sidewalk Payment, Dated May 6th, 1942, Can- celled by Mr. DiLeo.	57.00
M. P. Ruane,	Tax Collector, Incidental Expenses of Tax Collector's Office, as per itemized state- ment, dated Sept. 30, 1942.	<u>178.10</u>
	Total	\$ 535.10

Respectfully submitted,
(S) Sylvester C. Grablick
Director of Acct. & Finance.

On motion by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above communications were approved of as read, and ordered paid, when sufficient funds are available.

The following communication, dated September 29th, 1942, addressed to City Council, was received from Mr. Edward J. Lynch:

Gentlemen:

Confirming information conveyed a few days ago to the head of my department, Councilman Frank Turon, and in compliance with his directions, I hereby respectfully request an indefinite leave of absence from my duties as Fire Truck Driver, effective October 1, 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

(S) Edward J. Lynch.

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, that the above communication be laid aside.

The following communication, dated September 11th, 1942, and addressed to City Solicitor Carl J. Burke, was received from Attorney J. Justin Blewitt:

Dear Sir:

I enclose, herewith copy of an order made today by Judge Aponick, placing specially on the Trial List for the week of October 19th, the six police cases noted in the order.

Very truly yours,

(S) J. Justin Blewitt

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor for his attention and action, as he sees fit, in the best interest of the Tax Payers.

Communication dated September 15th, 1942, and reading as follows, was received from Mary A. Sweeny, 11-13 Stout Street, City:

Dear Sirs:

I have requested this before, but never put it in writing before. I would like to have my property, 11-13 Stout Street, protected from surface and snow water in the winter.

City Engineer, Mr. Harry Myers, lived on Nafus Street at the time this property was built, and he surveyed the lot, and gave the contractor the proper grade, so I would like it protected.

There is a vacant lot opposite, which has never been graded or guttered, or drainage, and when it rains, or in the Spring or Winter, the water floods over to my place.

It is not necessary to tell, if any one comes there, they can see the condition.

Thanking you,

Respectfully,

Mary A. Sweeny,
11-13 Stout St., Pittston.

On motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the attention of the City Engineer, as well as the Superintendent of Streets.

Communication dated September 26th, 1942, addressed to the City Council, and reading as follows, was received from Curtis D. Thomas, Executive Vice-President, Miners Savings Bank, City:

Honorable Gentlemen:

This Bank is the owner of certain property situate on Carbondale Road, this City, formerly known as Barber Wholesale House.

The property, according to the records, is split into two assessments, one with a fifty-two 52' foot front and the other, one hundred fourteen and one-half (114½') feet. The buildings thereon were destroyed by fire, the last one happening on April 21st of this year.

The purpose of this communication is to request a refund of part of this years taxes, and may we also state in connection therewith that we have contracted to sell both pieces of land for \$1,000.00.

Awaiting your action, we remain,

Very truly yours,

(S) Curtis D. Thomas
Exec. V.- Pres.

On motion by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the attention of the City Solicitor, as well as the City Assessor.

Communication, dated September 25th, 1942, addressed to Mayor and City Council, was submitted by City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke, reading as follows:

In re: Wilson
vs: City of Pittston

Gentlemen:

Herewith are letters of August 4, and September 23 from Attorney Justin Blewitt in the above captioned matter.

I have gone over this matter carefully with Attorney Blewitt and visited the scene of the accident with City Engineer Halsey and Mr. Blewitt.

It is my opinion that under all the circumstances, the City would do well to settle this claim with Mr. Blewitt for the sum of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars. This is my recommendation to the City at this time.

Very truly yours,
(S) Carl J. Burke.

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present, that the Solicitor's recommendation be accepted and that warrant in the amount of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars, be drawn, in favor of Mr. Blewitt, in full settlement of this claim, upon receipt of Certificate of Discontinuance, from Mr. Blewitt.

The following communication, dated August 13th, 1942, addressed to the City Clerk, was submitted by City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke, reading as follows:

In re: John Marchulonis, Et Ux
vs: City of Pittston
No. 827 October Term, 1942

Dear Sir:

Today I entered my appearance in the above captioned matter in the Prothonotary's Office of Luzerne County, as counsel for the Defendant.

Very truly yours,
(S) Carl J. Burke

CJB:tm

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, that the above communication be received and filed.

The following communications were received from Mayor John J. Reilly:

September 18th, 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,
(S) John J. Reilly, Mayor

September 28th, 1942

Members of 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,

(S) John J. Reilly, Mayor

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, 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 requested therein.

Communication, dated September 29th, 1942, addressed to Members of City Council, and reading as follows, was received from Councilman Frank Turon, Director of Public Safety:

Gentlemen:

I am hereby advising, that due to the request of Edward J. Lynch, for an indefinite leave of absence, effective October 1st, 1942, it is necessary to appoint a driver in his place. There being no one on the eligible Civil Service List, for this position, I am requesting Council to authorize me to hire a driver, until one is certified from the Civil Service List.

Very truly yours,

(S) Frank Turon.
Director of Public Safety.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed, and Resolution adopted, authorizing Councilman Turon to hire a Driver, as per his request. (See Resolution #3547)

Permit application was received from the Allan Shoe Store, 47 N. Main Street, City, to erect an overhead, double-face, Masonite sign, at an approximate cost of Forty (\$40.00) Dollars.

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This application, having been approved of by the Superintendent of Streets, was approved, on motion by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present.

Permit application was received from the Gibbons Sign Shop, Wilkes-Barre, Penna., dated September 18th, 1942, to erect a neon, over-hanging, sidewalk sign, at the place of business of Florence Williams, 87 North Main Street, City, at an approximate cost of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars.

This application, having been approved by the Chief of the Fire Department, was, upon motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present, approved.

Permit application was received from the Gibbons Sign Shop, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., dated September 18th, 1942, to erect a neon, over-hanging, sidewalk sign, at the Bohemian Gardens, 70 North Main Street, City, at an approximate cost of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars.

This application, having been approved by the Chief of the Fire Department, was, upon motion by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, approved.

Permit application, was received from Gibbons Sign Shop, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., dated September 18th, 1942, to erect a neon, over-hanging, sidewalk sign, at the place of business of Joseph Boyle, 85 North Main St., City, at an approximate cost of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars.

This application, having been approved by the Chief of the Fire Department, was, upon motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, approved.

Permit application was received from Carmel Mack, 197 Elizabeth Street, City, dated September 26th, 1942, to erect a two-car garage, of concrete blocks, at the above address, at an approximate cost of Sixty (\$60.00) Dollars.

This application, having been approved by the Superintendent of Streets, was, upon motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by Roll Call of members present, approved.

This being the advertised meeting at which bids on the \$100,000. Bond Issue, are returnable, Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, that any and all bids be received and opened by the City Clerk as per legal advertisement. Mr. Grablick, presiding, asked if any one present desired to examine said bids submitted before opening same. There being no response, the City Clerk proceeded to open and read the bids submitted, and reading as follows:

Cincinnati, Ohio,
Sept. 26, 1942.

Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk,
Pittston, Pa.

Dear Sir:

For the \$100,000.00, Pittston, Pennsylvania, 2-3/4% Funding and Improvement Bonds, dated October 1, 1942, maturing \$10,000. October 1st, 1943, to 1952, we offer par, and in addition thereto, a premium of \$801.85.

We enclose our certified check for \$2000.00 on the Lincoln Nat'l Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

Seasongood & Mayer,
By L. Wanner.

Pittston, Pa.
Sept. 29, 1942.

Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk,
Pittston, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Subject to the provisions of the official notice of sale, we offer to purchase, all or none, the issue described in such notice as follows:

\$100,000.00 City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, 2-3/4% Funding & Improvement Bonds, dated October 1, 1942, due \$10,000. each year, October 1, 1943 to 1952, inclusive, at price of 100.8136, equivalent to par plus a total premium of \$813.60.

We enclose, herein our certified check in the sum of \$2000.00 payable to the order of the Treasurer of the City of Pittston, Pa.

Yours very truly,
Miners Savings Bank,
By S. H. Wilson, Treas.

Philadelphia, Penna.
September 28, 1942.

Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk,
City Hall, Pittston, Penna.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Subject to the conditions set forth in the official notice of sale, we bid par and accrued interest from the day of issue to the date of delivery, plus a premium of \$670.00 which is equivalent to 100.67 for all of the \$100,000. face value 2-3/4% coupon Funding and Improvement Bonds of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

We enclose our certified check in the amount of \$2000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Schmidt, Poole & Co.
By Donald W. Poole.

New York City, N. Y.
Sept. 28, 1942.

Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk,
City Hall, Pittston, Pa.

Dear Sir:

For the \$100,000. par value City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, Funding and Improvement Bonds, to be dated, October 1st, 1942, and to mature \$10,000. each year from October 1, 1943 to and October 1, 1952, we will pay you a total sum of \$100,779.00 and accrued interest from date of issue to date of delivery to us for bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2-1/2% per annum.

As required, we are enclosing, herewith, our certified check in the amount of \$2000. payable to the order of the Treasurer of the City of Pittston, Penna.

Yours very truly,

Hemphill, Noyes & Co.,
S. K. Cunningham & Co., Inc.,
Phillips, Schmertz & Co.,
By Hemphill, Noyes & Co.,
Manager.

There being no other bids submitted, motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon and upon Roll Call of members present, to recess long enough to tabulate the bids received.

After a short recess members of Council returned to Council Chambers and Mr. Grablick, presiding, announced the result of the bids.

Hemphill, Noyes & Company, having submitted the lowest bid of 2-1/2% and premium of \$779.00, on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon unanimous vote of members present, were awarded purchase of said bonds.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to return with thanks, checks of the unsuccessful bidders.

On motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to request the Civil Service Board to arrange for an immediate examination of applicants for positions in the Police and Fire Departments.

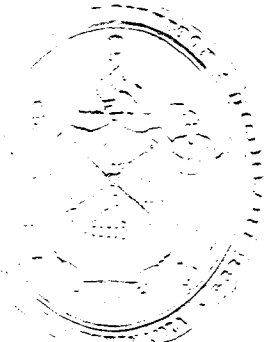
AN ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE #431. TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.) FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING FLOATING DEBT CONTRACTED FOR CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES AND FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT; APPROVING THE FORM OF BOND AND COUPON; PROVIDING FOR THE RATE OF INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AND FIXING THE MATURITY DATES THEREOF; STATING THE ESTIMATED PERIOD OF USEFULNESS OF THE EQUIPMENT TO BE PURCHASED FROM A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS TO BE ISSUED; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT, LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A TAX TO PAY THE INTEREST AND TAXES COVENANTED TO BE PAID THEREON AND THE PRINCIPAL THEREOF AT MATURITY; DIRECTING JOHN J. REILLY AND JOHN D. McNULTY, BEING RESPECTIVELY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK, TO PREPARE, VERIFY AND FILE THE REQUIRED STATEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO CERTIFY AND FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE NECESSARY PROCEEDINGS. Said Ordinance being on file with the City Clerk, in Ordinance Record Book, Page No. 166.

On motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was approved and passed upon First Reading.

On motion by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, said Ordinance was read a second time, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, approved, and passed, upon second reading.

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn until Saturday, October 3rd, 1942, at 1:00 P. M., at which time this regular session of Council would be continued.



ATTEST: October 13th, 1942.

John D. McNulty

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<u>JOHN D. McNULTY</u>		
CITY CLERK		

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, OCTOBER 3RD, 1942, AT 1:15 P. M.

Continued regular session of City Council of Tuesday, September 29th, 1942, re-convened today, Saturday, October 3rd, 1942, at 1:15 P.M., with Director of Accounts & Finance, Councilman Grablick, presiding, and Councilman Walsh and Councilman Sheridan, present, Councilman Turon and Mayor Reilly, absent.

RESOLUTION #3552. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 3rd, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

WHEREAS, the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, desires to erect, operate and maintain traffic signals at the intersection of North Main and William Streets, Legislative Routes 5 and 232, and

WHEREAS, the Vehicle Code requires the approval of the State Secretary of Highways before any traffic signals may be legally erected or reconstructed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that traffic signals be erected at the above mentioned location, subject to the approval of the State Secretary of Highways, and that his approval is hereby requested, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in the event a traffic signal permit is approved after proper investigation by the State Secretary of Highways or his agent, the City of Pittston will be bound by the following provisions:

The installation shall be made in accordance with the requirements of the Vehicle Code and the Manual of Regulations for Official Traffic Signs and Signals of this Commonwealth, and

Should future highway or traffic conditions, or legal requirements, necessitate alteration of the construction or operation, or hours of operation, or removal of the traffic signals at the above mentioned intersection, they shall be altered or removed when and as directed by the State Secretary of Highways.

I, (S) John D. McNulty, City Clerk of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, do certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution legally adopted at a meeting held Saturday, October 3rd, 1942.

(SEAL)

Signed

(S) John D. McNulty
City Clerk

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3553. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 3rd, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

WHEREAS, the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, desires to erect, operate and maintain traffic signals at the intersection of Main, Broad and Water Streets, Legislative Route 5, and

WHEREAS, the Vehicle Code requires the approval of the State Secretary of Highways before any traffic signals may be legally erected or reconstructed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that traffic signals be erected at the above mentioned location, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Highways, and that his approval is hereby requested, and (/State)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in the event a traffic signal permit is approved after proper investigation by the State Secretary of Highways or his agent, the City of Pittston will be bound by the following provisions:

The installation shall be made in accordance with the requirements of the Vehicle Code and the Manual of Regulations for Official Traffic Signs and Signals of this Commonwealth, and

Should future highway or traffic conditions, or legal requirements, necessitate alteration of the construction or operation, or hours of operation, or removal of the traffic signals at the above mentioned intersection, they shall be altered or removed when and as directed by the State Secretary of Highways.

I, (S) John D. McNulty, City Clerk of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania do certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution legally adopted at a meeting held Saturday, October 3rd, 1942.
(SEAL)

Signed

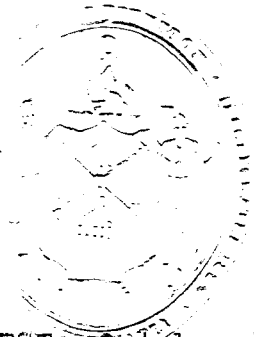
(S) John D. McNulty
City Clerk

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, above Resolution was adopted.

ORDINANCE #431. TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.), was read for the Third time.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, above Ordinance was approved, and passed upon Third and Final Reading.

There being no other business, motion was made by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote of members present, to adjourn, motion carried.



ATTEST: October 13th, 1942.

John D. McNulty

<u>APPROVED</u>		
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CITY CLERK		

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, OCTOBER 13TH, 1942, AT 7:30 P. M.

in regular session

City Council convened Tuesday, October 13th, 1942, at 7:30 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Council of September 29th, 1942, and continued until Saturday, October 3rd, 1942, were not read, but upon motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, were ordered received and filed.

Mayor Reilly presented his report for the month of September, 1942 of Fines and Meter Collections, reading as follows:

Parking Meter Collections.	\$ 360.25
Parking Violations.	5.00
Violation of City Ordinances.	10.00
	<u>\$ 375.25</u>

Respectfully submitted,

(S) John J. Reilly, Mayor.

On motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved of and ordered filed.

City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane, submitted report dated September 30, 1942, on the condition of receipts and disbursements of his office as of the 30th day of September, 1942:

Cash on Hand, September 1st, 1942.....	\$ 54,996.23
Receipts during the month.....	<u>22,875.37</u>
Total	\$ 77,871.60
By Cash to Warrants Paid.....	\$ 27,599.47
Cash on Hand, September 30th, 1942.....	<u>50,272.13</u>
Total	\$ 77,871.60

Cash on Hand, September 30th, 1942,
credited to the following funds:

General Fund.....	\$ 37,587.37
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account.....	10,957.26
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account.....	1,225.42
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account.....	<u>502.08</u>
Total	\$ 50,272.13

Respectfully submitted,

(S) M. P. Ruane,
City Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Mr. M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer, submitted report dated September 30th, 1942, of City Licenses issued by him during the month, to the amount of \$274.00.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Mr. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted the following report dated October, 1st, 1942:

The Honorable Mayor and City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of September, 1942:

	Corrected and Sealed	Adjusted
Wagon Scales	1	
Person Weighers	10	
Counter Scales	7	3
Oil Pumps	4	
Gasoline Pumps	5	
Prescription Scales	4	

Respectfully submitted,

(S) Thomas Newcomb,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

On motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Mr. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted the following report dated October 1st, 1942, reading as follows:

The Honorable Mayor and City Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month
of September, 1942:

Warning signs posted (No Dumping)	3
Visits to Beef Houses (each)	3
Health Certificates issued	23
Visits to Eating Houses & Restaurants	4
Monthly reports sent to Medical Director.	
Weekly reports sent to Medical Director.	

Respectfully yours,

Thomas Newcomb.
Health Officer.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walth, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION #3554. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 13th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from October 8th, 1942."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3555. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 13th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of \$925.42 be transferred from the Sinking Fund, 1935 Bond and Interest Account, to the Sinking Fund, 1923 Bond and Interest Account."

"That the sum of \$1,154.82, be transferred from the General Fund, to the Sinking Fund, 1923 Bond and Interest Account."

"That the sum of \$40.00 be transferred from the Department of Public Safety, Communication Account, to the Department of Public Safety, Miscellaneous Or Other Account."

"That the sum of \$75.00 be transferred from the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Purchase of Major Equipment Account, to the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Gas & Oil Account."

"That the sum of \$25.00 be transferred from the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Major Equipment Account, to the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Rental Equipment Account."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3556. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 13th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Major R. N. Myers, Director of Civilian Defense, for the City of Pittston, having re-entered the service of the United States Armed Forces, be commended for the splendid and efficient manner in which he conducted the Office of Civilian Defense Director, during his tenure of office. The Mayor and Members of City Council wish to thank him for his time and attention devoted to this office, which was strictly a volunteered service."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above resolution was approved, and adopted.

Mr. Grablick, Director of Accounts & Finance, in letter dated October 13th, 1942, recommended payment of the following bills:

Airport Sand and Gravel Co.	August & Sept. 1942	
	Bills.	\$321.25
Bell Telephone Co.	2 Months, to Oct. 16, 1942.	98.22
L. V. R. R. Co.	Misc. Freight Bills.	47.30
Erie R. R. Co.	Misc. Freight Bills.	34.10
Postage Stamps.	Police, Mayor, City Clerk, Acct. & Finance.	20.00
Post Cards.	Tax Appeals.	35.00
Jos. W. Alaimo	Mixer Rental.	90.00
Mrs. Mame Llewellyn	Judgment.	750.00
D. F. Dull.	Traffic Signals.	3.25
	Total	\$ 1,399.12

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 communication, dated October 10th, 1942, was received from Joseph O'Brien, City Fire Chief:

October 10th, 1942.
Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

I hereby tender my resignation as Fire Chief of the City of Pittston, effective Thursday, October 15th, 1942.

This resignation is being presented due to my appointment as Assistant Fire Chief, at the U. S. Naval Supply Depot, Mechanicsburg, Penna.

Respectfully,
(S) M. J. O'Brien.

Motion was made by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, that the above communication be received and filed, and that the following Resolution be spread upon the minutes of City Council, in acceptance by Council of the above resignation:

RESOLUTION #3557. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 13th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Joseph O'Brien, City Fire Chief since the first Monday in January of the year 1942, having submitted his resignation effective Thursday, October 15th, 1942, in order to accept appointment, as Assistant Fire Chief at the U. S. Naval Supply Depot, Mechanicsburg, Pa., be commended upon the excellent services rendered by him and the efficient manner in which he conducted the Fire Departments during his term of office. Also, that he carry with him the respect and best wishes of the Mayor and Members of City Council, for continued success in his chosen field."

On motion by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3558. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 13th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Director of Public Safety, Mr. Frank Turon, be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint a temporary Fire Chief, as well as an Assistant Fire Chief, if necessary, to fill whatever vacancies may be caused in the Fire Department, due to the resignation of the former Fire Chief, Mr. Joseph O'Brien."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

The following communication, dated October 9th, 1942, was received from City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke:

John D. McNulty, City Clerk,
City Hall, Pittston, Penna.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

In reference to the resolution covering the Miss Mame Llewellyn claim, I recommend that this matter be again brought before Council for the final approval of the bill.

OJB:tm

(S)

Very truly yours,
Carl J. Burke.

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

The following communication, dated October 13th, 1942, and reading as follows, was received from City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke:

Mayor and City Council,
City Hall, Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

At the last meeting you referred to me for a written opinion, your action of promising an appropriation to the Park Commission for the improvement of Gilmartin Park, in the City of Pittston.

The Act of 1931, P.L. 1086, Section 3707 authorizes the action taken by you at your recent meeting and it is my opinion that we have fulfilled all the requisites of the statute.

OJB:tm

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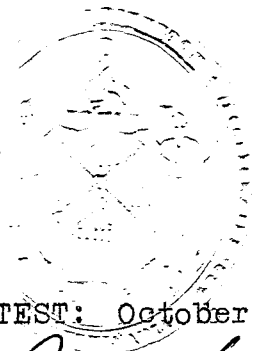
Very truly yours,
Carl J. Burke.

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

The Department of Internal Affairs, under date of October 9th, 1942, reports that in the matter of proceedings for increasing the bonded indebtedness of the City of Pittston, in the County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in the sum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.) Dollars, by virtue of Ordinance enacted October 3rd, 1942, application is approved by the Department of Internal Affairs, as of October 9th, 1942, and on the same day Certificate of Approval No. 4421 issued to the said Municipality.

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, above report was ordered received and filed.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn until Saturday, October 17th, at 3:00 P. M.



ATTEST: October 17th, 1942.

John D. McNulty

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JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, OCTOBER 17TH, 1942, AT 3:00 P.M.

City Council re-convened in regular session, adjourned meeting of Tuesday, October 13th, 1942, today, Saturday, October 17th, 1942, at 3:00 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members of Council present, excepting Mr. Turon who was absent.

Minutes of meeting of October 13th, 1942, were read, and upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and on Roll Call of members present, were approved of as read and ordered filed.

RESOLUTION #3559. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 17th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Frank Castner be, and is hereby appointed Acting Fire Chief, effective October 16th, 1942, on the same salary basis as that paid former Fire Chief Joseph O'Brien, resigned."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3560. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 17th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Clarence Sutter be, and is hereby appointed, Acting Assistant Fire Chief, effective October 16th, 1942, on the same salary basis as paid present Assistant Fire Chiefs, to fill vacancy caused by the appointment of Assistant Fire Chief Frank Castner as Acting Fire Chief."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3561. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 17th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the City Council shall sit as the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals on November 16th, 17th, and 18th, 1942, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock and 10:00 o'clock, P.M., at the City Assessor's Office, City Hall, Broad Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, to hear and determine all appeals by taxpayers of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, from assessments made by the City Assessors for the 1942 Triennial and yearly assessments, and the City Assessors shall give all persons to be given a hearing, at least five (5) days written notice of the time and place fixed herein for hearing on said appeals."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION #3562. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 17th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That, in conformity with rules and regulations of the Office of Civilian Defense, wherein a Property Officer shall be appointed before certain supplies and materials, allocated to the City of Pittston, can be furnished, said officer to be bonded in the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, premium to be paid by the City of Pittston, John D. McNulty, is hereby appointed Property Officer, and bonded as per rules and regulations of the Office of Civilian Defense."

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3563. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 17th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the proposal submitted by Roy Stauffer, dated August 25th, 1942, to furnish and deliver to the City of Pittston, Chevrolet 1942 Six-Cylinder, Standard Station Wagon, for the sum of Twelve Hundred Seventy-five (\$1275.00) Dollars be rejected, and Certified check in the amount of Seventy-five (\$75.00) Dollars accompany said proposal, returned with thanks since said Roy Stauffer has been unable to deliver said Station Wagon in accordance with specifications."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3564. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 17th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That proposal submitted by Alaimo and Son, 11-13 Tompkins Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, to rent to the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, One (1) Koehring Mixer, at the rate of Thirty (\$30.00) Dollars per week for a minimum of three (3) weeks or longer, and that the City of Pittston be permitted to purchase said Mixer within Sixty (60) days from date of October 13th, 1942, at purchase price of Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars, less rentals paid within sixty (60) day optional period, be accepted and agreement properly executed."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3565. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 17th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That due to clerical error in copying 1942 School Tax Duplicate, additional assessment of \$20,936.00 on property of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, 79-81 North Main Street, Seventh Ward, City of Pittston, be cancelled to conform with Resolution #3527, adopted by City Council June 13th, 1942, copy of which was forwarded Attorney Frank M. Flanagan, Solicitor for Pittston City School Board."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3566. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 17th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That due to clerical error in copying 1942 School Tax Duplicate, additional assessment of \$12,523.00 on property of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, 47 North Main Street, Seventh Ward, City of Pittston, be cancelled to conform with Resolution #3528 adopted by City Council, June 13th, 1942, copy of which was forwarded Attorney Frank M. Flanagan, Solicitor for Pittston City School Board."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3567. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 17th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke, be and is hereby authorized, to engage additional counsel to assist in representing the City in Police trials, listed for December, 1942 Term of Court, at a fee, not to exceed \$1,000.00, for all cases involved before both Lower and Upper Courts."

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:

Scranton, Pa.
September 29, 1942.

Mr. John Dobbie, City Assessor,
City Hall, Pittston, Penna.

Dear Mr. Dobbie:

The Blackman Estate have 28/100 of an acre of coal situated in the second ward of the City of Pittston, assessed at \$84.00, on which we have been receiving tax notices since 1933. Before that time the Lehigh Valley Coal Company paid the taxes.

This particular piece of land is of no value to us and, I understand, will never be mined - it is absolutely worthless. Under these circumstances, will you be kind enough to remove this parcel from your assessment.

I am writing this same letter to the County Assessors.
Thank you very much for accomplishing this for us.

Sincerely yours,
(S) John H. Blackman, Executor
Estate of John Hughes Blackman.

JHB:R

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, that Mr. Blackman be notified that land referred to, be conveyed to City before it can be removed from assessment books.

The following communication was received and read:

August 13th, 1942.

John D. McNulty, City Clerk,
City Hall, Pittston, Pa.

In re: Patrolman Dominick Muzzupappa

Dear Sir:

Herewith is a file on the above captioned matter, together with a copy of the Act of April 21, 1942.

It is my opinion that if Patrolman Muzzupappa can support his petition that his parents are dependent upon him, the City, under the law, must pay one-half of his salary to his parents.

It is suggested, however, that an investigation be made to determine this dependency before payment is made.

Very truly yours,

CJB:tm
Enclosures.

(S) Carl J. Burke

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

The following communication was received and read:

September 29, 1942.

Mayor and Members of City Council,
Pittston, Pa.

In re: Mary Menik
vs: City of Pittston

Gentlemen:

Herewith is a letter from City Engineer Halsey and Attorney John R. Reap in the above captioned matter.

In view of the serious damage and the attached letter of Engineer Halsey, it is recommended to Council that this claim be settled for the sum of Three Hundred Fifty (\$350.00) Dollars.

Very truly yours,

Carl J. Burke,
City Solicitor

CJB:tm
Enclosures.

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, recommendations of City Solicitor Burke, were approved, and amount of claim ordered paid.

There being no other business, on motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, meeting adjourned.

APPROVED

October 29th, 1942

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JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK

ATTEST: October 29th, 1942.

John D. McNulty

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, OCTOBER 29TH, 1942, AT 2:00 P.M.

Pittston City Council met in Special Session, Thursday, October 29th, 1942, at 2:00 P.M., Waiver of notice being waived by all present. On Roll Call, the following members answered present: Messrs. Grablick, Walsh, Turon, Sheridan, and Mayor Reilly.

Minutes of re-convened regular session of October 17th, 1942, were read, and upon motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote of members present, were approved of as read and ordered filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3568. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 29th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from October 18th, 1942."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3569. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 29th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the following Transfers be made:

\$5,000.00 from Miscellaneous Accounts, Accounts Payable, to Wages of Laborers Street Department.

\$2,558.16 from Miscellaneous Accounts, Scranton Electric Company, to Wages of Laborers, Street Department.

\$1,500.00 from Miscellaneous Accounts, W. P. A. Project, Material and Supplies, to Wages of Laborers, Street Department.

\$1,500.00 from Miscellaneous Accounts, W. P. A. Project, Material and Supplies, to Wages, Street Cleaning, Street Department.

\$500.00 from Maintenance of Fire House, Department of Public Safety, to Wages, Street Cleaning, Street Department.

\$300.00 from Material and Supplies, Department of Public Safety, to Wages, Ash Collection, Street Department.

\$700.00 from Equipment, Department of Public Safety, to Wages, Ash Collection, Street Department."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3570. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 29th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from October 28, 1942."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3571. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 29th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Telephone, at the home of former Fire Chief Joseph O'Brien, 173 Broad Street, listed under the number 1 8 3 1, be transferred to the home of present Fire Chief Frank Castner, 149 Butler Street, City."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3572. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 29th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Fire Alarm House Bell, be extended to the home of newly appointed Assistant Fire Chief, Clarence Sutter."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3573. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 29th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Paul Fearick, being the only applicant to take the recent Civil Service examination for the position of Fire Truck Driver, and having passed said examination with a mark of 95%, is hereby appointed to the position of Extra Fire Truck Driver, at the rate of \$1800.00 per annum, effective November 1st, 1942. This appointment being made to fill existing vacancy."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3574. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 29th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the City Solicitor, be, and is hereby instructed to satisfy property liens, when, and as directed by the City Treasurer."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. Grablick, in letter dated October 29th, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, recommends payment of the following bills:

Michael Bone	Trucks, Inspection.	\$ 6.00
John R. Reap, Attorney.	Benny and Mary Menik.	350.00
Delivery of Bonds to New York City.		80.00
E. A. Wright Bank Note Co.	Printing of Bonds.	74.45
Townsend, Elliott & Munson.	Professional Services, Preparation of 1942 Bond Issue.	303.86
American Surety Co., Carl J. Burke.	Property Officer Bond. Satisfaction of Liens, Prothonotary's Office.	5.00 1.20
Thomas Hood.	Semi-Annual Check-up and Repairs to Fire Alarm System.	43.86
		\$ 864.37

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above recommendations were approved of as read.

The following communication, dated October 26th, 1942, was received from the League of Cities of the Third Class in Pennsylvania:

Mr. John D. McNulty,
City Clerk,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. McNulty:

I thank you for your letter of October 23 regarding 1942 dues, and had hoped that Pittston would make the payment this year as before. It would leave only the two cities of Carbondale and Altoona not affiliated with

the League. Carbondale never has been affiliated and the present Altoona administration is so wrapped up in the Conference of Mayors that their Mayor cannot see his way clear to join with the League.

In this connection I might draw your attention to Act No. 109, Pamphlet Laws 1941, page 235, by which you are authorized to amend your budget at any time to provide for items which have been over looked or which have newly arisen.

I am,

WEG:flt

Very sincerely yours,
(S) W. E. Greenwood, Pres.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, this communication was ordered received and filed, since no provision had been made in the 1942 Budget to cover these dues.

The following communication was received from the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, through its local agents, Kehoe and McNamara:

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 24, 1942.

Kehoe and McNamara
Dime Bank Building,
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

In order to avoid any misunderstanding which may arise, we deem it an obligation to inform our policyholders that Boiler and Machinery Policies do not and will not provide any war damage protection.

As you know the War Damage Corporation has been formed to provide insurance against physical loss or damage to property resulting from enemy attack including any action taken by the military, naval or air forces of the United States in resisting enemy attack.

It is our desire to eliminate the possibility of conflict with insurance provided by the War Damage Corporation, and at the same time clarify the intent of the coverage provided by Boiler and Machinery Policies. The enclosed Endorsement bearing Form No. 158 has been prepared in duplicate to form a part of the Boiler or Machinery Policy appearing below.

Will you please request your client to sign one copy of the enclosed Endorsement and return same to you for delivery to the undersigned?

Your prompt co-operation will be appreciated.

Yours truly,
(S) J. A. Berry,
Resident Manager.

Assured
City of Pittston
Kehoe-Berge Coal Co., et al

Policy No.
MB-51416
MB-65832

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to comply with the above request by executing the enclosed endorsement referred to, therein.

The following communication, dated October 27th, 1942, was received from John H. Blackman, Jr.:

Mr. John M. Dobbie,
City Assessor,
City Hall, Pittston, Penna.

Dear Mr. Dobbie:

Thank you very much for your letter of

October 23rd. I cannot understand why the City Council would want this particular parcel of land conveyed to the City of Pittston if it has no value.

I have no objection to making the change, but just how would I go about accomplishing this.

Sincerely yours,

JHB:R

(S) John H. Blackman.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above communication was referred to the attention of the City Solicitor, as well as the Chief City Assessor.

The following communication, dated October 26th, 1942, has been received from Frank A. Earley, Secretary of the Civil Service Board:

Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council,
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that Paul Fearick has successfully passed the Civil Service Examination for the position of Fire Truck Driver at the mark of 95%.

Respectfully submitted,

(S) Francis A. Earley,
Secretary,
Civil Service Board.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.

ATTEST: November 10th, 1942.



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JOHN D. McNULTY		
CITY CLERK		

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, NOVEMBER 10TH, 1942 AT 8:15 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, November 10th, 1942, at 8:15 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members of Council present.

Minutes of Special Session of Thursday, October 29th, 1942, were read, and upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present, approved of as read and ordered filed.

Mayor Reilly presented report for the month of October, 1942, of Meter Collections, reading as follows:

November 2nd, 1942.

Honorable Members of the City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit a report of the Meter Collections received by this Department for the month of October, 1942:

October 1, 1942-October 31, 1942 Parking Meter Fees \$382.05

Respectfully submitted,
JJR:fmk (S) John J. Reilly, Mayor

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved of as read and ordered filed.

City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane submitted report dated October 31st, 1942, on condition of receipts and disbursements of his office for the month of October 1942, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, October 1st, 1942.....	\$ 50,272.13
Receipts during the month including 1942	
Funding and Improvement Bond Receipts	
in the amount of \$100,910.94.....	122,255.38
Total	\$172,527.51

By Cash to Warrants Paid.....	\$ 30,869.93
Cash on Hand October 31st, 1942.....	141,657.58
Total	\$172,527.51

Cash on Hand October 31st, 1942
credited to the following funds:

General Fund.....	\$ 37,171.41
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account.....	1,986.40
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account.....	784.74
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account.....	804.09
1942 Funding and Improvement Bonds Account.....	100,910.94
Total	\$141,657.58

Respectfully submitted,
(S) M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Mr. M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer, in report dated October 31st, 1942, reported City License issued by his office during the month of October in the amount of \$101.50.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved of and ordered filed.

Mr. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures submitted the following report dated November 2nd, 1942:

The Honorable Mayor and City Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
October 1942:

	Corrected and Sealed	Adjusted
Wagon Scales	1	4
Counter Scales	15	
Oil Pumps	2	
Gasoline Pumps	5	
Beam Scales	2	

Respectfully submitted,
(S) Thomas Newcomb
Sealer of Weights & Measures.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Mr. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted the following report dated November 2nd, 1942:

The Honorable Mayor and City Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
October, 1942:

Warning signs posted (No Dumping)	2
Health Certificates issued and filed	25
Visits to Eating Houses & Restaurants (each)	4
Weekly Report sent to the Medical Director.	
Monthly Report sent to the Medical Director.	

Respectfully submitted,

(S) Thomas Newcomb,
Health Officer.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION #3575. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 10th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from November 7th, 1942."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3576. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 10, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the City Council shall sit as the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals, on November 23rd, 24th, and 25th, between the hours of 7:00 P. M. and 10:00 P. M., instead of November 16th, 17th, and 18th, 1942, as provided for in previous Resolution No. 3561."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3577. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 10th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of \$600.00 be transferred from the Department of Public Affairs, Bureau of Health & Weights and Measures, Item, "Others", to the Department of Public Affairs, Police Department, Item, "Wages of Special Officers".

"That the sum of \$300.00 be transferred from the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Item "Purchase of Major Equipment", to the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Item "Rental of Equipment".

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3578. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 10th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the following transfers be made:

\$1,400.00 from the 1923 Bond and Interest Account, Sinking Fund, to the 1938 Bond and Interest Account, Sinking Fund.

\$780.00 from the 1935 Bond and Interest Account, Sinking Fund, to the 1938 Bond and Interest Account, Sinking Fund.

\$2,065.91 from the General Fund, to the 1938 Bond and Interest Account, Sinking Fund."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3579. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 10th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of \$800.00 be transferred from the Department of Public Affairs, Item "Gas-Oil-Repairs, etc.", to the Dept. of Streets and Public Improvements, Item "Gas & Oil".

"That the sum of \$1200.00 be transferred from the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Item "Street Lighting" to the department of Streets and Public Improvements, Item "Material and Supplies".

"That the sum of \$110.00 be transferred from the Department of Public Affairs, Item "Office Supplies Office of Mayor" to the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Item "Maintenance and Repairs".

"That the sum of \$50.00 be transferred from the Department of Accounts & Finance, Item "Communication Account" to the Department of Accounts and Finance, Item "Advertising and Printing Reports".

"That the sum of \$400.00 be transferred from the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Item "Street Lighting" to the Department of Public Safety, Item "Material and Supplies".

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts & Finance, Sylvester C. Grablick, in letter dated November 10th, 1942, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, recommended payment of the following bills:

Firemen's Relief Fund.	(Foreign Fire Insurance)	\$ 2,279.34
Allan, John A.	Compensation & Liability	908.79
American La-France Foamite Corp.	Supplies	362.17
Barber Motor Car Company	Parts, etc.	18.61
Barritt, Walter S.	Glasses, (meters)	22.50
Eutera Auto Body Works.	Repairs, etc.	14.75
Borr & Casey	Supplies	2.00
Bone, Mike	Truck Inspection	6.00
Churchfield, V. E.	Repairs	1.50
Clarkson Chemical Company	Supplies	32.90
Consumer's Gas & Oil Co.	Gas & Oil	580.27

(Continued)

Consumer's Ice Co.	Ice	\$ 53.50
Coal-O-Matic Stoker Co.	Repairs.	25.00
Duro-Test Corp.	Bulbs	43.47
Eagen Hardware Co.	Materials, etc.	61.47
Egan Oil & Supply Co.	Gas & Oil	166.50
Evans, Wesley M.	Misc. Parts.	130.75
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Water	23.00
Gamon, Thomas Jr.	Reflecting Symbol	10.54
Huber Manufacturing Co.	Repairs	15.88
Hunt, Harry Co.	Supplies	27.85
Klein Auto Parts Co.	Misc. Parts, etc.	97.03
Kentucky Rock Asphalt Co.	Asphalt	3,144.00
Kleinrock's	Stenciling Raincoats	6.50
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Supplies	34.30
Ludwig's Hardware	Supplies	52.70
Luzerne Legal Register	Bids, Subscription	62.50
Mitchell, P. F.	Cement, etc.	928.36
Newcomb Bros.	Coal	60.65
Neidich Process	Typewriter Ribbons	10.00
Pittston Printing Co.	Patrolmen's Reports	35.00
Peck & Evans	Supplies	7.03
Pittston Oil Co.	Gas & Oil	170.15
Powers, A. S.	Supplies	50.23
Scranton Spring Br. Water Serv.	Hydrants, etc.	300.63
Scranton Electric Co.	Light, (Buildings)	78.73
Scranton Electric Co.	Street Lighting	2,012.90
Stauffer, Roy	Misc. Parts, etc.	13.12
Sammon, P. A.	Insurance	4.13
Scranton Supply & Mach. Co.	(1) Signal Complete	31.75
Smiles, Allan W.	Keys.	.30
Weinberger, Gus	Repairs	3.30
Williams Paper Co.	Supplies	7.75
Wilkes-Barre Publishing Co.	Advertising	112.20
Yeosick, Michael A.	Filing, Transcribing	6.50
Alaimo & Son	Rental of Mixer	60.00
	Total \$	12,076.55

Respectfully submitted,
(S) Sylvester C. Grablick.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above bills were approved of and ordered paid when sufficient funds are available.

The following letter, dated November 7th, 1942, was received from the Executive Office of the President, Office for Emergency Management, 573 Broad Street Station Building, Philadelphia, Pa.:

Mr. John D. McMulty, City Clerk
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Re: War Price & Rationing Board #40

Dear Sir:

We have a request from the Local Rationing Board to prepare a lease for a portion of Old City Hall, Water Street, Pittston, Pa., to be used by this Rationing Board at a rental of \$60.00 per month.

We presume that the building is owned by the City of Pittston, but before preparing the lease we should like to know just how the title is registered; also will you let us know the names of the persons who will execute the lease.

Will you also please inform us as to the exact numbers of these rooms, or the exact location of them in the building?

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,
R. C. Butts, Regional Manager
By: (S) E. J. Weber
Acting Regional Service Operations Officer

GWN:F

On motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above letter was referred to the City Solicitor.

The following letter, dated November 6th, 1942, was received from the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania:

Mr. Thomas J. Halsey,
City Engineer,
City of Pittston, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to yours of September 28th relative to the extension of sewer line on Brandenburg Lane to a point near Cornelia Street, Pittston, Pa., we are enclosing three copies of preliminary agreement form to cover the proposed construction on our property and under the two tracks of the Pittston Town Track at MP 184.84.

Please return all three forms properly executed by the City officials along with check for \$34.00 to cover fee for preparation of agreement and annual rental of \$24.00. Upon approval by our company, this form will be returned to you and will serve as agreement until regular form of agreement has been prepared and executed.

WAM-13

F. S. Mitten
Superintendent

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote of members present, the preliminary agreement form referred to in the above letter was accepted, and the proper officers authorized to execute said agreement.

Petition dated November 6th, 1942, to install Street Lamp at, or near, 167 North Main Street, was presented by Mr. Joseph Abate, 189 North Main Street, City, containing the signature of twenty-two persons.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above petition was referred to the Superintendent of Streets, as well as the City Engineer, for approval of proper location and erection of said Street Lamp.

The following letter, dated November 4th, 1942, was received from the Hitchner Biscuit Company, West Pittston, Pa.:

City of Pittston,
Street Department.

Gentlemen:

In front of property #54 Broad Street, there is a large Maple tree. The interior of the trunk is entirely rotted away and it stands only on the shell at this time. I think it should be removed before it causes any damage or injuries to pedestrians or automobiles that are parked near it.

I trust you will give it your attention, as I feel that you do not know of the situation at this time.

EBG:ACA

Very truly yours,
The Hitchner Biscuit Co.
(S) E. B. Gregory, Treas.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above letter was ordered referred to the Superintendent of the Street Department.

The following letter, dated October 30th, 1942, was received from the Jackson Mfg. Co., Scranton, Pa.:

Mr. John McNulty,
City Clerk,
Pittston, Pa.

Dear Sir,

Confirming our conversation of Tuesday October 27th.

If given the Order to design, Manufacture and erect an Honor Roll on plot of ground designated by you.

WE PROPOSE, to build said Honor Roll of best Materials available either White Pine, Poplar or Cypress Wood. Over all size of Board to be at least seven and one half foot high ($7\frac{1}{2}$) by fourteen foot wide (14). Name Plates to be individual, each one edged in Metallic finish, said Name plates to be $\frac{3}{4}$ inch by 6 inches, and to Total Fifteen Hundred in number, (1500). The Plaque will be of Solid Metal, either Gold or Bronze finish. Ribbon to be a Cutout, Letters to be Cutout of Solid Wood one inch thick by Five inches High. All materials are to have at least three to five coats of the best paint. Wings are to have Face strips of Stainless Steel $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide, terraced.

This Honor Roll to be exactly as sketched, installed on at least three six by six (6x6) finished Posts set in at least 24 inches of Concrete.

Our service to consist of painting additional Names that are to be added up to the capacity of 1500 Name Plates, at the time of installation these plates are placed on Board, to match the Name plates that have Names on them and are to be returned to us for reprinting.

Purchaser agrees that this order cannot, after acceptance by the seller be countermanded or cancelled, and is binding on the successors of the parties hereto.

It is agreed that there are no conditions or understandings whatever, verbal or otherwise, except as written herein, and no agent is authorized to change the terms or conditions hereof.

The Price to be paid to us by the City of Pittston for the above mentioned Honor Roll Board with Plaque to be paid within Ten days after installation, is Four Hundred and Seventy Dollars, (\$470.00).

Jackson Mfg. Co.
(S) John B. Williams
Sole owner.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above proposal was accepted and referred to the Solicitor, with instructions to prepare proper agreement, and that the various Service Organizations be asked to appoint Committees to sit with Council in determining the proper location for said Service Board.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.

ATTEST: November 21, 1942.

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JOHN D. McNULTY		
CITY CLERK		

PITTSSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, NOVEMBER 21ST, 1942, AT 3:00 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in Special Session, Saturday, November 21st, 1942, at 3:00 P.M., Waiver of notice being waived by all present. On Roll Call, the following members answered present: Messrs. Grablick, Walsh, Turon, Sheridan, and Mayor Reilly.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, November 10th, 1942, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, were ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3580. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 21, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from November 20th, 1942".

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

The following letter, dated November 14th, 1942, was received from St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church:

To the Honorable Mayor John J. Reilly
and Members of Pittston, Pa.,
City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a recent meeting of the Council of St. John's Lutheran Church, I was instructed to send your honorable body and your City Engineer, Mr. Thos. Halsey, our sincere thanks for your valuable time and effort on drawing up and giving us the detailed information, we so long sought from the former Council, regarding the line of our church property adjoining the Lewis Smith Estate. This clarifies the long discussed views regarding same.

Respectfully yours,
(S) Jesse A. Lipfert, Rec. Secy.
St. John's Lutheran Church.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above letter was ordered received and filed.

The following letter, dated November 17th, 1942, was received from the League of Cities of the Third Class:

Mr. Sylvester Grablick, Director,
Department of Accounts & Finance,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Grablick:

I am in receipt of a telegram under date of November 12th from Mr. Earl D. Hallery, Secretary of the American Municipal Association, which reads as follows:-

"War Labor Board Internal Revenue Bureau Joint Committee will administer salary and wage controls affecting State and Local Government. Ordinances not construed as giving statutory exemption but municipalities free to make reasonable changes without interference provided certificate showing such action is filed with the Joint Committee. Committee will

make post audit but no retroactive decisions.
Municipal endorsement entirely in cooperation
with Local Government agency procedures and
detailed statement will be sent promptly on
completion and release.

Earl D. Mallery "

Very truly yours,

(S) W. E. Greenwood, Pres.

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On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll
Call of members present, the above letter was ordered received and filed.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded
by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED
November 24, 1942.

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JOHN D. McNULTY		
CITY CLERK		

ATTEST: November 24th, 1942.

John D. McNulty

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, NOVEMBER 24TH, 1942 AT 8:30 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, November 24th, 1942, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members of Council present.

Minutes of Special Session of Saturday, November 21st, 1942, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, were ordered received, filed and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 432. PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO CERTAIN FUNDS IN THE CONDUCT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

WHEREAS, a certain bond issue in the amount of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars has been passed by the City of Pittston and

WHEREAS, said bond issue was floated for the funding of unfunded debts, and

WHEREAS, as a result of said funding of unfunded debts, there has accumulated certain moneys in the hands of the City Treasurer, and

WHEREAS, under the Act of 1941, July 2, P. L. 235 A. D., it is necessary for the Council to make supplemental appropriations for any lawful purpose by Ordinance;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston and is hereby ordained by the authorities of the same

THAT THERE BE AND IS hereby appropriated from the said funds in the hands of the City Treasurer, the following:

Liability and Property Damage, General	
Liability Insurance.....	\$ 1,083.25
1942 Funding and Refunding Bond Issue	
Expense.....	2,328.31
W.P.A. Projects, Material & Supplies.....	8,738.00
Ash Collection, Street Department.....	2,700.00
Wages, Street Cleaning, Street Department...	3,100.00
12th Installment, Hillside Coal & Iron.....	98.39
12th Installment, Pennsylvania Coal Co.....	2,039.98
12th Installment, Lehigh Valley Coal Co.....	182.42
Wages, Laborers, Street Department.....	21,614.16
Total	\$ 41,884.51

This appropriation is necessary, due to insufficient amount being in the original 1942 Budget, and because of unforeseen flash floods.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed on First Reading.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote of members present, on Roll Call, said Ordinance was read at length the Second time, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, was approved and passed on Second Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 433, submitted by Director of Accounts & Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, "ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBTS AND EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY 1943, AND ENDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1944", was read at length.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote of members present, the above Ordinance was passed on First Reading.

Upon request of City Council, the following communication was received from Carl J. Burke, City Solicitor:

November 24th, 1942.

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Re: Payment of Lieutenant Dructor's
Salary while he was ill.

Gentlemen:

In response to a request of Council for a written opinion on the above captioned matter, I wish to advise you that the latest passed by the Supreme Court is as follows:

"A policeman is entitled to the compensation attached to his office, even when physically disabled from performing his duties, unless there is some valid law or regulation to the contrary. But, if there is such a law or regulation he cannot recover compensation for the time he is absent, without showing that he is within the exceptions, if any, and also showing that he has complied with all the requirements of the law or regulation".

It is discretionary with the Council to pay Lieutenant Dructor his entire salary during the time of his illness and, should Council decide to do so, it is my opinion that they are legally within the law in doing so.

Respectfully yours,

(S) Carl J. Burke,
City Solicitor.

CJB:f

On motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3581. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 24th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Salary of Lieutenant Michael Dructor, be paid in full for the time lost by him during his recent illness."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

The following recommendations were presented by Director of Accounts & Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick:

November 24, 1942.

Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council,
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following
bills:

Carl J. Burke.	Satisfaction of Liens, Prothonotary's Office.	\$.60
Bell Telephone Co.	Oct. 16, Nov. 16 Bills, 1942.	98.41
Harry Harding.	Overhauling Office Typewriters.	<u>20.00</u>
	Total	\$119.01

(S) Respectfully submitted,
S. C. Grablick,
Director of Accounts & Finance.

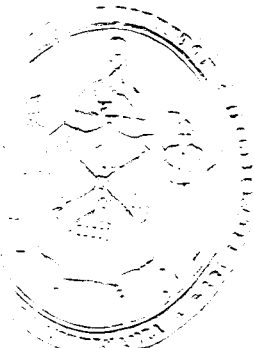
On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above recommendations were approved of as read and ordered paid from the General Fund.

Upon request of Committee representing the Procite Club, motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, that the Mayor and Members of City Council meet with said Committee at City Hall, Tuesday, December 1st, 1942, at 7:30 P.M.

On complaint of Mr. William Gilmartin, Butler Street, City, concerning sewer gas, motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, that the same be referred to the City Engineer and the Superintendent of the Street Department for investigation of said complaint.

The use of City Council Chambers for purpose of meeting other than meetings of Members of Council for the conduct of City Affairs, having been brought to the attention of Council through newspaper notices, motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, that the Chief of Police be notified, as well as to whom it may apply, that no further meetings other than meetings of City Council be held or conducted in the City Council Chambers without first receiving permission from City Council.

Due to the lateness of the hour caused by City Council sitting as Appeal Board on Assessment Valuations, motion was made by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, to continue this meeting to Tuesday, December 1st, 1942, at 7:30 P. M.



ATTEST: December 1st, 1942.

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December 1st, 1942		
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John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, DECEMBER 1ST, 1942, AT 7:30 P. M.

City Council re-convened in regular session continued meeting of Tuesday, November 24th, 1942, today, Tuesday, December 1st, 1942, at 7:30 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and Councilmen Grablick and Turon present, Councilmen Walsh and Sheridan, absent.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, November 24th, 1942, were read, and upon motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, approved of as read and ordered filed.

Report dated December 1st, 1942, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, was submitted by Carl J. Burke, City Solicitor, reading as follows:

Gentlemen:

Ordinance No. 432, November 24th, 1942, passed on First and Second Reading at meeting held on November 24th, 1942, examined by me, will be presented for Third and Final Reading at meeting to be held December 1st, 1942. It is my opinion that this Ordinance conforms to all requirements under our Third Class Cities Act of 1941, July 2, P.L. 235, A.D.

The object of Ordinance satisfies the payment of Ninety-four Thousand (\$94,000.) Dollars, in bills, and Six Thousand (\$6,000.) Dollars in equipment. If all bills which are due and owing, are paid out of the Ninety-four Thousand (\$94,000.) Dollars, the object of the Bond Issue will be effected, and any moneys over and above may be allocated to any Department Council may see fit. The Six Thousand (\$6,000.) Dollars should be reserved for the purchase of equipment, as originally intended, but if equipment cannot be purchased, Council may use funds for whatever purpose they see fit.

Respectfully yours,

(S) Carl J. Burke,
City Solicitor.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

The following report was presented by Director of Accounts & Finance, S. C. Grablick, reading as follows:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1943
INCLUDING BOTH GENERAL AND SINKING FUNDS

TAXES	\$187,497.48
Licenses and Permits	18,600.00
Fines and Forfeits	1,000.00
Rents and Interest	1,750.00
Department Earnings	8,965.00
Other Revenue Receipts	5,450.00
Refunds Tax Office	6,500.00
Liens and Costs	1,000.00
1942 Bond (To be used for Sinking Fund)	<u>20,124.92</u>
Total Estimated Receipts.	\$249,887.40

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Director of Accounts & Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, submitted detailed report of Expenditures for the year 1942 up to December 1st, 1942 by the various Departments as listed in the 1942 Budget.

On motion by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 432 PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO CERTAIN FUNDS IN THE CONDUCT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA was read by Title for the Third Time, and on motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed on Third and Final Reading, and adopted as read.

RESOLUTION NO. 3582. PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, December 1, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittsburgh: "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, from November 30th, 1942."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

The following letter, dated November 25th, 1942, was received from the Office for Emergency Management, the Office of Defense Transportation, Appeal Board for Local Allocation Office, 1108 Gimbel Bldg., Philadelphia, Penna.:

Appeal No. 785
L.A.O. No. 30-997

To:

City of Pittsburgh
Luzerne County,
Penna.

Your "Application to Acquire New Commercial Motor Vehicles", dated 9-14-42, addressed to this Appeal Board has been carefully considered by the Board.

The Board has disapproved your application for the following reasons:

It is the opinion of this Board that your need for new equipment can be overcome by the purchase of used equipment or a more intensive utilization of your present equipment.

Your attention is directed to the official instructions governing "Allocation of New Commercial Motor Vehicles" which prohibit you for three months from date of this rejection from making new application for equipment for the same operation for which the present application has been denied. These instructions do not permit of any further appeal.

Very truly yours,

(S) G. W. Laurie
Chairman of Appeal Board

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above letter was ordered received and filed.

The following letter, dated November 2nd, and addressed to Reverend P. J. Boland, Pastor, St. John's R. C. Church, Pittston, Penna., was referred by the Reverend P. J. Boland to the Mayor and Members of City Council:

Reverend Sir:

At the request of my aunt, Mrs. Nora McHale of 164 Chapel Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, I am bringing your attention to injury which she sustained on November 18th 1942 at about 3:30 P.M., when she fell on the steps leading to the D.P.A. offices at the Church Street entrance.

She was removed to Pittston Hospital from the scene of the accident and has since been brought home. These injuries have resulted in expenses and will result in further expense, it is hoped that some steps may be taken to provide for Mrs. McHale who is without funds.

Respectfully yours,

(S) John Allardyce

58 Mafus St.,
Pittston, Pa.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above letter was referred to the attention of the City Solicitor.

The following Committee, members of the Procite Club, William Savadge, Chairman, appeared before Council regarding the co-operation of Council with the Procite Club in their efforts to secure for the City of Pittston a Public Library: William Savadge, Chairman; Samuel Argento, Girard Tracey, Peter Butera, John Loughney, William McNulty, Edwin Sites, Ralph Toole, Lester Kline.

Mr. Savadge stated that it was not the intention of the Club at the present time to ask of Council a subscription of any kind, as they were fully aware of the present limited income under which the City is required to operate. A letter from the City Council endorsing their efforts to secure such Library, however, would be appreciated, as they feel that such letter would answer the desired purpose in mind. Mayor Reilly stated that the Members of Council are ready at all times to co-operate with all Civic Organizations, especially so when it is in the best interest of the Tax Payers of the City.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to forward letter of co-operation as requested.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to write the Secretary of the City School Board, requesting that he and other members of the Board, sit with City Council, on Thursday, December 3rd, at 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of disposing of Tax Appeals taken by Property Owners of the City during the three dates set aside for such Appeals.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.

ATTEST: December 8th, 1942.

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

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PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, DECEMBER 8TH, 1942, AT 8:00 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, Tuesday, December 8th, 1942, at 8:00 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session, continued to December 1st, 1942, were read, and on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, approved of as read and ordered filed.

Mayor Reilly presented report for the month of November 1942, of Fines and Meter Collections received by his department, and reading as follows:

December 1st, 1942.

Members of City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania..

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit a report of the fines and meter collections received by this Department for the month of November, 1942:

Nov. 1, 1942-Nov. 30, 1942	Parking Meter Fees	\$292.51
Nov. 1, 1942-Nov. 30, 1942	Parking Violations	2.00
Nov. 1, 1942-Nov. 30, 1942	Violations of City Ordinance	10.00
		<u>\$304.51</u>

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Respectfully submitted,
(S) John J. Reilly, Mayor

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved of as read, and ordered filed.

City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane, submitted report dated November 30th, 1942, of Receipts and Disbursements by his office for the month of November 1942, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, November 1st, 1942.....	\$141,657.58
Receipts during the month.....	<u>6,770.31</u>
Total	\$148,427.89

By Cash to Warrants Paid.....	\$ 46,106.23
Cash on Hand, November 30th, 1942.....	<u>102,321.66</u>
Total	\$148,427.89

Item of Cash on Hand, November 30th, 1942,
credited to the following funds:

General Fund.....	\$ 25,786.62
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account.....	705.45
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account.....	403.46
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account.....	171.42
Funding and Improvements Bonds Account, 1942.....	<u>75,254.71</u>
Total	\$102,321.66

Respectfully submitted,
(S) M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved of as read and ordered received and filed.

Mr. M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer, in report dated November 30th, 1942, reported City License issued by his office during the month of November, in the amount of Thirty-nine (\$39.00) Dollars.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved of as read and ordered received and filed.

Mr. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted the following report, dated December 8th, 1942:

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of November, 1942:

	Corrected & Sealed	Adjusted
Person Weighers	10	3
Wagon Scales	2	
Springs Balanced	10	
Counter Scales	12	
Prescription Scales	5	
Gasoline Pumps	4	

Respectfully submitted,

(S) Thomas Newcomb,
Sealer of Weights & Measures.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Mr. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted the following report dated December 8th, 1942:

Honorable Mayor and City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of November, 1942:

Monthly report sent to Medical Director.
Weekly report sent to Medical Director.
Visits to Beef Houses (Each) 3
Health Certificates Issued & Filed 25
Visits to Eating Houses and Restaurants. (Each) 3
Warning Signs (No Dumping) Posted 3

Respectfully yours,
(S) Thomas Newcomb,
Health Officer.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 433. "ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBTS AND EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1943, AND ENDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1944", was read at length on Second Reading.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was approved of as read, and passed on Second Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 434., submitted by Director of Accounts & Finance, Mr. S. G. Grablick, "AN ORDINANCE FIXING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1943" was read at length.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was approved of as read on First Reading.

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, to rescind the rules, and read for a second time, File of Council No. 434.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 434 was read by title for the Second time, and upon Motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved of as read on Second Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 3583. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 8th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of \$21,614.16 be transferred from the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Item "Wages, Laborers", to the Miscellaneous Accounts, Scranton Electric Company."

"That the sum of \$944.00 be transferred from Miscellaneous Accounts, W.P.A. Projects, Material & Supplies, to Miscellaneous Accounts, Item "Scranton Electric Company".

"That the sum of \$4,650.00 be transferred from Miscellaneous Accounts, W.P.A. Projects, Material & Supplies, to Miscellaneous Accounts, Item "Accounts Payable".

"That the sum of \$2,700.00 be transferred from Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Ash Collection to Miscellaneous Accounts, Item, "Accounts Payable".

"That the sum of \$3,100.00 be transferred from Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Wages, Street Cleaning, to Miscellaneous Accounts, Item "Accounts Payable".

"That the sum of \$100.00 be transferred from Department of Public Safety, Item "Maintenance of Fire House," to Department of Public Safety, Item "Fire Alarm System".

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3584. Pittston, Pennsylvania December 8th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of \$90.00 be transferred from the Office of Director of Accounts & Finance, Item "Communication", to the Department of Accounts & Finance, City Clerk's Office, Item "Advertising".

"That the sum of \$250.00 be transferred from the Department of Accounts & Finance, City Treasurer's Office, Item "Office Supplies", to the Department of Accounts & Finance, Tax Assessment, Item "Office Supplies".

"That the sum of \$250.00 be transferred from the Department of Public Safety, Fire Department, Item "Maintenance of Fire House" to the Department of Public Safety, Fire Department, Item "Material & Supplies".

"That the sum of \$600.00 be transferred from the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Item "Wages, Laborers", to the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Item "Material & Supplies".

"That the sum of \$125.00 be transferred from the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Item "Wages of Laborers" to the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Item "Maintenance & Repairs".

"That the sum of \$1,005.00 be transferred from Miscellaneous Accounts, Item "Scranton Electric Company", to the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Item "Street Lighting".

"That the sum of \$900.00 be transferred from the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Item "Wages, Laborers", to the Department of Streets & Public Improvements, Item "Street Lighting".

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

The following recommendations, dated December 8th, 1942, were submitted by Director of Accounts & Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick:

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

American La-France Foamite Corp.	(6) Canasters	\$	14.83
Airport Sand & Gravel Co.	Sand - Gravel		106.00
Barber Motor Car Co.	Parts, etc.		109.76
William P. Bonser	Tires, tubes, etc.		231.50
Butera Auto Body Works	Radiator repairs, etc.		10.75
Banks Sand & Stone Co.	Crushed Stone		11.99
Consumer's Ice Company.	Ice		29.00
Consumer's Gas & Oil Co.	Gas, Oil, Tire repairs, etc.		384.92
Cyclone Machine Co.	Hammer Handles		2.50
Coal-O-Matic Stoker Co.	Repairs, stoker		22.65
Duro-Test Corporation	Misc. Supplies		7.53
Dolge, C. B. Co.	Soap Powder		12.00
Egan Oil & Supply Co.	Gas & Oil		228.00
Ehrlich, J. C.	Sanitary Service, 4th Ward Dumping Grounds.		30.00
Eastern Pennsylvania Supply Co.	Brooms		4.25
Evans, Wesley M.	Misc. Parts		5.90
Eagen Hardware Co.	Misc. Supplies		103.15
Federal Electric Co.	Flashers and Switch		12.00
The Gamewell Co.	(2) Main Springs		1.04
Grimes, M. J.	Door Glass for trucks		26.75
Glen-Summit Springs Water Co.	Drinking Water		19.00
Hunt, Harry C.	Misc. Supplies.		32.75
Huber Manufacturing Co.	(1) Cone Collar and Postage		5.11
Kleinrock's	Mittens for firemen-Capt's badge		50.50
Klein Auto Parts Co.	Misc. Parts, etc.		131.57
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Misc. supplies		23.20
Lackawanna Electric Blue- Printing Co.	Paper		8.54
Markowski, Stanley	Repairing Raincoat		5.50
Mitchell, P. F.	Misc. materials		590.13
New York Casualty Co.	Bond (M. Rettenmeyer)		50.00
Newcomb Bros.	Coal		136.38
Pittston-Luzerne Corp.	Forging eye-bolts, etc.		15.80
Pittston Gazette	Misc. supplies-advertising, etc.		443.35
Pittston Diner	Food		1.35
Pennsylvania Coal Co.	Rent		1.00
Powers, A. S.	Pipe		107.60
Pittston Oil Company	Gas & Oil		103.80
Smiles-Allan W.	Keys, etc.		7.50
Shacochuis, Stanley	Navy Day		6.00
Scranton Electric Co.	Street Lighting		2,012.90
Scranton Electric Co.	" "		95.82
Scranton Spring Brook	Fire Hydrants		276.68
" " "	Water Service (bldgs)		24.62
Texas Lunch	Food		.20

Wilkes-Barre City	Fire Alarm Box	8.00
Orr, J. F	Fireman, special work.	8.00
Helen H. Walsh	4 wks. @ \$20. per wk. (Liens)	80.00
Edwin A. Sites	3 wks. @ \$25.00 per wk. (Liens)	75.00
Alaimo & Son	Rental, Concrete Mixer	120.00
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Balance due on old Bill.	800.00
Hillside Coal & Iron Co.	12th & Final Installment,	
	Tax Refund	98.39
Pennsylvania Coal Company	12th & Final Installment,	
	Tax Refund	2,039.98
Lehigh Valley Coal Company	12th & Final Installment,	
	Tax Refund	182.42
Scranton Electric Company.	Old Account to Dec. 1, 1941	21,553.16
Eagle Hose Company.	Rental, July 1940 to July 1942.	1,500.00
Penna. Coal Company	Judgments.	750.00
	Total	\$ 32,718.77

(S) Respectfully submitted,
Sylvester C. Grablick.
Director, Acct. & Finance Dept.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above recommendations were approved of as read, and ordered paid, Mayor Reilly not voting on item listed in the name of Pittston-Luzerne Corporation, in the amount of Fifteen Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$15.80).

Petition signed by twenty-four employees of the Street Department was presented to Council "demanding" a Fifty Per Cent increase in Wages.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the same was referred to City Council for further consideration.

The following Communication, dated December 7th, 1942, was received and read:

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council,
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that you hereby have the consent and permission of the John Reap Estate to remove diseased tree from the front of our Property at 56 Broad Street, Pittston, Pa.

Very truly yours,

John J. Reap
By James Sheerer

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

The following communication, dated December 7th, 1942, was received and read:

To Mayor and Members of Council,
Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Due to the fact that uncertain weather conditions will not permit the completion of sidewalk contracted for between (Mrs. Alice Pizzano) of 234 Butler St., and the City of Pittston, under W.P.A. Project, the above mentioned person is making request for refund of her money in the amount of Twenty-eight Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$28.80), which was paid in advance to the City Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
Leo Fasciana, Ass't Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above request was approved of and the amount stated therein ordered refunded.

The following communication, dated Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 4th, was received and read:

City of Pittston
City Hall
Pittston, Penna.

Atten: Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of your letter of December 1 with which you enclosed copy of complete File on Application to purchase truck chassis for our Load-Packer, and also the original Form PD-310 for which you made application for the chassis.

As requested, we are returning herewith your original application as we have made a complete copy of same and have forwarded it with copies of the correspondence to our factory at Detroit, who will in turn take the matter up with the War Production Board in Washington to see what the results will be in regard to getting this through for you.

We wish to thank you for your courtesy in this matter and also your trouble in getting this information to us, and sincerely hope that it will be of some good to both you and ourselves.

Very truly yours,
GAR WOOD INDUSTRIES, INC.
(S) A. E. Hilderley, Manager,
Philadelphia Branch

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cc Koehler

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

The following communication, dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, December 4th, 1942, was received and read:

John D. McNulty
City Clerk
City Hall, City of Pittston, Pa.

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 2, and it is with regret that we note that the O.D.T. Appeal Board has rejected your application for new K-7 International.

Since the Appeal Board has rejected the application, and we are not permitted to deliver new trucks without their approval or PD-321, we will be unable to comply with our original proposal due to circumstances beyond our control.

Therefore, your returning our certified check would be appreciated. Thanking you for your attention and anticipating that at a later date, we may be favored with your business.

WJP/hp

(S)

Yours very truly,
INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CO.
W.J. Paton, Manager.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the certified check referred to therein was ordered refunded if and when the Gar Wood Industries, Incorporated, notify us that they had been unable to secure approval of Application necessary to purchase K-7 International Chassis.

The following communication dated Washington, D. C., December 3, 1942, was received and read:

Dear Mr. Mayor:

It is to the interest of the taxpayers that they be informed promptly what their Federal income tax liability will be, and approximately what they should set aside each pay day to make their payments as they fall due during 1943.

The Treasury has printed a folder which gives this information. May I ask you to help us in its distribution by giving one of these folders to each of your municipal employees at the earliest possible opportunity--preferably with your next payroll? Please call upon your nearest Collector of Internal Revenue to supply you with the number of folders you require.

Please let me thank you in advance for your help in this very important matter.

Sincerely yours,
(S) Henry Morgenthau
Secretary of the Treasury.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to apply to the local Department of Internal Revenue Office, Scranton, Pa., for necessary forms referred to therein.

The following communication, dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, December 1st, 1942, was received and read:

The Mayor
Pittston, Pa.

Please refer to the permit issued by this Board on April 10th, 1940 authorizing the construction of a culvert along Laurel Line Creek, between Frothingham and Plank Streets in Pittston, Luzerne County.

This permit will expire on January 1, 1943, and no notice of completion of the work as required in Condition No. 6 has been received in this office. If the work has not been completed, and it is intended to proceed with its construction, it will be necessary to secure an extension of the time limit. The request for this extension must be filed prior to the expiration date.

Attention is called to Condition No. 8 of the permit which provides that:

"Within thirty (30) days after the completion of the work authorized in this permit, the permittee shall file with the Water and Power Resources Board, Harrisburg, Penna., a statement certifying that the work has been performed in accordance with this permit and the approved maps, plans, profiles and specifications."

Very truly yours,
(S) W. E. Kirkpatrick,
Secretary

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed, and the City Clerk instructed to apply for a one-year further extension of Permit referred to therein.

Permit application was received from the General Outdoor Advertising Company, 352 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, Penna., dated December 8th, 1942, to erect building sign at the American Chocolate Shoppe, 44 North Main Street, City.

Said application, being approved of by the Chief of the Fire Department, on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted.

Attorney William W. Hall addressed Council in behalf of the following clients:

William Drury Estate, concerning Tax Assessment, in which his client requested that the assessment be lowered. This request, the Mayor stated, was already in the hands of the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals, and would be considered by said Board.

In behalf of Mr. Louis Volpetti, corner of North Main and Parsonage Streets, concerning sidewalk fronting his property on North Main Street, Mr. Hall stated that due to change in grade made at the time the new road was put in, the grade was raised resulting in accumulation of water and slush on the sidewalk, since the walk is now lower than the grade of the road. Mayor Reilly stated that very little could be done to correct this condition during the winter months, but that his complaint would be considered further, in the Spring of the coming year.

Representing Mr. Bianco, of Butler Street, concerning opening of George Street through Butler Street, Mr. Hall stated that his original offer to sell said property to the City still stood and that he would not consider any alternative.

Mayor Reilly thanked Mr. Hall for the manner in which these various complaints were presented, and stated that Council will consider all three, notifying him at the proper time of their final action.

Mr. William C. McNulty addressed Council, concerning the home-coming preparations being arranged by the Procite Club, together with the Sullivan Service Club of the 8th Ward, to do honor to Sergeant Joseph Hines, decorated for gallantry and extraordinary bravery displayed in line of action, and requested that said demonstration be approved of and co-operated in by members of City Council.

Mayor Reilly stated that full approval would be granted, and that Council would be honored to co-operate in every respect to make this a most welcome and memorable home-coming affair.

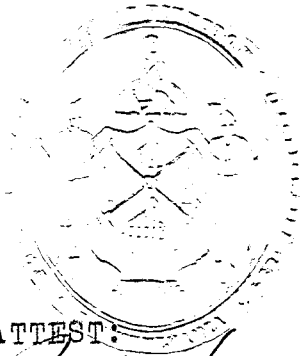
Mayor Reilly made an interesting and detailed report on the recent mine cave which affected the lower section of the City and stated that he had conferred with Messrs. Connolly, Pagnotti, and Mears, and that No. 9 Coal Company, of which Mr. Pagnotti is the head, had promised him that full and complete repairs would be made by his Company to the damaged area. These repairs will be made to homes, streets, and sewers. At this point, Councilman Grablick asked if bill submitted to Walsh and Belcastro covering damages caused by their mining, by cave that occurred sometime ago at the corner of Searle and Center Streets, had ever been paid. The City Clerk, in answer to Mr. Grablick's inquiry stated that bill was submitted to cover said damages, but to date, was not paid.

Motion was then made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, that the same be referred to the City Solicitor, with instructions to determine why said bill was never paid.

Chief Tierney introduced a Mr. Dixon, and Mr. Foley, of the Leidy Electric Company, Philipsburg, New Jersey, concerning Signal Alarm installation within the City for Civilian Defense purposes. Mr. Dixon, addressing Council, stated that the approximate cost, of equipment only, would be in the neighborhood of Fifteen Hundred and Twenty (\$1520.) Dollars, for Seven (7) Siren Units, and that the approximate cost of installation would be in the neighborhood of Thirty (\$30.) Dollars per unit.

Mayor Reilly stated that Council would consider the matter, and suggested to Mr. Dixon that they submit a proposal in writing.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.



ATTEST:

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

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JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, DECEMBER 29TH, 1942, AT 7:30 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, Tuesday, December 29th, 1942, at 7:30 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, December 8th, 1942, were read, and upon motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, were approved of as read and ordered filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 433, was read at length for the third time, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was approved and passed on Third and Final Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 434, was read at length for the Third time, and upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, was approved of, and passed on Third and Final Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 435, "AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING A CLERK TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, REGULATING THE DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION THEREOF," was read at length.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was approved of as read on First Reading.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the rules were rescinded, and File of Council No. 435 ordered read for a second time.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 435 was read by title for the Second Time, and upon Motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved of as read on Second Reading

RESOLUTION NO. 3585. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 29th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from December 10th, 1942.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3586. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 29th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from Dec. 20th, 1942."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3587. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 29th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of \$16,124.09, in payment of Miscellaneous Bills, January 1st, 1942, to October 27th, 1942, inclusive, as per General Ledger Record, be transferred from the 1942 Funding and Improvement Bond Issue, to the General Fund. These Bills were originally charged to the General Fund."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3588. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 29th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of \$150.00 be transferred from the Department of Public Affairs, Item "Salary of Sergeants", to the Department of Public Affairs, Item "Wages, Special Officers.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3589. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 29th, 1942. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of

\$50.00 be transferred from the Department of Accounts & Finance, Law Department, Item "Special Litigation", to the Department of Accounts and Finance, Law Department, Item "Filing of Liens and Judgments".

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3590. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Harold Collins be, and is hereby appointed, Assistant Superintendent of Accounts and Finance, at a Salary of \$1,800.00 per annum, effective as of January 1st, 1943. Surety Bond in the sum of \$5,000.00 being posted by Mr. Collins."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3591. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 29th, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Miss Jean Connell be, and is hereby appointed, Clerk in the Office of Civilian Defense, at a Salary of \$900.00 per annum, effective as of January 1st, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3592. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Salary of Miss Frances Krososky, Secretary to the Mayor, be increased to \$1,200.00 per annum, effective as of January 1st, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3593. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Salary of the Assistant Engineer, Mr. Leo Fasciana, be increased to \$1,440.00 per annum, effective as of January 1st, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3594. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1942.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Salary of James Sheerer, Sam Rodola, and Charles Turco, Truck Drivers, be increased from \$1,200.00 to \$1,500.00 each, per annum, effective as of January 1st, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts & Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, in letter dated December 29th, 1942, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, recommended payment of the following bills:

Postage.	Civilian Defense.	\$ 10.00
Volunteer Firemen (Eagles)	Special Work 85 Hrs. 80¢	68.00
Volunteer Firemen (Niagaras)	Special Work 229 Hrs. 80¢	183.20
Edwin Sites	Preparing Liens.	75.00
Helen Walsh	" "	60.00
John D. McNulty	Petty Cash, Misc.	9.77
Bell Telephone Co.	Phones.	39.55
Butera Auto Body Works.	Repairs.	2.50
Egan Oil & Supply Co.	Hydraulic Oil.	2.85
Eagle Signal Corporation.	Motor.	13.60
Jack Friedman	Bulbs.	1.62
W. J. Lawless	"Boomer Straps"	3.50
Morgan Evans Estate.	Iron for Signs.	1.80
Scranton Supply & Machinery Company.	(2) Cycle Gears.	2.50
Allan W. Smiles.	Key.	.20
Edwin A. Sites.	Notary Fees, 1318 Liens.	659.00

Carl J. Burke, City Solicitor,	Filing 680 Liens @ \$1.25	
	ea., and 638 Revivals	
	@ \$1.00	\$ 1,488.00
James Halford.	December 28th Bill, Alex	
	Mushkin, Head for 1934	
	Chevrolet Truck.	5.00
Pennsylvania Coal Company.	Interest in full to date	
	on \$750.00 Judgment.	250.00
Carl J. Burke, City Solicitor.	Fee, 1942 Bond Issue.	1,950.00
	Total \$	4,826.09

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above recommendations were approved of as read, and ordered paid when sufficient funds are available.

The following communication was received and read:

Pittston, Penna.
December 29th, 1942.

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council,
Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I hereby tender you my resignation as
Assistant Director of Accounts & Finance, effective as
of December 31st, 1942.

Respectfully yours,
(S) James Patterson.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above resignation was accepted.

The following communication, dated December 8th, 1942, was received from the State Council of Defense, State Capitol, Harrisburg, Pa.:

Mr. John D. McNulty, Property Officer
Pittston Council of Defense
City Hall, Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. McNulty:-

In reply to your letter dated December 2, 1942 in connection with inability of your city to provide the necessary truck for mounting the front end pump.

The rejection of the front mount pump will necessarily decrease the amount of equipment and other accessories that are issued with each pump, therefore we urge, that you do all in your power to secure the services of a vehicle as listed on the attached sheet. Some communities are making arrangements to use other than City-owned trucks for this purpose.

On the other hand, if you cannot use the pump, please state the facts in a letter addressed to the Regional Office (Mailed to this Office) and it must be signed by the Mayor.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Chas. E. Clark,
State Property Officer
Fred H. Ott
Property control section.
State Council of Defense.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to Director of Public Safety, Mr. Turon.

The following communication, dated December 21, 1942, was received from the Department of Highways, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk
City of Pittston, Pittston, Pa.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Kindly refer to your letter of December 3rd, 1942, and previous correspondence regarding the installation of traffic signals at the intersections of Main, Broad and Water Streets, Leg. Rt. 5, and North Main and Williams Streets, Leg. Rts. 5 and 232 in the City of Pittston, Luzerne County.

Our study at these two locations has been completed and the Secretary of Highways has approved signal permits for each location. A photostatic copy of these permits #1016 dated December 11th, 1942 covering the intersection of Main, Broad and Water Streets, and permit #1017 dated December 11th, 1942 covering the intersection of North Main and William Streets, is attached for your file.

In view of the volume of traffic on Main Street at both of these locations, it is our opinion that pedestrian signals should not be installed and the permits, therefore, do not include the operation of separate pedestrian periods at either of these locations. To include separate intervals for pedestrian crossings at these locations will result in considerable congestion to vehicle traffic.

The signals at these locations are to be installed in accordance with the attached permits providing for corner post installations with the signals mounted in a vertical manner. It will be possible to operate both of these intersections from one controller or separate synchronous motor controllers may be installed as desired by City officials. In order that our records will be complete regarding these matters, will you kindly advise when the signals are installed in order that a survey may be made regarding the installation and operation of said equipment.

Very truly yours,

I. Lamont Hughes
Secretary of Highways
Ray. F. Riegelmeier
Traffic Engineer

By

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed, the City Clerk being instructed to secure cost of installation of said traffic signals from the Crouse-Hinds Company, Syracuse, New York.

The following communication, dated December 28th, 1942, addressed to the Mayor and City Council, was received from Martin J. Mulhall, Atty., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.:

Gentlemen:

Sometime ago, as Attorney for Anna Armitage of Market Street, I brought an action of trespass against the City for negligence. The negligence consisted in the accumulation of ice in front of the Loughney premises on East Market Street, by reason of which Mrs. Anna Armitage fell and broke her arm.

She is somewhat advanced in years and the fracture has left her arm in rather poor shape.

I am anxious to avoid the trial of the case if possible and my client has consented, provided the City is willing, to settle the case for One Hundred Twenty-five (\$125.00) Dollars.

It seems to me that in an action of trespass against a municipality such a settlement should be recommended by your body.

Kindly let me know your attitude in the matter promptly so that I may govern myself accordingly.

Very truly yours,

MJM:tm

(S) M. J. Mulhall

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor.

The following communication, dated December 12th, 1942, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, was received from the James Ferguson Estate:

Gentlemen:

This is to advise you that you hereby have our permission to remove tree from the front of our property situated at 56 Cliff Street, Pittston, Pa.

Respectfully yours,

James Ferguson Estate.

By (S) Margaret Ferguson.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to have the Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements arrange for the removal of the tree at his earliest convenience.

The following communication, dated December 15th, 1942, addressed to the Mayor and City Council, was received from City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke:

In re: Burkel
vs: City of Pittston

Gentlemen:

Herewith is a copy of a letter from Roscoe B. Smith, attorney for Burkel.

I recommend that a check be issued in the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, payable to Roscoe B. Smith and sent to me.

I will deliver the check personally to Atty. Smith and make certain that the judgment is satisfied on the delivery of the same.

Very truly yours,

CJB:tm

(S) Carl J. Burke

Enclosure/1

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above recommendations were approved of and the account ordered paid during the year 1943, as provision has been made in the 1943 Budget to provide for this account.

The following communication, dated December 9th, 1942, addressed to Council of the City of Pittston, was received from the Leidy Electric Company, 201 Broad Street, Phillipsburg, N. J.:

Gentlemen:

At your request of last evening, we are pleased to present to you the following proposal-

We propose to furnish seven Federal sirens and all necessary controls, heavy duty buttons, relays and control center equipment as agreed upon with your Civilian Defense Organization for the sum of \$1,520.00 f.o.b. Pittston, Pa.

We further propose if order is placed with us promptly, to deliver the sirens, all necessary controls, heavy duty buttons and control center equipment in twenty-four hours.

The relays to follow in a minimum number of days as the telephone company must advise us as to the characteristics required.

Hoping to hear favorably from you by return mail.

Copy forwarded to Chief
of Police: Mr. Leo Tierney (S)

Yours for Victory,
LEIDY ELECTRIC COMPANY
H. E. Dickson, Pres.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Attorney Patrick Flannery appeared before Council and requested that he be permitted to again place before Council the case of John Marchulonis, Et Ux, vs: City of Pittston, No. 827 October Term, 1942.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the matter was referred to the City Solicitor, Mr. Carl J. Burke.

Permit application was received from the Stegmaier Brewing Company of Wilkes-Barre, to erect a Neon sign at 119 North Main Street, City.

Application being approved of by the proper Department heads, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, adjournment was made.

ATTEST: January 13, 1943.

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

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PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JANUARY 13TH, 1943, AT 7:30 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, postponed from Tuesday, January 12th, 1943, today, Wednesday, January 13th, 1943, at 7:30 P. M., with Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. Grablick, presiding, and Councilmen Walsh and Turon present, Mayor Reilly and Councilman Sheridan being absent.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, December 29th, 1942, were read, and upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, were approved of as read and ordered filed.

Mayor Reilly submitted report of Meter Collections received by his department for the month of December 1942, in the amount of \$319.12.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted itemized report of receipts and disbursements of the City Treasurer's Office for the month of December 1942, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand December 1st, 1942.....	\$ 102,321.66
Receipts During the Month.....	7,131.93
Total	<u>\$ 109,453.59</u>

Warrants Paid.....	\$ 63,512.41
Cash on Hand December 31st.....	45,941.18
Total	<u>\$ 109,453.59</u>

Cash on Hand, December 31st distributed to the following funds:

General Fund.....	\$ 32,200.00
Bond and Interest Account, 1923.....	1,000.89
Bond and Interest Account, 1935.....	898.13
Bond and Interest Account, 1938.....	372.33
Funding and Improvement Bonds Account, 1942.....	11,469.83
Total	<u>\$ 45,941.18</u>

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane, submitted report dated December 31, 1942, covering City Licenses issued by his office during the month and reading as follows:

John D. McNulty, City Clerk
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

I, herewith, submit my report of City License issued during the month of December 1942.

License applied for by: Matt Kashuba,
119 No Main Street, City erecting a
Neon galvanized metal box sign.
Granted Dec. 10, 1942. License #625.....\$ 2.00

License applied for by: Lena Barone,
60 South Main Street, City. One (1)
pinball machine for period ending
January 1, 1943. Granted December
21, 1942. License #626.....\$ 25.00

License applied for by: Western
Union Telegraph Co., (license tax for
year 1943) in City of Pittston, Pa.
Granted Dec. 22, 1942. ck #8942
License #627.....30.00

Total \$ 57.00

Respectfully submitted,

(S) M. P. Ruane
City Treasurer

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On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, Mr. Thomas Newcomb, submitted his report for the month of December, reading as follows:

January 12, 1943.

Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
December, 1942:

Corrected and Sealed

Person Scales	10
Wagon Scales	1
Counter Scales	8
Oil Pumps	2
Gasoline Pumps	3
Prescription Scales	4

Respectfully submitted,

(s) Thomas Newcomb
Sealer of Weights and
Measures

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Health Officer, Mr. Thomas Newcomb, submitted report for the month of December, reading as follows:

January 12th, 1943

Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month
of December, 1942:

Monthly report sent to Medical Director.
 Weekly " " " " "
 Visits to Beef Houses (each).....3
 Health Cards issued to Restaurants...25
 One home under quarantine.
 Visits to eating places and restaurants
 (each)..... 4
 One Warning Sign put up (No Dumping).

Respectfully submitted,

TN:f

(s)

Thomas Newcomb
 Health Officer.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 435. AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING A CLERK TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, REGULATING THE DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION THEREOF, was read at length for the Third Time.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was approved of as read, and passed upon Third and Final Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 3595. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from December 30th, 1942."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3596. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from January 9th, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, in report dated January 12th, 1943, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council recommended payment of the following bills:

Edwin Sites	(2) wks. Tax Duplicate	\$ 50.00
Airport Sand and Gravel Company	Sand, etc.	126.89
Barber Motor Car Company	(1) Vision Mirror.	.75
V. E. Churchfield.	Misc. repairs.	44.82
Consumer's Gas & Oil Co.	Misc. supplies.	149.59
Consumer's Ice Company.	Ice.	52.75
Coal-O-Matic Stoker Company.	Service on Stoker.	4.50
Central Clay Products Co.	Manhole Brick.	36.00
C. B. Dolge Company.	Soap Powder.	12.00
Wesley M. Evans.	Misc. repair parts.	19.75
Eagen Hardware Company.	Misc. supplies.	71.36
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Water (Various Offices)	9.00
Hall's Nursery.	Christmas Decorations.	49.00
Klein Auto Parts.	Misc. parts, etc.	24.40
Kehoe-McNamara	City Controller (Bond Premium)	5.00
LaBarre's Stationery Store.	Misc. Office Supplies.	42.95
J. D. McNulty	Postage Stamps. (Civilian Def.)	10.00
Mine Safety Appliances Company.	(12) All Service Canisters.	48.75

P. F. Mitchell	Miscellaneous Supplies	\$ 282.94
New York Casualty Company.	Bond Premium (Ruth E. O'Boyle)	
	(Clerk)	100.00
New York Casualty Company.	Bond, City Treasurer.	1,284.08
Newcomb Brothers.	Coal - December 1942.	147.73
Pittston Oil Co., Inc.	Gas-Oil, etc.	166.75
A. S. Powers.	Pipe, etc.	24.32
Pittston Printing Co.	Misc. Notices, etc.	31.50
Hugh Ridall	Repairs to Adding Machine.	12.50
Scranton-Spring-Brook Water Co.	Misc. Buildings.	164.16
Stackhouse Auto Electric Co.	Repairs to Concrete Mixer.	8.25
The Scranton Electric Co.	Various Buildings.	63.48
The Scranton Electric Co.	Street Lighting Dec. 1942.	1,006.45

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above recommendations were approved of as read, and ordered paid.

The following proposal, dated January 11th, 1943, addressed to the City of Pittston, Broad Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, was received and read:

Gentlemen:

Be advised that price on two (2) bag 10S Koehring Mixer is Three Hundred Thirty (\$330.00) Dollars.

Very truly yours,

(s) Joseph W. Alaimo.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above proposal was accepted and approved for payment upon presentation of bill by Mr. Alaimo.

The following communication, dated January 7th, 1943, was received and read:

Mr. John D. McNulty, Property Officer
City Hall, Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. McNulty:-

This office has never received
OCD form 508 listing the motor characteristics of the
truck on which you plan to mount the front end pump
as allocated.

Please make every effort to have the
form completed and returned to this office as soon as
possible.

If you have mislaid the form you will
find a sample copy in the OCD Manual.

Very truly yours,

Chas. E. Clark,
State Property Officer

(s) Fred H. Ott
Property Control Section
State Council of Defense

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and referred to the Director of Public Safety, Mr. Turon.

The following report, dated December 31st, 1942, was received from Mr. G. W. Bainbridge, Secretary-Treasurer of the Pittston City Park Commission:

Hon. John J. Reilly, Mayor and
Members of Council.

Gentlemen:

With the closing of another year, your Park Commission desires to submit certain recommendations for your consideration during the coming months.

We deeply regret, as you do, our inability to proceed during the past year with the erection of a suitable Athletic Field for the youth of our community. We wish to thank you gentlemen for your interest and untiring efforts in endeavoring to build and equipt such a field. Your cooperation was appreciated by the Park Commission members. Solicitor Burke deserves our thanks for his time and efforts expended.

We would recommend, however, that suitable leases be secured from the land owners so that, when the time comes, we can go ahead with our plans and a minimum of delay will be encountered. We feel that with a very small expense Gilmartin and West Parks could be flooded and made available for skating for our young folks. Good clean healthy recreation tends to build healthy minds and bodies. Certainly, in this old world in the future, men and women will be needed with strong minds and bodies. If we can contribute anything toward that objective, surely we will be amply repaid for the small expense involved.

We have always hoped the time would come when, in different sections of the City, certain pieces of land could be set aside and made available for the young people to meet and play games. Not much expense would be involved and if, in the early Spring, such a plan was adopted, it could be completed before closing of schools. We recommend such action.

On a separate sheet, attached, you will find a statement of expense incurred during the year just closing, with no receipts received.

Yours respectfully
Pittston City Park Commission
By:

GWB:MB

(s) G. W. Bainbridge

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Permit Application was received from Nick Gichillett, 152 Panama Street, dated January 12th, 1943, to add an addition of Three (3') Feet to a room 8Ft. by 8 Ft., to property at this address, approximate cost of addition, Seventy-Five (\$75.) Dollars, work to be done by Pagnotti Coal Co.

This application, having been approved of by the Chief of the Fire Department on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, was approved.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.

ATTEST: January 26, 1943.

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

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PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JANUARY 26TH, 1943, AT 7:30 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, January 26th, 1943, at 7:30 P. M., with Mayor Reilly presiding, and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Wednesday, January 13th, were read, and upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, were approved of as read and ordered filed.

Report of condition and application of the Sinking Fund for the year ending December 31st, 1942, was submitted by Messrs. Reilly, Ruane, and Grablick, and upon motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, was approved of and ordered filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 436, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VICTORY TAX DEDUCTIONS FROM THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF CITY EMPLOYEES TO BE HELD PENDING PAYMENT TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTOR, was read at length, and on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, was approved of as read on First Reading.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the rules were rescinded and File of Council No. 436 ordered read for a Second time.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 436, was read by title for a second time, and upon motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, approved of as read on Second Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 3597. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from January 19, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3598. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That, to correct error in 1942 Tax Duplicate, the Property Assessed Valuation of property in the name of Gertrude Voight, 100 LaGrange Street, 10th Ward, be corrected to read Total Assessed Valuation - \$1,600.00 - instead of Total Assessed Valuation - \$2,020.00. This is in accordance with Assessment for the year 1941, as well as 1943."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3599. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Joseph Fearick be, and, hereby, is appointed temporary Fire Truck Driver at the Eagle's Hose Company, effective as of January 28th, 1943 for the limited period of time allowed by law, there being no other eligibles certified."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

The following communication, dated January 26, 1943, was received from Director of Accounts & Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick:

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

Edwin Sites	2 Wks. Tax Duplicate	\$ 50.00
Al Walsh	Repairs to Damaged Fire Alarm Box No. 43	21.25
		<u>\$ 71.25</u>

Respectfully submitted,
S. C. Grablick, Director,
Accounts & Finance.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above recommendations were approved of and ordered paid.

The following communication, dated January 25th, 1943, was received from Attorney John T. Mulhall:

Pittston City Council,
City Hall, Pittston, Pa.

Attention John D. McNulty, City Clerk

Gentlemen:

In response to your recent request for the use of the B. I. Loftus Estate lot adjacent to the City, I have been directed to notify you that my clients, the heirs of said estate, are willing to grant the City the use of said lot for the erection of a Memorial to the local boys in the Armed Services. This, however, is conditioned upon the following conditions: (a) That the City enter into an agreement to purchase the land from my clients, said purchase to be consummated prior to June 1, 1944 for the assessed valuation of the lot as it now appears on the records of the City Assessor; (b) That said lot be exonerated from the payment of City taxes from the date of the erection of the Memorial until such time as the above mentioned sale is completed.

Kindly take this matter up at the Council meeting tomorrow evening, and let me know the pleasure of the Council in regard to the same.

Very truly yours,

JTM:tm

(s) John T. Mulhall.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received, and referred to the City Solicitor for his attention and preparation of agreement to conform with conditions as stated therein.

The following communication, dated January 15th, 1943, was received from City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke:

Mayor and City Council,
Pittston, Pa.

In re: Anna Armitage
vs: City of Pittston
#464 March Term, 1942

Gentlemen:

At a recent meeting of Council correspondence from M. J. Mulhall, counsel for Mrs. Armitage, was referred to me for an opinion.

Suit has been brought to the above term and number and I understand that Mrs. Anna Armitage fell and broke her arm in front of the Loughney premises on Market Street, Pittston.

While the City, under the law, could add as an additional defendant the owner of the premises in front of which Mrs. Armitage fell, this together with the necessary witnesses to defend the case might well run into the One Hundred Twenty-five (\$125.00) Dollars, which counsel for the plaintiff requests.

It is my recommendation that this case be settled in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-five (\$125.00) Dollars.

Very truly yours,

CJB:tm

(s) Carl J. Burke

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above recommendation was accepted, and the claim in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-five (\$125.00) Dollars, ordered paid.

The following communication, dated January 15th, 1943, was received from City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke:

Mayor and City Council,
Pittston, Pa.

In re: Mrs. Anna Marchulonis
vs: City of Pittston
No. 827 October Term,
1942

Gentlemen:

At a recent meeting of Council the above captioned suit against the City of Pittston was discussed and an opinion in writing was requested by the council.

It is my opinion that the plaintiff in this case would have a difficult job in proving negligence on the part of the City. However, since suit has been started by Mrs. Marchulonis and her husband, there are certain dangers attached to every law suit and if a reasonable compromise could be effected it would, in my opinion, be the proper thing to do.

To date the claimant has been requesting \$750.00 but this amount seems to be high due to the nature of the accident and an apparent lack of negligence on the City.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the bills and costs which amounts to \$381.98.

If this case could be compromised for a reasonable amount I recommend to Council that it be settled.

Very truly yours,

CJB:tm
Enclosure

(s) Carl J. Burke.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to make an offer in full settlement of this claim in the amount of \$450.00, and if this amount be acceptable, that the same be approved of and ordered paid.

The following communication, dated January 16th, 1943, and addressed to City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke, was received from Attorney Roscoe B. Smith:

Carl J. Burke,
Attorney-at-Law,
Miners Bank Bldg.,
Pittston, Pa.

In Re: Catherine Burkel
vs: City of Pittston

Dear Mr. Burke:

In response to your letter of January 13th in reference to the above captioned matter, enclosed you will find the Withdrawal of Exceptions filed for and on behalf of the plaintiff in the above case. This will be filed as a matter of record at such time as is convenient for you to meet me at the Court House with a check in this matter in the sum of

\$500.00 covering the amount of the verdict, with interest thereon from February 26, 1942, and plaintiff's record costs. These costs are as follows:

Issuance of Summons,	\$ 2.00
Sheriff's costs,	6.60
Cost of entering judgment,	2.50
Satisfaction, .....	.30
Interest (11) Months @ .06%,	27.50
	<u>\$38.90</u>

Upon withdrawal of the exceptions, judgment will be entered in favor of the plaintiff, and upon receipt of your check, the same will be directed to be satisfied upon the record.

Awaiting your reply as to when we can meet to close this matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

RBS/f
Encl.

(s) Roscoe B. Smith

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, same was approved of and the total amount of \$38.90 ordered paid.

The following communication, dated January 18th, 1943, was received from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Justice, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, George W. Keitel, Deputy Attorney General:

Mr. S. O. Andalaro,
Director of Accounts and Finance,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Under date of March 24, 1941, you indicated to me that the City of Pittston would be able to pay the claim of the Department of Highways in the amount of \$3,482.50 when the State Liquor license fees for 1940 had been received.

Please advise me what steps you have taken toward the payment of this claim.

Very truly yours,
(s) George W. Keitel,
Deputy Attorney General.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and on Roll Call of members present, the same was referred to the attention of the City Solicitor.

Communication dated December 15, 1942, with further reference to letter of December 9, 1942, from City Engineer Thomas J. Halsey, concerning steps and condition of the walks at the Church Street entrance to the D.P.A. Offices, was received from City Solicitor Carl J. Burke:

Mayor and City Council,
City Hall, Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Herewith is a letter from City Engineer Halsey. It is the opinion of the writer that this job should be taken care of as soon as possible in order to eliminate any possibility of future liability on the City.

CJB:tm
Enclosure/1

Very truly yours,
(s) Carl J. Burke.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and on Roll Call of members present, the same was referred to the attention of the Street Commissioner, as well as the City Engineer Mr. Halsey, for estimate of costs to complete this work. It was also included in the same motion that the Street Commissioner and City Engineer prepare and submit estimate of costs of repairs to corner of West Oak and Johnson Streets.

The following communication, dated January 21st, 1943, was received from Assistant City Engineer, Mr. Leo Fasciana:

To the Mayor and Members of Council,
City Hall, Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

With the indefinite shutdown of the W. P. A. sidewalk project, it is requested that moneys, paid in advance for sidewalk construction yet unfinished, be refunded to the following property owners:

Herman Lonser	111 Cornelia St.	Sidewalk	\$49.50
		Curb	<u>16.10</u>
		Total	\$65.60
Patrick F. Lynn	117 Market St.	Sidewalk	\$35.85
A. S. Powers	103 Broad St.	Sidewalk	\$24.30
Mary Rebek (Olshesky Est.)	2 Cliff St.	Sidewalk	\$35.10
		Curb	<u>12.00</u>
		Total	\$47.10
Michael Moskurak	57 Thistle St.	Curb	\$10.12
Mrs. F. Moleski	68-70 Union St.	Sidewalk	\$30.00

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Fasciana,
Ass't Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above refunds were approved of and ordered paid.

The following communication, dated January 26, 1943, was received from Mr. Paul J. Fearick, 274 S. Main St., City:

To the Mayor and Council of
the City of Pittston.

Gentlemen:

Having been inducted into the Army, I wish to apply for an indefinite leave of absence from my position as driver in the Fire Department of the City of Pittston.

Respectfully requested,
(s) Paul J. Fearick
274 S. Main St.
Pittston, Pa.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above request was granted for the duration of the War, effective January 27, 1943.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and on Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to request the Secretary of the Civil Service Board Mr. Francis A. Earley, to set a date for examination of applicants for the Fire and Police Departments.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to advertise for bids on (1) 2--3 Ton Used Truck Chassis equipped with dump body and 1 Standard 4-Door Sedan Car for Police Department.

Committee from the Eagles and Niagara Fire Companies appeared before Council, concerning the engaging of emergency Firemen to act during the present emergency, and to fill the ranks of depleted regular Firemen now serving in the armed forces, as well as the Defense Plants throughout the Country. It was stated by the Committee that any emergency Firemen added would not be eligible for membership in the Firemen's Relief Association.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, permission was granted the Committee to engage necessary firemen as requested, subject to conditions stated therein, but to be paid at the regular rate of pay for volunteer firemen, and also be covered by the compensation laws applicable to present Volunteer and Regular paid Firemen.

Mr. Harry Levin, North Main Street, City, appeared before Council, and requested that consideration be given to his present Tax Assessment Valuation.

Council informed Mr. Levin that if reductions were granted the various applicants who appeared before the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals, that it would be necessary to increase the tax millage. Council also stated that in their opinion, present Assessment was fair, but would, however, give the matter their further consideration.

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by clear vote of members present, adjournment was made.

ATTEST:

APPROVED		
February 9, 1943.		
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John D. McNulty		
City Clerk		

CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FEBRUARY 9TH, 1943, AT 7:30 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, Tuesday, February 9th, 1943, at 7:30 P.M., with Mayor Reilly presiding, and all members of Council present, with the exception of Councilman Grablick, who was absent.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, January 26th, were read, and upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, were approved of as read, and ordered filed.

Mayor Reilly submitted report of Fines and Meter Collections received by his department for the month of January, 1943, reading as follows:

Parking Meter Fees.....	\$ 158.25
Parking Violations.....	7.00
Violations of City Ordinance....	10.00
Total	\$ 175.25

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted itemized report of Receipts and Disbursements of the City Treasurer's Office for the month of January, 1943, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, January 1st, 1943.....	\$ 45,941.18
Receipts During the Month.....	17,136.14
Total	\$ 63,077.32

Warrants Paid.....	\$ 21,084.98
Cash on Hand, January 31st.....	41,992.34
Total	\$ 63,077.32

Cash on Hand, January 31st, distributed to the following Funds:

General Fund.....	\$ 29,183.58
Bond and Interest Account, 1923.....	1,947.29
Bond and Interest Account, 1935.....	1,889.77
Bond and Interest Account, 1938.....	818.38
Funding and Improvement Bonds Account, 1942....	7,849.40
Victory Tax Funds (City Employees).....	303.92
Total	\$ 41,992.34

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted report dated January 30, 1943, covering City License issued by his office during the month, and reading as follows:

License applied for by: Harry Edelstein
 R-155 No Main Street, Pittston, Penna.
 Collection of rags, paper and metal, etc.
 Section #31 City Ordinance.
 Granted Jan. 4, 1943, license #628.....\$10.00

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report for the month of January, 1943, was submitted by Sealer of Weights and Measures, Mr. Thomas Newcomb, reading as follows:

	Corrected and Sealed
Gasoline Pumps	3
Person Weighers	10
Oil Pumps.	6
Counter Scales	10
Beam Scales	4
Wagon Scales	1

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and on Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report for the month of January 1943, was submitted by Health Officer Mr. Thomas Newcomb, reading as follows:

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
January, 1943:

Weekly report sent to the Medical Director.
Monthly report sent to the Medical Director.
Visits to Beef Houses (each).....4
Health Certificates Issued and on File.....35
Visits to Eating Houses and Restaurants.... 3
Homes under quarantine and released..... 2

Respectfully submitted,
(s) Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 436, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VICTORY TAX DEDUCTIONS FROM THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF CITY EMPLOYEES TO BE HELD PENDING PAYMENT TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTOR, was read in its entirety for the Third time, and on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, was approved and passed on Third and Final Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 3600. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 9th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from January 29th, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and on Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3601. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from February 8th, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3602. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the regular meeting date of City Council, be changed from the second and last Tuesday of each month, to the second and last Thursday of each month."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and on Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3603. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the present Chief City Assessor, as well as the present Sub-Assessors, whose term of office expired January 1st, 1943, be re-appointed, for One (1) year, effective from January 1st, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3604. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Mr. Stanley Leonard be appointed Grand Marshal of parade to be conducted in connection with dedication of Honor Roll, Monday February 22nd, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S.O. Grablick, in letter dated February 9th, 1943, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council recommended payment of the following bills:

Adonizio Insurance Agency	Insurance	\$ 21.56
Airport Sand and Gravel Company	Sand, etc.	34.33
Bell Telephone Co. of Penna.	Phones.	47.45
Carl J. Burke	Liens.	1.00
William P. Bonser	Repair Parts.	2.55
Barber Motor Car Co.	" "	7.10
Clarkson Chemical Co.	Disinfectant, etc.	25.60
V. E. Churchfield	Repairs-lights, etc.	11.12
Consumer's Ice Co.	Ice.	26.00
Franconi Auto Parts	(1) Sealed G. E. Unit	.73
Harry C. Hunt	Plumbers' License Book	13.85
Klein Auto Parts Co.	(1) Regulator	5.00
Kehoe & McNamara	Insurance.	21.58
LaBarre's Stationery Store.	Supplies, etc.	10.85
Ludwig's Hardware	Misc. supplies.	39.73
League of 3rd Class Cities of Pa.	Dues, etc.	161.00
P. F. Mitchell	Cement, etc.	71.04
Newcomb Bros.	Coal.	169.08
The Pittston Gazette Co.	Programs.	9.50
M. V. Quinn Agency	Insurance.	20.13
The Scranton Electric Co.	Light Service.	68.38
" " " "	Street Lighting.	1,006.45
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Water Service.	148.63
Allan W. Smiles.	Keys.	.70
New York Casualty Co.	Bond Premiums.	55.00
Ed. A. Sites.	2 Wks.	50.00
Jackson Mfg. Co.	Manufacture & Install Honor	
	Roll.	470.00
Niagara Hose Co.	Vol. Firemen(Nov., Dec., Jan.)	318.40
Eagle Hose Co.	" " " "	504.00
	Total	\$3,320.31

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above recommendations were approved of as read and ordered paid.

The following communication, dated February 5th, 1943, was received from Mr. W. Cl Schmink, Superintendent, Luzerne County Department of Highways, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Pittston City Hall, Broad Street,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Effective at midnight on February 9, 1943,
your Agreement Number 268 covering the rental of a

plot of ground for storing road or bridge building material, is cancelled.

Very truly yours,
(s) W. O. Schmink,
Superintendent
District 4-3
Luzerne County.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

The following communication, addressed to Carl J. Burke, Esquire, Miners Bank Building, Pittston, Pa., was submitted to City Council:

Dear Mr. Burke:

Regarding the Fred Jennings plot on Spring and Kennedy Streets, this City, we wish to advise you that there is a total of \$1534.36 in taxes due on the property of which \$446.65 is due to the City. This last item covers the following years:

1932 balance of taxes and lien	\$ 10.29
1939 tax and lien	108.30
1940 tax	109.30
1941 tax	109.38
1942 tax	109.38

Total	<u>\$446.65</u>
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As to the sales price for the property I am instructed to quote \$3000.00 from which, of course, the taxes must be cleared. As to your proposal to rent for the remainder of this year in consideration of the 1943 city taxes, I wish to inform you that the same meets with the approval of all concerned, on condition that the agreement be drawn up for the purchase of the property by the City immediately after January 1, 1944.

Please inform me what action is taken by City Council and oblige.

Very truly yours,

(S) S. C. Battisti,
Asst. Secy-Treas.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

The following communication was received from the Scranton Claim Department Office of the Employers' Group Insurance Company:

City of Pittston,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Attention: Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk

Dear Mr. McNulty:

RE: NORA McHALE - CITY OF PITSTON

Confirming our personal interview of January 26th, 1943, at which time I informed you that the above captioned claim was not covered under the Policy of Insurance carried by the City of Pittston with this Corporation for the following reasons:

There would be no coverage under the Policy GL-181655 inasmuch as Mrs. McHale fell on the steps of the DPA Building, and there are no Buildings covered under this Policy. Furthermore, the City of Pittston has not control over the Building itself.

There is no coverage under Policy O-102147 as the excavation and work performed on the streets and pavement in this area was started October 1st, 1940 and was completed November 22nd 1940, and this Policy was not effective until July 2nd 1942.

In the event that the City of Pittston is involved in litigation as a result of this accident we shall be pleased to cooperate with the City Solicitor, Mr. Carl J. Burke, by furnishing him with all of the details disclosed by our investigation.

Kindest personal regards.

(s) Very truly yours,
E.T. Nichols.
Superintendent

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

The following communication from the Kehoe-McNamara Insurance Company, dated February 1st, 1943, was received and read:

City of Pittston
City Hall, Pittston, Pa.

Re: Pol. GLPL-181655-City of Pittston

Gentlemen:

It has just come to the attention of the Home Office that when issuing the above policy, which is the one covering the streets and roads, the regular endorsement had been omitted. Same has been issued at this time and is enclosed herewith, which I believe you will find in order as it merely states that the insurance applies only to the existence of the streets and roads and sidewalks, which is the purpose of the coverage under the policy.

I am sorry that this had not come to our attention before this late date.

(s) Very truly yours,
Kehoe & McNamara
John C. McNamara

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to renew insurance coverage on City Hall Building and Offices, expiring February 23rd, 1943, with the same Insurance Agencies now carrying said Insurance, with the exception of \$10,000.00, now carried by the Bert Ardoline Agency, \$6,500.00 by the Thomas English Agency, and \$5,000.00 by the Oscar H. Phillips Agency, these amounts to be placed with the following Agencies: Oliver Burke Agency, \$8,000.00; John Jordan Agency, \$4,000.00; James Mogavero Agency, \$5,000.00; Kehoe-McNamara Agency, \$2,500.00, and M. V. Quinn Agency, \$2,000.00, and that the Honor Roll Service Board be insured for \$500.00.

City Councilman Joseph A. Walsh, very generously offered to the Mayor and Members of City Council, to donate a Six by Ten (6'x10') American Flag, together with a 50' Steel Flagpole, and to provide for the erection of same on the same plot of ground adjoining the City Hall, and upon which is erected the Service Honor Roll, the Flagpole to be erected and ready for the dedication of the Honor Roll February 22nd, 1943.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Walsh, himself, not voting, that the said Flag and Flagpole be accepted and Mr. Walsh commended for his very generous offer.

Mr. Arthur Fullagar, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, extended, in behalf of the Seventh Ward Service Club, an invitation to the Mayor and Members of City Council, to attend dedication of Seventh Ward Honor Roll, Sunday February 14, 1943, at 3:30 P.M., corner of North Main and William Streets.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Fullagar's invitation was gladly accepted, with thanks.

Mr. Buren, of the Spanish American War Veterans, addressed Council in behalf of an Honor Roll that they, the Veterans of the Spanish American War, would like to have placed in the Pittston Post Office, if permission would be granted by the Postal Authorities.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to obtain price on said Honor Roll, to provide for 250 names, and to endeavor to secure permission from the Postal Authorities to erect same in City Post Office Building, as per their request.

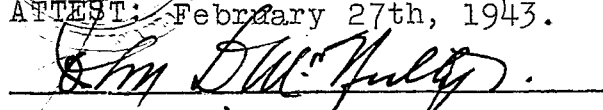
There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.

APPROVED

February 27th, 1943.

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<u>JOHN D. McNULTY</u>		
CITY CLERK		

ATTEST: February 27th, 1943.


CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FEBRUARY 27TH, 1943, AT 3:30 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session postponed from Thursday, February 25th, 1943, to today, February 27th, 1943, at 3:30 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, Councilmen Grablick and Walsh, present, Councilmen Sheridan and Turon being absent.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, February 9th were read, and upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved of as read, and ordered filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3605. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 27th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from February 18th, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3606. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 27th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from February 28th, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3607. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 27th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Abatement of taxes for the years 1937 to 1942, inclusive, upon recommendation by City Assessor John M. Dobbie, be granted to Michael Miskinis, 28 New Street, Third Ward, on the assessed valuation of \$125.00, for each year for Garage which Mr. Miskinis never had. Further, that the abatement for the years 1937, 1938 and 1939, be applied against taxes due for the year 1939, since the 1937 and 1938 taxes were already paid, and that the abatement for the years 1940 to 1942, inclusive, be applied to the taxes due for respective years involved."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, in letter dated February 27th, 1943, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of Council, recommended payment of the following bills:

LaBarre's Stationery Store	(1) Time Book.	\$.50
Pittston Oil Co.	Gas, Oil, etc.	3.22
Allan W. Smiles.	Repair Locks, etc.	2.00
Klein Auto Parts Co.	Misc. repair parts.	21.77
Franconi Auto Parts.	Misc. Parts.	14.69
Egan Oil & Supply Co.	Gas, Oil, etc.	86.28
Edwin A. Sites.	Preparation, Tax Duplicate.	70.00
J. D. McNulty.	Postage Stamps. Civ. Defense.	20.00
Jackson Mfg. Co.	Additions to Honor Roll.	15.00
Petty Cash.	Miscellaneous Items	9.22
Stanley Shacochius.	Pictures of Honor Roll Dedication.	9.00
John A. Allan..	Insurance on Pumper.	5.00
Oliver Burke & Son.	" " City Hall.	23.00
Josephine G. Cohan.	" " " "	28.75
John Jordan's Sons.	" " " "	30.19
James Mogavero.	" " " "	23.00
P.A. Sammon.	" " " "	28.75
M.A. Schwartzkopf.	" " " "	8.62
Frank P. Scrudato.	" " " "	8.63
Arthur Fullagar.	" " " "	10.00
		\$ 417.62

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above recommendations were approved of as read, and ordered paid.

Agreement for sale of lot of land adjacent to City Hall Building, on Broad Street, and owned by the heirs of the B. I. Loftus Estate, was presented to Council by Attorney John J. Mulhall, representing the heirs of said Estate.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the Agreement was approved of as read, and the proper officers authorized to execute said agreement.

The following communication, dated January 25th, 1943, was received from City Assessor, John M. Dobbie:

Jan. 25, 1943.

Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council,
Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Upon complaint of Michael Miskinis, 28 New Street, Third Ward, City of Pittston, I have checked the Assessment records for the years 1937 to 1942, inclusive, and find that for the years involved, Mr. Miskinis was assessed for each of these years, \$125.00, for a Garage which he never had.

My investigation is based upon information, received from reliable sources, which, I am satisfied, is true and correct, and for that reason, I do not hesitate in recommending to your Honorable Body that an abatement of taxes for the years involved, be granted.

Very truly yours,
(s) John M. Dobbie, City Assessor
Per J.D. McNulty, City Clerk

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above recommendation was accepted, and an abatement granted for the years involved.

The following communication, dated February 12th, 1943, was received from the Gar Wood Industries, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.:

City of Pittston,
City Hall,
Pittston, Penna.

Att: Mr. J. D. McNulty, City Clerk.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of January 28th regarding your Purchase Order #5798 covering a 9-yd. Load-Packer we wish to advise that we have ordered this from our factory to be mounted on a 1940 International Harvester Chassis, Model DS-40, with a wheelbase of 158" and 84" from back of cab to the center line of the rear axle.

If there is any change in the specifications of this truck please advise us at once so that we can arrange to advise our engineering department so that they

will be in position to make any necessary changes if the specifications are other than mentioned above.

We understand from our Mr. Koehler that if there are any alterations to be made on the truck that it will probably be done by the company in Philadelphia by the name of William & Harvey Rowland, Inc., and if this is correct you could arrange to have the chassis delivered to them after we receive information that the body has been shipped, and this would give them ample time to do the work before the body would be delivered to us for the installation.

We trust this information is clear to you, and wish to thank you for your cooperation in the past.

Very truly yours,

AED:ER (S) GAR WOOD INDUSTRIES, INC.,
A. E. Hilderley, Manager

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

The following communication, dated February 18th, 1943, was received from City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke:

John D. McNulty, City Clerk,
City Hall, Pittston, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The letter from George W. Keitel, Deputy Attorney General, dated January 18, 1943, a copy of which was sent to me has been received.

The claim of the Department of Highways in the amount of \$3482.50, in my opinion, should be thoroughly investigated. May I suggest that you check the records to determine if any agreement can be found authorizing this work, and present the entire file at the next Council meeting for their consideration?

Very truly yours,

(S) Carl J. Burke,
City Solicitor.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

The following communication, dated February 17, 1943, was received from the Federal Works Agency, Works Projects Administration, Scranton, Penna.:

Feb. 17, 1943
09-5131

Mr. John McNulty, Secretary
Pittston City Council,
Pittston, Penn'a

W.P. 29412

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the action of

our Area Office in notifying you verbally regarding the termination of projects operating under your sponsorship.

In accordance with an order issued by the State Administrator for the Work Projects Administration, all projects sponsored by townships, boroughs, cities, school boards, etc., must be terminated by April 15, 1943. In order that the termination of all such projects may be effected by April 15, 1943, it is necessary that all presently operating projects which cannot be fully completed prior to that date be terminated immediately upon completion of useful units. In the event a useful unit cannot be completed, it is necessary that immediate steps be taken to close such projects in an orderly manner.

It is realized that the withdrawal of WPA may place some sponsors in an undesirable position, and although we can appreciate any sympathy with such conditions, the official order directing liquidation of the program leaves no alternative. However, in the event you choose to continue operations at your own expense after withdrawal of WPA, every possible aid will be extended in meeting your problems. It is felt that in most instances present project personnel has proven satisfactory. Therefore, it is our hope that if you decide to carry on the work, consideration will be given the possibility of employing present workers.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your past cooperation and assistance in providing a means of livelihood for persons for whom no other employment was available and to inform you that our relationship has been considered most pleasant.

Yours very truly,

(s) F. C. Boldry, District Director
Div of Engineering & Construction

For W. Frank Snyder
District Manager
District #1

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and on Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

The following communication, dated February 20th, 1943, was received from Arthur Fullagar, 55 North Main Street, City:

Mayor John J. Reilly and Pittston City Council,
Pittston City Hall, Broad St., Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

The Members of the Seventh Ward Service Club wishes to thank you for your splendid cooperation in connection with the Dedication of the Honor Roll.

We wish to express our gratitude for the work on the erecting of the stand making the occasion worth while.

If we can be of any service to you we want you to feel free to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

(s) Arthur Fullagar, Pres.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Estimate of Wall and Sidewalk along Church Street at D.P.A. Building, as well as cobble gutter on southerly side of Johnson Street, north of Oak Street, presented by City Engineer Mr. Thomas J. Halsey, was received and read.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above estimate was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated February 24th, 1943, was received from James M. Evans, Chairman, Boy Scouts of Greater Pittston Area:

To the Mayor and Members of City Council,
City Hall, Broad Street, Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

As Chairman of the Greater Pittston Boy Scout Organization, I am planning a series of six Lectures, commencing on Monday, March 8th, 1943, and continuing each Monday thereafter, for a period of 6 weeks.

These lectures are to cover Boy Scout training, as well as training of Boy Scout Masters, and will be confined to not more than one hour for each lecture. For this purpose, I am asking your Honorable Body for permission to conduct said lectures in the City Council Chambers.

Trusting you will see your way clear to grant this permission, I am

Very truly yours,

(s) James M. Evans,
Chairman,
Boy Scouts of Greater
Pittston Area.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Evans was granted permission to conduct lectures referred to, therein.

The following communication, dated February 15th, 1943, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Forests and Waters, Harrisburg, Pa.:

(8990)

Feb. 15, 1943

City of Pittston,
Luzerne County,
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

The Water and Power Resources Board, at its meeting on February 10th, 1943, granted your request, filed December 29th, 1942, for an extension of time within which to complete the construction of a culvert along Laurel Line Creek, between Frothingham and Plank streets, in Pittston, Luzerne County, and the time for completion of the work is extended to January 1st of the second year subsequent to the termination of the present war emergency as terminated by Resolution of Congress or Proclamation of the President of the United States.

Very truly yours,

(SEAL)

(S) WATER AND POWER RESOURCES BOARD
By Jas. A. Kell, Chairman.

(Signed:)

W. E. Kirkpatrick, Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

The Safety First Supply Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., in reply to inquiry by the City Clerk on February 5th, 1943, submitted a price, \$395.00, for Fox Portable Model, E & J Resuscitator, Inhalator, and Aspirator, complete, f.o.b. Pittston, Pa.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the Purchasing Agent was instructed to purchase the same, at price stated therein.

The City Clerk stated that three (3) Bids, properly sealed and marked, according to specifications, had been received on Police Car, and one (1) Bid, properly sealed and marked, on used truck.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to open and read said bids.

Upon reading of said bids at length, and on motion of Mr. Grablick seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, were referred to Committee of Council for tabulation, report of said Committee to be submitted to next meeting of Council for final disposition.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and on Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.

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CITY CLERK		

ATTEST: March 6th, 1943.

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MARCH 6TH, 1943, at 3:00 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in special session Saturday, March 6th, 1943, at 3:00 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding. Waiver of notice being waved by all present.

On Roll Call the following members of Council answered present: Messrs. Walsh, Turon, Sheridan, and Mayor Reilly. Councilman Grablick being absent.

Minutes of regular session of February 27th were read and, upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved of as read and ordered filed.

Mayor John J. Reilly submitted report of Meter Collections received by his Department for the month of February, 1943, in the amount of \$135.35.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane, submitted itemized report of the receipts and disbursements of the City Treasurer's Office for the month of February, 1943, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, February 1, 1943.....	\$ 41,992.34
Receipts during the month.....	8,370.59
	<hr/> \$ 50,362.93

Warrants Paid.....	\$ 16,053.98
Cash on Hand, Feb. 28, 1943.....	34,308.95
	<hr/> \$ 50,362.93

General Fund.....	\$ 20,306.59
Bond & Interest, Acc't 1923.....	2,309.90
Bond & Interest, Acc't 1935.....	2,332.36
Bond & Interest, Acc't 1938.....	1,000.31
Funding & Improvement Bonds, Acc't	
1942.....	7,756.05
Victory Tax Funds (City Employees..	603.74
	<hr/> \$ 34,308.95

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane, submitted report dated February 27th, 1943, covering City Licenses issued by his office during the month of February, reading as follows:

License applied for by: The Western
Union Telegraph Company. Pole License
Tax for the year 1943. 6 Poles @12¢,
72¢. Granted February 5, 1943.
License #629..... \$ 0.72

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

The following bills were presented by the Office of Accounts and Finance with the recommendation that same be approved of and paid:

M. P. Ruane, Tax Collector, Misc. office expenses from Oct. 28, 1942, to March 5, 1943.....	\$ 215.10
Degen, Messer and Co., Inc., Easton, Pennsylvania for professional services rendered in preparation of Loans Tax Report for the year 1942, in accordance with the contract.....	75.00
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1942, Loans Tax Report.....	771.40

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of as read and ordered paid.

The following communication, dated March 5th, 1943, addressed to the Mayor and Members of City Council, was received from Francis A. Earley, Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board:

This is to notify you of the coming Civil Service Examination, to be held Friday, March 19th, 1943, for positions open in the Fire Department, said examination to be conducted at the Y. M. C. A. Building, Broad Street, at 3:30 P.M.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to prepare and have posted, proper notice of said examinations to be held.

The following communication, dated March 3rd, 1943, addressed to the Eagles Hose Company, for the attention of Mr. Frank Castner, Fire Chief, was received and read as follows:

Dear Sir:

The prompt action of your Fire Department in reaching scene of recent fire to one of our trains at Falls, Pa., and the services rendered in getting the fire under control are deserving of the highest praise, and I want you to know that the Management, as well as myself, appreciate the efforts you put forth in meeting this extreme emergency.

I will personally call on you in the next few days.

Yours truly,

(Signed) F. S. Mitten
Superintendent

Upon motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Upon motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to invite the Members of Local Draft Board #13, to meet with City Council at the next regular meeting, which is to be held at City Hall, Thursday evening, March 11th, 1943, at 7:00 P. M.

The following communication, dated March 5th, 1943, was received from the Federal Works Agency, Works Projects Administration, Scranton, Pennsylvania:

Re: 01-3091

Mr. John McNulty, Secretary,
Pittston City Council,
City Hall,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Subject: Work Project 29412

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Recently we advised you in a communication from this office that with the liquidation of the W.P.A. Program, we would be required to suspend all our projects in such fashion that no operation would continue beyond either April 15 or May 15, 1943.

As a result of recent instructions and revised planning, it is with regret that we notify you that it has been determined that the project sponsored by you as indicated above will be discontinued as regards W.P.A. participation on March 18, 1943.

We want to take this means of thanking you for your splendid cooperation and assistance in making available an opportunity for employment of persons who perhaps without your cooperation would have otherwise been left unemployed.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) F. C. Boldry, District Director
Division of Engineering & Construction

For: W. Frank Snyder
District Manager
District No. 1

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed after Mayor Reilly stated that he, personally, would contact Mr. Snyder and endeavor to have this Project continued to at least May 15th, 1943.

Mr. Ted Stark, as well as Mr. Neil Thompson, appeared before Council concerning Tax Assessment on Real Estate owned by the heirs of the Seibol & Mosier Estate, on North Main Street between Butler and Mill Streets. Mayor Reilly informed them that Tax Duplicates were already prepared and that it was doubtful whether any consideration could be granted them at this time. He also stated that Council, however, would consider their request and notify them within a week's time whether or not any thing could be done at this late date.

Councilman John Sheridan stated that complaints had been made to him by residents of upper Pittston concerning regulation of traffic at Union and North Main Street.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the matter was referred to the attention of the City Engineer to check and submit report to City Council concerning complaints.

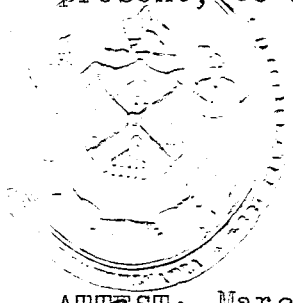
On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Mechanic, Mr. James Halford, be authorized to deliver used truck chassis, when purchased, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to have Gar Wood Load-Packer mounted upon same.

Mayor Reilly stated that complaints have been received by him regarding the blasting at night, by Morgan Coal Company operation, known as the "Oregon Slope". He also stated that Mr. Minichello of the Morgan Coal Company and, upon request of Mayor Reilly, met in the Mayor's Office at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, March 6th, 1943, and that Mr. Minichello stated that mining in one chamber near Elizabeth and Oak Street had already been stopped and that investigation would verify same. The Mayor stated that he would have the City Engineer, Mr. Halsey, make complete investigation of their mining and submit report of same to Members of City Council.

Bids having been received and opened at previous meeting, from the Barber Motor Car Company, Roy Stauffer, and Joe Grace Agency, for Police Car as well as the J. & R. Construction Company on Used 2 - 3 Ton Truck Chassis and Cab; the J. & R. Construction Company being the only bid received on truck, was awarded to them, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, with the understanding that the City would be able to have, delivered to them, the Load-Packer for which this truck is being purchased.

Mr. Joe Grace, being the only bidder on Police Car to comply with specifications stated in proposal covering same, on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Grace was awarded the contract to furnish said car. On the same motion the City Clerk was instructed to return Certified Checks, received from the other bidders, thanking them for their consideration in submitting bids on said car.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and on Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.



ATTEST: March 11th, 1943.

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK.

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PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MARCH 11TH, 1943, AT 7:00 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Thursday, March 11th, 1943, at 7:00 P.M., with Director of Accounts & Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick presiding and Councilmen Walsh and Turon present; Mayor Reilly and Councilmen Sheridan being absent.

Minutes of special session of March 6th were read and upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present approved of as read and ordered filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 437, ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR EXCHANGE OR SALE OF POLICE CAR IN PRESENT USE BY THE BUREAU OF POLICE OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON IN PART PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF A NEW MOTOR CAR TO BE USED BY THE BUREAU OF POLICE OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS OF SPECIFICATIONS PUBLISHED ACCORDING TO LAW, was read at length for the first time.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was adopted on First Reading.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the rules were rescinded and File of Council No. 437 ordered read for the second time.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 437 was read at length for a second time and upon motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, approved of as read on Second Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 3608. Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 11th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from March 10th, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and on Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts & Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick in letter dated March 11th, 1943, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, recommended payment of the following bills:

The Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	Phones.	\$	39.95
Broad Street Garage.	Inspecting-Welding(Trucks)		13.65
The Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Co.	Firemen's Coats.		280.41
Wm. P. Bonser.	Flashlight Batteries.		5.00
Barber Motor Car Co.	Repair parts, etc.		3.65
Crouse-Hinds Co.	Traffic Signal Parts.		60.40
Consumer's Gas & Oil Co.	Gas, Oil, Tires, etc.		226.89
Consumer's Ice Co.	Ice.		25.00
W. S. Darley Company.	(12) masks (Firemen)		20.12
Egan Oil & Supply Co.	Gas, Oil.		101.50
Edelstein Paper & Rags Company.	(1) Generator.		2.00
Wesley M. Evans.	Welding bumpers, etc.		6.95
Franconi Auto Parts.	Miscellaneous supplies, parts.		50.61
Glen Summit Water Co., Inc.	Drinking Water.		15.50
Harry C. Hunt.	Tax statements, etc.		71.50
Klein Auto Parts Co.	Misc. parts.		19.75
S. S. Kresge Company.	Paper Hatchets(Hon. Roll)		10.00
Kehoe & McNamara.	Insurance (City Hall)		7.16
Ludwig's Hardware Co.	Misc. supplies.		7.04
LaBarre's Stationery Store.	Pads-Thumb tacks.		4.10
Mitchell's Lumber Yard.	Materials(Hon.Roll)Cement, etc.		27.53
Newcomb Bros.	Coal.		173.86
The Pittston Gazette Co.	Programs(H.Roll)Bids,Budget.		106.00
The Pittston Printing Co.	Payroll record forms.		12.00

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Stanley Piorkowski.	46 Bags, @ 10¢ ea.	4.60
Pittston Oil Co., Inc.	Gas, Oil, etc.	90.39
Reap Insurance Agency.	Insurance-City Hall.	8.63
The Scranton Electric Co.	Electric Service.	68.16
" " " "	Street Lighting.	1,006.45
Scranton Spring-Brook Water Co.	Hydrant Service, etc.	146.46
Scranton Chemical Co.	Deodorant Blocks.	36.00
Allan W. Smiles.	Repairs to locks, etc.	2.65
Williams Stationery Store.	Supplies.	32.95
Williams Paper Co.	Drinking cups, towels.	19.65
Eagen Hardware Co.	Misc. supplies.	51.30
Safety First supply Co.	Port. Resuscitator, oxygen, etc.	395.00
The Pittston Diner.	Lunch, Prisoners.	.70
Edwin Sites.	To March 15, 1943 Tax Duplicate.	65.00
	Total	\$ 3,218.51

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon and upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of as read and ordered paid.

Mr. S. O. Grablick, Director of Accounts & Finance submitted the following Warrants which were never discounted and recommended that the same be cancelled:

Warrant No. 36831	..... Jan. 15, 1938	..... William Coplan...	\$ 12.50
Warrant No. 36866	..... Jan. 15, 1938	..... Luke Keating.....	20.00
Warrant No. 36964	..... Jan. 31, 1938	..... William Coplan...	12.50
Warrant No. 37993	..... May 16, 1938	..... Sam Pulation.....	24.00
Warrant No. 49716	..... Sept. 30, 1941	..... William Gallagher	4.00
Warrant No. 50249	..... Nov. 15, 1941	..... Chas. Stuthers...	12.00
Warrant No. 52800	..... July 16, 1942	..... Barney & O'Neill...	3.04
			\$ 88.04

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon and upon Roll Call of members present, the above recommendation was approved of as read and Warrants ordered cancelled.

The following communication, dated March 8th, 1943, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council was received and read:

Gentlemen:

Some time ago one of our representatives appeared before your body as "Appeal Board for the revision of taxes" with a list of properties on which the assessments were considered by us out of line with today's valuations.

Will you kindly inform us as to what action has been taken in the matter, and oblige,

(s) Yours very truly,
Curtis D. Thomas
Exec. Vice-President.
Miners Savings Bank,
Pittston, Pa.

Curtis D. Thomas
B/A

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, City Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Thomas that the Board of Revision and Tax Appeals after careful consideration of their appeal, find that no decrease in the assessed valuations is allowed.

The following communication, dated March 4th, 1943, to the Mayor and City Council was received and read:

In re: Lena Dressler
vs: City of Pittston

Gentlemen:

For the past four days this case has been tried in the Luzerne County Courts. Mrs. Dressler proved, beyond a doubt, serious injury.

It was the recommendation of Atty. James Harris, representing the Insurance Company for the Miners Savings Bank; Atty. W.L. Pace, representing the Sfarnas Estate, and myself that a settlement should be offered.

Mr. Harris, whose client in our opinion, was least negligent of the defendants, offered \$1500.00, Mr. Pace \$625.00 and on behalf of the City I offered \$625.00.

It is my recommendation that Council approve of this settlement, as an appeal to the Superior Court would use up this sum or a greater one, and the testimony produced by the plaintiff would substantiate a verdict of \$7500.00.

Would you kindly see that the check is drawn to the order of Edward McGovern and Joseph Serling, Attorneys for Lena Dressler?

Very truly yours,

(s) Carl J. Burke

CJB:tm

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above recommendation was approved of as read and that Warrant in the amount of \$625.00 be drawn to the order of Edward McGovern and Joseph Serling, Attorneys for Lena Dressler in full settlement of this claim.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present to adjourn.

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John D. McNulty		
City Clerk		

ATTEST: March 25, 1943.

John D. McNulty
City Clerk

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MARCH 25TH, 1943, AT 7:45 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, Thursday, March 25, 1943, at 7:45 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of March 11th, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received, filed, and adopted.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 437 ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR EXCHANGE OR SALE OF POLICE CAR IN PRESENT USE BY THE BUREAU OF POLICE OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON IN PART PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF A NEW MOTOR CAR TO BE USED BY THE BUREAU OF POLICE OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS OF SPECIFICATIONS PUBLISHED ACCORDING TO LAW, was read at length for the third time.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was approved of as read and adopted on Third and Final Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 3609. Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from March 20, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3610. Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the discount period for the payment of City Taxes for the Current (1943) Duplicate, be, and hereby is, extended to the 31st day of May, 1943, instead of the regular discount period ending April 30th, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, in letter dated March 25, 1943, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, recommended payment of the following bills:

V. E. Churchfield.	Traffic Signals-Honor Roll.	\$ 127.28
Edelstein Paper & Rags Co.	(1) Radiator Cap.	.75
Franconi Auto Parts.	Parts, Aux. Fire Truck, etc.	61.71
The Gamewell Company.	Parts, Fire Alarm System.	29.96
The Mathieson Alkali Works, Inc.	(1) Drum Bicarbonate of Soda.	3.14
The Pittston Diner.	Sandwiches for prisoners.	.40
Pittston Printing Co.	Stamped Post Cards.	24.50
Wilkes-Barre Independent Co.	Printing Audit.	84.00
Wyoming Valley Hotel.	Food for Firemen.	14.85
		<u>\$ 346.59</u>

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of as read and ordered paid.

Communication dated March 22, 1943, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, reading as follows, was received and read:

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that Joseph Fearick has successfully passed the Civil Service Examination for a position in the Fire Department, held on March 19th, at a mark of 92%.

Very truly yours,
(signed) Francis A. Earley,
Secretary, Civil Service
Examining Board.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Joseph Fearick, having successfully passed the Civil Service Examination for position in the Fire Department, and being presently employed as a Fire Truck Driver by the City of Pittston under a temporary assignment by City Council, was, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, appointed to the position of Fire Truck Driver, at a Salary of \$1,800.00 per annum, for the duration of the present emergency only, or until such time as the return to active duty as Fire Truck Driver of his brother, Paul Fearick, who is on temporary leave by approval of Council, and now serving in the Armed Forces of our Country.

The following communication, dated March 8, 1943, and addressed to Carl J. Burke, Esq., Miners Bank Building, City, was received and read:

Dear Sir:

I represent Mr. and Mrs. Oren Breymeir. Mrs. Breymeir suffered a chip fracture of the head of the left humerus, punctured laceration of the left forehead, and abrasions of both knees and the left hip by falling at the scene of the sidewalk project on William Street on July 6, 1941. This project was under the supervision of the city employees and the damages suffered by Mrs. Breymeir was due to their negligence.

The following is a list of the bills incurred by Mrs. Breymeir:

Dr. L. C. Druffner,.....	\$ 150.00
Helen Pucilowski,.....	\$ 80.00
Taylor Hospital,.....	\$ 5.00
Total,.....	\$ 235.00

The proper City officials were notified of the occurrence of Mrs. Breymeir's injuries and such report was acknowledged on September 5, 1941, by J. P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk.

Will you kindly consult with Council on this matter and advise me as to its attitude towards an amicable settlement.

Yours very truly,

JEL:HL (s) J. Earl Langan

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was returned to the City Solicitor, for further investigation and disposition.

Communication dated March 24, 1943, addressed to City Council, and reading as follows, was received and read:

Gentlemen:

On March 16, 1943 I wrote to the Pennsylvania State Highway Department requesting them to place stop signs; one at the foot of Union Street at its junction with North Main Street and one on Church Street at its junction with the southerly side of Mill Street.

TJH:JD

(s) Very truly yours,
Thomas J. Halsey, City Engineer
500 Newrose Bldg., Pittston, Pa.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed, and, under the same motion, District Engineer Mr. Rolfe, of the Pennsylvania Department of Highways, Scranton, Pa., was invited to attend the next meeting of City Council concerning placing of a traffic light at North Main and Union Streets.

Communication dated March 15th, addressed to the Mayor and Members of City Council, was received and read:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit a bill of \$225.00 for services rendered as a driver in the City Fire Department from October 1, 1941, to November 15, 1941, inclusive.

Hoping you will give this your kind attention.

I remain,

Don. Williamson

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion.

Communication dated March 4th, addressed to Carl J. Burke, Esq., City Solicitor, reading as follows, was received and read:

Dear Mr. Burke:

The claim of the principal amount of \$3,482.50 was certified to the City of Pittston by the Department of Highways under date of November 22, 1940. This bill represented the city's share of the cost of repaving Parsonage Street, including the abandoned trolley track area in Pittston. The State's share of the cost of this repaving was \$5,221.01.

The claim arose under an agreement between the Department of Highways and the City of Pittston, entered into on January 22, 1940. The resolution authorizing this agreement was adopted July 26, 1938, being Resolution No. 3203. The agreement was signed on behalf of the City of Pittston by Kenneth J. English, Mayor, Salvatore C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts and Finances, and attested by J. P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk.

Since the date of this bill there has been considerable correspondence with the city officials, who should be familiar with the exact nature of this claim. In Paragraph 3 of the agreement, the city agreed to pay the Commonwealth within ten days after receipt of the certification, and further agreed that interest at the rate of 6 per cent. would be charged if payment is not made within thirty days from the date of the certification. In the event that suit is instituted for the recovery of this claim in the Dauphin County Courts, there will also be collectible a 5 per cent. Attorney General's Commission.

Under date of March 24, 1941, Mr. Andaloro indicated to me that the city would pay the claim when the State liquor license fees for 1940 had been received. I understand that such money was received some time after June 30, 1941, and that payment could have been made at that time.

I think that you will agree with me that this claim merits the immediate consideration of the City of Pittston.

Very truly yours,

(s) George W. Keitel,
Deputy Attorney General.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor for opinion and investigation of the records.

Communication dated March 20, 1943, addressed to Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk, reading as follows, was received and read:

Dear Sir:

Copies of letter from this Board to the State Director of Selective Service and his reply thereto in connection with use of the Board Offices for blackout purposes are enclosed.

In view of the positive directions from the State Hdqrs. the Board is unable to allow access to its offices for any other purpose than the office business of the Board.

If arrangements may be made, whereby the Medical Unit will occupy room No. 12 of these offices, this Board will be pleased to make such room available.

Very truly yours,

(s) P. J. Boland, Chairman

Enc.
PJB:MTL

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to arrange for a meeting of Committee of City Council and Members of Local Draft Board No. 13.

There being a full attendance of citizens present, Mayor Reilly addressed the attendance on the present mine subsidence which has caused extensive damage to the Pittston City High School, as well as numerous residences and highways in the vicinity of Carroll Street to Broad Street, between Defoe and Fulton Streets.

The Mayor stated that until such time as permission was granted by Mine Inspector Mr. Connolly, whereby proper investigation could be conducted within the mines to determine the direct cause of this subsidence, it would be impossible to definitely place the blame for this damaging condition. He further stated that this investigation would be conducted by a Committee of Engineers representing the Number 9 Coal Company, the Pennsylvania Coal Company, and the Morgan Coal Company, as well as the Pittston City School Board and the City Council of the City of Pittston, after which a complete report would be submitted at a mass meeting of citizens of the Community at a meeting place suitable to accommodate as many citizens as possible.

Mr. Thomas Hennigan, Secretary of the Pittston City School Board, made a report on meeting of today, with School Authorities, City Officials, and Officials of the various Coal Companies involved, in which he stated, also, that the blame could not be definitely established until such time as it is possible to conduct proper investigation in the inside workings of the mines.

Mayor Reilly stated, that in addition to the above mentioned investigation, City Council would arrange for a complete investigation of old Mine workings at the Junction section of the City, as well as all mining operations within the City limits proper.

Mr. John Loughney addressed the Mayor and City Council, as a property owner, concerning any further damages that might possibly occur through this subsidence, and was informed by the Mayor, that it would be impossible for anyone to state definitely what might occur, until such time as it was possible to make investigation as previously referred to. The Mayor did state, however, that if any further settling did occur, he did not look for anything of a serious nature.

Mr. Joseph P. Fitzpatrick addressed the Mayor regarding a City Mine Commission, and was informed by the Mayor that the City does have such a committee.

City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke, addressing those present, explained present Laws, both State and Federal, applicable to mine subsidence, in which he stated that before any definite relief could be expected from such occurrences, new State and Federal legislation would be necessary.

Mr. Emmett Carroll, in addressing the meeting, suggested that Council appeal to the Federal Secretary of the Interior, for some form of relief from these damaging, frequent occurrences, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare proper petition to be presented to the State Legislators and Senators, and to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., United States Senators for the State of Pennsylvania, as well as Congressmen of the Anthracite Coal Region.

On request of Mr. Thomas Hennigan, Secretary of the Pittston City School District, and on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, permission was gladly granted to Mr. Hennigan, to conduct any or all School Board Meetings in the City Council Chambers, also, that Council will assist in any way possible, to make suitable office space for the necessary conduct of School District affairs, during the present emergency caused by the mine subsidence.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 438, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF SALARIED EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH WHILE ILL, was presented and read at length for the First Time.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was adopted on First Reading.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the rules were rescinded, and File of Council No. 438, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF SALARIED EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH WHILE ILL, was read at length for the Second Time.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was adopted on Second Reading.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, meeting was adjourned to the Mayor's Office, to hear charges preferred against Patrolman Joseph Gardner, by Sergeant Edward Burke.

This meeting was called to order in the Mayor's Office, before the Mayor and Members of City Council, as well as the Chief of Police, Leo Tierney, Sergeant of Police Edward Burke, and Patrolman Joseph Gardner.

After completion of testimony, which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk, on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Officer Gardner, upon apologizing, and after completion of a ten-day suspension without pay, was restored to his position of Patrolmen, at the expiration of the ten-day suspension period.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.

A P P R O V E D

April 12th, 1943.

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JOHN D. McNULTY

CITY CLERK

ATTEST: April 12th, 1943.

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON PENNSYLVANIA, APRIL 12TH, 1943, AT 7:30 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session postponed from Thursday, April 8th to today, Monday April 12th, 1943, at 7:30 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members of Council, with the exception of Mr. Grablick, present.

Minutes of regular session of March 25th were read and upon motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved as read and ordered filed.

Mayor John J. Reilly submitted report of Meter Collections and Fines collected for the month of March in the amount of \$414.65.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted itemized report of receipts and disbursements of his office for the month of March, 1943, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, March 1, 1943	\$ 34,308.95
Receipts During the month	5,465.13

Total.....	\$ 39,774.08
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Warrants Paid	\$ 22,775.46
Cash on Hand, March 31st, 1943	16,998.62

Total.....	\$ 39,774.08
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March 31st Cash on Hand being distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 6,265.07
Bond and Interest, 1923	2,110.88
Bond and Interest, 1935	342.31
Bond and Interest, 1938	1,095.94
Funding and Improvement Bonds, 1942	6,264.05
Victory Tax Funds	920.37

Total.....	\$ 16,998.62
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On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted report dated March 31st, 1943, covering City Licenses issued by his office during the month of March in the amount of \$1,136.02.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the report was ordered received and filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 438, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF SALARIED EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON WHILE ILL, was read at length for the third time.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed and adopted on Third and Final Reading.

Tax Collector's Warrant, dated April 8th, 1943, drawn by 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, Pennsylvania reading as follows, was received and read:

April 8th, 1943.

Subject:

Tax Collector's Warrant.

To MICHAEL P. RUANE, City Treasurer and Tax Collector,
City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

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 be) 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 8th day of April, A.D. 1943.

(signed) John J. Reilly
Mayor of the City of Pittston

Countersigned:

(SEAL)

Emerson J. Howley (signed)
Controller of the City of Pittston

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Warrant was approved of and ordered served upon Mr. Ruane.

RESOLUTION NO. 3611. Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 12, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of \$1,250.00 be transferred from the Funding and Improvement Bonds account, 1942, to Sinking Fund, Bond and Interest Account, 1942 Funding and Improvement Bonds." Also, "That the sum of \$506.05 be transferred from the Funding and Improvement Bonds Account, 1942, to the Sinking Fund Bond and Interest Account, 1923."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3612. Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 12, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of \$800.00 be transferred from the Department of Public Affairs, Item "Equipment (gas, oil, repairs, etc.)" to the Department of Public Affairs, Item "Purchase of Motor Equipment." Also, "That the sum of \$100.00 be transferred from the Department of Parks and Public Buildings, Item "Fuel Light and Water", to the Department of Parks and Public Buildings, Item "Other Expenses for Maintenance".

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3613. Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 12, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Warrant to the City Treasurer directing and authorizing said Treasurer to collect City Taxes for the year 1943 as executed by the proper City Officers be and the same is hereby approved and ratified."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3614. Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 12, 1943, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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 from March 30, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3615. Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 12, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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 from April 9, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, in letter dated April 12th, 1943, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council recommended payment of the following bills:

Barber Motor Car Co.	Repairs-Police Car.	\$ 3.68
Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	Phones.	47.34
Consumer's Ice Co.	Ice-various offices.	28.00
W. S. Darley & Co.	Warning Lights, etc.	10.40
C. B. Dolge Co.	Soap Powder.	12.00
Eagen Hardware Co.	Miscellaneous Supplies.	68.84
Egan Oil & Supply Co.	Gas & Oil.	86.35
Morgan Evans Est.	Reducers, etc.	2.00
Glen Summit Water Co.	Drinking Water (Offices)	6.50
Klein Auto Parts Co.	Misc. Parts, etc.	29.07
Kehoe & McNamara.	Insurance (Honor Roll)	19.80
John D. McNulty, City Clerk.	Postage Stamps. (Office of Mayor)	10.00
Mitchell's Lumber Yard.	Cement.	6.60
Newcomb Bros.	Coal.	115.13
Pennsylvania Coal Co.	Park Rent.	12.00
Pittston Wallpaper Co.	Traffic Paint.	46.00
Peck & Evans.	Medical Supplies.	4.81
Pittston Oil Co., Inc.	Gas & Oil.	84.93
The Pittston Gazette Co.	Printing (Financial Statement)	195.30
Pittston Printing Co.	Envelopes.	45.50
Joseph Perfetto.	Towing Truck, etc.	3.15
Roy Stauffer.	Repairs - Police Car.	1.35
Scranton-Spr.-Brook Water Co.	Water Service & Fire Hydrants.	153.35
The Scranton Electric Co.	Electric Service.	63.23
The Scranton Electric Co.	Street Lighting.	1,006.45

Total \$ 2,061.78

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of as read and ordered paid.

Letter dated April 12, 1943, addressed to City Council, Pittston, Pa., was received from City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke, reading as follows:

In re: Don Williamson's
Salary - \$225.00

Gentlemen:

At the regular meeting held March 25, 1943 there was submitted to me for an opinion the request of Don Williamson for payment of his salary of \$225.00 from October 1, 1941 to November 15, 1941.

An investigation discloses the fact that Mr. Williamson served as driver of the fire truck during that period and he was placed there by the Superintendent of the Fire Department, Mr. Grablick, in an emergency and having performed the service delegated to him he is entitled to his wages.

It is my recommendation that Council reimburse Don Williamson in the amount of \$225.00 for services rendered as fire truck driver during the period of October 1, 1941 to November 15, 1941.

Respectfully submitted,
(s) Carl J. Burke.

CJB:tm

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

The following communication, addressed to City Council, Pittston, Pa., and dated April 12, 1943, was received from Carl J. Burke, City Solicitor, reading as follows:

Re: Department of Highways
vs: City of Pittston - \$3482.50

Gentlemen:

The above captioned matter was referred to me for an opinion at the regular meeting held March 25, 1943.

As soon as I have completed an investigation of this matter I shall render an opinion to you.

Respectfully submitted,
CJB:tm (signed) Carl J. Burke, City Solicitor.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Letter dated April 12, 1943, addressed to City Council, Pittston, Pa., was received from City Solicitor, Mr. Carl J. Burke, reading as follows:

In re: Breymaier
vs: City of Pittston

Gentlemen:

At a regular meeting held March 25, 1943, there was referred to me the above captioned case.

I have requested an investigation on this matter as my files do not contain any information. As soon as the investigation is complete and I have the facts, I will make a recommendation covering this matter to you.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) Carl J. Burke,
CJB:tm City Solicitor

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

The following communication dated April 12, 1943, addressed to City Council, Pittston, Pa., was received from City Solicitor Carl J. Burke, reading as follows:

In re: City Employees entering
the Armed Forces of the
United States.

Gentlemen:

At a regular meeting held March 25, 1943 there was referred to me the question of vacation time and accrued time due employees who are entering the Armed Services of the United States.

It is my opinion that all City salaried employees leaving their positions to enter the Armed Forces of the United States should be allowed any accrued time which they have coming and also any vacation time which may have accrued to them. In order that this may be taken care of in the proper manner, I would suggest that the head of the Police Department certify to Council the time due the employees as outlined above.

Very truly yours,

(s) Carl J. Burke
City Solicitor

CJB:tm

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Letter dated March 24, 1943, addressed to City Council, Pittston, Pa., was received from Attorney John T. Mulhall, reading as follows:

Attention John D. McNulty, City Clerk

Re: Giovanni Morreale Taxes
310 Tedrick Street
Pittston, Pa.
Sam Insalacco, Former owner

Gentlemen:

It has recently been determined by your engineer that the above property is located in Pittston Township instead of in the 10th Ward of the City, and in accordance therewith the property has been stricken off the City Assessor's book for 1943.

The City Treasurer has charged against said property City taxes from 1931 to 1941, inclusive, the face of which amounts to \$160.78. In view of the fact that this property was improperly assessed during that period, it would seem to me that these taxes are not proper charges against it. Therefore, on behalf of my client, I herewith submit \$25.00 as an offer to compromise said taxes and have the same and the liens thereof stricken from the City Treasurer's office and from the proper dockets in the Court House.

Awaiting to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I am

Very truly yours,
(s) John T. Mulhall

JTM:tm

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor for an opinion.

The following communication, dated April 7, 1943, addressed to the Members of the City Council, Pittston, Pennsylvania, was received from Mr. Thomas J. Hennigan, Secretary of the School District of the City of Pittston, reading as follows:

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find copy of resolution adopted at the meeting of the Pittston City School Board held April 5, 1943.

Very truly yours,

(s) Thomas J. Hennigan
Secretary

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the recent mine subsidence, which damaged the High School Building in the City of Pittston, was of such extent that the closing of the said building was necessary, thereby requiring a re-arrangement of our educational program to take care of approximately eighteen hundred (1800) students, and

WHEREAS, the Pittston City School Board is deeply grateful for the aid given and offered during this emergency, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Pittston City School District that public acknowledgement be made of its deep appreciation for the interest and co-operation displayed by all the people of the City of Pittston and its thanks be extended to the following, for their aid and offers of aid, namely:

West Pittston School District and Professor R. J. W. Templin, Superintendent of Schools.

Msgr. Patrick J. Boland, pastor of St. John The Evangelist R. C. Church of Pittston.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Pittston.

Rev. Dr. John J. Featherstone, pastor of St. Mary Help of Christians Church, Pittston.

Wilkes-Barre School District.

Miners Savings Bank of Pittston.

Management of the American and Roman Theaters of Pittston.

City Council of Pittston.

Chief Leo. A. Tierney and the Police Department of Pittston City.

Civilian Defense Organization of Pittston.

Italo-American Broadcasting Company of Scranton, Pa.

Chief Frank Castner and the Pittston City Fire Department

And to the members of the press in general.

This resolution adopted as read this 5th day of April, 1943.

Harold W. Collins,
President.

Thomas J. Hennigan,
Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Letter dated April 7, 1943, addressed to Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk, Pittston, Penna., was received from James F. Gibbons, Postmaster reading as follows:

My Dear John:

Replying to your letter of recent date in connection with resolution of City Council to secure permission to erect an honor roll on the grounds of the Post Office Building honoring the local men who volunteered for service in the Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection, would say for your information I am enclosing a copy of a letter from the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Federal Building Operations.

Respectfully yours,

(s) Jas. F. Gibbons,
Postmaster.

Encl.

Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Division of Federal Post Office Department
Building Operations.
Fourth Assistant Postmaster General,

Washington
April 6, 1943

Mention initials and
date.

CAS:GM

The Postmaster,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

My dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated March 31, 1943, enclosing one from the City Clerk relative to securing permission to erect an honor roll on the grounds of the Post Office Building honoring the local men who volunteered for service in the Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection.

The regulations adopted by the Department governing the installation of honor rolls on the grounds of Post Office buildings are applicable only to the present conflict and consideration is not being given to placing such rolls on the Federal property honoring those who served in past wars. We are, therefore, not in a position to approve this request.

Respectfully yours,

(COPY)

Walter Myers,

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and on Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to communicate with the Postmaster General in Washington and endeavor to get permission to erect Honor Roll as referred to in the above communication.

The following communication, dated April 10, 1943, addressed to Honorable John J. Reilly, Mayor, City of Pittston, Pittston, Pa., was received from Mr. Joseph T. Jordan, Chairman, Good Friday Observance, Knights of Columbus, Pittston Council No. 372, Pittston, Pennsylvania, reading as follows:

Dear John:

For the past seven years the Knights of Columbus, with the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce has been successful in having the Merchants close their places of business from one o'clock until three o'clock on Good Friday.

We feel that if you saw fit to issue a proclamation to the people of greater Pittston that it would help considerably in this important work.

Trusting that you will take this matter into consideration, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(s) Joseph T. Jordan
Chairman, Good Friday Observance.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above request was granted and the proclamation issued by Mayor John J. Reilly, accordingly.

Letter addressed to City Council, Pittston, Pa., dated April 12, 1943, was received from City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke, reading as follows:

In re: Disposition of the remaining balance aside from the equipment amount in the 1942 funding and refunding bond account.

Gentlemen:

I have been advised that the \$94,000.00 set up for the funding and refunding of debts of the \$100,000.00 issue, floated in 1942, has liquidated all the debts of the City of Pittston and there is a balance remaining.

Since the 1942 Bond Issue had a dual purpose, to wit: \$94,000.00 for the funding and refunding of debts and \$6,000.00 for the purchase of equipment, that any amount remaining of \$94,000.00 should be passed into the sinking fund to take care of the interest and bonds under the 1942 issue.

As soon as it is determined how much of the \$6,000.00 is required for new equipment, if there is an excess over and above the amount required, this likewise should be transferred to the sinking fund of the 1942 issue.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Carl J. Burke,
City Solicitor.

CJB:tm

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Letter dated April 12, 1943, addressed to City Council, Pittston, Pa., was received from Carl J. Burke, City Solicitor, reading as follows:

Dear John:

For the past seven years the Knights of Columbus, with the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce has been successful in having the Merchants close their places of business from one o'clock until three o'clock on Good Friday.

We feel that if you saw fit to issue a proclamation to the people of greater Pittston that it would help considerably in this important work.

Trusting that you will take this matter into consideration, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(s) Joseph T. Jordan
Chairman, Good Friday Observance.

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Very truly yours,

(signed) Carl J. Burke,
City Solicitor.

CJB:tm

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Letter dated April 12, 1943, addressed to City Council, Pittston, Pa., was received from Carl J. Burke, City Solicitor, reading as follows:

Gentlemen:

In preparation for the investigation of the mine cave in the City of Pittston, at the direction of the Mayor I contacted Senator Stephenson of Lock Haven, who is Chairman of the Mine Subsidence Committee which has been investigating the conditions in the Anthracite Region during the past two years.

Senator Stephenson suggested that if we send a representative to Harrisburg he would do all in his power to secure whatever aid might be available from the State of Pennsylvania.

It is my suggestion that representative or committee be sent to contact Senator Stephenson and his committee to determine what, if any, aid or what may be done to help us with this situation.

Respectfully submitted,

(s) Carl J. Burke
City Solicitor

CJB:tm

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to forward copy of Mr. Burke's Letter to the Secretary of the School Board for their information; also, to notify the Secretary that the Mayor will be pleased to meet with him for the purpose of selecting a joint committee to wait upon Senator Stephenson, as suggested in Mr. Burke's letter.

The following communication, dated April 7, 1943, addressed to Pittston City Commissioners, Pittston City Hall, Pittston, Penna., was received from Mr. Edward J. Flanagan, Commander, Fort Pittston Post #635, V. F. W., reading as follows:

Honorable Dear Sirs:

Fort Pittston Post #635 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States request that your Honorable body remember us again this year with your Memorial Day donation, as you have so kindly done in the past years.

The expense each year as you know grows more and more due to more Comrades answering the last call to the great beyond.

The members of the Post assures you of full co-operation in any affair that you may call upon them for assistance, and thanking you for all past considerations, we are,

Yours in Comradeship,
Fort Pittston Post #635 V. F. W.
Per.

(s) Edward J. Flanagan
Commander.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the usual contribution of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars was granted, payable upon presentation of bills paid from the contribution.

The following communication, dated March 30, 1943, addressed to Members of Council, City of Pittston, Pittston, Pa., was received from Mr. Robert M. Rogers, Director, Dept. of Parks and Fire, City of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., reading as follows:

Gentlemen:

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you and the members of your fine Fire Department for the splendid assistance rendered this City in helping combat the recent fire in the Brown Block buildings.

The support given our men was of inestimable value during those trying hours and in the performance of their respective duties they are to be commended most highly.

May I assure you of our readiness to be of like service to you should the occasion present itself.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(s) Robert M. Rogers, Director
Dept. of Parks and Fire.

RMR/BB

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

The following letter, dated March 30, 1943, addressed to Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk, Pittston, Pa., was received from Mr. W. C. Schmink, Superintendent, District 4-3, Luzerne County, Department of Highways, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reading as follows:

My dear Mr. McNulty:

Reference is made to your letter of March 23rd relative to the Penna. Dept. of Highways cleaning Main Street and its entirety within the city limits.

We are very sorry to have to inform you that this Department is forbidden by law to clean streets within the confines of the city limits of any city within the Commonwealth even though the Department maintains the surface of the said streets.

Very truly yours,

(s) W. C. Schmink
Supt., District 4-3
Luzerne County.

WCS:k

The following communication, addressed to Mr. John McNulty, City Clerk, City Hall, Pittston, Pa., and dated March 29, 1943, was received from Mr. Arthur T. Thomas, Chief Clerk, Board for the Assessment & Revision of Taxes, Court House, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., reading as follows:

Dear Sir:-

Confirming my telephone call of March 29, 1943, we desire to conduct appeals for Pittston City and surrounding territory in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Pittston on April 30, 1943, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. and we ask your honorable Council for the privilege to do so.

Very truly yours,
BOARD FOR THE ASSESSMENT & REVISION
OF TAXES.

(s) Arthur T. Thomas, Chief Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, permission was granted as per above request.

Complying with instructions of City Council, the following letter was forwarded under date of March 30th, 1943:

Mr. F. S. Mitten, Superintendent,
Lehigh Valley Railroad Company,
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Mr. Mitten:

City Council has instructed me to file complaint with you concerning the lack of effort shown in controlling the smoke situation caused by trains passing through the City on your main line. Conditions at times are deplorable, and continuous complaints are being received from the tax payers. It would not be exaggerating it when I say that most trains passing through the City release an unusual amount of black smoke.

We trust that you will give this matter your serious consideration as it is the desire of City Council to cooperate at all times, but unless this situation is considerably improved, City Council will be obliged to take further steps in the matter.

Very truly yours,

JDMcN:j

(s) John D. McNulty City Clerk

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above letter was approved of and ordered filed.

The following letter was forwarded under date of March 30, 1943, in compliance with instructions of City Council:

Scranton-Spring-Brook Water Service Co.,
Broad Street, Pittston, Penna.

ATTENTION: Mr. Mooney.

Gentlemen:

City Council has instructed me to notify you that effective as of April 1st, 1943, no street or pave cuts will be permitted within the City limits without first securing permit from the Office of Accounts and Finance, City Hall Building, Broad St., City.

Very truly yours,

(s) John D. McNulty
City Clerk

JDMcN:j

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above letter was approved of and ordered filed.

Mr. Erminio Cefelo, 26 E. Frothingham Street, addressed Council regarding the Llewellyn Building at the corner of South Main and East Frothingham Streets, stating that the building in question was a fire hazard and a menace to the youth of that neighborhood. He requested that something be done concerning the razing of this building in the best interest of the neighbors in that vicinity.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to take proper action in having this menace removed.

On complaint of Councilman Walsh, and on motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, on Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to have the Health Officer notify the merchants on South Main Street that the practice of disposing of waste paper and sweepings from their places of business onto the Main Street, must be discontinued. Failure to comply with these instructions will subject the offender to fine.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to re-advertise for bids on 2½" Single Jacket Fire Hose, since the War Production Board refused to grant a priority rating on Double Jacket Hose which was advertised for during April of 1942, and order placed with the Eureka Fire Hose Company on bid submitted by them subject to Government regulations. Bond was submitted by the Eureka Company in compliance with specifications covered in Legal Ad. This Bond is null and void, since proper priority rating could not be had from the War Production Board.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to notify the Wilkes-Barre Railway Company to remove their ties and rails from the entire Main Street.

Mayor Reilly stated that Mine Inspector Mr. Connolly had notified him that the Marcy Vein of the No. 9 Coal Company was now accessible for inspection by the City Engineer.

City
Mr. Thomas Hennigan, Secretary of the Pittston/School Board, addressing the Mayor and members of Council, stated that in his opinion it would be advisable for the City Engineer as well as the Engineer for the School Board to arrange for an inspection of this Vein at this time, and a further inspection of the Red Ash Vein, when permission could be had from Mr. Connolly to conduct said inspection.

In compliance with Mr. Hennigan's suggestion, Mayor Reilly stated that he would arrange with Mr. Connolly and the Officials of the No. 9 Coal Company to have said inspection made at the earliest possible date.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, adjournment was made.

ATTEST: May 1, 1943.

CITY CLERK

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May 1, 1943.

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JOHN D. McNULTY

CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MAY 1ST, 1943, AT 3:30 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session postponed from Thursday, April 29, to today, Saturday, May 1, 1943, at 3:30 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of April 12, 1943, were read, and upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved of as read and ordered filed.

Report for the month of February and reading as follows, was received from the Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of February, 1943:

	Corrected and Sealed
Gasoline Pumps	2
Person Scales	5
Oil Pumps	2
Counter Scales	5
Wagon Scales	1

Respectfully submitted,

JLP:fmk

Thomas Newcomb
Sealer of Weights & Measures.
Per: (s) James L. Patterson.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report for the month of February, and reading as follows, was received from the Health Officer:

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of February, 1943:

Weekly report sent to the Medical Director	
Monthly report sent to the Medical Director	
Visits to Beef Houses (each).....	4
Visits to Restaurants (each).....	4
Health Certificates Issued.....	10

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer
Per: (s) James L. Patterson.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Combined report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures and Health Officer, for the month of March, was received, reading as follows:

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month
of March, 1943:

Weekly report sent to Medical Director	
Monthly report sent to Medical Director	
Visits to Restaurants (each)	6
Visits to Beef Houses (each)	2
Health Certificates Issued	8
Scales Inspected	4
Contagious Cases	1

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer
Per: (s) James L. Patterson.

JLP:fmk

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon
Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and
filed.

Combined report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures and
Health Officer for the month of April, was received, reading as follows:

Honorable Mayor & Members of City Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month
of April, 1943:

Weekly report sent to the Medical Director	
Monthly report sent to the Medical Director	
Visits to Beef Houses (each)	2
Visits to Restaurants (each)	2
Health Certificates Issued	12
Contagious Diseases reported	3
Homes quarantined	1
Visits to homes (quarantined)	4
Schools fumigated	2
Inspection of trucks (weight)	2

Visits of Luzerne County Medical Nurse to
home of Mary Debella, spinal meningitis victim, shows tests
to be negative on other members of household.

Test at hospital shows that Mary Debella is
a positive case of spinal meningitis, patient showing improve-
ment. In opinion of Dr. Mantione, this is a charity case as
he believes the family is in no financial position to pay any
of the costs.

Check of \$150.00 given to Wilkes-Barre Conta-
gious Hospital, (re: Mary Debella); bill for use of ambu-
lance to remove patient to hospital, \$25.00 paid to Chas. M. How-
ell.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer

Per:

(s) James L. Patterson

JLP:fmk

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, the above report was ordered received and filed, by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present.

The following report dated April 30, addressed to the Mayor and City Council, was received from the City Solicitor, Mr. Carl J. Burke, reading as follows:

In re: Removal of Street Car Tracks.

Gentlemen:

After several conferences with Mr. Jones of the Wilkes-Barre Traction Company and Major Samuel Rhodes, counsel for the Corporation, I was advised that the Traction Company could only submit at this time the ordinance which you refused to pass sometime last year. Because, the Traction Company state that they are unable to secure the materials necessary to repair the street when the rails are taken up and I suggest that possibly the City Council could secure the necessary materials. If the Traction Company would pay for the removal of the rails and the repairing of the streets, I suggest that Council have City Engineer Halsey determine if the materials are available, the cost of the materials, the price of repairing the streets and submit it to the Traction Company.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Carl J. Burke,
City Solicitor.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was referred to the City Engineer with instructions that he consult the State Highway Department Engineer, to prepare estimate of replacement and re-servicing streets due to removal of rails and also, to determine whether or not the proper materials can be secured to carry through said work.

The following report dated May 1, 1943, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, and reading as follows, was received from the City Engineer, Mr. Thomas J. Halsey:

Gentlemen:

As requested by Council, I made an examination of the mining conditions underlying the portion of the city disturbed by the subsidence of March 23, 1943, and I take pleasure in submitting the following partial report.

On the evening of March 23, 1943, without any forewarning of any kind, the above subsidence occurred effecting the area between the Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley Railroad and Mill Street and from Main Street to Erie Railroad above Fulton Street, leaving large pot holes in a portion of the area and crevices and cracks in other portions, cracking walls of the buildings, upheaving curbs, sidewalks, pavements, breaking water, gas, and sewer mains.

The mining in this portion of the City consists of the following beds:

Checker Bed, underlying a portion of the above outlined area.

This bed lies from 30 to 100 feet below the surface. The bed dips in a southwesterly direction from 3° to 5°. The coal is hard and firm with a broken soapstone roof and black rock bottom.

Average Vein 7.0'.

This bed has been first mined with about 50% of the coal removed. All roads, headings and crosscuts left open with no packing or

slushing. This bed crops along the line of Butler Street, mining done by Morgan Coal Co. and Belcastro and Walsh Coal Co.

Pittston Bed

This bed lies about 112 feet below the surface at No. 3 shaft situated on Broad Street. The bed dips about 11° in a northerly and southwesterly direction.

This coal is hard and of free nature with a sandy shale and slate formation roof overlaid with sand stone.

The average vein is 13.5 feet with 12.5 feet coal. The bottom of this bed is a hard sandy shale. The mining in this vein is old having been done a number of years ago by the Pennsylvania Coal Co.

The inspection covered the territory from William to Spring Streets and Defoe to Wharf Streets.

The pillars and roof in the territory West of Foundry Street are all in good condition. The pillars are all intact and no signs of pressure or chipping.

The pillars in the territory East of Foundry Street to a point at William and Defoe Streets, are all intact with little or no pressure. The roof along the roads and in the chambers has fallen; the territory beyond this point is inaccessible to travel in most places.

Marcy Bed

This bed lies about 180 feet below the surface at No. 3 shaft situated on Broad Street. The bed dips about 2° to 3° westerly and southwesterly direction.

The coal is hard and firm with a sandy shale and slate formation roof overlaid with sand stone.

The average vein is 8.0 feet with 6.0 feet of coal. The bottom of this bed is a sandy shale and sand rock.

The mining in this bed in the portion that was covered by the inspection is first mining with about 50 to 55% the coal removed.

The territory covered, extends from Broad to Mill Streets and from Church to Hunter Streets. In this bed the pillars are still intact, but they show pressure and chipping and roof slabs 1 to 3 feet in thickness have fallen in the gangways and chambers making it necessary to crawl or slide along in a lot of the places. There are very few timbers in place and what are left have become decayed with age, although at no place have the pillars collapsed. First mining was done by the Pennsylvania Coal Co.

Red Ash Bed

This bed lies about 390 feet below the surface at No. 3 shaft, situated on Broad Street. The bed dips about 3° in a westerly direction.

The coal is hard and firm with a sandy shale and slate formation roof overlaid with hard sand stone.

The average vein is 8.1 feet with 6.9 feet coal.

The mining in this bed is first mining with about 50% of the coal removed, although there are indications on the map that there were pillars split in some areas. The only territory available for inspection was two parallel roads about 100 feet South of Broad Street extending from Church to line of Defoe Street extended. All the territory on the right and left of this land of travel had been slushed, same extending South to Spring Street, West towards Wharf Street, North to some point between William and alley North and East to some point between Church and Defoe Streets.

From No. 3 shaft West to Church and Broad, the pillars were still intact and roof in good condition.

From No. 3 shaft to point in line of Defoe Street extended, the roof had fallen and the pillars showed signs of pressure with spalling due to same; at this point the pillars have collapsed and the section beyond is squeezed and caved, making travel at present impossible, although the roof is not down tight as air currents can be detected. First mining was done by the Pennsylvania Coal Co.

This is a partial report I am giving you until I have had more time to study same.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Mr. Thomas J. Halsey,
City Engineer

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report being a partial report, was ordered received and filed, and the City Engineer instructed to continue investigation and submit final report at the earliest possible date.

RESOLUTION NO. 3616. Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 1, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from April 19th, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3617. Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 1, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from April 29, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3618. Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 1, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That William Melvin, being certified by the Civil Service Examining Board, be, and hereby is, appointed to the position of Fire Truck Driver at a Salary of \$1800.00 per annum, effective as of April 25th, 1943, for the duration of the present emergency only, or until such time as the return to active duty as Fire Truck Driver, of Oscar Kitzman, who is on temporary leave by approval of City Council, and now serving in the United States Armed Forces."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, in letter dated May 1, 1943, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, recommended payment of the following bills:

Wilkes-Barre Contagious Hospital	Admittance-M. DeBella	\$150.00
Wages, Special Officers	Watching Caves	110.00
Wages, Volunteer Firemen	" "	130.40
C. E. Howell	Ambulance Hire, M. DeBella	25.00
John D. McNulty	Stamps (Office of Mayor)	10.00
Carl J. Burke	Satisfaction of Liens	.60
Reginald Ellis	Repairs, Fire Hose	8.50
Broad Street Garage	(1) Used Transmission	12.50
Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.	First Installment	687.32
Penna. Dept. of Highways	Tappage Permit	5.00
Don Williamson	Salary, Fire Truck Driver, 10/1/41 to 11/15/41	225.00
	Total	\$1,364.32

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of and ordered paid.

The following communication, dated Philadelphia, Pa., April 27, 1943, addressed to the City of Pittston, City Hall, Pittston, Pa., and reading as follows, was received and read:

Re: Lease No. OEMa-1098

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith an original and five copies of a Rider form issued for the purpose of changing the cancellation clause in the above-captioned lease contract.

This procedure is made necessary by a newly established regulation which provides for the retention of the cancellation privilege by the Government only.

Your cooperation in completing and effecting the prompt return of the original and four copies of this document will be appreciated. The additional copy may be retained for your files.

Very truly yours,

Walter C. Dabulewicz,
Acting Regional Manager

By (s) E. J. Weber
Regional Service Operations Officer.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor for opinion and the proper authorities authorized to execute said Rider Form when and if approved by the City Solicitor.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., April 21, 1943, addressed to the Mayor and Members of City Council, was received and read:

Gentlemen:

As I have been found physically fit by the Army examining Board, and as I have been inducted into the armed forces of the United States, I hereby submit a request for a leave of absence from my present duties as hook and ladder driver for the Eagle Hose Company of Pittston, Pa., this leave of absence to continue for the duration of war or until my discharge from the Army becomes effective.

Yours respectfully,

(s) Oscar H. Kitzman

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above request for a leave of absence was granted.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., April 26, 1943, addressed to Mr. John J. Reilly, Mayor, Pittston City, Broad St., Pittston, Pa., was received and read:

Gentlemen:

At a joint meeting of the Spanish American War Veterans, Veterans of the Foreign Wars and the American Legion, it was decided to hold the annual Memorial Day exercises in the various cemeteries of Greater Pittston. Each organization was assigned a number of cemeteries in which exercises, salutes and the decorating of soldiers graves of all wars were to be taken care of.

In order to defray the expenses of this program We, the American Legion petition the Mayor and Members of the City Council for our share of the donation which is annually

donated to various service organizations for this cause.

Thanking you and the members of the Council for your cooperation and past donations, I remain,

Very truly yours,

(s) Arthur W. Werts, Adjutant,
John D. Stark Post 542
American Legion
15 Center Street,
Pittston, Penna.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, the usual contribution of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, was granted, payable upon presentation of bills paid from said contribution.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., April 20, 1943, addressed to Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, was received and read:

Dear Sirs:

Thanking you for favors of previous years, Pittston Camp 17 United Spanish War Veterans, respectfully request the usual Memorial Day Donation.

Respectfully,
(s) Robert J. McKane, Adjutant.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the usual contribution of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, was granted, payable upon presentation of bills paid from said contribution.

Communication dated April 26, 1943, addressed to the City Clerk, City Hall, Pittston, Pa., was received and read:

Dear Sir:

Mr. Oscar Kitzman, Fire Truck Driver, is leaving for service in the United States Army, on Wednesday, April 28, 1943, and it is my opinion he should receive his pay to the end of April, due to overtime, etc., he has worked. Kitzman last worked on April 24, 1943.

Thanking you,

(s) Frank Castner,
Fire Chief

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Kitzman was ordered paid to the end of April as recommended by the Fire Chief, Mr. Castner.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., April 27, 1943, was received and read:

City Council,
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

I would like to know if you would be interested in purchasing our building located at 11-13 Tompkins Street, Pittston, Penna., situated on Lehigh Valley property, leased by us, for the purposes of city shops or yards.

I would gladly meet with any committee and go over

any details regarding said property, etc. if you are interested.

Further, the minimum price that I would consider for these buildings is \$12,500.00.

Thanking you for your consideration on the above matter and awaiting your reply, I remain

Very truly yours,

(s) Joseph W. Alaimo

JWA:M

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated April 22, 1943, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, was received and read:

Gentlemen:

On complaint of Mr. Bufalino of Railroad Street, to drainage water from West Park, Oak Street, and Jenkins Alley running in his lot abutting Jenkins Alley. I made an investigation and find that the water from West Park overflows during wet seasons down across Jenkins Alley into the above mentioned lot; Jenkins Alley at this point has a low spot and the water has no way to escape.

I have made the following estimate for constructing a stone masonry gutter along Jenkins Alley from where the above condition exists to Vine Street:

Excavation 50 cu. yds. @ \$2.50	\$125.00
Loading and hauling cinders 35 cu. yds. @ \$1.00	35.00
Laying 1350 sq. ft. gutter @ \$.40 per sq. ft.	540.00
Loading and hauling stone 35 cu. yds. @ \$1.50 per cu. yd.	52.50
	<u>\$752.50</u>

Very truly yours,

(s) Thomas J. Halsey,
City Engineer

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered deferred for further investigation.

Communication dated April 29, 1943, addressed to the City Clerk was received from Mr. Thomas J. Halsey, reading as follows:

Dear Mr. McNulty:

I had an interview with the Department of Highways at Scranton in regard to permit for opening street at #47 North Main, to install service pipe from Main sewer line on the westerly side of street to curb. Ther permit will cost five (5) dollars; same will have to be forwarded to the Department of Highways before permit will be issued. The City are to take care of street repairs.

Very truly yours,
(s) Thomas J. Halsey
City Engineer

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed, and the cost of \$5.00 for permit approved.

The following communication, dated Wilkes-Barre, Pa., April 13, 1943, was received and read:

Mr. John D. McNulty
City Clerk,
City of Pittston, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter March 30th, regarding smoke caused by our trains passing through the City of Pittston:

Instructions have been issued to our Enginemen and Firemen that unnecessary emission of smoke, while our trains are passing through your City, must be discontinued.

This matter will be checked to see that these instructions are complied with.

Very truly yours,

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(s) A. J. Ferantz, Superintendent

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed, and the City Clerk instructed to report any further complaints to the Superintendent at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pa., April 28, 1943, addressed to Mr. John D. McNulty, Property Officer, City Hall, Pittston, Pa., was received and read:

Dear Mr. McNulty:

We are enclosing Supplemental OCD Forms 501, covering detailed allocations of medical supplies for your City.

These forms should be properly executed, i. e. signed by the Chief Executive of the City, a witness and the Local Property Officer, the Official Seal affixed thereto and three copies returned to this office, addressed as below, no later than May 7, 1943.

Very truly yours,

(s) Fred H. Ott
Property Control Section
State Council of Defense

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above OCD Forms 501 were approved of and the proper officers authorized to execute same.

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 26, 1943, addressed to Members of City Council, Pittston City Hall, Pittston, Pa., was received and read:

Gentlemen:

You are cordially invited to attend a Dedication Program of the "Honor Roll" and Flag Raising of St. John's Slovak Parish which will take place Sunday, May 2nd, 1943 at 3:00 o'clock.

Sincerely,

(s) Rev. J. J. Bednarcik

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated Allentown, Pa., April 14, 1943, addressed to the Director of the Dept. of Accounts & Finance, was received and read:

Dear Sir:

At the request of the City of Allentown, Senator Tallmen is currently sponsoring Senate Bill No. 400, "to confirm and validate, as debts of the municipality, bonds which were to rest for their security only on assessment for benefit."

We are of the opinion that many of our Pennsylvania cities would benefit by this act, because it would provide for securing bonds at considerable lower interest rates. In our particular case, for example, bonds now bearing interest at five and one-half and six percent could be had at two percent or lower.

Such refinancing would not alter the borrowing capacity of the city inasmuch as, since the Act of 1933, all improvement bonds have been included as part of the city debt in all our financial reports. The proposed legislation would simply bring the 1933 Act up to date, and establish a favorable condition which does not exist with respect to bonds since the 1941 Act.

Believing that many cities would find it similarly to their advantage to have Senate Bill No. 400 passed, we ask that you contact your State Senator and urge him to vote in its favor.

We hope that you will see the advantage of this bill and will help to support it.

My very best wishes.

(s) Yours very truly,
Geo. W. Kistler
City Clerk

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On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed, and the City Solicitor instructed to make a study of Bill referred to therein, and to take whatever action appropriate in his opinion.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., April 30, 1943, addressed to the City Council, Pittston, Pennsylvania, was received and read:

In re: Triennial Assessment of property at
575 North Main Street (2d Ward) B. Murphy;
and 581 North Main Street (2nd Ward)
M. Bolin Estate.

Gentlemen:

At the time that the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals met on November 23, 1942, I appeared and protested the excessive assessment of the above properties. While I do not recall the particular person with whom I conferred, it was my understanding that the assessments would be adjusted downwards. I now discover that no changes were made.

The assessment of the property at No. 575 North Main Street (B. Murphy) is as follows:

Land - 100 x 150 @ \$31.50	\$3,150.00
Building	<u>2,500.00</u>
	\$5,650.00

Adjoining the above is the vacant lot at No. 581 North Main Street (M. Bolin Est.) assessed as follows:

Land - 83 x 200 @ \$31.50	\$2,615.00
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The two lots, as above, constitute a continuous frontage on Main Street of 183 feet, with an aggregate assessed valuation of the land of \$5,765. Any one familiar with the property and its location, would immediately conclude that this is several times the actual value of the land. I doubt very much that as land it has any market and if a market exists, that it would bring more than \$1,000 to \$1,500. The lot at No. 581 North Main Street has a large hole in the center of it and, separately, this lot could not be sold for \$500.00. In fact that was the value placed upon it by the Federal authorities for estate tax purposes in connection with the Estate of Agnes Murphy, Deceased, who owned a one-half interest. Its correct measurements are 83 x 150 feet and not 83 x 200 feet, as appears in your assessment.

The County 1943 triennial assessment values the above properties as follows:

575 North Main Street:	
Land - 100 x 150 @ \$15.00	\$1,500.00
Building	<u>2,000.00</u>
	\$3,500.00
581 North Main Street:	
Land - 83 x 150 @ \$15.00	<u>\$1,245.00</u>
Grand Total	\$4,745.00

As you will see the difference between the County and City Assessments is \$3,520.00, in the City's favor. In my opinion any fair-minded person would readily agree that the valuation placed by the City was excessive and far beyond actual value.

I am therefore requesting that an abatement be granted, based upon a value for 1943 and subsequent years, of not more than that fixed by the County, viz., \$4,745. If anything is to be done in this connection, it will have to be by way of an abatement, inasmuch as the assessment has been entered on the permanent records and the 1943 tax bills sent out.

Awaiting your early reply, I am

Very truly yours,

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(s) Leo W. White

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor and the City Engineer for investigation and report by them to the next meeting of City Council.

Petition dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 23, 1943, addressed to the Members of City Council by the Police Department for increase of 15% for Policemen and 50% for Police Clerks, was received and read:

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, police department of the City of Pittston, respectfully request the Mayor and Council for an increase of 15% for policemen, 50% for police clerks, in our annual salaries.

Due to the high cost of living caused by the war, we find

we are unable to meet our ordinary debts with the salaries we are now receiving.

We trust that Council will see fit to grant this raise in the very near future.

Respectfully submitted,

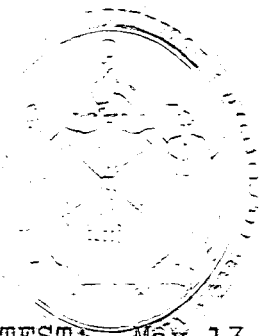
Signed by:

James Hogan
John Korick
Frank Valeski
Michael Galasso
Merle Finan
Harry Morrissey
Dom. Aritz
A. Grabosky
F. Linnen
Geo. Turner
James O'Brien
Edward Doran
Anthony Lenenoskie
Joseph G. Gardner
Frank Daley
Tom F. Kearney
Joseph F. Gilmartin
John J. Fallon
Leo A. Tierney
Edward A. Burke

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above petition was referred to the Finance Committee as well as the City Solicitor for further study.

Before adjournment was made, a general discussion of the Mine Cave situation was had between Mr. Halsey and Members of City Council with Mr. J. P. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Thomas Gallagher, who were present at the meeting.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.



ATTEST: May 13, 1943.

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PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MAY 13TH, 1943, AT 7:45 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Thursday, May 13, 1943, at 7:45 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members of Council present, with the exception of Mr. Grablick, who was absent.

Minutes of regular session of Saturday, May 1st, 1943, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, were ordered received and filed.

Mayor John J. Reilly submitted report dated May 13th, of Meter Collections as well as Parking Violations received by his Department for the month of April 1943, reading as follows: Parking Meter Fees, \$294.65, and Parking Violations of \$95.10.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted itemized report of Receipts and Disbursements of the City Treasurer's Office for the Month of April, 1943, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, April 1st, 1943	\$16,998.62
Receipts during the month	34,599.36

Total.....\$51,597.98

Warrants Paid	\$18,627.46
Cash on Hand, April 30, 1943	32,970.52

Total.....\$51,597.98

April 30th, Cash on Hand distributed to the following Accounts:

General Fund	\$18,561.16
Bond and Interest, 1923	2,861.57
Bond and Interest, 1935	2,914.97
Bond and Interest, 1938	2,055.32
Bond and Interest, 1942	1,756.07
Funding and Improvement Bonds, 1942	4,508.00
Victory Tax Funds	313.43

Total.....\$32,970.52

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted report dated April 30th, 1943, covering City Licenses issued by his office during the month of April in the amount of \$357.68.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

The following report, dated May 14, 1943, addressed to Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, was received from the Planning Commission of the City of Pittston:

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Pittston held on the above date it was noted with pleasure by the members of the activity of your body, in conjunction with the members of the Pittston City School Board, in securing aid from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the form of funds to repair damage to public buildings, especially the High School, caused by the recent mine subsidence.

We particularly commend such activity and recommend that this be continued until such time as the funds available are secured and expended in such repairs and in preventing further damage. We further recommend that if possible future dangerous mining in sections of the City where complaints are made of mining at night, especially loud blasting interfering with the sleep and rest of the residents.

We further note the action of Council in an endeavor to eliminate a long annoying smoke nuisance caused by locomotives passing through the City, especially those of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Notwithstanding the report that you received assurance the nuisance would be abated, the evil still exists, and we respectfully urge that you continue your effort until complete satisfaction is secured from this nuisance.

Another matter which should receive attention at this time is compliance with the call of our National Government for scrap metals to use in the manufacture of war materials, such as tanks, jeeps, planes and guns for our men at the front lines, who have proven they know how to use them when furnished. Although our children have gone into the alleys, lanes and cellars of the community looking for such materials, right in the center of our Main Street are tons, and tons and tons of very desirable materials for such purposes. We mean the rails used for street car purposes in years gone by. Why cannot these useful materials be removed by the corporation that put them there and promised to remove them when no longer useful and by removing a hazard and turned into the channel most useful at this time? We recommend the Council take the necessary action, with the assistance of the Courts, if that be required, to compel the railway corporation formerly using these tracks to remove the complete tracks - rails and ties - and place the right of way in good condition, thereby eliminating a liability by their presence, and at the same time make a contribution toward the metal scarcity of the nation.

(s) P. A. Sammon, Secretary

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed and the members of the Planning Commission commended for their splendid cooperation and good work.

RESOLUTION NO. 3619. Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 13, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from May 9, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, in letter dated May 13, 1943, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, recommended payment of the following bills:

The Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	Phones	\$ 49.41
V. E. Churchfield	Traffic signal repairs	140.74
Consumer's Ice Co.	Ice	27.00
Clarkson Chemical Co.	1 Doz. Mopheads	10.58
EasternPenna. Supply Co.	Aluminum Paint	23.75
Egan Oil & Supply Co.	Hydraulic Oil	2.85
Eagen Hardware Co.	Misc. supplies	18.00
Wesley M. Evans	Bolts, Nuts	1.00
Franconi Auto Parts	Misc. Supplies	7.48
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Drinking Water	8.00
Harry C. Hunt	Letterheads, Tax Cards	51.85
Jackson Mfg. Co.	S.A.W.V. Honor Roll	275.00
Klein Auto Parts Co.	Misc. supplies	19.18
Ludwig's Hardware	Misc. parts	65.67
LaBarre's Stationery Store,	Office Supplies	6.70
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Paint-Cement-Repair Parts	57.91
A. L. Miller's Junk Yard	(2) pieces of iron rail	2.00
Newcomb Bros.	Coal.	106.40
The Pittston Gazette Co.	Manuscript covers	12.00
Pittston Wallpaper Co.	Paint	27.60
Pittston Oil Co., Inc.	Gas, Oil.	61.99
Richard Chemical Co.	Wiping Cloths	28.50
Scranton Chemical Co.	Bicarbonate of Soda	7.84
The Scranton Electric Co.	Light service	57.45
" " " "	Street Lighting	1,006.45
P. A. Sammon	Fleet Insurance	315.07
Scranton-Spr.-Brook-Water Co.	Water Service - Fire Hyd.	147.18
Miners Savings Bank,	Refund on 1942 City Taxes pd.	
	as per abatements.	26.25
Mary Margaret Finnan	Refund on 1943 City Taxes	
	paid as per abatement.	8.75
Charles F. Burns.	Refund on 1943 City Taxes	
	paid, as per abatement.	21.87
	Total	\$ 2,594.47

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of as read and ordered paid.

The following communication, dated May 7th, addressed to the Honorable John J. Reilly, Mayor, and reading as follows, was received from the Secretary of the Park Commission:

Dear Sir:

From personal observation I have found that some person or persons recently has started the destruction of the bleachers at West Park. A check yesterday shows that 10-2 x 4's and 6-2 x 10's have been removed lately and about 8-2 x 10's damaged badly, in the attempt to remove them. I would appreciate your efforts in endeavoring to locate the guilty parties so action can be taken against them. You will have the full cooperation of the Park Commission in any action taken. These bleachers cost about \$3,000 to construct and their value should be protected. I am suggesting again that what remains of the wooden fence along Swallow Street should be removed by City employees so some salvage can be accounted for. Your immediate attention to the above will be appreciated.

Yours respectfully,

(s) Geo. W. Bainbridge,

Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Engineer and Superintendent of the Street Department with instructions to remove and place in storage suitable to the Park Commission, the bleachers referred to, therein.

The following communication, dated May 13th, 1943, was received from City Engineer, Mr. Thomas J. Halsey:

Mr. John D. McNulty
City Clerk
Pittston City, Penna.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

At the Council request I checked the property frontage at 575 and 581 North Main Street.

Property No. 575 has a frontage of 140 feet fenced in X 150 feet in depth.

Property No. 581 has a frontage of 30 feet fenced in with a 13 foot driveway X 150 feet in depth.

Total continuous frontage is 183 feet, which corresponds to the assessment books. Although the depth of No. 581 varies, the books list it as 83' X 200'.

Very truly yours,

(s) Thomas J. Halsey,
City Engineer

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated May 8, and reading as follows, was received from the Fourth Ward Service Club:

Dear Mr. McNulty:

The Fourth Ward Service Club wishes to extend its deep appreciation for the loan of flags and bunting at a dinner party sponsored by the club for selectees on Monday night, April 26, 1943.

The decorations contributed to the success of the dinner and we would like you to extend our thanks to the city officials for the interested cooperation received.

Thanking you again, I am

(s) John A. Venskus, Secretary
FOURTH WARD SERVICE CLUB

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated May 10, 1943, in re: M. Bolin Estate, and reading as follows, was received from the City Solicitor:

John D. McNulty, City Clerk,
City Hall, Pittston, Pa.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Your letter of May 7, 1943 on the above captioned matter received.

We are not held to the valuations fixed by Federal

and County taxing authorities or those set up by our previous assessors. Our assessors, under the Act, are to set the valuation of the property as they see it..

If an appeal was not taken at the proper time and in the proper form the right of appeal has been forfeited.

Trusting this answers your question, I am

Very truly yours,

(s) Carl J. Burke,
City Solicitor

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On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated May 13, 1943, and reading as follows, was received from City Engineer, Thomas J. Halsey:

Mr. John D. McNulty
City Clerk
Pittston City, Penna.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

In reply to your letter of May 6, 1943 as to estimate for repaving Main Street after removal of the tracks, I submit the following:

Paving that section of Main Street from Erie Railroad to a point 305 feet south of Pine Street. This area to have the ties removed and a 10 inch knapped stone base constructed, when compressed and choked; surfaced with a 2 inch compressed amiesite wearing surface.

2043 Lin. Ft. x 8' wide	---	1818 sq. yd.
215 Lin. Ft. x 18' wide	---	430 sq. yd.
Total		2248 sq. yd. @ \$4.20- \$9,441.60

Paving that section of Main Street from a point 305 feet south of Pine Street to the end of tracks near Mill Street. This area to have the ties left in; a 24 inch strip for each rail is figured.

The concrete to be repaired, sand and cement cushion to be placed and a brick surface laid.

11374 Lin. Ft. of rail x 2' - 0" ----	2528 sq. yds. @ \$5.50 per sq. yd. - \$13,904.00
100 sq. yds. of extra patching @ \$5.50 per sq. yd.	\$550.00

Paving that section of Main Street from end of concrete near Parsonage Street to end of tracks at Pittston Junction. This area to have the ties left in; a 24 inch strip for each rail is figured. The concrete to be repaired, sand and cement cushion to be placed and a brick surface laid.

10162 Lin. Ft. of rail x 2'-0" wide	22580 sq. yd. @ \$5.50 per sq. yd. - \$12,419.00
100 sq. yds. of extra patching @ \$5.50 per sq. yd.	- \$550.00
Total Cost	--\$36,864.60

These estimates do not include the removal of the rails.

All the mentioned materials are available except the amiesite which would have to be approved by the Highway Department and the Government, although I believe their approval would be given as this is a main highway.

Very truly yours,
(s) Mr. Thomas J. Halsey,
City Engineer

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor and members of City Council as a Committee to meet with proper officials of the Wilkes-Barre Railway Traction Company.

Communication dated May 6, addressed to John M. Dobbie and reading as follows, was received from the office of the Assistant City Engineer:

Dear Sir:

By deeds recorded in City Engineer's office and dated April 30 and May 1, 1942; property formerly owned solely by John Markowski R24 George Street, and assessed at \$1,125.00, was divided between two separate parties: to wit Mary Markowski 25' (feet) being the southerly side of double dwelling house; and John Markowski 25' (feet) being the northerly side of double dwelling.

Evidently no change was made in 1943 Assessment books for property was assessed under John Markowski's name only, and for the entire 50' frontage.

Therefore correction may be entered into assessment books and separate tax statements billed to the parties; dividing the assessed valuation of the present property.

Yours truly,
Leo Fasciana, Ass't. Engr.

Copy to: M.P. Ruane

The above property of John Markowski R24 George St.; and assessed at \$1,125.00 was divided as follows:

			Lot	House	Total
John Markowski	R24 George	25' 100' 5	\$125.00	\$438.00	\$563.00
Mary Markowski	" "	25' 100' 5	\$125.00	\$437.00	\$562.00

Signed

John M. Dobbie

Approved by me May 7, 1943

(signed) John M. Dobbie

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication having been approved of by the City Assessor, Mr. John M. Dobbie, was ordered received and filed, and the City Clerk instructed to notify the City Treasurer, Mr. M. P. Ruane, of said changes.

Communication dated May 13, 1943, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, and reading as follows, was received from City Assessor, Mr. John M. Dobbie:

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend abatement of the following City Taxes for the year 1942:

Property on Carbondale Road, owned by the Miners Savings Bank, and referred to as the Barber Building, 6th Ward; damaged by fire during April of 1942 to the extent that entire building was razed during the early part of July of 1942. Abatement on \$3,000 Assessed Valuation for the last six months of the Year 1942.

For the year of 1943, I recommend abatement of City Taxes on:

Property owned by Mrs. Rose Clonin, Rear 210 Mill Street, 5th Ward, on an Assessed Valuation of \$1,125, this being a double assessment.

Property owned by Anna Redding, 136 Cornelia Street, 2nd Ward, Assessed Valuation - \$500 this being a double assessment.

Property owned by Anthony Bevilacqua, Rear 155 Vine Street, 10th Ward, Assessed Valuation, \$807.00, this being a double assessment.

Property owned by Frank Helme, 36 Parsonage Street, Third Ward, Abatement on \$200 of assessed valuation; the 1943 Total Assessment on this property being increased by error in this amount.

Property owned by Catherine Nometka, 105 Towpath, 3rd Ward, Abatement on \$100 of assessed valuation; Total Assessed Valuation of this property being increased by error in the above amount.

Property owned by Sam L. and Teresa Cordora, 25 West Railroad Street, 11th Ward, Abatement on \$250 of Assessed Valuation; this abatement being due to excessive Total Assessed Valuation.

Property owned by Pasquale Sorrentino, 86 River Street, 11th Ward Abatement on \$375. of Assessed Valuation, Total Assessed Valuation of \$875 being excessive.

Property owned by Mary Maruca, 92 River Street, 11th Ward, Abatement on \$300 of Assessed Valuation, Total Assessed Valuation of \$625 being excessive.

Property owned by Roger Sorrentino, 120 Elizabeth Street, 11th Ward Abatement on \$300. of Assessed Valuation, Total Assessed Valuation of \$1,013 being excessive.

Property owned by Charles F. Burns, 4 Kennedy Street, 9th Ward, Abatement on \$1,250 of Total Assessed Valuation; this abatement being due to reduction in rate of value per foot front of \$25 per foot allowed to adjoining property owners, but, through error, not allowed Mr. Burns.

Property owned by Eugene Merlitti, 132 Pine Street, 8th Ward, Abatement on \$275 of Assessed Valuation, Total Assessed Valuation of this property being increased by error in this amount.

Property owned by Mary Margaret Finnan, 26 Parsonage Street, 3rd Ward, Abatement on \$500 of Assessed Valuation, the 1943 Total Assessment on this property being increased by error in this amount.

Respectfully submitted,

(s) John M. Dobbie, City
Assessor.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above recommended abatements were approved of as read.

Communication dated May 11, addressed to Mr. John M. Dobbie, and reading as follows, was received from the General Land and Tax Agent, of the Erie Railroad Company:

Dear Sir:

I have just received from the City Treasurer, bills for taxes on our property in Pittston, Pennsylvania.

One bill is against the Erie Railroad Company and is for a valuation of \$3,250 at 61 Broad Street; the other bill is against the Erie and Wyoming Valley Railway Company and is for a

valuation of \$500 at 250 Butler Street. I have no record in this office of the latter valuation.

Will you please advise what this covers and when the valuation was first placed against this property.

Very truly yours,

(signed) A. B. Johnson
General Land and Tax Agent

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor as well as the City Engineer.

Communication dated May 7, and reading as follows, was received from the office of the County Commissioner in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania:

Gentlemen:

From time to time corrections in assessments must be made by reason of property having been doubly assessed. By reason of these errors there are two tax liens filed against the said property in this office, one of which should be stricken off. In order to accomplish this, as it is related to your taxes, we would like to have your authority in accordance with the enclosed specimen resolution.

These taxes cannot be collected except once and their being on our books twice, gives you an inflated asset which should be promptly rectified.

Kindly pass the resolution and return same to us in the enclosed stamped envelope. We thank you for your cooperation.

Yours very truly,
LUZERNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Stephen J. Tkach
Chief Clerk

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On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the Resolution referred to therein was approved of and the proper City officials authorized to execute same.

Councilman Joseph A. Walsh reported at length on trip to Harrisburg with the City Solicitor and Committee from the City School Board concerning aid and relief for damages caused by Mine subsidences. Copy of Mr. Walsh's report being on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above mentioned report was ordered received and filed, and the Committee instructed to continue their efforts in behalf of said relief.


Permit Application was received from Kizis and Latonick to erect neon building sign at their new place of business, 31 North Main St., City. This application being 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 by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, was granted.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, adjournment was made.

A P P R O V E DMay 27, 1943.

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ATTEST:

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK
John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MAY 27, 1943, AT 7:45 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, Thursday, May 27, at 7:45 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present, with the exception of Mr. Sheridan, who was absent.

Minutes of regular session of Thursday, May 13, 1943, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, were ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3620. Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from May 19, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3621. Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "WHEREAS, organizations of blind persons throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are adopting the symbol of the White Cane, and WHEREAS, this symbol is being universally recognized throughout the length and breadth of our Commonwealth, and WHEREAS, at this time, it is fitting and proper that official action be taken so designating this symbol thus publicly ratifying the efforts of these organizations, as well as paying honor to the splendid efforts of the members of such organizations. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pittston, acting on the expressed desire of the citizens of this City, that motorists are hereby requested to extend the courtesy of the road to those citizens with the Seeing Eye Dog or the White Cane, even as fellow pedestrians today extend the guiding hand of friendship and good citizenship."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3622. Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Discount Period for the payment of City Taxes for the current (1943) Duplicate be, and hereby is, further extended to the 30th day of June, 1943, instead of May 31, as per Resolution No. 3610, dated March 25, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, in letter dated May 27, 1943, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council recommending payment of the following bills:

Wages	Volunteer Firemen, Feb.,	
	March and April.	\$758.40
Broad Street Garage	Repairs to Police Car	42.40
Joseph Ludden	Wages, Second half of May,	
	Civilian Defense.	24.00
James Halford	Wages, Second half of May,	
	Civilian Defense	24.00
P. Forlano	Services, "I Am An American"	
	Day	5.00
Carl J. Burke	Expenses to Harrisburg	41.00
	Total	\$894.80

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of and ordered paid, Mr. Walsh not voting on bill of Carl J. Burke, in the amount of \$41.00.

At the request of City Council, the Assistant City Engineer, Mr. Leo Fasciana, submitted the following list of sidewalk construction commenced under the W. P. A. project, and left unfinished, due to the sudden termination of all W. P. A. Projects:

Sam DeMarco	Cor. Tompkins-W. Railroad Sts.	950	Sq.	Ft.
Santo Giambra	1-3 Price St.	135	"	"
Joseph Rizzo	5 Price St.	120	"	"
Mike Viola	Price St.	360	"	"
Stanley Osieski	Johnson St.	250	"	"
		1815	"	"

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Engineer was authorized to proceed with the completion of these sidewalks and any other sidewalks that may be desired by property owners, at a sum of \$5.00 per 8 hours a day, or 62½ cents per hour, for wages and necessary expenses such as Gasoline, etc., for the operating and maintenance of Concrete Mixer by City Employee, the City Clerk being instructed to have proper form of Agreement prepared by the City Solicitor, and signed and witnessed by those applying under this authority.

Communication was received from City Assessor, John M. Dobbie, recommending that property listed under the name of John H. Mullin Estate, 37-39 Tompkins St., 11th Ward, and assessed at \$8,250.00, be divided into two separate parcels, to wit:

Miners Savings Bank, Pittston, Pennsylvania, property, 37 Tompkins Street, Total Assessed Valuation, \$5,006.00; Deed covering this transfer on file in the office of the City Engineer under date of May 1, 1942.

Angelo DiLorenzo and et al, 39 Tompkins Street, in the same Ward, Total Assessed Valuation, \$3,244.00; Deed covering this transfer being recorded in the office of the City Engineer, under date of July 15, 1942.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was approved and the City Clerk instructed to make proper transfer in the Assessment Books, notifying the City Treasurer, Mr. M. P. Ruane, of said changes.

The following communication was received from the Executive Office of the President, Office for Emergency Management:

LEASE NO. OEM3a-1098

RENEWAL OF LEASE
BETWEEN

CITY OF PITTSBURGH

and

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

This is to notify the above-named lessor that under the provisions of paragraph 5 of Lease No. OEM3a-1098, dated Dec. 16th, 1942, between the City of Pittsburgh and the United States of America for premises, viz:

Two rooms containing an area of eight hundred sixty (860) square feet, on the second floor of Old City Hall Building, situate at 14 Water Street, City of Pittsburgh, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The United States of America this 13th day of May, 1943, elects to renew the said lease for the period of one year from July 1, 1943 and after June 30, 1943, and by these presents does renew, extend, and adopt the said lease and all the terms and conditions thereof for the period beginning July 1, 1943, and ending June 30, 1944 and is subject to the availability of Government funds.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

By (s) E. J. Weber

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was approved of and ordered received and filed.

Communication dated May 18, 1943, and reading as follows, was received from the Upper Pittston War Service Club:

Mayor John Reilly and Members of City Council,
Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

The committee on arrangements for the Flag Raising and Dedication of the Honor Roll of the Upper Pittston War Service Club, Sunday, May 30 at 3 p.m. North Main and New Streets, extend an invitation to be guests at that time.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Respectfully

(s) W. A. O'Hara
Service Officer

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated May 27, 1943, and reading as follows, was received from City Assessor, John M. Dobbie:

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
City Hall, Broad Street, Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend abatement of the following
City Taxes for the year 1943:

Property owned by Mrs. Mary Fath, 159 Mill Street, 6th Ward, abatement on \$250.00 of Assessed Valuation, Total Assessed Valuation of the property being increased by error in this amount.

Property owned by Andrew, Thomas and Helen Kashuba, 197 North Main Street, 4th Ward, Abatement on \$500.00 of Assessed Valuation, Total Assessed Valuation of this property being increased by error in this amount.

Very truly yours,

(s) John M. Dobbie,
City Assessor

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above recommended Abatements were approved of as read.

Communication dated May 24, 1943, and reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Governor's Office, Harrisburg, Pa.:

Hon. John J. Reilly, Mayor,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mayor Reilly:

The Governor directs me to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of May 22d with reference to Senate Bill No. 17, and to assure you it will receive his careful consideration,

Sincerely yours,

(s) George I. Bloom

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was approved of and ordered received and filed.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., May 22, 1943, and reading as follows, was received from Joseph M. Fearick:

Dear Sirs:

Having been inducted into the Armed Forces of the United States, I wish to apply for a leave of absence from my position as City Fire Truck Driver as of this date.

Hoping this meets with your approval,

I remain, sincerely yours,

(signed) Joseph M. Fearick

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above request for leave of absence was granted.

At the request of Mayor Reilly, and on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to have the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board fix a date for examination of applicants for positions open in the Fire Department.

Bids for materials and supplies being properly and legally advertised, to be received and opened at this meeting were, upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered opened.

The City Clerk received and opened bids from the following firms, all of which were received in accordance with specifications pertaining to same:

Eureka Fire Hose Company, Philadelphia, Pa., and Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Company, Chicago, Ill., covering Fire Hose requirements.

Pittston Oil Company, Egan Oil and Supply Company, and Consumer's Gas & Oil Company, all of Pittston City, covering Gasoline requirements.

Mitchell's Lumber Company, Pittston, Pa., Central Clay Products Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and A. S. Powers, Pittston, Pa., covering pipe fittings and general supply requirements.

Wyoming Sand and Stone Company, Scranton, Pa., covering Colprovia requirements.

Airport Sand and Gravel Company, Luzerne, Pa., and The Banks Stone and Sand Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., covering stone, crushed gravel, washed sand requirements.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bids were ordered referred to the City Engineer, the City Solicitor, and Members of City Council for proper tabulation and disposition.

City Solicitor, Carl J. Burke, informed Council that meeting of City Officials with Officials of the Wilkes-Barre Traction Company arranged for the week of May 24, was, at the request of Council for the Traction Company, postponed until the week beginning May 31st.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.

A P P R O V E D

June 17, 1943

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ATTEST: June 17, 1943

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JUNE 17TH, 1943, AT 8:00 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session postponed from Thursday June 10th to today, Thursday June 17th, at 8:00 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present

Minutes of regular session of Thursday, May 27th, 1943 were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, were ordered received and filed.

Mayor John J. Reilly submitted report dated June 1st, 1943, of meter collections as well as parking violations received by his Department for the month of May, 1943, reading as follows:

Parking Meter Fees	\$ 224.95
Parking Violations	38.00
Violations of City Ordinance	30.00
	<u>\$ 292.95</u>

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane, submitted an itemized report of the receipts and disbursements of the City Treasurer's Office for the month of May, 1943, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, May 1, 1943.....	\$ 32,970.52
Receipts during the month.....	49,318.93
Total.....	<u>\$ 82,289.45</u>
Warrants Paid.....	19,951.61
Cash on Hand, May 31, 1943.....	62,337.84
Total.....	<u>\$ 82,289.45</u>

May 31st, Cash on Hand being distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund.....	\$ 37,472.23
Bond and Interest, 1923.....	6,057.62
Bond and Interest, 1935.....	6,879.22
Bond and Interest, 1938.....	2,570.49
Bond and Interest, 1942.....	4,315.71
Funding and Improvement Bonds, 1942.....	4,445.50
Victory Tax Funds (City employees).....	597.07
Total.....	<u>\$ 62,337.84</u>

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane, submitted report dated May 29th, 1943, covering City Licenses issued by his Office during the month of May, reading as follows:

License applied for by: American
Chocolate Shop, 44 No. Main St.,
Pittston, Penna., to erect a sign
(wooden frame - Coca Cola).
Granted May 1, 1943, license #640..... \$ 2.00

License applied for by: Postal
Telegraph Cable Company.
6 pls @.12¢ - - 172¢
Granted May 7, 1943, license #641..... 0.72

License applied for by: Kizis &
Latonick, 31 No. Main Street,
Pittston, Penna., to erect a bldg.
sign (Neon) bakelite 3' x 25' and
31' x 16'.
Granted May 21, 1943, license #642..... 2.00

Total \$ 4.72

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer, Mr. M. P. Ruane submitted^{itemized}/final report and settlement of City Tax Duplicate for the year 1942, as set forth to the close of business as of May 31st, 1943 and asked that he be exonerated and released of the same.

After careful study of this report, motion was made by Mr. Sheridan and seconded by Mr. Turon and concurred in by members present, that the report be approved and filed and that Mr. Ruane be notified to instruct the Deputy Tax Collector to make every effort possible to collect the balance of taxes due on this Duplicate, especially those of the personal taxes of both male and female.

Report for the month of May, 1943, and reading as follows, was received from the Health Officer:

Pittston, Pennsylvania
June 1st, 1943

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of May, 1943:

Monthly report sent to the Medical Director.
Weekly report sent to the Medical Director.
Visits, each, to Beef Houses..... 3
Visits, each, to Restaurants..... 4
Health Certificates issued..... 10

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS NEWCOMB
HEALTH OFFICER

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On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, report was ordered received and filed.

Report for the month of May, 1943, and reading as follows, was received from the Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Pittston, Pennsylvania
June 1st, 1943

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of May, 1943:

	<u>Corrected & Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	8	
Counter Scales	7	
Wagon Scales	1	
Gasoline Pumps	1	
Prescription Scales	3	

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS NEWCOMB
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES.

TN:fmk

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, report was ordered received and filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 439, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF SALARY OF JANITOR OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, was read at length for the first time.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon roll call of members present, the above Ordinance was adopted on first reading.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon roll call of members present, the rules were rescinded and File of Council #439 read at length for the second time.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was adopted on second reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 440, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF WAGES OF JANITRESSES (2) OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, was read at length for the first time.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon roll call of members present, the above Ordinance was adopted on first reading.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon roll call of members present, the rules were rescinded and File of Council #440 read at length for the second time.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was adopted on second reading.

RESOLUTION #3623. Pittston, Pennsylvania, June 17th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from May 29, 1943".

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3624. Pittston, Pennsylvania, June 17th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from June 8th, 1943".

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3625. Pittston, Pennsylvania, June 17th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from June 18, 1943".

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3626. Pittston, Pennsylvania, June 17th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That House Bill #36 of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, sessions of 1943, reading as follows: "Abating certain tax penalties and interest on unpaid county, city, borough, town, township, school district, poor district and county institution district taxes, with certain exceptions prohibiting the sale of real property for the nonpayment of any such taxes for a certain period and preserving certain tax liens and providing for the extension thereof", be and is hereby adopted by the Council of the City of Pittston and the City Treasurer of City of Pittston is hereby authorized to collect taxes according to the above statute.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3627. Pittston, Pennsylvania, June 17th, 1943, 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 1942, \$59,043.71.

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. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Sylvester C. Grablick, in letter dated June 17th, 1943, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, recommended payment of the following bills:

American Legion, John D. Stark Post	Memorial Day Expenses	\$ 50.00
John A. Allan	Compensation Audit	864.57
John A. Allan	Additional premium	58.37
American Surety Company	Premiums on Bonds	60.00
Airport Sand & Gravel Co.	Sand	6.06
Carl J. Burke	Trip to Harrisburg (Flushing Project)	16.00
Butera Auto Body Works	Repairs to concrete mixer	3.00
Broad Street Garage	Welding (Civilian Defense)	5.75
Bell Telephone Co.	Phones	50.63
Harold F. Collins	Postage Stamps	10.00
Consumer's Ice Co.	Ice	26.50
Consumer's Gas & Oil Co.	Gas, oil, etc. (March, April and May accounts)	265.40
Egan Oil & Supply Co.	Gas and oil	76.15
Wesley M. Evans	Misc. supplies	5.00
Eagen Hardware Co.	Misc. supplies	27.59
Ft. Pittston Post #635		
Vet. of Foreign Wars	Memorial Day Expenses	50.00
Glen Summit Water Co.	Drinking Water	8.50
Thomas Hood	General repairs, fire alarm system	64.26
Harry C. Hunt	Pads (Civ. Defense Program)	10.75
Kehoe & McNamara	Insurance on trucks	4.13
Klein Auto Parts Co.	Misc. supplies	43.88
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Supplies	3.50
Ludwig's Hardware Store	Supplies	12.64
Municipal Year Book	1943 Municipal Year Book	7.50
A. L. Miller's Junk Yard	Angle iron	1.40
Mitchell's Lumber Company	Lumber	12.12
New York Casualty Co.	Premium on Bonds	300.00
Newcomb Brothers	Coal	13.16
Pittston-Luzerne Corp.	Manhole covers	64.80
A. S. Powers	Pipe, etc.	15.06
Pittston Gazette	Programs, etc.	61.05
Pittston Oil Company, Inc.	Gas	43.37
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Service Company	Water service	146.10
Scranton Electric Company	Electric light service	51.52
Scranton Electric Company	Street lighting	1006.45
The Texas Lunch	Food (Police Dept.)	1.00
J. & R. Construction Co.	1940 International Used Truck	1500.00
	Total	\$ 4946.21

Respectfully submitted,

SYLVESTER C. GRABLICK, DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCE.

SCG:f

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of as read and ordered paid. Mr. Walsh not voting on bill of Carl J. Burke in the amount of \$16.00, and Mayor John J. Reilly not voting on bill of Pittston-Luzerne Corp. in the amount of \$64.80.

Communication dated June 8th, 1943, addressed to the Mayor and City Council and reading as follows was received from Emerson G. Howley:

Gentlemen:

Attached herewith is a change of schedule of the Laurel Line Transportation Company's Bus Service, operating between Pittston and Moosic.

You will note that the service has been reduced from "half hour" to "hour" service. The Company maintains that the reduction has been made at the request of the Office of Defense Transportation, to reduce the bus mileage. I contend that the Scranton Bus service should be discontinued, and "half hour" service between Pittston and Moosic be retained inasmuch as the bus line parallels the third rail system.

I respectfully request that you make immediate protest to the officials of the Transportation Company and the Office of Defense Transportation.

Respectfully yours,

EGH:fmk
Enc.

EMERSON G. HOWLEY

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor with instructions that he confer with the officials of the Transportation Company protesting the curtailment of the bus service.

Communication dated June 15th, 1943, to the Members of City Council and reading as follows, was received from Catherine McHale of 46 Prospect Street, Pittston, Penna.:

Gentlemen:

I would like you to take some action on the water problem affecting my property at the corner of Prospect and Leonard Streets. I don't see why this property should be a waterway for the water coming from Hughestown. There must be something that can be done about it as every storm makes matters worse for, not only is the garage in danger of being washed away but several inches of mud is carried into and left on the garage floor. This means that we have to shovel it out after each heavy rain storm.

In August of 1942, I signed a right of way on the property for a W.P.A. project which might have eliminated further trouble. Although it was known for some time that W.P.A. would close in May or June of 1943, nothing was done to get this project started and completed by that time.

As I believe you already know we have lived here for eighteen years and for fourteen of those years no water touched the property. After the grading of Leonard and Prospect Streets in 1939 or 1940 the water began destroying the property.

I hope you will give this matter your immediate attention. I thank you.

Sincerely yours,

CATHERINE McHALE
Property Owner

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Engineer and Members of Council as a body, for proper investigation.

Communication dated June 1, 1943, and reading as follows, was received from Pittston Camp #17, United Spanish War Veterans, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Veterans of Greater Pittston, who served in the armed forces of the United States during the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection, we wish to thank you gentlemen for your kindness and cooperation in erecting an Honor Roll to perpetuate the memory of our Comrades.

We owe you a debt of gratitude for your thoughtfulness, which we shall never be able to repay.

Comrade,

JOHN F. TOOLE, COMMANDER,
UNITED SPANISH-AMERICAN
WAR VETERANS, POST 17.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated June 1, 1943, addressed to the City Clerk and reading as follows was received from John A. Venskus, Secretary, Fourth Ward Service Club:

Dear Mr. McNulty:

The Fourth Ward Service Club is most grateful to the city officials for the transportation facilities provided the club in transporting tables for a dinner-dance conducted on Tuesday night, May 25, in honor of selectees of the ward.

Your cooperation in such worthy undertakings is greatly appreciated by the club and contributes immensely to their success.

Thanking you again, I am

Very truly yours,

John A. Venskus, Secretary
FOURTH WARD SERVICE CLUB.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Mrs. Minichello, of 24 Hunter Street, Browntown, appeared in person and entered complaint of water damaging her property at 211-213 Parsonage Street.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on roll call of members present, complaint was referred to the City Engineer as well as Council as a body for proper investigation.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the City Mechanic, Mr. James Halford, was instructed to deliver chasis of used truck, purchased from the J. & R. Construction Company, to the William & Harvey Rolland Inc., 1521 North 33rd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to have frame built up to comply with Garwood Company's specifications.

Under the same motion, Mr. Halford was granted an expense item of \$25.00, since he is to remain with the chasis until such time as the frame work is completed and then deliver said chasis to the Garwood Company for mounting of body. Time estimated to complete building of frame being three to four days.

Petition bearing the signature of seventeen names complaining about building on Tunnel St. now being used by the Pittston Milling Company as a Poultry Hatchery, was presented to Council by Mrs. Victoria Kupleski of 8 Tunnel Street. Mrs. Kupleski addressed Council as well as Mrs. John Hubra, of the same address, and Mr. Seiple of the Pittston Milling Company.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, complaint was referred to the Health Officer and Chief of the Fire Department for proper investigation.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan seconded by Mr. Walsh and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, City Council was instructed to file objections to recent appointments as members of the Local Rationing Board, since most appointments were people living outside the area of the Local Board. The City Clerk being instructed to arrange for said meeting with Mr. Frank Snyder, District Director, Office of Price Administration.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the City Engineer was instructed to investigate manholes and sewer conditions at Carroll and Church Streets since there is always an over-flow of water during each rain storm. The sewer referred to herein was constructed by W. P. A. during 1940 and never did give satisfactory service.

Under date of June 12, 1943, truck owned by Michael Kovack, 960 Wheeler Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania, and carrying gasoline, overturned on North Main Street, north of Miller Street, catching fire and causing considerable damage to curb and sidewalk as well as telephone and electric wire and cables.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the City Engineer was instructed to prepare estimate of damage to curb and sidewalk and submit same to Council.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Solicitor was instructed to confer with officials of the Morgan Coal Company concerning condition of air-shaft at their former operation in the 4th Ward of the City.

Mr. Walsh reported that Mayor Reilly, City Solicitor Carl J. Burke, City Engineer Thomas Halsey and Mr. Walsh conferred with officials of the Wilkes-Barre Traction Company regarding the removal of the rails and that the committee would take the matter up with Mr. Schroyer, Secretary of the State Highway Department to seek its cooperation.

Mr. Walsh also reported that on June 9th, Mr. Collins, Mr. Flanagan, Mr. Hennigan of the School Board and City Solicitor Carl Burke and Mr. Walsh of City Council, visited Harrisburg and submitted additional plans for aid to cover recent damages caused by various mine caves within the City Limits.

Permit application was received from Alpaugh & Barnes, 127 South Main Street, City, to repair building at same address damaged by fire. This application being approved by the Fire Chief, the Superintendent of the Street Department, and the War Production Board.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present same was approved.

The hour getting late, motion was made by Mr. Grablick seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, to continue meeting to Saturday, June 19th, 1943, at 2:30 P.M.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH, 1943, AT 2:45 P.M.

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City Council/convened in regular session of Thursday, June 17th, continued to today, Saturday, June 19th, 1943, at 2:45 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present with the exception of Mr. Grablick.

This being a continued meeting, minutes of Thursday June 17th, were not read.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and on Roll Call of members present, bill of the J. & R. Construction Company, in the amount of \$1500.00 for used 2-3 ton truck, recently purchased was approved of and ordered paid.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to notify the Eureka Fire Hose Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, that fire hose contract awarded them on their bid of April 18, 1942, and for which priority rating was refused by the W.P.B. be cancelled and the bond submitted by them covering our purchase order on same be cancelled also. That they be notified that, unless definite assurance can be given by Thursday, June 23rd, 1943, that Multiple Woven Hose can be furnished on priority rating granted to purchase 2½" single jacket hose, and that they can guarantee date of delivery of same, purchase of single jacket hose would be awarded at meeting of Thursday, June 24th, 1943, to the lowest bidder.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, contracts were awarded Eagen Oil & Supply Company, Consumer's Gas & Oil Company, and the Pittston Oil Company, in equal amounts for gasoline requirements for the year 1943, on bids submitted by them at the prevailing price of 14-7/10¢ per gallon being bid submitted by all three (3).

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the following contracts were awarded on bids submitted:

Mitchell Lumber Co., Pittston, Pa...Cement and Lime.

Central Clay Products Co.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa...Common bricks, Paving
brick and Calcium Chloride.

A. S. Powers, Pittston, Penna.....Pipe and fittings.

Airport Sand and Gravel Company

Luzerne, Penna.....Stone, sand and gravel.

On the same motion the City Clerk was instructed to re-advertise for bids on Coal and all road repair material.

Permit application was received from Scranton Electric Company, dated June 18th, 1943, for permission to construct a manhole 4½' x 9' at Brandenburg Lane. This manhole to be constructed of brick or concrete with a 32" malleable iron manhole cover.

Permit application having been approved of by Mayor Reilly, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the same was approved, and permit granted.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.

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John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK.

A T T E S T: June 24, 1943

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JUNE 24, 1943, AT 7:15 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Thursday, June 24, at 7:15 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, Councilmen Walsh and Turon present, Councilmen Grablick and Sheridan being absent.

Minutes of regular session of June 17, 1943, and re-convened session of Saturday, June 19, 1943, were read, and upon motion of Mr. Turon seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, ordered approved as read.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 439, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PAYMENT OF SALARY OF JANITOR OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, PA., was read at length for the third time.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was approved on Third and Final reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 440, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF WAGES OF JANITRESSES (2) OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, PA., was read at length for the third time.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was approved on Third and Final reading.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, in letter dated June 24, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, recommended payment of the following bills:

Carl J. Burke, City Solicitor	Liens, Prothonotary's Office	\$ 5.00
James Halford	Wages, Civilian Defense,	
	First Half of June	58.50
Joseph Ludden	Wages, Civilian Defense,	
	First Half of June	58.50
Thomas Hood	Repairs to Fire Alarm System	7.14
James Halford	Wages, Civilian Defense,	
	Second Half of June	52.00
Joseph Ludden	Wages, Civilian Defense,	
	Second Half of June	46.00
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		\$227.14

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of and ordered paid.

Communication dated June 12, 1943, from the Federal Works Agency, Public Roads Administration, Washington, D. C., and reading as follows, was received and read:

Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk
City Hall, Broad Street,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. McNulty:

We are enclosing copies of Applications Nos. 4487, 4488, and 4489, certified as requested.

Your attention is directed to the statement on the certificate that it does not constitute authority to begin construction under Limitation Order L-41 of the War Production Board. The "General Authority to Begin Construction", L-41-600, has been revoked as of

March 15, 1943, and, if the work described is a construction job, it will be necessary for you to obtain a special authorization if the project had not been started prior to March 15, 1943. Information relative to the procedure to be followed, as well as forms for requesting authorization, may be obtained from your State Highway Department.

Very truly yours,
E. F. Kelley, Acting Commissioner
Public Roads Administration
By (s) J. T. Pauls
Principal Highway Engineer

Encls.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated June 22, 1943, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council was received from the Fire Chief, Frank Castner, reading as follows:

Gentlemen:

I investigated Pittston Flour and Feed Company Hatchery, located on Tunnel Street, City of Pittston, along with Mr. Seiple of the Pittston Flour & Feed Company. Mr. Seiple informed me that he intended to keep large chickens only on the third floor and that there would be no kerosene burners or coal fires in the building at any time. He stated that the lower floors were to be used for storage of feed, hay, etc. Under these conditions which he assured me would be applied to the building in question, I find that no Fire Hazard would be involved.

I saw no rats during my investigation. I did, however, see numerous rats the time of the recent fire. It is my opinion that these rats come from the Mines. It is possible, also, that they may be sewer rats since there is an open creek running by the property.

Very truly yours,

(s) Frank Castner,
Fire Chief

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On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated June 22, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, was received from Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, reading as follows:

Gentlemen:

The following is my report on the hatchery on Tunnel Street:

The hatchery is eighteen (18') feet from the nearest building. The complainant, Mrs. Victoria Kupleski, has four turkeys and several chickens, as well as four dogs, running around the yard at large.

The only odor I discovered was coming from a sewer between the two buildings. I would recommend the City Street Department to go up and see who the sewer belongs to, and have it fixed.

The Pittston Feed Manager is going to take the turkeys out of the building and only have a few chickens in it. He is then going to use the balance of the building for feed and hay.

Respectfully submitted,

(s) Thomas Newcomb
Health Officer

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On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

At the request of Councilman Walsh, the following letter dated June 23, was forwarded to the Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley Railroad Co., (Laurel Line) Scranton, Pa.:

Gentlemen:

Your attention is directed to the fence running along your right-of-way in lower Pittston, north of the South Pittston station, or in the rear of Assembly Hall on South Main Street. This fence is in very bad condition, with the result that the public is using this as a "short cut" by crossing over the tracks. It has been called to our attention by taxpayers in this section of the City that, the fence should be repaired and the practice of the public in crossing the tracks at this point stopped.

We suggest that this be given your serious consideration before someone is electrocuted at this point.

Very truly yours,

JDMcN:f

(s) John D. McNulty, City Clerk

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

City Assessor John M. Dobbie in letter dated June 24, to the Honorable Mayor and City Council recommended abatement of the following City Taxes for the year 1943:

Property owned by: Santo Perillo, 89 E. Railroad St., 10th Ward.
Abatement of \$157.00 of assessed valuation, total assessed valuation of the property being increased in error by this amount.

Property owned by: Peter and Rose Mangione, 212 S. Main St., 10th Ward. Abatement on \$938.00 of assessed valuation, total assessed valuation being increased in error by this amount.

Property owned by: Jos., Salvatore and Rosario Andalora, 117-119 South Main Street, 9th Ward.
Abatement on \$1,225 of assessed valuation, total assessed valuation of the property being increased in error by this amount.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon vote on Roll Call of members present, the above recommended abatements were granted.

Communication dated June 24, from Mr. Carl J. Burke, City Solicitor was received and read:

John D. McNulty, City Clerk,
City Hall, Pittston, Pa.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Council referred to me the complaints of the citizens of the service rendered by the Wilkes-Barre Railway Company on the Pittston-Duryea and the Avoca-Forest Castle lines.

Herewith is my file, together with a schedule which O. W. Hoch, Superintendent, advises me is rigidly adhered to.

If there are any other questions on this matter, kindly let me know.

Very truly yours

(s) Carl J. Burke,
City Solicitor

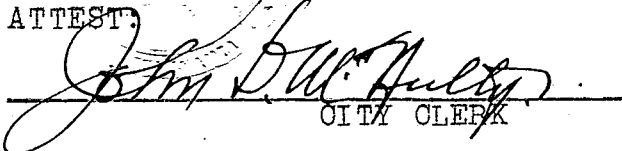
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Enclosure

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, regular meeting dates of City Council was changed from the second and last Thursday of each month, to the last Thursday only, of each month, for the summer months, only.

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:


CITY CLERK

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<u>CITY CLERK</u>		

PITTSSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JULY 8TH, 1943, AT 7:00 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in special session Thursday, July 8th, 1943, at 7:00 P.M., with Councilman Grablick presiding and all members of Council present with the exception of Mayor Reilly, who was absent; waiver of notice being waived by all members of Council.

Minutes of regular session of June 24, 1943, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor John J. Reilly submitted report dated July 1, 1943, of Meter Collections and fines received by his Department for the month of June, 1943, reading as follows:

Parking Meter Fees	\$ 205.85
Parking Violations	11.00
Total	\$ 216.85

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted itemized report of receipts and disbursements of the City Treasurer's Office for the month of June, 1943, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, June 1st, 1943	\$ 62,337.84
Receipts during the Month	17,661.16
Total	\$ 79,999.00

Warrants Paid	\$ 17,316.45
Cash on Hand, June 30, 1943	62,682.55
Total	\$ 79,999.00

June 30th Cash on Hand distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 34,945.07
Bond and Interest, 1923	7,366.58
Bond and Interest, 1935	8,293.34
Bond and Interest, 1938	3,057.15
Bond and Interest, 1942	5,164.51
Funding and Improvement Bonds Account, 1942	2,945.50
Victory Tax Fund (City Employees)	910.40
	\$ 62,682.55

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer Mr. M. P. Ruane submitted report dated June 30, 1943, covering City Licenses issued by his office during the month of June reading as follows:

License applied for by John DeFalco, 29 So. Main St., Pittston, Penna. License fee for (1) one pinball machine for year ending December 31, 1943
Granted June 8, 1943, license #643 \$ 25.00

License applied for by: James Lenza, 75 Parsonage St. Pittston, Penna. License fee for (1) one pinball machine for year ending December 31, 1943. Granted
June 12, 1943, license #644 25.00

License applied for by: A. W. Stine, 97 Carroll St., Pittston, Penna. License for (1) one pinball

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machine for year ending December 31, 1943.

Granted June 29, 1943, license #645\$ 25.00

Total \$ 75.00

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report for the month of June, 1943, and reading as follows, was received from the Health Officer:

Monthly report sent to the Med. Director
 Visits, each, to Restaurants5
 Weekly report sent to the Medical Director
 Health Certificates issued15
 "No Dumping" signs put up 1
 Weekly report sent to Harrisburg.

(s) Thomas Newcomb,
 Health Officer

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report for the month of June, 1943, reading as follows, was received from the Sealer of Weights and Measures:

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Wagon Scales	1	2
Gasoline Pumps	2	
Bean Scales	6	
Person Scales	4	
Counter Scales	5	

(s) Thomas Newcomb,
 Sealer of Weights and Measures

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

The following report, dated July 7, 1943, addressed to the Mayor and Members of City Council, was submitted by Francis A. Earley, Secretary of the Civil Service Board:

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the following have successfully passed the Civil Service Examination for Fire Truck Driver:

1. Clarence Sutter	90%
2. Edward Pahl	90%
3. James Sheerer	90%
4. Joseph Rowan	90%

Respectfully submitted,

(s) Francis A. Earley
 Secretary
 Civil Service Board

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3628. Pittston, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That it will be necessary to extend the positions of Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the force for an additional Ten (10) days, from June 28, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3629. Pittston, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from July 8, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3630. Pittston, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of \$50.00 be transferred from the Department of Accounts and Finance, Item "Office Supplies" to the Department of Accounts and Finance, Item "Advertising and Printing Reports"." "That the sum of \$50.00 be transferred from the Department of Parks and Public Buildings, Item "Repairs" to the Department of Parks and Public Buildings, Item "Other Expenses for Maintenance"." "That the sum of \$800.00 be transferred from the Department of Miscellaneous Accounts, Item "W. P. A. Projects Material and Supplies", to the Department of Miscellaneous Accounts, Item "Military Contributions."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, in letter dated July 8, 1943, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council recommended payment of the following bills:

Airport Sand & Gravel Co.	Sand	\$ 8.31
American Surety Company	Mercantile Robbery & Safe Burglary Insurance.	138.38
Anthracite Paint & Wallpaper Store	10 Gallons Paint	27.50
Borr & Casey	Bandages, etc.	3.96
Barber Motor Car Co.	Misc. supplies	4.45
Vincent E. Churchfield	New traffic lights, honor roll	269.45
William P. Bonser	Misc. supplies	19.84
Consumer's Gas & Oil Co.	Gas, Oil, parts, etc.	150.49
Consumer's Ice Co.	Ice for various offices	26.25
Wesley M. Evans	Misc. parts	4.05
Eagen Hardware Co.	Misc. supplies	5.81
Franconi Auto Parts	" "	8.21
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Drinking Water	12.00
The Pittston Gazette Co.	Monthly record cards	20.00
Harry C. Hunt	Delinquent City Tax Notices	9.85
Klein Auto Parts Co.	Misc. supplies	5.58
Lehigh Valley R. R. Co.	Rental City Yard	60.00
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Misc. office supplies	9.05
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	(10) Bags Cement	6.60
Oplinger Blue Printing Co.	Photostats of Mine Workings.	8.00
Pittston Oil Co., Inc.	Gas & Oil	88.25
Pittston Wallpaper Co.	(10) Gallons Paint	27.00
Austin S. Powers	(1) cap. (Traffic lights)	1.15
Hugh Ridall	Repairs to adding machine	11.00
P. A. Sammon	Ins. on Int. Truck	35.90
P. A. Sammon	Liability Insurance	1,083.25
Allan W. Smiles	Repairing locks, etc.	8.70
Scranton-Spr.-Brook Water Co.	Water Service	147.54
The Scranton Electric Co.	Street lighting	1,006.45
The Scranton Electric Co.	Electric light service	46.57
E. Pahl	Wages omitted (Vol. firemen)	4.80
D. Richardson	" " " "	4.80
Williams Stationery Store	Office Supplies	6.25
John D. McNulty City Clerk	Misc. petty cash items	9.84
Barber Motor Car Co.	Extending wheel base of Int. tr.	250.00
James Halford	Additional expenses to Phila.	2.93
Bell Telephone Co.	Phone Service	49.45
	Total	\$ 3,581.66

(s) Respectfully submitted,
S. C. Grablick
Director, Dept. of Accts. & Finance

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of as read and ordered paid.

The following communication, dated July 2, 1943, addressed to the City Clerk was received and read:

Dear Mr. McNulty:

In regards to your letter of May 27, 1943, as to the bleachers at West Park.

I got in touch with Mr. Kearney and went over the bleachers with him. Up to date there has not been any additional damage done to the bleachers than when I was down there the first part of May.

There is no place that I know of in the City that the bleachers could be stored under cover without paying storage; and if they are dismantled and stored in the open, I am afraid that the lumber will disappear faster than by leaving them erected in the field.

Very truly yours,
(s) Thomas J. Halsey
City Engineer

TJH:LH

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated July 2, 1943, addressed to the City Clerk and reading as follows, was received and read:

Dear Mr. McNulty:

In regards to your letter of May 28, 1943, as to the Tri-ennial Assessment for 1943-1945 on land at 270 Butler Street.

I inspected the site and find it to be what is known as Flemming's Park, and used by the City. This would be a matter for the council to decide; whether they want to continue using same for park purposes, or to give up lease and collect taxes on same.

Very truly yours,
(s) Thomas J. Halsey
City Engineer

TJH'LH

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred back to the City Engineer with instructions to determine the owners of the land as well as the crushed stone stored upon said land.

Communication dated July 2, 1943, and addressed to the City Clerk reading as follows was received and read:

Dear Mr. McNulty:

On your request I made an inspection of the curb damaged by the gasoline truck near the entrance to Panama Street, and find 150 lineal feet of stone curb damaged by the truck.

I submit the following estimate for replacing same with 7" x 20" concrete curb:

150 Lineal feet @ \$1.00 per lin. ft. \$150.00

Very truly yours,
(s) Thomas J. Halsey, City Engineer

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above estimate was accepted and the City Clerk instructed to bill the owners of the gasoline truck causing said damage in the amount of \$150.00.

Communication dated July 8, 1943, addressed to the City Clerk was received and read:

Dear Sir:

Herewith is a letter from the Morgan Coal Company in answer to the matter which was referred to me by Council of the air shaft at the 4th Ward Park.

I have referred this matter to City Engineer Halsey who will make an investigation and report to Council.

Very truly yours,
(s) Carl J. Burke
City Solicitor

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Enclosure

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the Scranton Spring-Brook Water Company was granted permission to make necessary cuts in pave on Broad Street between Church and fire hydrant at upper Broad Street to clean out main water line between these points. This permission being granted upon the request of Mr. Monie of the Scranton Spring-Brook Water Company, to the City Clerk.

Mrs. Florence Minichelli, 24 Winter Street, Browntown, complained to Council concerning damages to her property at 211-213 Parsonage Street covered by water draining from the Hughestown Boro section adjacent to her property. Council informed Mrs. Minichelli that they would have the City Engineer check on her complaint, requesting report from him for the next meeting of City Council.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the meeting was adjourned.

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July 17, 1943

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JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK

ATTEST: July 17, 1943

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JULY 17TH, 1943, AT 4:30 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in special session Saturday, July 17, 1943, at 4:30 P.M., with Mayor Reilly presiding and all members of Council present; waiver of notice being waived by all members of Council present.

Minutes of special session of July 8th, 1943, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 441 AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT AN INCREASE IN SALARIES AND WAGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON. THE AMOUNT OF INCREASE OF SAID SALARIES AND WAGES TO BE PROVIDED FOR FROM THE ANNUAL BUDGET MADE AND ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 29, 1942 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PITTSTON BASED ON AN ASSESSMENT OF \$9,460,674.00. THIS ASSESSMENT IS FOUND TO BE ACTUALLY \$10,927.965.00, THUS LEAVING SUFFICIENT FUNDS FROM THE TAX LEVY ALREADY MADE TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCREASE IN SALARIES AND WAGES WHICH WILL COMMENCE WITH THE PAY PERIOD BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 1943. THE AMOUNT OF THE INCREASES IS SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE, WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF, was read at length for the first time.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was adopted on First Reading.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the rules were rescinded and File of Council Number 441 read at length for the second time.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was adopted on Second Reading.

Communication dated July 17, 1943, addressed to the Mayor and City Council reading as follows was received and read:

Gentlemen:

The Supplemental Ordinance to City Ordinance No. 433, covering increases in wages and salaries to City employees, has been referred to me for opinion.

I have studied this ordinance and under Act No. 7 approved by Governor Edward Martin on the 19th day of March, 1943 is your authority to increase the present wages and salaries of City employees.

It is to be noted, however, that the increases are authorized only during the emergency arising out of the present war conditions and will continue only and until the expiration of the fiscal year next, following the cessation of hostilities.

It is my opinion that the ordinance is legal and in order.

Very truly yours,
(s) Carl J. Burke
City Solicitor

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On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated July 13, 1943 to Mayor John J. Reilly, Pittston, Pennsylvania, reading as follows, was received and read:

Dear Mayor Reilly:-

As requested in your telephone conversation of today and supplementing our letter of April 28th, 1943, we are attaching a print of Railroad Street, Route 40047 in your city. We are also attaching an estimate of the cost of repairing the mine subsidence between Stations 1+70 and 3+50.

I hope you will be successful in having this street restored to service at an early date. The Erie Railroad and the Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley Railroad have both agreed to raise the railroad bridge so that a 14' clearance will be maintained above the street grade shown on the print.

Yours very truly,
(s) L. J. Curran
for Bernard J. Harding,
District Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Engineer with instructions that he contact the Erie Railroad Company, the Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley Railroad Company, and Mr. Louis Pagnotti of the No. 9 Coal Company requesting that they rush at the earliest possible time, the repairs to this street, with no cost involved to the City.

Communication dated July 16th, 1943, addressed to the City Clerk was received, reading as follows:

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 2nd relative to Certificate of Public Road Administration covering Asphalt Emulsion.

For your information, your certificate has already been filed with the refinery. This was necessary in order for us to obtain bituminous material for you. Also your contract with us runs to December 31st, 1943 at which time both the Certificate and contract would have to be renewed.

Our intention at this time is to clarify the point on the necessity of our filing the Certificate in order to get the material you are now being furnished.

Very truly yours,

C. F. Goeringer Construction Company

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On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Solicitor was instructed to arrange for the purchase of property at 30 East Railroad Street providing the City School Board abates taxes both past and future on said property.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, recommended payment of the following bills:

O. E. Howell	Ambulance service, Contagious Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.	\$ 25.00
Sergeant Charles A. Connolly	Troop B, State Police (5) Criminal Law Books	10.00
City Clerk's Office	Postage Stamps, Mayor's Office	10.00
James Halford	Additional Expense to Philadelphia for Load-Packer.	10.00
James Halford	Wages, Civ. Def. First-half July 96 hours, at 50¢	48.00
Joseph Ludden	Wages, Civ. Def. first-half July 96 hours, at 50¢	<u>48.00</u>
Total		\$ 151.00

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of as read and ordered paid.

There being no further business to be discussed, on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

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JOHN D. McNULTY		
CITY CLERK		

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JULY 31, 1943, AT 4:00 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, postponed from Thursday, July 29th, 1943, today, Saturday, July 31, 1943, at 4:00 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members of Council present with the exception of Councilman Walsh.

Minutes of special session of July 17, 1943, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NUMBER 441, AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT AN INCREASE IN SALARIES AND WAGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON. THE AMOUNT OF INCREASE OF SAID SALARIES AND WAGES TO BE PROVIDED FOR FROM THE ANNUAL BUDGET MADE AND ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 29, 1942 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PITTSTON BASED ON AN ASSESSMENT OF \$9,460,674.00. THIS ASSESSMENT IS FOUND TO BE ACTUALLY \$10,927,965.00, THUS LEAVING SUFFICIENT FUNDS FROM THE TAX LEVY ALREADY MADE TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCREASE IN SALARIES AND WAGES WHICH WILL COMMENCE WITH THE PAY PERIOD BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 1943. THE AMOUNT OF THE INCREASES IS SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE, WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF, was read in its entirety for the Third time, and on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present,, was approved and passed on Third and Final reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 3631. Pittston, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from July 18, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3632. Pittston, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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 from July 28, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

The following communication, dated July 28, 1943, addressed to the Mayor and City Council, City Hall, Pittston, Penna. reading as follows, was received and read:

Gentlemen:

At the request of the City Clerk, Mr. John D. McNulty, I inspected the condition of Drummond Street at the rear of property No. 213 Parsonage Street.

Drummond Street at this location has been badly washed by the water draining from the Hughestown section, and allowing entire water flow to enter on the aforementioned property.

The only permanent remedy to dispense with this condition is to construct a wall across the entire width of the property, fill in the roadway, and maintain a masonry gutter, so that the water can be carried to the culvert just south of Wharton Alley.

I have made an estimated cost of constructing a concrete wall thirteen (13) feet in height and fifty (50) feet in length, together with fill and gutter; the same amounting to sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600.00).

A temporary construction in the form of a timber cribbing could be used if old ties were available to construct same, for around five or six hundred dollars (\$500.00) or (\$600.00).

Very truly yours,

(s) Thomas J. Halsey, City Engineer,
500 Newrose Bldg., Pittston, Penna.

TJH:LH

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated July 20, 1943, addressed to the Mayor and City Council, City of Pittston, Penna., was received and read, reading as follows:

Gentlemen:

I investigated the complaint of councilman Grablick as to the water condition at the corner of Church and Carroll Streets. At this point there is only an eight-inch main sewer line to carry away the storm water, together with the sanitary sewerage. All the water from Carroll Street is carried over the surface to Church Street, where there are two basins to collect the same. At the time of a storm the eight-inch line is overtaxed, and the excess water floods over the street.

I would suggest that two new catch basins be installed, one on each side of Carroll Street about halfway between Church and Radcliffe Streets, to relieve the basins at Church and Carroll Streets; and also the basins at Church Street be remodeled so as to form a pocket to intercept the water at that point.

Very truly yours,

(s) Thomas J. Halsey
City Engineer
500 Newrose Bldg.,
Pittston, Penna.

TJH:LH

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication reading as follows, dated July 20, 1943, and addressed to the Hon. Mayor and City Council, City Hall, Pittston City, Penna. was received and read:

Gentlemen:

I investigated the complaint of Catherine McHale, 46 Prospect Street, as to the water coming down Leonard Street and flooding her garage.

The basin at Prospect and Leonard Streets is connected to the eight-inch sewer on Prospect St., and the line is not large enough to take care of the large flow during storm period, as the water drains from the Hughestown section.

I would suggest that three basins be built at Leonard and Searle Streets, one at each corner, and connect the same to the twelve-inch main sewer on Searle Street. Also, lower the present basin on the south-east corner at Leonard and Searle Streets, so that the water can have a better chance to enter same.

I believe this installation will intercept a large amount of the storm waters.

Very truly yours,

(s) Thomas J. Halsey,
City Engineer
500 Newrose Bldg.,
Pittston, Penna.

TJH:lh

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

The following communication dated July 28th, 1943, addressed to Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk, City of Pittston, Pittston, Penna., reading as follows, was received and read:

Dear Mr. McNulty:

I have made the following appointment, to fill vacancy in the Tax Collector's Office, same effective as of July 16th, 1943.

Miss Agnes O' Boyle
95 Searle Street
Pittston, Penna.

as clerk in place of Miss Ruth O'Boyle (resigned).

Very truly yours,
(signed) M. P. Ruane
TAX COLLECTOR

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On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was approved of as read, and ordered received and filed.

Communication dated July 30th, 1943, addressed to Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk, City of Pittston, Pittston, Penna., was received from the Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley Railroad Company, 125 Cedar Avenue, Scranton, Pa., reading as follows:

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of June 23 complaining of the fence in the lower part of the City of Pittston or the rear of Assembly Hall on South Main Street. You have put a cover over the creek at this point and have invited people to cross over the tracks for a short cut. We have tried to stop this, but have not been able to do so. Our men have been stoned by grown boys. We cannot maintain a fence at this point because there is no ordinary fence that will keep the boys from trespassing on a railroad. The only cure I can see to keep them away from the tracks is for their parents to instruct them of the dangers that they meet in crossing the railroad.

Yours truly,

(signed) P. Murphy
Pres. & Gen. Mgr.

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On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor.

Permit application was received from Joseph Volpe, 1004 Susquehanna Avenue, West Pittston, dated July 28, 1943, to erect an enamel, flat, building sign, at place of business 32 North Main Street, City, at an approximate cost of \$190, to be erected by Prete Sign Co., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

This application having been approved of by the Chief of the Fire Department, and the Supt. of the Street Department, was, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved.

Bids for materials and supplies, being properly and legally advertised, to be received and opened at this meeting, were, upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, ordered opened.

Proposals which were received from the following concerns, all of whom having complied with the regulations specified therein, were opened and read:

Newcomb Brothers, 3 Tompkins Street, Pittston, Pa., and Number Nine Coal Company, Pittston, Pa., covering coal requirements.

Mathers Construction Company, 278 Sly Street, Luzerne, Pa., covering road Oil requirements.

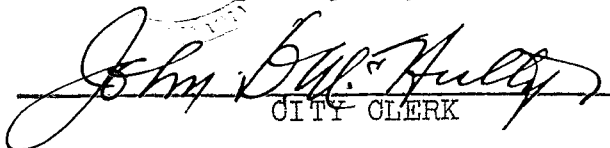
Wyoming Sand and Stone Company, 634 Connell Building, Scranton, Pa., covering Colprovia requirements.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above bids were ordered referred to the City Engineer, the City Solicitor, and Members of City Council for proper tabulation and disposition, Councilman Walsh having entered the meeting at this time, also voting.

Complaint of Mrs. Florence Minichelli, 24 Winter Street, Browntown, was heard by Council, concerning damages to her property at 211-213 Parsonage Street covered by water draining from the Hughestown Borough section adjacent to her property. Council instructed Mr. Kearney, Superintendent of the Street Department, to do whatever possible to alleviate the condition.

There being no further business to be discussed, motion was made by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn the meeting until Thursday, August 5, 1943, at 7:00 P.M.

ATTEST: August 5, 1943


CITY CLERK

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PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AUGUST 5TH, 1943, AT 7:45 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in special session, today, Thursday, August 5th, 1943, at 7:45 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members of Council present, waiver of notice being waived by all present.

Minutes of regular session of July 31st, 1943, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor John J. Reilly submitted report dated August 2, 1943 of Parking Meter Collections and Fines received by his department for the month of July, 1943, reading as follows:

Parking Meter Fees	\$ 184.35
Parking Violations	10.00
Violations of City Ordinance	30.00
Total	<u>\$ 224.35</u>

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane, submitted itemized report of receipts and disbursements of the City Treasurer's Office for the month of July, 1943, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1943	\$ 62,682.55
Receipts during the month	8,621.63
Total	<u>\$ 71,304.18</u>
Warrants Paid	\$ 17,065.69
Cash on Hand, July 31, 1943	54,238.49
Total	<u>\$ 71,304.18</u>

July 31st Cash on Hand distributed to the following Accounts:

General Fund	\$ 25,718.26
Bond and Interest, 1923	8,035.77
Bond and Interest, 1935	8,963.29
Bond and Interest, 1938	3,293.44
Bond and Interest, 1942	5,532.23
Funding and Improvements Bonds Account 1942	2,695.50
Total	<u>\$ 54,238.49</u>

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted report dated July 31, 1943, covering City Licenses issued by his office during the month of July, reading as follows:

John D. McNulty, City Clerk
City of Pittston, Penna.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

I, herewith, submit my report of City License for the month of July, 1943.

License applied for by: Mich. A.
Sperazza, So. Main Street, Pittston,
Penna. License fee (2) pinball
machines year ending December 31, 1943.
Granted July 8th, 1943. License #646 ----- \$ 35.00

License applied for by: Texas
Restaurant, Geo. Peos, prop., 20
So. Main Street, Pittston, Penna.
License fee (1) pinball machine
year ending December 31, 1943.
Granted July 8th, 1943. License #647 ----- 25.00

Total \$ 60.00

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) M. P. Ruane
City Treasurer

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll
Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report for the month of July, 1943, and reading as follows, was
received from the Health Officer:

Honorable Mayor and City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
July, 1943:

Monthly report sent to the Medical Director

Weekly report sent to the Medical Director

Visits, each, to Restaurants 5

Sam DeSalvo age 17, of 44 West Railroad Street,
admitted to Wilkes-Barre Contagious Hospital,
victim of Spinal Meningitis, July 14th, 1943,
after examination by Dr. Bruno.
Discharged on July 23rd, 1943, and home placed
under quarantine.
Quarantine lifted July 27th, 1943, by order
from Kirby Health Center, Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Thomas Newcomb
Health Officer

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 for the month of July, 1943, reading as follows, was received from the Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Honorable Mayor and City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for
the month of July, 1943:

	<u>Corrected & Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Weighers	5	2
Wagon Scales	1	
Counter Scales	8	
Prescription Scales	6	
Oil Pumps	2	
Gasoline Pumps	3	

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Thomas Newcomb
Sealer of Weights & Measures

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3633. Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 5, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Clarence Sutter be and is hereby appointed, Fire Truck Driver in place of Joseph Fearick, now serving in the United States Navy. This appointment is for the duration of the War only and is effective as of this date.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, in letter dated August 5, 1943, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, Pittston, Pa., recommended payment of the following bills:

Carl J. Burke	Purchase property 30 E.R.R.St.	\$ 20.00
Gar Wood Industries, Inc.	(1) Gar Wood Load-Packer and paint job	2,470.00
Vullo Tire & Battery Service	(4) Tires & tubes-Ld. Packer	299.40
Thomas Hood	Repairs, Fire Alarm System	4.08
Sullivan Trail Nurseries	Trimming Trees	80.00
James Halford	Wages, Civ. Def. 2nd half-July	53.50
Joseph Ludden	Wages, Civ. Def. 2nd half-July	58.00
Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	Service	48.55
V. E. Churchfield	Traffic signal repairs, etc.	37.53
Consumer's Ice Co.	Ice for various offices	27.25
Consumer's Gas & Oil Co.	Gas, Oil, repairs, etc.	111.96
George-Dixon Press Inc.	1000 Helmet Stickers	15.00
Duro-Test-Corp.	Light bulbs	60.18
Eagen Hardware Co.	Misc. supplies	28.60
Egan Oil & Supply Co.	Gas, Oil, etc.	93.15
Franconi Auto Parts	Misc. supplies	22.37
C. F. Goeringer Construction	(88) Tons Coal Patch	506.00
B. F. Goodrich Tire Co.	Lanterns and Batteries	15.00
Klein Auto Parts Co.	Misc. supplies-parts	23.50
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Cement, Lumber, etc.	71.09
Pittston Gazette Co.	Advertising, etc.	45.95
Pittston-Luzerne Corp.	(6) Manhole Frames & Covers	144.00
Stanley Rauduve	Photostatic copies-Mine Workings	44.56
P. A. Sammon	Ins. of truck	14.20
Scranton-Spr.-Brook Water Co.	Fire Hydrants, etc.	167.80

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(Bills Cont'd)

The Scranton Electric Co.

Carl J. Burke

Joseph Perfetto

Light service

(3) Tax Suggestions

Towing Dodge Truck-#14 Colliery

40.57

3.00

10.00

Total

\$ 4,515.24

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved as read and ordered paid, Mayor Reilly not voting on item of Pittston-Luzerne Corporation in the amount of \$144.00.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Contract to purchase 750 Feet of 2½ inch Heavy Weave Single Jacket Fire Hose, was awarded to the Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Company, on their bid of 94¢ per foot, submitted in proposal dated May 27, 1943, they being the lowest bidder; the City Clerk being instructed to return to the Eureka Fire Hose Company, Philadelphia, Pa., certified check which accompanied their proposal of the same date.

Tabulation of Bids submitted to City Council at regular meeting of July 31, 1943, were submitted by Mr. Halsey, the City Engineer. The Mathers Construction Company of Luzerne, being the lowest bidder on bituminous road materials, including Road Oil, and the Wyoming Sand and Stone Company, Scranton, Pa., being the lowest bidder on Colprovia, on motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the Contract to furnish said materials, was awarded to the respective bidders mentioned herein.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Solicitor was instructed to make necessary arrangements with the County Commissioners at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for the purchase of property listed in the name of Charles Lucenti, at 30 East Railroad Street, at a purchase price of Twenty (\$20) Dollars; this property being condemned by the State Fire Marshal as well as the City Fire Chief and Health Officer, the property at present being taken over by the County authorities for delinquent taxes.

Upon various complaints by residents of the Hill section on Broad Street, the Seventh Ward, and on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the Health Officer was instructed to notify the Pittston Milling Company, the lessees of Property on Tunnel Street, in the rear of Broad Street, used as a Chicken Hatchery, to cease operation of said hatchery, and to remove from said property all such foul which in the opinion of the Members of City Council is necessary for the preservation of the Public Health.

Mr. Michael Clark, member of the City Park Commission addressed City Council suggesting that the members of Council cooperate with the Park Commission in securing necessary public parks throughout the City; also, that the sidewalk on Parsonage Street fronting the Gilmartin Park, the Third Ward, be re-laid, clearing away the weeds and the planting of trees, all of which would add to the making of an attractive Park at this site.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Clark was notified that the members of Council are at all times willing and ready to cooperate with the Park Commission in the securing of such Parks; also, that the City Clerk notify the Pennsylvania Coal Company of the condition of sidewalk on Parsonage Street fronting the Gilmartin Park and that they be requested to give the repairing of this sidewalk their prompt and serious consideration

Mr. Grablick made vigorous protest concerning the Fourth Ward Dumping grounds, and stated that the condition of said dumping grounds are deplorable and since several possible sites have been mentioned, immediate action should be taken to secure a new site between now and the next regular meeting of City Council.

Mayor Reilly stated that he was in touch with Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lynn and Engineers of the Pennsylvania Coal Company. They informed him they had a possible site in Pittston Township that would provide for at least four years dumping, and that they would gladly take the matter up with their superiors, and do everything possible within their power to secure this particular site and report back to the Mayor before the next meeting of City Council.

Pittston, Pa., August 3, 1943, appeals having been taken on the following properties, the Board of Revision and Tax Appeals at special meeting of said Board today, August 3, 1943, with all members present, and by unanimous vote of those present, after careful study and investigation of these appeals, recommend the following reductions in assessed valuations of both City and School, for the Tri-ennial assessment period, years 1943 to 1945, inclusive:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Bldg.</u>	<u>Total</u>
W. L. & Nellie Doyle	82 Union St.	1		739.00	739.00
Bea Murphy	575 N. Main	2	1650.00	500.00	2150.00
M. Boland	581 N. Main	2	1370.00		1370.00
Vincent Gentile	134 Parsonage	3		425.00	425.00
Angelo Baglia	133 N. Main	4	180.00	1250.00	1430.00
Jno. Jos. & Eliz. Boyle	87 N. Main	6		2000.00	2000.00
Miners Bank (W-B)	10-12 N. Main	7		5000.00	5000.00
Mary Parks	3 Water	7		6250.00	6250.00
Howell & King	Thomas	7		18750.00	18750.00
Ben Hyman	55 N. Main	7		3000.00	3000.00
Miner-Hillard Milling Company	Cron	7	813.00	11000.00	11813.00
Irwin Schlosser	123 Broad	7	(Personal)		150.00
Eagen Hardware Company	38 S. Main	9		1000.00	1000.00
Walter E. Margie, Agt.	29 S. Main	9		3719.00	3719.00
Peter Sfarnas	S. Main	9		2500.00	2500.00
Anth. & Maria Provenzano	20-22 Pine	9		800.00	800.00
Miners Savings Bank	14 Market	9		438.00	438.00
Barbera & Tabone	102 S. Main	9		1000.00	1000.00
Drury Estate	13-15 S. Main	9	1068.50	9000.00	10068.50
Dora Wilner	101-103 S. Main	9	375.00	1250.00	1625.00
Joseph Harding	Landon	10	(Garage)		150.00
Miners Savings Bank (Mohawk Brewery)	Boyd Alley	10		10750.00	10750.00
	Total		5456.50	79371.00	85127.50
	Personal & Garage		300.00		

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above reductions in assessed valuations were granted, the City Clerk being instructed to notify the City Treasurer Mr. M. P. Ruane and Mr. Frank M. Flanagan, Solicitor, Pittston City School Board, of said action of the Board.

On recommendation of Mr. John M. Dobbie, Chief City Assessor, abatement of City Taxes for the years 1939 to 1942, inclusive, of \$1,000 per year of assessed valuation of property in the name of Barbera and Tabone 102 South Main Street, 9th Ward, and \$3,719 per year for the years 1941 to 1942 inclusive, on property in the name of Walter E. Margie, agent, 29 South Main Street, 9th Ward, were, on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, granted.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 442, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE WITHHOLDING TAX DEDUCTIONS FROM THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF CITY EMPLOYEES TO BE HELD PENDING PAYMENT TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTOR, was read at length for the first time.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was adopted on First Reading.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the rules were rescinded and File of Council No. 442 read at length for the second time.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was adopted on Second Reading.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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August 26th, 1943

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	City Clerk	

ATTEST: August 26, 1943

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AUGUST 26TH, 1943, AT 8:15 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, today, Thursday, August 26, 1943, at 8:15 P.M., with Councilman Joseph A. Walsh presiding, Councilmen Turon and Sheridan present and Mayor John J. Reilly and Councilman Sylvester C. Grablick, absent.

Minutes of special session of August 5th, 1943, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, were ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3634. Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 26, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from August 7, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3635. Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 26, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from August 17, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3636. Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 26, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from August 27, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3637. Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 26, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of \$3,200.00 be transferred from the Sinking Fund, Bond and Interest Account, 1938, to the Sinking Fund Bond and Interest Account, 1935."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3638. Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 26, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of \$500.00 be transferred from the Department of Public Safety, Item "Equipment", to the Department of Public Affairs, Item "Equipment, Repairs, etc"

"That the sum of \$250.00 be transferred from the Department of Public Safety Item "Maintenance of Fire House" to the Department of Public Safety, Item "Fire Alarm System".

"That the sum of \$2,000.00 be transferred from the Street Department, Item "Ash Collection", to the Street Department, Item "Wages of Laborers".

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3639. Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 26, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of \$1,200.00 be transferred from the Street Department, item "Ash Collection" to the Street Department item, "Street Cleaning". "That the sum of

\$300.00 be transferred from the Street Department, item "Rental of Equipment", to the Street Department, item "Gas & Oil".

"That the sum of \$100.00 be transferred from the Street Department, item "Purchase of Tools", to the Street Department, item "Gas & Oil".

"That the sum of \$250.00 be transferred from the Street Department, item "Material & Supplies", to the Street Department, item "Gas & Oil".

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. O. Grablick, in letter dated August 26, 1943, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council recommended payment of the following bills:

Barber Motor Car Co.	Parts for Truck	\$	2.25
Banks Sand & Stone Co.	(1) load of crushed stone		9.24
Broad Street Garage	Inspection of trucks & repairs.		8.50
Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	Phones		45.79
Coal-O-Matic Stoker Co.	Complete winter check-up-stokers		11.25
V. E. Churchfield	Repairs - traffic lights.		5.00
Wesley M. Evans	Parts, repairs, Civ. Def. Equipment		36.50
Franconi Auto Parts	(1) rear end and misc. supplies		104.95
Goeringer Construction Co.	47½ Tons of HE-1 top		274.08
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Drinking water-various offices		16.50
Ludwig's Hardware	Misc. supplies		67.04
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Misc. office supplies		5.65
M. V. Quinn	Insurance on Garage-Tompkins St.		16.70
Scranton Electric Co.	Street lighting, July		1,006.45
John D. McNulty-City Clerk	Postage Stamps		10.00
Joseph Ludden	Wages-1st half Aug. \$58.20 less		
	Tax \$.90		57.30
James Halford	Wages-1st half Aug. \$58.20 less		
	Tax \$.90		57.30
Carl J. Burke	Filing of Liens		2.40
Williams Paper Co.	1942-1943 Bills to date		106.25
Williams Stationery Store	'41-'42-'43 Bills to date		185.41
Jas. Halford	Wages Aug. 2nd half-\$81.00 less		
	Tax \$1.60		79.40
Jos. Ludden	Wages Aug. 2nd half-\$81.00 less		
	Tax \$5.80		75.20
	Total	\$	2,183.16

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved and ordered paid.

Communication dated June 2nd, 1943, addressed to Mr. John M. Dobbie, City Assessor, and reading as follows, was received and read:

Dear Sir:

Please refer to my letter of May 11th, 1943.

Are you now in a position to furnish details of the assessment of \$500.00 levied against property of the Erie and Wyoming Valley Railway Company at 270 Butler Street?

I am enclosing herewith stamped, addressed envelope for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

(s) A. B. Johnson s
General Land & Tax Agent

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Proper investigation discloses that the above mentioned property was conveyed by the Erie Railroad Company to Mr. Peter Minichello, City, under date of April 26, 1940. On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the City Assessor was instructed to return this property to the Assessment records at the same assessed valuation in the name of Peter Minichello, for the years 1942 to 1943.

The following card was received from Mrs. Thomas Newcomb and daughter, Miriam, wife and daughter respectively, of the late Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer for the City of Pittston:

Thank you sincerely for your kind expression of sympathy.

It was deeply appreciated and is gratefully
acknowledged.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above card was ordered received and filed.

The following communication, dated August 14, 1943, addressed to the Mayor and Members of City Council was received from Patrolman Francis Linnen:

Dear Sirs:

Having been inducted into the United States Armed Forces, I respectfully request an indefinite leave of absence from my police duties.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Very truly yours,

(s) Francis Linnen

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above request was granted, for the present War Emergency.

The following communication, dated August 18, addressed to Pittston City Council, and reading as follows, was received and read:

Attention: Mr. John D. McNulty, Secreatry

Dear Sir:

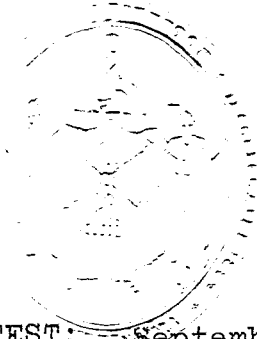
Under date of August 17, 1943, the County Board of Assessors for the Assessment and Revision of Taxes certified to Luzerne County Commissioners the assessed valuation and the number of taxables for the CITY OF PITTSTON for all taxable purposes for the year 1943, as follows:

<u>NUMBER</u> <u>RESIDENTS</u>	<u>VALUATION</u> <u>RESIDENTS</u>	<u>NUMBER</u> <u>PROPERTIES</u>	<u>VALUATION</u> <u>PROPERTIES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		3427	\$8,461,838.	\$8,461,838.

Yours very truly,
LUZERNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Stephen J. Tkach
Chief Clerk

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, meeting was adjourned.



ATTEST: September 9, 1943.

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

A P P R O V E D

September 9, 1943.

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JOHN D. McNULTY

CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 1943, AT 7:15 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, today, Thursday, September 9, 1943, at 7:15 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members of Council present, with the exception of Mr. Sheridan, who was absent.

Minutes of regular session of August 26th, 1943, were read, and upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved as read and ordered filed.

Mayor John J. Reilly submitted report dated September 1, 1943, of Parking Meter Collections and Fines received by his department for the month of August, 1943, reading as follows:

August 1, 1943 - August 31, 1943	Parking Meter Fees	\$197.10
August 1, 1943 - August 31, 1943	Parking Violations	5.00
		<u>\$202.10</u>

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted itemized report of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of August, 1943, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, August 1, 1943	\$ 54,238.49
Receipts during the Month	8,574.18
Total	<u>\$ 62,812.67</u>
Warrants Paid	<u>\$ 15,622.32</u>
Cash on Hand, August 31, 1943	47,190.35
Total	<u>\$ 62,812.67</u>

August 31st Cash on Hand distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 17,477.70
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account	8,453.00
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account	12,590.53
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account	254.78
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account	5,718.84
Funding and Improvement Bond Account, 1942	2,695.50
Total	<u>\$ 47,190.35</u>

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted report dated August 31, 1943, covering City Licenses issued by his office during the month, reading as follows:

License applied for by : I. Rivkin,
Scranton, Penna. To sell floor covering for
the day of August 17th. Granted August 17
1943, license #648 ----- \$ 2.50

License applied for by : Joseph Volpe,
1004 Susquehanna Avenue, W. Pittston,
Penna. To erect a sign (neon) flat
building sign. Granted August 23, 1943,
License #649 ----- 2.00

Total \$ 4.50

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report for the month of August, 1943, reading as follows, was received from the Health Officer:

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of August, 1943:

Regarding the case of the Pittston Flour Company, in keeping live stock (fowl) in the City limits, causing stench in residential district, had Mr. Seipel in for a hearing with City Solicitor and City Clerk. He was instructed to clean out premises where he kept the fowl by September 3rd, 1943. As of September 7th, he has failed to do so. Matter was turned over to City Solicitor for action.

City Engineer investigated sewer in same vicinity, understand he is making a separate report.

The Department of Internal Affairs suggests that all trucks engaged in the delivery of coal have weight of truck painted (light) on the truck, and that customers should demand weight slip upon each delivery.

As there is a mild epidemic of Infantile Paralysis in some localities, the Department of Health suggests that suggestions for the prevention of this dread disease be published in local newspapers (this can be done free as a public service) and also through the public schools, (suggested by your Health Officer).

Respectfully submitted,

(signed)

James L. Patterson
Acting Health Officer

JLP:f

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed, and the City Solicitor, as well as the City Clerk, instructed to contact Mr. Seipel of the Pittston Flour and Feed Company, notifying him that the livestock referred to in the above report be removed immediately from the premises referred to therein.

Report for the month of August, 1943, reading as follows, was received from the Sealer of Weights and Measures:

	Corrected & Sealed	Adjusted
Person Weighers	5	
Counter Scales	2	
Oil Pumps	3	
Gasoline Pumps	4	
Prescription Scales	1	

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3640. Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 9, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That it will be necessary to extend the positions of Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the Force for an additional Ten (10) days, from September 6, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, in letter dated September 9, 1943, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council recommended payment of the following bills:

Airport Sand & Gravel Co.	Sand & Gravel	\$	29.51
Barber Motor Car Co.	Studs - Nuts		1.05
Consumer's Ice Co.	Ice for various offices		27.25
Consumer's Gas & Oil Co.	Washing, grease, tire repairs.		27.10
Franconi Auto Parts	Misc. supplies		26.95
O. F. Goeringer Construction Co.	23.5 Tons of Coal Patch		135.13
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Drinking water - various offices		14.00
Harry C. Hunt	Police clerks reports & school & City Tax Statements		77.00
Klein Auto Parts Co.	Misc. supplies		42.96
Ludwig's Hardware	(1) door hasp & 1000 ft. wire		32.10
LaBarre's Stationery Store	(2) time books		1.20
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Cement, siding, etc.		22.31
Pittston Oil Co., Inc.	Gas, oil, etc.		87.20
Stanley Rauduve	Photostatic copies-pictures of Roads		4.00
Scranton Electric Co.	Electric Lighting (Buildings)		38.04
Scranton Electric Co.	Street lighting		1,006.45
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co.	Fire Hydrants, etc.		147.54
Eagle Hose Co.	Wages of Volunteer Firemen		265.60
Niagara & Eagle Hose Co.	" " "		345.60
James Halford	Wages, First half Sept.		57.20
Jos. Ludden	" " "		57.00
X James Craig	Wages, sub-assessor in full to Sept. 15, 1943		43.98
	Total	\$	2,489.17

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of as read and ordered paid.

Communication dated August 31, 1943, and reading as follows, was received from the Eureka Fire Hose Company, 5th & Locust Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.:

John D. McNulty,
City Clerk, Pittston, Pa.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Further in reference to bids for Fire Hose received by your City on May 27th, 750 feet 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

The W. P. B. has finally changed the regulations so that now we are in a position to furnish you with Multiple Woven Hose on Single Jacket or Double Jacket preference rating of AA-5 or higher.

Since we have not heard anything from you with reference to the bid we presume that nothing has, as yet, been done. We do not know what preference rating you had on the single jacket hose but if it is AA-5 or better, we can furnish you with either 2 Ply Multiple Woven or 3 Ply Multiple Woven on it, even though it calls for single jacket. If your priority is not AA-5 or better then it would be necessary for you to make another application in its place as the amended regulations call for an AA-5 or better preference rating for any Cotton Rubber Lined Fire Hose, meaning that if the W. P. B. granted a priority at all it would be AA-5 or better.

Our New York Office draws to our attention that you have not yet re-

turned the certified check which we deposited with our bid and, therefore, we presume nothing has been done.

With best personal regards, I remain

Yours very truly,

(s) Jonas E. Smith
Manager
Eureka Fire Hose Co.
Division of United States Rubber Co.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to notify the Eureka Fire Hose Company that Contract to furnish the hose referred to in their communication was awarded to the Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Company at meeting of City Council August 5th, 1943, since they had submitted the lowest bid.

Request having been made by residents of the Second Ward, City of Pittston, for street light to be placed at the corner of North Main and Milton Streets, on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, referred to the City Engineer Mr. Thomas J. Halsey.

Communication dated August 26, 1943, was received from the Markel Service, Inc., concerning bill for damages to stone curb at North Main and Miller Streets, during June of the current year, reading as follows:

Mr. John D. McMulty
City Clerk
City of Pittston, Pa.

Re: F-211592, Smith et al vs.
Garrett & Kovach

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your bill for damages to stone curb in the City of Pittston which is in the amount of \$150.00.

Inasmuch as we inspected this damage, we find that your figure is high, that is, you are charging \$1.00 a foot for a curbing and, therefore, at this time we will make an offer of \$75.00 for the damage incurred.

It is understood, of course, that this offer is made merely for the purpose of adjustment and is not to be construed as any admission of liability, whatsoever, upon the part of Garrett & Kovach and/or Carlton Perry.

Kindly advise us whether this offer is acceptable and if so, the proper releases will be forwarded to be executed by one of your City officials and upon receipt of same properly executed, our draft will go forward in payment.

Yours very truly,

MARKEL SERVICE, INC.
(S) John E. Forsyth,
Branch Manager

JEF:bb

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 442, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE WITHHOLDING TAX DEDUCTIONS FROM THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF CITY EMPLOYEES PENDING PAYMENT TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTOR, was read in its entirety for the Third Time, and on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved and passed on Third and Final Reading.

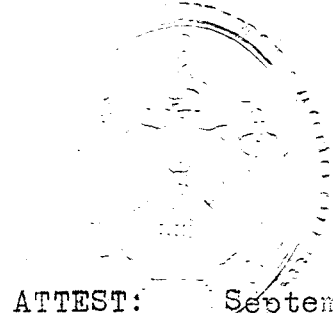
To comply with recommendations of Mr. John M. Dobbie, City Assessor, for abatement of taxes of Barbera and Tabone, 102 South Main St., Ninth Ward, City, and approved by the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals, as well as the City Council at meeting of City Council on August 5, 1943, on motion of members present, there is hereby granted to Barbera and Tabone, an additional abatement of \$2,500 of assessed valuation for the years 1939 to 1942, inclusive.

City sub-assessor, Mr. James Craig, no longer living in the City, on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, is hereby removed as a sub-assessor, as of September 15, 1943, the City Clerk being instructed to inform Mr. Craig of this action which City Council deeply regrets.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. James Quinn, of Carroll Street, City of Pittston, is hereby appointed City sub-assessor in place of Mr. Craig, effective as of September 16, 1943.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for the disposal of one (1) one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) ton Chevrolet used dump truck in its present condition, and one (1) two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) ton GMC used dump truck in its present condition, both of these trucks presently owned by the City of Pittston.

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 30, 1943

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

A P P R O V E D
September 30, 1943

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John D. McNulty		
City Clerk		

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1943, AT 8:30 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, today, Thursday, September 30, 1943, at 8:30 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Thursday, September 9, 1943, were read and upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved as read and ordered filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3641 Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1943, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That it will be necessary to extend the positions of Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the Force for an additional Ten (10) days, from September 16, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of Members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3642 Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That it will be necessary to extend the positions of Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the Force for an additional Ten (10) days, from September 26, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3643 Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the appointment of Clarence Sutter, as covered by Resolution Number 3633, approved August 5, 1943, as Fire Truck Driver in the place of Joseph Fearick, now serving in the United States Navy, be and hereby is declared null and void since said Clarence Sutter declined the appointment."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3644 Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Joseph Rowan, having successfully passed the Civil Service examination for Fire Truck Driver with a mark of 90% and having served as temporary Fire Truck Driver since May 25th, 1943, in place of Joseph Fearick, now serving in the United States Navy, and there being no appointment by City Council to fill said vacancy other than Mr. Clarence Sutter who declined the appointment, Mr. Rowan having served the probation period of ninety days, is, hereby, automatically appointed to fill said vacancy."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3645 Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Articles of Agreement be made and concluded this 30th day of September, 1943, by and between the City of Pittston and Degen, Messer and Company to provide for the preparation and filing of Loans Tax Report for the year 1943, as per Contract on file in the Office of the City Clerk." (Contract on file in City Clerk's Office, attached to original copy of Resolution)
That ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made and concluded this 30th day of September, 1943, 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 30th day of September, 1943, passed a resolution employing the said Company to prepare the Municipal Loans Tax Report for the said City for the year 1943, 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 1943, 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.

CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA

ATTEST:

(s) John D. McNulty
City Clerk

(SEAL)

By (s) John J. Reilly
Mayor

DEGEN, MESSER AND COMPANY

By (s) W. W. Degen
Partner

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3646 Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1943, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Mrs. Thomas Newcomb be, and hereby is appointed, Sealer of Weights and Measures, also, Acting health Officer to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of her husband, Mr. Thomas Newcomb, the appointment of Acting Health Officer to cover such period only until such time as Civil Service Examinations are conducted to fill this particular office, since there are no eligibles certified to by said Civil Service Examining Board for this office. These appointments are to be effective as of October 1, 1943, and at the same rate of salary as paid the former Health Officer and Sealer of Weights and Measures, Mr. Thomas Newcomb."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3647 Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1943, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of \$5,000 be transferred from the Department of Miscellaneous Accounts, Item WPA Projects, Material and Supplies, to the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Item "Wages of Laborers".
"That the sum of \$500 be transferred from the Department of Parks and Public Buildings, Item Parks (Material & Supplies), to the Department of Streets & Public Improvements, Item "Wages of Laborers".

"That the sum of \$400 be transferred from the Department of Public Affairs, Item "Civilian Defense", to the Department of Streets and Public Improvements Item "Wages of Laborers".

"That the sum of \$1,200 be transferred from the Department of Public Safety, Item "Maintenance Fire House", to the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Item "Wages, Street Cleaning".

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3648 Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of \$1,500 be transferred from the Department of Public Affairs, Item, "Salary of Patrolmen" to the Department of Public Affairs, Item "Wages, Special Police Officers". "That the sum of \$500 be transferred from the Department of Public Affairs, Item "Salary of Sergeants", to the Department of Public Affairs, Item "Wages, Special Officers".

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3649. Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the City Solicitor be, and is hereby instructed, to notify the Wilkes-Barre Traction Company that unless action is taken by them for the removal of the Traction Company rails within the City limits of the City of Pittston, to be started within thirty days from today's date, that he, the City Solicitor, be, and is hereby authorized, and instructed, to take necessary legal action by instituting court action against the said Traction Company for the removal of said rails."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3650. Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That, on the advice of Carl J. Burke, City Solicitor, Attorneys W. L. Pace and Frank Flanagan, be retained to defend the City of Pittston in the six Police cases listed for the next term of Court at a fee for W. L. Pace of \$1500 and Frank Flanagan \$600. This is for services in full for all work done or to be done by them in the Common Pleas Court on all six cases."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, in letter dated September 30, 1943, addressed to Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, recommended payment of the following bills:

M. P. Ruane, Tax Collector	Incidental expenses of Tax Collector's Office, March 10-'43 to Aug. 23-'43	\$ 218.30
Joseph Ludden	Wages, Civ. Def. Second Half September	60.10
James Halford	Wages, Civ. Def. Second Half September	68.60
City Clerk's Office	Postage Stamps	10.00
	Total	\$ 357.00

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved as read and ordered paid.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., September 30, 1943, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, reading as follows, was received ~~and read~~, from Samuel C. Zanta, Chief Clerk, Department of Streets and Public Improvements:

Gentlemen:

Having been inducted into the armed forces of the United States Army, I hereby request your honorable body for a leave of absence from my position as Chief Clerk in the Street Department, for the duration of the present emergency, or until such time as I am discharged from the Army.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Samuel C. Zanta
Chief Clerk, Dept. of Streets

SCZ:jo

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above request of Mr. Zanta was granted, and communication ordered received and filed.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., September 30, 1943, addressed to Pittston City Council, reading as follows, was received from Mr. Frank Valeski, City Patrolman:

Gentlemen:

Because of my induction into the United States Armed Forces, I respectfully request a leave of absence from my duties as City policeman for the duration or until such time as I may be discharged from military service.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Frank Valeski

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above request was granted and the communication ordered received and filed.

Communication dated September 30, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, reading as follows, was received from Miss Mary O'Brien, 495 North Main Street, Pittston, Pa.:

Gentlemen:

There is a tree on my property at 495 North Main Street, 2nd Ward, of the City of Pittston, that, because of its age, is dangerous to the pedestrians passing this particular point. I feel that the tree should be removed and ask your honorable body to arrange to remove same from my premises.

Your prompt attention in this matter and favorable action on my request will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

(s) Mary O'Brien
(Miss) Mary O'Brien
495 North Main Street
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above request was referred to the Superintendent of the Street Department.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, September 9, 1943, addressed to the City Clerk and reading as follows, was received from Mr. H. G. Haupt, Assistant Land Agent, Lehigh Valley Coal Company:

Dear Sir:

I understand that the Council of Pittston City has placed upon its assessment records for 1943 the valuations as finally fixed on August 17, 1943, by the Board for the Assessment and Revision of Taxes for the County of Luzerne, on coal lands of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company in Pittston City.

If such is the case, we would like to be heard on the matter of this assessment and request that you fix a date and time when our representatives may appear before you for that purpose.

Very truly yours,
/s/ H. G. Haupt

H. G. Haupt
Assistant Land Agent

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor with instructions to arrange for a meeting with members of City Council as per request of Mr. Haupt.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pa., September 27, 1943, addressed to the Pittston Fire Department, reading as follows, was received from Lewith & Freeman, Realtors:

Re: 79-81 No. Main St., Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen,-

Our office is managing agents of captioned building for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the owners. A recent inspection of our building discloses that a fire hazard exists on the property which is located next door at 77. There is a chimney on the north center of the vacant building, the smoke stack extension of which has been corroded and if a fire is ever installed in the furnace of this building sparks will fly into our building and a fire can result. We, therefore, recommend that you contact with the Eltrich Estate, who are the owners of this property, without further delay, for although the building is vacant there is a possibility of it being rented and someone starting a fire. Please advise us at your earliest opportunity concerning your investigation.

You may communicate with the Janitor, Chris Kelly of 13 Charles St., Pittston, by calling Pitt. 2838 and he will show your department this particular hazard.

Thanking you, I remain

Very truly yours,

LEWIT & FREEMAN

BY: /s/ LeRoy Landau
LeRoy Landau

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On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the attention of the Fire Chief.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., September 21, 1943, addressed to City Treasurer, Michael P. Ruane, and reading as follows, was received from the Taxpayers of Cliff Street, First Ward, City of Pittston:

Dear Sir:

We, the voters of Upper Pittston and supporters to you, wish to call to your attention the paving of Cliff Street, we were told the part of Cliff Street we reside on will not be touched because it is a dead end street, and I think and am sure you will find the taxes always paid by us people so as a favor we urge you to do us a favor and see that our street be taken care of too. Why have one side of the street laughing at the other? And, besides, during the rain and snow weather it is no fun tracking the mud in because of the street, and we all had the curb and walk put in. So I think it is high time our street should be taken care of. If it isn't, well, don't expect any of us to support you or your candidates at any time, we remain

Respectfully,
The Taxpayers and Supporters of your Ticket.

On recommendation of Mayor Reilly, and on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the Mayor, Members of City Council, and the City Engineer, Mr. Thomas J. Halsey, were appointed as a Committee to investigate this complaint, and if at all possible, to comply with the request of the Taxpayers referred to, therein.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., September 22nd, 1943, addressed to the Mayor and City Council, reading as follows, was received from the City Solicitor, Mr. Carl J. Burke:

In re: Gar Wood Load-Packer

Gentlemen:

City Engineer, Thomas Halsey, has advised me that the Gar Wood Load-Packer has been delivered to the City and meets all specifications and requirements as listed in their bid.

In view of this, it is now in order to forward a check for the full amount due to the Gar Wood Industries, Inc.

Very truly yours,

(s) Carl J. Burke
City Solicitor

CJB:tm

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed, and the Director of Accounts and Finance instructed to forward check in full for the amount due the Gar Wood Industries, Inc.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to request the Scranton-Spring Brook Water Company to install new fire hydrants at the corner of Broad and Fulton Streets, as well as at the corner of Church and Stark Streets. Also, to have all hydrants within the City limits tested in the company of properly designated persons from the Fire Department at their earliest convenience.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., September 24, 1943, to the Honorable John Reilly, Mayor and Members of City Council, was received from the City Controller, Mr. Emerson J. Howley, reading as follows:

Gentlemen:

I wish to call to your attention the condition of streets and sidewalks in several sections of this city affected by mine caves many months ago.

To date little has been done by the companies responsible to correct these hazardous conditions, particularly where flag stones have been forced up and lap the next stone.

One of the companies responsible for some of the caves has agreed to make repairs to streets and sewers in West Pittston and has commences work while nothing has been done here except repairs to a short length of sewer on Railroad St. (A State Highway).

Inasmuch as the Coal Companies responsible have had ample time to at least repair the sidewalks during the summer months and have failed to do so. I recommend that immediate action be taken by Council to correct this condition before the winter months.

Very truly yours,
(s) Emerson J. Howley
Emerson J. Howley
City Controller

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed, since arrangements have already been made with the Coal Companies to repair the properties and streets referred to in the communication, part of which has already been done, namely, the Newcomb property on Carroll Street, and two properties across the street from Newcomb's having been already repaired.

Permit application dated September 13, 1943, was received from the Stegmaier Brewing Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to erect a new neon sidewalk sign at 120 Searle Street, City.


This application, having been approved of by the Chief of the Fire Department, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, permit was granted.

Permit application dated September 23, 1943, was received from Jane Minichello, 16 South Main Street, City, to erect a neon building sign.

This application, having been approved by the Chief of the Fire Department, on motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, permit was granted.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


John D. McNulty
 CITY CLERK

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City Clerk		

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, OCTOBER 14, 1943, AT 8:15 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, today, Thursday, October 14, 1943, at 8:15 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of September 30, 1943, were read, and upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved as read and ordered filed.

Mayor John J. Reilly submitted report dated October 1, 1943, of Parking Meter Collections and Fines received by his office for the month of September, 1943, reading as follows:

September 1, 1943 - September 30, 1943	Parking Meter Fees	\$ 159.30
September 1, 1943 - September 30, 1943	Parking Violations	<u>5.00</u>
	Total	\$ 164.30

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted itemized report of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of September 1943 reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, September 1, 1943	\$ 47,190.35
Receipts during the month	<u>19,791.17</u>
Total	\$ 66,981.52

Warrants Paid	\$ 32,105.15
Cash on Hand, September 30th, 1943	<u>34,876.37</u>
Total	\$ 66,981.52

Cash on Hand September 30, 1943, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 16,302.84
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account	8,944.74
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account	586.53
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account ..	445.56
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account	5,901.20
Funding and Improvement Bond Account, 1942	<u>2,695.50</u>
Total	\$ 34,876.37

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted report dated September 30, 1943, covering City Licenses issued by his office during the month of September, reading as follows:

John D. McNulty, City Clerk
City of Pittston, Penna.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

I, herewith, submit my report of City License for the month of September, 1943:

License applied for by: Mary O'Malley
120 Searle Street, City, to erect a
neon sign 4 feet by 2 feet. Granted
September 13, 1943. License #650 \$ 2.00

License applied for by: Jane
Minichello, 16 So. Main Street, City,
to erect a fire proof masonite sign.
Granted September 29, 1943. License #651 2.00

Total \$ 4.00

Respectfully submitted,

(s) M. P. Ruane
City Treasurer

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On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous
vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered re-
ceived and filed.

Report for the month of September, 1943, reading as follows, was
received from the Acting Health Officer:

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
September, 1943:

Weekly report sent to the Medical Director
Monthly report sent to the Medical Director
Health Certificates filed during the month ... 52
Visits to public eating and drinking places .. 36

Respectfully yours,

(s) James L. Patterson
James L. Patterson
Acting Health Officer

JLP:f

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous
vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered re-
ceived and filed.

Report for the month of September, 1943, and reading as follows
was received from the Acting Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
September, 1943:

	Corrected & Sealed	Adjusted
Prescription Scales	3	
Counter Scales	6	
Person Weighers	4	2
Oil Pumps	1	

Respectfully submitted

(s) James L. Patterson
James L. Patterson
Acting Sealer of Wgts. & Measures

JLP:f

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3651, Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That it will be necessary to extend the positions of Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the Force for an additional Ten (10) days, from October 6, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3652, Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of \$2,200.00 be transferred from the General Fund, to the Sinking Fund, 1923 Bond Issue". This transfer being made as a loan, only, and is to be repaid by the Sinking Fund to the General Fund within the year ending December 31, 1943, in part or in full, if and when the Sinking Fund balance will permit within the year. "That the sum of \$4,750.00 be transferred from the General Fund, to the Sinking Fund, 1942 Bond Issue." This transfer being made as a loan, only, and is to be re-paid by the Sinking Fund to the General Fund within the year ending December 31, 1943, in part or in full, if and when the Sinking Fund balance will permit within the year. "That the sum of \$580.00 be transferred from the Sinking Fund, 1935 Bond Issue, to the Sinking Fund, 1923 Bond Issue."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3653, Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Mrs. Samuel Zanta be appointed to the office of Chief Clerk in the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, to fill vacancy caused by the induction of her husband, Mr. Samuel C. Zanta, into the Armed Service. This appointment to be effective as of October 16, 1943, at the same salary as paid to Mr. Zanta."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, in letter dated October, 14, 1943 addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, recommended payment of the following bills:

Attorney W. L. Pace	Professional Services in one or all six pending police cases.	\$ 1,500.00
Frank M. Flanagan	Professional Services in one or all six pending police cases.	600.00
Lucius K. Eldridge	Witness Fees and expenses in trial of Albert Ditoro	15.00
Sam Zanta, Frank Farley-	Expenses, Meals, etc., Police Case, October 4th, 5th & 6th	8.00
J. D. McNulty	Transportation Harrisburg, Pa. with Atty. Frank M. Flanagan in connection with proposed flushing program	8.00
Joseph Walsh	Wages, Civ. Def. 1st half Oct.	74.10
James Malford		
Carl J. Burke, City Solicitor -	Prothonotary's Office suggestion of non-payment and default.	11.00
	Total	\$ 2,216.10

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of for payment.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., October 14, 1943, and reading as follows was received from City Treasurer M. P. Ruane:

John D. McNulty, City Clerk
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McNulty:

I have made the following temporary appointment in the Tax Collector's office as follows and effective as of the 1st day of October, 1943.

Miss Joyce Kearney, 147 Broad Street, Pittston, Penna., as clerk, in place of Miss Margaret Rettenmeyer, 139 Mill Street, Pittston, Penna., who has enlisted in the Women's Auxiliary Corp of the United States Army and granted leave of absence by me for the duration of the War and six months thereafter.

Very truly yours,
(s) M. P. Ruane
Tax Collector

MPR/aw

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was approved of and ordered received and filed.

Communication dated Sampson, New York, October 9, 1943, and reading as follows, was received from Robert P Rowan:

Dear Sirs:

Because of military requirements, I am unable to perform my duties as a member of the Pittston Police Dept.

I would like to request a leave of absence from my duties as a police officer in the City of Pittston for the duration of the war and an additional six months at the termination of the war.

It would please me very much if you will consider this letter at your next meeting of Council.

Thanking you for your trouble. I am very much obliged to each and every one of you.

(Signed) Robert P. Rowan, A/S
C-11 Co. 122 U.S.N.T.S.
Sampson, N.Y.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above leave of absence was granted as requested.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., October 13, 1943, and reading as follows was received from Mrs. Thomas A. Newcomb:

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I wish to take this means of thanking the mayor and members of the City Council for appointing me Sealer of Weights and Measures.

I shall endeavor to do all in my power to fulfill my duties.

Thanking you for past favors.

Sincerely

(s) Mrs. Thos. A. Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas A. Newcomb.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., October 13, 1943, reading as follows, was received from Mr. Francis A. Earley, Secretary, Civil Service Board:

Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk,
City Hall, Broad Street,
City of Pittston, Pa.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

In compliance with your request of the 8th instant, examination of applicants for positions referred to in your letter will be conducted Friday, October 22nd, 1943, at the Y. M. C. A. Building, Broad Street, City of Pittston, at 4:00 P. M.

Very truly yours,

(S) Francis A. Earley
Francis A. Earley
Secretary
Civil Service Board

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., October 11, 1943, addressed to the City Clerk and reading as follows was received from Mr. C. W. Monie, Superintendent, Scranton Spring Brook Water Service Company:

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of the 8th instant in reference to your request for the installation of one fire hydrant at the corner of Broad and Fulton Streets and one hydrant at the corner of Church and Stark Streets. It will be necessary for our Engineering Department at Wilkes-Barre to make application to the W. P. B. for permission or priority to install the hydrants you request.

In regards to your request for the testing of all City fire hydrants in the presence of one of the City Firemen, let me advise that we intend to test and flush all hydrants, just as soon as we have sufficient water in storage. The extreme dry weather has caused our reservoirs to recede to the point where every precaution must be taken to conserve our supply.

However, we will be happy to advise you when we start our hydrant testing in order that you may have one of your Firemen accompany our hydrant man.

Very truly yours,

(s) C. W. Monie Sup't
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CC: Mr. William T. Barnes

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., October 14, 1943, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council and reading as follows was received from Mr. Frank Castner, City Fire Chief:

Gentlemen:

Complaint of Lewith and Freeman, managing agents for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, concerning property at 77 North Main Street, City, adjoining that of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, at 79-81 North Main Street, and referred to me by City Council at meeting of September 30, 1943.

I have made a careful investigation of this complaint and find that the smoke stack referred to therein is in a rather bad condition. I took the matter up with Mr. Oscar Eltrich, of the Eltrich Estate, owners of this property, and he assured me that he is familiar with the condition of the smoke stack and that before the building would be occupied by any tenant, it was his intention to place the stack in a safe condition at that time. He assured me that in the meantime, no fires would be started in said building.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Frank Castner
Frank Castner Fire Chief

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On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., October 8, 1943, addressed to Mr. Thomas J. Halsey, City Engineer and reading as follows, was received from the City Solicitor, Mr. Carl J. Burke:

Dear Mr. Halsey:

Re: Smith et al
vs: Garrett and Kovach

The defendants in the above captioned matter, through the Markel Service of Scranton, Pa., have advised me that the 150 feet which we charged them with was not damaged by their truck, and further that the condition of this curb before the accident was in very bad condition.

We have requested payment of One Hundred Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars. They have submitted a counter-offer of Seventy-five (\$75.00) Dollars, but will settle for One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

If it is necessary to sue them, I want to be certain of my grounds. If you think \$150.00 should be paid by them and that we can prove the curb in good condition before the accident and the 150 feet damage by the, I am prepared to sue. Otherwise, I would rather go over this with you carefully.

Very truly yours

CJB:tm

City Solicitor

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and held in abeyance awaiting Mr. Halsey's reply.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pa., October 11, 1943, addressed to the Honorable John J. Reilly, Mayor, and reading as follows, was received from Mr. William Mannear, Tax Payers Association of Wyoming Valley:

My dear Sir:

We are informed that certain taxpayers who filed appeals from the 1943 assessment have or are paying their taxes under protest as provided by the Act of 1933 P. L. 853, Sec. 518, as amended by the Act of 1935 P. L. 674, Sec. 1 (72 P. S. 5020-518).

It is my understanding that under the provisions of this act your municipality is required to segregate 25% of the amount of the tax paid over, and not permitted to spend any portion of such segregated amount without Court approval.

For this reason, I believe it well for your Board to have the benefit of the advice of the municipality Solicitor.

We shall be glad to discuss the matter with you at any time if you feel that our advice is of value to you.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Wm. Mannear
Wm. E. Mannear

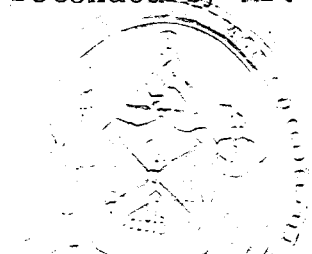
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On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed, and the City Solicitor requested to submit to City Council opinion as to the segregation of 25% of the tax paid as referred to therein.

On recommendation by letters of October 6th and 8th, 1943, from Mr. John M. Dobbie, Chief City Assessor, and on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present the following abatement of City and School Taxes for the year 1943 and the Tri-ennial assessment for the years 1943-1945 inclusive, corrected to read accordingly, are hereby granted:

Nellie Murphy, 31 LaGrange Street, Tenth Ward, Abatement of \$798.00.
Dime Bank and Trust Company, 18-20 Jenkins Alley, Tenth Ward, Abatement, \$166.00.
Mrs. Anna Bentley, 19 New Street, Second Ward, Abatement, \$188.00.
Joseph Jordan Estate, 647-649 North Main Street, First Ward, Abatement, \$1,250.00.

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: October 28, 1943

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

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City Clerk		

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, OCTOBER 28TH, 1943, AT 8:15 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session today, Thursday, October 28th, 1943, at 8:15 P.M., with Councilman Sylvester C. Grablick presiding, and Councilmen Walsh and Turon present; Mayor Reilly and Councilman Sheridan being absent.

Minutes of regular session of Thursday, October 14th, 1943, were read and upon motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved as read and ordered filed.

RESOLUTION #3654. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That it will be necessary to extend the positions of Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the Force for an additional ten (10) days, from October 16, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3655. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from October 26, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3656. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Mrs. Thos. Newcomb, having successfully passed the Civil Service Examination, be and is hereby appointed Health Officer in the Bureau of Health and Weights and Measures, at an annual salary the same as that paid the former Health Officer, the late Thomas Newcomb."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3657. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "

1. That abatement of all penalties and interest on City Taxes in accordance with Act #150, approved on May 20, 1943, are hereby extended to February 1, 1944.
2. The extension period of said Act and resolution automatically renews itself every ninety (90) days thereafter.
3. All privileges and benefits of said Act and resolution to be cancelled by proper authorities when ever so desired.
4. The City Treasurer is hereby authorized to collect City Taxes accordingly.
5. A copy of this Resolution to be given to the City Treasurer for his records.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick in letter dated October 28, 1943, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, recommended payment of the following bills:

John A. Allan	Compensation Insurance	\$ 863.50
Bell Telephone Company of Pa.	Phones	56.66
Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Co.	Fire Hose	705.00
Bittenbender Co.	Parts for Concrete Mixer	8.25
Butera Auto Body Works	Miscellaneous repairs	13.20
William P. Bonser	Tire and tube	20.37
Consumer's Ice Company	Ice for various offices	27.25
Consumer's Gas & Oil Co.	Gas, oil, repairs, etc.	113.84
Central Clay Products Co.	Brick	120.00
V. E. Churchfield	Traffic light repairs, etc.	14.85
Egan Oil & Supply Company	Gas and oil	102.90
Eureka Fire Hose	Transportation on Couplings	1.03
Reg. Ellis	Parts for fire hose	4.50
Eastern Pennsylvania Supply Co.	Six (6) Wire Push Brooms	6.00
Eagen Hardware Company	Miscellaneous supplies	5.40
Franconi Auto Parts	Miscellaneous supplies	39.65
The Gamewell Company	Coils for Fire Alarm	1.70
C. F. Goeringer Construction Co.	Road material	515.00
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Drinking Water	12.00
Harry C. Hunt	Letterheads, Tax statements	47.60
William G. Johnston Company	Three (3) Voters Guides (Legal Books)	2.42
Klein Auto Parts Company	Miscellaneous supplies	6.43
Kehoe & McNamara	Boiler & Machinery Policy	36.48
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Mimeograph Paper	2.20
John Leidinger	New handles on Fire Hose Nozzle	9.75
Ludwig's Hardware Store	Miscellaneous supplies	2.81
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Miscellaneous supplies	42.46
Neidich Process	Typewriter ribbons	10.00
Newcomb Brothers	Coal	58.89
Pennsylvania Coal Company	Park Rent	1.00
A. S. Powers	Pipe, etc.	160.88
Pittston Oil Company	Gas, oil	34.70
P. A. Sammon	Liability Insurance	175.56
P. A. Sammon	Insurance on Ford Dump Truck	5.00
Scranton Electric Company	Electric light	44.85
Scranton Electric Company	Street lighting	1,006.45
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co.	Fire hydrants, etc.	164.35
The Texas Lunch	Food for prisoners	.80
Vullo's Tire & Battery Service	Repairing Tire & Tube	1.25
Williams Stationery Store	Miscellaneous supplies	97.60
Williams Paper Company	One (1) Gallon Duz All	2.95
M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer	Refund 1943 City Taxes, James & Stanley Bellanco, 11th Ward	7.19
Tabone & Barbera	Rental, Air Compressor	135.00
Atty. Carl J. Burke	Eight (8) Lien Satisfactions	2.40
James Halford	Wages, 2/2 October	78.20
	Total	\$4,768.32

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of as read and ordered paid when funds are available.

Communication dated October 27, 1943, and addressed to the Mayor and Members of City Council, reading as follows, was received from Francis A. Earley, Sec'y, Civil Service Examining Board, City of Pittston, Pennsylvania:

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the following have successfully passed the Civil Service examination held Oct. 22, 1943:

Health Officer		Police Dept. Patrolman	
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb	95%	Louis Vanchieri	75%
Mr. Charles Gibbons	90%	Nicholas Osticco	85%

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Francis A. Earley, Sec'y,
Civil Service Examining Board,
City of Pittston.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated October 27, 1943, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council and reading as follows, was received from Patrolman James O'Brien:

Gentlemen:

Because of my induction into the U. S. Navy, I respectfully request a leave of absence from my duties as City policeman for the duration or until such time as I may be discharged from military service.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ James O'Brien

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above request was granted.

Communication dated October 27, 1943, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council and reading as follows, was received from Mrs. Samuel C. Zanta:

Gentlemen:

Kindly accept my sincere thanks for your kind consideration in appointing me as Chief Clerk in the Street Dept., in place of my husband now serving in the U. S. Armed Forces.

I will at all times, endeavor to carry on the duties of this office to the best of my ability. Again thanking you, I am,

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Mrs. Samuel C. Zanta

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated October 19, 1943, addressed to the Mayor and City Council reading as follows, was received from the City Solicitor, Mr. Carl J. Burke:

Gentlemen:

The letter of October 11, 1943, from the Tax Payers Association of Wyoming Valley, concerning the appeals from the 1943 assessment, has been turned over to me for an opinion.

On a separate paper I am attaching excerpts of the law. In brief, it is my opinion that the Act of 1933, P.L. 853, Section 518, as amended by the Act of 1935, P.L. 674, Section 1, is to be construed as follows: Any taxes from which an appeal has been taken and that are paid to the City Treasurer, 25% of the amount of the tax paid over shall be deposited in a separate account, in the Depository in which the funds of the taxing district are deposited, and shall not be permitted to be spent on final disposition of the appeal. The amount so segregated and found to be due the appellant as a refund, shall also be a legal set off or credit against any taxes assessed against the appellant by the same taxing district.

There are a few private individuals who have filed appeals in Court and which have not been satisfactorily adjusted. The only coal company that I have notice of appeal is the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. A hearing on this appeal will be had by Council within a very short time.

Very truly yours,

cjb;tm

/s/ Carl J. Burke, City Solicitor.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated October 14, 1943, to the City Clerk and reading as follows, was presented to Council:

Dear Mr. McNulty:

I have made the following temporary appointment in the Tax Collector's Office as follows and effective as of the 1st day of October, 1943.

Miss Joyce Kearney, 147 Broad Street, Pittston, Penna., as clerk, in place of Miss Margaret Rettenmeyer, 139 Mill Street, Pittston, Penna., who has enlisted in the Woman's Auxiliary Corps of the U. S. Army and granted leave of absence by me for the duration of the War and six months thereafter.

Very truly yours,

MPR/aw

/s/ M. P. Ruane, Tax Collector.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, above appointment was approved of and communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated October 26, 1943, addressed to Mr. Carl J. Burke, and reading as follows, was received from the City Engineer, Mr. Thomas J. Halsey:

Dear Mr. Burke:

Acknowledging your letter of October 8, 1943, in regards to damage to curb by oil truck on North Main Street at the entrance to Panama Street.

As stated we have requested a payment of one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) Dollars for the repairs to the curb, but if it means a legal entanglement, I would say that it would be cheaper for the City to settle for the One hundred (\$100.00) dollars, as we have no absolute proof of the condition of the curb be-for the accident.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Thomas J. Halsey, City Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, settlement of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars recommended by Mr. Halsey was accepted and approved.

Communication dated October 1st, 1943, addressed to the City of Pittston, attention of the City Clerk, and reading as follows, was received from E. T. Nichols, Superintendent, The Employer's Group, Claim Department, Scranton, Pennsylvania:

Dear Mr. McNulty:

RE: JOSEPH P. KELLEY - CITY OF PITTSTON
ACCIDENT 9/15/43

Confirming our interview of September 30th, 1943, I desire to advise that our investigation of the above captioned matter discloses that Mr. Kelley's negligence contributed to this accident, and therefore we informed him that we are unable to give his claim favorable consideration.

As you know, East Railroad Street was badly damaged in the Spring of 1943 by a mine cave, and I understand that Mr. Louis Pagnotti has assumed all responsibility for this cave and has agreed to pay the costs of repairing the street.

However, the City of Pittston replaced a sewer line and

man hole outlets to the anticipated level of the street. Thus you can appreciate that the man holes are at this time and have been since the City of Pittston replaced them approximately eighteen inches above the present level of the street and therefore they are in view for anyone to see.

We feel that Mr. Kelley was guilty of contributory negligence by driving into the man hole which was so obvious.

You, of course, realize that in the event Mr. Kelley litigates this matter, the City of Pittston will be protected to the full extent of its Policy.

Yours respectfully

ETN:RD

/s/ E. T. Nichols, Superintendent.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above complaint was referred to the attention of the City Solicitor.

Application of Earl D. MacCallum to the Penna. Public Utility Commission trading and doing business as MacCullum Lines, for the right to begin to transport, for the duration of the war and six months thereafter, as a common carrier, defense workers employed by the Murray Corporation of America located in Scranton, Lackawanna County, from points on the following route to the said plant, and vice versa: Beginning in the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, thence via Borough of Kingston, Highway Route 11, Borough of Forty Fort, Wyoming Borough, Borough of West Pittston, City of Pittston, Highway Route 5, Dupont Borough, Borough of Avoca, Highway Route 11, Borough of Moosic, Lackawanna County to the said plant in said City, hearing of which was fixed for Monday, October 25, 1943, at 10 o'clock A.M. in the Court House, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, was received and read.

There being no objections to this application by the City of Pittston, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the communication was ordered received and filed.

Complaint having been made in person, by Mr. George May 10 Nafus Street, Tenth Ward, City, of increase of \$390.00 in assessed valuation for the year 1943, over the assessment of the year 1942, on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present referred to the Chief City Assessor, with instructions to report back on same at the next regular meeting of City Council.

Letter dated October 28, 1943, to the Mayor and Members of City Council, reading as follows, was received from the Chief City Assessor, John M. Dobbie:

Gentlemen:

On complaint of Mr. Louis Kneffman, 116 Mill St., Fifth Ward, City of Pittston, of assessed valuation of \$1,906.00 for the year 1943, I find this amount to be in error. This property for a number of years back, was assessed at \$906.00 and not \$1,906.00. I therefore recommend that proper correction be made in the 1943 assessment.

Very truly yours,

JMD:j

/s/John M. Dobbie, Chief City Assessor.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above recommendations were approved of and the assessed valuation referred to therein corrected to read \$906.00, instead of \$1,906.00.

Letter dated October 28, 1943, to the Mayor and Members of City Council, reading as follows, was received from the Chief City Assessor, John M. Dobbie:

Gentlemen:

On complaint of Rosa Guida, 364-66 South Main Street, Tenth Ward, City of Pittston, regarding assessment valuation of \$1,875.00 for the year 1943, I find that this amount covered a lot and two houses, however, one of the houses was burned down in the year 1940 but was never deducted from the assessed valuation. I have checked this complaint carefully and recommend that an abatement of \$400.00 be granted the property owner for the house that was burned down, reducing the assessment valuation for the year 1943, from \$1,875.00 to \$1,475.00.

Very truly yours,

/s/ John M. Dobbie
Chief City Assessor.

JMD:j

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above mentioned abatement was granted.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Councilman Walsh was authorized to enter into a lease agreement with Mr. Wesley Evans for rental of his property at 13 Spring Street, to be used as a City Yard, said rental to be \$35.00 per month or less, but in no event to exceed \$35.00 monthly.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to notify the City Assessors that monthly meetings be held by said assessors, the date of meetings to be on the last Wednesday of each month. The purpose of said meetings is to receive and act upon all matters pertaining to Tax Assessments, reporting to City Council, in writing, at regular meeting of City Council, on the last Thursday of each month, all such corrections, recommendations, etc., pertaining to tax assessments.

Bids advertised for disposal of two used City trucks, and to be opened at this meeting, were, upon motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, held over until the next regular meeting of Council, since there was only one sealed bid received.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.

A P P R O V E D

November 20th, 1943.

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John D. McNulty
City Clerk.

ATTEST: November 20th, 1943.

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK.

PITTSSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, NOVEMBER 20TH, 1943, AT 4:30 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in special session today, Saturday, November 20th, 1943, at 4:30 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of October 28th, 1943, were read, and, on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved as read and ordered filed.

Mayor John J. Reilly submitted report dated November 1, 1943, of Parking Meter Collections and Fines received by his Department for the month of October, 1943, reading as follows:

Oct. 1, 1943 - Oct. 31, 1943	Parking Meter Fees	\$ 158.80
Oct. 1, 1943 - Oct. 31, 1943	Fines for Violation of City Ordinance	10.00
		<u>\$ 168.80</u>

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane, submitted itemized report of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of October, 1943, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, October 1, 1943.....	\$ 34,876.37
Receipts during the Month.....	23,503.01
Total	<u>\$ 58,379.38</u>

Warrants Paid	42,603.01
Cash on Hand, October 31, 1943	15,776.37
Total	<u>\$ 58,379.38</u>

Cash on Hand October 31, 1943, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 12,248.71
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account	898.97
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account	1,296.24
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account	933.36
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account	173.59
Funding and Improvement Bond Account, 1942	225.50
Total	<u>\$ 15,776.37</u>

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of Members present, above report was ordered received and filed.

Report for the month of October, 1943, reading as follows, was received from the Health Officer, Mrs. Thomas Newcomb:

Honorable Mayor and City Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
October, 1943:

Monthly report sent to the Medical Director.
 Weekly reports sent to the Medical Director.
 Health Certificates filed 6
 Complaints received 5
 Complaints investigated 5
 Restaurants inspected 11
 Bakeries inspected 2
 Butcher shops inspected 24
 Warning signs posted (NO DUMPING) 1
 Tuberculosis cases reported 1
 (9 Railroad Street)

Respectfully submitted,

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MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
 HEALTH OFFICER.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, above report was ordered received and filed.

Report for the month of October, 1943, reading as follows, was received from the Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Honorable Mayor and City Council,
 City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
 October, 1943:

	<u>Corrected and</u> <u>Sealed</u>	<u>Condemned</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	2	-	-
Platform Scales	2	-	-
Counter Scales	21	1	12
Beam Scales	3	-	-
Oil Pumps	2	-	-
Gasoline Pumps	3	-	-

Respectfully submitted,

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Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
 Sealer of Weights & Measures

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, above report was ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION #3658. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 20th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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 from November 5th, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3659. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 20th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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 from November 15th, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above RESOLUTION was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3660. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 20th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of Four hundred (\$400.00) Dollars be transferred from the Dept. of Public Affairs, item "Other Civilian Defense" to the Dept. of Streets and Public Improvements, item "Purchase of Major Equipment".

That the sum of One thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars be transferred from the Dept. of Public Safety, item "Fire Dept. Equipment" to the Dept. of Streets & Public Improvements, item "Purchase of Major Equipment".

That the sum of Three hundred (\$300.00) Dollars be transferred from the Dept. of Public Affairs, item "Police Dept. Material & Supplies" to the Dept. of Streets & Public Improvements, item "Wages of Laborers".

That the sum of Five hundred (\$500.00) Dollars be transferred from the Dept. of Public Affairs, item "Salary of Patrolmen" to the Dept. of Streets & Public Improvements, item "Wages of Laborers".

That the sum of Seven hundred (\$700.00) Dollars be transferred from the Dept. of Parks & Public Buildings, item "Fuel, Light & Water" to the Dept. of Streets & Public Improvements, item "Wages of Laborers".

That the sum of Twenty-three hundred (\$2300.00) Dollars be transferred from the Dept. of Streets & Public Improvements, item "Material & Supplies" to the Dept. of Streets & Public Improvements, item "Wages of Laborers".

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, above RESOLUTION was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3661. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 20th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of Two hundred (\$200.00) Dollars be transferred from the Dept. of Streets & Public Improvements, item "Maintenance & Repairs" to the Dept. of Streets & Public Improvements, item "Wages of Laborers".

That the sum of One hundred (\$100.00) Dollars be transferred from the Dept. of Streets & Public Improvements, item "Purchase of Tools" to the Dept. of Streets & Public Improvements, item "Wages of Laborers".

That the sum of Two hundred (\$200.00) Dollars be transferred from the Dept. of Accounts & Finance, item "Advertising, City Clerk's Office" to the Dept. of Streets & Public Improvements, item "Wages of Laborers".

That the sum of Seven hundred (\$700.00) Dollars be transferred from the Dept. of Accounts & Finance, item "Premium on Treasurer's Bond" to the Dept. of Streets & Public Improvements, item "Wages of Laborers".

That the sum of One hundred (\$100.00) Dollars be transferred from the Dept. of Accounts & Finance, item "Office Supplies, Treasurer's Office" to the Dept. of Streets & Public Improvements, item "Wages of Laborers".

That the sum of One hundred and fifty (\$150.00) Dollars be transferred from the Dept. of Accounts & Finance, item "Advertising, Treasurer's Office" to the Dept. of Streets & Public Improvements, item "Wages of Laborers".

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3662. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 20th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of Two hundred (\$200.00) Dollars be transferred from the Dept. of Accounts & Finance, item "Other, Treasurer's Office" to the Dept. of Streets & Public Improvements, item "Wages of Laborers".

That the sum of Two hundred (\$200.00) Dollars be transferred from the Dept. of Accounts & Finance, item "Tax Assessor's Office Supplies" to the Dept. of Streets & Public Improvements, item "Wages of Laborers".

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3663. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 20th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That a Resolution having been introduced in the United States Senate, which is known as Joint Resolution #91, purpose of which is to have Congress say that there is no law interfering with the agreement of August 7th, 1943, becoming effective".

THEREFORE, WE, the City Council of the City of Pittston, at special session of Council, this 20th day of November, 1943, have caused to be introduced and adopted by the said City Council of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, the following Resolution:

"That the City Council of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, hereby approves such request for an increase of wages to the railroad workers throughout the United States, and hereby urge upon Congress to adopt Joint Resolution #91, thereby giving a needed and deserved increase to said railroad workers and, at the same time, disposing of the present controversy over said increase for the railroad industry.

FURTHER, that, the City Clerk, of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, is hereby directed to forward copy of this Resolution to United States Senators James J. Davis and Joseph F. Guffey, and Congressmen Thomas Byron Miller and John W. Murphy, requesting that they exert their influence to insure the adoption of Joint Resolution #91."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts & Finance, Mr. Sylvester C. Grablick, in letter dated November 20th, 1943, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, recommended payment of the following bills:

Airport Sand & Gravel Co.	Sand & Gravel	\$ 58.28
William P. Bonser	Flashlight batteries	7.20
Barber Motor Car Co.	Two (2) brake rods	.70
Bell Telephone Co.	Phones	52.09
Coal-O-Matic Stoker Co.	Two (2) ash worms	12.00
Consumer's Ice Company	Ice for various offices	27.25
Consumer's Gas & Oil Co.	Gas, oil, etc.	114.85
Duro-Test Corporation	Two (2) starters	1.10
Eagen Hardware Co.	Misc. supplies	48.15
Egan Oil & Supply Co.	Oil	20.18
Franconi Auto Parts	Misc. parts	52.35
Glen Summit Spring Water Co.	Drinking water	6.50
C. F. Goeringer Construction Co.	Road material	402.50
Kehoe & McNamara	Liability Insurance (New and Old City Halls)	32.84
Klein Auto Parts Co.	Misc. supplies	21.67

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LaBarre's Stationery Store	Office Supplies	1.60
Model Coal and Apron Supply Co.	Coat service	2.00
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Misc. supplies	51.66
Newcomb Bros.	Coal	96.67
Pittston Gazette	Assessment Books, advertising	252.50
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.	Meter glasses	6.00
Peck & Evans	Medical supplies	3.23
Pittston Oil Co.	Gas, oil	44.10
Reliable Spring Service	Misc. supplies	4.00
Allan W. Smiles	Shells, etc.	9.75
Scranton Electric Company	Street lighting	1,006.45
Scranton Electric Company	Electric lights	55.01
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Water service	150.47
Williams Paper Company	Cups, towels, etc.	110.00
Williams Stationery Store	Pencils	1.20
Stanley Radisauckas, 8 George St. (6th Ward)	Assessed \$1,662.00 Should be \$892.00 The error, double assessment, \$770.00. Refund due, check to Pauline Radis- auckas, over-payment.	13.47
James Halford	Wages 1/2 Nov-Civilian Defense	75.90
Attorney Carl J. Burke	Satisfaction of Liens	.60
	Total	<u>\$2,742.27</u>

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

SYLVESTER C. GRABLICK, DIRECTOR,
DEPT. OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCE.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, above recommendations were approved of as read and ordered paid.

Communication dated November 13th, 1943, to the Honorable John J. Reilly, Mayor of Pittston, was received from the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes, with reference to Joint Resolution #91, introduced in the United States Senate requesting increase of wages to the employees of the railroad industry throughout the United States.

This letter was read at length and on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, referred to the City Solicitor for the preparation of proper Resolution approving of such increase of wages and the forwarding of same to U. S. Senators Davis and Guffey as well as Representatives Miller and Murphy. The communication to be received and filed in the office of the City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the following letter with reference to wage increases granted the employees of the City Treasurer's Office, City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, effective August 1, 1943, was forwarded to the Pittston City School Board as well as the Luzerne County Commissioners:

Re: Increase of employees salaries
in the Treasurer's Office, City
of Pittston

Gentlemen:

Effective August 1, 1943, the City Council of Pittston increased the salaries of all municipal employees.

Among those increased were the employees in the Treasurer's Office. These salaries are paid one-third by the City, one-third by the County and one-third by the School District. The increases were granted to the Deputy Collector from \$2100.00 to \$2310.00, four clerks from \$1200.00 to \$1320.00. Total increases in said office amount to \$690.00 per year.

We request that the School Board concur in those increases effective as of August 1, 1943.

Will you kindly advise us of your action in this matter?

Very truly yours,

John D. McNulty
City Clerk.

Communication dated Richmond, Virginia, November 8th, 1943, to the City of Pittston, Pittston, Pennsylvania, was received from the Wilkes-Barre Coca-Cola Bottling Company, with reference to "Sign Liability Insurance Coverage" was read at length.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, ^{Copy of Comm. was} referred to the City Solicitor. The communication being ordered filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Communication dated November 5th, 1943, to the City Clerk, City of Pittston, and reading as follows, was received from the Markel Service Incorporated, Scranton, Pennsylvania:

Re: F-211592, City of Pittston vs.
Garrett & Kovach

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto you will find our draft #55447 in the amount of \$100.00 in complete settlement of the above captioned case. As requested in your letter dated November 4th, 1943, we have made this check payable to the City Treasurer of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,

MARKEL SERVICE, INC.

JEF:bb
Enc.
cc:H.O.

/s/ John E. Forsyth,
Branch Manager

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated October 30th, 1943, to the City Clerk, City of Pittston, and reading as follows was received from #9 Coal Company, Pittston, Pennsylvania:

Dear Sir:

The National Distribution Program, as administered by the Department of the Interior, requires that we deliver our coal to the same customers to whom it was sold last year. Inasmuch as our production this year is less than it was last year, it will be necessary for us to withdraw all offers for the sale of coal to customers for whom we did not ship coal last year.

In view of the circumstances, and in order that we may cooperate with the government program, we would appreciate if you would accept this letter as a withdrawal of our bid to furnish coal for the City of Pittston.

We will appreciate if you will return to us our certified check in the amount of fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

Very truly yours,

NO. 9 COAL COMPANY,

JJT.SvSJ

/s/ James Tedesco, Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, above communication was ordered received and filed and their certified check in the amount of fifty (\$50.00) dollars returned as per their request.

Communication dated November 10th, 1943, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, and reading as follows was received from John M. Dobbie, Chief City Assessor:

Gentlemen:

Upon complaint of members of the Mrs. Mary Kelly Estate, 18 Center Street, Fourth Ward, City, concerning property assessment for the year 1943, I find after personal investigation that the building assessed at \$500.00 was razed prior to 1943 and recommend that abatement be granted the property owner in this amount.

Very truly yours,

/s/ John M. Dobbie
Chief City Assessor

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On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the recommendation of Mr. Dobbie was approved of and abatement of taxes granted in the amount requested.

Communication dated November 10th, 1943, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, and reading as follows was received from John M. Dobbie, Chief City Assessor:

Gentlemen:

Concerning assessment of property in the name of George May, 10 Nafus Street, Tenth Ward, please be advised that the increase in 1943 assessment over that for the year 1942, in the amount of \$390.00 on assessed valuation, is due to change of rate of \$11.25 per foot front for 1942, to \$18.75 per foot front for the year 1943.

This rate was increased to conform with general rate of \$18.75 applicable to all properties in this vicinity. I consider the increased rate to be fair and just since it is in line with rate applied to all properties in this vicinity.

Very truly yours,

JMD:j

/s/ John M. Dobbie
Chief City Assessor

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Turon not voting, the communication was ordered received and filed. The request for reduction in assessment being refused since the Chief City Assessor considered the increase as being fair and just.

Communication dated November 9th, 1943, to the Mayor and Members of City Council and reading as follows, was received from John M. Dobbie, Chief City Assessor:

Gentlemen:

At a meeting held of the City Assessors on November 9, 1943, the following properties were carefully considered and the Board makes the following recommendations:

Dora D. Wilner - 101-103 South Main Street
30 x 120 @ \$200.00 or \$6,000.00; Building
\$4500.00, or a total of \$10,500.00.

J. E. Patterson Estate - North Main Street
Now assessed at \$17.50 a foot; to be reduced
to \$12.00 per foot.

Ben Hyman - 55 North Main Street
25 x 144 @ \$462.50 or \$11,563.00; Building
\$5,000.00, or a total of \$16,563.00.

Eagen Hardware - 38 South Main Street
25 x 100 @ \$425.00 or \$10,625.00; Building
\$3,000.00, or a total of \$13,625.00.

Very truly yours,

/s/ John M. Dobbie
Chief City Assessor

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed. The request of the J. E. Patterson, Est., being granted. The requests of Wilner, Hyman and Eagen Hardware being refused since an abatement had already been granted for the Triennial period 1943-1945, to each of these tax-payers.

Proposals to purchase one $1\frac{1}{2}$ ton Chevrolet used Dump Truck and one $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton GMC used Dump Truck both the property of the City of Pittston, to be received and opened at regular meeting of City Council October 28th, 1943, was referred, at that time, to next meeting of Council since there had been but one bid received.

Since no other bids have been received to date, the bid referred to above, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, was ordered opened and read and awarded to Mr. Joseph Kozloski, 90 Johnson Street, City, at his bid of \$100.00 for both trucks, since he was the only bidder.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon vote on Roll Call of members present, Contract to furnish fresh mined, anthracite coal in the amounts advertised for, was awarded to Newcomb Brothers, City, they being the only bidder since bids submitted by the #9 Coal Company was withdrawn as per their request.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn until Saturday next, November 27th, 1943, at 4:00 P.M.

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November 27, 1943

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JOHN D. McNULTY

CITY CLERK.

ATTEST: November 27, 1943

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, NOVEMBER 27TH, 1943, AT 4:30 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, postponed from Thursday, November 25th, to today, Saturday, November 27th, 1943, at 4:30 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, Councilmen Grablick and Turon present and Councilmen Walsh and Sheridan absent.

Minutes of special session of November 20th, 1943, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

The following report was submitted by Mr. S. C. Grablick, Director of Accounts and Finance:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1944

INCLUDING BOTH GENERAL AND SINKING FUND

Current Tax Levy	\$ 168,487.22
Delinquent Taxes	75,000.00
City License	2,207.85
Phones	10.04
Treasurer - Luzerne County	4,407.25
School District	4,407.25
Parking Meter Fees	2,727.88
Fines	280.10
Liquor Licenses	12,550.00
Pave and Curbing	351.65
Sewer Tappage	167.05
Liens, etc.	1,596.15
Miscellaneous Accounts	864.91
Accounts Receivable	747.90
Poll Tax	3,500.00
Total Estimated Receipts	<u>\$ 277,305.25</u>

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved of and ordered received and filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL #443. Submitted by Director of Accounts & Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, "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, 1944, AND ENDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1945", was read at length.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed on first reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL #444. Submitted by Director of Accounts & Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, "ORDINANCE FIXING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1944".

SECTION 1. Be it enacted and ordained by the Council of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same, that for the purposes of defraying the expenses of the City of Pittston for the Fiscal year 1944, and certain deficiencies prior thereto, a Tax is hereby levied on all persons, occupations, real, personal and mixed property, within the limits of the City of Pittston. Taxable according to the Law of the State of Pennsylvania, for purposes as follows:

To provide for Debit purposes there is hereby levied Five (5) Mills on the Dollar of Valuation.

To provide for Revenue purposes and for the payment of necessary bills to support the City and to make necessary improvements, there is hereby levied Fifteen (15) Mills on the Dollar of Valuation, which is One and Fifty-one hundredths (1.50/100) Dollars on each One hundred (\$100.00) Dollars of Assessed Valuation of Taxable Property.

SECTION 2. That for the purposes of General Revenue for the Fiscal year 1944, a Poll Tax of One (\$1.00) Dollar is hereby imposed and levied on all Male inhabitants of the City, above the age of Twenty-one (21) years.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed on first reading.

RESOLUTION #3664. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 27th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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 from November 25th, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #3665. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 27th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of Eight hundred Ninety-seven (\$897.00) Dollars be transferred from the Sinking Fund 1923 Bond and Interest Account, to the Sinking Fund 1938 Bond and Interest Account.

That the sum of One thousand Two hundred Ninety-five (\$1,295.00) Dollars be transferred from the Sinking Fund 1935 Bond and Interest Account, to the Sinking Fund 1938 Bond and Interest Account.

That the sum of One hundred Seventy-two (\$172.00) Dollars be transferred from the Sinking Fund 1942 Bond and Interest Account, to the Sinking Fund 1938 Bond and Interest Account.

That the sum of Two hundred Twenty-five Dollars and Fifty cents (\$225.50) be transferred from the Funding and Improvement Bonds Account 1942, to the Sinking Fund 1938 Bond and Interest Account."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Communication dated November 27th, 1943, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council and reading as follows, was received from Mr. S. C. Grablick, Director of Accounts and Finance:

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

Cash	Postage Stamps-Civilian Defense	\$15.00
Emerson J. Howley	Expenses-Finance Officers Conference, Harrisburg	20.00
James J. Halford	Wages for 2/2 Nov.-Civilian Defense	57.80
W. L. Pace, Esq.	Transcript (Police Case)	29.20
		<hr/> \$ 122.00

Respectfully submitted,

SYLVESTER C. GRABLICK, DIRECTOR,
DEPT. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon vote on Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of and ordered paid.

Communication dated November 24th, 1943, addressed to Mr. Emerson J. Howley, Controller, in re: MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM- Estimated Cost to City of Participation, was received from George A. Huggins, Consulting Actuary, and read at length.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon vote on Roll Call of members present, the communication was ordered received and filed, and the City Clerk instructed to notify the Employees Committee on the question of Retirement System to meet with Council at next regular meeting of Council.

Communication dated November 24th, 1943, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, was received from the Eagles Hose Company reading as follows:

We, the undersigned paid members of the Pittston Fire Department, in order to secure the benefits of organization for our members, have recently affiliated ourselves with the International Association of Fire Fighters, as Pittston Local 767, affiliated with the A. F. of L.

On November 12, 1943, the duly elected officers of Local 767 were sworn in and installed by John L. Siani, of Wilkes-Barre, a representative of the International Headquarters.

Bearing in mind that our first duty is the protection of the lives and properties of the citizens of our community, we have agreed never to strike or to take part in sympathy strikes.

We hope that we may always have the respect and consideration of your honorable body and that in our discussions with you, our relations will always be amicable.

Yours for a Greater Pittston,

/S/	President	Joseph P. Dwyer
	Vice-President	Thomas A. Henzey
	Secretary-Treas.	Don Williamson
	Trustees:	William P. Melvin
		Daniel Jenkins
		Michael Sullivan
	Guard	Joseph E. Rowan.

Note: Oscar Kitzman, Paul Fearick, and Joseph Fearick, former paid drivers, now in the armed forces, are also members of the newly organized Local, 767, I.A. of F.F.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated November 23, 1943, from the League of Cities of the Third Class in Pennsylvania was received, reading as follows:

TO ALL CITY CLERKS:

"Herm" Earley, City Clerk of Harrisburg and President of our Association, died yesterday.

During the annual meeting of local finance officers held last week in the City of Harrisburg, it was agreed by the City Clerks present, that a meeting of our Association should be held during the Convention of the League next week at the Penn-Harris Hotel, Harrisburg.

May I urge you to make every effort to be present at the Convention in order that we might have a large representation at the Clerks' meeting.

Best regards,

/s/ Chet
Chester E. Rogers
Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated November 22, 1943, addressed to the Honorable Mayor John J. Reilly, reading as follows, was received from the Pittston City Park Commission:

Dear Sir:

From a recent inspection of West Park I note that more of the large pieces of planks are being removed from the bleachers. I have endeavored to keep in touch with the situation at the Park, making an inspection about every two weeks; but you realize it is impossible for the Commission members to police the property. Some time ago, we were advised the police department would make regular calls at the Park with a view of apprehending the guilty ones. We are hoping something might be done to stop the thefts.

Yours truly,

/s/ G. W. Bainbridge
Sect'y.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and ^{by} vote upon Roll Call of members present, the communication was ordered received and filed, and Chief of Police, Leo A. Tierney, instructed to make every effort possible to apprehend those guilty, thereby putting a stop to the practice of removing and destroying the bleachers.

Communication dated November 29, 1943, to the Honorable John J. Reilly, Mayor and Members of City Council, and reading as follows, was received from Emerson J. Howley, City Controller:

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the following recommendations:

That a Resolution #3410, dated October 28, 1941, transferring to the Pennsylvania Highway Department supervision of excavation permits on Highways in the City of Pittston be rescinded, for the following reasons: That the Highway Department has failed to maintain proper supervision over Utility Companies, and that the Highway Department has permitted the Utility Companies to repair the streets without supervision. That the pave was not returned to its former condition, as the base was not replaced. I also have reasons to believe that the permits issued by the State were not paid for. I might remind you that City Ordinances covering Excavations on these streets are still in force as a Resolution does not supercede an Ordinance.

I further recommend that City Ordinances fixing the cost of Excavation permits be revised to meet the present cost of replacement of pave.

And finally, I recommend action by Council to bring the Utility Company up to date in the payment of City License Tax and compel the Wyoming Valley Traction Company to remove the rails and replace the pave on Main Street. With the present shortage of scrap steel, I feel that Court action is advisable to compel the Traction Company to abide by the provisions of its franchise.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Emerson J. Howley
Controller.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the communication was ordered held over until the next meeting of Council.

Mr. James Casalo, representing a committee of the 6th Ward, appeared before Council on behalf of Joseph Hurst of the same Ward, a Special Police Officer in the City. Mr. Casalo complained that Mr. Hurst was receiving very little time as a Special Police Officer, and it was their request that he be given a temporary assignment whereby he would receive more working time.

Mr. Reilly stated that there was nothing that could be done for the balance of the year, but, that the matter would receive the attention and consideration of the Council after the new year.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.

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DECEMBER 9TH, 1943.

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John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK.

ATTEST:

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, DECEMBER 9TH, 1943, AT 7:45 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Thursday, December 9, 1943 at 7:45 P. M. with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present with the exception of Mr. Grablick, who was absent.

Minutes of regular session of November 27, 1943 were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor John J. Reilly submitted report dated December 1, 1943, of Parking Meter Collections and Fines received by his Department for the month of November 1943, reading as follows:

Nov. 1, 1943 - Nov. 30, 1943	Parking Meter Fees	\$146.85
Nov. 1, 1943 - Nov. 30, 1943	Fine for Violation of City Ordinance	5.00
	Total	\$151.85

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted itemized report of receipts and disbursements for the month of November, 1943, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, November 1, 1943	\$ 15,776.37
Receipts during the month	9,806.46

Total....\$ 25,582.83

Warrants paid	\$ 16,550.81
Cash on Hand, November 30, 1943	9,032.02

Total....\$ 25,582.83

Cash on Hand, November 30th, 1943 distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 7,994.73
Bond and Interest 1923 Account	188.62
Bond and Interest 1935 Account	625.86
Bond and Interest 1938 Account	8.92
Bond and Interest 1942 Account	213.89

Total....\$ 9,032.02

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report for the month of November 1943 reading as follows was received from the Health Officer, Mrs. Thomas Newcomb:

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
November, 1943:

Monthly report sent to the Medical Director.
 Weekly reports sent to the Medical Director.
 Health Certificates filed34
 Complaints received 8
 Complaints investigated 8
 Restaurants inspected11
 Bakeries inspected 2
 Tuberculosis cases reported 2
 (6 West Railroad Street)
 (111 North Main Street)

Respectfully submitted,

(s) Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
 MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
 HEALTH OFFICER

mTN:f

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report for the month of November 1943 reading as follows was received from the Sealer of Weights and Measures, Mrs. Thomas Newcomb:

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
 City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of November, 1943:

	<u>Corrected & Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	4	-
Platform Scales	2	-
Counter Scales	27	9
Beam Scales	2	-
Prescription Scales	2	-

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
 Sealer of Weights & Measures

mTN:f

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed:

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 443, submitted by Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. O. Grablick, "ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF THE DEBTS AND EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF PITTSSTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1944, AND ENDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1945", was read at length, for the second time.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above ordinance was passed on second reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 444, submitted by Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. O. Grablick, "ORDINANCE FIXING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1944", was read at length for a second time.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed on second reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 3666. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 9th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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 from December 5th, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3667. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 9, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of Forty (\$40.00) Dollars be transferred from the Department of Parks & Public Buildings, item "Communications, Office of Director", to the Department of Accounts & Finance, item "Communications, Office of Director"."

"That the sum of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars be transferred from the Department of Parks & Public Building, item "Communications, Office of Director", to the Treasurer's Office, Item "Communications".

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3668. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 9, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of Three hundred Thirty-seven Dollars and (\$337.50) Fifty cents be transferred from the Sinking Fund item, "State Tax on Bonded Debt", to the Sinking Fund, item, "Interest 1923 Bond Account".

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3669. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 9th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the bill of Mathers Construction Company, dated November 1st, 1943, in the amount of Twelve hundred and Twenty (\$1220.00) Dollars, covering road oil purchased during the month of September, 1943 be and hereby is assigned to the Liberty National Bank of Pittston, Pennsylvania, as per assignment by the Mathers Construction Company dated November 29th, 1943, and certified to as being correct by the Director of Accounts & Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick and by the City Clerk, John D. McNulty. Copy of said assignment and certification being hereby attached."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3670. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 9th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of \$65.65 be transferred from the Department of Public Safety, Item "Maintenance of Fire House" to the Department of Public Safety, Item "Wages, Relief Drivers". "That the sum of \$36.17 be transferred from the Department of Public Safety, Item "Maintenance of Fire House", to the Department of Public Safety, Item "Wages of Volunteer Firemen"."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Communication dated December 9th, 1943, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and members of City Council, was received from Mr. S. C. Grablick, Director of Accounts & Finance; reading as follows:

December 9th, 1943

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

American LaFrance Foamite Corp.	Magneto Points	\$ 6.60
John A. Allan	Additional premium compensa-	
	tion insurance	112.72
Butera Auto Body Works	Repairs to radiator (Police	
	Car)	2.75
Bell Telephone Company of Pa.	Phone service	48.11
Consumer's Ice Company	Ice for various offices	27.25
Consumer's Gas & Oil Company	Miscellaneous supplies, parts	26.44
Egan Oil & Supply Company	Gas, Oil	83.70
Eagen Hardware Company	Miscellaneous supplies	13.02
Franconi Auto Parts	Misc. supplies, parts	48.08
George Fath	Lettering service board	
	(Water Street)	7.50
Eagle Hose Company	Wages, Volunteer Firemen	
	(August - Sept. - Oct.)	334.40
Wages (Niagara Hose Company)	Wages, Volunteer Firemen	
	(August - Sept. - Oct.)	703.12
C. F. Goeringer Construction Co.	16.5 Tons Road Material	94.88
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Drinking Water	7.00
H. C. Harding	Typewriter repairs	10.00
Thomas Hood	Repairs Fire-Alarm System	53.76
Louis Kneffman	Refund (1943 City Taxes)	17.50
Klein Auto Parts Company	One heater for Police Car	
	Plugs, etc.	21.16
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Miscellaneous supplies	6.80
A. L. Miller	Angle iron	1.40
Walter J. O'Malley	Misc. cleansing materials	79.25
Pittston Gazette Company	Coin envelopes	13.50
Pittston Oil Company	Gas, oil, etc.	87.05
A. S. Powers	Miscellaneous supplies	6.71
Scranton Electric Company	Street lighting	1,006.45
Scranton Electric Company	Electric light service	61.43
P. A. Sammon	Insurance (Police Car)	8.00
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co.	Rental for hydrants, etc.	145.74
Turon & Schwartz	Miscellaneous materials	8.44
Williams Paper Company	Paper cups (Difference in price)	10.00
M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer	Incidental expenses	122.12
John D. McNulty, City Clerk	Petty cash items	4.44
Mathers Construction Company	Road oil	1,220.00
	Total	\$ 4,399.32

Respectfully submitted,

(s) S. C. Grablick
SYLVESTER C. GRABLICK, DIRECTOR
ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

SCG:f

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of and ordered paid when funds are available.

Communication dated December 1, 1943, reading as follows, was received from the School District of the City of Pittston:

John D. McNulty, City Clerk
City Hall
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McNulty:

At a meeting of the Pittston City School Board held on November 22, 1943, the following motion was adopted:

"Motion by Mr. Hennigan, seconded by Mr. Reap, that the School Board go on record concurring with the increases, that the City has granted to the employees in the City Treasurer's office."

All members voted yes on roll call.

Very truly yours,

(s) Thos. J. Hennigan, Secretary

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated December 2, 1943 and reading as follows was received from United States Senator Joseph F. Guffey:

Mr. John D. McNulty
City Clerk
Pittston, Pa.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated November 24th, to which was attached a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, respecting Senate Joint Resolution No. 91, which provides for an increase in wages of non-operating railroad employees.

I am glad to know the position of the Pittston City Council on this important question and particularly to know that it favors the adoption of the resolution.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(s) Joseph F. Guffey

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated December 9, 1943, reading as follows, was received from United States Senator James J. Davis:

Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk
City of Pittston
Pittston, Pa.

My dear Mr. McNulty:

I very much appreciate your letter of November 24, in which you enclose a resolution adopted by the City Council, urging my support to the Senate Resolution designed to afford a reasonable increase to the railroad workers of America.

In this connection permit me to say that on the same day this resolution was introduced, I made a speech on the floor of the Senate, urging that the governmental agency concerned take steps immediately to effect a proper solution of this problem.

You may rest assured that I will do everything I possibly can to see to it that this problem is settled justly and fairly at the earliest possible date.

I wish to thank you very much for the interest you have shown in calling this matter to my attention.

Very sincerely yours,
(s) James J. Davis

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated November 26th, 1943, reading as follows, was received from Con McCole:

Members Pittston City Council
Pittston
Pennsylvania

Attention of John D. McNulty,
Secretary

Dear Friends:

Your congratulations received and appreciated. Many thanks for your kind thoughts.

Sincerely,

CJMcC.k

(s) Con McCole
Con McCole

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated December 6th, 1943, reading as follows, was received from Mr. Thomas Foley, State Chaplain of the F. O. P.:

To the Mayor and members of Pittston City Council.

Mayor Reilly, and members of Council.
Mr. Grablick, Mr. Walsh,
Mr. Turon, and Mr. Sheridan.

Gentlemen:

I see by the press that the Pittston City Council is now making up the budget for the City of Pittston for the year of 1944.

I now make a request of the Pittston City Council to enact, set up, and provide for a Police Pension Fund, as provided for, and made mandatory by the following acts of law.

P. L. 932. Act-317. Article XLIII. Section-430I-year 1931.
for
Also amended and provided/by P. L. 722. Act-283.
section-4305- year 1935.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas H. Foley
5 - South Main St.
Pittston, Penna.

(s) Thomas H. Foley
State Chaplain of the F. O. P.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

The following communications, dated December 9th, 1943, and reading as follows, were received from the Chief City Assessor, Mr. John M. Dobbie:

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
City Hall,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

During November of this year, Mr. Lynn, of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, submitted a list of properties which they claim have been assessed in error for the triennial period 1943-1945.

I have made a very careful search of the records on these properties and find the following to be in error:

9th Ward:

Lots #5, #3, #1, A, B, & C, all on James Street, Block #96 on City Map.

In prior years these lots were all assessed in acreage. The acreage being one (1) acre. In the 1943 triennial assessment they are listed in both lots and acreage, thereby causing an over-assessment of \$3486.00.

10th Ward:

Lot #362 assessed in prior years together with Lot #360, South Main Street, both of which have been assessed individually in 1943, thereby causing an over-assessment in the amount of \$340.00.

Lots #18, #20, #22, #24-24 $\frac{1}{2}$, Gravity Street, originally assessed at \$3125.00 but reduced to \$2500.00 by action of City Council August 13, 1940. These lots were restored to the original assessment in the 1943 triennial assessment, thereby causing an over-assessment of \$625.00.

11th Ward:

Fourteenⁱⁿ lots on River Street, originally assessed in acreage, the acreage being five (5) acres. In the 1943 triennial assessment all lots are assessed individually, totaling \$6032.00, in addition to the assessment in acreage of five (5) acres, thereby causing an over-assessment of \$6,032.00.

Lot at 41 Plank Street, originally assessed at \$1200.00 but reduced in 1941 to \$600.00; restored to the original assessment of \$1200.00 in the 1943 triennial assessment, thereby causing an over-assessment of \$600.00.

Lot #257 South Main Street, assessed originally at \$4463.00 but reduced in 1941 to \$4025.00; restored to original assessment in 1943 triennial assessment, thereby causing an over-assessment of \$438.00.

Since all of the above assessments for 1943-1945 have been in error, I recommend that proper corrections be made, restoring the assessments to their original amounts.

All of the above complaints have been checked and surveyed also by the City Engineer, Mr. Thomas J. Halsey.

Very truly yours,
(s) John M. Dobbie

JMD:f

JOHN M. DOBBIE, CHIEF CITY ASSESSOR

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

Supplemental to my letter of even date, I find the following errors in the Pennsylvania Coal Company Triennial Assessments for the years 1943-1945:

9th Ward:

James Street. One acre assessed at \$250.00. This same acre is again assessed as 73/100 in one parcel and 27/100 in the other parcel, thereby causing an over-assessment of \$250.00.

10th Ward:

Lot at 88 Frothingham Street assessed in the 1940 Triennial at \$688.00 and later reduced to \$438.00 for the years 1940 - 1941 and 1942. Was assessed for the 1943 Triennial at \$688.00, thereby causing an over-assessment of \$250.00

48 Jenkins Alley was assessed likewise, causing an over-assessment of \$62.00; lot at 94 LaGrange St., assessed in a similar way, causing an over-assessment of \$150.00.

These differences have been checked and approved also by the City Engineer, Mr. Thomas J. Halsey, and it is hereby recommended that proper corrections be made in the 1943-1945 Triennial Assessments.

Very truly yours,

(s) John M. Dobbie
JOHN M. DOBBIE, CHIEF CITY ASSESSOR.

JMD:f

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above recommendations were approved of and the proper corrections ordered made in the assessment records.

Chief of Police Tierney, together with various employees of the Police Department, appeared before Council concerning the Retirement Pension Fund adopted by Act of June 4th, 1943, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Municipal Employees' Retirement System, Mr. Tierney acting as Chairman. After considerable discussion on the matter, the Mayor informed the Committee that Council would make a further check of the requirements of this fund, as it applies to the City and that they would arrange to meet the Committee again before the next regular session of City Council.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.

ATTEST: December 29, 1943

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

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PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, DECEMBER 29TH, 1943, AT 8:15 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session advanced from Thursday, December 30th to today December 29th, 1943 at 8:15 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present with the exception of Mr. Turon, who was absent.

Minutes of regular session of December 9th, 1943, were read and upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered approved as read.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 443 "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF THE DEBTS AND EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY 1944 AND ENDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY 1945" was read at length for the Third time.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed on Third and Final Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 444 "An ORDINANCE FIXING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1944" was read at length for a Third time.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed on Third and Final Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 3671. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of \$180.00 be transferred from the Sinking Fund, Bond and Interest Account 1923, to the General Fund, as a part return of previous transfers during the year 1943 from the General Fund to the Sinking Fund as a loan only.

"That the sum of \$620.00 be transferred from the Sinking Fund, Bond and Interest Account 1935, to the General Fund, as a part return of previous transfers during the year 1943 from the General Fund to the Sinking Fund as a loan only.

"That the sum of \$200.00 be transferred from the Sinking Fund, Bond and Interest Account, 1942, to the General Fund, as a part return of previous transfers during the year 1943 from the General Fund to the Sinking Fund as a loan only."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3672. Pittston, Pennsylvania December 29, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the City of Pittston enter into a lease agreement with Wesley M. Evans, Sr. and Edith Evans, his wife, for the rental of certain property known as 11 Spring Street in the Ninth Ward of the City of Pittston, and owned by the above Wesley M. Evans, Sr. and Edith Evans, his wife, for the purpose of a municipal garage and warehouse, at Thirty-five (\$35.00) Dollars per month, from the first of November, 1943 for a period of fourteen months ending December 31, 1944, with an option to renew at the expiration of this lease from year to year and that the proper City Officials be and hereby are authorized to prepare and properly execute said lease."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3673. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 29th, 1943. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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 from December 15th, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3674. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1943.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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 from December 25th, 1943."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3675. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1943.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Miners Savings Bank of Pittston is hereby designated as the Depository Bank for all funds for the City of Pittston for the years 1944, 1945, 1946 and 1947."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3676. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1943.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of \$19.92 be transferred from the Department Bureau of Health and Weights and Measures "Item" Laboratory and Medical Supplies, to the Department of Health and Weights and Measures "Item" Other, Civilian Defense."

"That the sum of \$1.18 be transferred from the Department of Public Safety "Item" Maintenance of Fire House, to the Department of Public Safety, "Item" Fire Alarm System.

That the sum of \$1.46 be transferred from the Department of Accounts & Finance, City Clerk's Office, "Item" Office Supplies, to the Department of Accounts and Finance Office of Director, "Item" Office Supplies."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Communication dated December 29th, 1943, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council and reading as follows was received from the Director of Accounts and Finance Mr. S. C. Grablick:

Gentlemen:

I, hereby, recommend payment of the following bills:

Henry E. Dietrick	Liens, etc.	\$1,462.25
Prothonotary, Luz. County	Notary fees (Liens, etc.)	649.50
Edwin A. Sites		
Miners National Bank	Refund 1943 City Taxes	
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	(J. E. Patterson Est.)	51.65
	Phones	41.40
Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	Wages-1st half Dec. less tax	73.80
James Halford	Wages-Dec. 16-23 inclusive	
James Halford	less tax	38.60
	Wages-Dec. 24-31 inclusive	
James Halford	less tax	34.50
	Total	\$ 2,351.70

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ S. C. Grablick
Director
Dept. of Accounts & Finance

SCG:j

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of as read and ordered paid when funds are available.

Petition dated December 28th, 1943, reading as follows, was presented to City Council:

We, the undersigned salaried employees of the City of Pittston, hereby desire to become affiliated with the Municipal Employees' Retirement Law, Act of June 4th, 1943, Municipal Employees' Retirement System, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State.

The petition was signed by thirty-three employees with address of each employee stated thereon.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the petition was ordered received and filed since City Council deemed it inadvisable to act upon same until such time as a further study of the Act could be made by members of Council.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn, and meet Monday, January 3rd, at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of re-organization as required under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania relating to Cities of the Third Class.

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ATTEST: January 3, 1944

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JANUARY 3, 1944, AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON

Pittston City Council convened in special session Monday, January 3rd, 1944 at 12 o'clock noon with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present. The purpose of this meeting was for the re-organization of City Council as required under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania relating to Cities of the Third Class.

Councilmen-elect Mr. Sylvester C. Grablick and Mr. Joseph A. Walsh, and City Treasurer, Mr. Michael P. Ruane, submitted their Certificates of Re-Election, Oaths of Office, and Bonds.

Mr. Grablick and Mr. Walsh being duly sworn by Mayor John J. Reilly and Mr. Ruane being duly sworn by Alderman Joseph F. Katkowski, whereupon, Mr. Grablick and Mr. Walsh were escorted to their respective chairs.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the Certificates of Election, Oaths of Office, and Bonds, were referred to the City Solicitor for approval.

Mayor Reilly in a brief message complimented Mr. Grablick, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Ruane for the splendid manner in which they conducted their office during his administration, and thanked Mr. Grablick, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Ruane, as well as Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Turon, for their cooperation and support in general in the conduct of their respective offices pertaining to matters concerning the best interest of the taxpayers.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Council recessed to meet again today, Monday, January 3, 1944, at 7:00 P.M.

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ATTEST: January 13, 1944

John D. McNulty
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PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JANUARY 3, 1944, 7:00 P.M.

City Council re-convened Monday, January 3, 1944 at 7:00 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of December 29, 1943 were read and upon motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved of as read and ordered filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3677. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the following be and are hereby designated as Department Heads for the Fiscal year commencing January 3, 1944:

Sylvester C. Grablick, Director of the Department of Accounts & Finance.
Joseph A. Walsh, Director of the Department of Streets and Public Improvements.

Frank Turon, Director of the Department of Public Safety.

John Sheridan, Director of the Department of Parks and Public Buildings."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3678. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the salary of Miss Frances Krososky, Secretary to the Mayor, under the Department of Public Affairs, be and hereby is increased, effective January 1, 1944, from the sum of \$1,320.00 annually to the sum of \$1,500.00 annually, as provided for in Budget for the year beginning January 1, 1944, File of Council Number 443."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3679. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the salary of Jean Olszewski, Clerk in the Office of Civilian Defense under the Department of Miscellaneous Accounts, be and hereby is increased, effective January 1, 1944, from the sum of \$990.00 annually to the sum of \$1200.00 annually, as provided for in Budget for the year beginning January 1, 1944, File of Council Number 443."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3680. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the salary of Harold Collins Assistant Director in the Department of Accounts and Finance, be and hereby is increased, effective January 1, 1944, from the sum of \$1,980.00 annually to the sum of \$2,100.00 annually, as provided for in Budget for the year beginning January 1, 1944, File of Council Number 443."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3681. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the salary of Thomas Kearney, Superintendent of Streets in the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, be and hereby is increased, effective January 1, 1944, from the sum of \$1,980.00 annually, to the sum of \$2,100.00 annually, as provided for in Budget for the year beginning January 1, 1944, File of Council Number 443."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3682. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Roger Sorrentino be advanced from Laborer in the Street Department, to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Streets in the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, at an annual salary of \$2,040.00, effective as of January 1, 1944 and provided for in the Budget for the year beginning January 1, 1944, File of Council Number 443."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3683. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That Edwin Sites be and hereby is appointed Clerk in the Office of Tax Assessment, Department of Accounts and Finance for the first four months of the year 1944, as Clerk in the Office of Director, Department of Accounts and Finance for the second four months of the year 1944, and as Clerk in the Law Department, Department of Accounts and Finance, for the remaining four months of the year 1944, at a combined annual salary of \$1,980.00, as provided for in Annual Budget for the year 1944, File of Council Number 443."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3684. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That James Halford be and hereby is appointed mechanic in the municipal garage, under the Department of Parks and Public Buildings, at an annual salary of \$2,400.00, effective January 1, 1944, and as provided for in Budget for the year 1944, File of Council Number 443."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3685. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That John D. McNulty be and hereby is re-appointed City Clerk for the two-year period commencing January 3, 1944, Salary to be the same as present and under the present conditions."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3686. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, BY the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Carl J. Burke be and hereby is re-appointed City Solicitor for the two-year period commencing January 3, 1944, Salary to be the same as present and under the present conditions."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3687. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Thomas J. Halsey be and hereby is re-appointed City Engineer for the two-year period commencing January 3, 1944, Salary to be the same as present and under the present conditions."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote on Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

The City Clerk reported that lease between Wesley M. Evans Sr. and Edith Evans, his wife, and the City of Pittston, as referred to in Resolution Number 3672, dated December 29, 1943, has been properly executed and a copy filed with the Department of Accounts and Finance.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to notify the Scranton Spring Brook Water Company, The Scranton Electric Company, and the Bell Telephone Company, to remove their service from the City Yard at Dock and Tompkins Streets, to the new location at 11 Spring Street, City.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to prepare to present to City Council at his earliest convenience, copy of City Ordinance pertaining to Parking Meters.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Council adjourned to meet on the second and last Thursday of each month at City Hall at 7:00 P. M.

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ATTEST: January 13, 1944

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JANUARY 13, 1944 AT 8:15 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, today, Thursday, January 13, 1944 at 8:15 P. M., with Director of Accounts and Finance, Councilman S. C. Grablick presiding and all members of Council present with the exception of Mayor John J. Reilly, who was absent.

Minutes of special session of Monday, January 3, 1944 were read, and upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved of as read and ordered filed.

Mayor John J. Reilly submitted report dated January 3, 1944 of Parking Meter Collections and Fines received by his Department for the month of December 1943, reading as follows:

Dec. 1, 1943 - Dec. 31, 1943	Parking Meter Fees	\$174.01
Dec. 1, 1943 - Dec. 31, 1943	Fines - Violations	
	City Ordinances	<u>11.00</u>
		\$185.01

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted itemized report of receipts and disbursements for the month of December 1943 reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, December 1, 1943.....	\$ 9,032.02
Receipts during the month	12,353.59

Total \$ 21,385.61

Warrants Paid	\$ 16,514.55
Cash on Hand, December 31st, 1943	4,871.06

Total \$ 21,385.61

Cash on Hand, December 31, 1943, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 2,664.42
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account	954.00
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account	162.04
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account	765.91
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account	324.69

Total \$ 4,871.06

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report dated December 31st, 1943, to the City Clerk and reading as follows was received from the City Treasurer, Mr P. Ruane:

Dear Mr. McNulty:

I, herewith, submit my report of City License for the month of December, 1943:

License applied for by:
Western Union Telegraph Co.
in the City of Pittston,
Penna. License tax for the
year 1944. Granted Dec. 29,
1943. License #652.

\$30.00

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ M. P. Ruane
City Treasurer

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was received and filed.

Report for the month of December 1943 reading as follows was received from the Health Officer, Mrs. Thomas Newcomb:

3 January 1944

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of December, 1943:

Monthly report sent to the Medical Director.	
Weekly reports sent to the Medical Director.	
Health Certificates filed	48
Complaints received	12
Complaints investigated	12
Meat Houses inspected	3
Restaurants and drinking places complied with Health and Hygiene Laws	40
Restaurants inspected	10

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
(Mrs.) Thomas Newcomb
HEALTH OFFICER.

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On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report for the month of December, reading as follows, was received from the Sealer of Weights and Measures, Mrs. Thomas Newcomb:

3 January 1944

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of December, 1943:

	<u>Corrected & Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Weighers	3	
Platform Scales	2	
Counter Scales	31	6
Beam Scales	3	
Prescription Scales	2	

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
(Mrs.) Thomas Newcomb
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

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On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3688. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"Whereas, the City of Pittston, Pa., is desirous of making a temporary loan at the Miners Savings Bank of Pittston for the sum of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars, to meet its current expenditures; and

WHEREAS, said Bank has signified its willingness to make said loan provided the City, by a resolution duly enacted, authorizes its officers to execute a demand note, with interest, containing a confession of judgment for said sum and deliver the same to the Bank, which said loan is to be paid out of current revenues accruing during the fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said City of Pittston be and it is hereby authorized to borrow from said Miners Savings Bank of Pittston for temporary purposes the sum of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars, on a demand note, with interest, containing a confession of judgment, which said note is to be paid out of current revenues accruing during the fiscal year, and its proper officers are hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver the same."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3689. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"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, from January 4, 1944."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3690. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"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, from January 14th, 1944."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Communication dated January 13, 1944, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, reading as follows, was received from Director of Accounts & Finance Mr. S. C. Grablick:

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following bill:

City Clerk's Office	Postage Stamps	\$20.00
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Respectfully submitted,

SOG:j

/s/ S. C. Grablick, Director
Department of Accounts & Finance

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above bill was ordered approved and paid.

Communication dated January 13, 1944, addressed to the Members of City Council and reading as follows, was received from the City Solicitor Mr. Carl J. Burke:

Gentlemen:

Re: Giovanni Morreale Taxes
(Sam Insalaco)
310 Tedrick St., 10th Ward.

In reference to the above taxes, John T. Mulhall's letter of March 24, 1943, has been referred to my attention by you for an opinion. After a thorough examination into the matter I am of the opinion that the City Council should accept the compromise offer of taxes submitted by Mr. Mulhall, to wit: \$25.00. This conclusion is reached after a determination by the City Engineer that the property is actually located in Pittston Township, and, therefore, should never have been assessed as City Property.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Carl J. Burke
Solicitor

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the recommendation of the City Solicitor was approved and the compromise offer of \$25.00 submitted by Mr. Mulhall, accepted.

Communication dated December 31, 1943, was received from the Miners Savings Bank, Pittston, Pa., reading as follows:

Honorable John J. Reilly,
City Hall,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mayor Reilly:

The action of the Pittston City Council in designating this Bank as their depository for the next four years was greatly appreciated, by our officers and directors.

We wish to thank you and the members of the Council very sincerely and hope that our pleasant relationship shall continue for many years to come.

Yours very truly

Curtis D. Thomas
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/s/ Curtis D. Thomas
Executive
Vice President

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated January 3, 1944, addressed to the City of Pittston, Attention of the City Clerk, and reading as follows, was received from the Employers' Group, Scranton, Pa.

Dear Mr. McNulty,

RE: MARY O'BRIEN - CITY OF PITSTON
ACCIDENT 12/14/43

Following the receipt of your letter of December 23rd 1943 I made an investigation of this alleged

accident which included a personal interview with Mrs. O'Brien at her home, and I desire to advise that this investigation fails to disclose any negligence on the part of the City of Pittston.

I therefore informed Mrs. O'Brien that in our opinion the City of Pittston was in no way responsible for her injuries, and under these circumstances her claim had no settlement value.

Kindest personal regards.

Very truly yours,

/s/ E. T. Nichols
SUPERINTENDENT

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor.

Report by Councilman Sheridan concerning complaint of mine cave affecting the property of Mr. James Rowan, Upper William Street, City, on motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, was referred to the City Solicitor.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, Council adjourned.

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February 10, 1944

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ATTEST: February 10, 1944

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FEBRUARY 10TH, 1944, AT 8:15 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Thursday, February 10th, 1944, at 8:15 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present with the exception of Mr. Grablick, who was absent.

Minutes of regular session of Thursday, January 13th, 1944, were not read, but, upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor John J. Reilly submitted report dated February 1st, 1944, of Parking Meter Fees and Fines received by his Department for the month of January, 1944, reading as follows:

Jan. 1, 1944 - Jan. 31, 1944 Parking Meter Fees \$ 98.65

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted itemized report of receipts and disbursements for the month of January, 1944, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1944	\$ 4,871.06
Receipts during the month	37,510.08

Total\$ 42,381.14

Warrants Paid	\$ 14,220.00
Cash on Hand, January 31, 1944	28,161.14

Total\$ 42,381.14

Cash on Hand, January 31, 1944 distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 24,936.39
Bond and Interest 1923 Account	1,490.23
Bond and Interest 1935 Account	1,160.12
Bond and Interest 1938 Account	94.64
Bond and Interest 1942 Account	479.76
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	\$ 28,161.14

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report dated January 31, 1944, and reading as follows was received from the City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane:

John D. McNulty, City Clerk
City of Pittston, Penna.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

I herewith submit my report of City Licenses for the month of January, 1944:

License applied for by:

Laurel Line Transportation Company in the City
of Pittston, Penna., License fee for buses in
City of Pittston for the year 1944.

Granted January 29, 1944. License #653.

\$150.00

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/

M. P. Ruane
City Treasurer

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and
by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above re-
port was ordered received and filed.

Report for the month of January, 1944, reading as
follows, was received from the Health Officer, Mrs. Thomas Newcomb:

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
January, 1944:

Monthly report sent to Medical Director.	
Weekly reports sent to Medical Director.	
Health Certificates filed	18
Complaints received	14
Complaints investigated	14
Produce Houses inspected	2
Alleys inspected and ordered cleaned ...	1
Restaurants inspected	9
Bakeries inspected	2
Tuberculosis case reported	1
(6 East Oak Street)	

Respectfully submitted

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/s/

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
HEALTH OFFICER.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and
upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered re-
ceived and filed.

Report for the month of January, 1944, reading as
follows, was received from the Sealer of Weights and Measures, Mrs.
Thomas Newcomb:

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month
of January, 1944:

	<u>Corrected & Sealed</u>	<u>Adj.</u>
Person Weighers	6	
Platform Scales	3	
Counter Scales	28	8
Prescription Scales	3	
Beam Scales	2	

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
 SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report dated January 27th, 1944, to the Council of the City of Pittston on the condition and application of the Sinking Fund for the year ending December 31, 1943, was submitted by Messrs. Reilly, Ruane and Grablick and, upon motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, was approved of and ordered filed.

The following report was submitted by Mayor Reilly with reference to recent mine cave on Mill Street in which the life of a three year old child was sacrificed; this report being forwarded to the following Coal Companies:

Pennsylvania Coal Company	-	Dunmore, Penna.
Morgan Coal Company	-	Pittston, Penna.
No. 9 Coal Company	-	Pittston, Penna.
Bellecastro & Walsh Coal Co.	-	Old Forge, Penna.

Gentlemen:

As you no doubt know, the life of an innocent Pittston City child, whose father is engaged in the U. S. Armed Forces, was, with tragic suddenness, snuffed out in the early afternoon on Tuesday of this week, as the result of another Mine Cave on one of the principal public highways of our City, while she was quietly but joyfully walking to her home therein.

This unfortunate happening was caused by the unlawful removal of the coal, rock, earth and other materials forming the natural support of the surface, without having first placed or constructed an artificial permanent support sufficient to uphold and preserve the stability of the surface of said highway, in violation not only of the express provisions of the Third Class City Law, but also the fundamental right of our people to use with a feeling of security and safety, not only their own property, but particularly the public thoroughfares of our Commonwealth.

This reckless and ruthless manner of mining coal in our community, with its resultant destruction of property and human life, must cease, and with the view of promptly devising some effective means for the prevention, if possible, of further loss of life and damage to property in our City, I respectfully ask your Company, which is actively engaged in the mining and production of coal in this area, whether it is willing to further co-operate financially and otherwise, in correcting in an amicable, fair and businesslike manner, the existing evils hereinbefore described?

Trusting that I may hear from you at your earliest convenience, I am,

Respectfully yours,

JJR:f

/s/

John J. Reilly
 MAYOR OF CITY OF PITTSBURGH.

Upon reading of the above report, Councilman Walsh as Commissioner of the Street Department, submitted the following report of inspection of the cave as made by him:

"As Commissioner of the Street Department I want to report that on February 8th, 1944, at 1:30 P.M., a cave occurred in sidewalk in front of the property of Alex Stancavage, 144 Mill Street, Pittston, Penna., which took the life of Jule Ann Fulmer, aged 3, of 118 Butler Alley.

In checking reports, I find this occurred over workings of the Morgan Slope Coal Company, which started operations in 1937 and finished mining in 1941. In the past few years several caves occurred under this mining operation but this is the first fatal accident in that vicinity.

I make a motion that a Coroner's Inquest be taken to determine who was responsible for the tragedy and that criminal proceedings be instituted if evidence of criminal negligence can be proven. In addition, I ask that the mine inspectors make an inspection of all workings in the City with our Engineer, Mr. Thomas J. Halsey, to avoid further loss of both life and property."

Upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above reports were approved of and ordered complied with.

RESOLUTION NO. 3691. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1944.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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, from January 24th, 1944."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh and upon Roll Call of members present the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3692. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1944.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston, "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, from February 3, 1944."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Communication dated February 10, 1944, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, was received from Mr. S. C. Grablick, Director of Accounts and Finance, reading as follows:

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

Anthracite Paint & Wallpaper Store	Sponges, paint	\$ 4.95
John A. Allan	Insurance on 1923 pumper	5.00
Bell Telephone Company of Penna.	Phones to Feb. 16, 1944	49.18
Barber Motor Car Company	Misc. repair parts	6.80
James Barrett	Testing Fire Plugs, Misc. repairs, Civ. Defense Truck	112.64
William P. Bonser	Flashlight batteries	9.60
Consumer's Ice Company	Ice, various offices. Dec. and Jan.	54.00
Consumer's Gas & Oil Company	Gas, oil, repair parts, etc., Dec. and Jan.	238.74

V. E. Churchfield	Repairs to signals, etc.	\$ 15.30
Commercial Gas Corp.	One (1) cylinder oxygen,	
	One (1) cyl. acetylene	5.82
Deemer and Company	Pencils, tracing paper	12.00
Eugene Dietzgen	Plumb. bob, steel tips, rule	3.39
Eagen Hardware Company	Misc. supplies, parts	13.11
Wesley M. Evans	Rent, garage - Nov. & Dec.	70.00
Egan Oil & Supply Company	Gas and oil	167.38
Jack Friedman	Four (4) 200 Watt lamps	1.08
Franconi Auto Parts	Misc. supplies, parts	57.74
Gar Wood Industries, Inc.	Switch, bracket & spring	1.70
Glen Summit Springs Water Co. Inc.	Drinking water - Dec. & Jan.	14.50
Hall's Nursery	Misc. decorations, (Xmas)	72.25
Klein Auto Parts	Misc. supplies, parts	5.79
Kehoe & McNamara	Bond premiums and insurance	150.56
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Misc. office supplies	24.40
League of Third Class Cities of Pa.	Dues	161.00
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Misc. supplies	57.40
Necomb Brothers	Coal, Nov., Dec., Jan.	430.44
Pittston Gazette	Warrant Books and Advertising	73.35
Pittston Stove Works	One (1) stove grate	1.00
Pittston Oil Company	Gas and oil	61.55
Scranton Electric Company	St. lighting, Dec. and Jan.	2,012.90
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co.	Fire Hydrants and buildings	
	December and January	311.65
Roger Sorrentino	Feeding of mule	7.40
George R. Voight	One (1) Iron box (Fire Dept.)	34.00
Williams' Stationery Store	Miscellaneous supplies	2.78
Everett Hale Whitlock	One (1) Map	3.50
Harry C. Hunt	Delinquent Tax Notices	9.85
Harry C. Hunt	Tax Statements, Postal Cards	
	(Tax), Final Notice Forms	80.85
William J. O'Dea	Overhauling typewriters	45.00
Scranton Electric Company	Light service, buildings,	
	to January 11.	123.34
		<u>\$ 4,511.94</u>

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/

S. C. Grablick
S. C. GRABLICK, DIRECTOR
 DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCE.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of and ordered paid when funds are available.

Communication dated February 4, 1944, addressed to Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk, and reading as follows, was received from the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation, Wilkes-Barre, Penna.:

Dear Mr. McNulty:

In reply to your letter of February 3rd, we shall be pleased to meet with the Mayor and Members of City Council at our office, 300 Market Street, Kingston, at 3:30 P.M. on Monday, February 7, 1944.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellsworth S. Keller
 Ellsworth S. Keller,
 Trustee.

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/s/ Roy W. Voris
 Roy W. Voris,
 Trustee.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated February 1, 1944, addressed to the Mayor and Members of City Council and reading as follows was received from the League of Cities of the Third Class in Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pa.:

Gentlemen:

The year 1944 looms before us bright with the prospects of an early, hoped-for peace. With peace and the end of hostilities will come many weightily problems that will have to be solved by our public officials. Problems that will test the strength of our form of government. We believe that the cities of the third class in Pennsylvania, banded together as they are in one organization, can do much toward helping solve these problems as well as keep local government on an even keel. Many things have been accomplished in the past through the efforts of the League and much can be accomplished in the months that lie ahead.

In order that we might render the most efficient service to our member cities, may we solicit your full support in all of our undertakings so that when we reach the end of 1944 we can truthfully say that it has been a year of many accomplishments.

Assuring you and your colleagues of our desire to be of service at all times, we remain

Very truly yours,

LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE THIRD
CLASS IN PENNSYLVANIA

/s/ Chester E. Rogers
Chester E. Rogers,
Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated February 2, 1944, reading as follows, was received from the League of Cities of the Third Class in Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania:

Mr. John D. McNulty,
City Clerk,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. McNulty:

Following certain discussions with Mr. Martin of Erie, and with members of the Local Government Commission, I am requesting that if you have taken no action looking toward Municipal Retirement under the Act of 1943 that you withhold any such action until further consideration can be given to the cost of operation and some other features of the act as now developed.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Walter E. Greenwood-per flt.
Walter E. Greenwood,
President.

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On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated February 10, 1944, to the Hon. John J. Reilly, Mayor and Members of City Council and reading as follows, was received from the City Controller, Emerson J. Howley:

Gentlemen:

While the legislature has failed to provide a means of redress, by law, for property owners whose property have been damaged by mine caves, it has provided for the protection of sidewalks and streets.

Mill Street, the scene of our most recent cave, is a State Highway, but the responsibility of the sidewalks rests with the City. Accordingly, I refer you to P.L. 317, Act of June 23, 1931. Sections 2201 to 2208 inclusive. I quote in part,

"2206. Certain Surface Supports Not to Be Removed.- It shall be unlawful for any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation, to dig, mine, remove, or carry away the coal, rock, earth or other materials or minerals forming the natural support of the surface beneath the public highways, streets, alleys, courts and places of any City in the Anthracite Region, to such an extent and in such a manner as to thereby remove the necessary support of the surface, without having first placed or constructed an artificial permanent support sufficient to uphold and preserve the stability of the surface of such public highways, streets, alleys, courts and places."

The penalty provided for violation of this act upon conviction before an Alderman of this City is \$1,000.00 fine or imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days or both.

I might also remind you that little has been done to repair the damaged streets and sidewalks of previous caves.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Emerson J. Howley
Controller.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

A number of property owners were in attendance at the meeting and, in answer to various questions asked, Mayor Reilly stated that the tunnelling which collapsed causing the cave was in a mine owned by the Pennsylvania Coal Company and that various levels of the mine had been sub-leased to the Morgan Slope Coal Company and Pagnotti enterprises. The Mayor also stated that an underground inspection was to be made tomorrow morning by himself as well as the City Engineer, Thomas J. Halsey, Councilman Joseph A. Walsh, head of the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Roger Sorrentino, Assistant Superintendent of Streets, Engineers of the Morgan Coal Company, Pagnotti enterprises and the No. 9 Coal Company as well as

Mine Inspector Daniel Connolly.

Questioned further as to whether mining had been engaged in the vicinity of the tragedy, the Mayor replied that mining has not been done in the Checker Vein, closest to the surface in this particular locality but that inspection of maps and workings would be necessary to determine if any of the involved companies have been mining underneath the Checker Vein.

Among those in attendance were the Planning Commission of which Mr. M. J. Clarke is Chairman. Mr. Clarke stated that the Commission held a meeting prior to the calling of this meeting and assured Council that their presence was to offer their assistance in any capacity that may be helpful.

Mr. Samuel Cohen, member of the Commission, suggested that Council arrange for a meeting of representatives of all civic and fraternal organizations to the end that petitions be drawn up with the seal of the organizations, and forwarded to Harrisburg demanding immediate action.

Similar suggestions were also made by Mr. Joseph G. Yonakas as well as School Directors Anthony Zack and Emmett Carroll; the latter reminding Council that unless some action is taken immediately for the \$200,000.00 allocated as a disaster fund, it might never reach Pittston for flushing under the High School and repairs to the building.

Mr. Zack stated that two properties owned by him and many others in that section of the Fourth Ward in which he lives, have never been repaired by the Morgan Coal Company. He was advised by the Mayor to file his complaint with the City Clerk.

Mr. Joseph Fitzpatrick, former City Clerk, was in attendance and addressed the chair with reference to the matter of flushing to which the Mayor replied that while flushing itself would prevent any further collapse, it would not prevent minor disturbances.

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, thanking the property owners present for their interest and particularly the Planning Commission for the prompt manner in which they acted in offering their unlimited assistance.

Councilman Sheridan stated that Mrs. John B. Brosan of Scranton, Penna., daughter of the first Mayor of the City of Pittston, Mr. Thomas Maloney, informed him that she had a medium sized portrait of her father which she would be pleased to present to the Mayor and Members of City Council.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to notify Mrs. Brosan that the Members of Council appreciated her offer for which they are thankful to accept and to have placed in the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, Council adjourned.

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John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK.

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FEBRUARY 24, 1944, 8:20 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, Thursday, February 24, 1944, at 8:20 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Thursday, February 10, 1944, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mr. S. C. Grablick, Director of Accounts and Finance submitted Financial Report and Audit of City Controller, Mr. Emerson J. Howley, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1943.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, report was ordered received and filed, and the City Clerk instructed to advertise same in accordance with the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, pertaining to Cities of the Third Class in the State of Pennsylvania.

RESOLUTION NO. 3693. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 24, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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 from February 13th, 1944."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3694. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 24, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "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 from February 23, 1944."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3695. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 24, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That, due to existing vacancy in the office of City Solicitor caused by the recent death of the former Solicitor, Attorney Carl J. Burke, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burke, at re-organization meeting of City Council January 3, 1944, was re-appointed City Solicitor for the term ending May, 1946,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Attorney William H. Gillespie be and is hereby appointed to serve the unexpired term of the late Mr. Burke, as City Solicitor, at an annual salary of \$1,815 per annum, under the same conditions applicable to all salaried employees."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Communication dated February 11th, 1944, from the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, was received, reading as follows:

Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk,
City of Pittston,
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Will you kindly refer to my letter of the 29th ultimo enclosing paper for signature by your City Solicitor in connection with our

1943 assessment. I am anxious to dispose of the matter as promptly as possible.

Very truly yours,

/s/ H.G. Haupt,
Ass't. Land Agent

The paper referred to in the above communication reads as follows:

In the matter of the proposed appeal on the part of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company from the valuation as fixed by the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals of the City of Pittston, on the lands, coal and improvements of said Company, in the City of Pittston, for the triennial year of 1943, it is hereby agreed that the said Company may include in one appeal, all its said lands, coal and improvements, to the same effect as if separate appeals were taken to each item, or each ward where the premises are situate.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor, authorizing him to properly execute the paper referred to above as per their request.

Communication dated February 19, 1944, to the Mayor and Members of City Council was received from Leo Fasciana, Assistant City Engineer, reading as follows:

Gentlemen:

Due to my employment in War Work, I hereby make application to Council for leave of absence from my position as Ass't. City Engineer for the duration.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I remain,

/s/ Leo Fasciana

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above request was granted.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to notify the Bell Telephone Company to remove telephone service Phone No. 801 from the office of the former City Solicitor, to the office of the present City Solicitor, Mr. William H. Gillespie.

Upon complaint of Mrs. Mary Swantkowski concerning assessment of property registered in her name at 188-190 North Main Street, Fourth Ward, City of Pittston, now occupied by the Valley Provision Company, the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals, after proper consideration of this complaint, recommends to City Council that an abatement of \$1500 be allowed on the assessment of buildings of this property.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above abatement was granted.

Permit application was received from Jean M. Wasil, 6 South Main Street, dated February 11, 1944, to erect a sidewalk sign of galvanized metal, capacity, 1 pound, Size, 14 inches wide, by 16 inches deep, approximate cost, \$6.50.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted, subject to approval by the Chief of the Fire Department and the Superintendent of the Street Department, also, the War Production Board, if required.

Permit application was received from John J. Schevets, 193 North Main Street, dated February 11, 1944, to re-side building and remodel front, approximate cost, \$1500, Contractor, Home Roofing and Siding Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted, subject to approval by the Chief of the Fire Department and the Superintendent of the Street Department, also, the War Production Board, if required.

Permit application was received from Waldman's, 49 North Main Street, dated February 14, 1944, to erect a metal, neon, building sign, Capacity, 600 pounds, Size, 25 Feet, by 4 Feet wide, approximate cost, \$200.00, to be erected by the Prete Sign Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted, subject to approval by the Chief of the Fire Department and the Superintendent of the Street Department, also, the War Production Board, if required.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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JOHN D. McNULTY

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ATTEST:

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THIS WAS NOT A MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FEBRUARY 28TH, 1944, 8:00 P. M.

A mass meeting of citizens of the City of Pittston called by Mayor John J. Reilly to be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Monday, February 28th, 1944, was transferred to the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A., due to the overflow of citizens in attendance.

Mayor Reilly presided but was forced to turn the meeting over later in the evening to Attorney William L. Pace after receiving an emergency call from Pittston Hospital, where his wife was a patient.

Seated on the platform were City Solicitor, William H. Gillespie, Councilman Joseph A. Walsh, School Board Secretary Thomas J. Hennigan, Representative Stanley Figlock of the Third Legislative District, Representative David Livingstone of the Seventh Legislative District, William G. Shortz, former Representative of the Sixth Legislative District, Rev. John R. Cunningham, Assistant Pastor of St. John's Church, Pittston, former Mayor Durkan, George J. Loftus and P. J. Mulherin, from Scranton; and City Engineer Thomas J. Halsey, Pittston.

In opening the meeting, Mayor Reilly presented a survey of present underground conditions and remarked that mining under Pittston City was almost completed. He outlined the history of mining in the City in which he named the original operators as the Pennsylvania Coal Company, Lehigh Valley Coal Company, and the Eagle Shaft Coal Company. These operations were later taken over, under lease of the No. 9 Coal Company in the northerly section of the City, the Morgan Coal Company in the sections of the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Wards, and the Pennsylvania Coal Company in the Oregon or southerly section of the City.

Mr. George Wachs, property owner from Sand Street, City of Pittston, addressed the chair and asked why the Deputy Coroner did not hold an inquest into the death of the Fulmer child.

Former Mayor Durkan of Scranton, who previously had made an appeal for unity in obtaining remedial legislation, proposed a motion demanding that an inquest be held. This motion, having been adopted, read as follows:

"That it be the sense of this meeting that we call upon the officials of the City of Pittston to exercise the police powers of the city with respect to the Fulmer case and demand that an inquest be held without further delay"

Speaking from the audience were Attorney William W. Hall, Peter Garrity, of the Pittston Chamber of Commerce, Councilman William B. Owens, West Pittston, Joseph Coyne, Dolph Huber, former Representative Shortz, Joseph McCanna, John Joyce, Joseph Boyle, Max Huber, and Mr. J. P. Fitzpatrick.

Replying to a question from the audience as to what action City Council had taken to remedy the existing evil, Councilman Walsh announced that he had introduced a motion at the last meeting, to inquire into the causes of the mine cave and if criminal negligence is revealed, that the guilty party be punished to the full extent of the law.

In attendance were some two hundred citizens composed of bankers, civic leaders, clergymen, heads of civic and fraternal organizations, and property owners.

On motion of Mr. Joseph P. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Thomas Hennigan, the meeting adjourned, to be assembled again at the call of Mayor John J. Reilly..


JOHN D. McNULTY CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MARCH 9, 1944 AT 8:30 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, Thursday, March 9, 1944, at 8:30 P. M., with Councilman Sylvester C. Grablick presiding and all members of Council present, with the exception of Mayor Reilly, who was absent.

Minutes of regular session of Thursday, February 24th, 1944, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor John J. Reilly submitted report dated March 1, 1944, of Parking Meter fees and fines received by his department for the month of February, 1944, reading as follows:

Feb. 1, 1944 -- Feb. 29, 1944	Parking Meter Fees	\$126.56
Feb. 1, 1944 -- Feb. 29, 1944	Parking Violations	4.00
Feb. 1, 1944 -- Feb. 29, 1944	Violation of City Ordinance	7.50
		<u>\$138.06</u>

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted itemized report of receipts and disbursements of the City Treasurer's Office for the month of February 1944, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, February 1, 1944	\$28,161.14
Receipts during the month	6,665.56
	<u> </u>
Total	<u>\$34,826.70</u>
	<u> </u>
Warrants Paid	\$15,093.05
Cash on Hand, February 29, 1944	19,733.65
	<u> </u>
Total	<u>\$34,826.70</u>

Cash on Hand February 29, 1944 distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$15,397.45
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account	1,953.59
Bond and Interest 1935 Account	1,514.13
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account	234.14
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account	634.34
	<u> </u>
Total	<u>\$19,733.65</u>

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report dated February 29, 1944 and reading as follows was submitted by the City Treasurer, Mr. M. P. Ruane:

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 February, 1944.

License applied for by: Comerford
Publix Corp. License for American
\$100.00, Roman-\$50.00, for year 1944.
License #654 ----- \$ 150.00

License applied for by: Rees Poster
Co. 95 Tripp Street, Forty Fort, Pa.
Bill poster license for year 1944.
License #656 ----- 50.00

License applied for by: Jean M. Wasil,
6 South Main Street, Pittston, Pa.
Mr. Wasil wants to erect a sign,
galvanized metal 1 lb. 14" wide and
16" deep.. Approximate cost \$6.00
License #657 ----- 2.00

License applied for by: Western
Union Telegraph Co. License Tax
for the year 1944, in the City
of Pittston, Penna.
License #658 ----- 1.44

License applied for by: Railway
Express Agency, Pittston, Penna.
Mercantile tax for year 1944.
License #659 ----- 100.00

Total \$ 303.44

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ M. P. Ruane
City Treasurer

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On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report for the month of February, 1944, reading as follows, was received from the Health Officer, Mrs. Thomas Newcomb:

Hon. Mayor and Members of City Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the
month of February, 1944:

Weekly reports sent to the Medical Director.
 Monthly report sent to the Medical Director.
 Visits to Beef Houses..... 4
 Visits to Green Truck Produce Houses 2
 Restaurants inspected 11
 Warning signs (No Dumping) posted 2
 Complaints received and investigated 20
 Health certificates issued and on file 207
 Mumps case reported 1

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
 MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
 HEALTH OFFICER

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On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report for the month of February, 1944, reading as follows, was received from the Sealer of Weights and Measures, Mrs. Thomas Newcomb:

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
 City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month
 of February, 1944:

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	6	
Platform Scales	5	
Counter Scales	25	10
Beam Scales	3	1
Prescription Scales	4	

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
 MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
 SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES.

mTN:f

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3696 Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 9th, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That it will be necessary to extend the positions of Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the Force for an additional ten (10) days, from March 4, 1944."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3697 Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1944. 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 Trustees of the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation, now in process of reorganization in the District Court of the United States, for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, under the Bankruptcy Laws of the United States, be and they are hereby requested to remove from the Main Street of the said City of Pittston, without cost or expense to the said City of Pittston, the railway tracks or rails now upon said Main Street, and thereafter to substantially repair and renew the surface of the said street from which said railway tracks or

rails shall have been removed, all of which shall be done and performed in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared therefor by the City Engineer of the said City of Pittston and attached to and made a part of this resolution.

The reason for this resolution is based upon the fact that, in the opinion of Council, the said railway tracks or rails constitute a menace and danger to the traveling public, and further, because the said railway tracks or rails, when so removed, would be of material value to the Federal Government in promoting the war effort."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3698. Pittston, Pennsylvania. March 9, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That City Council by ordinance adopted December 29, 1943, File of Council No. 444 providing Five (5) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation for the year 1944 for Sinking Fund purposes be divided as follows:

To the 1923 Bond Issue -- $1\frac{1}{2}$ mills, or 30% of the total of five mills.

To the 1935 Bond Issue -- $1\frac{1}{2}$ mills, or 30% of the total of five mills.

To the 1942 Bond Issue -- $1\frac{1}{2}$ mills, or 30% of the total of five mills.

To the 1938 Bond Issue -- $\frac{1}{2}$ mill, or 10% of the total of five mills.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3699. Pittston, Pennsylvania. March 9, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That City Council receive and file with the City Clerk copy of legal brief presented by the City Solicitor, Mr. William H. Gillespie and Attorneys for the City of Pittston in the case of Detoro vs. City of Pittston No. 159, July term, 1938, now pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County and recently argued before this said Court."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Mr. S. C. Grablick, Director of Accounts and Finance, submitted letter dated March 9, 1944, recommending payment of the following bills:

Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council,
City of Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

Degen, Messer & Co.	Preparing Loan Tax Report for the year	
First Nat'l Bank Bldg.	1943 in accordance with Contract.	\$ 75.00
Easton, Pa.		
Commonwealth of Penna.	Loan Tax Report for year ending Dec-	
	ember 31, 1943	657.40
	Total	\$732.40

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ S. C. Grablick
S. C. Grablick, Director,
Dept. of Accts. & Finance.

SCG:j

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of as read and ordered paid.

Tax Collector's Warrant dated March 9, 1944 and reading as follows was submitted by Mayor John J. Reilly:

To MICHAEL P. RUANE, City Treasurer and
Tax Collector, City of
Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

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 tax payers 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 be) 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, Pennsylvania, this 9th day of March, A. D., 1944.

(SEAL)

/s/ John J. Reilly
Mayor of the City of Pittston

Countersigned:

Emerson J. Howley /s/
Controller of the City of Pittston

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Warrant was approved of as read and ordered presented to the City Treasurer, Mr. Michael P. Ruane.

Communication dated March 8, 1944, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, and reading as follows, was received from Patrolman Joseph Gardner:

Honorable Sirs:

I respectfully request your kind indulgences in granting me a temporary leave of absence from my duties as a patrolman in the Police Department of the City of Pittston, commencing March 15, 1944.

This request is made since I am being temporarily employed as a fireman on the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

Your kindness in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Joseph Gardner

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above request was granted.

Communication dated March 9, 1944, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council was received from Harold W. Collins, Assistant Director of the Department of Accounts and Finance, reading as follows:

Gentlemen:

Having been inducted into the United States Army, I respectfully request a leave of absence from my duties as Ass't Director of the Department of Accounts and Finance for the duration or until such time as I may be discharged from Military Service.

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Respectfully yours,

HWC:j

/s/ Harold W. Collins

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above request was granted.

Communication dated February 28th, 1944, addressed to the Members of City Council, reading as follows, was received from the Secretary of the Forty Fort Borough Council:

Dear Sirs:

At a special meeting held by our Borough Council February 14, 1944, I was instructed to write the various Municipalities from Pittston City to Plymouth Borough, calling a meeting for March 9, 1944, to be held in the Forty Fort Town Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to have the Councils or their representatives present, to form an organization to investigate the mining conditions, and see what can be done to stop the mine cave menace, which has resulted in considerable damage to our cities and Boroughs within the past few years.

It is our hope and desire, if we unite as an organization, we shall have enough strength that will enable us to have legislation passed in Harrisburg, which will control the robbing of pillars, causing property damage and loss of life.

We are very anxious to make this meeting a big success, and hope that any cooperation that you or your representatives may give, will be greatly appreciated.

Please notify me by return mail or phone, what the intentions of your council may be in regards to attending the meeting.

Yours very truly,

/s/ T. H. Richards, Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed, since the City Clerk had answered said communication under date of March 4, 1944, informing Mr. Richards that the City of Pittston will be represented at this meeting.

Communication dated January 19, 1944, reading as follows, was received from the City Council, City of Wilkes-Barre:

Mr. John D. McNulty,
City Clerk,
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sir:

Will you please take up with your Council the question of responsibility for expenses incurred at our City Contagious Hospital by any patients admitted from Pittston?

We will accept patients from your municipality upon

authorization in writing from your Council guaranteeing payment of bills incurred by such patients.

In case you do not assume this responsibility it will be necessary for each patient to make a deposit of one-hundred-fifty dollars (\$150.00) to cover expenses, before admission to the hospital.

A prompt reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Tom A. Evans
Tom A. Evans
Director

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was approved of and the City Clerk instructed to notify Mr. Evans of the Wilkes-Barre Council that the City Council of Pittston would assume the responsibility referred to therein authorizing the Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre to admit all such patients from the City of Pittston under conditions stated in the communication.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to forward the following letter to Doctor Lewis S. Reese, Luzerne County Coroner 300 Rutter Avenue, Kingston, Pa.:

Dear Doctor Reese:

By action of Council of the City of Pittston at regular meeting of City Council Thursday, February 10, 1944, motion was duly made and passed, having been concurred in by all members of Council concerning the death of Julie Ann Fulmer, which occurred on Mill Street in the City of Pittston under date of February 8, 1944, reading as follows:

"That a Coroner's Inquest to determine who was responsible for the tragedy and that criminal proceedings be instituted if evidence of criminal negligence can be proven. In addition, I asked that the mine inspectors make an inspection of all workings in the City with our City Engineer, Mr. Thomas J. Halsey, to avoid further loss of life and property."

This motion is a record of the minutes of the above stated meeting of Council and is being submitted to you for your information.

Very truly yours,

/s/ John D. McNulty

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John D. McNulty, City Clerk

Permit application dated March 6, 1944, was received from the Valley Provision Company, 188-190 North Main Street, Fourth Ward, City of Pittston, to remodel concrete porch 25 feet long by 6 feet wide, at an approximate cost of \$100.00, time requested to complete said work, two weeks.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, there being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

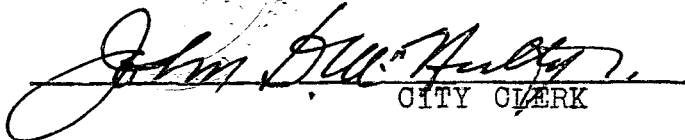
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JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK

ATTEST: March 30th, 1944


CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MARCH 30TH, 1944, AT 8:45 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session today, March 30, 1944, at 8:45 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of March 9, 1944, were read, and upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered approved as read.

RESOLUTION NO. 3700, Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That it will be necessary to extend the positions of Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the Force for an additional ten (10) days, from March 14, 1944."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3701, Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That it will be necessary to extend the positions of Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the Force for an additional ten (10) days, from March 24, 1944."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3702, Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, Michael P. Ruane, CITY TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, for the term of four years, beginning January 1, 1944, has applied to the New York Casualty Company for his bond as City Treasurer and Tax Collector for the said four-year term, and has signed a premium contract with the Surety Company agreeing to pay the regular manual of rates applicable for Tax Collectors of the State of Pennsylvania, under which rates the premium is based on the amount of the duplicate, and

WHEREAS, the Surety Company required as a condition precedent to the issuance of said bond a ratification of the premium contract signed by the Treasurer and a guarantee that said premium will be paid by the three municipalities aforementioned.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the premium contract signed by said Treasurer is hereby ratified and the City of Pittston, Penna., hereby agrees to pay to the said Surety Company, New York Casualty Company's or to an authorized local agent, each year in advance the Surety Company's regular manual of rates based on the amount of the tax duplicate as applicable to all tax collectors' bonds in the State of Pennsylvania."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3703, Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That Frances Krososky be advanced from the position of "Secretary to the Mayor" to the position of "Temporary Assistant Director of the Department of Accounts and Finance" for the duration of the present emergency, at an annual salary of \$2,100, effective as of April 1, 1944."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, in letter dated March 30, 1944, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, recommended payment of the following bills:

Wilkes-Barre Independent	Legal Advertising	\$ 84.00
M. P. Ruane	Miscellaneous expense	
	Jan. 13 to Feb. 29, 1944	186.95
City Clerk	Postage stamps, various offices	20.00
Firemen's relief Association	Foreign insurance	2849.57
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	Total	\$3140.52

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of as read and ordered paid.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to invite Attorney Leo W. White to meet with the Mayor and Members of City Council in the Mayor's Office on the evening of the next regular session of Council, which will be Thursday, April 13, 1944, for the purpose of discussing the Jennings property on Spring Street in the Ninth Ward, City of Pittston.

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, March 7, 1944, and reading as follows was received from Mr. Walter E. Greenwood, President, League of Cities of the Third Class in Pennsylvania:

Mr. John D. McNulty,
City Clerk,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. McNulty:

Please advise us as to what you are doing toward reinstating former employees who were drafted, or enlisted, in the armed services at the outbreak of the war and are now returning. Do you require them to take the physical examination, or are they simply reinstated on return?

Very truly yours,

/s/ W. E. Greenwood
Walter E. Greenwood,
President.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor.

Communication dated Scranton, Pa., March 22, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from Mr. Bernard J. Harding, District Engineer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Highways:

Mayor John J. Reilly
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mayor Reilly:

For your information, I am attaching copies

of correspondence exchanged this week between this Department and the No. 9 Coal Company, concerning the status of repairs to our Route 40047, known as Railroad Street in the City of Pittston, which are self-explanatory. As you are aware, this is the city's responsibility, and we have received numerous complaints concerning the hazardous condition which now exists.

There is a similar situation in existence on Mill Street, Route 40109, concerning which we wrote you on February 18, but to which we have not as yet received a reply. This, too, is the responsibility of the City of Pittston, and I am again requesting that the necessary steps be taken to correct what has become a very bad condition. I sincerely hope that some definite action will be taken in the immediate future.

Very truly,

/s/ Bernard J. Harding
Bernard J. Harding
District Engineer

Enclosures

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to request from the No. 9 Coal Company confirmation of the correspondence referred to therein and having been exchanged between District Engineer Mr. Harding and the No. 9 Coal Company.

Communication from the Department of Internal Affairs, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pa., with reference to Institute on Municipal Post-War Planning, to be held in Harrisburg, April 4th and 5th, 1944, was read at length:

To the Members of the Governing Body:

You are hereby informed that an Institute on Municipal Post-War Planning will be held in Harrisburg in the mornings, afternoons and evenings of April 4 and 5, 1944. The meeting places are indicated on the attached program. This institute will be for the municipal and local officers of the counties of Lancaster, Lebanon, York, Dauphin, Cumberland, Franklin, Northumberland, Perry, Mifflin, Adams, Juniata and Snyder and others.

This institute is one of a series that are being planned and sponsored by the Committee on Municipal Post-War Planning in Pennsylvania, Made up of representatives of a number of organizations representing local government officers and planning agencies within the State of Pennsylvania. National Cooperating agencies included are the American Municipal Association, The American Society of Planning Officials and the American Public Works Association who are conducting similar institutes in other states.

Any municipal and local officer who is interested in a municipal post-war planning program is invited. This includes commissioners, councilmen, engineers from counties, cities, boroughs, township commissioners and township supervisors from second class townships adjacent to urban areas or over 2000 population.

A tentative program for the institute in Harrisburg is included. The purpose of these institutes is to bring to the attention of municipal officers in Pennsylvania the fundamentals of post-war planning and to stimulate them to undertake public works programs in their own communities.

We hope that you as a governing body of your municipality will delegate one or more of your number or of your employees to attend this institute. We hope that it will be those who are especially interested in post-war planning and who will have responsibilities incident thereto.

It is most essential that applications to attend this institute be made as soon as possible so that we may know how many to expect. Send a letter of application to Carl W. Wild, State Planning Board, Capitol Building, Harrisburg, Pa. He is acting as executive secretary for this institute. The registration fee for each person attending will be \$5.00 to cover the cost of materials on municipal post-war planning, which will be given in advance to those who attend the Institute and also other expenses incidental to registration. All travel and living expenses would be furnished by the municipality.

After the application has been sent with the person's name who will attend, further instructions will be sent as to where he should report. You will note that the sessions are concentrated in two days with meetings in the mornings, afternoons and evenings this has been done for the convenience of those who are coming from the more distant municipalities and who necessarily will have to stay over.

We do not have to tell you of the importance of post-war planning and the need of up-to-date information on the development of such a program. As the program will show, we are gathering together a body of experts, both in the field of planning and local government administration and we are sure that these institutes will be a real contribution to the welfare of the local units of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ William S. Livengood, Jr.
Secretary of Internal Affairs of
the Commonwealth and Chairman,
Committee on Municipal Post-War
Planning

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the Mayor was instructed to represent the City at these meetings; the communication ordered received and filed.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 28, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation:

Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McNulty:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 27th, enclosing copy of estimate of paving track area on Main Street in your City and plans and specifications.

This will require some study and after we have completed that phase, we shall be very happy to get in touch with members of City Council.

Very truly yours,
/s/ Ellsworth S. Keller, Trustee.
Ellsworth S. Keller
/s/ Roy W. Voris
Roy W. Voris, Trustee

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On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Copy of Court Decision dated March 14, 1944, of Albert Detoro vs. City of Pittston, John J. Reilly, Joseph Walsh, Sylvester Grablick, John Sheridan and Frank Turon, in the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, No. 159, July Term, 1938, Motion for Judgment N. O. V., Before: Valentine, P. J., Aponick, Farrell and Fine, J.J., was presented.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above copy of Decision was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., March 30, 1944, addressed to the City Council, Pittston, Pa., and reading as follows, was received from Attorney John T. Mulhall:

In re: Patrick Reddington Estate
20 John Street (9th Ward)
Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

All of the 1943 taxes on the above property, amounting to \$98.07, were paid by the Administrators of the Estates of Mary and Michael Reddington, deceased, respectively, on January 24th, 1944. Mary and Michael Reddington were the sole heirs of the above estate.

The City and School taxes thus paid were based on a valuation of \$2029.00 and the County and Poor taxes were paid on the valuation of \$1890.00. The house which was situate on this property was destroyed by fire on March 9th, 1943, and in view of the loss suffered by the fire, I believe there should have been an adjustment of the assessment for the remaining ten months of 1943. Therefore, I am requesting that a rebate be made to Peter A. Garrity and Thomas Gerrity, as Administrators of the Estates of Michael and Mary Reddington, based on an adjusted assessment for the balance of the year subsequent to March 9th, 1943, the date of the fire.

I am enclosing herewith an abatement issued by the County Commissioners' office covering the above property.

I would appreciate your attention to this matter at an early date, as I am anxious to close up the estates.

Very truly yours,

JTM:tm
Enclosure

/s/ John T. Mulhall

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above request was granted, the City Clerk instructed to determine the amount of rebate due, and forward same to Mr. Mulhall.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to take up with the City Solicitor the question of damage by mine subsidence to the property of Mr. James Rowan, William Street, City.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., March 29, 1944, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council was received from the City Assessors, signed by the Chief Assessor, Mr. John M. Dobbie, recommending

abatement of City and School Taxes for the Tri-ennial period 1943-1945, inclusive, on the following properties:

Mrs. Ellen Judge, 66 Market Street, Ninth Ward,
\$375.00 on Building.

Mrs. Bridget Judge, 54 Market Street, Ninth Ward,
\$300.00 on Building.

Joseph Frederick, 62 Carroll Street, Sixth Ward,
\$125.00 on Building.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above abatements were granted. Under the same motion upon complaint of Mr. Joseph P. McCanna, 37-39 Market Street, Ninth Ward, an abatement of \$1,000.00 on City and School Taxes, on Building, for the Tri-ennial period 1943-1945, inclusive, was also granted.

Permit application dated March 20, 1944, was made by the Stegmaier Brewing Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to erect a neon sidewalk sign at Mullin's Cafe, 6-8 Dock Street, approximate cost, \$25.00.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted, subject to the approval of the Chief of the Fire Department.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 445, submitted by Mayor John J. Reilly, "An ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1944, FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 443, AND PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN FUNDS THEREOF", was read at length.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed on First Reading.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the rules were rescinded and File of Council No. 445 was read for the second time.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was adopted on second reading.

March 30, 1944

Members of City Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

As Director of the Department of Public Affairs, I recommend the proposed transfer of the sum of \$360.00 from the item of Wages, Special Officers, in the General Appropriations Ordinance, File of Council No. 443, of the City of Pittston, to the item of Salary of the Secretary to the Mayor, in the Department of Public Affairs.

Respectfully,

/s/

John J. Reilly
JOHN J. REILLY, MAYOR
CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA

JJR:j

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3704. Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That James L. Patterson be transferred from the position of Special Officer in the Department of Public Affairs, to the position of Secretary to the Mayor in the Department of Public Affairs for the duration of the present emergency at an annual salary of \$1,980.00, effective as of April 1, 1944."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Council adjourned.

ATTEST: April 13, 1944

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<u>April 13, 1944</u>		
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John D. McNulty
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PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, APRIL 13, 1944, at 8:00 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, Thursday, April 13, 1944, at 8:00 P. M. with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present with the exception of Councilman Grablick, who was absent.

Minutes of regular session of Thursday, March 30th, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor Reilly reported that under date of March 31, 1944, the following letter was forwarded to the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board:

Frank A. Earley, Secretary,
Civil Service Board,
113 John Street,
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Mr. Earley:

Please furnish me at your earliest convenience a certification of the next three eligible on the certified list of Police Officers.

Your prompt attention will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

/s/ John J. Reilly
John J. Reilly, Mayor

JJR:j

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above letter was ordered approved and filed.

The following communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 5th, 1944, in reply to the request made by Mayor John J. Reilly, was received from the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board:

Honorable John J. Reilly, Mayor
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of March 31st, this is to certify that the next three eligible on the certified list of Police Officers are as follows:

Frank Daley	90%
Joseph Hurst	90%
Nicholas Osticco	85%

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Frank A. Earley
Frank A. Earley, Secretary
Civil Service Board

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Mayor John J. Reilly submitted report dated April 1, 1944, of Parking Meter Fees and Fines received by his department for the month of March, 1944, reading as follows:

Mar. 1, 1944 - Mar. 31, 1944	Parking Meter Fees	\$140.10
Mar. 1, 1944 - Mar. 31, 1944	Parking Violations	16.00
	Total	\$156.10

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted itemized Report of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of March 1944, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, March 1, 1944	-----	\$ 19,733.65
Receipts during the month	-----	12,937.69
	Total	\$ 32,671.34

Warrants Paid	-----	\$ 21,215.48
Cash on Hand, March 31st, 1944	-----	11,455.86
	Total	\$ 32,671.34

Cash on Hand, March 31, 1944, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	-----	\$ 5,607.25
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account	-----	2,889.57
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account	-----	958.18
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account	-----	557.58
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account	-----	1,443.28
	Total	\$ 11,455.86

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report dated March 31, 1944, and reading as follows was submitted by the City Treasurer, Mr. M. P. Ruane:

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, 1944.

License applied for by: Waldman's.
49 North Main Street, Pittston, Penna.
To erect a neon bldg. sign 600 lbs. and
25 ft. by 4 ft. wide, metal, to be erected
by the Prete sign Company of Wilkes-Barre.
Granted March 8, 1944. License #660 ----- \$ 2.00

License applied for by: Bell Telephone
Company of Pennsylvania. Mercantile
license tax and license fees for year
ending December 31st, 1944.
434 poles @ 12¢ ea. 52.08
Mercantile lic. tax 100.00
152.08
Granted March 15, 1944. License #661 ----- \$152.08

License applied for by: Stegmaier
Brewing Company, Wilkes-Barre, Penna.
To erect a Porcelain Neon Sign. 6 ft. by
2 ft. capacity of 75 lbs. 6-8 Dock Street,
City. Mullins Cafe. Granted March 20, 1944.
License #662 ----- \$ 2.00

License applied for by: Peoples
Clothing Co. 68 South Main St., Wilkes-
Barre. The distribution of circulars
throughout the City on Saturday, March
25, 1944. Granted March 23, 1944. License #663 -----\$ 2.00

License applied for by: Majestic Lunch
26 South Main Street, City. License fee
for one (1) Pinball Machine for year
ending Dec. 31, 1944. Granted March 30, 1944.
License # 664 -----\$ 25.00

Total \$183.08

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ M. P. Ruane
City Treasurer

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On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous
vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered re-
ceived and filed.

Report for the month of March, 1944, reading as follows, was re-
ceived from the Health Officer, Mrs. Thomas Newcomb:

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
March, 1944:

Weekly reports sent to the Medical Director.	
Monthly report sent to the Medical Director.	
Visits to Beef Houses	3
Visits to Green Truck Houses	2
Restaurants inspected	10
Warning signs ("NO DUMPING") posted	1
Complaints received and investigated	22
Health Certificates issued and on file	10
All Health Certificates(6 months) in	217
Mumps reported	9
Chicken pox cases	8
Measles reported	1
Scarlet fever cases	1

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb,
Health Officer.

mTN:f

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous
vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered re-
ceived and filed.

Report for the month of March, 1944, reading as follows, was re-
ceived from the Sealer of Weights and Measures, Mrs. Thomas Newcomb:

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month
of March, 1944:

	<u>Corrected & Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Weighers	5	1
Platform Scales	6	-
Counter Scales	24	4
Beam Scales	3	1
Milk Bottles	9	
Yard Measures	3	

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

mTN:f

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL No. 446, "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE STREET RAILWAY TRACKS ON MAIN STREET, CITY OF PITSTON" was read at length.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was adopted on First Reading.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the rules were rescinded and File of Council No. 446 was read for the second time.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was adopted on Second Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 3705, Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 13, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That it will be necessary to extend the positions of Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the Force for an additional ten (10) days, from April 3, 1944."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3706, Pittston, Pennsylvania. April 13, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That it will be necessary to extend the positions of Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the Force for an additional ten (10) days, from April 13, 1944."

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3707, Pittston, Pennsylvania. April 13, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That Frank Daley having been certified by the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board, be and is hereby appointed Patrolman in the Police Department, Department of Public Affairs, at an annual salary

of \$1,980.00, effective as of April 16, 1944, to fill vacancy caused by the induction into the Armed Forces of former Patrolman Francis Linnen."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3708. Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 13, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Joseph Hurst having been certified by the Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board, be and is hereby appointed Patrolman in the Police Department, Department of Public Affairs, at an annual salary of \$1,980.00, effective as of April 16, 1944, to fill vacancy caused by the induction into the Armed Forces of former Patrolman Robert Rowan."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3709. Pittston, Pennsylvania. April 13, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

WHEREAS, the City of Pittston desires to secure the removal of street railway rails now upon Main Street and to repave the track area involved in such rail removal, and to that end enter into a contract for such rail removal and repavement, provided the owner of said rails, or its Lessee, will agree to deliver a bill of sale for said rails to this City and also pay to this City the sum of \$28,147.24 in discharge of said owner's paving obligations under existing ordinances, and said owner has indicated its willingness so to do, subject only to enactment of an ordinance in form presented to this meeting and the approval thereof, after enactment, by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that this City agree to and with the owner of said rails on Main Street, and its Lessee, to enact an ordinance in the form presented upon receiving satisfactory assurance that said owner or its lessee will give the City a bill of sale for said rails and pay to the City the sum of \$28,147.24 in discharge of its franchise obligations to repave the street area involved in the removal of said rails.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 3709, as the same appears in the minutes of Council in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, and filed of record in the said Office.

(SEAL)

/s/ John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK
CITY OF PITTSSTON, PENNSYLVANIA

April 13, 1944

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts & Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, in letter dated April 13, 1944, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council recommended payment of the following bills:

Broad Street Garage	State Inspections; 5 Gal.	
Peter A. & Thos. Gerrity	Super-Pyro (Fire Dept.)	\$ 12.20
Luzerne Legal Register	Refund on 1943 City Taxes,	
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.	Patrick Reddington Est.	29.59
	1941-44 Subscription	12.00
	3/16" Crystal Parking Meter	
	Glasses	12.00
Pittston Printing Co.	5000 Traffic Violation Notices	27.50
Wm. H. Gillespie, Solicitor	Satisfaction 35 Tax Liens @	
	30¢ ea.	10.50
	Total	\$103.79

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of as read and ordered paid.

The following communication to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Pittston was received and read:

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that claim will be made against the City of Pittston by Mary O'Brien, of 79 Union Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, for damages sustained as a result of the injuries which she, Mrs. Mary O'Brien, suffered on December 12, 1943, about ten thirty, p.m., when she was violently thrown to the ground in front of the Texas Quick Lunch, 20 South Main Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, because ice was permitted to accumulate and be upon the sidewalk in front of said premises. That as a result of being thrown to the ground as aforesaid, Mrs. O'Brien suffered a fracture of her arm. Mrs. O'Brien tells me that she reported this occurrence at City Hall, Pittston, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, December 15, 1943, and that the same was investigated by the authorities of the City of Pittston.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ E. F. McGovern,
Attorney for Mrs. Mary O'Brien

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to accept service of the above communication and to notify the Insurance Company of said service.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., April 4, 1944, reading as follows, was received and read:

Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk,
City of Pittston,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Re: O. R. 042, Route 40047, Luzerne County.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of April first, and in compliance with your request, I enclose a copy of my letter of March twentieth, addressed to Mr. Bernard J. Harding, District Engineer, Pennsylvania Department of Highways, with reference to proposed repairs to the State Highway on Railroad Street in the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,

NO. 9 COAL COMPANY,

/s/ James Tedesco
James Tedesco, Secretary-Treasurer.

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On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

The following notice was received from the Wyoming Valley
Autobus Company, 300 Market Street, Kingston, Pa.:

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Public Utility Commission of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under the provisions of the Public Utility Law, by Wyoming Valley Autobus Company, Kingston, Pennsylvania, for a certificate of public convenience evidencing the Commission's requisite approval of an amendment to their common carrier certificate which grants the right to transport persons between the City of Pittston and the Borough of Avoca, Luzerne County. So as to permit the discontinuance of service on said route on Main Street between Water Street and Swallow Street, in the City of Pittston; and the right to render through service from points on said route between the Borough of Avoca and the City of Pittston and between the City of Pittston and the Borough of Exeter without change of buses.

The Commission will consider the application without hearing unless protests are filed with the Commission prior to April 15, 1944. The Commission's file Number is A.7905, Folder 39 Am-B. Copies of protests filed with the Commission should also be filed with the undersigned.

WYOMING VALLEY AUTOBUS COMPANY,
300 MARKET STREET
KINGSTON, PA.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above application was approved and ordered received and filed.

The following communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 15, 1944 to the Mayor and Council of Pittston City, was received and read:

Gentlemen:

I will gladly cooperate with you in any plan you might have to place the responsibility in the recent death of Jule Ann Fulmer. If you have information which can be used as evidence of criminal negligence I believe this should be submitted.

I wish to inform you that we have no engineers nor men qualified to examine the under ground conditions, in the Coroner's office.

Again assuring you of any cooperation you might ask for, I am

Yours very truly,

/s/ Lewis S. Reese
Lewis C. Reese, M. D.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Reese that any investigation as to the criminal negligence and the identity of any person or corporation responsible for this tragedy in the opinion of Council is solely and entirely within the scope of authority and duty of the Coroner.

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 13, 1944, to the Members of City Council was received, reading as follows:

Gentlemen:

In Re: Assessment of Property
Reap Estate - 3rd Ward
445 N. Main Street.

The above property was partially destroyed by fire on March 31, 1942 and the remnants of it were removed at my direction on or about June 1, 1943, by John Korick, a City police officer, to whom I sold the lumber, brick, etc. The building at the time of the fire and since then was assessed at \$1,000.00, which assessment has never been changed.

I would appreciate it very much if the assessment were corrected and the proper tax abatement, if any is due, be made at this time.

Thanking you for past courtesies, I am

Very truly yours,

/s/ John T. Mulhall
Adm'r of the Est. of Jos. C. Reap

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, was referred to the City Assessors with instructions to have the assessment referred to therein removed from the assessment records, if the building referred to, therein, has been removed.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., April 13, 1944, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, was received, reading as follows:

Gentlemen:

Members of Fort Pittston Post No. 635, Veterans of Foreign Wars, request that you arrange to have the flag over Honor Roll placed at half mast on day following announcement of the death of anyone serving with the Armed Forces.

Sincerely,

/s/ Arthur Fullagar
ARTHUR FULLAGAR
ADJUTANT.

AF:fhs

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above request was approved and the City Clerk instructed to arrange to have same complied with.

Communication dated New York City, New York, March 17, 1944, was received from the Western Union Telegraph Company, regarding the proposed abandonment of Postal Telegraph Cable Company poles in the City of Pittston:

SUBJECT: ESTIMATES - Eastern - 723-1943 - Scranton to Wilkes-Barre
PA-16

Pittston Fire Dept.
Pittston, Penn.
Luzerne County

Dear Sir:

The Western Union Telegraph Company has acquired the plant formerly owned by the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company in a merger made effective October 7, 1943. In the plan for consolidating this additional plant into the Western Union system it is proposed to abandon the poles described below:

<u>W.U. (Postal) pole number</u>	<u>Agreement Date</u>	<u>Ownership</u>	<u>Location</u>
1042-1066	10-24-14	WU (Postal)	In Pittston, Pa. on Main St. between Chapel St. and a point 600 ft. south of Curtis St.

With the exception of pole 1042 and 1044 it is proposed to offer these poles for sale to the Bell Telephone Company. If you desire to retain these 2 poles we will convey them to you by bill of sale in the amount of \$1.00. We do not have a record of your using poles 1053-1054. If you are interested in these, please advise us.

In case your records are not in accord with this letter will you please advise us of such differences so that we can examine the situation for adjustments.

We are interested in knowing whether you wish to remain on the poles or whether you will wish to abandon the line simultaneously with Western Union.

If it will facilitate answering this letter it will be satisfactory to express your intentions in one of the spaces at the bottom of one of the two copies of this letter and return it to us at an early date.

Yours truly,

/s/ M. C. Allen
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Div. Plant Supt.

CLW:HH
EJH/s/

Will continue to operate on
this plant

Will abandon along with
Wester Union

		City of Pittston, Pa.	
	/s/ John D. McNulty		Apr. 13 1944
<u>Signature</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>City Clerk</u>

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to notify the Western Union Telegraph Company that the City is not interested in the purchase and maintenance of any of the poles referred to, therein.

The following communication dated Pittston, Pa., April 12, 1944, addressed to the City Clerk, was received, reading as follows:

Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk
City Hall, Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 11, 1944, with copy of communication from the League of Cities of the Third Class in Pennsylvania attached thereto, with reference to the future reinstatement of former employees of the city who were drafted, or enlisted, in the armed forces, at the outbreak of the war, with a special reference to the physical examination of such draftees before reinstatement in their former positions with the City of Pittston, permit me to say that in my opinion unless there is some manifest disturbance in the physical condition of the returning employee, he might be reinstated without a physical examination. However, I have not been able to

learn of any test of such proposed action in any municipality in the State of Pennsylvania. Until such a test or question has been decided by a court of law, Council must use its own good judgment in the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Wm. H. Gillespie
City Solicitor

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the communication was ordered received and filed.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to have the City Engineer make investigation as to the ownership of certain land north of the Fort Jenkins Bridge, formerly used by the Scranton Electric Company, for the purpose of dumping ashes, garbage, etc., and to communicate with the Department of Forests & Waters, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for permission to use as dumping ground in the event said land may be available.

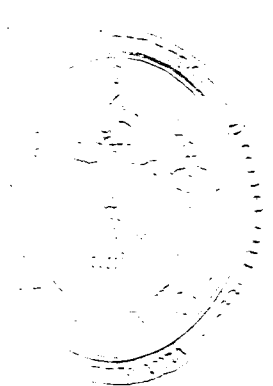
Permit application dated April 4, 1944, was received from Jack Lefkowitz, 12 South Main Street, to erect a building neon sign at an approximate cost of \$150.00.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above application was approved, subject to the approval of the proper Department heads.

Permit application was submitted by Joseph and Bessie Walsh, 246 South Main Street, to repair garage at this address.


On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above application was approved.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Council adjourned.



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JOHN D. McNULTY		
CITY CLERK		

ATTEST: April 27, 1944


CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, APRIL 27TH, 1944, AT 8:00 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, Thursday, April 27th, 1944, at 8:00 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Thursday, April 13th, were read, and, upon motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, were approved of as read.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 446. "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE STREET RAILWAY TRACKS ON MAIN STREET", was read at length for the third time, and on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was adopted on third and final reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 3710. Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 27, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That it will be necessary to extend the positions of Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the Force, for an additional ten (10) days from April 23, 1944."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3711. Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 27, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the discount period for the payment of City Taxes for the current (1944) Duplicate, be, and hereby is, extended to the 31st day of May, 1944, instead of the regular discount period ending April 30th, 1944."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

A letter dated April 27th, 1944, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of Council and reading as follows, was received from the Director of the Department of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick:

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	Phone services to March 16, 1944	\$ 114.56
William P. Bonser	Misc. parts and repairs	25.75
V. E. Churchfield	Misc. electrical work	54.49
Coal-O-Matic Stoker Co.	Stoker service	3.10
Commercial Gas Corp.	Materials and supplies	4.00
Wesley M. Evans	Rent-bldg.-Jan., Feb., Mar.	105.00
Glen Summit Springs Water Company	Drinking Water-various offices	17.00
Klein Auto Parts Company	Miscellaneous auto repairs	5.00
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Office supplies	13.35
Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.	Second Installment	687.32
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Supplies	5.33
Pennsylvania Coal Company	Park rent	12.00
John J. Reilly	Expenses-Harrisburg Post-War Institute	37.14
		<u>\$1084.04</u>

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ S. C. Grablick, Director.
Department of Accounts & Finance.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of as read. The Mayor not voting on bill of John J. Reilly.

Verbal proposition was submitted by Attorney Leo W. White, representing the Fred W. Jennings Property on Spring Street, 9th Ward, City of Pittston.

Mr. White offered to sell this property to the City of Pittston for the sum of Two hundred (\$250.00) and Fifty Dollars, plus any County Taxes that may be outstanding against that property; in addition, the City to assume any and all outstanding City and School Taxes.

In consideration of the acceptance of this offer by the City of Pittston under the terms stated above, Mr. White would turn over to the City, a deed free from any or all indebtedness.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above offer was referred to the City Solicitor, with instructions to submit a counter offer to Mr. White in the sum of One hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, plus all Taxes referred to in Mr. White's offer.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the short-term loan of Thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars, secured from the Miners Savings Bank during January of this year, was ordered paid, as well as interest upon same to date, in the amount of Five hundred and (\$525.00) Twenty-five Dollars.

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 22nd, 1944, addressed to the Pittston City Commissioners, and reading as follows was received and read:

Honorable Gentlemen:

Fort Pittston Post #635, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States again request that your Honorable body contribute toward our Annual Memorial Day expenses.

The list of deceased Comrades is growing very fast and naturally the expense of properly commemorating their memory is also on the increase.

The Post is very grateful for all past favors and again thanking you for your very kind consideration, we are

Respectfully yours,

Fort Pittston Post #635.
Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Per:

EJF/HMCL

/s/ Edward J. Flanagan
Commander.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the usual grant of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars was approved and ordered paid upon proper submission of expense receipts of total expenses incurred by them for this purpose.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., April 13, 1944, addressed to the Pittston City Council, reading as follows, was received and read:

Gentlemen:

In Re: Assessment of Property
Reap Estate - 3rd Ward
455 North Main Street.

The above property was partially destroyed by fire on March 31, 1942, and the remnants of it were removed at my direction, on or about June 1, 1943, by John Korick, a City police officer, to whom I sold the lumber, brick, etc. The building at the time of the fire and since then, was assessed at \$1,000.00, which assessment has never been changed.

I would appreciate it very much if the assessment were corrected and the proper tax abatement, if any is due, be made at this time.

Thanking you for past courtesies, I am

Very truly yours,

/s/ John T. Mulhall
Adm'r of the Est. of Jos. C. Reap.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the attention of the City Assessors.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, April 24, 1944, addressed to The Honorable John J. Reilly, Mayor of Pittston, and reading as follows, was received and read:

My dear Mayor Reilly:

At a meeting of the Luzerne County Medical Society, a resolution was adopted which endorsed and sponsored a County-wide diphtheria and tetanus immunization program, to be inaugurated as a campaign for the observation of Child Health Week, which is nationally observed the first week in May. The idea we have in mind is to have as many pre-school and school children up to the age of 10 years receive protection against these diseases. It should be stressed that they should be taken to their family physician when possible or to one of the centers the location of which will be announced later.

May I suggest that it would be very fitting if you would make a public announcement of this to the people of your community in order that we will be able to make as great a success of this undertaking as is possible.

With very kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely,

CHP:m

/s/ C. Hayden Phillips, M. D.
Acting District Medical Director
District No. 1 - Luzerne County

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed; the City Clerk being instructed to prepare proper Proclamation, in the name of the Mayor, in observance of Child Health Week, to be conducted during the first week of May, 1944, as per their request.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to have prepared, and properly advertised, for the furnishing of the usual material and supplies required for the ensuing fiscal year.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Council adjourned.

<u>A P P R O V E D</u>		
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<u>CITY CLERK.</u>		

ATTEST: May 11, 1944

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MAY 11TH, 1944, AT 8:20 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, Thursday, May 11th, 1944, at 8:20 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Thursday, April 27th, 1944, were not read, but, upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor Reilly submitted report dated May 4th, 1944, of Parking Meter Fees and Fines received by his Department for the month of April, 1944, reading as follows:

April 1, 1944 - April 30, 1944	Parking Meter Fees	\$ 147.60
April 1, 1944 - April 30, 1944	Parking Violations	24.00
	Total	<u>\$ 171.60</u>

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane, submitted report of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of April, 1944, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand April 1, 1944	\$ 11,455.86
Receipts During the Month	<u>97,594.24</u>
Total	<u>\$ 109,050.10</u>

Warrants Paid	\$ 50,855.85
Cash on Hand April 30, 1944	<u>58,194.25</u>
Total	<u>\$ 109,050.10</u>

Cash on Hand April 30, 1944, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 32,457.42
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account	8,105.05
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account	7,286.02
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account	2,960.91
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account	<u>7,384.85</u>
Total	<u>\$ 58,194.25</u>

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane, submitted report dated April 30, 1944, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of April, 1944, reading as follows:

John D. McNulty, City Clerk
City of Pittston, Penna.

Dear Mr. McNulty:

I herewith submit my report of City Licenses issued during the month of April, 1944.

mTN:f /s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
 Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
 Health Officer.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report dated May 1, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from the Sealer of Weights and Measures, Mrs. Thomas Newcomb:

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of April, 1944:

	<u>Corrected & Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	3	1
Platform Scales	2	4
Counter Scales	26	-
Beam Scales	3	-
Prescription Scales	3	-
Dry Measures	10	-
Milk Bottles	6	-
Yard Measures	4	-

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f

/s/

Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3712. Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 11, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That it will be necessary to extend the positions of Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the Force, for an additional ten (10) days, from May 3, 1944."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3713. Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 11, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of Two hundred (\$200.00) Dollars be transferred from the Department of Public Safety, item "Purchase of Minor Equipment", to the Department of Public Safety, item, "Maintenance and Repairs."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3714. Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 11, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

WHEREAS, the alleged nuisance, set forth in the indictment returned by the Grand Jury, against the Mayor and Members of Council of the City of Pittston, listed for trial in the Court of Quarter Sessions of Luzerne County, May 17th, 1944, has been abated;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Solicitor be instructed to respectfully ask the said Court to continue the said case generally, so that the District Attorney may verify the fact that the said alleged nuisance has been abated.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution #3714, as the same appeared in the minutes of Council in the Office of the City Clerk, in the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, and file of record in the said Office.

/s/

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.
CITY OF PITTSSTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

(SEAL)

May 11th, 1944.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3715. Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 11th, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That, owing to the deteriorated and dilapidated condition of building at 12 Charles Street, 9th Ward, in the City of Pittston, assessed at \$18,750. in the name of Brown and Davis, an abatement be granted thereon, in the sum of \$ 7,625.00, for the year 1944 and years prior thereto, for which City and School Taxes have not been paid, provided, however, that the reduction in valuation thereof shall apply only to the years above mentioned and not to the future years.

The City Clerk is directed to transmit to the Secretary of the Pittston City School Board, a certified copy thereof."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, submitted the following bills, recommending payment of same:

American-LaFrance-Foamite Corp.	Maintenance and repairs	\$ 323.55
American Surety Company of N.Y.	Premiums on Bonds	10.00
The Bell Telephone Company of Pa.	Phone service to Apr. 16, '44	45.70
Consumer's Gas & Oil Company	Gas, oil, etc.	207.15
Consumer's Ice Company	Ice for various offices	27.50
Eagen Hardware Company	Material and supplies	38.01
Egan Oil & Supply Company	Gas and oil	157.20
Franconi Auto Parts Company	Maintenance and repairs	161.33
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Water for various offices	6.50
Thomas Hood	Fire-alarm system repairs	78.40
Klein Auto Parts Company	Maintenance and repairs	7.24
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Office supplies	10.20
Ludwig's Hardware	Material and supplies	4.45
Motor Vehicle Service	Repairs to Police Car	2.00
Newcomb Brothers	Coal: March, April, May, '44	428.52
New York Casualty Company	Premium on Bond	10.54
Pittston Gazette Company	Advertising Financial Report	195.30
Pittston Oil Company	Gas and Oil	275.65
Pittston-Luzerne Corporation	Material and supplies	39.85
Austin Powers	Material and supplies	.90
Reliable Spring Service	Miscellaneous repairs	9.50
Scranton Electric Company	Light: 1-11-44 to 4-11-44	176.59
Scranton Electric Company	St. Lighting: Feb. March, and April	3019.35
	Carried forward	5235.43

Brought forward	\$ 5235.43
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Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Fire-hydrant rentals	415.02
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Water service	53.34
Stanley Shacochius	Photographs of cave areas	42.00
Allan W. Smiles	Keys, misc. repairs, etc.	3.40
Stackhouse Auto Electric	Misc. repairs, etc.	.35
Texas Lunch	Food for prisoner	.25
Turon & Schwartz	Misc. repairs	1.30
Williams' Paper Company	Office supplies	6.78
Williams' Stationery Store	Office supplies	.25
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		\$ 5757.12

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/

S. C. Grablick

SYLVESTER C. GRABLICK, DIRECTOR.
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCE.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present - Mayor Reilly not voting on bill of Pittston-Luzerne Corporation - the above bills were ordered approved and paid when sufficient funds are available.

Communication bearing no date, but received by registered mail, May 5th, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from Mary Giarratano, 41 LaGrange Street, City:

MARY GIARRATANO

VS:

CITY OF PITTSBURGH
ALLEGANY COUNTY, PENNA.

[illegible]

NOTICE OF CLAIM

[illegible]

S I R S:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Act of July 1st., 1937,
P.L. 2547 Par. 1,

NOTICE is hereby filed with you of the claim of Mary Giarratano residing at 41 LaGrange Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, for personal injuries and property damages sustained by her on or about January 7th, 1944, at about 11 P.M., on East Railroad Street between South Main and LaGrange Streets, in the said City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pa.,

As a result of the negligence and carelessness of the said City of Pittston in failing to keep and maintain said East Railroad Street, a public highway between South Main and La Grange Streets in said municipality, in a safe and proper condition for public use;- in causing to be erected and placed in or about the center of said highway a "manhole" in a position constituting a menace and danger to the public use of said highway;- in permitting the said "manhole" to protrude above the actual grade or grading of the said highway, and project into the line of traffic, and to so be and remain unguarded and without lights, barrier, sign or signal or other means of warning the public of the said danger;- in failing to keep the said highway clean, and free of snow and ice and properly

illuminated;- in failing to make or cause to be made the necessary work and repairs on the said highway to render it fit and safe for public use;- and in sundry other respects.

While the said Mary Giarratano was riding as a guest occupant of a motor vehicle owned and driven by Catherine Healey of 746 Madison Avenue, Scranton, Pa., the said vehicle collided with the said "manhole" causing the said Mary Giarratano to sustain property damages to the extent of \$150.00, and severe, serious and permanent injuries to her person to the extent of \$5,000.00.

/s/ Mary Giarratano

TO: CLERK OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH,
City Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa.

TO: MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH,
City Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa.

REGISTERED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered referred to the Insurance Company.

Communication dated April 13th, 1944, from Attorney John T. Mulhall, in re: Assessment of Property, Reap Estate - 3rd Ward, 445 North Main Street, City, and presented to Council at meeting of April 27th, 1944, at which time said communication was, by action of Council of this date, referred to the City Assessors.

The Chief City Assessor, Mr. John M. Dobbie, after proper investigation of this complaint, reported that the building referred to therein, has been removed, and that the tax-payer should be granted an abatement of One thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars on the building for the year 1944.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above abatement was granted.

Communication dated, Pittsburgh, Pa., May 2, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from the United Spanish War Veterans, Pittsburgh Camp, No. 17:

His Honor John J. Reilly
Pittsburgh City Council

Sirs:

Pittsburgh Camp 17, United Spanish War Veterans
request a donation to help pay 1944 Memorial Day expenses.

Our estimated expense:

B. B. Carpenter - Florist -	\$50.00
Bus fare - car hire - gas -	15.00
Other expense	12.00

Thanking you for past favors and hoping this request can be favorable acted on, we are

Yours respectfully,

Pittston Camp 17
United Spanish War Veterans

Robert J. McKane, Adj.,
211 East 6th Street,
Wyoming, Penna.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon and upon Roll Call of members present, the usual donation of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, was granted, subject to the presentation of bills incurred in connection with said Memorial Day expenses.

Communication dated May 1, 1944, was received from Mr. Walter E. Greenwood, President of the League of Cities of the Third Class in Pennsylvania, with reference to proposed schedule of dues to be adopted by the League.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the proposed schedule was approved. The City Clerk being directed to notify Mr. Greenwood accordingly.

The following notice, dated Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 1, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from Mr. Albert H. Aston, Referee in Bankruptcy and Special Master, in re: Wilkes-Barre Railway Corp, et.al., Removal of Railway Tracks in the City of Pittston;

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

No. 10,455

N O T I C E

TO THE DEBTOR CORPORATIONS, THE CREDITORS AND OTHER PARTIES
IN INTEREST:

Notice is hereby given that Ellsworth S. Keller and Roy W. Voris, Trustees herein, have petitioned for authorization to make payment to the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pa., of the sum of \$28,147.24 and to convey to said City, title to rails in tracks located in said City in discharge of franchise obligations of the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation, upon the final passage of an ordinance or resolution by the Council of said City discharging the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation from paving obligations under existing ordinances.

Said petition alleges inter alia that the track in question was abandoned by the debtor on December 26, 1939, and is now isolated and unavailable for use as a trolley line; that since abandonment the community formerly served by trolley car has been and is being served by trackless trolley and bus service; that under existing ordinances the debtor is obligated to remove the tracks and repave the street; and that after due consideration, the petitioners are satisfied that the payment of the sum in question and the conveyance of the rails in return for release of its franchise obligation to remove the tracks and restore the pave, will be less expensive than would the carrying out of its present franchise obligations.

Hearing on said petition will be held before the undersigned at 930 Miners National Bank Building, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on Wednesday, May 10, 1944, at 2:00 P.M.

Dated at: Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 1, 1944.

Albert H. Aston,
Referee in Bankruptcy and Special Master.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Notice was ordered received and filed.

The following committee of women from the 10th Ward of the City of Pittston, appeared in person at the Office of the City Clerk, to file complaint on the condition of East Railroad Street, requesting that proper repairs be made to said Street at the earliest possible date:

Mrs. John Alaimo - Mrs. Frank Licata - Mrs. Sam Butera
Mrs. Jos. Prietto - Mrs. Chas. Arnone - Mrs. Sam Angelo
Mrs. Jos. Alaimo - Mrs. Chas. Alaimo - Nellie Montante - Mrs. Montante.

After reading of this complaint, Mayor Reilly informed Council that the #9 Coal Company notified him three weeks ago from this date, that contract for the rebuilding of East Railroad Street had been entered into by and between the #9 Coal Company and The Sproul Construction Company of Scranton, Penna., and that work would be started within the next sixty (60) days.

Postal notices, addressed to John Reilly, Mayor, Sylvester Grablick, Councilman, Joseph Walsh, Councilman, Frank Turon, Councilman, and John Sheridan, Councilman, were received from the District Attorney, Leon Schwartz, in re: Commonwealth vs: John J. Reilly, Mayor, and Members of City Council, No. 84 June Sessions, 1944, indictment by the Grand Jury for maintaining a public nuisance, and listed for trial at 10:00 A.M., on Wednesday, May 17th, 1944, were read.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above notices were referred to the attention of the City Solicitor.

The following communication dated Pittston, Penna., May 5, 1944, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, was received and read:

Gentlemen:

Upon complaint of taxpayer and after a careful check by Mr. John Dobbie, Chief City Assessor, we find the property listed under the name of Raymond Stauch at Rear-85 Church Street, to be double assessed, since this property is also included in the property at 85 Church Street, assessed to the same taxpayer.

We therefore ask that an abatement be granted in the amount of \$500.00 to cover the above double assessment for the years 1943-44.

Very truly,

OFFICE OF THE CITY ASSESSOR,
CITY OF PITTSBURGH, per

/s/ Edwin A. Sites
Edwin A. Sites, Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above recommendation was approved as read.

The following recommendation dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 11th, 1944, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, was received and read:

Gentlemen:

Upon complaint of Stella Bartus, 144 Chapel St., City, and after checking our assessment records, I find that property in the name of Stella Bartus at 200 Union Street, 1st Ward, is in error, since this property is already assessed at 123 Union Street.

Since this is a double assessment, I therefore recommend that this property be stricken from our records and an abatement be granted in the amount of \$280.00 for the years 1943-44.

Very truly yours,

OFFICE OF THE CITY ASSESSOR.
per:

/s/

Edwin A. Sites
Edwin A. Sites, Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above recommendation was approved as read.

The following recommendation dated Pittston, Penna., May 11th, 1944, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of Council, was received and read:

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request I wish to advise that I have made a careful survey of the Brown & Davis property at 12 Charles St., 9th Ward, City.

This building is in a deteriorated and dilapidated condition, the present assessed valuation is entirely out of line with its actual valuation, and after careful study of same, I feel that a fair assessment of the building would be \$11,125.00.

I hereby recommend to your honorable body, that the assessment of the building be placed at this figure, thereby allowing an abatement of \$7,625.00 on the building.

Very truly yours,

/s/

John M. Dobbie
John M. Dobbie
Chief City Assessor.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above recommendation was approved as read.

The following recommendations dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 11th, 1944, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of Council, was received and read:

Gentlemen:

Complaint having been registered by the following taxpayers, and after careful study of same, I find that assessed valuation of these properties for the Tri-ennial Period 1943-1945 were increased in error. I hereby recommend that these assessments be corrected by restoring the same to the original assessment prior to the year 1943.

Property of Frank Swingle, 11 LaGrange Street, in the 9th Ward, increased from \$999.00 to \$1,424.00, a difference of \$425.00 added to the building.

Property of Helen Swingle, 13 LaGrange Street, in the 9th Ward, increased from \$936.00 to \$1,361.00, a difference of \$425.00 added to the building.

Very truly yours,

JMD:a

/s/ John M. Dobbie
John M. Dobbie
Chief City Assessor.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above recommendations were approved as read.

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., May 2, 1944, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, and reading as follows was received from the Office of the City Assessor, Mr. Edwin A. Sites, Clerk:

Gentlemen:

Upon checking the records of the Consulting County Engineer, Mr. George Lubrecht, in the matter of coal valuations for the City of Pittston, for the year 1944, I found the following items omitted from our records:

<u>WARD 2</u>	<u>-COAL-</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>VAL.</u>
W. P. Boland Est. (I.B. Felts - A)		3.18	260	827.00
W. P. Boland Est. (I.B. Felts B & C)		12.22	260	3,177.00
<u>WARD 2</u>	<u>-COAL & SURFACE-</u>			
W. P. Boland Est. (I.B. Felts)		4.05	C260	
			S250	2,066.00
Total		19.45		6,070.00

The above omissions have been referred to Mr. Thomas J. Halsey, City Engineer, and Mr. John Dobbie, Chief City Assessor, who, together, made a further check on these tracts and found that in the 1931 and 1932 Assessment Books of the City of Pittston, a notation appeared, viz; "Do not carry". Since that time these tracts have been omitted from the records of the City of Pittston.

After further checking with Mr. Lubrecht, they were unable to determine the reason for this notation, since Luzerne County has been carrying these items for all years in question.

It has been recommended by Mr. Halsey and Mr. Dobbie that these items be re-entered into the records of the City of Pittston, since as far as they can ascertain, these tracts are still active and should therefore be subject to taxation.

I therefore refer this matter to you for your consideration and advice, so that we can make proper disposition of the matter.

Very truly yours,

Office of the City Assessor,
City of Pittston, per

/s/ Edwin A. Sites
Edwin A. Sites, Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the properties referred to were ordered restored to the assessment records for the year 1944 and the City Clerk instructed to check with the City Solicitor as to the restoration of these properties to the assessment records of prior years as governed by law applicable to Cities of the Third Class in Pennsylvania.

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., May 2, 1944, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, and reading as follows, was received from the Office of the City Assessor, Mr. Edwin A. Sites, Clerk:

Gentlemen:

Upon checking the records of the Consulting County Engineer, Mr. George Lubrecht, in the matter of coal valuations for the City of Pittston, for the year 1944, I found that no valuations were placed on the following properties:

<u>Individual Owners of Tracts</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Coal 1943 Val.</u>
<u>Ward 2</u>			
Reap Estate #3	.83	717	\$ 595.00
P. Joyce	.40	550	220.00
Constance Flanagan	.97	550	534.00
Mrs. Wilder	.22	69	15.00
Thomas Maloney	2.00	608	1,216.00
Strong, Bolin & Thompson	1.91	344	657.00
Wisner Estate	2.99	279	834.00
<u>Ward 3</u>			
Blackman Estate	.28	301	84.00
Benedict Estate	.14	220	31.00
F. Brandenburg	.24	415	100.00
Oscar E. Williams	.12	220	26.00
Keating & McHugh	2.33	389	906.00
Total	12.43		\$5,218.00

After questioning Mr. Lubrecht, I learned that these tracts have been taken over by Luzerne County for non-payment of taxes and therefore would not be subjected to County Tax. It is for this reason that no valuation was placed on these tracts for the year of 1944.

I have called this matter to the attention of Mr. John Dobbie, Chief City Assessor and Mr. Thomas J. Halsey, City Engineer, and their recommendation on the matter is, that these properties be carried for the year 1944 at the same valuation as year 1943.

I therefore refer this matter to you, for your consideration and advice, and wait upon your action.

Very truly yours,

Office of the City Assessor
City of Pittston, Pa.,
per:

/s/ Edwin A. Sites
Edwin A. Sites, Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above properties were ordered carried in the assessment records since the sale of these properties by the County for non-payment of taxes referred to County Taxes only and in no way change the status of the City Tax records.

Councilman John Sheridan addressed the chair, submitting a copy of Resolution received by him and adopted by the School District of the City of Pittston, at a meeting of the Pittston School Board held on May 8th, 1944, and asked that the Resolution be read by the City Clerk.

Mayor Reilly objected to the Resolution being read since a copy of same had not been received by him; whereupon, it developed at this point, that all Councilmen had received a copy of the Resolution.

Mayor Reilly then directed the City Clerk to proceed reading of the Resolution.

Councilman Sheridan moved that the Resolution be received and placed in the minutes of this meeting. Mr. Grablick entered the discussion and inquired from Solicitor William H. Gillespie, whether or not the Mayor had the right, under the law, to stop reckless mining. Mr. Gillespie replied, "I am not a judge. The question is now up for decision before the Courts as a result of reckless mining in Lackawanna County. The police powers of the Mayor as far as reckless mining is concerned, have never been clearly defined by the Courts."

Mayor Reilly again registered his objection to the Resolution whereupon, on motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and concurred in by Mr. Grablick and Mr. Turon, Mayor Reilly voting "nay", the Resolution was ordered received and spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the mine cave evil, which now exists in the City of Pittston, is a continuing and menacing one, and

WHEREAS, the Pittston City School District cannot subscribe to the proposition that what always was, must be, nor to the belief that no action can legally be taken to remedy said evil, and

WHEREAS, the people, in their quest for relief from the vicious evil of ruthless and reckless mining, which claims innocent lives and destroys property, must act on the belief that the law cannot be made to serve the lawless; that it cannot forever be made the refuge for those who flagrantly violate fundamental human rights, and

WHEREAS, as the result of reckless and unsupervised mining, life has been taken, and our churches, schools, homes and public buildings have been destroyed, and our highways are still being rendered unsafe for the traveling public, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Pittston, has, under the police power, the authority and implement, by which he can stop all ruthless and reckless mining, and further, he can enjoin the mining of coal under our public highways, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Pittston City School District, that they, believing that human rights, earnestly and constructively fought for, cannot be denied, do herewith petition the Mayor of the City of Pittston to exercise his prerogative, under law, and put an end to all reckless and ruthless mining in the City of Pittston, and thereby show, to all the world, that we in Pittston can never countenance such a shocking and brutal violation of the most fundamental of all human rights, that of life itself, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded immediately to the Mayor and Council Members of Pittston City.

THIS RESOLUTION PASSED this eight day of May, A. D. 1944.

/s/ Thos. J. Hennigan
Secretary.

/s/ Emmett Carroll
President.

Mr. Walsh registered objection to a story in the Sunday Independent, Page 6, issue of Sunday, May 7th, 1944, charging that action regarding the mine cave menace was being delayed because certain officials were reported to have Coal Company connections.

Mr. Walsh stated that, he for one, had no such connections, and declared the story to be a reflection upon the Mayor and Members of City Council.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to request the writer of this article to be present at the next meeting of Council and explain as to whom he refers to as "elected officials having such connections".

Mayor Reilly stated that Mr. Louis Pagnotti of the #9 Coal Company assured him yesterday, of the willingness of himself and other coal operators, to contribute between \$60,000.00 to \$65,000.00 toward a flushing operation, which was referred to by the Mayor as Project No. 1. The State Department of Mining at Harrisburg, Penna., to match this amount from the grant of \$105,313.00, ear-marked by the Commonwealth from the Military Affairs Committee Disaster Fund, for use in Pittston for flushing purposes. The Mayor further stated that the flushing under this Project would cover the cave areas of the 5th and 6th Wards, extending from Mill to Center Street, to the Erie Railroad, along Depew Street, including the 4th Ward Park. The contribution, he said, would relieve the City of any financial obligation for the flushing of this area, and added that the Project will not cost the City of Pittston one cent. He further stated that this Project does not include flushing underneath the High School or the Butler Hill section of the City. This program was to protect the Checker or Surface Veins of this area.

The flushing under the High School and Butler Street section is described as Project #2, and would cover the area within the 5th and 6th Wards, wherever a twenty foot (20') rock cover does not exist.

Mayor Reilly stated that there was no reckless mining being done, to which Mr. Walsh objected. He stated that a subsidence had occurred only yesterday in the vicinity of 105 LaGrange Street. The Mayor, in reply to Mr. Walsh, said "You evidently don't know what you're talking about. As far as I can learn, this damage is over the workings of the Old Eagle Shaft, which was abandoned many years ago". Mr. Walsh replied, "Were sick and tired hearing that Eagle Shaft talk", and added, "we're fooling around too long, it's time now to get busy".

Mr. Arthur Fullager, Chairman of the Pittston City "I AM AN AMERICAN DAY" Committee extended an invitation to the Mayor and Members of Council to attend these ceremonies which are to be held at the West Pittston Stadium on Sunday, May 21st, 1944, and also the Memorial Day exercises to be conducted at the Stadium on Sunday, May 28th, 1944, by the combined Military Organizations of Greater Pittston.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, both invitations were accepted for which, the Mayor and members of Council are thankful to Mr. Fullager.

On complaint of Mr. Thomas Foley, the City Clerk was instructed to notify the Mertz Hardware Company, at 11 South Main Street, City, that they would have to discontinue the display of their wares on the sidewalk, as, under a City Ordinance, this practice of displaying merchandise is strictly forbidden.

RESOLUTION NO. 3716. Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 11th, 1944. BE IT RE~~S~~
SOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That, due to the
temporary absence of Mrs. Jean Olszewski, clerk under the Office of
Civilian Defense, Mr. Arthur Fullagher, be and hereby is appointed as
temporary clerk under the Office of Civilian Defense, for and during
the absence of Mrs. Olszewski."

This appointment to become effective Tuesday, May 16, 1944 at the same
rate of salary paid Mrs. Olszewski, ie: \$1200.00 per annum or \$100.00
per month.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by
unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution
was adopted.

Permit application dated May 1, 1944, was submitted by The
Pittston Flour & Feed Company, to remodel building at 55 Broad Street.
Material to be used - plate glass windows - approximate cost, \$75.00.
Work to be done by Contractor Joseph Jordan.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by
vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted,
subject to approval by the proper Department head.

Permit application dated May 11, 1944, was submitted by
Irene Quackenbush, Cron Street, to erect a concrete loading platform
30' x 30'. Material to be used - cinder block and fill - approximate
cost, \$150.00. Work to be done by Mr. Quackenbush.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by
vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted,
subject to approval by the proper Department head.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Turon,
seconded by Mr. Grablick, to adjourn.

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John D. McNulty
City Clerk.

ATTEST:

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MAY 25TH, 1944, AT 8:15 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Thursday, May 25th, 1944, at 8:15 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Thursday, May 11th, 1944, were read and, upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved of as read and ordered filed.

Before proceeding with the regular order of business, Mayor Reilly stated that Mr. John B. Brosnan of Scranton, Penna., being in attendance, would be heard by the Mayor and Members of Council in order that he may be permitted to leave for his home in Scranton.

Mr. Brosnan addressing the Mayor and Members of Council, stated that he was present for the purpose of presenting to City Council, an oil portrait of his deceased father-in-law, the Honorable Thomas Maloney, first Mayor of the City of Pittston; whereupon Mr. Brosnan's son, John B. Jr., on behalf of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. (Nora Maloney) Brosnan, presented the portrait of Mr. Maloney to the City Council.

Mayor Reilly thanked Mr. and Mrs. Brosnan and Son in accepting the portrait in the name of the citizens of the City of Pittston, and stated that the same would be placed, at a suitable time, on the walls in the office of the Mayor.

RESOLUTION NO. 3717. Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 25th, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That it will be necessary to extend the positions of Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the Force, for an additional ten (10) days, from May 13th, 1944."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3718. Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 25th, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That it will be necessary to extend the positions of Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the Force, for an additional ten (10) days, from May 23, 1944."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3719.

WHEREAS, by a written communication dated May 25, 1944, Ellsworth S. Keller and Roy W. Voris, Trustees appointed by the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, in proceedings for the reorganization of a corporation under Chapter Ten of the Bankruptcy Act, docketed to No. 10445 in said Court, has notified the City Clerk of the City of Pittston that they, the said Trustees, accepted the Ordinance enacted by the Council of the City of Pittston, April 27, 1944, entitled "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE STREET RAILWAY TRACKS ON MAIN STREET" and all the terms and provisions thereof;

AND WHEREAS, by a written communication dated May 25, 1944, the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation has notified the said City Clerk of the said City of Pittston that the said Corporation accepted the said Ordinance enacted by the said Council of the City of Pittston, April 27, 1944, entitled "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE STREET RAILWAY TRACKS ON MAIN STREET", and all terms and provisions thereof;

AND WHEREAS, the said Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation together with the said Ellsworth S. Keller and Roy W. Voris, the said Trustees, in proceedings docketed to No. 10455 for the reorganization

of a corporation under Chapter Ten of the Bankruptcy Act, in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, has filed with the said City Clerk of the said City of Pittston, a bill of sale, dated May 25, 1944, in which the said Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation, a Pennsylvania corporation, granted, bargained, sold, released and confirmed to the said City of Pittston, a municipal corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the street railway rails now in place on Main Street in the said City of Pittston from the Northerly City Line to the Southerly City Line in the said City of Pittston, in consideration of the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar;

AND WHEREAS, the said Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation has delivered to the said City Clerk of the said City of Pittston a check in the sum of \$28,147.24, dated May 24, 1944, and payable to the said City of Pittston:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the said Council of the City of Pittston, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that the above mentioned written communications, together with the said bill of sale, and the said check in the sum of \$28,147.24, be and they are, hereby accepted, and the said City Clerk is hereby directed to spread the contents of the said communications and bill of sale upon the minutes of Council and to file the same of record in the office of the said City Clerk of the said City of Pittston; and that the said check be delivered to the City Treasurer of the said City of Pittston by the said City Clerk of the said City of Pittston and the said City Treasurer is hereby directed to deposit the said check in a special fund, separate and apart from any other funds in his possession as City Treasurer in order to provide for the payment of the cost of the removal of the said street railway rails and the cost of repairing the said Main Street track area.

Submitted by Mr. Reilly.

On Motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Pittston, Penna., May 25th, 1944.

ATTEST: May 25th, 1944

APPROVED: May 25th, 1944

(SEAL) /s/ John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK.

/s/ John J. Reilly
MAYOR.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 3719, as the same appeared in the minutes of Council in the Office of the City Clerk, in the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, and file of record in the said Office.

(SEAL) May 25th, 1944.

/s/ John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.
CITY OF PITSTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

RESOLUTION NO. 3720.

WHEREAS, the coal assessments of both Pennsylvania Coal Company and Lehigh Valley Coal Company, for City Tax purposes for the year 1944, as set forth in the 1944 City Tax Duplicate are tentative, being based upon the 1943 coal assessments;

AND WHEREAS, these figures were used for the purpose of completing the Tax Duplicates, in order that the office of the City Treasurer and Tax Collector, may proceed with the collection of other City Taxes at the designated time;

FURTHER, since actual coal assessments of both Pennsylvania Coal Company and Lehigh Valley Coal Company have been, and still are, being prepared annually by the County Engineer's Office, these assessments have been, and still are, being accepted by the Council of the City of Pittston;

NOW THEREFORE, since the actual coal assessments of these properties as received from the office of the County Engineer, are less than the tentative figures set forth in the 1944 City Tax Duplicate, the City Treasurer and Tax Collector, is hereby authorized to correct said City Tax Duplicates for the year 1944, as per itemized statement of coal assessments of the various wards attached hereto, and showing a decrease of \$ 49,063.00 in the Pennsylvania Coal Company assessments, and \$ 3,565.00 in the Lehigh Valley Coal Company assessments.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above RESOLUTION was adopted.

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 25th, 1944, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, and reading as follows, was submitted by the Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick:

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

Airport Sand & Gravel Company	Sand and gravel	\$ 571.60
The Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	Phone servie	56.32
Clarkson Chemical Co., Inc.	Material and supplies	6.50
Duro Test Corporation	Material and supplies	44.45
Harry C. Hunt	Tax Statements	16.75
Ludwig's Hardware	(3) Rakes	9.45
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Misc. supplies	11.46
The Pittston Gazette Co.	Advertising	17.10
The Pittston Gazette Co.	Programs: "I AM AN AMERICAN DAY"	20.75
P. A. Sammon	Insurance on fleet of trucks	17.40
Scranton Chemical Company	Material and supplies	37.50
		<u>\$ 809.28</u>

Respectfully submitted,

SCG:f

/s/

Sylvester C. Grablick
SYLVESTER C. GRABLICK, DIRECTOR.
DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved and ordered paid when sufficient funds are available.

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., May 12th, 1944, to the City Commissioners and reading as follows was received from the American Legion, John D. Stark Post No. 542:

Gentlemen:

On behalf of Corp. John D. Stark Post, #542, American Legion, I am applying for the annual donation toward defraying expenses in conducting Memorial Day exercises.

Trusting you again will contribute as in
past years, I am,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John J. Mosier
John J. Mosier,
Adjutant.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the usual donation of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars was granted, subject to the presentation of proper receipts covering total expenses.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, May 25, 1944, addressed to Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk, and reading as follows, was received from the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania:

Dear Sir:

The is to notify you that the Wyoming Valley Public Service Company having absorbed, by merger, the Pittston Street Car Company, hereby accepts the ordinance enacted by the Pittston City Council, April 27, 1944, entitled

"AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE
STREET RAILWAY TRACKS ON
MAIN STREET"

and all the terms and provisions thereof.

Very truly yours,

WYOMING VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY.

/s/ W. A. Rigg
By: W. A. Rigg,
President.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

A. S. Hitchner, /s/
Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the attention of the City Solicitor.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, May 25, 1944, addressed to Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk, and reading as follows, was received from the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

This is to notify you that The Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation hereby accepts the ordinance enacted by Pittston City Council, April 27, 1944 and entitled

"AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE
STREET RAILWAY TRACKS ON MAIN
STREET"

and all the terms and provisions thereof.

Very truly yours,

THE WILKES-BARRE RAILWAY CORP.

/s/ H. B. Schooley,
By: H. B. Schooley,
President.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

/s/ C. S. MacNab,
C. S. MacNab,
Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Penna., May 25, 1944, addressed to Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk, and reading as follows, was received from the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania:

Dear Sir:

This is to notify you that Ellsworth S. Keller and Roy W. Voris, Trustees appointed by the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania in proceedings for the reorganization of a corporation under Chapter Ten of the Bankruptcy Act, said proceedings being docketed to No. 10455, hereby accept the ordinance enacted by Pittston City Council, April 27, 1944, and entitled

"AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE STREET
RAILWAY TRACKS ON MAIN STREET"

and all the terms and provisions thereof.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellsworth S. Keller
Ellsworth S. Keller
Trustee.

/s/ Roy W. Voris
Roy W. Voris
Trustee.

SWR:gf

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor.

Bill of Sale, reading as follows, was received from the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation:

BILL OF SALE

Know all men by these Present, that the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation, a Pennsylvania corporation, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to it paid by the City of Pittston, a municipal corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as well as other valuable consideration to said The Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation specially moving, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, released and confirmed and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell release and confirm unto the said City of Pittston, the street railway rails now in position on Main Street, from the northerly city line to the southerly city line in said City of Pittston.

To have and to hold all and singular the said street railway rails, by these presents bargained, sold, released, granted and confirmed unto the said City of Pittston, to its only proper use and behoof, its successors and assigns forever.

The Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation, its successors, the bargained rails aforesaid unto the said City of Pittston, its successors and assigns, for and against all persons whomsoever shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents.

In Witness Whereof, the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation has caused its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, duly attested, this 25th day of May, 1944.

THE WILKES-BARRE RAILWAY CORPORATION

By: H. B. Schooley
H. B. Schooley,
President.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

/s/ C. S. MacNab,
C. S. MacNab,
Secretary.

/s/ Ellsworth S. Keller
Ellsworth S. Keller

/s/ Roy W. Voris
Roy W. Voris

Trustees in Proceedings No. 10455 for the reorganization of a corporation under Chapter X of the Bankruptcy Act, in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Bill of Sale was referred to the attention of the City Solicitor.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to proceed with the opening and reading of bids advertised for receipt and presentation at this meeting.

The City Clerk thereupon stated that bids had been received from thirteen (13) different firms and proceeded with the reading of each. After the reading of all bids received, on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the bids received were referred to the City Engineer, the City Clerk and the City Solicitor for tabulation and report thereof to the next meeting of City Council.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for the removal of the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation rails from Main Street and therepaving of the track area thereof.

Permit application dated May 25th, 1944, was received from the Fashion Shoe Store, 14 South Main Street, City of Pittston, to erect a building Neon sign at an approximate cost of \$150.00. Sign to be erected by the Prete Sign Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above application was granted, subject to approval of the proper department officials.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, to adjourn.

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John D. McNulty

City Clerk.

ATTEST: June 8, 1944

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JUNE 8, 1944, AT 9:10 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Thursday, June 8, 1944, at 9:10 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Thursday, May 25, 1944, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor Reilly submitted report dated June 1, 1944 of Parking Meter Fees and Fines received by his Department for the month of May, 1944, reading as follows:

May 1, 1944 -- May 31, 1944	Parking Meter Fees	\$ 150.85
May 1, 1944 -- May 31, 1944	Parking Violations	4.00
	Total	\$ 154.85

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted report dated May 31, 1944, of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of May, 1944, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, April 1, 1944	\$ 58,194.25
Receipts during the month	50,839.65
	Total \$109,033.90
Warrants paid	\$ 25,121.41
Cash on Hand May 31, 1944	83,912.49
	Total \$109,033.90

Cash on Hand May 31, 1944, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 26,454.71
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account	9,327.24
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account	8,681.28
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account	2,594.63
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account	8,707.39
Special Fund, Track Removal	28,147.24
	Total \$ 83,912.49

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted report dated May 31, 1944, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of May, 1944, reading as follows:

May 31, 1944
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 May, 1944:

License applied for by: Anna, Frank Bubul,
185 North Main Street, Pittston, Penna.
License fee for one (1) pinball machine
for January 1, 1944 to January 1, 1945.
Granted May 16, 1944. License # 670 ----- \$ 25.00

License applied for by: Howard Weiskerger,
57-59 South Main Street, Pittston, Penna.
License fee for one (1) pinball machine
for year ending 1943 and 1944 to 1945.
Granted May 16, 1944. License # 671 ----- 50.00

License applied for by: James Lenza,
75 Parsonage Street, Pittston, Penna.
License fee for one (1) pinball machine
for year ending December 31, 1944.
Granted May 23, 1944. License # 672 ----- 25.00

License applied for by: Fashion Shoe
Store, 14 South Main Street, Pittston,
Penna. To erect a Neon bldg. sign,
3 ft. by 12 ft., 150 lbs., galvanized
metal. Two to three weeks. Furnished
by Prete Sign Co., Wilkes-Barre.
Granted May 25, 1944. License # 673 ----- 2.00

Total \$ 102.00

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ M. P. Ruane
City Treasurer

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On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report dated June 1, 1944, reading as follows, was received from the Health Officer, Mrs. Thomas Newcomb:

Hon. Mayor and Members of City Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of May, 1944:

Weekly reports sent to the Medical Director.
Monthly report sent to the Medical Director.
Complaints received and investigated 30
Restaurants inspected 10
Visits to Beef Houses 2
Visits to green produce houses 2
Cases of Mumps reported 2
Cases of Scarlet Fever reported 1
Cases of Scarlet Fever released 5
Cases of Tuberculosis reported 2
(6 East Oak Street, 40 Tompkins Street)

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb, Health Officer

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

Report dated June 1, 1944, reading as follows, was received from the Sealer of Weights and Measures, Mrs. Thomas Newcomb:

Hon. Mayor and Members of City Council,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of May, 1944:

	<u>Corrected & Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	3	1
Platform Scales	3	4
Counter Scales	23	-
Prescription Scales	4	-
Liquid Measures	12	-
Milk Bottles	6	-
Yard Measures	5	-

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb

MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

mTN:f

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3721. Pittston, Pennsylvania, June 8, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That it will be necessary to extend the positions of Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the Force, for an additional ten (10) days from June 2, 1944".

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts and Finance Mr. S. C. Grablick, in communication dated June 8, 1944, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council recommended payment of the following bills:

John A. Allan	Compensation audit	\$ 842.86
American Legion, John D. Stark		
Post #542	Military contribution	50.00
V. E. Churchfield	Traffic signal repairs	3.75
Consumer's Ice Company	April-May: ice for offices	54.00
Duro-Test Corporation	Material-supplies	26.33
Eagen Hardware Company	Miscellaneous supplies	30.95
Egan Oil & Supply Company	Gas & Oil	17.60
Wesley M. Evans	(2) Month rent - City Yards	70.00
Franconi Auto Parts Company	Misc. auto parts-repairs	17.18
C. F. Goeringer Construction Co.	Road Material	230.00
Kehoe & McNamara	Premiums on Bonds (Jos. A. Walsh and Wm. H. Gillespie)	10.00
	Misc. repairs	5.85
Klein Auto Parts Co.	Refund: over-payment of 1944 City Taxes	71.30
Lehigh Valley Coal Company	Premiums on Bonds (Police-Patterson Sites)	20.00
New York Casualty Company	Traffic Violation Notices	27.50
Pittston Printing Company	Insurance on Public Liability and fleet of trucks	290.19
P. A. Sammon	Light service	49.12
Scranton Electric Company	Street lighting	1006.45
Scranton Electric Company	Fire-hydrant rental	138.34
Scranton-Spring-Brook Water Co.		

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Scranton-Spring-Brook Water Co.	Water service	12.55
Frank Swingle	Refund: over-payment of 1943-44 City Taxes	15.94
Helen Swingle	Refund: over-payment of 1943-44 City Taxes	15.94
United Spanish-American War Veterans, Camp #17	Military contribution	50.00
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 635	Military contribution	50.00
Total		<u>\$3078.35</u>

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved of as read.

Communication dated June 8, 1944, and reading as follows was received from Attorney John T. Mulhall:

The Mayor and Members of City Council,
Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

In re: Sale of Broad Street Lot.

On February 27, 1943, the City entered into a contract of sale with my clients, Grace Loftus et al., for the purchase of the lot adjacent to the City Hall of Broad Street, for the sum of \$5,120.00. The sale was to be completed on or before June 1, 1944.

My clients are willing to perform their part of the contract and I am writing this letter to learn when the City will be in position to complete its part of it.

Thanking you for your consideration in the matter, I am

Very truly yours,

/s/ John T. Mulhall

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor and the City Clerk to arrange for proper transfer of the above property to the City of Pittston, and the payment and settlement of same.

Communication dated June 2, 1944, and reading as follows was received from Peter A. Garrity, President of the Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce:

Honorable Mayor, and Members of Pittston City Council,
Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

For many years the Chamber of Commerce has had in mind the extension of Tompkins Street from Dock to Water Streets but due to the cost of the Reap property on Dock Street which said extension would cross it was quite impossible to do anything about it.

Since the death of Leo Reap I have again taken up this matter with the Executives of his estate and I now feel that the property can be purchased at a reasonable figure.

I would like the opportunity to discuss this matter further in person

with you gentlemen at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Peter A. Garrity
Peter A. Garrity, President
Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce

PAG:BP

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the Council as a body, together with the City Solicitor, were instructed to meet with the executives or representatives of the Reap Estate, to consider proposal by said executives or representatives for the sale of this property to the City, and if favorable report is returned by said Committee, the City Engineer to prepare plans for the extension of Tompkins Street to Water Street.

The following communication was received from the Executive Office of the President, Office for Emergency Management, by E. F. Mattner, Space and Facilities Officer:

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LEASE NO. OEM3a-1098

RENEWAL OF LEASE

BETWEEN

CITY OF PITTSTON

and

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

This is to notify the above-named lessor that under the provisions of paragraph 5 of Lease No. OEM3a-1098 dated Dec. 16, 1942 between CITY OF PITTSTON and the United States of America for premises, viz:

Two rooms containing an area of eight hundred sixty (860) square feet, on the second floor of Old City Hall Building, situate at 14 Water Street, City of Pittston, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The United States of America this 31st day of May, 1944, elects to renew the said lease for the period of one year from July 1, 1944 and after June 30, 1944, and by these presents does renew, extend, and adopt the said lease and all the terms and conditions thereof for the period beginning July 1, 1944, and ending June 30, 1945 and is subject to the availability of Government funds.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

By /s/ E. F. Mattner
E. F. Mattner

Space and Facilities Officer

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to ask for a rental of \$75 per month or an increase of \$15 per month over the present rental, this additional rental being necessary to help cover the general expenses of the building, particularly that of Janitor service.

Communication dated May 31, 1944, from the School District of the City of Pittston, Thomas J. Hennigan, Secretary, was received, reading as follows:

John McNulty, City Clerk
City Hall, Pittston, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. McNulty:

At a meeting of the Pittston City School Board held on May 29, 1944, the enclosed resolution was adopted.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Thomas J. Hennigan
Thomas J. Hennigan
Secretary

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Pittston City School District, at the meeting of May 8, 1944, passed a resolution condemning "ruthless and reckless mining" and called upon the Mayor of the City of Pittston to exercise his prerogative, under law, and put an end to all such mining, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Reilly, in a statement issued in the public press, characterized such action as "political", now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Pittston City School District, do analyze Mayor Reilly's charge, in order to ascertain its truth or falsity:

Item 1. Was it politics when, on December 13, 1937, Mr. John C. Kehoe, then president of this board, introduced a resolution asking "the immediate co-operation of city and state authorities to prevent the imminent danger of caving and subsidence which now threatens certain sections of the City of Pittston due to unlawful and improvident mining operations".

Item 2. Was it politics when, on March 24, 1941, this board engaged an engineer "to make a survey of the mining being done under our several school buildings" in order to protect the lives of our children and the property of our taxpayers,

Item 3. Can we now be charged with being political because we seek to carry on the policy inaugurated as far back as 1937.

Item 4. Can we be charged with being political because we accept our trust and seek to secure for all our citizens the right to live, unmolested by fear.

Item 5. We believe we have acted without politics, without rancor, and above all, without fear. We shall continue so to act.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we repeat our call upon Mayor Reilly to stop all ruthless and reckless mining in the City of Pittston, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded by registered mail, with a return receipt requested, to the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Pittston.

This resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the School District of the City of Pittston this 29th day of May, 1944.

/s/ Emmett Carroll
President

Attest:

/s/ Thos. J. Hennigan
Secretary

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was referred to the City Solicitor, as well as the School Board Solicitor, requesting that they jointly confer with the Pennsylvania Department of Mines, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to ascertain whether or not there is ruthless or reckless mining of coal within the confines of the City of Pittston.

Tabulation of bids received and read at meeting of May 25, 1944, were presented and read, and upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Contracts awarded to the low bidders, the contract covering gas to be divided equally among all three bidders.

Councilman Joseph A. Walsh stated that he had called the attention of Mr. Wilson of the No. 9 Coal Company on June 7th, 1944, to damaged sewer line on Mill Street, and that Mr. Wilson informed him that he had notified the City Clerk that repairs to same would be made by Monday of next week.

Mayor Reilly stated that Council as a whole would meet within the next week to make a general inspection of the City from the City line on the north to the City line on the south as to the condition of the streets, parks, and conditions in general.

Permit application dated May 28, 1944, was received from Newcomb Brothers, Broad Street, City, to remodel building known as the Broad Street Garage, material to be used, sand and cement, approximate cost of same, \$600, work to be performed by Contractor T. F. Flanagan.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted subject to approval by the proper department heads.

Permit application dated June 5, 1944 was received from Joseph Trippi, 90 East Railroad Street, City, to construct concrete sidewalk, material to be used, sand and cement, approximate cost of same, \$75.00, Contractor, self.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted, subject to approval by the proper department heads.

Permit application dated June 5, 1944, was received from the Stegmaier Brewing Company, to erect a neon sidewalk sign at place of business of Louis Butera, 173 South Main Street, City, type of sign, porcelain, approximate cost, \$25.00, to be erected by the Stegmaier Brewing Co., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted, subject to approval by the proper department heads.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Council adjourned.

ATTEST: June 29, 1944

CITY CLERK

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June 29th, 1944

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JOHN D. McNULTY

CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JUNE 29, 1944 AT 8:30 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Thursday, June 29th, 1944, at 8:30 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Thursday, June 8, 1944, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3722. Pittston, Pennsylvania. June 29, 1944.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That it will be necessary to extend the positions of Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the Force, for an additional ten (10) days from June 12, 1944."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3723. Pittston, Pennsylvania. June 29, 1944.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That it will be necessary to extend the positions of Special Police Officers and Police Clerks on the Force, for an additional ten (10) days from June 22, 1944."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

Director of Accounts & Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, in communication dated June 29, 1944, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council recommended payment of the following bills:

Leo Fasciana	Painting street markings and signs	\$ 75.00
C. E. Howell	Ambulance service	25.00
John D. McNulty	Postage stamps	20.00

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved as read and ordered paid when sufficient funds are available.

Communication dated June 27, 1944, reading as follows, was received from Frank B. Sgarlat's Estate, Forty Fort, Pa.:

Pittston City Council
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:-

Please be advised that an error has been made on our bid of May 25th, 1944 as we can only furnish 1/2" and 3/4" crushed Gravel also Washed Sand

We cannot furnish Crushed Stone.

Yours truly
Frank B. Sgarlat Estate

/s/ N. Bartholomew, Mgr.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed, and Bid referred to, therein, withdrawn.

The Banks Stone and Sand Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., being the only other bidder on No. 1 and No. 2-B Stone, was, upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, awarded the Contract to furnish the above-mentioned stone on their Bid of May 25, 1944.

Communication dated June 26, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from the Visiting Nurses Association:

Pittston City Trucking Dept.
Mr. John McNulty

Dear Sir:

The Visiting Nurse Association wishes to thank your Department for their most kind assistance in moving large pieces to the store-room for our White Elephant Sale.

Transportation became quite a problem this year, and we wish to extend our appreciation.

Yours very truly

/s/ Grace L. Thompson
President of V. N. A.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 29, 1944, to the Members of City Council, reading as follows, was received from Patrick J. Flannery:

Gentlemen:

The recent tragic drownings, and especially the drowning of a six year old child in an unprotected creek two hundred feet from his home, call sharp attention to the perilous and dangerous condition of the creek in the rear of South Main Street extending from the South Pittston Laurel Line station to Oak Street.

This creek is totally unprotected. Approximately eight feet in depth, the top is level with the adjoining land, and three or four times daily a rapid and deep stream of water courses through from neighboring mining operations. It is dangerously attractive to little children who daily play in its vicinity.

I am aware that this project was not completed because of the unavailability of materials. However, I feel that a protective covering of some kind could and should be placed thereon immediately, before some child is killed or drowned therein.

In behalf of the residents of South Main Street and myself I respectfully request that you take proper steps to adequately and safely cover this creek which in its present condition is a grave menace.

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Very truly yours,
/s/ Patrick J. Flannery

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Engineer, with instructions to prepare estimate of costs necessary to correct condition referred to, therein.

Communication dated Philadelphia, Pa., June 12, 1944, reading as follows, was received from the Gar Wood Industries, Incorporated:

Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk
City Hall, Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of June 7th, in which you state that you have received a complaint regarding our Load-packer in which you say it is not holding up properly, particularly at the rear part of the body.

We note that you suggest our sending our Service man to Pittston at our earliest convenience, which we will do this week if it is at all possible.

We are temporarily tied up on some special government work just now and as soon as this is completed we will arrange to have our Service Man contact you.

We might mention, while writing, that we called Mr. James Halford, at the Broad St. Garage, who does your repair work, about the body and he stated that the job was still working but some of the welds are cracking along the angle at the top of the tail-gate and we think this is the angle where the tail-gate hinges on and is permitting the job to be thrown out of line. If this is the trouble it will take considerable time to remedy this and our man will take it up with you while in your City.

Trusting this is satisfactory to you, we are

Yours very truly,

GAR WOOD INDUSTRIES, INC.

A. E. Hilderley
Branch Manager

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On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Western Union Telegram dated Philadelphia, June 29, 1944, reading as follows, was received from the Gar Wood Industries, Inc.:

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CITY CLERK PE-

RELET JUNE 26TH SERVICE MAN WILL ARRIVE TOMORROW MORNING=
GARWOOD INDUSTRIES INC HILDERLEY

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above telegram was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated Philadelphia, Pa., June 20, 1944, reading as follows, was received from the Office for Emergency Management, E. F. Mattner Space and Facilities Officer:

Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk
City of Pittston
Pennsylvania

Re: Lease OEM3a-1098

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter of June 14th, 1944 having reference to the Government's continued occupancy of the space covered by the subject lease.

We note your City's request for an increase in rent of Fifteen (\$15.00) dollars monthly, to help defray the cost of rendering services called for in the lease.

Established Government regulations prohibit the increase of any rental before the expiration of a lease, except where the Government, in consideration thereof, receives either additional space or services other than those called for in the original lease.

Will you please advise your City Council accordingly ?

However, should our continued occupancy work a monetary loss to your City, please so advise us and we will endeavor to relocate this Rationing Board in other space.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS H. OSBORNE,
Regional Director

By: /s/ E. F. Mattner
E. F. Mattner
Space & Facilities Officer

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed, and the City Clerk instructed to notify the Office for Emergency Management that the City Council agrees to the renewal of said lease for one year, beginning July 1, 1944, at the present rental of Sixty (\$60.00) Dollars per month.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to submit the following bid to the Real Estate Department, Luzerne County Commissioners, Court House, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.:

Real Estate Department
Bid Form

Municipality Pittston City
Date June 29, 1944

Luzerne County Commissioners
Luzerne County Court House
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

ATTENTION: Real Estate Dept.

In re: Sheet No. 4604
 Treas. Sale No. 174 Feb., 1940
 Town Pittston City
 Description 30-32 R. R. St., 10 Wd.
 sold as prop. of Lucento Consenso
 Sold for 1929-1930 taxes
 Former owner Lucento Consenso

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit a bid in the sum of \$20.00 for the purchase of the above property subject to the approval of the County Commissioners, also confirmation by the Court.

I am satisfied this is a fair and reasonable offer for the following reasons:

1. Property is in cave area.
2. Nuisance exists on property which must be removed.
3. Property will be improved by city for recreational purposes of residents of neighborhood.
- 4.

Very truly yours,

City of Pittston,

By

Signature	City Clerk
Address	City Hall, Pittston, Pa.

P. S. Make deed in the name of : City of Pittston

Name City of Pittston,
 Address City Hall, Pittston, Pa.

See min. 7/14/43.

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pa., June 21, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

P.U.M.C. 1215

John J. Reilly, Mayor
 City of Pittston
 Pittston, Pennsylvania

Ordinance dated April 27, 1944, of the City of Pittston granting to the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation the right to remove its street railway tracks on Main Street from the northerly city line to the southerly city line in the City of Pittston, Luzerne County.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed, herewith, is executed order of the Commission issued in the above entitled proceeding.

Kindly acknowledge receipt in behalf of the City of Pittston, using for that purpose the enclosed form.

Very truly yours,
 /s/ J. A. Walter
 J. A. WALTER, Acting Secretary

EMP:smg
 Encls.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed, and the City Clerk instructed to acknowledge receipt of and have properly executed, Order referred to therein, using for that purpose the enclosed Order received, and reading as follows:

This 29th day of June 1944

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of

Order

rendered by the Commission in

P.U.M.O. 1215 under date of June 19, 1944

and accepts service thereof in behalf of

CITY OF PITTSBURGH

BY: /s/ John D. McMulty

/s/ City Clerk

(SEAL)

The following communication was received June 28, 1944, from A. H. Stewart, M.D., Secretary of Health, Chairman, Sanitary Water Board:

To All Holders of Permits from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Governing the Discharge to the Waters of the Commonwealth of Sewage, Industrial Wastes, and Other Pollution and to All Other Parties Having an Interest Therein.

GREETINGS:

Notice is hereby given of public hearings to be held by the Sanitary Water Board of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the times and places set forth below to permit all municipalities, corporations, and persons having interest therein, to present their views relative to the degree of treatment to be required by the Sanitary Water Board of sewage, industrial wastes, and any other polluting wastes discharged to the waters of the Commonwealth, and any changes or revocations of permits relative thereto:

In the Senate Caucus Room in the Capitol at Harrisburg, at 9:00 A.M. July 12, 1944 to consider the Susquehanna River from the confluence of the North and West Branches to the Maryland State Line; the Juniata River, and the tributaries of these rivers in Pennsylvania; and the streams tributary to the Potomac River in Pennsylvania.

In Court Room No. 1 of the Court House in Williamsport, at 3:00 P.M., July 12, 1944 to consider the West Branch of the Susquehanna River, the Genesee River and their tributaries in Pennsylvania.

In Court Room No. 1 of the Court House in Wilkes-Barre, at 10:00 A.M., July 13, 1944 to consider the North Branch of the Susquehanna River and its tributaries in Pennsylvania.

All parties in interest desiring to submit testimony or statements upon the above matters are hereby invited to attend these meetings.

/s/ A. H. Stewart

A. H. Stewart, M.D. Secretary of Health
Chairman, Sanitary Water Board