

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to notify the City Engineer, and the City Solicitor, to attend the hearing referred to therein at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., July 13, 1944.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., June 28, 1944 and reading as follows was received from the Pittston City Park Commission:

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

Gentlemen:

For the past several years the members of the Park Commission have been endeavoring to work out a plan where suitable playgrounds in different sections of the City might be made available to the youth of our community. We have made several visits to the various sections in company with the Engineer who was instructed to prepare plans suitable for the carrying on of the work. Our recommendations have been presented to you several times without any action having been taken.

The whole Official Family always agree and so state something should be done but no one sees that it is done. We have always thought that sufficient help was available in the Street Department to at least carry out part of the work. We have been advised however by the Asst. Supt. of Streets that he does not have the necessary men to proceed with the work. If such is the case then probably an appropriation could be granted so a private contractor could be engaged.

Several times we asked that police supervision might be extended to the bleachers at the Albert West Park. When we discovered that part of the planks had been stolen we asked again that an earnest effort be put forth to apprehend the guilty parties. A periodical check at this park reveals that more planks have been taken away. As several hundred dollars of the taxpayers money is tied up in these bleachers we feel that every effort should be expended to protect that interest.

As stated a number of times before the members of the Commission stand ready at all times to cooperate with you gentlemen in the carrying out of the suggested work.

Respectfully yours

/s/ M. J. Clarke, Pres.

/s/ G. W. Bainbridge, Sec.-Treas.

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 the President of the City Park Commission notified that Council would meet with his committee following the close of this regular meeting of City Council.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 26, 1944, reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Agriculture:

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

Dear Sir:

After discussing with you the condition of the trees at 171 Broad Street I was able to contact Mr. Evans at the address given. Upon a closer

examination found trees to be solid as far as the main trunks and branches were concerned, thus eliminating the possibility of any borer injury.

It was a year last March when that severe cave-in occurred and Mr. Evans told me that at the time the side walk was heaved and broken in many places due to an apparent pressure built up in the mines and extending to the surface. Two of the maples at this address are apparently O.K. as they have about the normal amount of foliage for this time of the season. However, the one at the west end has not leafed out as fully as the others which leaves me to believe that if there was a break or leak in the gas main causing a concentration of gas in the soil around this immediate area all the trees would have shown symptoms of dying not long after the cave-in occurred. The three trees at this address, I was told, had very good foliage growth the past summer. However, the root system, especially the smaller fibrous roots might have been loosened somewhat from their hold on the surrounding soil when pressure broke through but had stored up sufficient nourishment from the previous years growth to produce a good foliage development the following year, but due to this disturbance were not able to produce a good growth the next season due to the fact that root systems had to again establish themselves which takes some time. No doubt more underground disturbance occurred closer to the tree mostly affested as the other two trees were at the outer limits of the disturbance.

This upheaval information was given to me by Mr. Evans and after thinking this matter over have formed these conclusions just mentioned. Personally, I do not feel that this condition is caused by a gas concentration in the soil but rather from a severe root disturbance. Considerable new leaf growth is evident on the tree with sparse foliage. I have made the recommendation to Mr. Evans that this tree be given a good pruning back early next spring. In passing through Pittston on my various trips during the remainder of the summer I will stop occasionally and make some further observations.

Very truly yours,

/s/ C. F. Campbell
C. G. Campbell
Sr. Entomologist

On motion of Mr. Turon, 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., June 19, 1944 and reading as follows was received from the School District of the City of Pittston, Thomas J. Hennigan, Secretary:

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

My dear Mr. McNulty:

At a meeting of the School Board held on June 12, 1944, the following motion was adopted:

"Motion by Mr. Zack, seconded by Mr. Adrian, that City Council rescind a recent motion passed by Council, and that our resolution be referred to City Engineer Thomas J. Halsey and Engineer Carl Callahan instead of Solicitors W. H. Gillespie and Frank Flanagan. The Council to pay the expenses of Mr. Halsey and the School District responsible for Mr. Callahan's expenses."

Please bring this matter to the attention of the City Council, at the next meeting.

/s/ Very truly yours,
Thomas J. Hennigan
Thomas J. Hennigan
Secretary

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed, and the City Solicitor instructed to proceed with the action of Council at previous meeting by taking the matter of reckless mining up with the Pennsylvania Department of Mines, Harrisburg, Pa.

Newcomb Brothers, East Tompkins Street, City, filed verbal objections with the City Clerk to the posting of corporate performance bond, in connection with Contract awarded them upon their bid of May 25, 1944, to furnish anthracite coal.

Mayor Reilly, with the approval of members present, stated that the question of bond was a matter controlled by City Council, and that the general policy covering miscellaneous contracts wherein the materials and supplies were purchased on the basis of order from time to time as required, it was not necessary that bond be posted.

The City Solicitor, Mr. William H. Gillespie, concurred in this explanation, with the result that City Council waived the posting of bond by the following successful bidders for various materials and supplies:

Newcomb Brothers, A.S. Powers, Mitchell's Lumber Yard, Pittston Oil Company, Consumer's Gas & Oil Company, Egan Oil and Supply Company, all of the City of Pittston, and Central Clay Products Company, of the City of Wilkes-Barre.

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 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 two different firms, and proceeded with the reading of each.

After the reading of both bids, Council recessed for twenty minutes for tabulation of the bids received, and upon re-convening of meeting, the Contract to remove said rails was awarded, on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous consent upon Roll Call of members present, to the Banks and Futch Construction Company, Central Building, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., at their bid of \$28,197, this being the lowest bid submitted, said work to be completed within ninety days from starting time. Under the same motion, the City Clerk was instructed to return to the Goeringer Construction Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., their certified checks which accompanied their bid as well as the return in good order of the bid sheets.

Mayor Reilly stated that he had been informed that the Sproul Construction Company of Scranton who was to repair Railroad Street, would be unable to start this job due to other contracts held by them with a prior acceptance. This rush of contracts, together with the manpower shortage, would not permit them to take on the Railroad Street job. Mr. Reilly asked Mr. Futch of the Banks and Futch Construction Company if they could repair Railroad Street while removing the street railway tracks, and suggested to Mr. Futch that he contact the No. 9 Coal Company officials and ask them to transfer the Sproul Construction Company contract to him, in order that Railroad Street may be repaired at the earliest possible time.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the summer schedule of Council meetings will be a meeting once a month, during the months of July and August; the monthly meeting for these months to be held on the second Thursday of each month.

Permit application dated June 12, 1944 was received from Carmel Rizzo, 231 Broad Street, to add addition to kitchen of property at that address; material to be used, lumber; approximate cost, \$200; time required, ten days to two weeks; Contractor, Austin A. O'Malley.

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. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, meeting was adjourned.

A P P R O V E D

July 17, 1944

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JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK

ATTEST: July 17, 1944

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JULY 13, 1944, AT 8:45 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened Thursday, July 13, 1944, at 8:45 P. M., with Councilman Sylvester C. Grablick presiding, and Councilmen Walsh, Turon, and Sheridan present; Mayor Reilly being absent.

Minutes of meeting of Thursday, June 29th, 1944, were presented. Motion was made by Mr. Turon that the reading of the same be dispensed with, whereupon Mr. Walsh objected and requested that the minutes be read. The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the minutes. After the reading of same, Mr. Walsh stated that he objected to the award of contract referred to therein, to the Banks and Futch Construction Company, for the removal of the street railway tracks; that the combined low bids received total Twenty-eight thousand, eighty-seven (\$28,087.00) Dollars, and offered the following figures:

ITEM	BANKS & FUTCH CONSTRUCTION CO.	G. F. GOERINGER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
1	\$ 1,507.45	\$ 3,660.95
2	180.64	406.44
3	10,668.50	9,882.40
4	8,982.00	9,181.60
5	7,534.80	7,803.90

that according to these figures, Banks & Futch Construction Company were low on Items No. 1, No. 2, No. 4 and No. 5, and G. F. Goeringer Construction Company low on Item No. 3, the combined low total of these bids amounting to \$28,087.00; that the amount received from the Traction Company was Twenty-eight thousand, one hundred forty-seven dollars and twenty-four cents, (\$28,147.24); and that since the taxpayers were informed that the removal of the rails would not cost the City any money, any savings should go back to the taxpayers. Mr. Walsh further stated that he was approached by a certain party, who told him that Sweeney Brothers intended to bid but did not, and said, "Are you in on it?", and that he said, "I don't know what you mean, but will get to the bottom of it". Same person talked to another party who said "Ain't you in on it?". Continuing, Mr. Walsh said he was informed that Goeringer was an uncle of Banks, and "I wonder why didn't Sweeney bid? He asked for specifications. What is this, "a family affair"? The whole thing looks fishy to me. I don't want any part of it."

Mr. Grablick addressed the City Solicitor and asked if it were not proper procedure for Mr. Walsh to give the name of his informant, since allegations against Council were involved. Whereupon, Mr. Walsh insisted that he had the floor and intended to be heard until he finished. Mr. Grablick said that charges were being made and he wanted the matter cleared up; that as a member of Council attacked, he had a right to protect himself. Mr. Walsh continued by saying that because of these rumors, he wished to withdraw his vote on award of contract to Banks & Futch Construction Company, if this be permitted.

At this point, the City Clerk was asked who applied for specifications. He informed Council that no one applied to him, that the City Engineer gave them out, and that the two sealed bids received were handed to him by the City Engineer, together with their deposit checks of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars each for specifications, as well as check for Ten (\$10.00) Dollars from Sweeney Brothers for the same purpose.

Mr. Sheridan said that he, too, wished to withdraw his vote on award of contract to Banks & Futch Construction Company, if this could be done. Asked for his opinion, Mr. Gillespie stated that no change could be made in the minutes if they were acknowledged to be a true account of what transpired at the meeting. Only omissions or errors can be corrected in the minutes. Mr. Gillespie added that the Mayor has the power to conduct an investigation if any acts of fraud are being committed or there is any attempt at fraud. He further stated that only the Mayor can conduct such an investigation and may, if he wishes, ask members of Council to attend.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, action on the matter of proceeding upon the Banks & Futch Contract be withheld until the Mayor has been requested to conduct an investigation upon allegations of rumor, or rumors of fraud on the part of any person or persons concerned in the matter of contract with the Banks & Futch Construction Company.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, that the Mayor be requested to conduct an investigation, with the members of City Council present, matter concerning bid of Banks & Futch Construction Company, to remove street car tracks, or rails, and repair surface thereof.

Motion was made by Mr. Turon, that minutes of meeting of Thursday, June 29th, 1944, be approved as read. Motion was not seconded.

Mayor Reilly submitted report dated July 1, 1944, of Parking Meter Fees and Fines received by his Department for the month of June, 1944, reading as follows:

June 1, 1944 to June 30, 1944	Parking Meter fees	\$236.30
June 1, 1944 to June 30, 1944	Violation, Fines	74.00
	Total	<u>\$310.30</u>

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.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted report dated June 30, 1944 of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of June, 1944, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, June 1, 1944	-----	\$ 83,912.49
Receipts during the month	-----	9,847.67
	Total	<u>\$ 93,760.16</u>

Warrants Paid	-----	\$ 14,136.94
Cash on Hand, June 30, 1944	-----	<u>79,623.22</u>
	Total	<u>\$ 93,760.16</u>

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1944, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	-----	\$ 20,157.81
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account	-----	9,907.14
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account	-----	9,360.39
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account	-----	2,734.65
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account	-----	9,315.99
Special Fund, track removal	-----	<u>28,147.24</u>
	Total	<u>\$ 79,623.22</u>

On motion of Mr. Walsh, 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 June 30, 1944, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of June, 1944, reading as follows:

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

I, herewith, submit my report of City License issued during the month of June, 1944.

License applied for by: Lewis Butera,
173 South Main Street, Pittston, Penna.
To erect a Neon sidewalk sign (arrow)
4 ft. by 2 ft. 60 lbs. porcelain.
Granted June 5, 1944. License # 674. -----\$ 2.00

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ M. P. Ruane
City 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 report was ordered received and filed.

Report dated July 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:

I hereby submit my report for the month of June, 1944:

Weekly reports sent to the Medical Center.
Monthly report sent to the Medical Center.
Visits to Beef Houses 4
Restaurants inspected 8
Complaints received and investigated 24
Health Cards received and filed 4
Scarlet Fever Cases reported 4
Scarlet Fever Cases released 3
Spinal-meningitis Cases reported 1
(Robert Markert - Rear 117½ Lambert St.)
Spinal-meningitis Cases released 1

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
HEALTH OFFICER

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.

Report dated July 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 June, 1944:

	<u>Corrected & Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Wagon Scales	3	-
Counter Scales	24	3
Beam Scales	12	2
Prescription Scales	4	-
Milk Bottles	8	-
Yard Measures	10	-

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb

MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

mTN:f

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 July 1, 1944, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council was received from the Health Officer, Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, reading as follows:

Gentlemen:

Complaint by telephone, was recently made by Mrs. Liscwick relative to the City Dump located at Green Street, this City.

Complainant stated that she represented several neighbors in the vicinity and therefore wished to file her complaint and asks that Council take action to eliminate this health menace.

Respectfully yours,

/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 referred to the Street Commissioner and the City Engineer, with instructions to investigate this complaint.

RESOLUTION NO. 3724 Pittston, Pennsylvania. July 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 July 2, 1944."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3725 Pittston, Pennsylvania. July 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 July 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.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, in communication dated July 13, 1944, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council recommended payment of the following bills:

American Surety Company	Robbery and Safe Burglary Ins.	\$ 138.38
Bell Telephone Company of Pa.	Phone service to June 16, 1944	40.34
William P. Bonser	Batteries	2.40
Budwesky & Son	Life net repairs	5.00
Butera Auto Body Works	Miscellaneous repairs	4.00
Commercial Gas Corporation	Acetylene - oxygen	5.57
Contagious Hospital	Hospitalization - Robert Markert	
	117½ Lambert Street, City	113.56
Eagen Hardware Company	Maintenance - repairs	11.80
Egan Oil & Supply Company	Gas & oil	101.54
Wesley M. Evans	Rent of building (City Yards)	35.00
Franconi Auto Parts	Miscellaneous repair parts	108.34
Garwood Industries Inc.	Miscellaneous repair parts	16.48
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Water for various offices	8.00
Harter Corporation	Caster wheels for office chairs	16.81
Harry C. Hunt	Office supplies	73.50
Klein Auto Parts Company	Miscellaneous auto repair parts	1.63
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Office supplies	36.70
Ludwig's Hardware	Material - supplies	.90
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Lime - cement - brick	135.57
Peck and Evans Drugs	Band-aid, bandages, etc.	6.51
Joseph Perfetto	Vehicle-maintenance-repairs	2.91
Pittston Gazette Company	Office supplies-advertising	31.15
Pittston Oil Company	Gas & oil	127.23
Pittston Printing Company	Health certificates - cards	24.00
Pittston Wallpaper Company	Traffic zone paint	40.50
A. S. Powers	Traffic signal parts	44.57
Reap Insurance Agency	Insurance-Old City Hall	180.00
P. A. Sammon	General liability insurance	1083.25
Scranton Chemical Company	Material - supplies	17.50
Scranton Electric Company	Light service	41.81
Scranton Electric Company	Street Lighting (June '44)	1006.45
Scranton-Spring-Brook Water Co.	Water service	27.42
Scranton-Spring-Brook Water Co.	Hydrant rental	138.34
Allan W. Smiles	Boxes special gauge lead shots	9.62
Roy Stauffer	Miscellaneous auto repairs	21.48
Vullo's Tire & Battery Service	Miscellaneous auto repairs-parts	49.86
Williams' Stationery	Office supplies	1.90
Consumer's Gas & Oil Company	Gas & Oil	261.48
	Total	\$ 3971.50

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 when sufficient funds are available.

Copy of communication to the Secretary of Mines, Department of Mines, Harrisburg, Pa., dated July 5, 1944, from the office of the City Solicitor, was received, reading as follows:

Dear Sir:

Because of the serious menace of mine caves in the City of Pittston, the Council of the said City at a meeting held June 29, 1944, adopted a resolution instructing me to respectfully request you to inform that body whether or not any coal is being mined under the surface of the said City in a reckless, ruthless or unlawful manner, or in violation of any of the rules and regulations of the Department of Mines governing the mining of coal and the protection of life and property upon the surface.

The Council respectfully requests your cooperation in ascertaining the facts from the records in your office of the Department of Mines and from the officials thereof, who have proper authority to fully investigate the mining conditions in the said area, so that the residents and property holders may obtain reliable information concerning a situation in which they are vitally interested and about which they are anxious to be advised by the proper authority.

I remain,

Respectfully yours,

/s/ W. H. Gillespie

City Solicitor of the City of
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

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.

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, July 7, 1944, from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Mines, Harrisburg, Pa., reading as follows, was received from the Secretary of Mines, Mr. Richard Maize:

Mr. W. H. Gillespie, City Solicitor
Dime Bank Building
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

Your letter of July 5, 1944, requesting to be informed whether mining is being carried on beneath the surface of the City of Pittston in a manner that will tend to endanger life and property upon the surface, has been received.

Please be advised that I shall direct a committee of three mine inspectors to make a study of this situation at their earliest convenience and furnish me with a report, upon receipt of which I shall again communicate with you.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Richard Maize
Richard Maize
Secretary of Mines

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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.

Statement of Claim reading as follows was received July 1, 1944:

CATHERINE HEALEY

: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

VS.

: OF LUZERNE COUNTY

CITY OF PITTSBURGH

: NO. 179 October TERM 1944

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PLAINTIFF'S STATEMENT

And now, to with, this 28th day of June 1944, comes Catherine Healey and by her attorneys, Anthony F. X. D'Iorio and R. Bialkowski, claims of the City of Pittston, the defendant, the sum of \$10,000, which is justly due and payable to the plaintiff, upon a cause of action, whereof the following is a statement.

1. The City of Pittston is a municipal corporation of the County of Luzerne and State of Pennsylvania.

2. On January 7, 1944, East Railroad Street was a public highway of said City located between South Main and LaGrange Streets.

3. On said date the roadway of said East Railroad Street was open to travel.

4. On said date there was located in or about the center of East Railroad Street about one-half block East of Main Street, and extending about 18 inches above the roadbed a manhole, which manhole had to the knowledge of the defendant extended above the roadbed since November of 1942.

5. On January 7, 1944, at about 11:00 o'clock at night the plaintiff while driving her Buick Sedan East on East Railroad Street in a lawful and careful manner came into violent collision with the aforesaid manhole, as a result whereof plaintiff was thrown against various portions of her motor car sustaining serious injuries hereinafter fully set forth, and damaging her motor car in such manner as is likewise hereinafter fully set forth.

6. That on the date and at the time aforesaid there were no lights, barriers, signs, or signals of any nature to warn the public and especially the plaintiff of the aforesaid danger.

7. That for a considerable period of time prior and at the time aforesaid the roadbed at and in the vicinity of the manhole aforesaid was covered with snow and ice. The top of the manhole was black and blended in with the surface of the highway, creating a trap to the users of the aforesaid highway, facts well known to the defendant.

8. As a result whereof the plaintiff then and there did receive the following serious injuries. A severe contusion to the cervical region of the spine, a sacro-iliac strain, a deep laceration on the nose, bruises and contusions of the body generally shock and severe and permanent injuries to her nervous system.

9. That as a result of the injuries sustained as aforesaid plaintiff has, now does, and probably will in the future suffer great pain and agony. As a result of the injuries to her nervous system plaintiff has unsightly eruptions on her face and body, which condition has now, does, and probably will in the future cause her inconvenience, humiliation, and embarrassment.

10. The plaintiff has been, and probably will in the future be prevented from attending to her usual and daily duties as a school teacher and likewise will be prevented from performing her usual household duties, to her damage and loss.

11. The plaintiff has been obliged to incur large and various obligations and expend large and various sums of money for medicine and medical attention in and about endeavoring to cure the said injuries, and by reason of the aforesaid injuries may and probably will in the future be obliged to expend further large sums.

12. The plaintiff as a further result of the occurrence aforesaid has, and may, and probably will in the future be required to employ a housemaid to perform the household duties that had been performed by the plaintiff herself, prior to the occurrence.

13. The plaintiff further avers that her automobile was damaged in such parts, the repair of which cost such amounts, as is set forth on itemized statement hereto attached, marked Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof.

14. The plaintiff further avers that although her motor car has been repaired, yet nevertheless as a result of the occurrence it depreciated in market value to the extent of \$200.00.

Hence this suit.

/s/ Anthony F. X. D'Iorio

/s/ R. Bialkowski

Attorneys for Plaintiff

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA :
COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA : SS.

Catherine Healey, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is the plaintiff named in the foregoing Statement of Claim; that the facts contained therein of her own knowledge are true and correct; that she received on information she believes to be true and correct, all of which she expects to be able to prove on the trial of the cause.

/s/ Catherine Healey

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 28th day
of June 1944.

/s/ Walter Shelurtz
Notary Public

/s/ Seal

/s/ Comm.

EXHIBIT "A"

1 Front frame cross member	\$ 18.00
1 left front shock absorber	17.35
1 left front lower control arm & shaft assy.	12.50
1 front bumper guard	1.50
1 left front spindle support	6.00
1 left front stabilizer link	.70
1 center grille molding	1.15
1 left steering rod	1.25
1 radiator lower shell	4.50
1 upper radiator hose	.45
1 lower radiator hose	.95
1 set lower crank case gaskets	.70
4 lower control shaft bracket bolts & nuts	.60
1 upper control pin	.75
1 lower control pin	.85
1 horn ring	1.75
1 left brake hose	1.40
1 horn button	.40
replace front frame cross member	32.00
straighten and paint right front fenders	15.00
replace front spindle support)	
replace lower control arms)	
replace front shock absorber and)	4.50
reset caster camber and toe in)	
remove, repair & reinstall lower crank case	3.70
remove, repair & reinstall radiator	5.50

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replace radiator lower shell,)	
straighten and paint radiator center shell,	
replace radiator center shell molding and	8.50
align grille	
inspection	1.00
towing	8.00
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	\$ 149.00

Certified from the records this
 28th day of June A. D. 1944
 Henry E. Dietrich Prothonotary
 Per B. Dietrich /s/

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Statement of Claim was ordered referred to the City Solicitor, as well as the Insurance Carrier.

Summons in connection with the above named was received July 1, 1944, reading as follows:

LUZERNE COUNTY, ss:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,

To the Sherriff of said County,
 GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU THAT YOU SUMMON

City of Pittston

(SEAL)

so that they be and appear before our Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Wilkes-Barre, in and for said County, on the 10th day of July next to answer Catherine Healey

of a plea of Trespass and have you then and there this writ.

Witness the HONORABLE W. A. VALENTINE, President Judge of the said Court, at Wilkes-Barre, the 28th day of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty four.

Henry E. Dietrich Prothonotary.

Per /s/ B. Dietrich

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above summons was ordered received and referred to the City Solicitor, as well as the Insurance Carrier.

Communication dated Scranton, Pa., July 12, 1944, to the City of Pittston, Pittston, Pa., reading as follows, was received from the Employers' Group, Mr. E. T. Nichols, Superintendent:

Attention: Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk

Dear Mr. McNulty,

RE: CATHERINE HEALEY - ACCIDENT 1/7/44

We are in receipt of the Summons and Statement of Claim in the above captioned matter.

Since the amount demanded in the suit papers is in excess of your policy limits, we are taking this occasion to inform you that you may, and at your own expense, associate your attorney with our counsel in the event that it becomes necessary to try the matter.

The attorney who will represent us is Kenneth J. English, Esquire, Dime Bank Bldg., Pittston, Pa.

Yours respectfully,

/s/ E. T. Nichols

ETN:RD

SUPERINTENDENT

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

The following communications dated July 3, 1944, and reading as follows, were received from the Chief City Assessor, Mr. John M. Dobbie:

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
City Hall, Broad Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

Upon complaint received from property owner, the J. M. Llewellyn Estate, 222 South Main Street, Tenth Ward and after careful consideration and investigation of same, I hereby recommend that an abatement of \$19,370.00, for the years 1934 to 1944 be granted as per taxpayer's request, due to the dilapidated and deteriorated condition of this property.

The original assessed valuation of this property for the tri-ennial period 1943 - 1945 be restored to the assessment records for the year beginning January 1, 1945.

Very truly yours,
/s/ John M. Dobbie
John M. Dobbie, Chief City Assessor

JMD:j

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

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
City Hall, Broad Street, City of Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Upon complaint of property owner and after investigation, I find that assessment of \$250.00 for garage assessed to Hannah Kovatch, 5 Nafus Street in the Tenth Ward, for the tri-ennial period 1943-1945, to be in error.

There is no garage upon this property and I therefore recommend that the same be removed from the assessment records for the year 1944 and subsequent years. The assessment for the year 1943 to remain as is, since the taxes, I understand, have been paid in full for that year.

Very truly yours,
/s/ John M. Dobbie
John M. Dobbie, City Assessor

JMD:j

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

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
City Hall, Broad Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

Upon request by property owner, William Welch, 23 South Main Street, Ninth Ward, for an abatement of taxes in the amount of

unpaid
 \$4,000 for the year 1944 and prior years, I hereby recommend that this abatement be granted due to the deteriorated condition of said building. The original assessed valuation of this property for the triennial period 1943 - 1945 be restored to the assessment records for the year beginning January 1, 1945.

JMD:j

Very truly yours,
 /s/ John M. Dobbie
 John M. Dobbie, Chief City Assessor

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

Permit application dated July 3, 1944, was received from George Dructor, 671-673 North Main Street, to remodel building front, same address, material to be used, imitation brick or Klinkote siding; approximate cost, \$100.00, Contractor, Jacob Sudek.

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.

Mr. Walsh stated that complaints had been received by him concerning the dust on Searle Street, between Mill and Center, and offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and concurred in by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, that the City Clerk be instructed to write the Number 9 Coal Company, asking them to give this matter their attention at the time they are making repairs to Railroad Street.

Mr. Sheridan stated that he would make a motion that the City Treasurer be requested to present letter for the payment of the premium on his bond. Mr. Grablick explained that he had included in his list of bills for payment, the bill covering this premium but that Mr. Sheridan had insisted it be taken off, and added that if it was his desire at this time, he would restore it to his original list. No action was taken on the matter.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and upon Roll Call of members present, there being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST: July 17, 1944

JOHN D. McNULTY

CITY CLERK

John D. McNulty
 CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JULY 17, 1944 AT 8:00 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in special session, Monday, July 17, 1944 at 8:00 P.M. at the call of Mayor Reilly, for general purposes. Mayor Reilly presided with all members of Council present, waver of notice being waived by all members of City Council.

Minutes of regular session of Thursday, July 13, 1944, were read and upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved as read.

Minutes of meeting of June 29, 1944 were ordered read. Mr. Walsh objected, but was informed by Mayor Reilly that he could state his objections under the question only. On the question, Mr. Walsh stated that the combined low bids received total \$28,087.00, rather than the total of \$28,197, as submitted by Banks and Futch Construction Company. Mayor Reilly informed Mr. Walsh that if there were any errors in the totals, the same would be corrected, and ordered the City Clerk to proceed with the reading of the minutes.

The minutes were thereupon read and upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, approved as read by majority vote of members present, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon and Mayor Reilly voting in the affirmative, and Mr. Walsh and Mr. Sheridan voting in the negative.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 447 was introduced by Mr. Grablick, reading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE

"PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF STREET RAILWAY TRACKS OR RAILS NOW UPON MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF PITTSTON, AND THE REPAIR AND RENEWAL OF THE SURFACE OF SAID STREET TRACK AREA FROM WHICH SAID RAILWAY TRACKS OR RAILS SHALL HAVE BEEN REMOVED."

After reading of Ordinance in its entirety, on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon and upon Roll Call of members present, the same was passed by majority vote of Council, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon and Mr. Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Sheridan voting in the negative.

Motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, to suspend the rules and proceed upon the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 447.

Upon Roll Call of members present, motion was carried by majority vote of members present, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon, and Mayor Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Sheridan voting in the negative, whereupon, the City Clerk read File of Council No. 447, an Ordinance, by Title only.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, Ordinance No. 447 was passed upon Second Reading by majority vote of members present, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon and Mayor Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Sheridan voting in the negative.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 448 was introduced by Mr. Turon, reading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE

"AMENDING THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 1944, PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF A SPECIAL FUND SET UP BY AUTHORITY OF RESOLUTION NO. 3719, ADOPTED BY COUNCIL MAY 25, 1944, AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THE SAME DAY, TO THE SAID GENERAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 1944, AND PROVIDING FURTHER FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION AS HEREINAFTER SET FORTH."

After reading of Ordinance in its entirety, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the same was passed by majority vote of Council, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon and Mayor Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Sheridan voting in the negative.

Motion was made by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, to suspend the rules and proceed upon the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 448.

Upon Roll Call of members present, motion was carried by majority vote of members present, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon, and Mayor Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Sheridan voting in the negative, whereupon, the City Clerk read File of Council No. 448, An Ordinance, by Title only.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, Ordinance No. 448 was passed upon Second Reading by majority vote of members present, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon and Mayor Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Sheridan voting in the negative.

Communication dated July 17, 1944 to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, reading as follows, was submitted by Mr. Grablick:

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend payment of the following bills:

New York Casualty Co.	Premium on Bond, M. P. Rane, City Treasurer & Tax Collector	\$ 1362.49
James Halford	Expense, Gas, Oil, Board & Meals, Gar Wood Load Packer to plant at Detroit, Mich.	77.06
Total		\$ 1439.55

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ S. C. Grablick
S. C. Grablick, Director
Dept. of Accts. & Finance

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

The City Solicitor, Mr. William H. Gillespie, made verbal report to Council stating that he was present at hearing conducted by the Sanitary Water Board of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, held at the Court House, in Wilkes-Barre on Friday, July 14, 1944.

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 spread upon the minutes of this meeting, report made by Mr. Gillespie.

Mayor Reilly announced that he had called a hearing before Members of City Council for Thursday, July 27, 1944, at 8:00 P. M., to investigate the matter of irregularities charged in the matter of awarding of Contract to Banks and Futch Construction Company for the removal of the rails and the repairing of the track area thereof. The Mayor also stated

that demands were made upon him by the Banks and Futch Construction Company and the C. F. Goeringer Construction Company, Inc., requesting such investigation be made.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Council adjourned, to meet Thursday, July 27, 1944, for the purpose of general business, after the investigation of track removal contract set for the same date at 8:00 P.M.

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JOHN D. McNULTY

CITY CLERK

ATTEST: July 27th, 1944

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JULY 27TH, 1944, AT 8:10 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in special session, Thursday, July 27, 1944, at 8:10 P. M., for the purpose of conducting hearing to investigate rumor or rumors of irregularities in awarding of contract for track removal, and for general business purposes; Mayor Reilly presiding, and all members of Council present, with the exception of Mr. Grablick, who entered the meeting immediately after Roll Call.

Minutes of special session of Monday, July 17, 1944, were read, and upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered approved as read. -

Mayor Reilly asked the City Clerk to read from the minutes of meeting of July 13, 1944, the motion requesting the Mayor to conduct an investigation before the members of City Council in the matter concerning the awarding of contract to Banks and Futch Construction Company to remove the street car tracks or rails from the Main Street, and the repair of the surface, thereof.

The City Clerk complied with the Mayor's request, reading as follows:

"On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, action on the matter of proceeding upon the Banks and Futch Contract be withheld until the Mayor has been requested to conduct an investigation upon allegations of rumor, or rumors of fraud on the part of any person or persons concerned in the matter of contract with the Banks & Futch Construction Company.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, that the Mayor be requested to conduct an investigation, with the members of City Council present, in the matter concerning bid of Banks & Futch Construction Company, to remove street car tracks, or rails, and repair surface thereof."

Upon the reading of the above two motions, Mayor Reilly continued the investigation, calling to the witness stand, Councilman Walsh, Mr. Banks, of the Banks & Futch Construction Company, Mr. Lees, of the C. F. Goeringer Construction Company, Mr. Sweeney, of the Sweeney Brothers Construction Company, Mr. Halsey, the City Engineer, and Mr. McNulty, the City Clerk.

Record of the testimony offered, which is rather lengthy, is on file in the office of the City Clerk, John D. McNulty.

RESOLUTION NO. 3726. Pittston, Pennsylvania. July 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 July 22, 1944."

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

Petty Cash disbursements by the office of the City Clerk in the amount of \$9.86, was recommended by Mr. Grablick, for approval.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above item was ordered approved and paid.

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pa., July 21, 1944, addressed to Mr. William H. Gillespie, City Solicitor, and reading as follows, was received from Richard Maize, Secretary of Mines, Harrisburg, Pa.:

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

With further reference to your letter of July 3, advising this Department that the Council of the City of Pittston, through resolution adopted June 29, 1944, requests to be informed whether any coal is being mined under the surface of the said City in a reckless, ruthless or unlawful manner, or in violation of any of the rules and regulations of the Department of Mines governing the mining of coal and the protection of life and property upon the surface, please be advised that I now have before me all of the facts pertaining to that part of the question you have submitted, which pertains to this Department, and over which I have jurisdiction.

Mining is presently being carried on beneath the surface of the City of Pittston at the following locations:

1. The Morgan Anthracite Coal Company is mining in the Checker Seam in the vicinity of Tompkins and Frothingham Streets.
2. The No. 9 Coal Company is mining in the Marcy Seam in the vicinity of Tompkins, Pine, Vine, Nafus, Broad, Mill and Charles Streets. Mining is also carried on in the Red Ash Seam in the vicinity of Center, Mill, Wilford and Bolin Streets.
3. The Pennsylvania Coal Company is mining in the Pittston Seam in the vicinity of Vine and Winter Streets. Mining is also carried on in the Marcy Seam in the vicinity of Main and Winter Streets, and in the Red Ash Seam in the vicinity of Tedrick Street.

After making a complete and thorough inspection of the aforementioned workings, our inspectors have found that the method of mining is similar to that carried on elsewhere in the anthracite region, that all the laws over which this Department has jurisdiction are fully and completely observed, and that the mining is not being carried on in a reckless, ruthless or unlawful manner.

That part of your question, which refers to the protection of property on the surface, is highly controversial and my entering into a discussion of it could easily be construed as an intrusion into the business of your City as it is not a legitimate exercise of the sovereign right or duty of this Department.

I respectfully submit to you this latter conviction, as I want you fully to understand the reason for my failure to discuss that part of your question dealing with surface subsidences.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Richard Maize
Richard Maize
Secretary of Mines

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

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pa., July 19, 1944, to the Honorable John J. Reilly, Mayor, and reading as follows, was received from Mr. C. H. Buckius, Chief Engineer, Department of Highways, Harrisburg, Pa.:

Dear Sir:

We have been furnished with a copy of the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation's Application 63300 filed with the Public Utility Commission for approval of abandoning trolley service on Main Street, City of Pittston, Luzerne County. As you are aware portions of our State Highway Routes 5, 232 and 35011 traverse parts of Main Street.

We have also been furnished with a copy of City Ordinance No. 446, wherein it is mentioned that the trolley company will pay to the City the sum of \$28, 147.24 in discharge of the trolley company's liability for repairs to the pavement necessitated by the removal of the rails. The Ordinance further provides that the rails to be recovered will be the property of the city.

We assume that upon restoration of the trolley area the City will request the Department of Highways to take over this section for future maintenance. We have reviewed the plans which the city has prepared for removal of the tracks and restoration of the surface and they meet with our approval. If you do propose to request the Department to maintain the restored area will you please advise if you have any objection to this Department placing an inspector on the work so there will be no misunderstanding or disputes afterward with respect to acceptance of restored area by the Department of Highways?

We are informed that a hearing to consider the application in this matter was held in Wilkes-Barre yesterday and that the work of restoration will start upon the issuance of an order by the Commission. We would therefore be pleased to receive an answer in the very near future.

Yours very truly,

/s/ C. H. Buckius
C. H. Buckius
Chief Engineer

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Buckius that it was the intention of City Council to comply with their request.

The City Solicitor, Mr. William H. Gillespie, by verbal report informed Council that the City Engineer, Mr. Halsey, the City Clerk, Mr. McNulty, and he, himself, Mr. Gillespie, appeared before the Public Utility Commission at hearing held in the Court House at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., in the matter of application by the Wilkes-Barre Railway Company to remove railway tracks from the Main Street of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, said hearing held on Tuesday, July 18, 1944.

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 spread upon the minutes of this meeting, Mr. Gillespie's report.

✓ RESOLUTION NO. 3727. Pittston, Pennsylvania, July 27, 1944.
 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the sum of Thirteen hundred (\$1300.00) Dollars be transferred from the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Item "Purchase of Major Equipment", to the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Item "Wages of Laborers", Street Department."

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

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, July 21, 1944, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, and reading as follows, was received from the Chief City Assessor, Mr. John M. Dobbie:

Gentlemen:

Mr. Joseph Newcomb, 156 Carroll Street, informs me that barn assessed at this address, in the name of Joseph and William Newcomb, in the sixth ward, in the amount of \$900.00, has been razed as of June 30, 1944, and request that the same be removed from the assessment records of this property.

Very truly yours,

/s/ John M. Dobbie

JMD:a

John M. Dobbie, City Assessor.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the report was ordered received and filed, and the City Clerk instructed to comply with the request stated therein.

There being no further business, Mr. Grablick, before adjournment, asked to be heard in connection with track removal contract, and after being sworn in, offered testimony which is included in, and made a part of, the general report on the hearing, and on file in the office of the City Clerk.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Council adjourned, to meet again at the call of the Chair.

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JOHN D. McNULTY

CITY CLERK

ATTEST: August 29, 1944

John D. McNulty
 CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AUGUST 29, 1944, AT 8:30 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in special session, Tuesday, August 29, 1944, at 8:30 P. M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of special session of Thursday, July 27, 1944, 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.

Mayor Reilly submitted report dated August 1, 1944, of Parking Meter Fees and Fines received by his Department for the month of July, 1944, reading as follows:

July 1, 1944 to August 1, 1944,	Parking Fees	\$ 260.85
July 1, 1944 to August 1, 1944,	Fines, Violations	50.00
July 1, 1944 to August 1, 1944,	Fines, Magistrate	6.00
	Total	\$ 316.85

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 report dated July 31, 1944, of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of July, 1944, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1944	\$ 79,623.22
Receipts during the month	6,467.26
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Total	\$ 86,090.48

Warrants paid	\$ 19,921.85
Cash on Hand, July 31, 1944	66,168.63
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Total	\$ 86,090.48

Cash on Hand, July 31, 1944, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 5,557.07
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account	10,162.13
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account	9,772.54
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account	2,876.86
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account	9,652.79
Special Fund, Track Removal	28,147.24
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Total	\$ 66,168.63

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 July 31, 1944, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of July, 1944, reading as follows:

John D. McMulty, City Clerk
City of Pittston, Penna.

Dear Mr. McMulty:

I, herewith, submit my report of City License issued during the

month of July, 1944.

License applied for by: Gramercy Tavern,
155 South Main Street, Pittston, Penna.
License fee for one (1) pinball machine
for year ending December 31, 1943.
Granted July 5, 1944. License # 675\$25.00

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.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated August 2, 1944, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of July, 1944:

Weekly reports sent to the Medical Center.	
Monthly report sent to the Medical Center.	
Complaints received and investigated	35
Restaurants inspected	7
Health Cards received and filed	13
Cases of Mumps reported	1
Tuberculosis Cases reported	2

(Sterling Orth - 213 Mill St., City
Dorothy Mancini - 166 Parsonage St., City)

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 received and filed.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated August 2, 1944, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of July, 1944:

	<u>Sealed and Corrected</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	12	-
Platform Scales	4	-
Counter Scales	22	2
Beam Scales	6	-
Dry Measures	5	-
Milk Bottles	8	-
Yard Measures	4	-

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer
Weights and Measures.

mTN: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.

Communication dated August 29, 1944, to the Mayor and Members of Council, reading as follows, was received from the City Solicitor, Mr. William H. Gillespie:

Gentlemen:

In answer to your verbal request for my opinion as to the legality and regularity of the acceptance of the bid of the Banks and Futch Construction Company and the awarding of a contract thereunder, to the Banks and Futch Construction Company, Contractors, at meeting of Council held June 29, 1944, for the removal of the street car tracks or rails from Main Street in the City of Pittston and repairing of the surface of the said track area, permit me to say that in my opinion, the receipt and acceptance of the said bid or proposal and the action of Council in awarding said Contract to the said Banks and Futch Construction Company, was in compliance with the law governing the procedure in question.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ W. H. Gillespie
W. H. Gillespie
City Solicitor of the City
of Pittston.

WHG:j

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon, and Mayor Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Sheridan voting in the negative, the communication by a majority vote of Council was ordered received and filed. On the motion to receive and file the above communication, Mr. Walsh informed Council that he was approached by certain taxpayers, who informed him that they proposed to take an appeal from the Annual Audit.

Order by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Application No. 63300, in re: Application of Wyoming Valley Public Service Company, and Ellsworth S. Keller and Roy W. Voris, Trustees for the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation - for approval of the abandonment of street railway service on Main Street in the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, and Order by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Public Utility Municipal Contract No. 1215, in re: 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, both being approved by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, were received and read in their entirety.

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

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 447, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF STREET RAILWAY TRACKS OR RAILS NOW UPON MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF PITSTON, AND THE REPAIR AND RENTWAL OF THE SURFACE OF SAID STREET TRACK AREA FROM WHICH SAID RAILWAY TRACKS OR RAILS SHALL HAVE BEEN REMOVED, was read in its entirety for the Third time, and upon motion by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon, and Mayor Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Sheridan voting in the negative, the above ordinance was approved and adopted by majority vote of Council, on Third and Final Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 448, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 1944, PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF A SPECIAL FUND SET UP BY AUTHORITY OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 3719, ADOPTED BY COUNCIL, MAY 25, 1944, AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THE SAME DAY, TO THE SAID GENERAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 1944, AND PROVIDING FURTHER FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION AS HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, was read in its entirety for the Third time, and upon motion by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon, and Mayor Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Sheridan voting in the negative, the above ordinance was approved and adopted by majority vote of Council, on Third and Final Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 3728, Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 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 August 1, 1944."

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. 3729, Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 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 August 11, 1944."

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. 3730, Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 29, 1944, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Mayor John J. Reilly be, and he is hereby authorized to initiate such proceedings and to execute any and all necessary pleadings, affidavits, etc., as shall be necessary to join No. 9 Coal Company as an additional defendant in proceedings brought by Catherine Healey vs. City of Pittston, No. 179 October Term, 1944, in the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, and all and every act which he may have done and performed in seeking to join said No. 9 Coal Company as additional defendant in said proceedings be and the same are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed."

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. 3731, Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 29, 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 General Appropriation Ordinance of the City of Pittston for the fiscal year commencing the first Monday of January, 1944, File of Council No. 443, be, and the same is hereby amended by transferring from the item "Rental of Equipment", in the Street Department appropriation in the said General Appropriation Ordinance of 1944, the sum of \$49.76 to the special fund created by Resolution No. 3719 and adopted by the Council of the City of Pittston, which was directed to be specifically used to defray the cost and expense of removing from the Main Street of the said City of Pittston the railway tracks or rails now upon the said Main Street and thereafter to defray the cost and expense of substantially repairing and renewing the surface of said track area from which the said railway tracks or rails may be so removed in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by the City Engineer of the City of Pittston, the said fund created

as aforesaid was specifically designated in Ordinance No. 448 as Fund provided for the expense and cost of the removal of the street railway tracks and rails of the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation from the Main Street in the City of Pittston and the cost and expense of repairing the said street area.

The purpose and intent of this Resolution, hereby submitted to Council for adoption and approval, is to make the total amount of said Fund, equal to the amount of the bid submitted by the Banks and Futch Construction Company, the successful bidder for the work above described, and will make the full amount of the said bid available for payment thereof."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon and Mayor Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Sheridan voting in the negative, the above Resolution was approved and adopted by majority vote of members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 3732, Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 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 August 21, 1944."

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. 3733, Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 29, 1944,
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:
"That the sum of Twenty-five hundred (\$2500.00) dollars be transferred from the Sinking Fund, Item "Bond and Interest, 1938 Account", to the Sinking Fund, Item "Bond and Interest, 1935 Account".

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. 3734, Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 29, 1944,
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 1943, \$59,995.80. 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 within the time required by law."

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

The following bills were submitted and recommended for approval by the Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick:

Anthracite Paint & Wallpaper Store	White Traffic paint	\$ 47.00
The Bell Telephone Co. of Penna.	Phone service to July 16, '44	41.32
William P. Bonser	Flashlight batteries	14.40
Grier P. Cadman	State inspections, misc. repairs.	15.00
Cash - Purchase at Washington Auto Exchange, Scranton, Penna.	Ford drive-shaft, tubing, etc.	20.00
V. E. Churchfield	Light repairs	39.61
Consumer's Gas & Oil Company	Gas, oil, etc. (June, July)	268.03
Consumer's Ice Company	Ice for various offices	40.75
Cory-Patterson Manufacturing Co.	Canvas cover	20.62
C. B. Dolge Company	100 lb. drum Ban	12.00
C. F. Goeringer Construction Co.	Road materials (Cold Patch)	1809.87

Communication dated August 24, 1944, to the Mayor and Members of City Council, and reading as follows, was received from the City Solicitor, Mr. William H. Gillespie:

In re: Detoro v. City of Pittston,
et al
No. 232 January Term, 1944

Gentlemen:-

I wish to inform you that the above noted case in which certain former police officers of the City of Pittston, who were discharged by Council several years ago, are interested, and in which an appeal is pending in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, has been continued by the said Court, because of the recent death of Attorney William L. Pace, one of the Attorneys for the City of Pittston in said appeal.

Argument upon the said appeal had been fixed for the week beginning September 25, 1944, at Pittsburgh, and has now been continued by the said Court to the week beginning November 27, 1944, at Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ W. H. Gillespie,
W. H. Gillespie, City Solicitor

WHG:j

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 Harrisburg, Pa., August 2, 1944, and addressed to the Office of the City Clerk, reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Bureau of Fire Protection:

Dear Mr. McMulty:

In connection with your conversation recently with Pfc. Lynn H. Bohr, of this organization, relative to the three story vacant building at 299-301 North Main Street, Pittston, Luzerne County, I am attaching copies of letters I wrote to the owner, one dated December 27, 1943, and the other March 1, 1944, together with a copy of letter addressed to his sister Mrs. Mary McCanna Seidel, dated January 14, 1944. As far as we know Mr. McCanna is in the Armed Forces. He has not replied to our communications to him nor has his sister shown any disposition to have the property in question protected.

Acting upon the request made by you to Pfc. Bohr I am referring the case to you with the thought in mind that possibly the city authorities would be able to take some action. I am prevented from going further in the matter by reason that the owner apparently is not at the present time within our jurisdiction. I would be pleased to have you advise me if anything can be done by the City relative to this case.

Yours truly,

Pennsylvania State Police

/s/ W. F. Traeger

BY: W. F. TRAEGER FIRE MARSHAL

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ENCS.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered referred to the attention of the Fire Chief.

Communication dated July 27, 1944, to the Mayor and City Council, reading as follows, was received from the City Engineer, Mr. Thomas J. Halsey:

Gentlemen:

In regards to the communication dated June 5, 1944 from Mr. Patrick J. Flannery, Wilkes-Barre, Penn'a., as to the dangerous condition of the creek in the rear of South Main Street, I submit the following estimated cost to cover same with a reinforced concrete slab at the following prices viz:

1052 lin. ft. of reinf. conc. slab	At \$5.00 per ft.
Amounting to -----	\$ 5260.00
1052 lin. ft. of creek to clean @ \$0.80	<u>841.60</u>
Total	\$ 6101.60

Very truly yours,

/s/ Thomas J. Halsey

City Engineer

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 May 31, 1944, to the Mayor and City Directors, reading as follows, was received from the City Treasurer M. P. Ruane:

Gentlemen:

I, herewith, submit my final report and settlement of City Tax Duplicate for the year 1943, as set forth to close of business as of May 31st, 1944 and ask to be exonerated and released of same.

Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

/s/ M. P. Ruane

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City Treasurer.

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, and Mr. Ruane exonerated and released from the balance of the 1943 City Duplicate, as stated in his report, and set forth in Resolution No. 3734, as of this date.

Communication dated August 29, 1944, to the Mayor and City Council, reading as follows, was received from the City Engineer, Mr. Thomas J. Halsey:

Gentlemen:

Mr. Michael Valentie, proprietor of the Spring Service at number 8 Spring Street would like to secure permission from the Council of Pittston City to place a steel pole on the easterly line of South Main Street at its junction with the northerly curb line of Spring Street for the purpose of placing an overhead sign extending over the South Main Street Side Walk, as per sketch enclosed.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Thomas J. Halsey

City Engineer.

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 attention of the City Engineer, and the superintendent of the Street Department.

Notice of Claims for negligence against the City of Pittston, reading as follows, was served upon the undersigned by Attorney William A. Corcoran, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.:

NOTICE OF CLAIMS FOR NEGLIGENCE AGAINST MUNICIPALITY

PITTSTON CITY, A MUNICIPALITY
LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

GENTLEMEN:

In pursuance to and in conformity with the Act of 1937, July 1, P.L. 2547 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, (53 PS 2774), the undersigned, Julia Fulmer, Administratrix of the Estate of Jule Ann Fulmer, deceased, herewith and hereby notified the said City of Pittston, a Municipality of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, of claims for damages against the said City of Pittston arising out of or from the negligence of the said City of Pittston or employes thereof.

The said Claims for Damages are controlled by the following:

(a) The "Death" Acts of April 15, 1851, P. L. 669, sec. 19, and April 26, 1855, P. L. 309 to recover damages for the funeral expenses of Jule Ann Fulmer, deceased, and the loss to the parents George Fulmer and Julia Fulmer of the services of the said Jule Ann Fulmer until she would have reached the age of twenty-one (21) years;

(b) The "Survival" Act of July 2, 1937, P. L. 2755 to recover damages for the said Jule Ann Fulmer, deceased, on account of pain and suffering and the loss of earnings after she the said Jule Ann Fulmer would have attained her majority.

FACTS UPON WHICH THE CLAIMS ARE BASED

On or about the 8th day of February, A. D. 1944, Jule Ann Fulmer, a female child, of the approximate age of three (3) years, daughter of George Fulmer and Julia Fulmer of 119 Butler Street, Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, was passing along, on foot, on the public highway or street, to wit: Mill Street in the City of Pittston aforesaid, when suddenly and without any warning, the said highway or street caved in immediately beneath her feet, precipitating her, the said Jule Ann Fulmer, into a hole to her death. Damages arising from the negligence of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania or employes thereof are hereby claimed in the amount of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars.

/s/ Julia Fulmer

Julia Fulmer, Administratrix of
the Estate of Jule Ann Fulmer, Deceased

Now this 2nd day of August, A. D. 1944, the undersigned Clerk of the aforesaid City of Pittston, a Municipality, hereby certify that the foregoing NOTICE was received and filed in the office of the Clerk of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

/s/ John D. McMulty, City Clerk

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above notice of Claims was ordered referred to the City Solicitor and the Insurance carrier, also, that the County Coroner be requested to investigate the cause of the death referred to, therein.

RESOLUTION NO. 3735. Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 29, 1944.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

WHEREAS, the Board of Revision and Tax Appeals, after careful investigation, has recommended to the City Council that owing to the deteriorated condition of the building at 29-31-33 North Main Street, 7th Ward, assessed to A. B. Brown Estate, which has existed since the year 1934, an abatement should be granted;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston that an abatement be granted in the sum of \$16,000, on the assessment of \$61,250 on the property of A. B. Brown Estate, 29-31-33 North Main Street, 7th Ward, for the years 1934 to 1943, both inclusive, for which City and School taxes have not been paid, PROVIDED HOWEVER, that no refund will be made for any of such taxes already paid, and that the reduction in valuation shall apply only to the said years and not to future years.

The City Clerk is directed to transmit to the Secretary of the Pittston City School Board, a certified copy of this Resolution.

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

Communication dated August 29, 1944, to the Mayor and Members of City Council, reading as follows, was received from the City Assessor, Mr. John M. Dobbie:

Gentlemen:

Regarding request for abatement of taxes of John D. and Stella McNulty, 37 Parsonage Street, Fourth Ward.

I have carefully checked the assessment records for the years 1931 to 1944, inclusive, and find this property to be over-assessed when compared with other property in this same block, and recommend that an abatement of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars per year be allowed for the years 1931 to 1936, inclusive, and five hundred (\$500) dollars per year for the years 1937 to 1944, inclusive, thereby placing the assessment in line with other properties in this block.

Respectfully,

/s/ John M. Dobbie
John M. Dobbie
Chief City Assessor

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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 abatement was granted.

A delegation of taxpayers from the First Ward appeared before Council protesting against the use of that section of the City as a dumping ground. Mr. T. Frank Doyle, the spokesman, explained that the dump is a menace to the health and safety of the residents in this particular section, and requested that something be done immediately to eliminate this nuisance. Mr. Joseph Boyle of the same group addressed Council requesting, also, that the nuisance and health menace be relieved immediately.

Mayor Reilly explained that efforts have been made at various times to secure a suitable dumping ground; that at present the City is negotiating with the Lehigh Valley Coal Company for a site along the dike on the west side of the Lackawanna River in lower Duryea Borough; that the City Engineer, Mr. Halsey, was to meet with the Coal Company Engineer, Mr. Montz, tomorrow, August 30, and that a report on the same would be available within the next two weeks.

Mr. M. J. Clark and Mr. George W. Bainbridge of the City Park Commission were present. Mr. Clark outlined briefly a plan proposed by the Commission to establish City Parks. He further stated that if action be taken at this time by City Council, the proposed parks would be finished by the Spring of 1945.

Mayor Reilly stated that a report by Council on this subject would be submitted at the next regular meeting of City Council.

Councilman Walsh stated that the City road roller was being used by the contractor on the Railroad Street repair job, commencing August twenty-fourth, and that the City Clerk be instructed to establish the rate usually charged by various contractors for rental of roller, and that the contractor be billed for the use of the same for the period the roller was used. The City Clerk was thereupon instructed to comply with Mr. Walsh's request.

Petition was submitted by members of the Second Presbyterian Church, Parsonage Street, containing one hundred twenty-eight (128) signatures requesting that Haston Street, adjoining the church property, be repaired with a coating of macadam over the present cobblestone street, so as to make this street one that will add to the utility and beauty of our city thoroughfares. The present street is of cobblestone construction and has worked hardship to the pedestrians in that the street is so uneven that it places undue strain upon pedestrians trying to maintain their balance, both in the summer and winter seasons.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above request was referred to the City Engineer, with instructions to prepare estimate of costs to repair said street.

Mr. Sheridan asked if the check to the New York Casualty Company in payment of bond of Mr. Ruane, City Treasurer, had been forwarded to the Company. Mr. Grablick stated that the check had been mailed, and at the request of Mr. Sheridan, it was agreed to produce the cancelled check at the next regular meeting, if the same was returned cancelled by the bank.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Council adjourned, to meet again upon the call of the Chair.

A P P R O V E D

September 16, 1944

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CITY CLERK		

ATTEST: September 16, 1944

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, SEPTEMBER 16, 1944 AT 8:30 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in special session, Saturday, September 16, 1944, at 8 :30 P.M., with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and Councilmen Grablick and Walsh present, Councilmen Turon and Sheridan absent.

Minutes of Special meeting of Tuesday, August 29, 1944, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered approved and filed.

Mayor Reilly submitted report dated September, 1944, of Parking Meter Collections and Fines received by his Department for the month of August, 1944, reading as follows:

August 1 1944 to August 31, 1944, Parking Meter Fees	\$213.90
" " " " " " " " Parking Violations	27.00

Total \$240.90

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.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted report dated August 31, 1944, of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of August 1944, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, August 1, 1944	\$ 66,168.63
Receipts during the month	17,498.45

Total \$ 83,667.08

Warrants Paid	\$ 12,551.20
Cash on Hand, August 31, 1944	71,115.88

Total \$ 83,667.08

Cash on Hand, August 31, 1944, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 7,476.51
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account	11,456.05
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account	13,180.90
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account	698.26
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account	10,107.16
Special Fund Track Removal	28,197.00

Total \$ 71,115.88

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 report dated August 31, 1944, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of August, 1944, reading as follows:

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 August, 1944.

License applied for by: Latorre's Smoke Shop, 19 South Main Street, Pittston, Pa. (Joseph Latorre, Prop.) License Fee (2 pinball machines for the year ending December 31, 1944. License # 676 -----	Granted August 31, 1944 -----	\$ 35.00
License applied for by: Latorre's Smoke Shop, 19 South Main Street, Pittston, Pa. (Joseph Latorre, Prop.) License Fee (2 pinball machines). Balance due year 1943. License # 677 -----	Granted August 31, 1944 -----	35.00
License applied for by: Texas Restaurant, 20 South Main St., Pittston, Pa. (George Peos, Prop.) License fee (1 pinball machine) for year ending December 31, 1944. License # 678 -----	Granted August 31, 1944 -----	25.00
License applied for by: Main Recreation, 12 North Main St., Pittston Pa. (Sam Butera, Prop.) License fee (2) pinball machines for year ending December 31, 1944. License # 679 -----	Granted August 31, 1944 -----	35.00
License applied for by: Pittston Diner, 4 Dock St., Pittston, Pa. License fee (1) one pinball machine for year ending December 31, 1944. License # 680 -----	Granted August 31, 1944 -----	25.00
License applied for by: Pittston Diner, 4 Dock St., Pittston, Pa. License fee for (1) one pinball machine, for balance due year 1943. License # 681 -----	Granted August 31, 1944 -----	25.00
Total		\$ 180.00

Very truly yours,

/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.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated September 1, 1944, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Health Officer for the month of August, 1944:

Weekly reports sent to the Medical Center.
 Monthly report sent to the Medical Center.
 Complaints received and investigated 28
 Health cards received and filed 33
 Restaurants inspected 10
 No reportable communicable diseases in the City.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
 MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB,
 HEALTH OFFICER.

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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.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated September 1, 1944, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of August, 1944:

	<u>Sealed & Corrected</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	4	-
Platform Scales	6	-
Counter Scales	20	2
Beam Scales	3	-
Prescription Scales	4	-
Dry Measures	6	-
Milk Bottles	10	-
Yard Measures	6	-

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
 MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
 SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES.

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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. 3736. Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 16, 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 August 31, 1944." On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3737: Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 16, 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 September 10, 1944."

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. 3738. Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of Sixty-six hundred (\$6600) dollars be transferred from the Department of Public Affairs, Item "Salary of Patrolmen", to the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Item "Wages of Laborers, Street Department"."

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. 3739. Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of Fourteen hundred (\$1400) dollars be transferred from the Department of Public Safety, Item "Wages, Volunteer Firemen", to the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Item "Wages of Laborers, Ash and Rubbish Collection."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3740. Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, the Mayor and Members of Council of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, were indicted by the Grand Jury of Luzerne County in April, 1944, for maintaining a nuisance near upper Lambert Street in the said City of Pittston, as appears of record in No. 84 June Sessions, 1944, in the Court of Quarter Sessions of Luzerne County;

AND, WHEREAS, the said case has been listed for trial in said Court for Thursday, September 21, 1944;

AND, WHEREAS, the said nuisance has been completely abated by the said Council of the City of Pittston;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the said City of Pittston, that William H. Gillespie, City Solicitor of said City, be instructed to respectfully request the said Court of Quarter Sessions to nol pros the indictment returned as aforesaid by the Grand Jury of Luzerne County."

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. 3741. Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1944. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That William H. Gillespie, City Solicitor of the City of Pittston, Pa., be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to retain Kenneth J. English, Esquire, Attorney-at-law, and Frank M. Flanagan, Esquire, Attorney-at-law, both of Pittston, Pa., to represent the City of Pittston in the appeal from the judgment of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County Pa., to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, in the case of Albert Detoro vs. the City of Pittston, entered to No. 232 January Term 1944;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said Kenneth J. English, Esquire, shall receive for his legal services as such Attorney or counsel for the said City of Pittston upon said appeal, the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars in full payment thereof, and the said Frank M. Flanagan, Esquire, shall receive for his legal services as such Attorney or counsel, the sum of three hundred (\$300) dollars in full payment thereof."

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

The following communications were received and read:

September 15, 1944

To the Mayor and City Council,
of Pittston City.

Gentlemen:

In regards to dumping ground for the City of Pittston, in the rear of the dike along the northerly side of the Lackawanna River, in the Borough of Duryea, on lands of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company.

I talked the matter over with Mr. Montz, Mining Engineer, and Mr. Haupt Land Agent, for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, and as far as they knew, there would be no objections, but the matter would have to be taken up with the Kehoe and Berge Coal Company, Lessees of the property for their approval. Mr. Haupt promised me that he would keep after it until some decision was reached.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Thomas J. Halsey

City Engineer.

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 write the Kehoe-Berge Coal Company, asking for permission to use the above-mentioned site for the purpose of dumping ash and garbage collection.

September 15, 1944

To the Mayor and City Council of the City of Pittston.

Gentlemen:

The following is an estimated cost for the surfacing of Haston Alley with a bituminous material. The estimate is made for the full width of the Alley from Parsonage Street to Drummond Street, or a space twenty (20) feet wide by two hundred (200) feet long, same containing 445 square yards of surface, at 1.50 dollars per square yard, same would make a total of 667.50 dollars to complete the work.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Thomas J. Halsey

City Engineer.

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.

September 13, 1944

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

Dear Mayor:

I understand that some time ago you appointed a Committee to view the Reap property on Dock Street for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the City might be interested as a purchaser of it. The owners are anxious to dispose of the same and now feel it should be put on the

market for sale. I have several offers for it, but before committing myself, as representative of the owners, I desire to give the City a chance to bid for it, particularly in view of the fact that it is generally thought that it could be used to a decided advantage in the plans of the City for future development.

I would appreciate it if you would take the matter up with the Council at its meeting on Thursday for their consideration and endeavor to get some action on it in the immediate future.

Very truly yours,

JTM:tm

/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 ordered received and filed.

Pittston, Penna.
September 14, 1944

Mr. 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 September, 1944.

Miss Rosanna Walkavage, 96 Church Street, Pittston, Penna., as clerk in place of Miss Angela Walkavage who has enlisted in the Waves of the United States Navy, and granted leave of absence by me for the duration of the war, and six months thereafter.

Very truly yours,

mpr:rw

/s/ M. P. Ruane
Tax Collector

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed and the action of the City Treasurer M. P. Ruane, confirmed.

September 12, 1944

Mr. McNulty,
Secretary, Pittston City,
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sir:-

We have no record of our Certified check
No. 5988 on Forty Fort Bank being returned by you.

Yours truly
Frank B. Sgarlat Estate

/s/ W. Bartholomew, Mgr.

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 return the certified check referred to above, as well as any or all certified checks received and upon which contracts have been properly executed

and performance bonds submitted wherever required.

September 15, 1944

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

Dear Mr. McNulty:

I am taking this opportunity to thank you for obtaining permission for us to use the city platform for our picnic. Will you kindly convey our gratitude to the members of your Council. We assure you this favor was greatly appreciated.

Thanking you again for this and past favors, I am

Sincerely,

/s/ Father Bednarcik

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

✓ September 13, 1944

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council
Pittston City, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Upon complaint of taxpayer and after a careful and thorough investigation, I find that property listed in the 1943-45 Triennial and the 1943-1944 Assessment books in the name of Henry Baker at R-121 Carroll Street, 6th Ward, to be double assessed. This property also appears on the records as 14 Radcliffe Street, and is properly assessed in the name of Thomas and Mary Brogan the present owners.

I therefore, recommend that the property at R-121 Carroll Street in the name of Henry Baker be stricken from the records for the years as above indicated, and an abatement be granted in the amount of \$2,000.00 accordingly.

Very truly yours,

OFFICE OF THE CITY ASSESSOR
CITY OF PITSTON

/s/ John M. Dobbie
John M. Dobbie,
Chief Assessor.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed, and the City Clerk instructed to make proper correction in assessment records referred to, therein.

The following financial report of the Policeman's Ball conducted June 20, 1944, was submitted by the President of the Ball Committee, Mr. Merle Finan:.

September 16, 1944

Financial Report of the Policeman's Ball

Total Advertisement taken by Committee	\$3,001.15	
Total Tickets Sold	968.00	
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Total Receipts		\$ 3,969.15
Disbursements:		
Stationery & stamps	\$ 25.40	
Cost of Program Committee	87.10	
Cost of Ball Program & etc.	449.60	
Tax to Internal Revenue	35.40	
Three \$1,000.00 Gov. Bonds	3000.00	
Total Disbursements.....		3,597.00
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Balance in Bank		\$ 371.65
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/s/ Merle Finan

Pres.

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.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for two (2) new $1\frac{1}{2}$ Ton Standard Truck Chassis with or without dump bodies. The $1\frac{1}{2}$ ton 1937 Ford Truck now used in the Street Department to be traded in on the purchase of the new trucks. Also, to advertise for bids for one (1) $1\frac{1}{2}$ ton new and/or used Air Compressor, complete with jack hammer and hose, Diesel type compressor preferred.

Upon recommendation by Mayor Reilly, the City Solicitor was instructed to petition the State Highway Department, Harrisburg, Pa., to take over as a state highway, New Street, from North Main Street in the City of Pittston to Parsonage Street in the borough of Hughestown, since neither the City nor Hughestown Borough are financially able to repair and maintain the same.

Mayor Reilly informed Council that the contractors of the Banks and Futch Construction Company started work on the removal of the street car tracks or rails Friday, September 15, 1944.

In compliance with request of Councilman Walsh, at previous meeting of City Council, the City Clerk was instructed to forward bill to the Banks and Futch Construction Company in the amount of \$48.00, for use of City road roller on repairs to East Railroad Street.

Permit application was received from Michael Viola, 222 South Main Street, City, to repair dwelling at same address, material to be used, oak flooring and composition roof covering, approximate cost of repair, \$700.00, contractor, Norman Costello, Wyoming, Pa.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted.

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.

A P P R O V E D

October 5, 1944

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NAYS

Yes	G
Yes	W
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JOHN D. McNULTY

CITY CLERK

ATTEST: October 5, 1944


CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, OCTOBER 5, 1944, AT 9:00 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in special session Thursday, October 5, 1944, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present, waiver of notice being waived by all members of Council.

Minutes of special session of Saturday, September 16, 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 approved and filed.

Mayor Reilly submitted report dated October 5, 1944, of Parking Meter Collections and Fines received by his department for the month of September 1944, reading as follows:

September 1, 1944 to September 30, 1944	Parking Meter Fees	\$206.90
September 1, 1944 to September 30, 1944	Parking Violations	17.00
September 1, 1944 to September 30, 1944	Magistrate Fines	45.00
Total		\$268.90

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, 1944, of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of September, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, September 1, 1944	\$ 71,115.88
Receipts during the month	32,843.58

Total \$103,959.46

Warrants Paid	\$ 22,339.24
Cash on Hand September 30, 1944	81,620.22

Total \$103,959.46

Cash on Hand September 30, 1944, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 27,498.12
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account	12,439.30
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account	1,914.52
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account	1,024.86
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account	10,546.42
Special Fund Track Removal	28,197.00

Total \$ 81,620.22

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 report dated September 30, 1944, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of September, reading as follows:

License applied for by: Howard Owens,
Fern Restaurant, Pittston, Pa.

License Fee for (1) pinball machine
for year 1943. Granted September 1, 1944.

License #682 ----- \$ 25.00

License applied for by: Frank Biggio,
34 South Main St., Pittston, Pa.

License Fee for (1) pinball machine
for the year 1944 to Dec. 31, 1944.

Granted September 1, 1944.

License #683 ----- 25.00

License applied for by: Frank Biggio,
34 South Main St., Pittston, Pa.

License Fee (1) pinball machine for
the year 1943. Granted September 1,

1944. License #684 ----- 25.00

License applied for by: Gramercy Tavern,
155 South Main St., Pittston, Pa.

License Fee (1) Pinball Machine for the
year ending Dec. 31, 1944. Granted

September 5, 1944. License #685 ----- 25.00

Total \$ 100.00

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.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated October 2, 1944, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Health Officer for the month of September 1944:

Monthly report sent to the Medical Center.

Weekly reports sent to the Medical Center.

Complaints received and investigated 25

Health Cards received and filed 24

Restaurants inspected 8

Cases of Diphtheria reported 1

(Janet Colman - 239 Butler St., City

Reported - September 19, 1944

Released - October 3, 1944)

Cases of Anterior Poliomyelitis reported .. 1

(Grace Calabrese - 18 Hill Park Ave.

Reported - September 26, 1944

Case cared by Crippled Childrens'

Association, Pittston City, Penna.)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
Health Officer.

mTW: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 received and filed.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated October 2, 1944, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of September, 1944:

	<u>Adjusted</u>	<u>Corrected & Sealed</u>
Person Scales	-	4
Platform Scales	-	6
Counter Scales	2	20
Beam Scales	-	2
Prescription Scales	-	3
Liquid Measures	-	4
Milk Bottles	-	6
Yard Measures	-	4
	<u>2</u>	<u>49</u>

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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 received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3742. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 5, 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 September 20, 1944." On motion of Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3743. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 5, 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 September 30, 1944."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3744. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1944.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the City Clerk be directed to advertise in the public press for sealed proposals or bids to be received by the City Clerk of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, at his office in the City Hall of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., Eastern War Time, on Thursday, November 9, 1944, for the flushing or filling of mine voids in the Checker Vein of the No. 9 Coal Company in the vicinity of Mill Street in the said City of Pittston, according to plans and specifications to be prepared by the City Engineer of the City of Pittston and approved by the

Pennsylvania State Department of Mines. Such proposals or bids shall be received with the understanding that the cost of such flushing or filling of said mine voids shall be assumed by the No. 9 Coal Company, the Morgan Slope Coal Company, and the State of Pennsylvania, and not by the City of Pittston."

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. 3745 Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1944.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That Articles of Agreement be made and concluded this 5th day of October, 1944, 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 1944, as per Contract on file in the office of the City Clerk." (Contract attached to original copy of Resolution)

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, in communication dated October 5, 1944, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, recommended approval of the following bills:

John A. Allan	Compensation insurance	\$ 786.15
The Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	Phone service (Aug.-Sept.)	79.06
Clarkson Chemical Company	Mops, mopheads	12.47
Consumer's Gas & Oil Company	Gas & Oil, etc. (Aug.)	33.85
Consumer's Ice Company	Ice for various offices (Aug.)	21.25
Eagen Hardware Company	Misc. repair parts, etc.	11.55
Egan Oil and Supply Company	Gas & oil (Sept.)	76.88
Wesley M. Evans	Rent of bldg. (July,-Aug.-Sept.)	105.00
Franconi Auto Parts	Auto maintenance-repairs	224.43
William H. Gillespie	Filing liens, judgments	27.55
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Water for various offices	17.00
Harry C. Hunt	Tax statements	34.90
Thomas Hood	Repairs to fire-alarm system	5.60
Klein Auto Parts Company	Misc. repair parts	43.88
LaBarre's Stationery	Office supplies	1.80
Miners Nat'l Bank of W-Barre, Pa.	Refund on over-payment of 1943	
	City Taxes	87.50
Mitchell's Lumber Company	Cement	4.92
Newcomb Brothers	Coal	55.20
New York Casualty Company	Premium on bond of Rosanne	
	Walkavage-clerk in Treasurer's Office	18.49
Office of City Clerk	Postage stamps for various offices	20.00
Pittston Oil Company	Gas, oil, etc.	93.10
Austin S. Powers	Sleeves, pipe, elbow, etc.	11.66
Reliable Spring Service	Center bolt	.20
P. A. Sammon	Liability insurance	249.09
Scranton Electric Company	Light service	86.10
Scranton Electric Company	Street lighting (August)	1006.45
Scranton-Spring-Brook Water Co.	Water Service	46.89
Scranton-Spring-Brook Water Co.	Fire-hydrant rentals	276.68
Edwin A. Sites	Six (6) affidavits	3.00
Sullivan Taxi Company	Taxi service (Police Dept.)	1.25
Wagner Lumber Company	Fifty (50) oak stakes	2.50
Williams' Stationery	Office Supplies	30.10
	Total	<u>\$3474.50</u>

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

Estimate No. 1 for the removal of the rails and paving of the track area on North Main Street by the contractor, Banks and Futch Construction Company, and reading as follows, was submitted under date of October 5, 1944, by the City Engineer Mr. Thomas J. Halsey:

Item #1	Removal of 12000 lin. ft. of rail	@ \$0.07	\$ 840.00
Item #4	Repairing 270 sq. yds. of concrete base (Partial Repairs, Brick not laid in place)	@ 2.00	540.00
Item #5	Repairing 1794 sq. yds. of concrete base (Partial Repairs, Black Top not laid in place)	@ 3.00	5382.00
Total			\$6762.00
Less 10% Retained			676.20
Amount due Contractor			\$6085.20

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by majority vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon and Mayor Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Sheridan voting in the negative, the estimate was approved as read.

Communication dated October 5, 1944 to the Mayor and Members of City Council and reading as follows, was received from the City Engineer, Mr. Thomas J. Halsey:

Gentlemen:

Mr. Montz of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. has given his approval to the use of the land back of the dyke, in Duryea Borough for the use of a dumping ground for the City of Pittston, and the same has been taken up with the Kehoe-Berge Coal Co. for their approval, as the land is under lease to them. At this time they have not received any reply.

Mr. Haupt promised me that he would keep after it until a decision is reached.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Thomas J. Halsey

City Engineer.

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 Scranton, Pa., October 4, 1944, to the City Clerk and reading as follows, was received from Mr. P. A. Murphy, Treasurer Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley Railroad Company:

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

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Mr. P. J. Murphy, President, Laurel Line Transportation

Company handed me your letter of September 6th 1944 concerning unpaid balance of (\$1500) dollars due the city by the Laurel Line Transportation Company.

Mr. Murphy advises that an agreement was made with a previous administration whereby the above mentioned bus license fees were to be cancelled and that the Bus Company was to commence paying (\$150) for yearly license fees and this we have been doing.

Under the above circumstances we must decline to pay this unpaid balance of (\$1500) dollars.

Very truly yours,

/s/ P. A. Murphy

Treasurer

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

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pa., September 28, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Mines, Mr. Richard Maize, Secretary of Mines:

Honorable John J. Reilly, Mayor
City of Pittston
City Hall
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Reilly:

The attached memorandum explains fully and completely the conditions under which the \$105,310.00, allocated by the Commonwealth, may be expended by your City and by the School District of the City of Pittston.

That I may fulfill the duties imposed upon me, outlined in the attached memorandum, a committee of three Mine Inspectors, namely, Daniel H. Connelly, Andrew Wilson, and Frank Kettle, will represent the Department of Mines for the purpose of protecting the interests of the Commonwealth and of keeping me advised with respect to my obligations in the matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Richard Maize
Secretary of Mines.

RM:br

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 Solicitor instructed to forward letters of thanks to the Governor of Pennsylvania, the Honorable Edward Martin, the Secretary of Mines, State Department of Mines, Mr. Richard Maize, and the Adjutant General of Military Affairs, R. M. Vail.

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pa., September 25, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Highways, Mr. John U. Shroyer, Secretary of Highways:

Mr. W. H. Gillespie
City Solicitor
Dime Bank Building, Pittston
P. O. Box 398
Penna.

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

I have your letter of September 21 in which you state that at

the direction of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Pittston you are requesting the Highway Department to take over the maintenance of New Street, extending from the line of North Main Street in the said City of Pittston to Parsonage Street in the Borough of Hughestown.

We have had considerable correspondence and discussion with the Mayor of Pittston concerning certain streets and it is my impression that we are in agreement on certain portions.

I shall have a check made on this request to ascertain its status.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John U. Shroyer
Secretary of Highways

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 dated Philadelphia, Pa., September 29, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from the Office for Emergency Management, 567 Broad Street Station Building, Philadelphia, Pa:

September 29, 1944

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

Re: Lease OEM3a-1098

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Attached hereto are the original and five copies of termination notice applicable to the subject lease covering rental of space in Old City Hall Building, 14 Water Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Kindly have all copies properly executed, and return the original and four copies to this office. The additional copy may be retained for your files.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS H. OSBORNE,
Regional Director

By: /s/ E. F. Mattner
E. F. Mattner
Space and Facilities Officer

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered held until the next meeting of City Council.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pa., September 21, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from the office of the County Commissioners, Wilkes-Barre, Stephen J. Tkach, Chief Clerk:

The Board for the Assessment and Revision of Taxes for
 LUZERNE COUNTY has authorized this office to add the following omitted
 subjects of taxation to your 1944 Duplicate.

PITTSTON CITY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>
Allen, John G. & Katherine Mail to - 165 S. Sherman St. Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	9th Wd., 18 Charles St. Luz. Co. Prop. Plate #72-9-67-1		
	Lot 60 x 100 @ \$40.		\$2400.00

City of Pittston

10th Wd., 30 Railroad St.

Lot 50 x 140 @ \$15.	\$750.
2 S. B. 21 x 30)	2500.
2 S. F. 15 x 25)	\$3250.00

Yours very truly,

LUZERNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,

STEPHEN J. TKACH,

Chief Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered held until the next meeting of City Council.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to write the No. 9 Coal Company requesting the removal by them of two trees damaged by Mine cave in the High School area, on the property of Eugene Sigafos, 132 William Street, City.

A summons in assumpsit in which John H. Lance and William L. Lance trading as J. H. & W. L. Lance were Plaintiff, against the City of Pittston and others as defendants, filed to No. 1341, October Term, 1944, was served upon the City Clerk September 27, 1944.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the same was referred to the City Solicitor. The City Solicitor, who was present at the meeting, informed Council that he has entered his appearance of record in the Office of the Prothonotary of Luzerne County as Attorney for the City of Pittston.

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

ATTEST: October 26, 1944

CITY CLERK

A P P R O V E DOctober 26, 1944

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
Absent	G
Yes	W
Yes	T
Absent	S
Yes	R
JOHN D. McNULTY	
CITY CLERK	

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, OCTOBER 26, 1944 AT 8:20 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Thursday, October 26, 1944, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and Councilmen Walsh and Turon present, Councilmen Grablick and Sheridan absent.

Minutes of special session of Thursday, October 5, were not read but upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered approved and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3746. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 26, 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 October 10, 1944."

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. 3747. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 26, 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 October 20, 1944."

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. 3748. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 26, 1944.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of \$200.00 be transferred from the Department of Public Affairs, Item "Other Supplies" to the Department of Public Affairs, Item, "Street Markings and Signs."

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. 3749. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 26, 1944.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of \$100.00 be transferred from the "Sinking Fund", Item, 1935 Interest Account, to the "Sinking Fund", Item, 1923 Interest Account.

"That the sum of \$500.00 be transferred from the "Sinking Fund", Item, 1935 Interest Account, to the "Sinking Fund", Item, 1942 Interest Account."

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. 3750. Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 26, 1944.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, the office of Assistant City Engineer has been vacant since February 24, 1944, because of leave of absence granted the incumbent who was engaged in war work;

AND WHEREAS the City of Pittston is now removing the street rails or tracks from Main Street in the said City of Pittston;

AND WHEREAS the said City of Pittston expects to take measures to provide for a mine flushing program in the City of Pittston;

THEREFOR, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittston and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that James Mogavero be and he is hereby appointed Assistant City Engineer of the City of Pittston at the same salary as that paid to his predecessor for the term of service as such Assistant City Engineer of sixty (60) days, commencing November 1, 1944, said service to continue for a period of sixty (60) days, and shall be terminated at that date."

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

The following bills were submitted and recommended for approval by the Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick:

The Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	October phone service	\$ 41.60
V. E. Churchfield	Traffic signal repairs, etc.	19.00
Commercial Gas Corporation	Oxygen and acetylene	5.82
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Additional tax on 1943 Loans Tax Settlement	38.00
Consumer's Gas & Oil Co.	Gas, oil, greasing, washing, etc.	112.90
Consumer's Ice Company	Ice for various offices	20.00
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Water for various offices	7.50
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Pencils, pads, etc.	6.85
Pittston Gazette Company	Office supplies - advertising	96.15
✓ M. V. Quinn	Insurance on Tool Shed-Tompkins Street	16.70
P. A. Sammon	Premium on addition of 1937 Ford Dump Truck to Fleet Policy	.67
The Scranton Electric Company	September - Street Lighting	1006.45
Vullo's Tire & Battery Service	Tires	39.00
Williams' Paper Company	Paper towels, cups, etc.	23.00
	Total	\$ 1433.64

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

The following communication dated October 23, 1944 was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Bureau of Fire Protection, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, reading as follows:

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

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Several months ago you informed Pfc. A. J. Wilson of this organization that when the City of Pittston acquired the property at 30 Railroad Street and rear 30 Railroad Street, Pittston, Luzerne County, it was the intention to demolish the two buildings thereon and to develop the properties further for a playground.

In view that the two buildings on this property are in dilapidated condition and constitute fire hazards I would be please if you would advise me when arrangements will be made to remove these two buildings.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Yours truly,
Pennsylvania State Police
W. F. Traeger
BY: W. F. TRAEGER FIRE MARSHAL

/s/

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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 and the City Clerk instructed to advertise for bids for the razing of the buildings referred to therein.

Communication from the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, Scranton, Pa., dated October 17, 1944, was received, reading as follows:

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

Dear Sir:

We wish to bring to your attention the unsatisfactory conditions existing between the city signal wires and our facilities at the following locations:

1. Parsonage St. from opposite house #17 to front of house #366.
2. Butler St. between Church and Radcliffe Streets (B.T.Co. poles numbered X-337, X-332, X-329, X-328, X-327 and X-321).
3. Swallow St. between S. Main and Vine Streets (B.T.Co. poles numbered X-25, X-26, X-28, X-29 and X-30).

The signal wires do not have the proper clearances from facilities and, in general, are attached to our poles below our aerial cable plant thereby creating a hazard to our workmen when they may have occasion to work on the poles. The signal wires should be raised above our cable plant and so located to provide preferably two to three feet above our facilities.

Since these conditions reported by our workmen are classified by our management as dangerous plant conditions, we are followed continually for status until conditions are reported corrected, therefore, we will appreciate your cooperation in endeavoring to have these conditions attended to at an early date and advised upon the completion of the work.

Very truly yours,

/s/ D. E. Catlin

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District Plant Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered referred to the City Electrician for estimate of costs of repairs referred to therein.

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pa., October 12, 1944 and reading as follows was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Governor's Office:

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

Thank you so much for your nice letter of October eleventh relative to the attitude of your city.

Kind personal regards.

Very sincerely,

/s/ Edward Martin
EDWARD MARTIN

William H. Gillespie, Esquire
City Solicitor
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

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.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., October 24, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from the City Engineer Mr. Thomas J. Halsey:

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

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Enclosed herewith is reply from the Scranton Electric Company in regards to using their property as a dumping grounds for the City of Pittston.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Thomas J. Halsey

City Engineer.

Enclosure reads as follows:

Mr. Thomas J. Halsey, City Engineer,
City of Pittston,
500 Newrose Bldg.,
Pittston, Pa.

Dear Mr. Halsey:

This will confirm our conversation of today relative to the use of our property, lying just north of the Ferry Bridge, as a dumping ground for the City of Pittston.

I am very sorry, but it would be impossible for us to allow the City to use this as a dumping ground due to the existing facilities that we have on the property. Our underground cable for the West Pittston main feeder lies underneath this property, and that coupled with the fact, that we have several poles with guy wires attached, it would not be feasible to have dump trucks passing in and out over this property.

Very truly yours,

/s/ THE SCRANTON ELECTRIC COMPANY,
R.B. Shideler
District Manager, Pittston.

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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.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pa. and reading as follows was received from the Lehigh Valley Coal Company:

Dear Mr. Halsey:

Reference is made to your letter of September 15, 1944, enclosing print showing certain surface in the vicinity of our No. 10 Tunnel, William A. Colliery, which the City of Pittston would like to lease for a dumping ground.

The area in question overlies our Coal Lease to the Kehoe-Berge Coal Company and upon submitting the matter to them for approval, they advise that there are several objections

to our leasing the area for the purpose indicated.

Inasmuch as all of our surface in that vicinity overlies the above-mentioned Coal Lease, I suggest that you contact the Kehoe-Berge Coal Company direct and select a location for the purposed dumping ground which is agreeable to them, after which if you will forward me a print of same, I will be glad to submit it to our company for approval.

Very truly yours
H. G. Haupt
Ass't Land Agent.

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 efforts to secure suitable dumping ground continued.

Communication dated September 21, 1944, was received from the Office of the County Commissioners, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., wherein the Board for the Assessment and Revision of Taxes for Luzerne County had authorized the addition to the Luzerne County assessment records of property located at 30 East Railroad Street, Tenth Ward, City of Pittston. This property was purchased at County Treasurer's Sale of properties for delinquent taxes by the County Commissioners of Luzerne County and later purchased from the County Commissioners by the City of Pittston.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above mentioned communication was referred to the City Solicitor with instructions that he request the County Commissioners to remove this property from the County assessment records since it is the intention of City Council to improve the said property for recreational purposes.

Communication dated Philadelphia, Pa., September 29, 1944, was received from the Office for Emergency Management, reading as follows:

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

Re: Lease OEM3a-1098

Dear Mr. McMulty:

Attached hereto are the original and five copies of termination notice applicable to the subject lease covering rental of space in Old City Hall Building, 14 Water Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Kindly have all copies properly executed, and return the original and four copies to this office. The additional copy may be retained for your files.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS H. OSBORNE,
Regional Director
By: /s/ E. F. Mattner
Space and Facilities Officer

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. (No further action taken).

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 of bids received for the purchase of two (2) 1½ Ton trucks and one (1) air compressor as advertised in the local newspaper and to be returned and opened at this meeting. The City Clerk notified Council that bids had been received on air compressor from the Eastern Pennsylvania Supply Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., the Hazleton Machinery and Equipment Company, Hazleton, Pa., and the Medico Electric Motor Company, Pittston, Pa.; for the trucks, from Roy Stauffer, Chevrolet dealer, Pittston, Pa. After proceeding with the reading of all bids received, the same were, upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, referred to the City Engineer, the City Solicitor, and members of City Council for tabulation.

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

A P P R O V E D

November 9, 1944.

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JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK

ATTEST: November 9, 1944

CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, NOVEMBER 9, 1944, at 8:20 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Thursday, November 9, 1944, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session, Thursday, October twenty-sixth, were not read but upon motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered approved and filed.

Mayor Reilly informed members of Council that since proposals for the flushing or filling of the mine voids in the Checker Vein of the No. 9 Coal Company in the vicinity of Mill Street, legally advertised for and returnable at this meeting of Council, were received, that the opening and reading of proposals received be acted upon before proceeding with the regular order of business in order that those present and interested in said proposals not be required to remain throughout the regular order of business. Plans and specifications were asked for and received by the No. 9 Coal Company, Sekol and Sons, Morgan and Muskvat, and Mr. J. A. Eadbury. The plans and specifications received by the last two mentioned, being returned, since they are not submitting bids.

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 reading of the legal advertisement covering said proposals. After reading of said legal advertisement, on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the advertisement was approved as read.

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 proceed with the opening and reading of proposals received. Proposals were submitted by the No. 9 Coal Company and Sekol and Sons. The No. 9 Coal Company proposed to do said flushing as per plans and specifications for an aggregate amount of \$162,000.00. Sekol and Sons submitted proposal for the said flushing for the amount of \$164,000.00.

There being no other proposals submitted, on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the proposals received, opened and read as above stated, were referred to the City Engineer, the City Solicitor, and representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Mines, Mr. Connolly, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Kettle.

Mayor Reilly submitted report of Parking Meter Collections and Fines received by his department for the month of October, 1944, reading as follows:

October 1, 1944, to October 31, 1944	Parking Meter Fess	\$ 96.85
October 1, 1944, to October 31, 1944	Parking Violations	27.00
	Total	<u>\$123.85</u>

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.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted report dated October 31, 1944 of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of October, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, October 1, 1944\$ 81,620.22
Receipts during the month 8,441.88

TOTAL \$ 90,062.10

Warrants Paid\$ 31,827.78
Cash on Hand, October 31, 1944 58,234.32

TOTAL \$ 90,062.10

Cash on Hand, October 31, 1944, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund\$ 22,555.96
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account 10,857.93
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account 1,426.39
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account 1,124.98
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account 157.26
Special Fund, Track Removal 22,111.80

TOTAL \$ 58,234.32

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.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated November 6, 1944, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
October, 1944:

Weekly reports sent to the Medical Center.
Monthly report sent to the Medical Center.
Health Cards received and filed 12
Restaurants inspected 8
Meat Houses inspected 4
Green-Produce Houses inspected 2
Alleys investigated and cleaned 8
Complaints received and investigated 14
No reportable communicable diseases.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
HEALTH OFFICER.

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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 received and filed.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated November 1, 1944; reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
October, 1944:

	<u>Inspected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	3	-
Counter Scales	21	2
Platform Scales	4	-
Beam Scales	2	-
Prescription Scales	2	-
Dry Measures	2	-
Liquid Measures	4	-
Milk Bottles	6	-
Yard Measures	4	-

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES.

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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 report was ordered received and filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 449 was introduced by Mr. Grablick, reading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE

"PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY 1944, FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 443, BY TRANSFERRING FROM THE ITEM "RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT" IN THE STREET DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION IN THE SAID GENERAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF 1944 THE SUM OF \$49.76 TO THE SPECIAL FUND CREATED BY RESOLUTION NO. 3719, ADOPTED BY COUNCIL MAY 25, 1944, AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THE SAME DAY, THE SAID FUND SO CREATED BEING SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED IN ORDINANCE NO. 448 AS A FUND PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSE AND COST OF THE REMOVAL OF THE STREET RAILWAY TRACKS OR RAILS OF THE WILKES-BARRE RAILWAY CORPORATION FROM THE MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH, AND THE COST AND EXPENSE OF REPAIRING OF SAID STREET AREA."

After reading of said Ordinance in its entirety by the City Clerk, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, the same was passed on first reading by majority vote of Council, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon, and Mr. Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Sheridan voting in the negative.

Motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, to suspend the rules and proceed upon the second reading of Ordinance No. 449.

Upon Roll Call of members present, the above motion was carried by majority vote of members present, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon and Mr. Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Sheridan voting in the negative. Whereupon, the City Clerk proceeded with the reading of File of Council No. 449, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1944, FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 443, BY TRANSFERRING FROM THE ITEM "RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT" IN THE STREET DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION IN THE SAID GENERAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF 1944 THE SUM OF \$49.76 TO THE SPECIAL FUND CREATED BY RESOLUTION NO. 3719, ADOPTED BY COUNCIL MAY 25, 1944, AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THE SAME DAY, THE SAID FUND SO CREATED BEING SPECIALLY DESIGNATED IN ORDINANCE NO. 448 AS A FUND PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSE AND COST OF THE REMOVAL OF THE STREET RAILWAY TRACKS OR RAILS OF THE WILKES-BARRE RAILWAY CORPORATION FROM THE MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH, AND THE COST AND EXPENSE OF REPAIRING OF SAID STREET AREA," in its entirety.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance No. 449 was passed upon second reading by majority vote of Council, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon and Mr. Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Sheridan voting in the negative.

RESOLUTION NO. 3751. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 9, 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 October 30, 1944."

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. 3752. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 9, 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 November 9, 1944."

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. 3753. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 9, 1944.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of \$200.00 be transferred from the Sinking Fund, 1923 Bond and Interest Account, to the Sinking Fund, 1938 Bond and Interest Account.

That the sum of \$1,400.00 be transferred from the Sinking Fund, 1935 Bond and Interest Account, to the Sinking Fund, 1938 Bond and Interest Account.

That the sum of \$150.00 be transferred from the Sinking Fund, 1942 Bond and Interest Account, to the Sinking Fund, 1938 Bond and Interest Account."

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. 3754. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 9, 1944.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of \$1300.00 be transferred from the General Fund to the Sinking Fund as a loan. This loan or any part thereof to be returned to the General Fund within the current year, provided the Sinking Fund Account permits the same."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3755. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 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 Resolution No. 3731 adopted by Council of the City of Pittston August 29, 1944, and approved by the Mayor on the same day, which provided for the transfer of the sum of \$49.76 from the item "Rental of Equipment" in the Street Department appropriation in the said General Appropriation Ordinance of 1944, to the special fund created by Resolution No. 3719, adopted by Council of the City of Pittston May 25, 1944, and approved by the Mayor on the same day, be and the same is hereby rescinded and declared null and void;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said sum of \$49.76 transferred as aforesaid to said special fund created by Resolution No. 3719 be and the same is hereby returned and restored to the said item "Rental of Equipment" in the Street Department appropriation in the said General Appropriation Ordinance of 1944."

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon and Mr. Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Sheridan voting in the negative, the above Resolution was adopted by majority vote of members present.

Communication dated November 1, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from the School District of the City of Pittston, Pa.:

To the Mayor and Members of City Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the School Board held on October 23, 1944, a resolution was adopted to arrange a joint session with the City Council, the solicitors of the city and school district and City Controller Emerson Howley, for a study of the delinquent tax problem in this city.

Please set a date for sometime during the month of November.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Thomas J. Hennigan
Thomas J. Hennigan
Secretary

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, Council to set a date later for joint session as requested.

Communication dated November 9, 1944 and reading as follows, was received from the City Engineer, Mr. Thomas J. Halsey:

To the Mayor and Council of Pittston City,
City Hall, Broad Street,
Pittston City, Penn'a.

Gentlemen:

The following is estimate No. 2 for the removal of

the rails and paving of the track area on North and South Main Street, Pittston City:

Item #1 Removal of 22,135 lin. ft. of rail	@ \$0.07	\$1549.45
Item #2 Removal of 4,674 lin. ft. of rail	@ 0.04	186.96
Item #3 Repairing 300 sq. yds. of stone base (Partial repairs, Amiesite not laid)	@ 2.45	1160.00 (?)
Item #4 Repairing 2192 sq. yds. Brick pave	@ 4.50	9864.00
Item #5 Repairing 1744 sq. yds. H-1 Bit. pave	@ 4.20	7354.80 (?)

Total \$20115.21

Less 10% retained \$ 2011.52

Less estimate #1 6085.20 8096.72

Amount due Contractor \$ 12018.49

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Thomas J. Halsey

City Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above estimate was approved and ordered paid when certified by the City Solicitor, by majority vote of Council, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon and Mr. Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Sheridan voting in the negative.

Communication dated October 25, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from Kehoe-Berge Coal Company:

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 20, in regard to dumping ground for the City of Pittston:

I do not know of any location controlled by our company that would be suitable for a dumping ground, or that would not create a hazard or nuisance to our operation.

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. A. Bradbury
General Superintendent.

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 City Council instructed to continue their efforts to secure a suitable dumping ground.

Communication dated November 8, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from the City Solicitor, Mr. William H. Gillespie:

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your recent verbal request for a legal opinion as to the application of Section 518 of the Act of 1933, P. L. 853, as amended by the Act of 1935, P. L. 674, to such taxes as may be paid under protest to the City of Pittston when the taxpayer appeals from the Court decision of the County Commissioners as to the assessment of his real estate, or other taxable property, in the Court of Common Pleas, permit me to say:

1. That the said Act of Assembly, as so amended, applies to taxes based upon the assessment or valuation of real estate, or other taxable property, in the City of Pittston, as fixed by the Board of County Commissioners of Luzerne County.
2. That the appeal so taken by the taxpayer shall not prevent the collection of the taxes complained of, but in case the same shall be reduced then the excess shall be returned to the person or persons who shall have taken such appeal.
3. That when such appeal is taken and the taxpayer has paid over to the tax collector under protest in writing it shall be the duty of the tax collector to notify the taxing district of such payment on protest by delivering to it the protest in writing, Whereupon the taxing district shall be required to segregate twenty-five per centum (25%) of the amount of the tax paid over and shall deposit the same in a separate account, in the depository in which the funds of the taxing district are deposited and shall not be permitted to expend any portion of such segregated amount, unless it shall first petition the Court alleged that such segregated amount is unjustly withheld. Whereupon the Court shall have power to order the use by the taxing district of such portion of such segregated amount as shall appear to the said Court would be reasonably free from dispute and the remainder of the segregated amount shall be held segregated by the taxing district pending the final disposition of the appeal.
4. That upon final disposition of the appeal the amount found to be due the appellant as a refund shall also be a legal set-off or credit against any future taxes existing against the appellant by the same taxing district, and where a taxing district alleges that it is unable to thus credit all of such refund in one year the Court, on application of either party, shall determine over what period of time such refund shall be made and shall fix the amount thereof which shall be credited in any year or years.

This provision of the said Act of Assembly as amended shall be construed to apply to all refunds that are now due, or may hereafter become due, as the result of appeals from assessments that have not been finally determined or adjusted at the time said Act took effect, regardless of whether there has been a payment of any monies into Court or to the Tax Collector under written protest.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

W. H. Gillespie
W. H. Gillespie, City Solicitor
for the City of Pittston

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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.

Permit application dated October 25, 1944, was received from the No. 9 Coal Company to erect coal loading pocket and hoist engine house at 358 North Main Street, City; size of loading pocket, 14 ft. x 31 ft., engine house, 30 ft. x 40 ft.; materials to be used lumber for loading pocket, and new lumber for engine house frame building; approximate cost of pocket, \$2,000.00, engine house, \$750.00; contractor, employees of the No. 9 Coal Company; permit applied for by Mr. Mayers, General Superintendent, and Mr. Whaite, Engineer, No. 9 Coal Company.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the application was ordered tabled until next meeting of Council.

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

A P P R O V E D

November 30, 1944

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JOHN D. McNULTY

CITY CLERK

Attest: November 30, 1944

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, NOVEMBER 30, 1944, AT 7:55 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Thursday, November 30, 1944, 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, November 9, 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 approved and filed.

There being a delegation of some thirty to forty residents of the Second and Third Wards present, Mayor Reilly stated that their grievance would be heard before proceeding with the regular order of business.

Mr. Patrick O'Brien of New Street stated that those present from the upper Wards were before Council to protest against the erection of a coal-loading pocket and the opening of a slope opposite the Cyclone Machine Company in the 300 block of North Main Street, and as a spokesman for the delegation, presented two petitions, one each from the Second and Third Wards, containing fifty-four and seventy signatures, respectively.

Mr. O'Brien asked why the loading pocket or so-called tipple was allowed to be erected without first securing building permit from the Council and requested the Mayor and Members of Council to go into Court to seek an injunction against the new concern, named in each of the petitions as the No. 9 Coal Company, with the end in view of halting the actual mining before the concern had a chance to begin.

Mayor Reilly stated that the No. 9 Coal Company submitted application for a building permit, which was received and read at the regular meeting of Council on Thursday, November 9th, and that action on same was deferred at the time.

Among those present, and addressing Council, were Mr. Fred Demesch Bolin Avenue, Mr. Joseph Queeney, Cliff Street, Mr. Vernon Newton, Cornelia Street, Mr. James A. Clark, Cornelia Street, and Mrs. Elwood Brown, New Street. City Controller Emerson Howley and School Director Emmett Carroll.

After considerable discussion, the City Solicitor, Mr. Gillespie, explained in detail the law and obstacles likely to be encountered if and when an injunction is sought, the petitions were on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, referred to the City Solicitor for study, and if he advises that the City has grounds to institute injunction proceedings or seek other relief at law, that a move be made to obtain such relief. Under the same motion, the following communication presented by Councilman Mr. John Sheridan was also referred to the Solicitor:

Pittston, Pa.,
November 30, 1944.

To The Mayor & Fellow Council Members,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

As a Councilman and a resident of the 3rd Ward of the City of Pittston, I am familiar with the conditions that exist there and I join in the petition that has been presented here tonight. I believe that we, as the elected representatives of the people of the City of Pittston, should carry out our sworn duty and see that this operation is stopped without delay.

The people of the 2nd and 3rd Wards are deeply concerned

for the safety not only of their property but also their lives. We have the power to act in this matter and let us do so tonight. I believe in the future of our city and in order that it may be made more secure let us resolve, here and now, that this grave threat to the security of our city and its residents shall be stopped and forever abated.

Signed John Sheridan
John Sheridan, Council Member.

Mr. S. C. Grablick, Director, Department of Accounts & Finance, submitted the following report on estimated receipts for the year 1945, including both general and sinking fund:

Current Tax Levy including Personal Tax	\$168,341.25
Delinquent Taxes	75,000.00
City Licenses	2,393.69
Telephones	16.00
Treasurer - Luzerne County	4,100.00
Pittston City School District	4,100.00
Parking Meter Fees	2,300.00
Fines	350.00
Liquor License	13,000.00
Paving and Curbing	2,404.68
Sewer Tappage	202.42
Liens, etc.	1,500.00
Accounts Receivable	3,925.00
Poll Tax	2,672.80
Miscellaneous Accounts	619.76

Total Estimated Receipts\$ 280,925.60

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

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 450. AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBTS AND EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF PITSTON, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1945, AND ENDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1946, was read at length for the first time.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above ordinance was passed on first reading.

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, to suspend the rules and proceed upon the second reading of Ordinance No. 450.

On Roll Call of members present, the above motion was carried and the City Clerk instructed to proceed with the reading of File of Council No. 450, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBTS AND EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF PITSTON, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1945, AND ENDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1946" 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 No. 450 was passed upon second reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 451. AN ORDINANCE FIXING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1945, was read at length for the first time.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance No. 451 was passed on first reading.

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, to suspend the rules and proceed upon the second reading of Ordinance No. 451.

On Roll Call of members present, the above motion was carried and the City Clerk instructed to proceed with the reading of File of Council No. 451, "AN ORDINANCE FIXING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1945", for the second time.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance No. 451 was passed upon second reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 3756. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 30, 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 November 19, 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. 3757. Pittston, Pennsylvania, November 30, 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 November 29, 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.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., November 30, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from the Director of Accounts & Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend approval of the following bills:

The Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	Phone service	\$ 44.75
William P. Bonser	Tire and tire tube	25.03
V. E. Churchfield	Labor-material for stoker repair	45.58
Consumer's Gas & Oil Company	Gas, oil, greasing, etc.	81.85
Consumer's Ice Company	Ice for various offices	20.50
Eagen Hardware Company	Rope, bolts, etc.	9.54
Egan Oil and Supply Company	Gas, oil, etc.	89.75
Wesley M. Evans	Rental - City Yards	35.00
Franconi Auto Parts	Misc. auto repair parts	41.06
William H. Gillespie	Satisfaction of liens	7.20
Glen Summit Water Co., Inc.	Water for various offices	7.00
C. F. Goeringer Construction Co.	Road material (Cold Patch)	112.06
Thomas Hood	Fire-alarm system repair	63.84
Kehoe and McNamara	Liability insurance	19.70
Klein Auto Parts Company	Valves, hose, element, etc.	7.19
Lehigh Valley Railroad Co.	Rental - Old City Yards	60.00
Newcomb Brothers	Coal	117.52
The Pittston Gazette Co.	Assessment books, tax duplicates, advertising	369.20
Pittston Oil Co.	Gas, oil, etc.	90.30

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Michael P. Ruane	Postal cards, stamps, etc.	75.00
Scranton Electric Co.	Light service	51.93
Scranton Electric Co.	Street lighting	1006.45
Scranton-Spr.-Brook Water Co.	Water Service	27.94
Scranton-Spr.-Brook Water Co.	Hydrant rental	138.34
Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.	Fire-alarm system repairs	13.38

\$ 2560.11

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ S. O. Grablick

S. O. 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 as read and ordered paid when sufficient funds are available.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., November 30, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from Attorney John T. Mulhall:

Pittston City Council,
Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

My client, the Loftus Estate, is desirous of knowing if the City will be ready to complete the purchase of its lot on Broad Street, adjacent to the City Hall, by the first of the year. When and if the City is ready to complete the transaction, I will be in a position to deliver a good and marketable title to the same.

Kindly let me know your attitude in this matter, and oblige.

Very truly yours,

/s/ John T. Mulhall

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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 communication was ordered received and filed, since the matter referred to, therein, was already before Council and referred to the City Solicitor.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa. November 15, 1944, and reading as follows was received from the Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Peter A. Garrity, President:

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce held on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 14th, the matter of the extension of Tompkins Street to Water Street was again up for discussion.

I informed members of the Board that about ten days ago

I had the pleasure of showing the proposed project to two local officials of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. They went over the ground thoroughly and they advised that they could see no objection if the proposed street was brought through by the way of Sutherland Place. In bringing the street out at that point they claim all that would be needed was a right-away over the switch entering Sutherland McMillan Plant and the removal of a small part of a freight unloading platform on the Sutherland Plant side of the freight house near the front of the building.

They feel certain that if the Committee representing the City of Pittston wait on the local Superintendent at Wilkes-Barre and start the movement from there that there would not be any objection to the proposed extension.

We of the Chamber of Commerce are deeply concerned about the opening of this street because we realize that it would be a big improvement to the traffic conditions of central city and we also feel if this project isn't carried to a completion at this time the Reap Property which is involved will be purchased by an individual and the extension of Tompkins Street will be closed for all time.

Hoping your Committee will follow this lead at their earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Peter A. Garrity

Peter A. Garrity, President
Greater Pittston Chamber of
Commerce

Since the above subject matter has already been placed before committee, the above communication was ordered received and filed and the committee instructed to continue to act, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pa., November 10, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from the Luzerne County Commissioners, Stephen J. Tkach, Chief Clerk:

W. H. Gillespie, Esq.,
Pittston City Solicitor.
Pittston, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged on behalf of Luzerne County Commissioners, your letter with reference to the property located at 30 Railroad Street, Pittston City, which property is now owned by Pittston City.

Please be advised that the matter will be placed before the County Commissioners for proper action.

Yours very truly,

LUZERNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,

(s) Stephen J. Tkach,

SJT:D.

Chief Clerk

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 Pittston, Pa., November 20, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from the Kehoe Real Estate, John Kehoe, Agent:

To The Mayor & Council Members,
Pittston City, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I have recently been requested by many taxpayers of the City of Pittston, to raise my voice in protest against the mess that is being made here in connection with the school property and city streets. In my opinion there is something decidedly wrong in our City and it is about time that the property owners take the matter in their own hands and look after their own interests as long as the Mayor and certain members of the City Council have failed in this important charge.

The bungled job that was done in estimating the cost of repairing the High School Building and flushing the voids under the City is a disgrace and I understand that it was made under the direction of Mayor Reilly. He should explain to the taxpayers why an error of fifty-five (55%) per cent, in estimating the cost of repairing the school building and flushing thereunder, was made; he should also explain why an error of thirty-three (33%) per cent was made in the estimate for flushing under the City. These errors are too large to be mere chance. What was behind them?

When I was a member of the Pittston City School Board there was talk of building a Junior High School, which I opposed successfully. At that time Mayor Reilly made a proposition to the Board to draw up plans and specifications with the understanding that if we did not build the School there would be no charge by him. We did not build yet. Mayor Reilly sent in a bill and wanted to collect the sum of three thousand six hundred (\$3,600.00) dollars. This bill has not been paid and should not be paid. He was not entitled to it then and is not entitled to it now.

I suppose Mayor Reilly will raise his hands and cry "persecution" when this letter is read, but before he does so let him truthfully answer "yea" or "nay" to the matter herein contained; and let him answer to the taxpayers of the City of Pittston, whose interests he is sworn to protect. Oh no, there is no persecution here, just facts.

The residents of the second and third wards of the City have been ignored and a coal company has been allowed to build a tippie there, with the consequence that property holders in that section of the City are fearful that their properties will be caved like properties in the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th wards. The value of real estate in Pittston has been reduced so that you can hardly realize anything on your property to-day; and this condition has been brought about by unlawful mining conditions. Something must be done and done quickly or else, in my opinion, the City of Pittston is headed for bankruptcy.

The Mayor is the chief magistrate of the City and he should long ago have insisted that the coal companies pay for the damage they caused. He indicated right along that the coal companies were going to contribute towards repairing the damage they caused and now it looks as if they are trying to freeze out other bidders who might undertake flushing under the schools and city streets.

It seems only fair that the coal company that ruined

the high school building should pay for its repair as well as restore the city streets to a safe condition. This operator must have made an enormous profit since he has been mining under Pittston City and it is not fair that this profit should be made at the expense of poor mine workers who own their own homes in the City of Pittston, and who now find them destroyed through reckless mining. There is no reason why Mayor Reilly should vote against proceeding against this coal company, but since he did so it makes one wonder whether he is being paid by the coal companies to help them or the taxpayers of Pittston City to look after their interests.

During my lifetime I have always fought for the interests of the taxpayers. The people of the City of Pittston know that, and they also know that I shall continue to do just that, without fear or favor, because after the middle turn of life's way we consider dangers and joys with a tranquil mind.

I hope that this letter will bear fruit; I hope that before long we shall get men in our City who will put everything in apple pie order and keep it there.

In closing I want to call to your attention the statement of a Pennsylvanian, made over twenty years ago; "Wars and pestilence and misgovernment destroyed great cities of old. Surely in these enlightened times we must not sacrifice our communities to industrial carelessness or civic neglect, nor let important parts of this God-favored State revert to forsaken mining camps, unsightly and forlorn".

Respectfully yours,

/s/ John Kehoe

JOHN KEHOE, Agent
KEHOE REAL ESTATE.

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 Pittston, Pa., October 25, 1944, and reading as follows, was received from the Chief City Assessor, Mr. John M. Dobbie:

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

Gentlemen:

Upon complaint of taxpayer and after careful consideration and study, I find that property listed in the name of A. D. Traskus, located at 240 N. Main Street, 3rd Ward, to be over assessed.

I found that the building, which has been unoccupied for the past two years due to the owner Dr. A. D. Traskus being called for military service, to be in a deplorable condition due to scandalism. I also found that the rate per foot front to be excessive and out of line with similar nearby properties.

I therefore, recommend that an abatement be granted in the amount of \$500.00 for the year 1944, for both City and School Taxes. The 1945 Assessment records to be corrected accordingly.

Please note that a recent transfer occurred on this property and is now listed in the name of Matilda Pinkoski, sister to the former owner Dr. A. D. Traskus who is now deceased, having died from injuries received while in service. The 1944 School Tax Duplicate

carries the name of the new owner.

Very truly yours,

/s/ John M. Dobbie
John M. Dobbie,
Chief City Assessor.

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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.

Mayor Reilly stated that he would entertain a motion to appoint a committee to discuss the question of delinquent taxes. Motion being made by Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mayor Reilly appointed the following committee: The City Solicitor, the Director of Accounts and Finance, the City Controller, and the Mayor, the date for committee to meet to be fixed by the Mayor.

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

A P P R O V E D

December 14, 1944

YEAS


NAYS

Yes	G
Yes	W
Yes	T
Absent	S
Yes	R

John D. McNulty

City Clerk

ATTEST: December 14, 1944


CITY CLERK

PITTSTON PENNSYLVANIA, DECEMBER 14, 1944 at 7:40 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Thursday, December 14, 1944, 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, Thursday, November 30, 1944, were not read but upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered approved and filed.

Mayor Reilly submitted report of Parking Meter Collections and Fines received by his department for the Month of November, 1944, reading as follows:

November 1, 1944, to November 30, 1944	Parking Meter Fees	\$ 175.15
November 1, 1944, to November 30, 1944	Parking Violations	8.00
November 1, 1944, to November 30, 1944	Magistrate Fines	6.00
	Total	\$ 189.15

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 November 30, 1944, of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of November, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, November 1, 1944	\$ 58,234.32
Receipts during the month	4,408.42
Total	\$ 62,642.74

Warrants Paid	\$ 28,724.82
Cash on Hand, November 30, 1944	33,917.92
Total	\$ 62,642.74

Cash on Hand, November 30, 1944, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 10,946.64
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account	421.55
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account	213.83
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account	28.31
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account	195.79
Special Fund, Track Removal	22,111.80
Total	\$ 33,917.92

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.

City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane, submitted report dated November 30, 1944, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of November, reading as follows:

License applied for by:
 Frank Katcher, Scranton, Pa.
 Floor Covering, (1 day only)
 Solicitor from house to house.
 Granted November 24, 1944.
 License #686 ----- \$ 2.50

License applied for by:

Adam Szahchym, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Selling calendar's (1 day only)

Solicitor from house to house.

Granted November 24, 1944.

License #687 ----- \$ 2.00

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.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated December 1, 1944, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Health Officer for the month of November 1944:

Monthly report sent to the Medical Center.	
Weekly reports sent to the Medical Center.	
Health cards received and filed.....	14
Restaurants inspected.....	8
Meat Houses inspected.....	2
Green Produce Houses inspected.....	2
Complaints received and investigated.....	10
Contagious Diseases reported.....	1
(Diphtheria case - 225 Mill St., City)	

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
Health Officer.

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.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated December 1, 1944, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of November, 1944:

	<u>Adjusted</u>	<u>Corrected & Sealed</u>
Person Scales	-	6
Counter Scales	4	26
Beam Scales	-	5
Prescription Scales	-	3
Dry Measures	-	2
Liquid Measures	-	2
Milk Bottles	-	6
Yard Measures	-	7
Other Platform Scales	-	4

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
Sealer of Weights and Measures

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 filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 449 reading as follows, was presented for third and final reading:

AN ORDINANCE

"PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1944, FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 443, BY TRANSFERRING FROM THE ITEM "RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT" IN THE STREET DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION IN THE SAID GENERAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF 1944 THE SUM OF \$49.76 TO THE SPECIAL FUND CREATED BY RESOLUTION NO. 3719, ADOPTED BY COUNCIL MAY 25, 1944, AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THE SAME DAY, THE SAID FUND SO CREATED BEING SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED IN ORDINANCE NO. 448 AS A FUND PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSE AND COST OF THE REMOVAL OF THE STREET RAILWAY TRACKS OR RAILS OF THE WILKES-BARRE RAILWAY CORPORATION FROM THE MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH, AND THE COST AND EXPENSE OF REPAIRING OF SAID STREET AREA."

After reading of the said Ordinance in its entirety by the City Clerk, on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by majority vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon and Mr. Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh voting in the negative, The Ordinance was withdrawn (since the purpose for which it was intended is not now necessary to make up the special fund for the removal of the street railway tracks to the bid of Banks & Futch Construction Company in the sum of \$28,197.00. The amount finally due and payable under the Contract was \$28,145.61 or \$51.39 under the original bid of the Banks & Futch Construction Company in the sum of \$28,197.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 3758. Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 14, 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 December 9, 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.

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 14, 1944, reading as follows, was received from the Director of Accounts & Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend approval of the following bills:

American Surety Co. of N. Y.	Premiums on bonds of employees	\$ 65.00
The Collins Press	Thirty (30) briefs	44.50
Consumer's Gas & Oil Company	Gas, Oil, repairs, etc.	92.32
Consumer's Ice Company	Ice for various offices	19.50
Wesley M. Evans	Rental of City Yards	35.00
Franconi Auto Parts	Car door, channels, gaskets, etc.	131.09
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Water for various offices	10.50
Klein Auto Parts Company	Disc, thermostat, washers, etc.	7.15
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Mimeograph paper, tape, etc.	3.73
Newcomb Brothers	Coal	68.59
New York Casualty Company	Additional premium on City Treasurer's 1944 Bond	76.41
New York Casualty Company	Premiums on officers, etc.	125.00
New York Casualty Company	Premiums on bonds - City Treasurer's employees	113.56

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Pittston Gazette Company	Advertising (30 E. R. R. St.)	\$	21.06
Pittston Oil Company	Gas and oil (November)		73.50
Austin S. Powers	Terra Cotta Pipe		3.00
Scranton Electric Company	Light service		58.52
Scranton Electric Company	Street lighting - November		1006.45
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co.	Nov. fire-hydrants.		138.84
		\$	2093.72

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ S. O. Grablick
 Sylvester O. Grablick, Director,
 Dept. of Accounts and Finance.

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

Communication dated November 30, 1944, reading as follows, was received from the City Engineer, Mr. Thomas J. Halsey:

To the Mayor and Council of Pittston City,
 City Hall, Broad Street,
 Pittston City, Penna.

Gentlemen:

The following is estimate number two (2) and final for the removal of the rails and paving of the track area on North and South Main Street, Pittston, Penna. This estimate is to supersede estimate number two (2), submitted November 9, 1944.

Item #1	Removal of 22,135 lin. ft. of rail	@ \$0.07	\$ 1549.45
Item #2	Removal of 4,674 lin. ft. of rail	@ 0.04	186.96
Item #3	2072 sq. yds. of Amiesite Surface Pave	@ 4.45	9220.40
Item #4	2192 sq. yds. of Brick Pave	@ 4.50	9864.00
Item #5	1744 sq. yds. of HE-1 Bituminous Pave	@ 4.20	7324.80
	Total		\$28145.61
	Less 10% retained \$ 2814.56		
	Less estimate #1 6085.20		8899.76
	Amount due Contractor		\$19245.85

Respectfully submitted by

/s/ Thomas J. Halsey
 Thomas J. Halsey
 City Engineer

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by majority vote on Roll Call of members present, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon and Mr. Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh voting in the negative, the above estimate was approved as read and ordered paid when approved by the City Solicitor as to form.

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 13, 1944, reading as follows, was received from the City Engineer, Mr. Thomas J. Halsey:

To the Mayor and Council of Pittston City,
 City Hall, Broad Street,
 Pittston City, Penna.

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the contract of the Bank and Futch Construction Company has been completed, and approved, for the removal

of the rails and paving of the track area on North and South Main Street, in the City of Pittston, in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the City Engineer.

Item #1-	Removal of 22,135 lin. ft. of rail	@ \$0.07	\$ 1549.45
Item #2-	Removal of 4,674 lin. ft. of rail	@ 0.04	186.96
Item #3-	2072 sq. yds. of Amiesite Surface Pave	@ 4.45	9220.40
Item #4-	2192 sq. yds. of Brick Pave	@ 4.50	9864.00
Item #5-	1744 sq. yds. of HE-1 Bituminous Pave	@ 4.20	7324.80
Total amount of contract			\$228145.61
Less estimate #1 \$ 6085.20			
Less estimate #2 19245.85			25331.05
Amount due Contractor			\$ 2814.56

Respectfully submitted by

/s/ Thomas J. Halsey
Thomas J. Halsey
City Engineer

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by majority vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon and Mr. Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh voting in the negative, the amt. due contractor was approved as read and ordered paid when approved as to form by the City Solicitor and the submission of release from the bonding company of final payment under this contract and approved also by the City Solicitor.

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 insert the following legal add in the Pittston Gazette for ten (10) days, commencing Wednesday, December 6, 1944 through Saturday, December 16, 1944.

LEGAL

Notice is hereby given that the proposed Annual Budget for the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1945, having been presented to the City Council of the said City of Pittston by the Director of Accounts and Finance at a regular meeting of said Council Thursday, November 30, 1944, and having passed on First and Second Reading, is now open for public inspection at the office of the Director of Accounts and Finance, City Hall, Broad Street, City of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Final reading, thereof, Saturday, December 30, 1944 at 3:00 o'clock P. M., Eastern War Time.

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

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 7, 1944, reading as follows, was received from the School District of the City of Pittston:

To the Mayor and Members of City Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the School Board held on December 4th, a motion was passed directing me to notify you that the members of the School Board will meet City Council, after the council meeting, on December 14th, to go over the delinquent tax situation in this city.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Thomas J. Hennigan
Thomas J. Hennigan, Secretary.

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

Communication dated December 2, 1944, reading as follows, was received from The Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, Jersey City, N. J.

To the Honorable Mayor of
Pittston, Pa.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

We are pleased to advise you that your community will be given statistical credit in the amount of \$5,000. out of the subscription to the Sixth War Loan being made in the name of The Central Railroad Company of New Jersey.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Walter P. Gardner
Walter P. Gardner,
Trustee.

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 acknowledge the same with thanks.

Communication dated December 4, 1944, reading as follows, was received from The League of Cities of the Third Class in Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pa.

My dear Mayor:

I am today in receipt of a letter from Martin W. Lewis, President of the Towner Rating Bureau of New York City, advising me that effective immediately on all new bonds for City Treasurers and on the premium anniversary dates of existing bonds the premium due on City Treasurers bonds will be subject to a forty percent discount on the tax collectors rate as it appears in their manual instead of the twenty-five percent discount as heretofore.

In other words, we have effected through our efforts a further fifteen percent saving on tax collectors bonds.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Walter E. Greenwood
Walter E. Greenwood,
President.

WEG:flt.

P. S. Please advise your City Treasurer and Council of this action.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, 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 the same with thanks.

Communication dated November 29, 1944, reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Health, Harrisburg, Pa.

Sewerage
Pittston
Luzerne County

To the Mayor and City Council of
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Attention: John D. McNulty, City Clerk

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the duty imposed upon the Sanitary Water Board by the Act of June 22, 1937, P. L. 1987, and relevant law to protect the waters of the Commonwealth against pollution, and in accordance with the Board's comprehensive and equitable program for stream protection and improvement upon a State-wide basis, as set forth in the public hearings which it has recently held, the Board by action at its meeting of November 15, 1944 directed that you be - and you are hereby notified as follows:

In accordance with the 2nd and 5th Conditions of the sewerage permit issued to you by the Board under date of December 16, 1921, and prior permit conditions, and with the requirements of law aforesaid, you are hereby directed to submit, either alone or jointly with any other mutually interested municipality, on or before December 31, 1945, to the Sanitary Water Board for approval, a report upon and detailed construction plans for works to provide primary treatment of the sewage of your city and any other sewage which is now or may later be discharged into your sewer system. Primary treatment shall be construed to be such as in the opinion of the Sanitary Water Board will remove practically all of the settleable solids; will remove at least 35% of the organic pollution as measured by the bio-chemical oxygen demand test; will provide effective disinfection where necessary to control disease producing germs; will provide satisfactory disposal of sludge; and will produce an effluent that is suitable for discharge into the receiving stream.

In order that the aforesaid plans will be prepared in an expeditious and orderly manner and the Board may be apprised thereof, it is further required that you report to the Board on March 1, June 1, and September 1, 1945 the exact status of the aforesaid report and plans.

In consideration of the importance of the availability of plans for useful postwar public works to provide employment and the need for the aforesaid plans to prepare for the proper protection of the North Branch of the Susquehanna River, we shall expect your prompt and hearty cooperation.

It is requested that you promptly acknowledge receipt of this notice and inform the Board of the steps which you will take to meet the Board's requirements.

Very truly yours,

/s/

J. R. Hoffert
J. R. Hoffert
Asst. Chief Engineer
Secretary, Sanitary Water Board

By direction of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered referred to the attention of the City Solicitor and the City Engineer.

Postal notice was received from The Forty Fort Commission, reading as follows:

MINE CAVE COMMISSION MEETING

A meeting of the Mine Cave Commission representatives will be held at the Forty Fort Town Hall on Sunday afternoon, December 17, at 2:30 P. M.

It is imperative that your community be represented as matters of immediate importance are to be discussed.

Lackawanna and Schuylkill Counties will send representatives. Let's get together on this important problem and get serious about legislation for protection.

The Forty Fort Commission.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the notice was ordered received and filed. Members of Council expressed their intention of attending in company with the City Engineer.

In compliance with the request of City Council, the City Solicitor, Mr. William H. Gillespie, submitted an opinion relative to the legal right of individuals or corporations to mine or remove coal where the owner of the surface who has granted the coal thereunder to another and waived the right of surface support. This opinion was submitted with reference to the right of the No. 9 Coal Company to mine from a newly constructed slope at 358 N. Main St., in the 3rd Ward, City of Pittston. The opinion was read at length by the City Clerk, after which considerable discussion was had on the same.

Councilman Walsh, offered a motion that Mr. Gillespie, make request upon City Council for additional legal service to protect the tax payers interests, the motion not being seconded was denied. Before acting upon Mr. Gillespie's opinion, Mr. Harry Orts, submitted to Council sealed envelope addressed to the Mayor and members of Council. This envelope was handed to the City Solicitor. Councilman Walsh objected to this procedure and asked why it was submitted to the Solicitor without first being read before Council. Mayor Reilly stated that the subject before Council at this time was the Solicitors opinion, and as soon as it was disposed of, Mr. Orts letter would be read.

The City Controller, Mr. Emerson Howley, called attention to the 1931 Act of the Legislature, covering Cities of the Third Class, which provides for a City Mine Commission, under which all coal companies must at all times provide for adequate permanent support to the surface. Mr. Howley, also called attention to City Ordinance #108, know as "Fire Limits within the City", calling particular attention to the fact that this Ordinance did not repeal any prior Ordinance covering "Fire Limits or construction of buildings". He further stated that it was his opinion that a prior Ordinance was enacted by City Council providing for the erection of buildings within the City. The City Clerk at this point was instructed to look up all Ordinance records to ascertain whether or not such an Ordinance had been enacted.

Councilman Grablick voiced his personal interest by saying that he was at all times whole heartedly interested in the tax payers rights. At this point on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon and by majority vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon and Mr. Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh voting in the negative, the opinion submitted by the City Solicitor was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 13, 1944, reading as follows, was received from Mr. Harry C. Orts, 3rd Ward, City of Pittston.

To The Mayor and Members of Council.
City of Pittston, Penna.

Honorable Sirs:-

The undersigned, one of the members of Committee representing the property owners of Second and Third Wards this City, who visited you at your last meeting and requested your kind aid in the protection of our City, School and Church properties in this end of the City and, in fact all through the City, and for the protection of the lives of the traveling public, realizing that as yet no aid has been forthcoming, nor have we had any reason to believe any aid is contemplated, again appeal to you to do something about the matter in hand.

Can't you put the Pagnotti interests under bond? cannot you arrest them for building without a permit? Can't you stop this operation which is such a menace to us from all angles?

The citizens of Blakely Borough recently handled a like situation to a nicety and the offending company was glad to come to a suitable agreement. Why not Pittston? Cannot we do as well or better than Blakely? The property owners and taxpayers of Pittston will stand behind you one hundred percent. Our money has been and is being spent in other avenues, why not switch along this road? Two lawyers have been hired to fight the disgruntled policemen case, viz our City Solicitor and Ex Mayor English. If our City Solicitor will not get busy on this case why not hire another lawyer or a dozen for that matter to fight this case?

We have no desire to antagonize you gentlemen, nor the City Solicitor, but we do want and insist upon strenuous action for the above mentioned protection.

Respectfully yours,

/s/

Harry C. Orts

Please gentlemen, do not table this.
Vote upon it now, We desire to know
what members of Council are for their
constituents.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, 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. Turon and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to arrange for a meeting of the No. 9 Coal Company Officials with the Members of City Council, at the Mayor's Office, City Hall, for Monday afternoon, December 18, 1944, at 4:00 o'clock P. M. Mr. Patrick O'Brien and Mr. Harry Orts, of the 2nd and 3rd Wards respectively, be invited to attend said meeting.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the proper officials were authorized to make payment for the purchase and transfer of the Loftus Estate lot, adjoining City Hall, Broad St., City of Pittston, immediately upon approval of the said purchase by the City Solicitor.

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

A P P R O V E D

December 28, 1944.

Yeas		Nays
Yes	G	
Yes	W	
Yes	T	
Absent	S	
Yes	R	

John D. McNulty

City Clerk

ATTEST: December 28, 1944.

John D. McNulty
City Clerk

PITTSTON PENNSYLVANIA, DECEMBER 28, 1944, AT 7:30 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Thursday, December 28, 1944, 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, Thursday, December 14, 1944, were not read but upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered approved and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3759. Pittston Pennsylvania, December 28, 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 December 19, 1944".

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. 3760. Pittston Pennsylvania, December 28, 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 December 29, 1944".

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. 3761. Pittston Pennsylvania, December 28, 1944,
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That in order to correct error in Warrants #59158 and #59159, dated March 10, 1944, drawn upon the General Fund rather than the Sinking Fund, you are hereby authorized and instructed to charge the Sinking Fund, 1923 Bond and Interest Account with the sum of \$732.40 being the total sum of said Warrants and crediting the General Fund with the same amount, ie \$732.40".

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. 3762. Pittston Pennsylvania, December 28, 1944,
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of \$57.88 be transferred from the department of Public Affairs ITEM Police Department, Other Supplies, to the department of Public Affairs ITEM Police Department, Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs."

"That the sum of \$39.40 be transferred from the department of Public Affairs ITEM Police Department, Other Supplies, to the department of Public Affairs ITEM Police Department, Gas and Oil".

"That the sum of \$5.62 be transferred from the department of Public Affairs ITEM Other Supplies, Police Department, to the department of Public Affairs ITEM Other Expense, Police Department".

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. 3763. Pittston Pennsylvania, December 28, 1944,
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of \$107.65 be transferred from the department of Accounts and Finance ITEM of advertising Office of City Treasurer, to the department of Accounts and Finance ITEM Office Supplies, Office of City Treasurer."

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. 3764.. Pittston Pennsylvania, December 28, 1944,
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of \$360.72 be transferred from the department of Public Safety ITEM Material and Supplies Fire Department, to the department of Public Safety ITEM Wages Volunteer Firemen Fire Department".

"That the sum of \$19.46 be transferred from the department of Public Safety ITEM Material and Supplies Fire Department, to the Department of Public Safety ITEM Fire Alarm System".

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. 3765. Pittston Pennsylvania, December 28, 1944,
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of \$214.58 be transferred from the department of Streets and Public Improvements ITEM Wages of Laborers Street Department, to the department of Streets and Public Improvements ITEM Gas and Oil Street Department".

"That the sum of \$358.40 be transferred from the department of Streets and Public Improvements ITEM Wages of Laborers Street Department, to the department of Streets and Public Improvements ITEM Wages of Laborers Ash and Rubbish Collection".

"That the sum of \$89.85 be transferred from the department of Streets and Public Improvements ITEM Wages of Laborers Street Department, to the department of Streets and Public Improvements ITEM Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs Ash and Rubbish Collection".

"That the sum of \$69.32 be transferred from the department of Streets and Public Improvements ITEM Wages of Laborers Street Department, to the Department of Streets and Public Improvements ITEM Gas and Oil Ash and Rubbish Collection".

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

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1944, reading as follows, was received from the Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby recommend approval of the following Bills:

Borr & Casey	Burn ointment	\$ 6.00
Cash (James Halford)	C. O. D. parts for ash truck	3.19
Henry E. Dietrich, Prothonotary	Filing liens, etc.	1424.75
Thos. Hood	Repairs to fire-alarm system	15.68
P. A. Sammon	Notarization of liens, re-	
	vivals, etc.	638.50
	Total	\$ 2088.12

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ S. C. Grablick, Dir. of Acct. & Fin.

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 when sufficient funds are available.

RESOLUTION NO. 3766. Pittston Pennsylvania, December 28, 1944,
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

WHEREAS, the Board of Revision and Tax Appeals, after careful investigation, has recommended to the City Council that owing to the deteriorated condition of the building at 63-65-67 North Main Street, 7th Ward, assessed to M. F. Sacks, which has existed since the year 1931, an abatement should be granted;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston that an abatement be granted in the sum of \$21,000, on the assessment of \$41,958 on the property of M. F. Sacks, 63-65-67 North Main Street, 7th Ward, for the years 1931 to 1944, both inclusive, for which City and School taxes have not been paid, PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the reduction in valuation shall apply only to the said years and not to future years.

The City Clerk is directed to transmit to the Secretary of the Pittston City School Board, a certified copy of this Resolution.

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

Release of Bond covering removal of Railway Tracks on Main Street, by the Banks and Futch Construction Company, Wilkes-Barre, Penna., was submitted by the American Surety Company of New York, and approved as to form by the City Solicitor.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by majority vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Grablick, Mr. Turon, and Mr. Reilly voting in the affirmative, Mr. Walsh not voting, the above release was ordered received and filed.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the meeting was adjourned to reconvene again Saturday afternoon, December 30, 1944, at 3:00 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of general business and the approval of the budget and the fixing of general and special taxes for the Fiscal year 1945.

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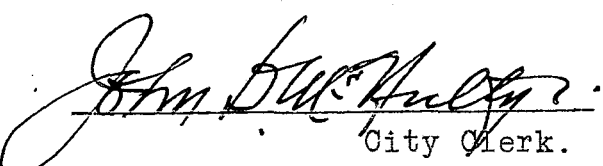
December 30, 1944.

Yeas		Nays
Yes	G	
Absent	W	
Yes	T	
Absent	S	
Yes	R	

John D. McNulty

City Clerk

ATTEST: December 30, 1944.


City Clerk.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, DECEMBER 30, 1944, AT 3:00 P. M.

Pittston City Council re-convened regular session of Thursday, December 28, 1944, today, Saturday December 30, 1944, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, Councilmen Grablick and Turon present and Councilmen Walsh and Sheridan absent.

Minutes of regular session of Thursday, December 28, 1944, were read and upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered approved and filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 450, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBTS AND EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1945, AND ENDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1946," was read at length for the third time.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above ordinance was adopted on third and final reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 451, "AN ORDINANCE FIXING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1945," was read at length for the third time.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above ordinance was adopted on third and final reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 3767, Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 30, 1944.

"WHEREAS, the office of Assistant City Engineer has been vacant since February 24, 1944, because of leave of absence granted the incumbent who was engaged in war work;

AND, WHEREAS, the City of Pittston is now engaged in a post-war planning program in the said City of Pittston;

AND, WHEREAS, the City of Pittston has taken measures to provide for a mine flushing program in the City of Pittston;

THEREFOR, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittston and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that James Mogavero be and he is hereby reappointed Assistant City Engineer of the City of Pittston at the same salary as that paid to his predecessor for the term of service as such Assistant City Engineer of sixty (60) days, commencing January 1, 1945, said service to continue for a period of sixty (60) days, and shall be terminated at that date".

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. 3768, Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 30, 1944.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of One hundred five (\$105.00) dollars be transferred from the Sinking Fund item "State Tax on Bonded Debt", 1935 Bond Interest Account, to the Sinking Fund item, "1938 Bond Interest Account".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3769, Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 30, 1944.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of \$340.00 be transferred from the Sinking Fund 1923 Bond Interest Account, to the General Fund as a part return of previous transfer Resolution No. 3754, dated November 9, 1944, from the General Fund to the Sinking Fund as a loan only".

"That the sum of \$470.00 be transferred from the Sinking Fund 1935 Bond Interest Account, to the General Fund as a part return of previous transfer Resolution No. 3754, dated November 9, 1944, from the General Fund to the Sinking Fund as a loan only".

"That the sum of \$420.00 be transferred from the Sinking Fund 1938 Bond Interest Account, to the General Fund as a part return of previous transfer Resolution No. 3754, dated November 9, 1944, from the General Fund to the Sinking Fund as a loan only."

"That the sum of \$570.00 be transferred from the Sinking Fund 1942 Bond Interest Account, to the General Fund as a part return of previous transfer Resolution No. 3754, dated November 9, 1944, from the General Fund to the Sinking Fund as a loan only".

On motion of Mr. Turon, 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, submitted bill from the No. 9 Coal Company in the amount of fifty-four (\$54.) dollars for the cost of use of bull-dozer in extinguishing fire at Pittston City dump near Barnum shaft.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bill was approved and ordered paid when sufficient funds are available.

Communication of October 25, 1944, received from the Chief City Assessor Mr. John M. Dobbie, with reference to abatement recommended on property listed in the name of A. D. Traskus, 240 N. Main Street, Third Ward, and submitted to City Council at regular meeting of November 30, 1944, at which time City Council directed that it be referred to the City Solicitor, was again submitted to City Council, since the City Solicitor advised that it was strictly within the power of City Council to act upon same.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the abatement as recommended, was granted.

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 renew lease with Wesley Evans for property used as City Yard, on Spring Street, for one year commencing January 1, 1945.

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 return to Severin Sekol and Son, Scranton, Pa., their certified check in the amount of \$8,200.00, submitted with their proposal on mine flushing.

The following letter dated December 21, 1944 and reading as follows was submitted to Council by Mayor John J. Reilly:

Morgan Coal Company,
Old Forge, Pennsylvania

Attention: Mr. Peter Minichello.

Gentlemen:

On or about February 9th, 1944, I wrote to you and two other Coal Companies, operating in the City of Pittston, calling your attention

to the caving and subsidences of the surface through certain portions of the City of Pittston, and expressing to you the insistence of the residents and property holders that some measure be taken to prevent this destruction as soon as possible.

In my said letter, I called the attention of each of the said Coal Companies, to the provisions of the Third Class City laws known as Act of 1931, which contains certain expressed provisions as to the mining of coal under the surface thereof. You are no doubt aware of the provisions of this Act, I am merely referring it to you again.

I am now calling your attention to certain local legislation, namely Ordinance #183 of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, which is a Third Class City law, covering the provisions regulating mining and opening of mines and filing of maps as general provisions contained in said Ordinance. I take liberty in enclosing a copy of said Ordinance.

I wish to further advise you that, in my opinion as Mayor of the City of Pittston, the provisions of the Act of 1931, Third Class City laws, Article XXLL, Section 2201 to 2208 inclusive, of the said Act of June 23, 1931, P. L. 932, as amended, including acts effective September 1, 1943, as well as File of Council #183 above noted, known as an Ordinance providing for the filing of maps or plans of any or all mining of coal or other minerals under the surface of the land within the limits of the City of Pittston, and providing a penalty in violation thereof, I expect observance of each and every section of both Act of Assembly and Ordinance #183 of the City of Pittston.

Very truly yours,

/s/ John J. Reilly.

JOHN J. REILLY MAYOR, CITY OF PITTSSTON

JJR:f

Enc.

CC: Penna. Coal Co.
No. 9 Coal Co.

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 spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

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

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January 11, 1945

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
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Yes	G
Yes	W
Absent	T
Absent	S
Yes	R

JOHN D. McNULTY

CITY CLERK

ATTEST: January 11, 1945

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JANUARY 11, 1945, AT 8:05 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Thursday, January 11, 1945, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, Councilmen Grablick and Walsh present, Councilmen Turon and Sheridan absent.

Minutes of regular session of December 30, 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 and filed.

Mayor Reilly submitted report of meter fees and fines received by his department for the month of December, 1944, reading as follows:

December 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944	Parking Meter Fees	\$ 159.15
December 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944	Violations and Fines	<u>25.00</u>
	Total	\$ 184.15

Also, report of meter collections and fines received by his Department for the year ending December 31, 1944, reading as follows:

Meter Collections	\$2012.85
Parking Violations	282.00
Magistrate Fines	<u>58.50</u>
Total	\$2353.35

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 report dated December 30, 1944 of receipts and disbursements for his office for the month of December, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand December 1, 1944	\$ 33,917.92
Receipts during the month	<u>16,118.24</u>
Total	\$ 50,036.16

Warrants paid	\$ 42,440.11
Cash on Hand December 31, 1944	<u>7,596.05</u>
Total	\$ 50,036.16

Cash on Hand December 31, 1944, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 3,960.90
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account	5.91
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account	807.70
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account	1.92
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account	3.43
Special Fund, Track Removal	<u>2,816.19</u>
Total	\$ 7,596.05

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.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted report dated December 30, 1944 of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of December, reading as follows:

License applied for by:
The Western Union Telegraph Co.
Corporate License fee for year
ending December 31, 1945.
Granted December 18, 1944.

License #688 ----- \$ 30.00

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.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated January 3, 1945, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of December 1944:

Weekly reports sent to the Medical Center.	
Monthly report sent to the Medical Center.	
Restaurants inspected -----	6
Wholesale Meat Houses inspected -----	4
Complaints received and investigated -----	16
Health Cards received and filed -----	87
Diphtheria case released Dec. 15, '44	
No contagious diseases reportable.	

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
HEALTH OFFICER.

mTN:f

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated January 3, 1945, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of December, 1944:

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	2	1
Platform Scales	3	-
Counter Scales	16	2
Beam Scales	2	-
Prescription Scales	2	-
Dry Measures	6	-
Milk Bottles	4	-
Yard Measures	2	-

/s/ Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

mTN:f

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JANUARY 31, 1945 AT 5:00 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in special session Wednesday, January 31, 1945, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, Councilmen Grablick and Walsh present, Councilmen Turon and Sheridan absent, twenty-four hour notice of said meeting being served upon all Councilmen by Police Officer Anthony Grabosky.

Minutes of regular session of January 9, 1945 were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered approved and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3771. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1945. 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) 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. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3772. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1945. 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 January 18, 1945."

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. 3773. Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1945. 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 January 28, 1945."

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

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., Jan. 24, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from Councilman John Sheridan:

To the Mayor and Fellow Members of Council:

Please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for the

beautiful flowers you sent to me, while I was a patient at the Jefferson Hospital.

Hope to be with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

/s/ John Sheridan

On motion of Mr. Walsh, 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., January 26, 1945, addressed to the City Clerk and reading as follows, was received from Attorney Patrick J. Flannery:

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

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Although the City and its insurance carrier received actual notice of the matters contained herein some time ago, this is to formally notify you of the claim of Mrs. Mary Gannon, widow, 307 South Main Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, who on or about August 30, 1944 sustained serious and permanent injuries occasioned by a fall on a defective sidewalk on the west side of South Main Street between Swallow and Nafus Streets.

As shown on the Pittston City map, the approximate spot where Mrs. Gannon fell fronts premises designated as 267 South Main Street now or formerly owned by the Pennsylvania Coal Company.

Kindly inform me of what action is taken on this claim.

Thanking you for an acknowledgment of this letter, I remain

Very truly yours,

/s/ Patrick J. Flannery

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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 insurance carrier as well as the City Solicitor.

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., Jan. 18, 1945, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Members of Council, and reading as follows, was received from Mr. Charles V. Touhill:

Gentlemen:-

Is there not some way that the people of upper Pittston can get something like adequate Bus service?

Of course I fully realize that difficulty in getting equipment, operators and other reasons might account to a great extent but services may be bettered with equipment, etc., on hand.

It is exasperating to wait half an hour or so in the

cold for a bus and then have it pass you out, loaded.

This has happened not once but several times and this morning I and five others stood at Lambert and Main Streets from 7:25 A. M. until five minutes to eight, when I started to walk to my destination. In the meantime four different Busses passed us, one of them being a School Bus.

While we were standing there this School Bus came back, apparently empty and deadheading for Wilkes-Barre. This Bus could easily have turned at forks of road in lower part of town and picked up the people who were standing freezing on different corners, or the School Bus or another bus could start at forks of road at 7:30 A.M. and run on ten minute service to Jct. or above until rush is over. That would take care of the situation nicely.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Chas. V. Touhill

Chas. V. Touhill

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 Wilkes-Barre, Pa., January 16th, 1945, addressed to the City Clerk and reading as follows, was received from Mr. Arthur Kepp, 182 Andover St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.:

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit a Bid for the Demolition and removal of all materials, and rubbish from the premises described in your specifications for buildings located at No. 30 East Railroad St., consisting of One (1) Brick, Two Story Building. Second Item, One (1) Two Story frame Building in the rear of 30 East Railroad St., in the City of Pittston, Pa.

Enclosed find Twenty-Five (\$25.00) Dollars ^(No. enclosures) payable to the City Treasurer which shall be retained as a guarantee of the faithful performance of the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Arthur Kepp,
182 Andover St.

My Bid for this Service is Two hundred and fifty dollars.
(\$250.00)

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.

Permit application was received from Alfred A. Gubitose to erect barber pole electric building sign at 7 South Main Street, City of Pittston.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above application was approved and the permit ordered granted, when approved by the proper department heads.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the bid submitted by Roy Stauffer dated October 26, 1944, to furnish two 1½ ton Chevrolet trucks complete with cab and dump body lettered and numbered, less allowance for one 1937 Ford 1½ ton dump truck, was accepted and the City Solicitor instructed to prepare necessary contract.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and upon Roll Call of members present, there being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

A P P R O V E D

February 28, 1945.

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JOHN D. McNULTY

CITY CLERK

ATTEST: February 28, 1945

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FEBRUARY 28, 1945, AT 8:40 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in special session Wednesday, February 28, 1945, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, Councilmen Mr. Grablick and Mr. Walsh present, Mr. Turon and Mr. Sheridan absent. Twenty-four hour notice of said meeting was served on all Councilmen by registered mail, return receipt requested and received.

Minutes of regular session of January 31, 1945 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 Reilly submitted report of meter fees and fines received by his department for the month of January, 1945, reading as follows:

January 1, 1945 to January 31, 1945	Parking Meter Fees	\$ 59.70
January 1, 1945 to January 31, 1945	Fines	9.00
Total		\$ 68.70

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 report dated January 31, 1945, of receipts and disbursements of his office for the month of January, 1945, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand January 1, 1945	\$ 7,596.05
Receipts during the month	35,498.67

Total \$ 43,094.72

Warrants paid	\$ 15,058.18
Cash on Hand, January 31, 1945	28,036.54

Total \$ 43,094.72

Cash on Hand, January 31, 1945, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 26,177.88
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account	383.24
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account	1,140.00
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account	121.20
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account	212.59
Special Fund, Track Removal	1.63

Total \$ 28,036.54

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 report dated January 31, 1945, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of January, reading as follows:

License applied for by: Harry Edelstein, Railroad
& Wharf Sts., City. Section #31, city ordinance.
Annual License for year 1945. Granted January 23, 1945.
License #689 - - - - - \$ 10.00

License applied for by: Laurel Line Transportation Co.
License Fee on Buses for year 1945 (City of Pittston)
Granted January 25, 1945. License #690 - - - - - 150.00

License applied for by: Harry Edelstein, Railroad and
Wharf Sts., for collection of scrap, iron, etc., for
year 1944. Granted January 29, 1945. License #691 - - - - - 10.00

Total \$170.00

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.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated Feb. 1, 1945, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of January, 1945:

Weekly report sent to the Medical Center.
Monthly report sent to the Medical Center.
Restaurants inspected 11
Wholesale produce houses inspected 2
Complaints received and investigated 15
Health Cards received and filed 16
Tuberculosis Case reported 1
(45 West Street)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
HEALTH OFFICER.

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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.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated February 1, 1945, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of January 1945:

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Platform Scales	6	-
Counter Scales	20	2
Beam Scales	3	1
Prescription Scales	4	-
Liquid Measures	4	-
Yard Measures	6	-
Milk Bottles	10	-

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb

MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

mTN: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.

Report dated February 26, 1945, to the Council of the City of Pittston, as to the condition and application of the Sinking Fund for the year ending December 31, 1944, was submitted by Messrs. Reilly, Ruane and Grablick, and upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved as read and ordered filed.

Financial Report for the year 1944 and Audit of the City Controller for the same period was submitted by the Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, and the City Controller, Mr. Emerson J. Howley, the same being read in its entirety by the City Clerk, was, upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 452, AN ORDINANCE "TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE CITY OF PITTSSTON, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO PURCHASE AND HOLD FOR THE USE OF THE SAID CITY OF PITTSSTON, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SUM OF FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (\$5,120.00) DOLLARS TO BE PAID TO THE OWNERS THEREOF BY THE SAID CITY OF PITTSSTON, ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND NOW OWNED BY GRACE L. GRANAHAN, MARY L. MCGUIRE AND THOMAS G. LOFTUS, SITUATE ON THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF BROAD STREET IN THE SAID CITY OF PITTSSTON, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND LYING BETWEEN LAND NOW OR LATELY OWNED BY WILLIAM SNOWDEN AND WIFE, UPON ONE SIDE, AND LAND NOW OWNED BY THE CITY OF PITTSSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, UPON WHICH IS LOCATED ITS CITY HALL BUILDING, UPON THE OTHER SIDE; THE SAID LOT OF LAND TO BE SO PURCHASED AND HELD AS AFORESAID BY THE SAID CITY OF PITTSSTON, BEING HEREINAFTER MORE FULLY BOUNDED, DESCRIBED AND IDENTIFIED", was read at length by the City Clerk.

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 First Reading.

Motion was made by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, to suspend the rules and proceed upon the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 452.

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading in its entirety of FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 452, AN ORDINANCE "TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO PURCHASE AND HOLD FOR THE USE OF THE SAID CITY OF PITTSBURGH, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SUM OF FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (\$5,120.00) DOLLARS TO BE PAID TO THE OWNERS THEREOF BY THE SAID CITY OF PITTSBURGH, ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND NOW OWNED BY GRACE L. GRANAHAN, MARY L. McGUIRE AND THOMAS G. LOFTUS, SITUATE ON THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF BROAD STREET IN THE SAID CITY OF PITTSBURGH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND LYING BETWEEN LAND NOW OR LATELY OWNED BY WILLIAM SNOWDEN AND WIFE, UPON ONE SIDE, AND LAND NOW OWNED BY THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, UPON WHICH IS LOCATED ITS CITY HALL BUILDING, UPON THE OTHER SIDE; THE SAID LOT OF LAND TO BE SO PURCHASED AND HELD AS AFORESAID BY THE SAID CITY OF PITTSBURGH, BEING HEREINAFTER MORE FULLY BOUNDED, DESCRIBED AND IDENTIFIED", 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 No. 452 was passed upon Second Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 3774. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1945.

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 February 7, 1945."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3775. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1945.

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 February 17, 1945."

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. 3776. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1945.

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 February 27, 1945."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3777. Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1945.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, the office of Assistant City Engineer has been vacant since February 24, 1944, because of leave of absence granted the incumbent who was engaged in war work;

AND, WHEREAS the City of Pittston is now engaged in a post-war planning

program in the said City of Pittston;

AND, WHEREAS, the said City of Pittston has taken measures to provide for a mine flushing program in the City of Pittston;

THEREFOR, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittston and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that James Mogavero be and he is hereby reappointed Assistant City Engineer of the City of Pittston at the same salary as that paid to his predecessor for the term of service as such Assistant City Engineer of sixty (60) days, commencing March 1, 1945, said service to continue for a period of sixty (60) days, and shall be terminated at that date".

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, submitted the following bills recommending the approval of same for payment:

American Surety Co. of N. Y.	Premiums on employees' bonds	\$ 255.00
Bell Telephone Co. of Penna.	Dec. - Jan. phone service	75.58
Borr and Casey	(10) boxes band-aids.	6.00
Cadman Garage	State inspections (vehicles)	4.00
Vincent E. Churchfield	Traffic signal & stoker repair	25.45
Clarkson Chemical Company	Wax pads, creosote, etc.	15.00
Coal-O-Matic Stoker Company	Materials - supplies	5.86
Commercial Gas Corporation	Oxygen - Acetylene	3.57
Commonwealth of Penna.	State tax on bonded debt	634.60
Consumer's Gas & Oil Co.	Gas, oil, etc. (Dec.-Jan.)	241.39
Consumer's Ice Company	Dec.-ice for various offices	20.50
Degen, Messer and Company	Preparation of Loans Tax Report	75.00
Duro Test Corporation	Trfc. clear wht. flu. lights	18.70
Eagen Hardware Company	Shovels, lanterns, flashlights, etc.	76.49
Egan Oil and Supply Company	Gas, oil, etc.	136.74
Wesley M. Evans	Rental-City Yards-Ded.-Jan.	70.00
Frank M. Flanagan, Atty.	Special litigation-police case	300.00
Franconi Auto Parts	Cones, belts, switches, etc.	70.43
Jack Friedman Electric Supply	Fluorescent light bulbs	1.50
Gar Wood Industries, Inc.	Loading door trip assembly	9.06
Atty. Wm. H. Gillespie	Satisfaction of liens	11.10
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Dec.-Jan. water for var. offices	13.50
Hall's Nursery	Xmas decorations, greens, etc.	79.00
E. T. Herring	One (1) cylinder oxygen	2.44
Thomas Hood	Fire alarm system repairs	7.84
C. E. Howell	Ambulance service	25.00
Kehoe and McWamara	Honor Roll insurance	19.17
Kleins Auto Parts	Bulbs, clamps, brushes, etc.	50.58
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Mimeo. paper, add. mach. tape, ink, pens, pads, time book, etc.	41.66
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Cement	3.60
Newcomb Brothers	Coal - Dec.-Jan.	332.88
New York Casualty Company	Treasurer & Clerk bond prem.	1201.12
New York Casualty Company	Bond premiums on Police Sched. No. 31234N	110.00
Pittston Gazette Company	Advertising budget	31.50
Pittston Oil Company	Gas, oil, etc.	95.00
Austin S. Powers	Terra cotta pipe	.62
Reliable Spring Service	Bolts, welding, repairs to life-net (Hook & Ladder Fire Hose Co.)	17.75
P. A. Sammon	Fleet insurance	44.52
Scranton Chemical Company	100 lbs. bicarbonate of soda	7.00

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Scranton Electric Company	Light service (Dec.-Jan.)	\$ 149.91
" " "	Street lighting-(Dec.-Jan.)	2012.90
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co.	Fire-hydrant rentals	280.00
" " " "	"Water Service - Dec.-Jan.	42.11
Allan W. Smiles	Keys, badges, etc.	7.28
Stackhouse Auto Electric	Distributor cap-kit	4.71
Sullivan Taxi Co.	Taxi service for police use	1.25
Tamblyn Company	Mimeograph machine repairs,	
	supplies, ink, rod, etc.	43.57
Williams Paper Co.	Paper cups (2 cases)	24.00

Total \$ 6704.88

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 and ordered paid when sufficient funds are available.

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pa., February 22, 1945, and reading as follows was received from the War Production Board, Executive Secretary for Pennsylvania:

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

Dear Mayor Reilly:

The fulfillment of requirements for the defense of the United States has created a shortage in the supply of tin for defense, for private account and for export, and War Production Board Order M-325, as amended Feb. 15, 1945, was deemed necessary and appropriate in the public interest and to promote the national defense.

This order restricts deliveries of tinplate scrap for purposes of tin salvage or copper precipitation. Special restrictions with respect to used tin cans are placed on Refuse Collectors. There are special provisions regarding the inventories of residual tinplate scrap, the preparation and delivery of damaged or rejected cans to detinning plants, and a prohibition against deliveries to producers of iron and steel products of tinplate or terneplate scrap and scrap tin-coated wire.

The used tin can collection provisions of the order now apply to all areas of the continental United States. The amended order requires all refuse collectors (including municipal departments or agencies) to collect segregated prepared used tin cans and deliver them to or for the account of an official Salvage Committee, a detinning plant, a smelter engaged in the recovery of tin, a shredding plant or a plant engaged in the precipitation of copper.

This Amended Order M-325 includes every city, borough and township in Pennsylvania.

These new controls on the collecting and processing of tinplate scrap are necessary because of increased war requirements and because the former major sources of tin are still in the hands of the Japanese.

We have advised the Chairman of the County Salvage Committee in your county of the provisions of this new amended order. Will you kindly get in touch with him at once, and, if you have not already done so, arrange for the collection of prepared tin cans in your municipality at least once each month.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Colley S. Baker
Colley S. Baker,
Executive Secretary for Penna.

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 Pittston, Pa., February 23, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the American Red Cross, Pittston Chapter:

Mayor and Members of Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

You will agree, I believe, that the climax of the war poses new and difficult problems for the Red Cross, and under the circumstances it will be necessary for the Pittston Chapter, if it is to meet adequately the demands of the service men and women and their families, to have other quarters.

For the disabled, the injured and the convalescing veterans it is most desirable - if not essential - that such quarters be on a ground floor. The best - if not the only facility in the Greater Pittston area that will meet the need is the abandoned City Hall Building on Water Street. We would like to have this made available upon terms that the Red Cross, as a service organization, can meet.

We feel that you too will want to afford every possible aid and assistance to the service people of Greater Pittston. It seems to us that the most we can do is the least we can do for those veterans who have done so much for us.

It is my purpose to make a formal presentation of this at an early session but meanwhile I wish to lay the matter before you so that it may have preliminary consideration before that time.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ J. Harold Flannery

Chapter Chairman.

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On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to arrange for a meeting of members of City Council and the Red Cross Committee at the office of the Mayor, City Hall, at 3:00 P. M. Saturday, March 3, 1945.

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pa., February 19, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Police:

The Mayor and City Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with the Act of April 27, 1927, P.L. 450, as last amended by the Act of April 28, 1943, P.L. 123, relating to fires and fire prevention, this Department begs to advise you that it has complied with the said Act to the fullest extent as authorized therein, relative to the two story vacant frame building at 73-75-77 Center Street, Pittston, Luzerne County, owned, we understand by Mrs. Virginia Pecorella whose address or whereabouts we have been unable to learn.

Under the said Act of Assembly, this Department is not authorized to abate the nuisance, but the same has been inspected and is considered to constitute a fire menace or hazard by reason that building is in dilapidated condition, contains inflammable debris and is open to the public.

May we call your attention to the fact that under Article XLI, Sections 4140-4143, Act of June 23, 1931, P.L. 932, the City Code authorizes your municipality to proceed in connection with the removal of any nuisance or dangerous structure or require the removal of the same by the owner, in default of which you may cause the same to be done.

We are passing this matter on to you as we have completely fulfilled the authority duly imposed upon us by the Act of April 27, 1927, P.L. 450, as last amended by the Act of April 28, 1943, P.L. 123, and are asking you to dispose of the same in such manner as your honorable body may see fit.

We are closing our file.

Very truly yours,

Pennsylvania State Police

/s/

.W. F. Traeger,

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By: W. F. TRAEGER FIRE MARSHAL

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 attention of the City Solicitor.

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pa., February 17, 1945, reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Mines:

Honorable John J. Reilly, Mayor
City of Pittston
Pittston, Pennsylvania

In re: The State's contribution to the
City of Pittston from the Disaster
Fund appropriated to the Department
of Military Affairs, by Act of
June 4, 1943.

Dear Mayor Reilly:

I am enclosing copy of a letter received from Deputy Attorney General E. A. DeLaney, in which he describes the manner in which all checks issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in favor of the treasury of the City of Pittston shall be earmarked on the face thereof for the use of the contractor or contractors in connection with the project described in my letter to you of September 28, 1944.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Richard Maize
Richard Maize,
Secretary of Mines

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Enclosure

(Enclosure)

February 27, 1945

Honorable Richard Maize
Secretary of Mines
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

In re: Contribution by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of \$105,313.00 to the City of Pittston and the School District thereof.

Dear Mr. Maize:

Pursuant to your letter of September 28, 1944, the City of Pittston advertised for and received bids in connection with a project involving the securing of certain highways within the borders of the said City against subsidence, and the lowest and best bidder agreed to assume the City's one-half contribution, which one-half contribution is fully explained in your letter of September 28, 1944.

As the Pittston City budget is now made up without having made provision for any anticipated moneys from the Commonwealth, any checks made payable by the Commonwealth to the treasurer of the said City would of necessity be deposited in the general fund. To avoid this and to keep all payments made by the State separate and distinct from the general business of the City, you are advised that all checks issued by the State Treasurer in connection with the project, outlined in your letter of September 28, 1944, will be earmarked on the face thereof for the use of the contractor.

It is understood that the Council of the said City of Pittston shall create a special fund in its treasury, in which shall be deposited by the City Treasurer of the City of Pittston the checks which may be received by the said City of Pittston from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which fund shall be set up and designated as follows: "Fund providing for the expense and cost of flushing of part of the Checker Vein of the No. 9 Coal Company in the vicinity of Mill Street in the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania"; and the moneys so received and deposited in said special fund by the City Treasurer of the City of Pittston shall be solely and specifically used for the purpose for which the said contribution shall be received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and further, the said money so deposited in the said special fund shall be paid out of the Treasury of the City of Pittston for the above stated purpose on approval of Council and upon warrant or warrants drawn by the proper officers of the City of Pittston in pursuance thereof and according to law, to the contractor or contractors who may be the successful bidders for the work to be included in said project as above set forth.

Very truly yours,

/s/ E. A. DeLaney

E. A. DeLaney
Deputy Attorney General.

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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.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, all bids submitted, opened and read at meeting of City Council, October 26, 1944, were rejected, the City Clerk being instructed to return to all bidders their certified check which accompanied their bid.

Communication dated Scranton, Pa., February 19, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the Office of Defense Transportation, Highway Transport Department:

In Re: D.M. #3873

To:

City of Pittston
Broad St.
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Your "Application to Acquire New Commercial Motor Vehicles", dated 2/8/45 has been disapproved for the following reasons:

Of the two applications for new commercial motor vehicles filed with this office, we have granted one and denied one. We believe this additional unit, in conjunction with your present equipment, should be sufficient to meet your requirements.

If you desire to take an appeal from this decision you must do so within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter. Your appeal should be addressed to:

Appeal Board
c/o District Manager
Dime Bank Building
Scranton 3, Pennsylvania

Your appeal must be filed in the manner specified in "Instructions to Applicants", Part IV, (4) (b).

Appeal should be in form of duplicate notarized statement. The original of your application is returned herewith.

Original application and this letter should accompany appeal.

Very truly yours,

Attachments

/s/ F. Emmett Kearney
District Manager

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 purchase from Roy Stauffer - as per authorization of the Office of Defense Transportation - one (1) 1½ ton Chevrolet chassis and cab, complete with dump body as per their bid of October 20, 1944, the same being the lowest bid submitted.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the action of City Council at meeting of January 31, 1945 wherein on motion duly made and carried, the bid submitted by Roy Stauffer, dated December 26, 1944, to furnish one or two 1½ ton trucks was accepted, for the purchase of two trucks and the City Solicitor instructed to prepare necessary contract, is hereby rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was directed to advertise for materials, equipment and supplies for use in the various departments, including an air compressor and snow-removing equipment.

156 Pine St.,
John McCawley, 14 Landon Street, and Charles Calabrese/ members of the Boy Scouts, Troop No. 362, of the City of Pittston, were present to observe how municipal business is conducted. They were introduced by Mayor Reilly and at the suggestion of the Mayor were invited to occupy seats in the Council Chamber usually occupied by Councilmen Sheridan and Turon.

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

A P P R O V E D

March 8, 1945

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John D. McNulty

CITY CLERK

ATTEST:

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MARCH 8, 1945, 7:35 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Thursday, March 8, 1945, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, Councilmen Mr. Walsh and Mr. Turon, present, Mr. Grablick, and Mr. Sheridan absent.

Minutes of regular session of February 28, 1945, 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 Reilly submitted report of meter fees and fines received by his department for the month of February, 1945, reading as follows:

February 1, 1945 to February 28, 1945	Parking Meter Fees	\$ 17.35
February 1, 1945 to February 28, 1945	Fines	4.00
Total		\$ 21.35

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 February 28, 1945, of receipts and disbursements of his office for the month of February, 1945, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, February 1, 1945	\$ 28,036.54
Receipts during the month	5,671.91

Total	\$ 33,708.45
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Warrants Paid	\$ 11,696.88
Cash on Hand February 28, 1945	22,011.57

Total	\$ 33,708.45
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Cash on Hand February 28, 1945, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 19,233.64
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account	672.40
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account	1,435.58
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account	226.23
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account	442.09
Special Fund Track Removal	1.63

Total	\$ 22,011.57
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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 report was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane submitted report dated March 1, 1945 of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of February, reading as follows:

License applied for by:

Comerford Public Theatre Corp.

License for American and Roman

Theatres. American \$100.00,

Roman \$50.00, for the year 1945.

Granted February 5, 1945.

License #692 - - - - - \$ 150.00

License applied for by:

Bell Telephone Co. of Penna.

City Mercantile License Tax,

year ending Dec. 31, 1945.

Granted February 6, 1945.

License #693 - - - - - 100.00

License applied for by:

Scranton Electric Co. Scranton,

Pa., 1292 poles @ 12¢ ea. \$155.04

Corporate License tax for the year

1945, \$100.00.

Granted February 7, 1945.

License #694 - - - - - 255.04

License applied for by:

Rees Poster Co., 95 Tripp St.,

Forty Fort, Pa. Poster License

Fee for year 1945.

Granted February 13, 1945.

License #695 - - - - - 50.00

License applied for by:

Railway Express Agency, Pittston,

Pa., Corporate License Tax for year

1945. Granted February 14, 1945.

License #696 - - - - - 100.00

License applied for by: The Western

Union Telegraph Co. Pole License Tax

for year ending Jan., 1945. 12 poles

@ 12¢ ea. \$1.44. Granted February

27, 1945. License #697 - - - - - 1.44

Total \$656.48

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.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated March 1, 1945, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of February, 1945:

Weekly reports sent to the Medical Center.	
Monthly report sent to the Medical Center.	
Complaints received and investigated	20
Restaurants inspected	8
Wholesale Produce Houses inspected.	2
Meat Houses inspected.	2
Number of Public eating and drinking places	
(Cont'd)	

who have complied with
 Restaurant Hygiene Laws 16
 Scarlet Fever Cases reported 1
 (239 Butler Street)
 Spinal Meningitis Case reported by Dr. R.
 Bierly Feb. 19th, 1945 at 10:00
 P.M. Patient, Mrs. Mary Ioffida
 15 E. Oak St., City, removed to
 Wilkes-Barre Contagious Hospital,
 Physicians at Hospital diagnosed
 case as pneumonia. Patient died
 Feb. 21st, 1945, at 1:30 P. M.
 Quarantine removed immediately
 after notification from Kirby
 Health Center.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb

MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
 HEALTH OFFICER.

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 re-
 ceived and filed.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted
 report dated March 1, 1945, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of February, 1945:

	<u>Corrected & Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	3	1
Platform Scales	4	-
Counter Scales	22	2
Beam Scales	3	-
Prescription Scales	2	-
Milk Bottles	4	-
Yard Measures	3	-
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	41	3

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb

MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
 SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

mTN:f

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

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 452, AN ORDINANCE "TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO PURCHASE AND HOLD FOR THE USE OF THE SAID CITY OF PITTSBURGH, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SUM OF FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (\$5,120.00) DOLLARS TO BE PAID TO THE OWNERS THEREOF BY THE SAID CITY OF PITTSBURGH, ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND NOW OWNED BY GRACE L. GRANAHAN, MARY L. McGUIRE AND THOMAS G. LOFTUS, SITUATE ON THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF BROAD STREET IN THE SAID CITY OF PITTSBURGH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND LYING BETWEEN LAND NOW OR LATELY OWNED BY WILLIAM SNOWDEN AND WIFE, UPON ONE SIDE, AND LAND NOW OWNED BY THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, UPON WHICH IS LOCATED ITS CITY HALL BUILDING, UPON THE OTHER SIDE; THE SAID LOT OF LAND TO BE SO PURCHASED AND HELD AS AFORESAID BY THE SAID CITY OF PITTSBURGH, BEING HEREINAFTER MORE FULLY BOUNDED, DESCRIBED AND IDENTIFIED", was read at length by the City Clerk for the third 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 third and final reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 3778 Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1945.

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 8, 1945."

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. 3779 Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1945.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That City Council by ordinance adopted December 30, 1944, File of Council No. 451 providing Five (5) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation for the year 1945 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. Walsh, and 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 the approval of same for payment:

The Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	Feb. phone service	\$ 42.03
Butera Motor Company	Repair heater radiator	2.50
Contagious Hospital	Hospitalization in re: Mrs. Mary Ioffida, 15 E. Oak St., City	30.74
Eagen Hardware Co.	Scoops, handles, bolts, etc.	8.92
Wesley M. Evans	February - Rental - City Yards	35.00
Franconi Auto Parts	Auto repair parts	107.00
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Feb. water for offices	5.50
Klein Auto Parts Co.	Belts, switches, etc.	6.53
Newcomb Bros.	Coal supply, (Feb.)	149.95
Office of City Clerk	Postage stamps - various offices	20.00
Reliable Spring Service	Auto repairs	16.40

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The Scranton Electric Co.	Street lighting (February)	\$ 1006.45
The Scranton Electric Co.	February light service	66.86
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co.	Fire-hydrant Rental	140.00
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co.	February water service	12.09
Total		\$ 1649.97

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 sufficient funds are available.

Tax Collector's warrant dated March 8, 1945, and reading as follows, was submitted by Mayor John J. Reilly:

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, Pennsylvania, this 8th day of March, A. D., 1945.

(Signed) John J. Reilly
Mayor of the City of Pittston

(SEAL)

Countersigned:

(Signed) Emerson J. Howley
Controller of the City of Pittston.

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

The following communication was presented to Council by the Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick:

6 March 1945
Pittston, Penna.

Mr. Sylvester Grablick
Director of Accounts and Finance
City of Pittston

In Re: Sheriff Sale #3
Assessment Plate #72-3-42
58 Bolin Avenue
Lot Imp. Pittston City
Pasquale Cuttano

Dear Sir:

I, herewith submit statement of claim filed for unpaid
(City Taxes) on the above captioned property which will be exposed
to public sale, March 9, 1945 at 10 A. M.

DELINQUENT

City Taxes, Penalty, Interest and Costs as follows:

<u>Years</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1928 Balance - - - - -	\$ 42.94
1929 - - - - -	59.33
1930 - - - - -	57.81
1931 - - - - -	55.19
1932 - - - - -	52.57
1933 - - - - -	49.77
1934 - - - - -	48.21
1935 - - - - -	44.07
1936 - - - - -	42.58
1937 - - - - -	40.60
1938 - - - - -	26.20
Total	\$519.27

Respectfully yours,

/s/ M. P. Ruane

MPR/rw

City Treasurer

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous
vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Solicitor was instructed
to join with the solicitor for the School District and directed to be
present at the above public sale prepared to bid in the above stated
property for the joint amount of taxes involved.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous
vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was directed to
have proper warrant drawn in favor of David C. Vaughn, Sheriff, Luzerne
County, in the amount of \$593.50, representing the amount of City Taxes
including the City portion of the Sheriff's costs filed against property
referred to above and to be sold at Sheriff's Sale 10:00 A. M., Friday,
March 9, 1945.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous
vote upon Roll Call of members present, the meeting adjourned, to meet
again at the call of the Chair for general business purposes.

APPROVED

March 29, 1945

YEASNAYS

Yes	G
Yes	W
Absent	T
Absent	S
Yes	R

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK

ATTEST: March 29, 1945.


CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MARCH 29, 1945, AT 8:00 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Thursday, March 29, 1945, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, Councilmen Walsh and Grablick present, Councilmen Turon and Sheridan absent.

Minutes of regular session of March 8, 1945 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.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 453, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1945, (ORDINANCE NO. 450), BY MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO BE INCLUDED THEREIN AND SET UP IN A SPECIAL FUND TO RECEIVE AND HOLD THEREIN CERTAIN FUNDS OR MONEYS ESTIMATED TO BE RECEIVED BY THE SAID CITY OF PITTSTON WITHIN THE PRESENT FISCAL YEAR FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA IN THE TOTAL SUM OF EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND (\$81,000.00) DOLLARS, IN MONTHLY PAYMENTS, FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE COST AND EXPENSE OF FLUSHING MINE VOIDS IN PART OF THE CHECKER VEIN OF THE NO. 9 COAL COMPANY IN THE VICINITY OF MILL STREET IN THE SAID CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, ACCORDING TO PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS PROVIDED THEREFOR BY THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA", was read at length by the City Clerk.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, to suspend the rules and proceed upon the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 453.

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading in its entirety of FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 453, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1945, (ORDINANCE NO. 450), by MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO BE INCLUDED THEREIN AND SET UP IN A SPECIAL FUND TO RECEIVE AND HOLD THEREIN CERTAIN FUNDS OR MONEYS ESTIMATED TO BE RECEIVED BY THE SAID CITY OF PITTSTON WITHIN THE PRESENT FISCAL YEAR FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA IN THE TOTAL SUM OF EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND (\$81,000.00) DOLLARS, IN MONTHLY PAYMENTS, FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE COST AND EXPENSE OF FLUSHING MINE VOIDS IN PART OF THE CHECKER VEIN OF THE NO. 9 COAL COMPANY IN THE VICINITY OF MILL STREET IN THE SAID CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, ACCORDING TO PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS PROVIDED THEREFOR BY THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA," for the second time.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present the above Ordinance, No. 453, was passed upon Second Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 3780, Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 29, 1945. 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 18, 1945."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3781, Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 29, 1945. 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 28, 1945."

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. 3782. Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 29, 1945.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Mrs. Mary Sites be and hereby is appointed Clerk in the Office of Tax Assessments Department of Accounts and Finance, for the month of April, 1945, as Clerk in the Office of Director, Department of Accounts and Finance, for the second four months of the year 1945, and as Clerk in the Law Department, Department of Accounts and Finance for the remaining four months of the year 1945, to fill the vacancy caused by the induction of her husband, Mr. Edwin Sites, into the military service, and who had been originally appointed as Clerk in these various offices. This appointment to be effective as of April 1, 1945, and at the same salary as that paid her husband, Mr. Edwin Sites."

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, submitted the following bills recommending the approval of same for payment:

M. J. and John T. Mulhall, Attorneys	Purchase of lot of land situate at 25 Broad Street, City, from heirs of the Loftus Estate.	\$5120.00
Wilkes-Barre Independent Company	Advertising Annual Audit by the City Controller	84.00
M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer	Miscellaneous expense, postage stamps, stamped envelopes, etc., for the period Dec. 21, 1944 to March 26, 1945, inclusive.	244.94
Total		\$5448.94

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the bills of M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer, and the Wilkes-Barre Independent Company were approved as read and ordered paid when sufficient funds are available. The bill of M. J. and John T. Mulhall was approved as read and ordered paid when approved by the City Solicitor.

Communication dated March 13, 1945, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council and reading as follows was received from Mr. Edwin A. Sites:

Gentlemen:

Having been inducted into the Armed Forces of the United States, I respectfully request a leave of absence from my duties as Clerk in the Department of Accounts and Finance and Tax Assessments for the duration or until such time as I may be discharged from Military Service.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Edwin A. Sites

Edwin A. Sites

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Sites was granted a leave of absence as per his request.

Communication dated March 15, 1945, addressed to Mr. David Jenkins 138 E. Bennett Street, Kingston, Pa., and reading as follows, was received by Mr. Jenkins from Mr. Harry T. Farrell, Real Estate Department, Court House, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.:

In re: Treas. Sale #328
April 28, 1942
Sheet #12325
DeAngelo, Rose
Pittston City

Dear Sir:

Permission has been granted to you to remove the building on the above property as per Commissioner's Resolution, March 6, 1945. You are to post a certified check in the sum of \$25.00 with the understanding that this check will be returned after the building has been removed, all debris removed and excavation filled in. All work to be done at no expense whatsoever to Luzerne County.

Very truly yours,

(Property located at 5 Cherry St.)

/s/ Harry T. Farrell
Harry T. Farrell
Real Estate Department

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, removal of this building was approved and Mr. Jenkins granted permission to do the same.

Communication dated March 17, 1945, to the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council, and reading as follows, was received from Mr. W. A. Hay, Chairman, Greater Pittston Boy Scout Committee:

Gentlemen:

The Boy Scouts of America of the Greater Pittston request the use of your Council room for the purpose of holding a series of training sessions for the Scouters of the District. The training session would consist of seven three hour periods and the following evenings would work best into our program, March 26, April 9 - 16 - 23 - 30, May 7 - 14. We desire to begin this Course soon and will appreciate your assistance to Scouting in Greater Pittston.

Respectfully yours,

W. A. Hay Chairman
Greater Pittston Boy Scout Comm.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the request of Mr. Hay was approved and permission granted to use the Council Chambers for the period stated therein.

Communication dated March 17, 1945, to the Honorable Mayor, City Hall, Pittston, Pa., and reading as follows, was received from M. Bernstein, Office Manager, No. 9 Coal Company:

Dear Sir:

Will you please advise us of the status of

the checks we have on deposit for the flushing project, and whether same can be returned.

Yours very truly,

NO. 9 COAL COMPANY

/s/ M. Bernstein

M. Bernstein,
Office Manager:

MB.lrc

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 notify Mr. Bernstein that the checks referred to therein would be returned upon the awarding of the contract and the preparation and execution of same by the successful bidders.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., March 28, 1945, addressed to the City Clerk and reading as follows was received from Aloysius G. Ford, Secretary, Pittston Kiwanis Club:

Pittston City Council
% John D. McNulty, City Clerk
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

The Kiwanis Club of Pittston is making every effort to cooperate wholeheartedly in the forthcoming drive for clothing to be distributed to needy Europeans. However, we are in need of a receiving depot. Therefore, we respectfully request your permission to use the old City Hall to temporarily store collected clothing. Should our request be granted, please instruct us as to whom we may contact to make necessary arrangements for storage space etc. We would deeply appreciate any help you may give us.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Aloysius G. Ford
Aloysius G. Ford,
Secretary

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the request referred to therein was granted, subject to the Red Cross request of Council for the permanent use of said building.

Mayor Reilly, addressing members of Council and taxpayers present, stated that City Council would meet with Mr. Churchfield and Mr. Hopkins, licensed Master Electricians by the City, for the purpose of discussing the question of the City Electrical Examining Board at the next meeting of City Council. He also stated that he hoped to have three sites within the City for the purpose of the dumping of garbage and ashes to report for the next meeting of City Council.

John Rinkavage, 195 Mill Street, City, and Matthew Gillis and John Gillis, 239 Broad Street, members of the Boy Scouts, Troop No. 423, of the City of Pittston, were present to observe how municipal business is conducted.

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

A P P R O V E D

April 12, 1945

<u>YEAS</u>		<u>NAYS</u>
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Yes	G	1
Yes	W	2
Yes	T	
Absent	S	
Yes	R	

John D. McNulty
City Clerk

ATTEST: April 12, 1945

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, APRIL 12TH, 1945, AT 7:55 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Thursday, April 12th, 1945, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, Councilmen Grablick, Walsh and Turon present, Councilman Sheridan absent.

Minutes of regular session of March 29th, 1945, 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 of meter fees and fines received by his department for the month of March 1945, reading as follows:

March 1, 1945 to March 31, 1945	Parking Meter Fees	\$ 168.28
March 1, 1945 to March 31, 1945	Fines	9.00
	Total	<u>\$ 177.28</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 March 31, 1945, of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of March, 1945, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, March 1, 1945.....	\$ 22,011.57
Receipts during the month.....	11,899.51
Total	<u>\$ 33,911.08</u>
Warrants Paid.....	14,821.44
Cash on Hand, March 31, 1945.....	19,089.64
Total	<u>\$ 33,911.08</u>

Cash on Hand, March 31, 1945, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund.....	\$ 15,755.47
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account.....	813.06
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account.....	778.84
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account.....	512.45
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account.....	1,228.19
Special Fund, Track Removal.....	1.63
Total	<u>\$ 19,089.64</u>

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 filed.

City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane, submitted report dated April 3, 1945, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of March, reading as follows:

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.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated April 2, 1945, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of March, 1945:

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	6	-
Platform Scales	2	-
Counter Scales	18	2
Beam Scales	4	-
Prescription Scales	2	-
Dry Measures	4	-
Oil Bottles	3	-
Milk Bottles	6	-
	<u>45</u>	<u>2</u>

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

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. 453. "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PITSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1945, (ORDINANCE NO. 450), BY MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO BE INCLUDED THEREIN AND SET UP IN A SPECIAL FUND TO RECEIVE AND HOLD THEREIN CERTAIN FUNDS OR MONEYS ESTIMATED TO BE RECEIVED BY THE SAID CITY OF PITSTON WITHIN THE PRESENT FISCAL YEAR FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA IN THE TOTAL SUM OF EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND (\$81,000.00) DOLLARS, IN MONTHLY PAYMENTS, FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE COST AND EXPENSE OF FLUSHING MINE VOIDS IN PART OF THE CHECKER VEIN OF THE NO. 9 COAL COMPANY IN THE VICINITY OF MILL STREET IN THE SAID CITY OF PITSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, ACCORDING TO PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS PROVIDED THEREFOR BY THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF PITSTON, PENNSYLVANIA", was read at length by the City Clerk 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 3783. Pittston, Penna., April 12, 1945.

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 7, 1945".

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. 3784. Pittston, Penna., April 12th, 1945.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That, since the purpose of the Special Fund for the removal of the railway tracks on Main Street has been fulfilled, it is hereby resolved that the balance of \$1.63 remaining in said Special Fund be and hereby is transferred to the General Fund".

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. 3785. Pittston, Penna., April 12th, 1945.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston, and

it is hereby resolved by authority of the same:

Section 1. That the joint bid or proposal of the No. 9 Coal Company and the Morgan Slope Coal Company, as joint bidders aforesaid, for the flushing of mine voids in the Checker Vein of the No. 9 Coal Company in the vicinity of Mill Street, City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, be and the same is accepted, and a contract therefor be awarded to the said joint bidders, who, in the opinion of Council, are the lowest and most responsible bidders.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare a contract therefor to be executed by the proper officers of the City of Pittston, of the one part and the said No. 9 Coal Company and Morgan Slope Coal Company, joint bidders as aforesaid, of the other part".

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. 3786. Pittston, Penna., April 12th, 1945.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston, and

it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same:

"WHEREAS, Samuel C. Zanta has been honorably discharged from United States military service and is now ready to assume his duties as chief clerk in the Department of Streets and Public Improvements at City Hall;

THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED that he be and hereby is reappointed to his previous position as chief clerk in the Department of Streets and Public Improvements at City Hall, effective as of April 16, 1945, at the same salary as he received at the time of his entry into the military service".

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 3787. Pittston, Penna., April 12th, 1945.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, news of the sudden and unexpected death of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, has been received this evening by our nation and by the Allied nations of the World War with a sense of deep tragedy and irreparable loss;

AND, WHEREAS, our own community shares that sense of loss and tragedy with the millions who have admired, loved and trusted him as a leader, a friend, a champion of the needy and oppressed and as a great President of a great nation;

AND, WHEREAS, we wish to pay our sincere though sorrowful tribute to our late President who bore the great burden of his office with fidelity and integrity and led our country in a global war as Commander-in-Chief of our armed forces to the threshold of victory when death claimed him as a martyr to his country's cause;

THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of Council of the City of Pittston, that we as members of Council and as citizens of this community, pay this tribute to the memory of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, our late President and leader of our armed forces in the great World War in which he has given his life to his country as truly as if he had fallen on the field of battle".

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 3787 adopted at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Members of Council of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, held Thursday evening, April 12th, 1945, as the same appears in the minutes of the said meeting.

/s/

John D. McNulty

JOHN D. McNULTY

SEAL.

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PITSTON, PENNA.

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

The following letter was forwarded Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt with the above Resolution:

City of Pittston
Pennsylvania

April 17, 1945.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I enclose herewith a copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and members of Council of the City of Pittston, Pa., at its meeting held Thursday evening, April 12, 1945, at which the said Mayor and members of council expressed the sorrow of that body and of the citizens

of the community because of the sudden and untimely death of your husband, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, late President of the United States, whom the whole peace loving world admired and loved as a great leader both in war and in peace.

Sincerely yours,

JDMcN:K /s/ John D. McNulty
Enc. John D. McNulty
 City Clerk of the City of Pittston, Pa.

RESOLUTION NO. 3788. Pittston, Penna., April 12, 1945.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, several applications have been received for Journeymen as well as Master Electricians' City License, and

WHEREAS, no Electrical Examining Board has been provided for by the present City Council;

NOW, THEREFOR, be it resolved that an Electrical Examining Board be and hereby is appointed in accordance with ordinance pertaining to said licenses of both Journeymen and Master Electricians working at said trade within the City of Pittston. The following are hereby appointed to said Electrical Examining Board:

Francis Hopkins - Master Electrician
Harold Laux - Journeyman
John D. McNulty - Layman

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 Sylvester C. Grablick, submitted the following bills, recommending the approval of same for payment:

The Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	March phone service	\$	40.05
Butera Motor Company	Police car repairs		20.00
Coal-O-Matic Stoker Company	Service on stoker		72.00
Vincent E. Churchfield	Traffic light-stoker		
	repairs-material-supplies		56.73
Contagious Hospital	Physicians' fee - in re:		
	Mrs. M. Ioffida, 15 E.Oak St.		20.00
Eagen Hardware Company	Misc. material-supplies		24.65
Egan Oil & Supply Company	Gas and Oil		73.50
Wesley M. Evans	March rent - City Yards		35.00
Franconi Auto Parts	Misc. auto repair parts		19.35
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	March water supply		9.00
C. F. Goeringer Construction Co.	Road Materials-Cold Patch		1809.87
Harry C. Hunt	Tax statements, lien notices		
	purchase orders, etc.		197.05
Klein Auto Parts Company	Plate, condenser, hose, etc.		20.78
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Numbering machine, file folders, index, etc.		14.30
Luzerne Legal Register	1945 Subscription		3.00
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Cement, calcium chloride		14.02
Newcomb Brothers	March coal supply		58.76

Bills cont'd.

Pennsylvania Coal Company	Park rents	12.00
Pittston Oil Company	March-Gas and Oil	68.65
Austin S. Powers	Terra cotta pipe	3.00
The Scranton Electric Company	Light service	62.77
The Scranton Electric Company	Street lighting (March)	1006.45
Scranton-Spring-Brook Water Co.	Water service	31.92
Scranton-Spring-Brook Water Co.	Fire-Hydrant rentals (Mar.)	140.00
Frank B. Sgarlat, Estate	Washed sand, chips, etc.	20.35

\$ 3833.20

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 when sufficient funds are available.

Communication dated Roselle Park, New Jersey, April 10, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company Land and Tax Department:

No. 33 Pittston

City Clerk,
City of Pittston,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Recent inspection of the site leased to City by the Lehigh on the east side of Tompkins Street, Pittston, as No. 33 Pittston, discloses the fact that you are no longer using the premises.

Please advise if the City intends to continue their lease.

If it is the intention of the City to request cancellation of the lease it will be necessary for you to remove the frame building now located on the land, leaving the latter in a condition satisfactory to the Railroad Company as provided for in the lease.

Yours very truly,

/s/ J. R. Douglas /w.c./
J. R. Douglas
District Land & Tax Agent.

Cb

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above lease was ordered cancelled and the building referred to therein as well as gasoline storage tank situate on said property, removed to the present City Yard on Spring Street.

The following report was submitted by the committee on tabulation of bids received at meeting of November 9th, 1944, for flushing of certain mine voids in the City of Pittston:

City of Pittston

Pennsylvania

April 12, 1945

Mayor and Members of Council
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, namely, Thomas J. Halsey, City Engineer of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, W. H. Gillespie, City Solicitor of the said City of Pittston, and Daniel Connelly, Andrew Wilson and Frank Kettle, the last three named being mine inspectors in the Department of Mines, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby respectfully submit that we have examined and tabulated the bids submitted to the Council of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, at its meeting upon November 9, 1944, in the matter of flushing of certain mine voids underneath certain areas in the said City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, referred to us by the said City Council of the City of Pittston for examination, and that we respectfully report as follows:

That from our examination of the two bids submitted as aforesaid to the Council of the City of Pittston, namely by No. 9 Coal Company, a corporation, and Morgan Slope Coal Company, a partnership, as joint bidders, and Severin Sekol & Sol, Scranton, Pennsylvania, respectively, we approved the bid of the above named No. 9 Coal Company and Morgan Slope Coal Company, joint bidders as aforesaid, as being the lowest bid submitted as aforesaid to the Council of the City of Pittston, and we do therefore recommend the acceptance of said bid by said Council of the City of Pittston and the awarding of a contract for the proposed project in accordance with the bid of the said joint bidders.

/s/ Thomas J. Halsey
City Engineer

/s/ W. H. Gillespie
City Solicitor

/s/ D. H. Connelly
Mine Inspector

/s/ Frank Kettle
Mine Inspector

/s/ Andrew Wilson
Mine Inspector

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.

Communication dated April 12th, 1945, reading as follows, was received from Mrs. Samuel C. Zanta:

Mayor and Members of City Council,
City Hall, Broad Street,
Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

My husband, Mr. Samuel C. Zanta, having been honorably discharged from the United States military service, I hereby submit to you my resignation as clerk in the Street Department at City Hall, effective April 15, 1945. I wish to thank your Honorable Body for the splendid cooperation received from you during my husband's absence.

Thanking you very kindly for all the considerations extended to me, I am

Respectfully,

/s/ Mrs. Samuel C. Zanta

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.

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

A P P R O V E D

April 21st, 1945

YEAS

NAYS

Yes	G
Yes	W
Yes	T
Absent	S
Yes	R

John D. McNulty
City Clerk.

ATTEST: April 21st, 1945.


CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, APRIL 21, 1945, AT 8:15 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in special session Saturday, April 21st, 1945, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, Councilmen Grablick, Walsh and Turon present, Councilman Sheridan absent. Twenty-four hour notice of said meeting was served on all Councilmen by Police Officer Korick with Joseph Foster as witness.

Minutes of regular session of April 12th, 1945, 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.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 454. "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AND NO. 9 COAL COMPANY AND MORGAN SLOPE COAL COMPANY, JOINTLY, FOR THE HYDRAULIC BACK-FILL OF MINE VOIDS IN THE CHECKER VEIN OF THE NO. 9 COAL COMPANY IN THE VICINITY OF MILL STREET IN THE CITY OF PITTSTON AFORESAID", was read at length by the City Clerk.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and adopted by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, to suspend the rules and proceed upon the reading of Ordinance No. 454 for a second time.

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading in its entirety, of FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 454, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AND NO. 9 COAL COMPANY AND MORGAN SLOPE COAL COMPANY, JOINTLY, FOR THE HYDRAULIC BACK-FILL OF MINE VOIDS IN THE CHECKER VEIN OF THE NO. 9 COAL COMPANY IN THE VICINITY OF MILL STREET IN THE CITY OF PITTSTON AFORESAID", for the second time.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance No. 454 was passed upon Second Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 3789. Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 21, 1945.

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 Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized and empowered to enter into an agreement of lease with the Pennsylvania Coal Company as Lessor, and the City of Pittston as Lessee, for the rental of a parcel of land containing two and four-tenths (2-4/10) acres, more or less, at rear of Broad Street, City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, for use as park purposes and placing of ash-fill by the City of Pittston, Lessee, for a period of one year beginning on the first day of April 1945, and to continue thereafter from year to year, until ten (10) days notice shall be given prior to the expiration of any year by either of said parties of their determination to terminate the lease at the expiration of each year, at a rental of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars per year, payable annually in advance."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3790. Pittston, Penna., April 21, 1945.

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 Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized and empowered to enter into an agreement of lease with the Pennsylvania Coal Company as Lessor, and the City of Pittston as Lessee, for the rental of a parcel of land containing two and four-tenths (2-4/10) acres, more or less, at Stout Street, in the Borough of Yatesville, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, for dumping purposes by the City of Pittston, Lessee, for a period of one year beginning on the first day of April 1945, and to continue thereafter from year to year until ten (10) days notice shall be given prior to the expiration of any year by either of said parties of their determination to terminate the lease at the expiration of each year, at a rental of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars per year, payable annually in advance".

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

Councilman Walsh reported that he had received a complaint from a Mrs. Mosier at 99 Church Street, City of Pittston, at 7:45 P.M., on Friday, April 20th, 1945, complaining about the sewer being blocked at her address. Mr. Walsh stated that he had contacted the Superintendent of Streets, Mr. Kearney, at 2:00 P.M. today and that Mr. Kearney informed him that he will arrange to have complaint checked and corrected.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Council adjourned to meet again at the next regular meeting date which will be April 26th, 1945.

A P P R O V E DApril 28th, 1945YEASNAYS

Yes	G
Yes	W
Yes	T
Absent	S
Yes	R

John D. McNulty
City Clerk.

ATTEST: April 28th, 1945.

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, APRIL 28TH, 1945, AT 7:50 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in special session Saturday, April 28th, 1945, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, Councilmen Grablick, Walsh and Turon present, Councilman Sheridan absent. Twenty-four hour notice of said meeting was served on all Councilmen by Police Officer Armitage, with Officer Hogan as witness.

Minutes of special session of April 21st, 1945, were read and, upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved of as read and ordered filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 454. "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AND NO. 9 COAL COMPANY AND MORGAN SLOPE COAL COMPANY, JOINTLY, FOR THE HYDRAULIC BACK-FILL OF MINE VOIDS IN THE CHECKER VEIN OF THE NO. 9 COAL COMPANY IN THE VICINITY OF MILL STREET IN THE CITY OF PITTSTON AFORESAID", was read at length by the City Clerk for the third time.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed on third and final reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 3791. Pittston, Penna., April 28th, 1945.

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 17, 1945".

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. 3792. Pittston, Penna., April 28th, 1945.

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 27, 1945".

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. 3793. Pittston, Penna., April 28th, 1945.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, the office of Assistant City Engineer has been vacant since February 24, 1944, because of leave of absence granted the incumbent who was engaged in war work;

AND, WHEREAS, the City of Pittston is now engaged in a post-war planning program in the said City of Pittston;

AND, WHEREAS, the said City of Pittston has taken measures to provide for a mine flushing program in the City of Pittston;

THEREFOR, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittston and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that James Mogavero be and he is hereby reappointed Assistant City Engineer of the City of Pittston at the same salary as that paid to his predecessor for the term of service as such Assistant City Engineer of sixty (60) days, commencing May 1, 1945, said service to continue for a period of sixty (60) days, and shall be terminated at that date".

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. 3794. Pittston, Penna., April 28th, 1945.

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 1945 Duplicate be and hereby is extended to the 31st day of May 1945 instead of the regular discount period ending April 30th, 1945".

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. 3795. Pittston, Penna., April 28th, 1945.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

WHEREAS, from the several counties comprising the Northeastern section of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania there are now upwards of 175,000 men and women serving in the armed forces of The United States, or recently discharged after honorable service therein and

WHEREAS, these men and women upon their return from the armed forces will find many of their number in need of hospitalization and will, perforce thereof, be required to travel great distances to Veterans' hospitals as now established in areas and locations far removed from the Northeastern section of Pennsylvania, thus causing undue hardship of travel, inconvenience, and infrequent personal contact with immediate families, relatives and friends, all of which tends to retard the convalescence and return to normal health of those suffering from wounds, shock, and mental reactions caused by actual combat, stress and strain of battle.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of City Council of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, in special session assembled, do hereby petition the Veterans' Administration to establish a Veterans' Hospital in Northeastern Pennsylvania, with construction to start immediately, and that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to The United States Veterans' Administration and to the Senatorial and Congressional Representatives of this district."

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 3795 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.

JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK,
CITY OF PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted and the City Clerk instructed to forward four (4) copies of said Resolution to Kenneth J. Guest, Secretary Northeastern Pennsylvania Veterans' Hospital Committee, 219 Centre Avenue, Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, 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 the interest due upon the same debt in the amount of Four Hundred Forty-Five (\$445.00) Dollars.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Sylvester C. Grablick, submitted the following bills recommending the approval of same for payment:

The Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	April phone service	\$ 41.13
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Stencils, legal backs, paper, etc.	10.60
C. C. Mitten	Lettering two trucks	10.00
Office of the City Clerk	Registered mail, express charges, money-orders, etc.	9.80
Williams' Stationery Store	Staples, office pads	4.10
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		\$ 75.63
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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 bills were approved of as read and ordered paid when sufficient funds are available.

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., April 23, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the American Legion, John D. Stark Post No. 542:

City Commissioners
Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Corp. John D. Stark, Post No. 542, requests your body to make a donation on behalf of the City, to help defray expenses of conducting Memorial Day exercises.

Thanking you for past favors, I am,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John J. Mosier
Adjutant.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the usual contribution of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars was granted and ordered paid upon receipt of copy of expenses incurred in connection with Memorial Day Exercises.

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., April 11, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from Pittston Camp, No. 17, United Spanish War Veterans:

John Tigue
Commander.

Robert J. McKane
Adjutant.

Robert C. Fox
Quartermaster.

To His Honor Mayor John J. Reilly
and Pittston City Council

Sirs:

Pittston Camp 17, United Spanish War Veterans request a donation to help defray Memorial Day expenses for 1945.

Our estimated expense are as follows:

B. B. Carpenter, Florist	\$ 53.50
Bus fare-car hire and gas	15.00
Other expense	12.00
	<u>\$ 80.50</u>

The Camp extends thanks for past favors and hope Pittston City through your honorable body will assist us this year.

Respectfully,

/s/ Robert J. McKane - Adj.
46 West 4th St.,
Wyoming, Penna.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the usual contribution of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars was granted and ordered paid upon receipt of copy of expenses incurred in connection with Memorial Day Exercises.

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., April 13, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from Jean Connell Olszewski:

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,
City Hall, Broad Street,
Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I tender you, herewith, my resignation as clerk in the Office of Civilian Defense, effective as of April 15, 1945. My resignation is being submitted for the reason that I am leaving town to take up residence with my husband, who is serving in the U. S.

military service as an Instructor in the Army Air Corps, Tyndall Field, Florida.

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the splendid cooperation and appreciation extended me by your Honorable Body during my employment by the City Council.

Thanking you for your kind consideration in the past, I am

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Jean Connell Olszewski

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

Sealed proposals for furnishing material, supplies and equipment being advertised for in the Pittston Gazette March 28th, April 4th and April 11th, returnable to City Council at regular meeting to be held Thursday, April 26th, 1945, (this meeting being postponed until today, April 28th, 1945), no bids being received after date advertised for return of same, 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 read the legal ad calling for such proposals.

Upon the reading of said legal ad, 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 proceed with the opening and reading of such proposals received.

There was a total of seventeen (17) bids received in the following order: Four (4) covering Air Compressor; three (3) covering Fire Hose; One (1) covering Road Materials; two (2) covering Sand, Gravel, etc.; three (3) covering Gasoline; one (1) covering Coal and three (3) covering General Supplies.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above proposals were referred to the City Engineer, the City Solicitor, and Members of Council for tabulation.

Mr. Stark of the American Legion, John D. Stark Post #542 and Chairman of the "I Am an American Day" exercises to be conducted Sunday, May 20th, 1945, addressed the Mayor and Members of City Council stating that it was his desire that the City of Pittston join with the Borough of West Pittston in preparing a joint program for proper observance of said "I Am an American Day".

There being no objections made by those present, Mayor Reilly stated that Council would notify Mr. Stark by Thursday of next week whether or not the City of Pittston would participate in such joint program.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Solicitor was instructed to prepare proper Resolution on the death of Lieutenant of Police Michael Dructor.

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

A P P R O V E D

May 31st, 1945.

YEAS

NAYS

Yes	G
Yes	W
Yes	T
Yes	S
Yes	R

John D. McNulty
City Clerk.

ATTEST:

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MAY 31ST, 1945 AT 8:45 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, Thursday, May 31st, 1945, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of special session of April 28th, 1945, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved of and ordered filed.

Mayor Reilly submitted report of meter collections received by his department for the month of April 1945 reading as follows:

April 1, 1945 to April 30, 1945 Meter Collections \$ 55.35

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.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane, submitted report dated April 30, 1945, of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of April, 1945, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, April 1, 1945.....	\$ 19,089.64
Receipts during the month.....	85,205.43
Total	<u>\$ 104,295.07</u>

Warrants Paid.....	47,222.13
Cash on Hand, April 30, 1945.....	57,072.94
Total	<u>\$ 104,295.07</u>

Cash on Hand, April 30, 1945, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund.....	\$ 36,308.84
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account.....	4,964.89
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account.....	6,606.01
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account.....	2,636.34
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account.....	6,556.86
Total	<u>\$ 57,072.94</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 dated May 1, 1945, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of April, reading as follows:

License applied for by:
 John Defalco, Pittston, Pa.
 License fee (1) Pinball
 Machine for year ending
 December 31, 1945.
 License #701..... \$ 25.00

Corrected and Sealed Adjusted

Person Scales	4	-
Platform Scales	5	-
Counter Scales	22	3
Beam Scales	6	-
Dry Measures	7	-
Prescription Scales	3	-
Liquid Measures	6	-
Milk Bottles	4	-

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f

/s/

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 3796. Pittston, Pa., May 31st, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, Michael Dructor, Lieutenant of Police in the Police Department of the City of Pittston, died April 22, 1945, after serving in the capacity of a Police Officer in the City of Pittston for a period of nineteen (19) years; and

WHEREAS, during that period of continuous service in the Police Department, he performed his duty as a Police Officer with fidelity, intelligence, courtesy and courage; and

WHEREAS, those splendid qualities won for him the respect and confidence of his fellow officers, as well as the friendship and esteem of the public;

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittston, that the Mayor and Members of Council give expressions to their regret at the loss of a splendid public servant through his untimely death, and extend to the members of his family the sympathy of the said Mayor and Members of Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk of the City of Pittston be instructed to send to the family of the deceased Officer a certified copy of this Resolution".

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 3796 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 OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNA.

SEAL.

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. 3797. Pittston, Pa., May 31st, 1945. 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 7th, 1945."

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. 3798. Pittston, Pa., May 31st, 1945. 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 17th, 1945."

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. 3799. Pittston, Pa., May 31st, 1945. 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 27th, 1945."

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. 3800. Pittston, Pa., May 31st, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars be transferred from the Department of Public Affairs, item "Salaries of Patrolmen" to the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, item "Wages of Laborers" - Ash Collection and Disposal."

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, S. C. Grablick, submitted the following bills, recommending the approval of same:

American LaFrance Foamite Corp.	One dual ignition switch	\$ 12.35
Bell Telephone Company of Penna.	May phone service	46.13
Borr and Casey, Druggists	Rubber gloves	.50
Commercial Gas Corporation	One cylinder acetylen	3.82
Consumers' Gas & Oil Company	Feb. - Mar. gas, oil, etc.	145.57
Consumers' Ice Company	Jan.-Feb.-March ice supply	59.50
Eagen Hardware Company	Shovels, fuses, etc.	13.90
Eagles Hose Company	Rent - July '43 to July '45	1500.00
Wesley M. Evans	April, May, rental City Yards	70.00
Franconi Auto Parts	Gear, studs, case, etc.	37.55
Friedman Electric Supply	Socket, base, switch, etc.	.75
Gar Wood Industries, Inc.	Universal and spline joints	16.63
William H. Gillespie	Recording of deed, filing of liens, satisfactions, etc.	14.35
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	April water supply	9.00

Cont'd

Thomas Hood	Fire-Alarm System repairs	\$ 82.88
Klein Auto Parts Company	Valves, gasket, etc.	17.12
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Six cartons paper towels	23.70
Metropolitan Life Ins. Company	3rd Installment	687.32
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Lime, cement, nails, etc.	10.73
Newcomb Brothers	April coal supply	24.45
Office of the City Clerk	Postage stamps	20.00
The Pittston Gazette Company	Advertising Financial Report, voucher records, ruled sheets, coin envelopes, permits, etc.	402.54
P. A. Sammon	Liability insurance on fleet policy	288.39
The Scranton Electric Company	April - light service	55.06
The Scranton Electric Company	April - street lighting	1006.45
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co.	April - water service	14.20
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co.	April - fire-hydrant rentals	140.00
Roy Stauffer	Night service - pulling car out of cave-hole	4.25
Williams' Stationery Store	Ledger binders, sheets, tabs, pen points, etc.	12.36
		<u>\$ 4719.50</u>

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 when funds are available.

Communication dated Roselle Park, N. J., May 2, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the District Land and Tax Agent, Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, Land and Tax Department, 143 Liberty St., New York City, N. Y.-:

City Clerk,
City of Pittston,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Please advise when I may expect a reply to my letter of April 10th, in reference to Lease No. 33 Pittston, to the City? I am

Yours very truly,

Cb

/s/ J. R. Douglas (per W. C.)
J. R. Douglas
District Land & Tax Agent

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 cancel lease referred to therein as of July 1, 1945. Councilman Walsh in the meantime, to arrange for the transfer of gasoline storage tank and buildings from property covered by said lease.

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, May 29, 1945, reading as follows, was received from Attorney Leo W. White:

City Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Re: Assessment of property at 242 North Main St.
3rd Ward, Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

I represent Suburban Gas Company which purchased, in November 1944, a lot of land from the Joseph E. Patterson Estate, identified on your assessment books as follows:

Lot 542 x 200 @ \$12.00 -- \$6,504

This lot is west of the Pittston Town Track of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. It is assessed as if its full length of 542 feet fronted on North Main Street. The fact is that only approximately 200 feet fronts on Main Street and the aforesaid Town Track lies between the property and the street. The remaining 300 odd feet lies in the rear of certain Main Street parcels standing in the name of Tulsa Petroleum Company, who purchased same in 1944 from Harry A. Costello and wife and from the Joseph E. Patterson Estate.

The Suburban property is assessed for its entire length of 542 feet at \$12.00 per front foot. This is manifestly inequitable. The Tulsa lots directly on Main Street are assessed at \$5.00 per front foot for the part purchased from Costello and \$10.00 per front foot for the part purchased from Patterson.

My client, Suburban Gas Company has received a bill for 1945 City Taxes based upon the aforesaid assessment of \$6,504.00. I am of the opinion that this assessment is very much in excess of the value of the property. In fact, Suburban paid \$3,000 for it in November 1944. I therefore request an abatement for 1945 to adjust the assessment on a proper assessed value.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Leo W. White
Attorney for Suburban Gas Company

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 attention of the City Engineer and the Board of Assessors.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., April 28, 1945, was received from the Fort Pittston Post, No. 635 Veterans of Foreign Wars:

Pittston City Commissioners,
Pittston, Pa.

Honorable dear Sirs:

Fort Pittston Post #635, Veterans of Foreign Wars again request that your Honorable body include our organization in your Annual Memorial Day Donation.

As you gentlemen well know the list of departing Veterans is increasing each year and naturally the expense of our honoring these Veterans by fittingly commemorating their memory also.

We wish to thank you for all your past assistance on Memorial Day by contributing to part of the expense, for which the Post is ever grateful.

Thanking you, we are,

Respectfully yours,

Fort Pittston Post #635
Veterans of Foreign Wars.
Pittston, Pa.

/s/ Hugh F. McLaughlin /s/ W. Arthur Fullagher
Quartermaster. Commander.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the usual sum of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars was granted subject to the presentation of statement of expenses incurred in said Memorial Day exercises.

Communication dated West Pittston, Penna., May 4, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the Suburban Gas Company:

City of Pittston
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Attention: City Clerk

Gentlemen:

This letter will give you authority to dump clean ashes, dirt and anything to your knowledge that might answer to a good fill on our grounds, 242 North Main Street, Pittston, recently purchased from the J. E. Patterson Estate.

We do ask you, however, to see that your drivers do not dump any garbage or rubbish of any kind on the grounds.

Thanking you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

SUBURBAN GAS COMPANY

/s/ Edgar P. Delahunty
Edgar P. Delahunty
Representative

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 notify the Superintendent of the Street Department, Mr. Thomas Kearney, of the availability and authority to dump clean ashes, dirt and anything that might answer to a good fill on said premises.

Communication dated May 15, 1945, and reading as follows,
was received from the Firemen's Association of the State of Pennsylvania:

Dear Secretary:

The United States Government has through the Office of Civilian Defense loaned fire equipment to a great many communities, same to be used for fire protection in case of sabotage or air raids.

Many fire companies went to a great deal of expense mounting the front end and skid type pumps on chassis, and in many cases created high grade and efficient pieces of fire equipment.

There have been no orders from the Government, one way or the other, as to what will happen to this equipment when the war is over. It is my thought that many communities may desire to keep the equipment they have mounted.

I feel that all companies having equipment and wishing to retain same after the great amount of expense incurred in mounting the equipment should write to their respective Congressmen and to Senators Guffey and Myers, Washington, D. C., asking these Senators and Representatives to use all possible influence to see that the respective holders of equipment be given the first chance to purchase what they were loaned after the Government sets a purchase price.

If you are interested in retaining equipment get busy at once! It is important to act immediately for one does not know how soon recalls may be made.

May we have a copy of the reply you receive from Washington.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Charles E. Clark
Charles E. Clark
Secretary

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed and the City Clerk instructed to write to the Congressmen and Senators referred to therein, requesting that the City of Pittston be given first chance to purchase the fire equipment loaned to the City, by the United States Government under the Civilian Defense regulations, after the United States Government sets a purchase price upon same.

Communication dated Livingston, N. J., April 30, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the Suburban Gas Company:

City of Pittston, Pa.
Att: City Clerk

Dear Sir:

We request a permit to construct a propane bulk plant on the premises known as 242 N. Main St., Pittston, Pa. We have recently purchased the property from the Patterson Estate and propose to install a 10,000 gal. storage tank, approximately 120 ft. from the curb line and construct the necessary filling dock and ultimately a display room and office on the location. It is our intention to fill the site up to one foot above the level of North Main St. The approximate cost of the work that we propose to do immediately will be approximately \$5,000. This will include the cost of the holder and the filling dock with necessary connecting pipelines laid under ground. The necessary priority has been granted us by the PAW at Washington with all material on an AA-3 rating. As yet the contract has not been given out for construction and it is probable that much of the storage and pipeline installation will be done by our own personnel. The storage tank is constructed of steel and will be mounted on concrete piers. The dock and filling room will be of wood or cinder block construction.

Inasmuch as we have been promised delivery of the tank within the next sixty days it is our intention to begin construction as quickly as possible. When construction is completed all of the above mentioned property will have been filled from its varying levels now to a street level and will be improved with whatever non-critical material that may be available for driveways, shrubbery, etc. We request that the permit be issued to the Suburban Gas Company of Livingston, N. J. Any further questions concerning the work to be done can be handled by our representative Mr. Delahunty.

Very truly yours,

SUBURBAN GAS COMPANY.

SJM/o

/s/ S. J. McLagan
S. J. McLagan

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered tabled until such time as City Council consult with the members of the School Board before final action be taken on the granting of permit referred to therein.

Agreement of Lease between the Pennsylvania Coal Company and the City of Pittston wherein the Pennsylvania Coal Company offers to lease to the City of Pittston, for a term of one year, beginning April 1, 1945, and continue thereafter from year to year until ten (10) days notice shall be given prior to the expiration of any year by either of the said parties, wherein the Pennsylvania Coal Company grants to the City of Pittston the legal right of site at the intersection of the southwesterly line of Union Street with the northwesterly line of the Samuel Grant Tract, in the City of Pittston, containing approximately 12.6 acres, for depositing of clean ashes.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Lease was accepted and the proper officers authorized to execute same.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the dumping of clean ashes or any other matter, in the rear of Broad Street in the 7th Ward, is hereby eliminated at once, and any further dumping of any kind positively prohibited.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Edwin Pahl is hereby appointed as vacation driver of the fire trucks for the period beginning with the annual vacation of regular drivers, and to continue until such time as all regular drivers have secured their annual vacation, covering in all a period of fourteen (14) weeks.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, permission is hereby granted to rent a grader for the grading of the First Ward Park on Green Street, the Fourth Ward Park off Lambert Street, and the West Park on Swallow Street, at a rental for such grader of \$43.00 per day.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Sheridan not voting, Councilman John Sheridan who has been seriously ill for the past while back but at present well enough to attend this meeting, is hereby welcomed back to his duties as City Councilman by his colleagues Messrs. Reilly, Grablick, Walsh and Turon.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, bids for furnishing Material, Supplies and Equipment, received and opened in special session of Council Saturday, April 28th, 1945, and referred to committee for tabulation, were upon recommendation of said tabulating committee, awarded to the lowest bidders as follows:

Air Compressor - Medico Electric Motor Company.
 Air Compressor Tools - Hazleton Machinery & Equipment Co.
 Fire Hose - Eureka Fire Hose Company.
 Bituminous Road Material - C. F. Goeringer Construction Co.
 Gasoline - Egan Oil & Supply Company.
 Consumers' Gas & Oil Company.
 Pittston Oil Company (equally)
 Coal - Newcomb Brothers.
 Washed Sand, Stone and Gravel - Frank B. Sgarlat Estate.
 Cement, Lime and Common Brick - Mitchell's Lumber Yard.
 Calcium Chloride and Road Paving Brick - Central Clay
 Products Company.
 Pipe and Fittings - A. S. Powers.

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

A P P R O V E D

June 28th, 1945.

YEAS		NAYS
Absent	G	
Yes	W	
Yes	T	
Yes	S	
Absent	R	

ATTEST:

JOHN D. McNULTY

CITY CLERK.

John D. McNulty
 CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JUNE 28TH, 1945, AT 8:45 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, Thursday, June 28th, 1945, with Councilman Joseph A. Walsh presiding, Councilmen Turon and Sheridan present, Mayor Reilly and Councilman Grablick absent.

Minutes of regular session of May 31st, 1945, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved of and ordered filed.

Mayor Reilly submitted report of meter fees and fines received by his department for the month of May 1945 reading as follows:

May 1, 1945 to May 31, 1945	Meter Fees	\$ 72.60	
May 1, 1945 to May 31, 1945	Fines Violations	8.00	\$ 80.60
April 1 to April 30, 1945	Additional Meter Fees	89.70	89.70
	Total		\$ 170.30

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.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane, submitted report dated May 31, 1945, of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of May 1945, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, May 1, 1945.....	\$ 57,072.94
Receipts during the month.....	29,540.14
Total	\$ 86,613.08

Warrants Paid.....	31,242.62
Cash on Hand, May 31, 1945.....	55,370.46
Total	\$ 86,613.08

Cash on Hand, May 31, 1945, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund.....	\$ 28,532.25
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account.....	7,051.77
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account.....	8,644.16
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account.....	2,497.58
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account.....	8,644.70
Total	\$ 55,370.46

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.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated June 21st, 1945, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
May 1945:

Weekly reports sent to the Medical Center.
Monthly report sent to the Medical Center.
Complaints received and investigated..... 19
New Health application blanks distributed
to Hotels, Restaurants, etc., fee of
One (\$1.00) Dollar collected from
each applicant and filed..... 59
Green Produce Houses inspected..... 2
Diphtheria Cases reported..... 1
(Reported and released - 3 Landon St.)

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f /s/ Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
 MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB

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.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, sub-
mitted report dated June 21, 1945, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
May 1945:

	<u>Sealed and Corrected</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	2	-
Platform Scales	3	1
Counter Scales	31	4
Beam Scales	4	-
Prescription Scales	2	-
Liquid Measures	6	-
Milk Bottles	10	-

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f /s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
 MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
 SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 3801. Pittston, Pa., June 28th, 1945. 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 6th, 1945."

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. 3802. Pittston, Pa., June 28th, 1945. 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 16th, 1945."

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. 3803. Pittston, Pa., June 28th, 1945. 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 26th, 1945."

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. 3804. Pittston, Pa., June 28th, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That Thomas F. Walsh, now a Sergeant of Police in the Police Department of the City of Pittston, be and he is hereby promoted and advanced from the said position to the position of Lieutenant of Police in the Police Department of the said City of Pittston, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Michael Dructor upon April 22nd, 1945. This appointment or promotion to become effective July 1st, 1945, at the salary fixed by the General Appropriation Ordinance of the City of Pittston for the year 1945."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3805. Pittston, Pa., June 28th, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That when the Department of Highways submits to the Council of Pittston, official plans for -

Route 5, Section 14, Station 307+85 to Station 363+63;
Route 232, Section 6, Station 0+00 to Station 14+58;
Route 35011, Station 0+00 to Station 3+18, which plans shall conform to the unofficial plan already submitted, the City Council will ordain said official plans as approved by the Chief Engineer."

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 3805 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, City Clerk.
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK, CITY OF PITTSBURGH, PA.

SEAL.

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, June 28th, 1945, reading as follows, was received from the City Solicitor, William H. Gillespie:

Mayor and Members of Council
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

I respectfully advise you that it will be necessary to immediately have approved by Council the necessary warrant provided for the payment of certain fees to the Prothonotary of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, to provide for the filing of praecipes for issuing writs of scire facias to revive and continue the liens of certain judgments based upon municipal claims for paving, grading and curbing, filed by the City of Pittston as Plaintiff, against certain property holders upon Mill, Searle, Market and Tompkins Streets respectively, and for the payment of certain fees to the Sheriff of Luzerne County Pennsylvania, to serve the said writs of scire facias already issued and to be issued as aforesaid by the said Prothonotary.

I wish to remind you that at your last meeting, May 31, 1945, you ordered the approval of fees in the sum of \$145.75 and issued a warrant therefor, payable to the Prothonotary of Luzerne County for the filing of fifty-three praecipes for the issuing of writs of scire facias of the above named properties. The said sum of \$145.75 was slightly in excess of the actual amount necessary for the issuing of said number of fifty-three writs of scire facias namely, forty-eight writs instead of fifty-three writs, whereupon the Prothonotary refunded the excess sum of \$13.75 by check dated June 5, 1945, and payable to the Treasurer of the City of Pittston. The check was handed to me for delivery to the said Treasurer and was immediately thereafter delivered to him. It later appeared from the records in the Office of the said Prothonotary, that one judgment which we decided to revive had been stricken from the records by order of Court a few years ago of which no record appeared upon the City Solicitor's Docket and, although the filing fee for the praecipe had been paid for and included in the above stated number of forty-eight praecipes, the filing fee of \$2.75 could not be refunded. The amount of writs of scire facias therefor, issued by the Prothonotary amounted to forty-seven writs to be now served by the Sheriff of Luzerne County. There are forty-seven writs now in my possession awaiting the issuing of a warrant payable to the Sheriff of Luzerne County to cover his fees for serving them upon the respective property holders upon Mill, Searle, Market and Tompkins Streets respectively as above mentioned, and said fees must be paid in advance to the said Sheriff and amounts to \$390.40.

On June 26th, 1945, I found it necessary because of the failure of Council to hold its regular meeting on June 14th, 1945, to file in the Office of the Prothonotary of Luzerne County, four praecipes for the issuing of four writs of scire facias to revive the liens of four judgments whose liens were about to expire against property holders upon Lambert Street in the City of Pittston, for which I advanced and paid \$2.75 each, amounting to \$11.00 for which I received a receipt from the Prothonotary of Luzerne County. These writs were entered to No. 381, No. 383, No. 383 and No. 384, October Term 1945.

It is necessary to immediately file other praecipes to revive judgments for the remaining thirteen judgments against property holders on Tompkins Street in the City of Pittston. It will be necessary to pay Sheriff's fees in advance for the serving of the said four writs of scire facias issued June 26th, 1945, as aforesaid, and the said remaining thirteen praecipes for the issuing of thirteen writs of scire facias to revive and continue the liens of judgments entered upon municipal claims for grading and curbing upon said Tompkins Street. A total amount due to the Sheriff for fees for serving of additional seventeen writs of scire facias will amount to \$132.40. The total fee for the Sheriff therefor will be \$132.40 plus \$390.40 or \$522.80, for which a warrant must be drawn payable to the said Sheriff namely, David C. Vaughn.

The amount now due and payable to the Prothonotary of Luzerne County for filing the remaining thirteen praecipes for revival of judgments at \$2.75 each, will amount to \$35.75 for which a warrant must be drawn payable to the said Prothonotary namely, Henry E. Dietrich.

In addition to reimburse me for the sum of \$11.00 advanced and paid by me to the Prothonotary on June 26th, 1945, for the filing of said four praecipes at \$2.75 each, amounted to \$11.00 for which you will kindly draw a warrant payable to me.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

W. H. Gillespie
WILLIAM H. GILLESPIE, CITY SOLICITOR
CITY OF PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

WHG:f

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

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. S. C. Grablick, submitted the following bills, recommending the approval of same:

John A. Allan	Compensation and Liability Insurance	\$ 622.04
American Legion - Post #542	Military contribution	50.00
Katherine M. Ardoline	Notarial work for City Solicitor	8.50
Katherine M. Ardoline	Notarial work for City Solicitor	24.00
Bell Telephone Company of Penna.	June phone service	44.54
Consumers' Gas & Oil Company	April - gas, oil, etc.	49.50
Consumers' Ice Company	April - ice for offices	25.00
Henry E. Dietrich, Prothonotary	Filing liens, judgments	35.75
Eagen Hardware Company	One doz. lanterns	12.00
Egan Oil & Supply Company	Gas, oil, etc.	93.15
Wesley M. Evans	June - July Rental City Yards	70.00
Franconi Auto Parts	Coil springs, bushings, etc.	56.15
Gar Wood Industries, Inc.	One 6Y-1265 shaft	6.75
William H. Gillespie	Filing writs, judgments	11.00
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	May water supply	8.50

Cont'd

C. F. Goeringer Construction Co.	Road materials - cold patch	355.80
M. J. Grimes	Two-door glass	7.00
Klein Auto Parts Company	Set K-44 moog, shock rubbers, etc.	4.58
W. J. Lawless	Firemens' coats, hand-lights, etc.	275.08
League of Cities of Third Class in Pennsylvania	1945 Dues to League	161.00
Maryland Casualty Company	Robbery and safe burglary insurance	138.38
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Five bags cement	3.60
Newcomb Brothers	May coal supply	26.38
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company	Parking meter glasses	6.00
Pittston Gazette Company	Accts. payable, receivable cards (250)	7.75
Pittston Oil Company	May - gas, oil, etc.	92.95
Austin S. Powers	Ell, bushing, pipe, etc.	2.43
Scranton Chemical Company	One demijohn sulphuric acid, 100 lbs. bicarbonate of soda	31.50
Scranton Electric Company	May - light service	54.64
Scranton Electric Company	May - street lighting	1006.45
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co.	May - water service	19.33
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co.	May - fire-hydrant rental	140.00
Stackhouse Auto Electric	Carburator kits	6.62
United-Spanish-American War Veterans - Camp 17	Military contribution	50.00
David C. Vaughn, Sheriff	Serving writs of scire facias, judgments, etc.	522.80
Veterans of Foreign Wars - Ft. Pittston Post #635	Military contribution	50.00
		<u>\$ 4079.17</u>

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

Copy of communication dated June 7, 1945 to Sylvester C. Grablick, Director Department of Accounts and Finance, and reading as follows, was received from the City Solicitor, William H. Gillespie:

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter of even date which I delivered to M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer of the City of Pittston, which explains itself. I enclose said copy for your information and so that the records in your office may show the transaction.

Respectfully submitted,

WHG:f
Enc.

WILLIAM H. GILLESPIE, CITY SOLICITOR.
CITY OF PITSTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Enclosure referred to in above communication reads as follows:

7 June 1945

M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer,
City Hall, Broad Street,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith check #579 from Henry E. Dietrich, Prothonotary Luzerne County, Penna., dated June 5, 1945, in the sum of \$13.75, payable to "Treasurer, City of Pittston", handed to me for delivery to you, to cover a refund on account of overpayment of filing fees to revive fifty-three (53) judgments appearing of record in the office of the said Prothonotary in favor of the City of Pittston, and based upon municipal liens for paving, curbing and grading, for the revival of which the City of Pittston had issued its warrant #62797, dated June 1, 1945, for the sum of \$145.75, payable to the said Prothonotary of Luzerne County.

The number of writs of scire facias necessary to be issued by the Prothonotary to revive said judgments was actually forty-eight (48), for which the sum of \$132.00 was due and payable to the Prothonotary. The said warrant for the sum of \$145.75 was intended to cover the cost of reviving fifty-three (53) judgments which appeared to be the number when the issuance of said warrant was directed by Council at its meeting of May 31, 1945.

Therefore, the Prothonotary returned the excess fees to the City of Pittston in the amount of \$13.75 by check payable to you as City Treasurer as noted above and enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ W. H. Gillespie
WILLIAM H. GILLESPIE, CITY SOLICITOR,
CITY OF PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

WHG:f
Enc.

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.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, June 7, 1945, reading as follows, was received from the Luzerne County Treasurer, Mr. Peter D. Clark:

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

In Re: House Bill - No. 255
Abating Interest and
Penalties

Dear Sir:

It is important that notice of acceptance is filed in the County Treasurer's Office before June 24th, 1945, if the provisions of the above Captioned Act are accepted by a majority vote of the Board.

/s/ Peter D. Clark
PETER D. CLARK
LUZERNE COUNTY TREASURER.

PDC:AMN

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.

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, June 28, 1945, reading as follows, was received from the City Controller, Emerson J. Howley:

Hon. John Reilly and Members
of City Council

Gentlemen:

Your attention is directed to the condition of the pave on that portion of North Main Street between Parsonage and Union Streets, recently applied under a contract between the City of Pittston and Banks & Futch Contractors. Your Solicitor will agree with me that you officers of the City are morally and legally responsible for seeing that the job was done right. I trust that this matter will receive your prompt attention.

Your attention is also directed to the condition of Parsonage Street at Main, a State Highway, opened several months ago by the gas company and to date not repaired by the State. A dirt fill washes out with the rains causing a serious traffic hazard. This only goes to prove that my oft repeated request to comply with the Third Class City Law relative to controlling excavation permits by the City and not the State, is for the best interest of the taxpayers of this City. I might remind you that that pave was originally paid for by the property owners on that street and a concrete base was applied. It is your duty to see that pave is returned to as near its original condition, as possible.

I can't understand why every other City has no trouble with the utility companies but Pittston. These are rather harsh words but it seems that the taxpayers are being sold short.

I hope that these matters will receive your attention.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Emerson J. Howley
Controller.

P. S. How about that Pave Cut Ordinance you were going to pass for the last two years. The one with teeth in it. You pass it, I'll enforce it.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the attention of the City Engineer and the City Clerk instructed to notify the Gas and Telephone Company of said complaint.

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, June 15, 1945, reading as follows, was received from the State Fire Marshal Mr. W. F. Traeger:

The Mayor and City Council
Pittston
Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

In September 1944 the City of Pittston took over ownership of the property at 30 Railroad Street, Pittston, Luzerne County, upon which there stands, at the front and rear, two vacant buildings, both of which are in dilapidated condition, contain inflammable debris and are open to the public thereby constituting fire hazards coming within the provisions of section 3 of the Act of April 27, 1927, PL 450, as last amended by Act 262, May 16, 1945, as per copy attached.

In order that I may determine further procedure in this case I would be pleased if you would advise me what arrangements will be made by the City of Pittston to have these fire hazards remedied or removed.

Yours truly,

Pennsylvania State Police

WFT:HLH
ENC.

/s/

W. F. Traeger
BY: W. F. TRAEGER FIRE MARSHAL

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to readvertise for bids for the razing and removal of property in question since Councilman Walsh stated that two different parties approached him stating they were interested in the purchase of the said property.

Rules and regulations adopted May 3, 1945, by the Department of Health and Advisory Health Board of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, was received reading as follows:

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADVISORY HEALTH BOARD OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO BE OBSERVED BY UNDERTAKERS, SEXTONS AND OTHER PERSONS IN CHARGE OF THE PREPARATION FOR INTERMENT, DISINTERMENT AND OTHER DISPOSITION OF DEAD BODIES.

Adopted May 3, 1945

DEPTH OF GRAVES

Except by special permission from the Department of Health, no interment of any human body shall be made in

any public or private burial ground unless the distance from all parts of the top of the box containing the coffin or casket be not less than four feet from the natural surface of the ground. Still-born children and children less than four years of age shall be buried at such a depth that the top of the box containing the coffin or casket be not less than three and one-half feet from the natural surface of the ground.

The superintendent, sexton, caretaker or other person employed by a cemetery shall be responsible that graves are of a depth required by this regulation.

The funeral director shall determine the depth of each grave prior to interment of a body and shall be held jointly responsible with the superintendent, sexton, caretaker or other person employed by a cemetery for violation of this regulation.

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

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, May 28, 1945, reading as follows was received from the Secretary of the State Board of Health, A. H. Stewart, M. D.

SUBJECT: LICENSING PUBLIC EATING AND DRINKING PLACES

TO: All Departments, Bureaus and Boards of Health

FROM: A. H. Stewart, M. D.
Secretary of Health

Senate Bill No. 623, providing "For the protection of the public health by regulating the conduct and operation of public eating and drinking places within this Commonwealth requiring their licensing imposing certain duties on the Department of Health of this Commonwealth and on the local health authorities and providing penalties", became effective, according to its fourteenth section, when it was finally enacted by signature of the Governor on May 23, 1945. Copies of the Act will be furnished you as soon as may be.

Sections 2 and 3 are of immediate importance because persons now in business must make application for license within thirty days of the effective date of the Act. Sections 2 and 3 quoted below:

Section 2. From and after a period of six months after the effective date of this act it shall be unlawful for any proprietor to conduct or operate a public eating or drinking place without first obtaining a license as herein provided. Such license shall be issued by the health authorities of cities, boroughs, incorporated towns and first-class townships whenever such public eating or drinking place is located in a city, borough, incorporated town or first-class township and in townships of the second class by the Department. No license shall be issued until inspection of the premises facilities and equipment has been made by the licensor and they are found adequate to the protection of the public health and comfort of patrons. The fee for such license shall be one dollar (\$1.00) and shall be paid into the city, borough, incorporated town or first-class township treasury or to the State Treasury through the Department of Revenue depending upon the location of such public eating or drinking place. The license shall be renewed annually.

Whenever any proprietor maintains more than one public eating or drinking place within any one city, borough, incorporated town or township he shall be required to apply for and procure a duplicate license for each additional eating or drinking place such duplicate license to be issued at an additional charge of fifty cents (50¢) for each additional public eating or drinking place within any one city, borough, incorporated town or township.

Section 3. Any person owning or operating or desiring to operate a public eating or drinking place or public eating and drinking places within this Commonwealth shall within thirty (30) days after the effective date hereof, make application for license to the licensor on forms furnished by the licensor. Said forms shall be uniform throughout the Commonwealth and shall set forth such information as the Department may require including the name and address of the applicant together with all the other information deemed necessary. Before granting any license the licensor shall visit and inspect the restaurant or premises on which the applicant conducts or proposes to conduct his business. The licensor may refuse to issue a license if the premises on which the applicant conducts or proposes to conduct his business or his equipment do not meet the requirements of this act or the rules and regulations of the Department. The licensor shall state in writing to the applicant the reason for such refusal.

Inasmuch as application for license forms must be uniform throughout the state and to cover such information as this Department may require, a sample of this form is enclosed. It is suggested that the name of the City, borough or first-class township board of health appear at the top of the form as indicated on the form.

YOU ARE URGED TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES IMMEDIATELY - PUBLICITY, ACQUISITION OF APPLICATION FORMS, ETC., ETC. - TO ENABLE PROPRIETORS OF PUBLIC EATING AND DRINKING PLACES TO MAKE THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT PRESCRIBED BY THE LAW - (JUNE 22, 1945).

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.

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, June 11, 1945, reading as follows, was received from J. Moore Campbell, M. D., Deputy Secretary of Health, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

This memorandum is by way of answering, for the information of all, certain questions which have been raised by boards of health and others in connection with the new restaurant-hygiene law.

1. LICENSE FEE

(a) The fee of one dollar will be collected at the time license is issued and not when application for license is made. In cities, boroughs and first-class townships it will be collected by the board of health and will be paid over to the municipal treasury by the board when and at such intervals as may be agreed upon by the board and the treasurer. It will be paid over to the municipal treasury by the board when and at such intervals as may be agreed upon by the board and the treasurer. It will be collected by the Bureau of Health Conservation, State Department of Health, for all licenses issued outside cities, boroughs, and first-class townships.

(b) Application-for-license forms must be uniform throughout the state and will be furnished by city, borough and first-class township boards of health on the basis of a sample form furnished by the State Department of Health.

2. LICENSING

(a) Lodges and clubs serving only their members and such guests as members may from time to time introduce, churches or other organizations serving occasional suppers or any establishment offering food or drinks to be consumed from the original container by the purchaser, either on or off the property, or any particle of food or drink not requiring utensils for its preparation or consumption and places selling ice cream in bulk, meat shops and grocery stores are not to be considered as subject to the provisions of the act.

(b) No license can be issued until the establishment and its equipment have been inspected and found to meet the requirements of the act and of the regulations of the Advisory Health Board of the State Department of Health.

(c) The Advisory Health Board has not yet promulgated these regulations but will do so before the end of this month. Under the circumstances, inspections made before these regulations become effective might fall short of what will actually be required and have to be repeated. Any licenses issued on the basis of such an incomplete inspection would have to be revoked if the establishment could not meet the requirements of the regulations.

(d) Copies of the license form which will be devised and used by the State Department of Health will be sent to all local boards of health, as soon as available, for use as samples.

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

Communication dated New York City, New York, June 21, 1945, reading as follows, was received from Gwinn & Pell, Counsellors at Law, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York:

City Clerk
Pittston
Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

We are the attorneys for a company which has an interest in a building in the business zone section of your city. Our said client desires that we obtain information concerning any provision or provisions of your building code and/or zoning ordinance, which relate to the demolition of dangerous or sub-standard buildings. We are particularly interested in learning what percent of damage to a building by fire, flood, tornado, decay or other causes, will require a complete demolition of the building and a rebuilding of the entire structure.

We would also appreciate your advice as to any other local laws or ordinances of your city which relate to the repairing of seriously damaged buildings or structures.

Kindly refer this matter to your building department with our request that they advise us promptly giving us the information desired in this letter.

Thanking you, we remain,

Very truly yours,

/s/ Gwinn & Pell

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the attention of the City Clerk.

Petition bearing the signatures of seventy four taxpayers of the First, Second and Third Wards in the City of Pittston, and reading as follows, was submitted by Miss Mary H. O'Malley, 199 Chapel Street:

To - Hon. John Reilly, Mayor, and the Members of
Pittston City Council.

Dear Sirs:

We the undersigned taxpayers of the First, Second and Third Wards, also the parishioners of St. Michael's Greek Catholic Church, protest the dumping of Garbage on land near the Greek Cemetery and also on the pond on Upper Union Street that has been used as a skating rink by the children of Upper Pittston as well as Hughestown for generations. It also has been used as a play ground for these children for many years.

We desire your co-operation in the abolition of this practice.

Thank you.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above petition was ordered received and filed; the Mayor and Members of City Council, as well as the City Engineer, to make an inspection of the dumping site at the call of the Mayor.

Mr. Whalen and Mr. C. E. Lewis, Assistant Engineer, State Highway Department, Scranton, Pennsylvania, addressed Council with regard to the proposed resurfacing of Main Street by the State Highway Department, stating that the only expense to the City of Pittston in connection with said resurfacing, would be an approximate cost of \$100.00 to \$150.00 to cover approximately eleven tons of road material and the raising of eighteen man-holes to grade.

Unofficial plan of the proposed improvement was also submitted by Mr. Whalen and Mr. Lewis and, upon motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved and adopted by Resolution No. 3805 as of this date.

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

A P P R O V E D

July 12th, 1945

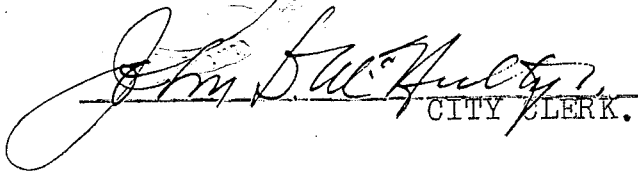
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JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, JULY 12TH, 1945, AT 2:30 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, Thursday, July 12th, 1945, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, Councilmen Grablick and Walsh present, Councilmen Turon and Sheridan absent.

Minutes of regular session of June 28th, 1945, were read and, upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved of as read and ordered filed.

Mayor Reilly submitted report of meter fees and fines received by his department for the month of June 1945 reading as follows:

June 1, 1945 - June 30, 1945	Meter Fees	\$ 119.20
June 1, 1945 - June 30, 1945	Fines-Violations	5.00
	Total	<u>\$ 124.20</u>

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

City Treasurer, M. P. Ruane, submitted report dated June 30th, 1945, of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of June 1945, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, June 1, 1945.....	\$ 55,370.46
Receipts during the month.....	12,803.12
Total	<u>\$ 68,173.58</u>
Warrants Paid.....	13,153.07
Cash on Hand, June 30, 1945.....	55,020.51
Total	<u>\$ 68,173.58</u>

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1945, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund.....	\$ 25,566.99
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account.....	7,890.24
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account.....	9,470.93
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account.....	2,687.27
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account.....	9,405.08
Total	<u>\$ 55,020.51</u>

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated July 11th, 1945, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
June, 1945:

Weekly reports sent to the Medical Center.
Monthly report sent to the Medical Center.
Complaints received and investigated..... 24
Wholesale Meat Houses inspected..... 4
No contagious diseases reported in City
during the month.

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
HEALTH OFFICER.

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, sub-
mitted report dated July 11th, 1945, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
June, 1945:

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	5	-
Platform Scales	6	-
Beam Scales	6	1
Counter Scales	30	4
Liquid Measures	10	-
Milk Bottles	8	-
Oil "	10	-

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f

/s/ Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3806. Pittston, Pa., July 12th, 1945. 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 July 6th, 1945."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3807. Pittston, Pa., July 12th, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the rate per foot front of the assessed valuation of the Suburban Gas Company at 242 North Main Street, in the 3rd Ward, be adjusted to conform with the rates applicable to adjoining properties at this location.

That the total assessed valuation be divided into two separate parcels reading as follows:

222 ft. front at \$10.00 per foot, fronting on North Main Street in one assessment, and 320 ft. rear of North Main Street at \$5.00 per foot, in the other assessment.

Also that an abatement covering both City and School Taxes for the year 1945 be granted on the basis of the corrected assessed valuations, namely:

222 ft. at \$2.00 per foot -	\$	444.00
320 ft. at \$7.00 per foot -		2240.00

Total	\$	<u>2684.00</u>
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On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3808. Pittston, Pa., July 12th, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That Anthony Levenosky, serving as a temporary patrolman in the Police Department in the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, having been certified by the Civil Service Examining Board February 24th, 1942, be and hereby is appointed regular patrolman in the Police Department of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Lt. Michael Dructor, April 22nd, 1945. This appointment to become effective July 16th, 1945, at the salary fixed by the General Appropriation Ordinance of the City of Pittston for the year 1945."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3809. Pittston, Pa., July 12th, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That Helen Walsh be and hereby is appointed clerk in the Office of Civilian Defense to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Jean Connell Olszewski. This appointment to become effective July 16th, 1945, at the salary fixed by the General Appropriation Ordinance of the City of Pittston for the year 1945."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3810. Pittston, Pa., July 12th, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the City of Pittston hereby assumes the expense of the raising of all manholes, catch basins, curbing and all necessary bituminous materials at intersections outside of curb line upon certain state highways within the city limits of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, as per unofficial resurfacing plans submitted by the Pennsylvania Department of Highways, approved and accepted by the City Council of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, by Resolution No. 3805 adopted by City Council on the 28th day of June 1945."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3811. Pittston, Pa., July 12th, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That Joseph A. Smith be and hereby is advanced from the office of Sub-Assessor to the office of Chief City Assessor, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. John M. Dobbie. This appointment to become effective July 16th, 1945, at the salary fixed by the General Appropriation Ordinance of the City of Pittston for the year 1945."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3812. Pittston, Pa., July 12th, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That Mrs. Mary Gaughan be and hereby is appointed Sub-Assessor to fill the vacancy caused by the advancement of Mr. Joseph A. Smith to Chief City Assessor. This appointment to become effective July 16th, 1945, at the salary fixed by the General Appropriation Ordinance of the City of Pittston for the year 1945."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3813. Pittston, Pa., July 12th, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That an abatement of City Taxes on an assessed valuation of \$4675.00 for the year 1943, or from February 1st, 1943, and upon \$5100.00 for the years 1944 and 1945, be and hereby is granted upon property in the name of -: Virginia, Thomas, Grace and J. B. Loftus and Mary McGuire, 25 Broad Street, 9th Ward, City of Pittston, as per agreement of sale entered into the 27th day of February 1943, by and between the above named parties and the City of Pittston."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3814. Pittston, Pa., July 12th, 1945. 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 1944, in the sum of \$58,389.76.

The foregoing balance consists of Personal Taxes of male and female, Exonerations, Abatements, and of properties that have been certified for which liens can be filed against said properties within the time required under the law."

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

Director of Accounts and Finance, Sylvester C. Grablick, submitted the following bills, recommending the approval of same:

William H. Gillespie	Satisfaction of liens, etc.	\$ 7.20
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	June - water for various offices	9.00
Roy Stauffer	Purchase of Chevrolet Truck	1642.95
		<u>\$ 1659.15</u>

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, 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 Scranton, Pennsylvania, June 22nd, 1945, reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Highways:

Honorable John J. Reilly, Mayor
CITY OF PITTSBURGH
City Hall
Pittsburgh
Pennsylvania

Dear Mayor Reilly:-

With further reference to recent correspondence covering the State's acquisition of bridges on State Highways in municipalities-which legislation will become effective July 1st, 1945,-you are advised that the State Of Pennsylvania will not provide bridge lighting on the structures to be taken over under the provisions of Act No. 355, approved May 23, 1945.

Please be governed accordingly.

The new legislation will affect two (2) structures in Pittston City.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Bernard J. Harding
Bernard J. Harding,
District Engineer.

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

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, June 28th, 1945, reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Highways:

Honorable John J. Reilly
Mayor,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

The Department of Highways, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 355, approved May 23, 1945, will assume, on July 1, 1945, the responsibility of your city for the maintenance, construction, or reconstruction of the following bridges:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Stream</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Name of Street</u>
5	312+00	Branch-Susquehanna River	Stone Arch	7.0	Plank Street
40038	315+49	Branch-Susquehanna River	Stone Arch	5.0	S. Main St.

Very truly yours,

/s/ John U. Shroyer
John U. Shroyer
Secretary of Highways

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

Communication dated Washington, D. C., June 20, 1945, reading as follows, was received from Congressman Daniel J. Flood, M. C.:

Dear Fellow Citizen:

Thank you very much for your efforts to help me in bringing a Veterans Hospital to Luzerne, County, Pennsylvania. I want to assure you that this project is the closest thing to my heart, and I promise you, faithfully, that I will work, and work very hard, for the success of this undertaking in which you have expressed such intense interest.

Certainly the loyal and patriotic traditions of Luzerne County through all the Wars of our Nation's History, are evidence of our right to consideration. Surely the great number of our citizens and the high casualty rate in the Armed forces in this War is ample testimony to justify our request.

Luzerne County is blessed with an abundance of nature's gifts, a healthy climate, a central location in our part of the State of Pennsylvania, plenty of pure water, excellent highways, railroads, entertainment, educational, medical, spiritual and many other numerous and essential facilities and advantages. All of these factors are readily accessible and would be to the best interest and welfare of the Veteran Patient.

Again, let me extend my thanks for your very kind help and your interest in our Veterans Hospital Campaign. With continued effort on your part, and on the part of all church veteran, civic, social, fraternal and other organizations working in conjunction with me, we sincerely trust that Luzerne County will be the place selected by the Veterans Administration for the erection of a General Medical and Surgical Hospital, and that the Heroes who enter its doors will be restored speedily to full health and happiness.

Sincerely yours,

DJF/g /s/ Daniel J. Flood
Daniel J. Flood, M. C.

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

Communication dated Livingston, N. J., April 30, 1945, received from the Suburban Gas Company, requesting permit to construct a propane bulk plant on premises known as 242 North Main Street, in the City of Pittston, and presented to Council at meeting of May 31st, 1945, at which time said communication was ordered tabled, was again presented to Council and, upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, permit was granted.

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., June 6, 1945, reading as follows, was received from M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer and Tax Collector:

To the Mayor and City Directors
City of Pittston
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

I, herewith, submit my final report and settlement of City Tax Duplicate for the year 1944, as set forth to close of business as of March 31, 1945, and ask to be exonerated and released of same in accordance with the act of 1935.

Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

MPR/rw /s/ M. P. Ruane
City Treas. & Tax Collector.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Ruane was released from bond as Collector of City Taxes for the City of Pittston, of the balance of the Duplicate for the year 1945, in the amount of \$58,389.76 in compliance with his request.

This release is covered by Resolution No. 3814 as of this meeting.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Francis Burrier, R. D. #1 Box 339A, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, was granted permission to remove building at 86 East Oak Street, 10th Ward, in the City of Pittston, formerly owned by Salvatore Pagona but now the property of the County Commissioners, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Permission for the removal of this building was granted to Mr. Burrier at meeting of the Luzerne County Commissioners held May 15th, 1945.

Permit application dated July 2, 1945, from the Pittston Diner, Rear 43 South Main Street, to make addition to kitchen, being approved by the City Engineer, on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, granted.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the summer schedule for meeting of Council was adopted whereby Council would meet but once a month during the months of July and August; these meetings being set for one o'clock (1:00 P.M.) on the second Thursday of each month.

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

A P P R O V E D

August 9th, 1945

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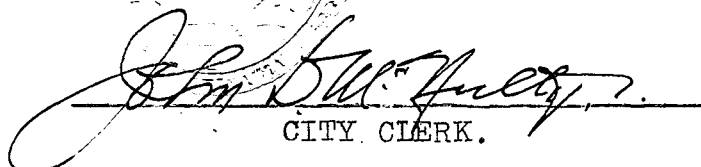
NAYS

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Yes	S
Yes	R

John D. McNulty

City Clerk.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK.

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, AUGUST 9TH, 1945, AT 1:15 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session, Thursday, August 9th, 1945, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding, Councilmen Grablick, Turon and Sheridan present, Councilman Walsh absent.

Minutes of regular session of July 12th, 1945, 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.

Mayor Reilly submitted report of parking meter collections and fines received by his department for the month of July reading as follows:

July 1, 1945 - July 31, 1945	Meter Fees	\$ 215.80
July 1, 1945 - July 31, 1945	Fines - Violations	36.00
	Total	<u>\$ 251.80</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 report dated July 31st, 1945, of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of July reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1945.....	\$ 55,020.51
Receipts during the month.....	9,333.17
Total	<u>\$ 64,353.68</u>
Warrants Paid.....	18,325.25
Cash on Hand, July 31, 1945.....	46,028.43
Total	<u>\$ 64,353.68</u>

Cash on Hand, July 31, 1945, distributed
to the following accounts:

General Fund.....	\$ 14,947.35
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account.....	8,437.79
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account.....	9,950.01
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account.....	2,848.69
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account.....	9,844.59
Total	<u>\$ 46,028.43</u>

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 filed.

City Treasurer M. P. Ruane, submitted report dated July 31st, 1945, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of July reading as follows:

License applied for by:	
Howard Weiskerger, Pittston, Pa.	
License fee (1) Pinball Machine	
for year ending December 31, 1945.	
License #703.....	\$ 25.00

License applied for by:
 George Peos (Texas Lunch)
 20 South Main Street.
 License fee (1) Pinball Machine
 For year ending December 31, 1945.
 License #704.....\$ 25.00

License applied for by:
 The Wyoming Valley Auto Bus Co.
 Auto Bus License Tax for the year 1945.
 7 Buses @ \$50.00 each. \$350.00
 Check #A2050
 Granted July 26, 1945.
 License #705..... 350.00

License applied for by:
 The Wilkes Barre Railway Corp.
 Pole License Tax for the year 1945.
 64 Poles @12¢ each. \$7.68
 Check #C5833
 Granted July 26, 1945.
 License #706..... 7.68

Total \$ 407.68

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.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated August 1st, 1945, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
 July 1945:

Weekly reports sent to the Medical Center.
 Monthly report sent to the Medical Center.
 Wholesale Meat Houses inspected..... 4
 Restaurants inspected..... 10
 Complaints received and investigated..... 20
 Warning signs "No Dumping" posted..... 2
 No reportable contagious diseases in City.
 Hams (1865 lbs.) rejected by Scranton Board
 of Health and shipped to Pittston Whole-
 sale Meat House, investigated. Sale of
 same in Pittston positively prohibited and
 meat ordered destroyed. Orders complied
 with and hams were sent to fertilizer in
 Suscon, Penna.

Friday, August 3, 1945, two children of
 Thomas Jacket, 566 N. Main St., City, were
 bitten by black and white dog. Head of dog
 removed and sent to Bureau of Animal Industry,
 Harrisburg, Penna., to be tested for rabies.
 Notified dog positive rabies. Parents instruct-
 ed to have children given Pasteur Treatment
 immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f

/s/ Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
 MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
 HEALTH OFFICER.

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 filed.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures submitted report dated August 1st, 1945, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of July
1945:

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	10	2
Platform Scales	2	-
Counter Scales	14	2
Prescription Scales	2	-
Dry Measures	4	-
Milk Bottles	10	-
Oil Bottles	5	-
	<u>47</u>	<u>4</u>

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 3815. Pittston, Pa., August 9th, 1945. 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 July 16th, 1945".

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. 3816. Pittston, Pa., August 9th, 1945. 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 July 26th, 1945".

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. 3817. Pittston, Pa., August 9th, 1945. 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 August 5th, 1945".

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. 3818. Pittston, Pa., August 9th, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS the Sanitary Water Board, Department of Health of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has requested the Pittston City Council to prepare Plans for Treatment of Sanitary Sewage before December 31, 1945, and;

WHEREAS, the Pittston City Council requires more time to study their Sewerage Systems because of Mine Settlements and other Conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Pittston City Council hereby formally requests your Honorable Board for an extension of time for the filing of Plans for Sewage Treatment until June 30, 1946."

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. 3819. Pittston, Pa., August 9th, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, the office of Assistant City Engineer has been vacant since February 24, 1944, because of leave of absence granted the incumbent who was engaged in war work;

AND, WHEREAS, the City of Pittston is now engaged in a post-war planning program in the said City of Pittston;

AND, WHEREAS, the said City of Pittston has taken measures to provide for a mine flushing program in the City of Pittston, and re-surfacing of Main and William Streets;

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittston and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that James Mogavero be and he is hereby re-appointed Assistant City Engineer of the City of Pittston at the same salary as that paid to his predecessor for the term of service as such Assistant City Engineer of sixty (60) days, commencing August 16, 1945, said services to continue for a period of sixty (60) days, and shall be terminated at that date".

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. 3820. Pittston, Pa., August 9th, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That official plans of the Department of Highways for -

Route 5, Section 14, Station 307+85 to Station 363+63;
Route 232, Section 6, Station 0+00 to Station 14+58;
Route 35011, Station 3+18, which plans conform to the un-
official plans already submitted and accepted by the City
Council as per Resolution No. 3805 dated June 28th, 1945,
and submitted to City Council at regular meeting of Coun-
cil August 9th, 1945, and approved by the City Engineer,
be and the same hereby are accepted and approved by the
City Council of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, as of
this date".

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct
copy of Resolution No. 3820 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 PITTSTON, PA.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, 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 the approval of same:

Bell Telephone Company of Pa.	July phone service	\$	41.72
Broad Street Garage (Newcomb)	Tire repair		1.00
Consumers' Gas & Oil Company	May-June-July gas, oil, etc.		247.36
Consumers' Ice Company	May-June-July ice for offices		78.50
Eagen Hardware Company	Brooms, padlock, nails, etc.		11.40
Wesley M. Evans	Aug. rental - City Yards		35.00
Ezra Stipp Construction Co.	Rental grader and operator		120.25
C. F. Goeringer Const. Co.	Road materials - cold patch		22.16
M. J. Grimes	Three-door glasses, felt, etc.		30.25
Thomas Hood	Fire-alarm system repairs		34.72
Klein Auto Parts Company	Fuel pump, condenser, etc.		9.50
Kleinrock's	Eight (8) pairs firemens' hip boots		63.60
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Rubber bands, pen points		2.00
W. J. Lawless	Twelve (12) morning pride fire- coats @ \$13.95		167.40
Ludwig's Hardware	Brooms, rakes, paint, etc.		17.31
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Cement, lime, lumber, etc.		25.64
New York Casualty Company	Premium on bond of John Wills		100.00
The Pittston Gazette Co.	Tri-ennial assessment postal- card notices		47.75
Pittston Luzerne Corporation	Straightening frame on ash truck		10.75
Pittston Oil Company	June - gas, oil, etc.		73.50
Austin S. Powers	Terra cotta pipe, etc.		11.46
Reliable Spring Service	Springs, welding, etc.		43.95
Michael P. Ruane	Envelopes, postal cards, post- age stamps, affidavits, etc.		249.20
The Scranton Electric Co.	Light service 5-10-45 to 7-10-45		94.60
The Scranton Electric Co.	June-July Street lighting		2012.90

Cont'd

Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Water service (5-10-45 to 7-19-45)	50.57
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	June-July fire hydrant rentals	280.00
Allan W. Smiles	Shells for Police Dept.	7.50
Williams' Paper Company	Three (3) cases drinking cups	36.00
		<u>\$ 3925.99</u>

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mayor-Reilly not voting on bill of Pittston Luzerne Corporation, the above bills were approved of as read and ordered paid when sufficient funds are available.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., August 4th, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the Sullivan Trail Nurseries:

The Honorable City Council;

Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

Having made an inspection of the Fire Alarm system in company with Mr. Al Walsh, City Electrician, of the trees interfering with the Fire Alarm system in Pittston City.

We hereby agree to procure R/W from the different property owners and do necessary trimming of trees, and place tree insulators where needed, thereby clearing the entire Fire Alarm system of tree interference.

We further agree to seal all large cuts on trees and remove all brush and trimmings from the streets from trees which we trim.

For the sum of \$80.00

Our men are covered with the necessary insurances, namely, compensation and public liability and property damage to do this kind of work.

It is understood the city furnishes the tree insulators.

Very truly yours,

JCM/D

Sullivan Trail Nurseries.

/s/ J. C. MacMurtrie

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was approved of as read, accepting the proposal stated therein, and the City Clerk instructed to proceed with the work described therein.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the Luzerne County Commissioners Board for the Assessment and Revision of Taxes for Luzerne County:

PITTSTON CITY

The Board for the Assessment and Revision of Taxes for LUZERNE COUNTY has authorized this office to add the following omitted subjects of taxation to your 1945 Duplicate.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>
N. Y. A. Work Shop	Market St., 8th Wd., Pittston City		
Mail to:	Plate No. 72-8-119		
%Pittston City School Dist.			
City Hall Bldg.	Lot 90 x 230 @ \$25.....		\$2250.
Pittston, Pa.	1 S.B. & Metal.....		<u>3000.</u> \$5250.00

PROPERTY WAS EXEMPT; NOW RENTED FOR OTHER THAN SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Yours very truly,

LUZERNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,

STEPHEN J. TKACH,

Chief Clerk.

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

Mayor Reilly informed members of Council that he had notified the No. 9 Coal Company and the Morgan Slope Coal Company by communication, to execute the contracts forwarded then at a previous date covering the mine flushing program by starting the work immediately or to return the contracts if they did not propose to carry through the program.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above action of Mayor Reilly was approved.

Mr. Grablick recommended that immediate attention be given to the McHale property on upper Prospect Street by having a storm sewer or retaining wall built between Prospect and Drummond Streets, to eliminate any further damage to their property caused by storm waters.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Engineer was requested to submit estimate of cost of storm sewer as well as retaining wall and submit same to next regular meeting of Council.

On motion of Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Engineer and the Street Commissioner was instructed to check the sewer off Miller

Street in the rear of Parsonage Street to determine if the two or three homes in that neighborhood can connect therewith, and to submit cost of construction of said sewer in the event a new sewer is required.

Permit application dated August 7th, 1945, was submitted by Frank Bubul's Restaurant, 185 North Main Street, to remodel building at same location. Materials necessary, to be, used - lumber, composition brick, glass and cement, at an approximate cost of \$1735.00. Time required to complete said work six weeks - Contractor John Craig, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

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 city authorities.

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


A P P R O V E D

Sept 13, 1945

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
Yess	G
Yes	W
Yes	T
Yes	S
Absent	R

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

ATTEST:


John D. McNulty
City Clerk.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 1945, AT 7:30 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Thursday, September 13th, 1945, with Councilman Sylvester C. Grablick presiding, Councilmen Walsh, Turon and Sheridan present, Mayor Reilly absent.

Minutes of regular session of August 9th, 1945, 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 submitted report of parking meter collections and fines received by his department for the month of August reading as follows:

Aug. 1, 1945 - Aug. 31, 1945	Meter Fees	\$ 191.20
Aug. 1, 1945 - Aug. 31, 1945	Fines - Violations	49.00
	Total	<u>\$ 240.20</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 August 31st, 1945, of receipts and disbursements by his office, for the month of August reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, August 1, 1945.....	\$ 46,028.43
Receipts during the month.....	5,962.33
Total	<u>\$ 51,990.76</u>

Warrants Paid.....	12,876.12
Cash on Hand, August 31, 1945.....	39,114.64
Total	<u>\$ 51,990.76</u>

Cash on Hand, August 31, 1945, distributed
to the following accounts:

General Fund.....	\$ 6,779.88
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account.....	8,805.46
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account.....	10,354.17
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account.....	2,994.58
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account.....	10,180.55
Total	<u>\$ 39,114.64</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 31st, 1945, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of August reading as follows:

License applied for by:	
National Circulating Co.	
707 R K O Building, N. Y. C.	
Soliciting Subscription	
Magazines. Granted August 13, 1945	
License #707.....	\$ 2.00

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.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated September 4th, 1945, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of August:

Weekly reports sent to the Medical Center.
Monthly report sent to the Medical Center.
Restaurants inspected..... 8
Complaints reported and investigated..... 20
Warning signs "No Dumping" posted..... 2
No contagious reportable diseases in City.
Two (2) heads of dogs sent to Bureau of
Animal Industry, Harrisburg, Penna.,
for examination for rabies.
One negative result. One positive -
Dog owned by Mr. A. Dauksis, 18 Searle
St., City, which bit Carmella Traiano
16 Stark St., City. Child receiving
Pasteur Treatment.

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
HEALTH OFFICER.

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.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated September 4th, 1945, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of August:

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	12	-
Counter Scales	19	2
Beam Scales	4	1
Oil Bottles	6	-
Liquid Measures	4	-
Prescription Scales	2	-

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 3821. Pittston, Pa., September 13, 1945. 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 August 15th, 1945."

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. 3822. Pittston, Pa., September 13, 1945. 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 August 25th, 1945."

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. 3823. Pittston, Pa., September 13, 1945. 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 4th, 1945."

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. 3824. Pittston, Pa., September 13, 1945. 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 14th, 1945."

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. 3825. Pittston, Pa., September 13, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of Eighteen Hundred (\$1800.00) Dollars be transferred from the Sinking Fund item "Bond and Interest 1938 Account" to the Sinking Fund item "Bond and Interest 1935 Account."

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, 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 the approval of same:

The Bell Telephone Co. of Penna.	August phone service	\$ 39.85
Borr and Casey, Druggists	First-aid kit	6.50
Vincent E. Churchfield	Traffic light maintenance and repairs	130.51
Consumers' Ice Company	August - ice for various offices	26.50
C. B. Dolge Company	Syntex with DDT and sprays	16.75
Eagen Hardware Company	Lanterns, rope, padlocks, etc.	57.73
Egan Oil and Supply Company	August - gas, oil, etc.	96.55
Wesley M. Evans	Sept. - rental City Yards	35.00
Firemens' Relief Assoc. Fund	1944 Foreign Ins. Premium	2804.06
Franconi Auto Parts	Various auto repair parts	43.61
Jack Friedman Electric Supply	Electric light bulbs	.97
William H. Gillespie	Satisfaction of 31 liens	9.30
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	July-August water for offices	18.50
C. F. Goeringer Construction Co.	Road materials - cold patch	494.32
James Halford	Expenses re: Garwood to Detroit	129.53
Harry C. Hunt	Letterheads, envelopes, County, School Tax Statements, postal-cards, etc.	133.20
Klein Auto Parts	Misc. repair parts, etc.	55.47
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Typing paper, pads, pencils, etc.	6.90
W. J. Lawless	Black kat smoke and gas masks	23.89
Mattern Brothers	Decorations V-J Day	25.00
John D. McNulty, City Clerk	Postage stamps - various depts.	20.00
John D. McNulty, City Clerk	Petty cash - various disbursements	9.43
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Cement, lumber, etc.	6.46
Neidich Process	Typewriter ribbons	30.00
The Pittston Gazette	Advertising - (30 R.R. St.)	28.80
P. A. Sammon	Liability insurance	1246.53
P. A. Sammon	Additional premium on insurance covering new Chev. Truck	1.13
The Scranton Electric Company	Light service (7/10/45 to 8/10/45)	44.04
The Scranton Electric Company	August - Street lighting	1006.45
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co.	Water service (7/20/45 to 8/18/45)	11.99
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co.	August - fire-hydrant rentals	140.00
Sullivan Trail Nurseries	Fire-alarm system repairs	80.00
		<u>\$ 6778.97</u>

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 when sufficient funds are available.

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, August 31, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from The League of Cities of the Third Class in Pennsylvania:

My dear City Clerk:

I enclose, herewith, a Convention Bulletin which I will be very glad to have you present to the Council of your city as a body, so that the necessary action may be taken thereon.

I hope that you and the other delegates from your city may be able to attend.

Very truly yours,

WEG:flt.
Encl. 1

/s/ W. E. Greenwood
Walter E. Greenwood,
President.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mayor Reilly was delegated by Council to represent the City at the said Convention to be held at the Penn-Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on September 27th, 28th and 29th, 1945.

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 27, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the No. 9 Coal Company:

Honorable John J. Reilly,
Mayor of the City of Pittston,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

My dear Mayor Reilly:

Referring to your communication of August 6, 1945, I wish to advise the Morgan Slope Coal Company and No. 9 Coal Company have examined and considered the proposed contract with the City of Pittston, for the flushing of the Checker Vein of the No. 9 Coal Company, and have concluded the aforesaid contract is not satisfactory to the bidders for the reason that it does not comply with the terms and conditions of our bid.

You will recall we were not willing to submit a bid on the terms of the requirements of the specifications and that we were induced to submit a joint bid upon the assurance, by yourself and the committee representing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that payment would be made by the Commonwealth directly to the contractors in accordance with an agreement to be entered into between the Commonwealth and our companies. In line with that understanding we submitted our joint bid, specifically stipulating as follows:

"That the said sum of $40\frac{1}{2}$ cents per cubic yard to be paid to them (the bidders) in accordance with an agreement to be entered into between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or its duly authorized representative or agency, and the makers of this bid."

We are informed that several attempts were made to obtain such an agreement with the Secretary of the Department of Mines, as the representative of the Commonwealth, all of which were unsuccessful.

Morgan Slope Coal Company and No. 9 Coal Company are willing to do the work under the consideration that the money to be paid to them directly by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the original understanding the provisions of the bid.

Assuring you of our desire to be cooperative,
I am

Very truly yours,

No. 9 Coal Company,

LJP.SvSJ

Louis J. Pagnotti, President.

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 invite the officials of the No. 9 Coal Company and the Morgan Slope Coal Company to meet with City Council at the next regular meeting of Council or a special meeting, if called in the meantime.

Communication dated Roselle Park New Jersey, August 21, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, Land and Tax Department, District Land and Tax Agent:

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of July 20th, 1945, requesting cancellation of lease covering land now leased to the City under No. 33 Pittston, please be advised that as soon as site has been cleared of all buildings and debris, I will forward your request to our New York office with my recommendation that lease be cancelled.

Yours very truly,

Cb

/s/ J. R. Douglas
J. R. Douglas
District Land & Tax Agent.

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 Councilman Joseph A. Walsh.

Communication dated Scranton, Pennsylvania, August 22, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the Employers' Group Scranton Claim Department, First National Bank Building, Scranton, Pennsylvania:

Attention: Mr. John D. McNulty, City Clerk

Dear Sir:

RE: ANNA ZEMAITIS - CITY OF PITTSBURGH
Accident 12/29/44

We are in receipt of the Summons and Statement of Claim in the above captioned matter.

Since the amount demanded in the suit papers is in excess of your policy limits, we are taking this occasion to inform you that you may, and at your own expense, associate your attorney with our Counsel in the event that it becomes necessary to try the matter.

The attorney who will represent us is James P. Harris, Miners National Bank Building, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Yours respectfully,

VMM:RC

/s/ V. M. Mullaney
SUPERINTENDENT.

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 attention of the City Solicitor.

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 14th, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the City Solicitor, Mr. William H. Gillespie:

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

Dear Sir:

The Council of the City of Pittston, at its meeting of August 9th, 1945, referred to me a communication from the County Commissioners of Luzerne County in the matter of assessing the Market Street school building and the lot of land on which the same is located, for tax purposes. The said communication informed the Council that the said school property had been exempt from assessment and the payment of taxes thereon after the property had been taken over by the Federal Government, but inasmuch as the said property is now held by the School District of the City of Pittston and that rental therefor is now being collected by the said school district, the Board of County Assessors of Luzerne has assessed the said school property, and called the attention of Council to that fact so that the said property might be assessed for city purposes.

I therefore advise Council that if the facts are as stated in the communication from the County Commissioners then the said school property should be assessed by the City of Pittston for tax purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ W. H. Gillespie
City Solicitor.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the property referred to in the above communication was ordered restored to the assessment books.

Report of road and street mileage as provided under Act 400 of the General Assembly, approved May 29th, 1945, and requested by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Highways in their letter of June 27th, 1945, was submitted by the City Engineer Thomas J. Halsey, showing 16.66 miles of various types of roads and streets in the City of Pittston, exclusive of state roads within the City of Pittston and maintained by the State Highway Department, was, upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved of as read and copy of said report including map of the City of Pittston indicating effective mileage, statement indicating effective mileage, and certification of same ordered forwarded to Mr. John U. Shroyer, Secretary of Highways, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 13, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the City Engineer, Thomas J. Halsey:

To the Mayor and City Council,
City Hall, Broad Street,
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

The following is an estimate for proposed plan to control the drainage water on Leonard Street, Pittston City:

Crowning Pave at intersection of Leonard and Prospect Streets 300 sq. yds.	@ \$ 2.00 per sq. yd.	\$ 600.00
Constructing 200 lin. ft. of 24 inch T. C. Pipe Sewer complete in place	@ \$ 5.50 per lin. ft.	\$ 1100.00
Constructing 60 lin. ft. of 24 inch concrete curb complete in place	@ \$ 2.00 per lin. ft.	\$ 120.00
Constructing 5 brick catch basins complete in place	@ \$150.00 each	\$ 750.00
Enlarging grates on two present basins complete in place	@ \$ 75.00 each	\$ 150.00
Constructing two brick manholes complete in place	@ \$175.00 each	\$ 350.00
Total		\$ 3070.00

Respectfully submitted,

/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, the above communication was referred to Councilman Joseph A. Walsh, Superintendent of Streets, Thomas Kearney, and the City Engineer Thomas J. Halsey, upon the suggestion of Councilman Walsh that the grade of said street be changed thereby diverting storm waters at a much lesser cost than stated in Mr. Halsey's estimate.

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 13th, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the City Engineer, Thomas J. Halsey:

To the Mayor and City Council,
City Hall, Broad Street,
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

The following is an estimate for proposed sewer line on Miller Street and Fifteen (15) Foot Alley in rear of Parsonage Street properties:

370 lin. ft. of 8 inch T.C. Pipe sewer complete in place	@ \$ 3.00 per lin. ft.	\$ 1110.00
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32 lin. ft. of 6 inch T.C. Pipe sewer complete in place	@ \$ 2.00 per lin. ft.	\$ 64.00
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3 brick manholes, complete in place	@ \$175.00 each	\$ 525.00
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Total cost		\$ 1699.00
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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Thomas J. Halsey
City Engineer.

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 and the property owners of said streets as referred to in Mr. Halsey's communication, be notified to submit proper petition, signed by said property owners, to City Council requesting that a sewer line be installed on said streets.

The City Clerk informed Council that sealed proposals for the razing of buildings at 30 East Railroad Street were returnable at this meeting and that no proposals were submitted.

This is the second time that proposals were asked for for the removal of the same buildings, the first proposals being returnable to Council Thursday, November 30th, 1944, at which time no proposals were submitted.

Permit application was submitted by Eugene Rinaldi, 32 Market Street, City, dated August 20th, 1945, to remodel two-story frame building and addition of two rooms and garage attached at same address, size 20 ft. x 30 ft., materials to be used - lumber and concrete. Approximate cost \$2800.00. Time required to complete the work 90 days. Contractor Anthony F. Manganiello, West Pittston, Penna., WPB approval #44-034-05446 dated July 30th, 1945 - Allotment Symbol #H-3.

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 approval by the proper authorities.

Permit application was submitted by William Schriber, 6 Prospect Street, City, dated September 13th, 1945, to erect a one-car garage at rear of above address, size 10 ft. x 20 ft. Material to be used - concrete block. Contractor - self.

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 approval by the proper authorities.

Councilman Walsh stated that considerable mine caving had occurred throughout the City since the last meeting of Council and offered a motion directing the City Clerk to notify all Coal Companies responsible for said caves. Motion was seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, motion carried.

Mr. Arthur Fullagher addressed Council with reference to the condition of the present Honor Roll. Council informed Mr. Fullagher that it was their intention to provide sufficient funds in the 1946 General Appropriation Ordinance to erect a suitable memorial in honor of all those having served in the recent conflict or World War 2.

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

A P P R O V E D

October 2nd, 1945

<u>YEAS</u>		<u>NAYS</u>
Yes	G	
Yes	W	
Yes	T	
Absent	S	
Yes	R	

John D. McNulty

CITY CLERK.

ATTEST:

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, OCTOBER 2ND, 1945, AT 4:40 P. M.

Pittston City Council convened in special session, Tuesday, October 2nd, 1945, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present with the exception of Councilman Sheridan.

Minutes of regular session of September 13th, 1945, 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 3826. Pittston, Penna., October 2nd, 1945. 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 24th, 1945."

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. 3827. Pittston, Penna., October 2nd, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That an abatement of Fifteen thousand Eighty-five (\$15,085.00) Dollars of the 1945 School Tax Assessed Valuation be and hereby is granted the Lehigh Valley Coal Company as per decree of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County dated August 14th, 1945, filed to No. 1245, October Term 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 Sylvester C. Grablick, submitted the following bills, recommending the approval of same:

Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	September phone service	\$ 36.90
Vincent E. Churchfield	Traffic light repairs	20.25
Eagen Hardware Company	Lantern globes, lantern wicks, shovels, wire nails, etc.	11.47
Wesley M. Evans	October rental - City Yards	35.00
Atty. Wm. H. Gillespie	Satisfaction of 27 liens	8.10
C. F. Goeringer Construction & Supply Company	Road materials - cold patch	268.17
M. J. Grimes	Installation of two-door glass, vent glass, etc. in 1942 DeSoto	15.00
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Typewriting paper, ink, ink eradicator, paste, labels, etc.	9.10
Pittston Stove Company	One (1) shaker handle (City-Yard)	.25
Radio City	Flashlight bulbs, fuses, etc.	1.35
John J. Reilly	Expenses re: League of 3rd Class Cities in Penna. Convention at Penn-Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, Pa. Sept. 27th, 28th and 29th	74.80
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Service Company	Water service (8/18/45 - 9/18/45)	31.88
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Service Company	Sept. - Fire-hydrant rentals	140.00
Allan W. Smiles	Keys, opening parking meter and replacing lock	1.50
Sullivan Taxi Company	Police department call	.75
Williams' Stationery Store	Various office supplies	26.69
		<hr/> \$ 681.21

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mayor Reilly not voting on bill of John J. Reilly for expenses in re: League of 3rd Class Cities in Pennsylvania Convention at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, September 27th, 28th and 29th, in the amount of \$74.80, were approved of as read and ordered paid when sufficient funds are available.

Summons of Suit, Mary O'Brien Grace vs: City of Pittston, et al., for injuries received by falling on a sidewalk in the City of Pittston, December 14th, 1943, and served upon Mayor John J. Reilly by a Deputy Sheriff of Luzerne County on October 1st, 1945, was presented to City Council. Upon reading of said summons by the City Clerk, on motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the summons was referred to the attention of the City Solicitor.

Communication dated Scranton, Penna., October 1, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from Sweeney Brothers, General Contractors, Scranton, Pennsylvania:

City of Pittston
Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

We wish to submit a price of \$1.50 per square yard for furnishing and placing a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " sheet asphalt surface on street intersections in Pittston adjoining Main Street and William Street State Highway Contracts.

If this price meets with your approval, we would be pleased to have you send us contract for same.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Jas. T. Sweeney

RJG:m

SWEENEY BROS.

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, for his advice on the question of advertising which was discussed at length, since the amount involved would be in excess of \$500.00.

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 24th, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from Paul J. Fearick:

To the Mayor and Council
The City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

Having been honorably discharged from the United States Army, I wish to apply for my position as driver in the Fire Department of the City of Pittston, effective 16 October, 1945.

Respectfully requested,

/s/ Paul J. Fearick
 PAUL J. FEARICK
 272 Main Street,
 Pittston, Pennsylvania

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Fearick was ordered restored to his former position as requested, and the City Clerk instructed to notify Mr. Joseph Rowan who has been serving in place of Mr. Fearick during his absence, that his services as temporary driver would cease as of the 16th day of October, 1945, at which time Mr. Fearick asked to be reinstated.

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 24th, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from Louis J. Pagnotti, President of No. 9 Coal Company:

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

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Your communication of September 18, 1945 is acknowledged, and we have relayed the information contained therein to the Morgan Slope Coal Company.

The Morgan Slope Coal Company and No. 9 Coal Company will be pleased to have a representative attend the next regular meeting of The City of Pittston Council on September 27, 1945, as requested.

At your early convenience, will you please advise the time and place of the aforesaid meeting.

Very truly yours,

NO. 9 COAL COMPANY,

/S/ Louis Pagnotti

LJP.SvSJ

Louis Pagnotti, President.

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 since Mr. Rosatti, Attorney for the No. 9 Coal Company notified City Council prior to the meeting of Council, that his Company, together with the Morgan Slope Coal Company, were ready to proceed with the proposed flushing when the State Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania agreed to deal direct with the contractors namely, the No. 9 Coal Company and the Morgan Slope Coal Company.

Mayor Reilly reported verbally on the recent Convention of the League of Cities of the 3rd Class in Pennsylvania, stating that he would submit his written report on said Convention at the next meeting of City Council.

Permit application dated September 14th, 1945, was submitted by Nick Denard, 711 North Main Street, to remodel entrance steps and porch columns at the same address. Material to be used - cement and brick; approximate cost - \$200.00; contractor - self.

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 approval by the proper authorities.

Permit application dated September 18th, 1945, was submitted by the Pittston Wall Paper Company, 101 South Main Street, to remodel store front at the same address. Materials to be used - lumber, glass, metal and 2 - 14" steel girders; approximate cost - \$1500.00; contractor - Walter Schmaltz, Pittston, Penna.

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 proper authorities.

Permit application dated September 19th, 1945, was submitted by the American Auto Assessories Store, 12 North Main Street, to remodel the entire building and addition of new store front at the same address. Materials to be used - lumber, brick, glass, mostly used materials and cement, and used steel girders; approximate cost - \$10,000.00; Contractor - Joseph Jordan, Pittston, Penna.

On motion of Mr. Turon, seconded by Mr. Grablick, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted, subject to approval by the proper authorities.

Permit application dated September 21st, 1945, was submitted by Walter C. and Joseph F. McGraw, 110 South Main Street, to erect a neon building sign at the same address. Material to be used - neon; approximate cost - \$121.00; Contractor - General Outdoor Advertising Company, 352 North Penna. Ave., Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

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 approval by the proper authorities.

Permit application dated October 1st, 1945, was submitted by Charles Michulis, 22 Gravity Street, to erect a one-story frame garage, at the same address. Material to be used - used and new lumber; approximate cost - \$50.00; Contractor - self.

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 approval by the proper authorities.

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

A P P R O V E D

October 11th, 1945

YEAS	NAYS
Yes	G
Yes	W
Yes	T
Yes	S
Yes	R

ATTEST:

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, OCTOBER 11TH, 1945 AT 8:15 P.M.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Thursday, October 11th, 1945, with Mayor John J. Reilly presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of special session of October 2nd, 1945, were read and, upon motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved of as read and ordered filed.

Mayor Reilly submitted report of parking meter collections and fines received by his department for the month of September reading as follows:

Sept. 1, 1945 - Sept. 30, 1945 Meter Collections	\$ 154.10
Sept. 1, 1945 - Sept. 30, 1945 Fines - Violations	18.00
	<u>\$ 172.10</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 report dated September 30th, 1945, of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of September reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, September 1, 1945.....	\$ 39,114.64
Receipts during the month.....	20,625.53
Total	<u>\$ 59,740.17</u>
Warrants Paid.....	26,789.54
Cash on Hand, September 30, 1945.....	32,950.63
Total	<u>\$ 59,740.17</u>
Cash on Hand, September 30, 1945 distributed to the following accounts:	
General Fund.....	\$ 11,224.36
Bond and Interest, 1923 Account.....	9,166.20
Bond and Interest, 1935 Account.....	754.63
Bond and Interest, 1938 Account.....	1,316.91
Bond and Interest, 1942 Account.....	10,488.53
Total	<u>\$ 32,950.63</u>

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 filed.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated October 10th, 1945, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of September:

Weekly reports sent to the Medical Center.
 Monthly report sent to the Medical Center.
 Complaints received and investigated..... 24
 Warning signs "NO DUMPING" posted..... 2
 Tuberculosis cases reported..... 1
 (Mrs. Margaret Sunderly, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ Curtis St.)
 Infantile Paralysis cases reported..... 1
 (Patrick J. Maughan, age 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ years,
 80 Carroll Street, City.)
 Heads of two dogs were sent to the Bureau of
 Animal Industry, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for
 examination for rabies. Both positive.
 One dog, owned by John D. McNulty, 37 Parsonage
 St., City, bit no one. However, two members
 of the family received the Pasteur Treatment
 since both had come in contact with the dog.
 Dog owned by Ray White, 52 Church St., City, bit
 Robert Diamond, of Butler Street. Child re-
 ceiving medical treatment.

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
 MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB

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.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, sub-
 mitted report dated October 10th, 1945, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
 September:

	<u>Sealed and Corrected</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	2	-
Counter Scales	29	2
Beam Scales	4	1
Prescription Scales	2	-
Oil Bottles	6	-
Yard Measures	4	-

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
 MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB
 SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

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. 3828. Pittston, Pa., October 11th, 1945. 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 4th, 1945."

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. 3829. Pittston, Pa., October 11th, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of Twenty-five hundred (\$2500.00) Dollars be transferred from the General Fund to the Sinking Fund, item "Bond and Interest 1923 Account". This loan or any part thereof to be returned to the General Fund within the current year, provided the Sinking Fund Account permits the same."

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. 3830. Pittston, Pa., October 11th, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of Seven hundred (\$700.00) Dollars be transferred from the Sinking Fund, item "Bond and Interest 1938 Account" to the Sinking Fund, item "Bond and Interest 1923 Account".

"That the sum of Five hundred (\$500.00) Dollars be transferred from the Sinking Fund, item "Bond and Interest 1938 Account" to the Sinking Fund, item "Bond and Interest 1942 Account".

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. 3831. Pittston, Pa., October 11th, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, the office of Assistant City Engineer has been vacant since February 24th, 1944, because of leave of absence granted the incumbent who was engaged in war work; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pittston is now engaged in a post-war planning program in the said City of Pittston; and

WHEREAS, the said City of Pittston has taken measures to provide for a mine flushing program in the City of Pittston, and re-surfacing of Main and William Streets;

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittston, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that James Mogavero be, and he is hereby re-appointed Assistant City Engineer of the City of Pittston at the same salary as that paid to his predecessor for the term of service as such Assistant City Engineer of sixty (60) days, commencing October 16th, 1945, said services to continue for a period of sixty (60) days, and shall be terminated at that date".

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. 3832. Pittston, Pa., October 11th, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has indicated, pursuant to Act of General Assembly, No. 413, 1945 Session, that it will contribute to the cost of the plans of approved municipal projects within the limits set by such Act; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Pittston wishes to make application for a grant towards the cost of preparation of the plans for the project listed with estimated construction cost shown;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that Council of Pittston City submits this project for consideration by the Pennsylvania Post-War Planning Commission with the request that an allocation be granted by such Commission for 50 per cent of the approved estimated cost of the preparation of the plans of such project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that when and if such Commission approves the project and when and if such Commission makes an allocation toward the cost of the preparation of the plans of such approved project, the Council of Pittston City will make available a sum equal, at least, to that allocated by the Commission".

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. 3833. Pittston, Pa., October 11th, 1945. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the firm of Sweeney Bros., General Contractors, Scranton, Penna., be and they are hereby authorized to furnish and lay in place, on street intersections in the City of Pittston adjoining Main and William Streets, State Highway Contracts, forty (40) tons of Bituminous Road Material at Twelve (\$12.00) Dollars per ton, laid in place as directed by the City Engineer of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, and as per ~~your~~ *their* proposal of October 1st, 1945".

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, submitted the following bills, recommending the approval of same:

John A. Allan	Compensation insurance	\$ 783.86
Grier Cadman	State inspections - all vehicles	5.00
Consumers' Gas & Oil Company	August gas, oil, tires and tubes for Ash Truck	415.57
Consumers' Ice Company	September - ice supply	25.50
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	September - drinking water	8.50
C. F. Goeringer Construction and Supply Company	18.332 tons - cold patch	121.90
Hazleton Machinery and Equipment Company	Paving breakers, air hose, moil points, breaker chisels, digging blades, dirt tampers, etc.	485.50

Cont'd

Klein Auto Parts Company	Tail light, lense, etc.	\$ 7.25
Newcomb Brothers	September - fuel supply	38.35
Penna. Coal Company	Park rent	1.00
Pittston Gazette Company	(1000) triennial assessment	
	card notices	18.75
Pittston Oil Company	September - gas, oil, etc.	83.78
L. P. Potter & Company	Recharge (2) fire-extinguishers	6.50
Austin S. Powers	Terra cotta pipe	8.68
Michael P. Ruane	Postage and envelopes, etc.	173.60
Safety First Supply Company	(3) cylinders oxygen	13.14
The Scranton Electric Co.	Light service: 8/10/45 - 9/11/45	42.97
The Scranton Electric Co.	September - Street lighting	1006.45
		<u>\$ 3246.30</u>

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 when funds are available.

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the No. 9 Coal Company:

Honorable John J. Reilly,
Mayor of the City of Pittston,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Mayor Reilly:

I enclose herewith copy of letter which I mailed to Joseph J. Walsh, Deputy Secretary of Mines, Harrisburg, Pa., in connection with the flushing matter. You will note that I suggest a conference with a legal representative of the department for the purpose of arriving at some satisfactory plan. There is no use in my suggesting a definite agreement and then have it turned down by their legal department.

Very truly yours,

SR
MEW
Enc.

/s/ Saverio Rosato
Saverio Rosato, Attorney,
No. 9 Coal Company

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 Scranton, Pennsylvania, October 2nd, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Highways:

Mayor John J. Reilly
City Hall
Pittston
Pennsylvania

Dear Mayor:-

Sweeney Brothers, contractors for the improvement of Routes 5, 232 and 35011, in the City of Pittston, began operations on that project a few days ago.

We will thank you to have your street department organization cooperate with the contractor in performing the work to be done at the expense of the city. All inlets and manholes that require a change should be adjusted sufficiently in advance of the resurfacing operation so as not to create any inconvenience or delay to the contractor.

Will you please let us have your complete cooperation in this important matter so that we may complete this improvement this year?

Very truly yours,

/s/ A. J. Walsh

For: Bernard J. Harding,
District Engineer.

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 Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 10, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the City Engineer:

To the Mayor and City Council,
City Hall, Broad Street,
Pittston City, Penn'a.

Gentlemen:

I have checked the Bituminous Material required, and find that approximately forty (40) tons will be needed to pave the following intersections along Main and William Streets:

Butler Street, Thomas Street, Broad Street, Water Street, Dock Street, Charles Street, Spring Street, Market Street, Pine Street, Railroad Street, Oak Street, Swallow Street, Nafus Street, Foundry Street, Defoe Street, and Church Street. At the quotation given the city by the Sweeney Brothers contractors of twelve (12) dollars per ton laid in place, it will cost the City approximately four hundred eighty (480) dollars to complete this work.

If any other intersections need attention, it can be handled by our Street Department.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Thomas J. Halsey
Thomas J. Halsey
City Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Sweeney Brothers were authorized to lay in place, at the various intersections referred to in the above communication, forty (40) tons of Bituminous road material at a cost of Twelve (\$12.00) Dollars per ton. See Resolution No. 3833 dated October 11th, 1945.

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, September 21, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Health:

Sewerage
Pittston
Luzerne County

To the Mayor and City Council of
Pittston, Luzerne County
Pennsylvania

Attention: John D. McNulty, City Clerk

Gentlemen:

Earlier reply to your letter of August 13 with its enclosed copy of a petition adopted by the City Council of Pittston, has been delayed by press of work incident to the Sanitary Water Board's stream improvement program.

Reference to our letter of August 6, 1945, will give you the Board's position upon the request for an extension of time for the submission of plans. This position is that the granting of such an extension of time will be determined upon the basis of the good faith shown by your City in proceeding toward compliance with the Boards requirements.

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. R. Hoffert
J. R. Hoffert
Assistant Chief Engineer
Secretary, Sanitary Water Board.

JRH:e

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 dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, October 3, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Health:

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

Dear Sir:

Today representatives of the City of Wilkes-Barre, in a conference at Harrisburg, presented to the Attorney

General a resolution adopted by a number of groups representative of various interests in the Wyoming Valley. In this it was suggested to the City Council of Wilkes-Barre that it request the Attorney General to grant an extension of time during which the city and other communities in the Wyoming Valley, having mutual problems relating to the disposal of sewage, may consider cooperative action, as opposed to individual action, in the interest of economy and the effective solution of this problem.

Pursuant thereto, October 2, 1945, the City Council of Wilkes-Barre requested the Attorney General to grant such an extension of time.

The Attorney General has granted an extension of time until December 3, 1945, to enable the City of Wilkes-Barre and other communities in the district to study their several problems and to report to him the result of this investigation.

Inasmuch as your community has received from the Sanitary Water Board notice, similar to that given to Wilkes-Barre, to submit plans for treatment of your sewage, and it appears that there may be a community of interest between the city and your municipality, you are hereby advised of the action of the Attorney General, with the suggestion that you cooperate in this effort to find a practical plan for solving the problem of sewage disposal for all of the communities in this metropolitan district.

As a means to this end it would be of distinct advantage to have competent engineering advice in the solution of your problems.

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. R. Hoffert
J. R. Hoffert
Assistant Chief Engineer
Secretary, Sanitary Water Board

JRH:r

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.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was authorized to advertise for bids for the sale of lot of land located upon East Railroad Street, together with the two dwellings located thereon, one of which is a two-story brick building known as No. 30 East Railroad Street and the other a two-story frame building situate at the rear of No. 30 East Railroad Street and facing Cherry Street in the City of Pittston.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from Albert H. Ashton:

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

In re: Property assessed in the names of
Dan and Mary Johnson, 283 South
Main Street, Pittston, Penna.
75 X 180 feet.

Dear Sir:-

On behalf of the present owner of the above property, Miss Mary Giarratano, Pittston, Pa., I wish to make an offer of \$300.00 in settlement of all taxes due on said property up to and including the year 1945. This offer is made pursuant to the provisions of the Act of November 23, 1938 Special Session, P. L. 90, Section 1, 72 Purdon's Statutes 5551. Statement of all taxes due the City of Pittston is attached hereto. It may be that some of the taxes vary slightly from the amounts set forth on your records due to the fact that in some instances lien charges were added to the principal amount set forth.

This offer represents approximately 25% of the tax due. The property was sold by the Treasurer of Luzerne County for delinquent taxes to the Pennsylvania Department of Public Assistance on March 18, 1943 and by the Department of Public Assistance to my client. The improvements on the property are in very bad condition and will probably have to be removed. Acceptance of this offer will result in the immediate improvement of the property and the resumption of regular tax payments to the City.

In connection with this offer, I wish to call your attention to the case of Erie County's Appeal 149 Pa. Superior Court 212 in which it was decided that sale by the County Treasurer for returned taxes barred any further action by any other municipality to enforce payment of taxes. The result is that in the present case there is no way by which the City of Pittston can force payment of the taxes due and, therefore, the City of Pittston stands to lose all of the taxes which are presently due and all potential taxes on the property until a settlement is affected.

Your prompt action on this offer will be very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Albert H. Ashton

Albert H. Ashton.

AHA:sd
CC: William H. Gillespie
Dime Bank Building
Pittston, Pa.

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 for opinion on appeal referred to in the last paragraph of the above communication.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, a refund for over-payment of City Taxes for the years 1943 and 1944 in the amount of \$429.35 also a refund for over-payment of City Taxes for the year 1945 in the amount of \$298.69 on property assessed to the Lehigh Valley Coal Company in Pittston City, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, as per decree of Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County dated August 14th, 1945 filed to No. 1245 October Term 1943, as per statements rendered by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, was approved for payment.

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., October 10th, 1945, and reading as follows, was received from the City Treasurer and Tax Collector M. P. Ruane:

To the Mayor and Members of
City Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

I, herewith, submit a statement of Delinquent City Taxes collected by me during the months June, July, August and September, 1945, for your consideration and ask to be compensated at the rate of 5% commission for same as per monthly reports filed and recorded and in accordance with the Return Acts of 1929 and 1931.

June 1945:- Delinquent City
Taxes collected for years 1929-
1930-1931-1932-1933-1934-1935-
1936-1937-1938-1939-1940-1941-
1942-1943-1944 as per monthly
report filed and received -----\$ 2,263.34

July 1945:- Delinquent City
Taxes collected for years 1924-
1931-1932-1933-1934-1935-1936-
1937-1938-1939-1940-1941-1942-
1943-1944 as per monthly report
filed and received -----\$ 1,592.51

August 1945:- Delinquent City
Taxes collected for years -
1930-1935-1936-1937-1938-1939-
1940-1941-1942-1943-1944 as per
monthly report filed and received -----\$ 1,378.71

September 1945:- Delinquent City
Taxes collected for years - 1928-
1929-1930-1931-1932-1933-1934-1935-
1936-1937-1938-1939-1940-1941-1942-
1943-1944 as per monthly report
filed and received -----\$ 1,643.75

Grand Total \$ 6,878.31

Respectfully yours,

MPR/rw /s/ M. P. Ruane
City Treas. & Tax. Coll.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was tabled, pending an opinion by the City Solicitor.

On motion of Mr. Grablick, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, October 16th, 17th and 18th, 1945, were designated by City Council for the Board of Revision and Tax Appeals to sit in the Council Chambers between the hours of 7:00 and 10:00 P. M., on each of the above mentioned dates for the purpose of hearing appeals on the 1946 Triennial Assessments. Notices of said assessments and appeal dates having been mailed to all property taxables Wednesday, October 10th, 1945.

Permit application dated October 4th, 1945, was submitted by Sidney Friedman, 31 South Main St., City, to erect a building sign at the above address at an approximate cost of \$25.00. Sign to be erected by Economy Food Stores, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

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 authorities.

Permit application dated October 6th, 1945, was submitted by Sam Puma, 522 N. Main St., City, to erect a concrete and frame combination three-car garage and four-room dwelling at the above address at an approximate cost of \$1500.00, constructed by Mr. Puma himself.

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 proper authorities.

Permit application dated October 8th, 1945, was submitted by John J. Schevets, 193 N. Main St., City, to erect a new sidewalk at the above address at an approximate cost of \$150.00. Construction to be made by self.

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 authorities.

Mr. Joseph Fitzpatrick, William Street, City, addressed Council with reference to the re-surfacing of William Street by the State Highway Department and stated that if new catch basins were constructed in the rear of William Street in the block between Church and Foundry Streets, it would eliminate a hazardous condition at this point particularly during the winter months since the grade of the street pitches all to the one side.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Turon, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above matter was referred to the City Engineer.

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

A P P R O V E D

November 10th, 1945

YEAS

NAYS

Yes	G
Yes	W
Yes	T
Absent	S
Yes	R

John D. McNulty
City Clerk.

ATTEST:

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK.