

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 1952, AT 8:00 P.M., E.D.S.T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, August 12th, 1952, at 8:00 P. M., Eastern daylight saving time, with Mayor John J. Allardyce presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, July 8th, 1952, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor John J. Allardyce submitted report dated August 11th, 1952, of parking meter fees, parking violations and fines received by his department for the month of July, 1952 reading as follows:

<u>July 1st, 1952</u>	<u>July 31st, 1952</u>
Parking Meter Fees	\$ 847.00
Parking Violations	44.00
Fines	40.00
	<u>\$ 931.00</u>

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated July 31st, 1952, of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of July, 1952 reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1952	\$ 123,359.31
Receipts During the Month	8,115.61
	<u>\$ 131,474.92</u>
Warrants Paid During the Month	\$ 19,643.35
Cash on Hand, July 31st, 1952	111,831.57
	<u>\$ 131,474.92</u>

Cash on Hand, July 31st, 1952, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 27,832.67
Bond and Interest - 1923 Account	16,622.25
Bond and Interest - 1935 Account	15,590.58
Bond and Interest - 1938 Account	7,493.42
Bond and Interest - 1942 Account	13,483.94
Bond and Interest - 1949 Account	4,912.10
Liquid Fuels' Tax Fund	2,445.11
Parking Meters' Collection Fund	851.50
Sewage Advance Planning Fund	22,600.00
	<u>\$ 111,831.57</u>

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

City Treasurer-Tax Collector George J. Turner, submitted report dated July 31st, 1952, on collections of delinquent city taxes for the month of July, 1952, reading as follows:

July - 1952 Delinquent Tax Collections	\$ 1,419.69
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On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated July 31st, 1952, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of July, 1952 reading as follows:

Corporated License (Bus) Tax	\$ 500.00
Juke Box License	15.00
Pole Tax	7.68
Sidewalk Sign License	<u>2.00</u>
	<u>\$ 524.68</u>

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated July 18th, 1952, on collection of Amusement Tax for the months of May and June, 1952, reading as follows:

Athletic	\$ 8.55
Theatres	3,601.61
Social	242.23
Auto Races (Bone Stadium)	<u>1,283.90</u>
Total Collections	\$ 5,136.29
Pittston City School District share (50%)	<u>* 2,568.14</u>
City of Pittston share (50%)	\$ 2,568.15

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated August 7th, 1952, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of July, 1952:

Weekly reports sent to the Medical Health Center.

Complaints received and investigated	14
Cases of chicken-pox reported	3
Health Licenses issued	1
(\$1.00 fee deposited with City Treasurer)	
Restaurants inspected	10

Police Officer Dominick Aritz on sick leave from July 28th to August 4th, 1952.

Police Officer Dante LaFratte on sick leave from July 14th to August 5th, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated August 7th, 1952, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of July, 1952:

Monthly report forwarded to the Bureau of Standard Weights and Measures, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	6	3
Other Platform Scales	16	4
Counter Scales	38	2
Beam Scales	7	0

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4356. Pittston, Pa., August 12th, 1952. BE IT RESOLVED,
by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the Pennsylvania Coal Company lease to the City of Pittston approximately 42,000 square feet of surface for a playground site along Vine and Stout Streets in the 10th Ward of Pittston".

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

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh, submitted report dated August 12th, 1952, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

A. Andreeko Photoprint Company	Pittston street prints	\$.96
Barber Motor Company	Carburetor, gasket set, etc.	4.46
Charles Bechtold	June 15 - July 15 (ice)	10.50
Bell Telephone Co. of Penna.	Office phone service	58.02
Bell Telephone Co. of Penna.	June - mobile phone service	34.75
Boro of West Pittston	(11½) hrs. rolling @ \$3.00	34.50
Borr and Casey	100# bicarbonate of soda	7.50
Vincent E. Churchfield	Traffic signal repairs	14.50
Commercial Gas Corporation	Demurrage on tanks	1.80
Consumers' Gas & Oil Company	Tire repair, etc.	1.50
Consumers' Sales & Service	Carburetor, pipe, etc.	17.42
Egan Oil & Supply Company	#30 veedol oil	48.40
Jack Friedman Electric Supply	(1) switch	.55
GarWood Industries, Inc.	Spring for ash truck	11.80
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Water for offices (June - July)	26.65
C. F. Goeringer Construction Co.	Blacktop	167.00
Hall's Nursery	Material, labor, Memorial Monu- ment	33.15
Ed. Keating's Service Station	Valve oil, recharge rental, etc.	13.30
Kehoe and McNamara	Extended coverage, bond prem.	5.68
Klein Auto Parts Company	Muffler, vacuum hose, etc.	72.32
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Office supplies	32.65
Atty. J. Earl Langan	Filing petitions - sale of Musto McHale properties	10.00
Ludwig's Hardware	Batteries, paint, brushes, tur- pentine, etc.	62.70
Arthur Lumley	(40) hrs. truck hire @ \$2.50	100.00
Luzerne Legal Register	Proofs - sale of properties	5.50
Pennsylvania Coal Company	Park rental (3rd Ward)	.92
Pittston Gazette	Police reports, tickets, tax duplicates, etc.	199.25
Pittston Publishing Company	Envelopes, letterheads, police citations, etc.	125.50
Scranton Electric Company	(10,000) school statements	74.60
Scranton Electric Company	June - '52 street lighting	1,027.50
Scranton Electric Company	July - '52 street lighting	1,027.50
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Light service: June 9 - July 10	55.81
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	July - '52 hydrant rental	153.34
Sterling Siren Fire Alarm Co.	Water service: May 16 - June 18	4.00
Sullivan Radio Taxi	#30 siren repair	45.95
Sunday Dispatch	Taxi service (police dept.)	1.50
George J. Turner, City Treas.	Advertising - sale of property	4.80
	Postage stamps, envelopes, coin counters, etc.	364.77
		<hr/> \$ 3,861.05

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/

Joseph A. Walsh
Joseph A. Walsh, Director of the
Department of Accounts and Finance.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unani-
mous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved
for payment when sufficient funds are available.

Communication dated Scranton, Pennsylvania, July 11th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from the Pennsylvania Coal Company, F. V. Lynn, Secretary:

J. Earl Langan, City Solicitor
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Langan:

Pursuant to your request, we have prepared and enclose for execution by the City, a proposed lease for a playground site along Vine and Stout Streets in the Tenth Ward of Pittston.

Please return this proposed lease in due course.

Very truly yours,

Enc. /s/ F. V. Lynn.
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On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above lease was approved; the proper officials ordered to execute and return same to the Pennsylvania Coal Company and the communication received and filed.

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., July 28th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from John J. and Helen M. Curran, 91 South Main St., City:

The Mayor
and Members of City Council,
City Hall,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The rear half of our building located at 91 South Main Street, Pittston, is being demolished due to its collapse last March. Kindly therefore, make arrangements to reassess same and advise us.

Very truly yours,

/s/ John J. Curran
Helen M. Curran

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

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, July 16th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Health, Sanitary Water Board:

Registered Mail

Sewerage
Pittston City
Luzerne County

To the Mayor and City Council of
Pittston, Luzerne County

Attention: John D. McNulty, City Clerk
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The Sanitary Water Board, at its meeting on May 21-22, 1952, considered the status of compliance of your municipality with its order which required the submission, by a specified date, of a report, detail construction plans and specifications for works to treat the sewage of your municipality. The Board recognized that the date for the submission of the aforesaid report, plans and specifications has expired; that the Board has granted no extension of time; and that your municipality has given the Board no evidence of its intent to comply with the Board's order.

The Board directed that, because of your con-compliance with its orders, the matter be referred to the Department of Justice for appropriate action.

This is to inform you that the folder containing the chronological data on the case has been or is in the process of being submitted to the Department of Justice.

If you have additional information you desire to submit for the record, we shall be glad to receive it, if promptly submitted.

Very truly yours,

/s/ John W. Gittins

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John W. Gittins
Secretary
Sanitary Water Board

By direction of the
Board.

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On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, 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, Pennsylvania, August 6th, 1952 and reading as follows, was received from the League of Cities of the Third Class in Pennsylvania, Walter E. Greenwood, Executive Director:

TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF THE CITIES OF THE
THIRD CLASS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Gentlemen:

We have about shaped up our program for the League Convention for the year 1952, but are awaiting affirmative answers from one or two desirable speakers before putting the program in shape for general distribution.

The convention will be held in the Hotel Easton, at Easton, Pennsylvania, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 13th, 14th and 15th. The annual banquet will be held on the evening of the 15th and a very prominent speaker has been engaged for that occasion. Delegates will be at liberty to return home on Thursday morning or make such other visitations as they deem proper for the balance of the week. Any reports as to a change in the dates of the Convention are not to be credited.

Generally speaking, registration will begin about 10:00 A. M., on Monday morning. Conferences of the several departments will be had on Monday afternoon and entertainment will be given on Monday evening by the Koontz Equipment Corporation and the City of Easton. Addresses and questions from the floor will be the order of the day for Tuesday with a luncheon being served at noon to all delegates and their guests, with Tuesday night to be open for such matters as the delegates may desire. Wednesday morning we will hold a regular session with the election of officers on Wednesday afternoon and the banquet on Wednesday night for which we will have a very prominent and able speaker.

During the sessions Dr. Harold F. Alderfer, having returned from Greece, will give us an interesting talk as to his experiences.

The registration fee will be as heretofore, \$10.00 for delegates and \$5.00 for wives of delegates.

NO CHANGE IN THE DATE OF THE CONVENTION HAS BEEN
OR WILL BE MADE.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Walter E. Greenwood

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Walter E. Greenwood
Executive Director.

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

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, August 6th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from The League of Cities of the Third Class in Pennsylvania, Chester E. Rogers, Secretary, Easton, Pennsylvania:

Hon. John J. Allardyce, Mayor
Pittston, Pennsylvania

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State Prods Council On Sewage Plans

Pittston City Council has received another reminder from the State Sanitary Water Board regarding the city's alleged laxity in not filing a "progress" report on plans for the establishment of a sewage disposal plant in conformity with State requirements.

A communication was read at the meeting of council reminding council of a conference held April 29 with representatives of the State Sanitary Water Board at which municipal representatives were advised that plans must be filed and a progress report submitted regarding action toward the construction of sewage treatment system.

The communication was referred to City Solicitor J. Earl Langan and City Engineer John Reilly.

A reply was received from No. 9 Coal Co., regarding the demand by council for repairs to a certain section of Searle street. The communication advised council that No. 9 Coal Co. officials have communicated with State Highway Department officials regarding repairs and work will be undertaken as soon as weather permits.

An 11-month lease from the Pennsylvania Coal Co. for a plot of ground, 150 by 270 feet, in the vicinity of New and Wilford streets, was presented by Solicitor Langan. The plot is for use as a playground by Jefferson Playground Association. The lease contains the usual restrictions and advised that any permanent equipment, fixtures or buildings erected thereon will become the property of the coal company.

Mayor John J. Allardye, presiding at the session, suggested that members of the Playground Association be permitted to read the lease, so that they will be aware of all conditions before accepting the plot for playground purposes.

Mrs. Catherine Loftus Ardoline called attention in a communication to the condition of a vacant lot on upper Broad street. The lives of children who play there are endangered because of a 15 foot wall, according to Mrs. Ardoline. The letter was ordered filed.

Councilman Charles Infantino was the lone absentee.

Delegations from the Third and Tenth Wards attended the meeting for the purpose of conferring with councilmen in regard to sites for playgrounds in those wards. Members of council conferred with them at the close of the meeting.

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May 27, 1954*

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HOUSE NUMBERS ARE CONFUSING

Won't Deliver Federal Checks To Certain Homes

Incorrect numbers on certain streets, duplicated numbers and other house number faults were brought to the attention of the city councilmen at last night's meeting of council.

It was particularly noted that changes in house numbers will have to be made on Chapel street and Searle street. The Post Office Department has ordered the changes and in some instances have notified property owners. According to one city official, the postoffice refuses to deliver any Federal check to a home where the house number is in dispute. Matter was discussed at private caucus by council following the meeting.

Letter was received from No. 9 Coal Company over the signature of Louis Pagnotti, president, in which he answered the city's query on repairing Searle street, following recent caves and mine subsidences there. Pagnotti advised council that he had received the OK from the Highway Department and repairs would be started shortly.

Communication from the Department of Health over the signature of Bernard S. Bush, district engineer, in regard to progress reports on the contemplated sewage treatment system, was referred to the city engineer, John J. Reilly, and the solicitor, Atty. J. Earl Langan.

A complaint was received from Mrs. Kathryn Loftus Ardoline in regard to a hazardous condition existing at 254 Broad street. She reported that there was a wall on the property with an 18-foot drop and is a definite hazard to children playing in the area. Matter was referred to the solicitor.

Request from Radio Station WARM for authorization to place advertising matter on automobile radio antenna was referred to the solicitor.

Council acknowledged receipt of a lease from the Pennsylvania Coal Company for the Jefferson Park Playground lot, 160-270, located at New street, right of way on Lehigh Valley Railroad and Wilford street, in the rear. It was pointed out to the association that the lease was for only 11 months and council cautioned that conditions of the lease stated that buildings of a permanent nature or heavy equipment should not be erected.

Building permit was approved for Christina Angelella, 260 South Main street, to erect a sidewalk sign at that address.

Mayor John J. Allardye presided at the meeting and Charles Infantino was the lone absentee.

My dear Mayor Allardyce:

This will acknowledge receipt of your city's check in the amount of \$145.00 covering your League dues for the year 1952.

Please accept our thanks for your attention in this matter. If we can be of any service to you at anytime, please feel at liberty to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

THE LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE
THIRD CLASS IN PENNSYLVANIA

/s/ Chester E. Rogers

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Chester E. Rogers,
Secretary.

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

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, August 7th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from the Eagle Hose Company No. 1, Ralph H. Vanderburg, Secretary:

Mayor John J. Allardyce
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

We, the members of the Eagle Hose Company cordially invite you and the members of Council to attend our annual clambake, which will be held on August 31, at Twin Lakes.

Busses will leave the Hose House at 9:00 A.M.

We hope we will have the honor of your presence, also the members of Council.

Sincerely,

Eagle Hose Company Members,

/s/ Ralph H. Vanderburg, Secretary.

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

By action of the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals at meeting held August 12th, 1952, the following abatement of City and School Taxes was granted:

James Newcomb School Taxes - Yr. 1952 Abatement: \$ 375.
56 Center St.,
5th Ward - City

Peter & Margaret Kizevich City and
18-20 George St., School Taxes - Yr. 1950 Abatement: \$2500.

Peter & Margaret Kizevich City and
19 Carroll St., School Taxes - Yr. 1950 Abatement: \$1763.
6th Ward - City

Liberty National Bank of
Pittston, Pennsylvania School Taxes - Yr. 1952 Abatement: \$9876.
5-7-9-11 Water St.,
7th Ward - City

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Permit applications dated July 10th, July 11th, July 28th, and August 12th, 1952, were submitted as follows:

George and Peter COUNES Install new store front on
32 South Main St., City brick building at above address.

Angelo Licata Erect sign (sidewalk) at above
82 South Main St., City address.

Emilio Casagrande Addition to garage at 46 Vine
81 Market St., City St., City.

Frank and Mary Piontek Install new store front at
53 South Main St., City above address.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permits were granted subject to approval by the proper department authorities.

The City Clerk stated that ^{two} bids for ~~essential~~ repairs to the City Hall Building, advertised and returnable at meeting of today, had been received.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to open the bids.

The bids for ~~essential~~ repairs to the City Hall building, including cleaning and repointing all mortar joints on coping stone atop the parapet wall, stair tower and two chimneys; also replacing of loose brick and caulking of windows, were received as follows:

John L. Bright
1 Tunnel Street, Pittston, Penna. - Bid: \$1,350.00

E. C. Mutter Construction Co., Inc.,
248 Carey Ave., Wilkes-Barre, Penna. - Bid: \$1,338.00

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bids were referred to City Council as a committee of the whole for tabulation and disposition.

Quotations were submitted by Kehoe-McNamara and P. A. Sammon and Son, to renew and replace City Public Liability Insurance. P. A. Sammon and Son submitting the lowest bid, was by action of Council, awarded said insurance.

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

A P P R O V E D

September 11th, 1952.

<u>YEAS</u>		<u>NAYS</u>
Yes	WALSH	
Yes	KEHOE	
Yes	COLLINS	
Yes	INFANTINO	
Yes	ALLARDYCE (MAYOR)	

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

ATTESTED: John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 1952, AT 8:15 P.M., D. T.

Pittsburgh City Council convened in regular session of Tuesday, September 9th, 1952, postponed to today, Thursday, September 11th, 1952, at 8:15 P. M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, with Mayor John J. Allardyce presiding and all members of City Council present.

Minutes of session of Tuesday, August 12th, 1952, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor John J. Allardyce submitted report dated September 5th, 1952, of parking meter fees, parking violations and fines received by his department for the month of August, 1952, reading as follows:

August 1st, 1952 August 31st, 1952

Parking Meter Fees	\$ 892.00
Parking Violations	96.00
Fines	30.00
	<u>\$ 1,018.00</u>

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner submitted report dated August 30th, 1952, of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of August, 1952, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, August 1st, 1952	\$ 111,831.57
Receipts During the Month	9,636.96
	<u>\$ 121,468.53</u>
Warrants Paid During the Month	\$ 22,120.92
Cash on Hand, August 30th, 1952	99,347.61
	<u>\$ 121,468.53</u>

Cash on Hand, August 30th, 1952, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 19,831.23
Bond and Interest - 1923 Account	17,081.08
Bond and Interest - 1935 Account	15,954.65
Bond and Interest - 1938 Account	7,550.11
Bond and Interest - 1942 Account	13,667.04
Bond and Interest - 1949 Account	944.95
Liquid Fuels' Tax Fund	864.47
Sewage Advance Planning Fund	22,600.00
Parking Meters' Collection Fund	854.08
	<u>\$ 99,347.61</u>

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated August 30th, 1952, on collection of Delinquent City Taxes for the month of August, 1952, reading as follows:

August - 1952 Delinquent City Tax Collections ... \$ 3,720.97

RENT CONTROL TO *Pittston Gazette 9-12-54* BE CONTINUED IN CITY OF PITTSTON

Gazette 9-11-54 Pittston City To Retain Its Rent Controls

One of the important items of business scheduled to come before Pittston City Council at its special meeting scheduled for tonight at 7:30 o'clock at City Hall is that of extension of rent controls. It is mandatory that a city of the third class take action on this matter prior to September 30th or the rent ceilings' law will cease to apply by default.

It is indicated that all members of City Council have indicated they will vote for extension of the present law.

Pittston City Council voted unanimously last night to extend rent controls in the City of Pittston for a six months' period beyond Sept. 30th, as it was required to do by law if the controls were to continue being effective. Mayor John J. Alardyce presided and all members of Council attended.

Text of the resolution extending rent controls is published here:

"WHEREAS, it is evident from information secured by the Rent Advisory Board that there continues to exist in Pittston a shortage of adequate housing;

It is hereby resolved, by the Council of the City of Pittston, that a continuance of Federal Rent Stabilization in this city be extended."

Pittston will be represented at a meeting of representatives of anthracite towns at Miners' National Bank Building, Wilkes-Barre, on Thursday, October 2nd, when the Clean Streams' program will be discussed.

The mayor's report for August showed \$892 collected in parking meter fees; \$96 for parking violations and \$30 for police court fines, a total of \$1,018.

City Treasurer George Turner reported a balance in the treasury on July 31st of \$11,831.57; receipts during the month of \$9,636.96; warrants paid of \$22,120.92; balance on hand on Sept. 1 of \$99,347.61 of which amount \$19,831.23 is in the general fund. Delinquent taxes collected during the same period amounted to \$3,720.97.

August reports of Mrs. Thomas Newcomb both as health officer and sealer of weights were read and ordered filed.

An ordinance was passed on first and second readings placing Pittston City on record as vacating and discontinuing an alley lying between South Main and Tompkins street, running from Dock street south to St. John's Alley.

Bills aggregating \$2,884.60 were submitted for payment by Councilman Joseph A. Walsh, head of the Department of Accounts and Finance, and were approved for payment.

On motion of Councilman Patrick Collins it was voted to resume the two-meetings-per-month, on the second and final Tuesdays, from now on.

An invitation was received to send a representative to the League of Third Class Cities' Convention in Easton on October 13, 14 and 15.

Communications were read from Utility Workers' Union, Local No. 265, composed of Scranton Electric Company employees at the Stanton Plant, and from the Central Labor Union of Wilkes-Barre and Vicinity, for Council to take favorable action on the Rent Controls' Extension measure.

Council was invited by Fred Demech to attend the dedication of Jefferson Park playground on Sunday next, September 14th, which was accepted.

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

The following is my report for the month of August, 1952:

Complaints received and investigated 12
No contagious diseases reported during the month
of August.

Police Officer Robert Mullen on sick leave from August 30th to September 3rd, 1952.

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

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

The following is my report for the month of August, 1952:

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	8	0
Counter Scales	34	2
Beam Scales	8	1
Other Platform Scales	6	0

/s/

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

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

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 6 (1952-1953): "AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND DISCONTINUE ALL THAT CERTAIN ALLEY BEGINNING AT DOCK STREET AND EXTENDING TO ST. JOHN'S ALLEY", was read at length for the first time.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed upon first reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 6 (1952-1953): "AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND DISCONTINUE ALL THAT CERTAIN ALLEY BEGINNING AT DOCK STREET AND EXTENDING TO ST. JOHN'S ALLEY", was read at length for the second time.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed upon second reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 4357. Pittston, Pa., September 11th, 1952. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, it is evident from information secured by the Rent Advisory Board that there continues to exist in Pittston a shortage of adequate housing;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Pittston, that a continuance of Federal Rent Stabilization in said City be requested; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the proper authorities"

I, JOHN D. McNULTY, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 4357 as duly adopted by City Council of the City of Pittston at meeting held Thursday, September 11th, 1952.

SEAL.

/s/ John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

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

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh, submitted report dated September 11th, 1952, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

Edward Armitage	Cash advanced for fan belt for police car	\$ 2.50
Barber Motor Company	Repair part	.22
Charles Bechtold	August '52 - ice for offices	13.00
Bell Telephone Co. of Penna.	Office phone service	57.33
Bell Telephone Co. of Penna.	July - mobile phone service	29.20
Vincent E. Churchfield	Traffic signal repairs, etc.	14.97

Cont'd.

Commercial Gas Corporation	Demurrage on tanks	\$ 1.80
Eagen Hardware Company	(2) lbs. nails	.24
Eastern Penna. Supply Company	"Neolo" cell block toilet bowl	39.40
Egan Oil & Supply Company	August '52 - gas and oil	160.37
Eureka Fire Hose Company	1000 ft. fire hose	1270.00
Jack Friedman Electric Supply	Light bulbs	5.39
C. F. Goeringer Construction Co.	Blacktop	133.60
Thomas Hood	Fire alarm system repairs	19.88
Ed. Keating's Service Station	New tire, repairs, etc.	105.87
Klein Auto Parts Company	Repair parts, etc.	121.95
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Rubber stamp, pencils, office supplies, etc.	53.46
Atty. J. Earl Langan	Court orders: Musto-McHale properties	2.00
Atty. J. Earl Langan	Harrisburg trip expense	20.25
Liberty National Bank	Refund 1952 city taxes	187.64
Arthur Lumley	(21) hrs. truck hire @ \$2.50	52.50
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Calcium chloride, cement, etc.	83.92
Robert Mitchell	Cash advanced for one piece pattern pine for fire dept.	7.23
Office of City Clerk	Postage stamps - various offices	20.00
Pittston Oil Company	July '52 - gas and oil	175.44
Reliable Spring Service	Rear spring, bolts, etc.	16.90
Scranton Electric Company	Light service: July 10 - Aug. 8	52.13
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Water service: June 18 - July 17	4.00
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	August '52 - fire hydrant rental	153.34
Roy Stauffer, Inc.	Bearing, spindle, etc.	18.03
Sunday Dispatch	Advertising bids for "city hall repairs"	21.60
Wyoming Valley Lumber Co.	Repairs to city hall front door	40.44
		<hr/>
		\$ 2884.60

Respectfully submitted,

JAW:f

/s/

Joseph A. Walsh

Joseph A. Walsh, Director of the
Dept. of Accounts and Finance.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved for payment when sufficient funds are available.

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, August 20th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Labor and Industry, George M. Walker, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board:

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

Re: Pittston Gas Company
No. 114 of 1952

Dear Mr. McNulty:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of yesterday, at which time you granted permission to use the Council Chamber on the second floor of the City Hall at Pittston, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, August 28th, between the hours of 10:00 A.M., and 1:00 P.M.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

/s/ George M. Walker

GEORGE M. WALKER

Secretary

GMW:AR Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, 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, Pennsylvania, August 27th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from Chester E. Rogers, Secretary of the League of Cities of the Third Class in Pennsylvania:

TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
CITY OF PITTSTON

The 53rd Annual Convention of this organization will be held in the City of Easton October 13, 14 and 15, 1952, and we trust that a representative group from your city will be in attendance.

The committee in charge of arrangements is now completing details for the program and we are sure that those attending will be well repaid for the time spent in Easton.

The usual sectional meetings will be held in the Hotel Easton starting at 3:00 P. M., Monday, October 13th. Mayor Robert W. Morse of the City of Easton has been selected to lead the mayors and solicitors section and we would suggest that if you have any topics you would like to have discussed in said sectional meeting that you drop a note to Mayor Morse at this office in City Hall, Easton, in order that an agenda might be prepared.

Since this is the 200th Anniversary of the naming of the City of Easton the officials of the city of Easton are considering the origination of a Memorial Trophy dedicated to all Pennsylvania men and women who have served their country in our military forces. This trophy will be presented to the city of the third class in which the highest percentage of registered voters vote in each national election. It is our thought that the City winning will retain the trophy for the four year period between national elections. Details of this award will be announced to the delegates during the convention.

We are attaching hereto an advance registration form that should be completed by your city clerk as soon as possible and returned direct to the office of the League, Room 302, City Hall, Harrisburg. Your help in this will be appreciated.

May we suggest that you plan NOW to attend the Easton convention in October?

THE LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE
THIRD CLASS IN PENNSYLVANIA

/s/ Chester E. Rogers
Chester E. Rogers,
Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, 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, Pennsylvania, August 27th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from Chester E. Rogers, Secretary of The League of Cities of the Third Class in Pennsylvania:

TO ALL CITY CLERKS:-

We are mailing today to the Mayors' of all cities of the third class, letters urging attendance at our Annual Convention to be held in the City of Easton October 13, 14 and 15, 1952, together with a form on which the names of the delegates attending should be listed. Please see that this form is completed promptly and mailed to the

HARRISBURG OFFICE OF THE LEAGUE

The convention will get underway with sectional meetings starting at 3:00 P. M., Monday, October 13th. The city clerks' under the direction of our good friend "Phil" Miller, City Clerk of Butler, will also meet at that time. May we suggest that if you have any topics you would like to have discussed during this sectional meeting that you communicate direct with "Phil" in order that he might have an opportunity to prepare his agenda for this meeting.

The City Clerks' have in the past been very cooperative with the League in assisting us in our pre-convention arrangements and we are asking that you continue to lend us your support by seeing that the form referred to above is promptly completed and returned to our Harrisburg office.

AS SOON AS CONVENIENT PLEASE SEND ME THE NAMES OF ANY OF YOUR CITY OFFICIALS WHO MIGHT HAVE DIED SINCE OUR LAST CONVENTION.

Your usual courteous assistance in all the above is solicited.

THE LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE
THIRD CLASS IN PENNSYLVANIA

/s/ Chester E. Rogers
Chester E. Rogers,
Secretary.

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

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, August 19th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, Central Labor Union of Wilkes-Barre and Vicinity:

Pittston City Council,
City Hall
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

At its last regular meeting held Thursday, August 14th, 1952, the Central Labor Union of Wilkes-Barre and Vicinity went on record to ask the Pittston City Council to maintain Rent Control in the City of Pittston.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Stephen G. Demko

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Stephen G. Demko
Secretary.

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

Communication dated West Pittston, Penna., August 21st, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from the Utility Workers Union of America, Congress of Industrial Organizations, Local No. 265:

The Council of the City of Pittston
City Hall
Broad Street
Pittston, Pennsylvania

-and-

Hon. John J. Allardyce, Mayor
City Hall
Broad Street
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

Local 265, comprised of the physical workers who are employed at the Stanton Station Division of The Scranton Electric Company and with a large majority residing in the immediate area, request that you take favorable action on the following matter.

We, hereby petition the Council of the City of Pittston to take favorable action, extending Rent Control in the City of Pittston before the expiration of the Rent Control now in force.

Rent Control will expire on September 30, 1952, unless extended by act of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Robert J. Barrett
Robert J. Barrett, President.

Attest: /s/ Jay S. Sykes
Jay S. Sykes, Recording Secretary.

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

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, September 5th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from the Carr-Consolidated Biscuit Company, C. A. Von Stein, Chairman, Public Services Committee:

To: Forty Fort Borough
Plymouth Borough
Exeter Borough
Jenkins Township
Hanover Township
Pittston City
Pittston Township
West Pittston Borough

Gentlemen:

Last June the Committee of 100 and Chamber of Commerce invited several communities in lower Wyoming Valley to meet for the purpose of discussing problems involved in compliance with the State's Clean Streams Program.

The following communities attended this meeting:

Kingston Borough
Nanticoke City
Plains Township
Wyoming Borough
Wilkes-Barre City
Edwardsville Borough
Swoyersville Borough

At that meeting these communities requested a committee be appointed to consult with the Sanitary Water Board and the office of the Attorney General and determine their attitude toward cooperative action. It was felt that this method might be the least costly and most efficient.

The committee was appointed and met with the Sanitary Water Board and representatives of the Attorney General. Both agencies were very favorable impressed with the group effort and gave every assurance of their cooperation. They also indicated a belief that an overall survey was a sound and constructive approach to this problem.

The planning survey will cost \$5,000.00, a most nominal cost possible only because the communities, industry, and the State Department of Health are to cooperate in furnishing data.

On October 2, 1952, at 8:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Miners National Bank, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, the communities attending the first meeting will again meet to hear the committee report. Representatives of your community and those listed above are also invited to attend.

Also, at this meeting the financing of this survey will be on the agenda for discussion. It is believed the only equitable basis for such financing is to have each community assume its share, based on population. For your community, this would amount to \$343.19. We are confident all concerned will realize the importance of this study and agree to underwrite the nominal amount assigned to them.

Agreement to underwrite this small expenditure will enable an analysis of the problem and a review of the various ways stream clearance requirements can be met at lowest cost, based on fundamental engineering data essential to any sound review of the economic and other implications of such an undertaking. We have the assurance of the Sanitary Water Board and the Attorney General's office that such a program will be viewed by them as constructive progress.

Will you please indicate your intention to attend by returning the enclosed card.

Sincerely,

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

/s/ C. A. Von Stein

CAVS:ddc

C. A. Von Stein, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed, and recommended that City Council be represented by whoever wished to attend.

Postal card dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 9th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from Fred Demech, President, Jefferson Park Playground:

Members of City Council:

Jefferson Park Playground Association are inviting all Councilmen to attend the dedication of their Park on Sunday, September 14th, at 3:00 P. M.

/s/ Pres. Fred Demech

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

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, it was voted to resume the two-meetings each month, namely the second and last Tuesday of each month, since the summer schedule for June, July and August terminated with the last meeting in August.

By action of the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals at meeting held September 11th, 1952, the following abatements were granted:

Gaetano Capitano	1952		
78 Frothingham St., 10th Ward	School Taxes	Abatement \$	125.00
Angelo Montante			
111-113 Tompkins St., 11th Wd.	School Taxes		
	Years 1932-1944	" "	675.00
	City Taxes		
	Years 1930-1944	" "	675.00
	and 1947		

Permit applications dated August 22nd, August 25th and September 8th, 1952, were submitted as follows:

Barton's Furniture Store
Wharf St., City

Addition (2) walls and installation new roof at above address.

Frank Helme
36 Parsonage St., City

Erect (1) car garage at above address.

Salvatore Falzone
53 Pine St., City

Erect (2) rooms at above address.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permits were granted subject to approval by the proper department authorities.

City Solicitor J. Earl Langan reported on the trip to Harrisburg, August 21st, 1952, with regard to sewage disposal. He stated that he and Messrs. Kehoe, Walsh and Collins had discussed the matter with the Attorney General and that the Attorney General will confirm same by letter.

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

A P P R O V E D

October 3rd, 1952.

YEAS

NAYS

Yes	WALSH
Yes	KEHOE
Yes	COLLINS
Yes	INFANTINO
Yes	ALLARDYCE (MAYOR)

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

ATTEST:

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

per J. M. Kravosky

PITTSSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 1952, AT 9:10 P. M., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, September 30th, 1952, postponed to today, Friday, October 3rd, 1952, at 9:10 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor John J. Allardyce presiding and all members of City Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Thursday, September 11th, 1952, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh, submitted report dated October 3rd, 1952, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

Airport Sand & Gravel Company	Sand	\$	2.40
Charles Bechtold	Ice for offices		12.50
Bell Telephone Company of Pa.	Office phone service		60.43
Bell Telephone Company of Pa.	Mobile phone service		28.90
Frank Castner, Fire Chief	Fire Chief's convention expenses at Boston, Mass.		25.00
Commercial Gas Corporation	Demurrage on tanks		1.80
Eagen Hardware Company	Nails, V-belt, etc.		2.12
Egan Oil & Supply Company	Veedol #30 oil		47.52
Kehoe and McNamara	Ins. boiler and machinery		80.00
Klein Auto Parts Company	Repair parts		304.75
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Office supplies		24.94
Pennsylvania Coal Company	Park rental		1.75
Petrillo Excavating Company	Shovel rental (Chemical Creek)		180.00
Pittston Publishing Company	(5000) pay envelopes		23.40
P. A. Sammon & Son	Indemnity insurance		1859.93
Scranton Electric Company	Aug. '52 - street lighting		1027.50
Scranton Electric Company	Light service: Aug. 8 - Sept. 10		64.97
Scranton Spring Brook Water	Water service: July 17 - Aug. 15		4.00
State Workmen's Insurance Fund	Compensation insurance		2223.45
L. F. Weckerly	Reconditioning and filling oxygen cylinders		20.16
Williams' Paper Company	Towels and cups		27.08
		\$	6047.60

Respectfully submitted,

JAW:f

/s/

Joseph A. Walsh
Joseph A. Walsh, Director of the
Department of Accounts and Finance.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved for payment when sufficient funds are available.

Communication dated West Pittston, Penna., September 19th, 1952, reading as follows, was received from the Utility Workers Union of America, Congress of Industrial Organizations, Local 265:

The Council of the City of Pittston

- and -

Hon. John J. Allardyce, Mayor
City Hall, Broad Street,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

Please accept the thanks of the members and officers of Local 265 for your adoption of Resolution No. 4357, providing the continuation of Federal Rent Stabilization in the City of Pittston.

Your display of interest in the cause of the working man and his problems merits the highest of ideals and tends to show that our form of government is still the best in this troubled world.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Jay S. Sykes

Jay S. Sykes, Rec. Sec.,
Local 265, U.W.U.A., C. I. O.

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

Communication dated Scranton 3, Pennsylvania, September 22nd, 1952, reading as follows, was received from the Office of Rent Stabilization, Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Area Rent Office, Ralph R. Haarmeyer, Area Rent Director:

Mr. John D. McNulty
City Clerk
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Thank you very much for sending us a copy of the Resolution adopted by the City Council of Pittston, Penna., recommending the continuance of Federal Rent Control.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ralph R. Haarmeyer

Ralph R. Haarmeyer
Area Rent Director.

RRH/amm

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

Communication dated Scranton, Pennsylvania, September 22nd, 1952, reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Highways, Bernard J. Harding, District Engineer:

Route 5, Station 333+00
Mine Subsidence
Pittston City, Luzerne County

Hon. John J. Allardyce,
Mayor, City of Pittston,
City Hall,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

A mine subsidence has occurred at point mentioned in subject matter which is in front of No. 116 South Main Street, in the City of Pittston.

This evidently was caused by a collapse in the old workings of the Pittston Vein mined more than 100 years ago from the old Eagle Shaft, the owners of which has long past out of existence.

Inasmuch as this subsidence is within the confines of a city, it is the responsibility of that City and/or the operating Coal Company to make repairs.

With no coal owner living at present, we feel that the City of Pittston should make these repairs and we are requesting that this should be done as speedily as possible.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Bernard J. Harding
District Engineer.

By: /s/ Thomas F. Sheridan
Thomas F. Sheridan
Mining Engineer.

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

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, September 17th, 1952, reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Justice, Robert L. Rubendall, Deputy Attorney General:

Mayor,
City of Pittston,
Luzerne County,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly advise this department concerning the progress you have made in regard to a contract of your City with an engineer who will be able to complete plans for the construction of a sewage treatment system.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Robert L. Rubendall

Robert L. Rubendall,
Deputy Attorney General.

cc: City Clerk,
City Solicitor.

RLR:gmk

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

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, September 29th, 1952, reading as follows, was received from C. A. Von Stein, Chairman, Public Services Committee:

To: Nanticoke City	Plymouth Borough
Wyoming Borough	Exeter Borough
Kingston Borough	Jenkins Township
Plains Township	Hanover Township
Wilkes-Barre City	* Pittston City
Swoyersville Borough	Pittston Township
Edwardsville Borough	West Pittston Borough
Forty Fort Borough	

Gentlemen:

The response from communities indicating intention to be represented at meeting on Thursday night, October 2nd, 1952, to review the sewerage disposal matter has made it necessary to change the place of meeting to larger quarters. Dr. Eugene Farley, President of Wilkes-College, has offered the use of their Room 101 in the Biology Building in the rear of the Conyngham Building, 120 South River Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The meeting will be held there at 8:00 P. M., October 2nd, 1952, instead of in the Miners National Bank Board Room as we previously advised.

We look forward to meeting with your representatives.

Sincerely,

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

CAVS:ddc

/s/ C. A. Von Stein
C. A. Von Stein, Chairman.

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

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, September 25th, 1952, reading as follows, was received from Michael Dunne, Church St., City:

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

Dear Sir:

This letter has reference to a previous complaint which I made relative to the destruction of shrubbery on my property.

Recently I contacted Mr. Thomas McGarry of the Scranton Electric Company and requested that a larger wattage electric light be installed in their fixture near my property. He informed me that it would be necessary to secure your permission before this could be done. I am, therefore, requesting that you authorize the Scranton Electric Company to install a 250 watt electric light in place of the present 100 watt bulb. If this brighter light is installed, I feel that the persons responsible for the destruction of the shrubbery will not continue their actions.

I wish to thank you for anything you may do in this matter and to thank you again for your many past courtesies.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Michael J. Dunne
Michael J. Dunne.

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

Permit applications dated September 18th, 19th, and October 3rd, 1952, were submitted as follows:

Carmel Capitano
60 Vine St., City

Wash-rack for automobiles
at 11 Spring St., City

Barton's Furniture Store
73 S. Main St., City

Raze building at above address.

North End Cafe
135 N. Main St., City

Install new store front at
above address.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permits were granted, subject to approval by the proper department authorities.

RESOLUTION NO. 4358. Pittston, Pa., October 3rd, 1952. BE IT RESOLVED,
by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the Pennsylvania Department of Highways be requested to take over Broad Street in the said City of Pittston, as a part of the State Highway system, particularly for use as a by-pass for Route No. 11 (William Street)".

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

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

A P P R O V E D

October 17th, 1952.

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
Yes	WALSH
Yes	KEHOE
Yes	COLLINS
Yes	INFANTINO
Yes	ALLARDYCE (MAYOR)

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

ATTEST:

JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

per J. M. Krasocky

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 1952, AT 9:10 P. M., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, October 14th, 1952, postponed to today, Friday, October 17th, 1952, (League of Third Class Cities in Pennsylvania convention at Easton, Penna., October 13th, 14th and 15th, 1952), at 9:10 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor John J. Allardyce presiding and all members of City Council present.

Minutes of session of Friday, October 3rd, 1952, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor John J. Allardyce submitted report dated October 10th, 1952, of parking meter fees, parking violations and fines received by his department for the month of September, 1952, reading as follows:

September 1st, 1952 September 30th, 1952.

Parking Meter Fees	\$	809.00
Parking Violations		71.00
Fines		30.00
	\$	<u>910.00</u>

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated September 30th, 1952, on receipts and disbursements by his office during the month of September, 1952, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, September 1st, 1952	\$	99,347.61
Receipts During the Month		<u>27,461.41</u>
	\$	<u>126,809.02</u>
Disbursements During the Month	\$	29,795.65
Cash on Hand, September 30th, 1952		97,013.37
	\$	<u>126,809.02</u>

Cash on Hand, September 30th, 1952 distributed
to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$	26,967.67
Bond and Interest - 1923 Account		17,670.58
Bond and Interest - 1935 Account		5,727.80
Bond and Interest - 1938 Account		7,691.89
Bond and Interest - 1942 Account		13,838.34
Bond and Interest - 1949 Account		1,033.86
Liquid Fuels' Tax Fund		1,483.23
Sewage Advance Planning Fund		<u>22,600.00</u>
	\$	<u>97,013.37</u>

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

City Tax Collector George J. Turner, submitted report dated September 30th, 1952, on collection of delinquent city taxes for the month of September, 1952, reading as follows:

Delinquent City Taxes:

September - 1952 Collections \$ 4,140.82

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated September 30th, 1952, on city licenses issued by his office during the month of September, 1952, reading as follows:

City Licenses - \$ 25.00

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated October 16th, 1952, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of September, 1952:

Weekly reports sent to the Medical Health Center.

Complaints received and investigated 13

Contagious diseases reported during the month ... 0

Health Licenses issued 1
(\$1.00 deposited with City Treasurer).

Police Officer Anthony Levenoskie on sick leave
from September 8th, 1952.

City Clerk John D. McNulty, on sick leave from October
3rd, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/

Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
Health Officer.

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated October 16th, 1952, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of September,
1952:

Monthly report forwarded to the Bureau of Standard
Weights and Measures, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	6	0
Counter Scales	32	2
Beam Scales	8	3
Other Platform Scales	5	1

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f

/s/

Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

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

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 6 (1952-1953): "AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND DISCONTINUE ALL THAT CERTAIN ALLEY BEGINNING AT DOCK STREET AND EXTENDING TO ST. JOHN'S ALLEY" was read at length for the third time.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance, File of Council No. 6, was approved and passed upon third and final reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 4359. Pittston, Pa., October 17th, 1952. BE IT RESOLVED,
by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the Scranton Electric Company be and is hereby directed to remove one - 100 candle power lamp and install one - 250 candle power lamp on Pole No. 370, corner of Church and Center Streets, in the City of Pittston".

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

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh, submitted report dated October 17th, 1952, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

Bell Telephone Company of Penna.	Mobile phone service	\$	32.80
Consumers' Sales & Service	Sleeve, bush, head, etc.		14.84
Jack Friedman Electric Supply	Light bulbs, etc.		3.96

Cont'd.

Kehoe-Berge Coal Company	Fuel	\$ 63.55
Klein Auto Parts Company	Water pump, gasket, etc.	26.07
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Stencils, folios, pencils, etc.	40.68
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Plastic glaze, blocks, etc.	10.12
Pittston Oil Company	(40) gals. kerosene oil	6.04
Scranton Electric Company	Sept. '52 - st. lighting	1,027.50
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Sept. '52 - hydrant rental	153.34
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Water service: July 1 - Oct. 1	25.99
The Sunday Dispatch	Advertising	23.65
Townsend, Elliott and Munson	(50) copies brief for appellee re: bond issue	76.50
John J. Allardyce	Expense in re: trip to League of Cities of 3rd Class in Penna., convention at Easton, Penna.	110.00
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		\$ 1,615.04

Respectfully submitted,

JAW:f

/s/

Joseph A. Walsh
Joseph A. Walsh, Director of the
Dept. of Accounts and Finance.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved for payment when sufficient funds are available.

Communication dated Washington, D. C., October 3rd, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from the Office of Rent Stabilization, James McHenderson, Director of Rent Stabilization:

The City Council
City of Pittston
Luzerne County
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Attention: John D. McNulty, City Clerk

Gentlemen:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of advice that the governing body of your municipality has taken the necessary action under the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, to continue Federal rent control after September 30, 1952.

We have examined the material submitted and find that the action taken is in accordance with the provisions of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, and Federal rent control has, therefore, continued in effect in your community after September 30, 1952.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

James McI. Henderson

James McI. Henderson
Director of Rent Stabilization.

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

Communication dated Scranton, Pennsylvania, October 9th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Highways:

Refer to O. R. 041
Route No. 11

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated October 8th, 1952 in regard to the resolutions that the Pennsylvania Department of Highways be requested to take over Broad Street in the City of Pittston.

Kindly be advised that this is not under the jurisdiction of this office as an Act of Legislature would be required.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Bernard J. Harding

Bernard J. Harding
DISTRICT ENGINEER.

By: William J. Frieze,
DISTRICT CLERK.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, it was recommended by Mr. Kehoe that the state representatives be contacted requesting their aid in acquiring the act of legislature necessary for the State of Pennsylvania Department of Highways taking over Broad Street in the City of Pittston.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, October 8th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from the Public Services Committee, C. A. Von Stein, Chairman:

Mr. J. Earl Langan, Solicitor
Pittston City
Cash Store Building
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Mr. Langan:

Thank you for your letter of October 7, 1952. It is gratifying to learn that Pittston City Council has agreed to cooperate with the other communities in the proposed survey of the sewerage disposal problem and they will assume their share of the cost.

You will be advised further as to when and where payment of your commitment is to be made.

Very truly yours,

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

CAVS:ddc

C. A. Von Stein, Chairman.

cc: John J. Allardyce, Mayor.

Councilmen:

Charles J. Infantino

Patrick J. Collins

Thomas J. Kehoe

Joseph A. Walsh

Engineer:

John J. Reilly.

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

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 15th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from Dr. Frank G. Tonrey, District Chairman Pennsylvania Week:

Mayor John J. Allardyce
and members of City Council
Pittston City Hall
Broad Street
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Friends:

Many thanks for the part you played in helping to make the Pennsylvania Week Parade a success.

Very truly yours,

PENNSYLVANIA WEEK COMMITTEE

/s/

Frank G. Tonrey
Dr. Frank G. Tonrey
District Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, 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 15th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from the Greater Pittston Memorial Library Association, C. William McNulty, President:

City Council,
c/o Mayor John J. Allardyce

Gentlemen:

We have just organized a Greater Pittston Senior High School Auxiliary for the Memorial Library.

Our first project will be held Tuesday evening, November 11th, in the form of a recording dance in the High School auditorium.

All proceeds will be used to purchase children's and reference books, and nothing else, for the Library. A nominal contribution of twenty-five cents will be received from the guests.

It is our desire, if possible, to exonerate this group from the payment of city tax. Will you kindly give this request favorable consideration. If so desired, we shall submit a complete report of the proceeds to your honorable body.

During the period of October 15th, 1951 to September 15th, 1952, less than a year, over 3200 persons have visited our library, about 85% being from Pittston City. Almost 4000 books were circulated during that period. However, we are in great need of reference and children's books for students.

Thank you for your past cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ C. William McNulty

C. William McNulty, President.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above request was granted subject to approval by the Pittston School District since the tax is equally shared by the School District.

Permit applications dated October 9th, 10th and 15th, 1952, were submitted as follows:

The Atlantic Refining Co.,
342 Miners Bank Building
Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

To erect gasoline station at
corner of S. Main and Plank
Streets, City.

Barton's Furniture Store
S. Main St., City

Addition of (2) story building
at above address.

Frank Mattern
3 S. Main St., City

To erect sidewalk sign at
above address.

Michael Camasso
1 Rock St., City

To erect (2) car garage at
above address.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permits were granted subject to approval by the proper department authorities.

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

A P P R O V E D

October 28th, 1952.

YEAS

NAYS

Yes

WALSH

Yes

KEHOE

Yes

COLLINS

Yes

INFANTINO

Yes

ALIARDYCE (MAYOR)

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

ATTEST:

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

per E. M. Krasovsky

No Action Taken By Council On Sewage Disposal

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such as neighboring communities have done. Councilman Joseph A. Walsh objected to have any such action taken now because of the expense involved and there was a lively exchange of opinion started when Eugene Rinaldi, president of Pittston Property Owners' Association, who was present, interrupted to let it be known that he agreed with Mr. Walsh in his stand.

"If that's all you know about the matter then I advise that you stick strictly to the butcher business," Mayor Allardyce advised Mr. Rinaldi.

"I could run this city just as well as you are doing," Mr. Rinaldi countered.

Mr. Walsh, who is head of the Department of Accounts and Finance, explained his position that the City of Pittston is not now in a position to proceed further with construction of any Sewage Disposal plant. Back in 1949, when he held the position on Council he now holds, he sponsored a motion that Engineer Reilly's plan be approved but that payment for his services be withheld subject to approval of the court en banc from the \$22,600 which is on deposit. He holds that the present day situation is the same and that the city should not further commit itself to any further financial outlay.

Mayor Allardyce did not press for any poll of Council last night and no definite action was taken on the Sewage Disposal question.

Another important matter passed upon by Council last night was adoption of a resolution to oppose a proposal of a flat increase in rates of 50 cents per month by the Pittston Gas Company.

Fort Pittston Post, No. 635, Veterans of Foreign Wars, invited Council members to participate in the Armistice Day celebration and the invitation was accepted.

Bills amounting to \$644.35 were approved for payment.

A request by Mrs. Lena Rostock to build a sidewalk at 122 Johnson street was read and referred to the proper department.

The communication of the Pittston Gas Company read to Council, which was signed by Charles E. Martin, vice president, on behalf of Pittston Gas Company, and also bore the signature of J. Francis Moran, president of Local No. 332, Utility Workers' Union of America, addressed to Secretary of Council. City of Pittston, is published here in its entirety:

"Prior to November 1 the Pittston Gas Company will file with the Public Utility Commission of Pennsylvania a revised rate for gas service in the City of Pittston, Boroughs of West Pittston, Exeter and Hughestown and the Townships of Pittston and Jenkins. The new rate will increase the average monthly charge to all consumers about fifty cents, and if allowed by the Public Utility Commission, will become effective January 1, 1953.

"The reason for this revision is to offset the increased cost of labor due to the increased rates of pay to the employees of the Pittston Gas Company. The present income is not adequate to provide for any increase as was brought out during recent negotiations between the Company and the Union, both before and during the work stoppage and the attendant interruption to service.

"Finally, the Company agreed to the increase with funds to be provided by an increase in rates, with the understanding that the Union and the Company would join together in a request to the municipalities served that no protest to the Public Utility Commission would be filed.

"Pursuant to this agreement, the Company and the Union have signed this letter and ask in the interest of good service to the community and fair pay for employees that the rate as filed be allowed to become effective at the end of the interval required by the Public Utility Law of

NO ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL ON SEWAGE DISPOSAL

10/29/52

The question of Pittston City establishing its own sewage disposal system came up for consideration at last night's regular meeting of City Council at City Hall, which was presided over by Mayor John J. Allardyce and was attended by all four councilmen.

Fifteen municipalities of the area bordering on the Susquehanna River in Luzerne County have become affiliated in the Public Services Committee of Wyoming Valley and nine of these have already filed plans for sewage treatment and have had the same approved. Pittston City, Exeter and Wyoming have not filed plans for the treatment of sewage, although Pittston City had its engineer, John J. Reilly, prepare these plans some time ago, but has made no move to pay Mr. Reilly, in part or in its entirety, although upwards of \$20,000 has been set aside for such purpose, contingent on receipt of an authoritative opinion that he is entitled to such payment. Mr. Reilly is withholding the plans until he is paid, it is understood.

On October 16th, C. A. Von Stein, chairman of the Public Services Committee, with which the 15 municipalities referred to above have become affiliated, submitted the following communication to Solicitor J. Earl Langan:

"The Public Services Committee wishes to express its appreciation of the action of the Pittston City Council in agreeing to participate in the Wyoming Valley area-wide study of Sewage Disposal needs.

"You will remember that the Albright-Friel proposal to undertake this study specifically stipulates that the plans of each community or group of communities involved must be made available to his firm. When this contract is finally executed, we will undoubtedly have to meet this requirement.

"It is our understanding that the plans of Pittston City cannot be made available. If this is correct and the plans of the City of Pittston or any other participating community cannot be made available, it will not be possible to carry out the engineering survey project as planned.

"Could you please inform us whether our understanding of the situation is correct and, if so, when these plans can be made available."

Upon receipt of this letter Mayor Allardyce contacted the Department of Justice at Harrisburg and received word from Robert L. Rubendall, deputy attorney general, that the nine municipalities hereabouts that have already filed, and had approved, their plans for sewage treatment are: Plymouth, West Pittston, Pittston Township, Jenkins Township, Hanover Township, Kingston, Nanticoke, Plains Township and Wilkes-Barre.

He adds: "In addition to these municipalities the following have submitted agreements for having their sewage received by another municipality which will treat said sewage: Forty Fort, Edwardsville, Swoyerville.

"This leaves only your city, Exeter and Wyoming that have not filed and had approved plans for the treatment of sewage.

"I trust that the above information will be helpful to you and the City Council in deciding to cooperate fully with the Committee and the survey which it is arranging to have made. Those municipalities which do cooperate with this committee will not be prosecuted for failing to comply with orders of the Sanitary Water Board so long as satisfactory progress in their case is indicated."

Mayor Allardyce took the position that this city should move at once to have the plans made available.

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PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 1952, AT 8:00 P.M., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, October 28th, 1952, at 8:00 P. M., with Mayor John J. Allardyce presiding and all members of City Council present.

Minutes of session of Friday, October 17th, 1952, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 4360. Pittston, Pa., October 28th, 1952. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Mayor and City Council that the Pittston Gas Company has filed an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to increase its rates to the consumers of gas in the territory which it serves; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Mayor and City Council that such proposed increase is unjust and without warrant or reason;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same that the City of Pittston register its protest before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and request a public hearing whereat its protest may be heard and the Mayor and City Solicitor are hereby authorized to appear before the Public Utility Commission to represent the City in its protest".

I, John D. McNulty, City Clerk of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 4360, duly adopted in accordance with law, at a meeting held Tuesday, October 28th, 1952.

Seal.

/s/ John D. McNulty
John D. McNulty, City Clerk.

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

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh, submitted report dated October 28th, 1952, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

American LaFrance Foamite Corp.	Fire truck parts	\$ 194.54
V. E. Churchfield	Traffic signal repairs	13.25
Eagen Hardware Company	Turpentine, crayon, etc.	1.84
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	August and Sept. '52	
	water for offices	15.60
C. F. Goeringer Construction Co.	Blacktop	217.10
Kehoe-Berge Coal Company	Fuel	37.80
Klein Auto Parts Company	(1) gal. brake fluid	4.05
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Carbon paper, etc.	10.45
Pittston Plate Glass Shop	Front door glass, vent set	28.00
Hugh Ridall	Repairs to adding machines	9.00
The Roto Corporation	(10) drums rooto	85.00
George Terrana	Cash advanced for repair parts	
	to truck	26.47
Vullo Brothers	Tire repairs	1.25
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		\$ 644.35

Respectfully submitted,

JAW:f /s/ Joseph A. Walsh
 Joseph A. Walsh, Director of the
 Department of Accounts and Finance.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Collins, (Mr. Kehoe not voting on bill of Kehoe-Berge Coal Company), and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved for payment when sufficient funds are available.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, October 16th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from C. A. Von Stein, Chairman Public Services Committee:

Mr. J. Earl Langa, Solicitor
 Pittston City
 Cash Block
 Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Langan:

The Public Services Committee wishes to express its appreciation of the action of the Pittston City Council in agreeing to participate in the Wyoming Valley area-wide study of Sewerage Disposal Needs.

You will remember that the Albright-Friel proposal to undertake this study specifically stipulates that the plans of each community or group of communities involved must be made available to his firm. When this contract is finally executed, we will undoubtedly have to meet this requirement.

It is our understanding that the plans of Pittston City cannot be made available. If this is correct and the required plans of the City of Pittston or any other participating community cannot be made available, it will not be possible to carry out the engineering survey project as planned.

Could you please inform us whether our understanding of the situation is correct and if so, when these plans can be made available.

Very truly yours,

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

CAVS:ddc /s/ C. A. Von Stein, Chairman
 C. A. Von Stein, Chairman

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, October 20th, 1952, reading as follows, was received from C. A. Von Stein, Chairman PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE:

To:	Nanticoke City	Forty Fort Borough	Plymouth Borough
	Plains Township	Edwardsville Borough	Jenkins Township
	Wyoming Borough	Swoyersville Borough	Hanover Township
	Kingston Borough	Pittston City	Pittston Township
	Wilkes-Barre City	Exeter Borough	West Pittston Twp.

Gentlemen:

Attached is a copy of the minutes of meeting held October 2, 1952.

The cooperation on the part of all concerned has been most gratifying. As you no doubt are aware, all of the communities having representatives at the meeting have agreed to underwrite their share of the proposed survey cost with the exception of Jenkins Township and Pittston Township. I have every reason to believe that favorable advice will be received from these communities in the immediate future.

Also, the Sanitary Water Board at Harrisburg has been made aware of our progress and expressed a willingness to grant time extensions provided progress is demonstrated.

You will hear further from us as this matter progresses.

Sincerely,

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

/s/ C. A. Von Stein

CAVS:ddc

C. A. Von Stein, Chairman.

P. S. Since writing the above, we have been advised that Jenkins Township has agreed to participate.

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, October 27th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from the Department of Justice, Robert L. Rubendall, Deputy Attorney General:

Hon. John J. Allardyce
Mayor,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Allardyce:

Please be advised that of the fifteen municipalities which have been approached to cooperate with the Public Services Committee of the Wyoming Valley, the following have already filed, and have had approved their plans for sewage treatment:

Plymouth
West Pittston
Pittston Township
Jenkins Township
Hanover Township
Kingston
Nanticoke
Plains Township
Wilkes-Barre

In addition to these municipalities the following have submitted agreements for having their sewage received by another municipality which will treat said sewage:

Forty Fort
Edwardsville
Swoyersville

This leaves only your City, Exeter and Wyoming that have not filed and had approved plans for the treatment of sewage.

I trust that the above information will be helpful to you and the City Council in deciding to cooperate fully with the committee and the survey which it is arranging to have made. Those municipalities which do cooperate with this committee will not be prosecuted for failing to comply with orders of the Sanitary Water Board so long as satisfactory progress in their case is indicated.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Robert L. Rubendall

Robert L. Rubendall,
Deputy Attorney General.

Mayor John J. Allardyce took the position that Pittston City should move at once to have the plans made available. Councilman Joseph A. Walsh objected to have any definite action taken at the present time because of the expense involved and which Pittston City was in no financial condition to expend; further stated that he had, in 1949, sponsored a motion that the plans be approved subject to court decision as to payment of same.

At the conclusion of the discussion no vote was taken and no definite action was taken on the Sewage Disposal question.

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 22nd, 1952, reading as follows, was received from the Pittston Gas Company, 21 Broad Street, City:

Secretary of Council
City of Pittston
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

Prior to November 1 the Pittston Gas Company will file with the Public Utility Commission of Pennsylvania a revised rate for gas service in the City of Pittston, Boroughs of West Pittston, Exeter, and Hughestown, and the Townships of Pittston and Jenkins. The new rate will increase the average monthly charge to all consumers about fifty cents, and if allowed by the Public Utility Commission, will become effective January 1, 1953.

The reason for this revision is to offset the increased cost of labor due to the increased rates of pay to the employees of the Pittston Gas Company. The present income is not adequate to provide for any increase as was brought out during recent negotiations between the Company and the Union, both before and during the work stoppage and the attendant interruption to service.

Finally, the Company agreed to the increases with funds to be provided by an increase in rates, with the understanding that the Union and the Company would join together in a request to the municipalities served that no protest to the Public Utility Commission would be filed.

Pursuant to this agreement, the Company and the Union have signed this letter and ask in the interest of good service to the community and fair pay for employees that the rate as filed be allowed to become effective at the end of the interval required by the Public Utility Law of Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,

PITTSTON GAS COMPANY

/s/ Charles E. Martin

By: Charles E. Martin
Vice President.

LOCAL NO. 332
UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA

/s/ J. Francis Moran

By: J. Francis Moran
President.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, City Council went on record as opposed to the proposed increase in rates to the consumers of gas in the City of Pittston and directed the City Clerk to forward copy of the Resolution to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission as well as the Pittston Gas Company.

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, October 27th, 1952, reading as follows, was received from the Fort Pittston Post No. 635, Francis L. Mesaris, Co-Chairman of the Armistice Day Ceremonies:

Pittston City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Attention: John McNulty, Secretary

Gentlemen:

An invitation to participate in the Armistice Day Ceremonies sponsored by this Post is hereby extended to all members of Pittston City Council.

A parade will be held on the morning of November 11, 1952, at a specified time to be announced later.

Transportation will be provided for parade purposes and it is requested that notice be given the undersigned of the number desiring to attend in order that we may complete our program accordingly.

Trusting you will cooperate with us in making this affair a success, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Francis L. Mesaris

Francis L. Mesaris
Co-Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, City Council accepted the invitation of the Fort Pittston Post No. 635 to participate in the Armistice Day Ceremonies.

Permit application dated October 24th, 1952, was received from Lena Rostock of 122 John St., City, to install a new sidewalk at the above address at an approximate cost of \$285.00.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted subject to approval of the proper departmental authorities.

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

A P P R O V E D

November 12th, 1952.

YEAS

NAYS

Yes	WALSH
Yes	KEHOE
Yes	COLLINS
Yes	INFANTINO
Yes	ALLARDYCE (MAYOR)

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

ATTEST:

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

per J. M. Krasosky

SEWAGE DISPOSAL PROJECT PROVOKES HEATED ARGUMENT

The controversial question whether Pittston City should proceed immediately to set up its own sewage disposal system was again brought up at the regular meeting of City Council last night and provoked a lively discussion. This time City Engineer John J. Reilly, former Mayor of Pittston, joined in the repartee and helped to enliven an exchange of opinions between Mayor John J. Allardyce and Councilman Joseph A. Walsh. It was clearly evident that the sewage disposal project has poised a problem which is certain to expand the ever-widening differences among certain members of Council.

Gene Rinaldi and his militant Property Owners Association were represented at the session and their spokesman let it be known that the association is opposed to having Pittston build its own sewage system at this time.

Councilman Walsh reaffirmed his stand that he is opposed to expenditure of money for additional plans while the city is in possession of one set of plans. Engineer Reilly interrupted Councilman Walsh to make known that he is owed \$22,600 for the plans now in possession of the city and the argument became so heated that Mr. Reilly told Mr. Walsh "you're acting like a baby". "I can take care of myself; I can stand on my own two feet," Mr. Walsh countered.

Councilman Walsh again proceeded to explain his stand and was interrupted several times by the City Engineer until Mayor John J. Allardyce finally warned Engineer Reilly that he would be forced to ask him to leave the meeting room if he persisted with his interruptions.

Mayor Allardyce suggested at this point that all members of Council and Mr. Rinaldi go to Harrisburg with the plans now in the possession of the city to get a final opinion from officials of the State Sanitary Water Board. This suggestion was finally framed in a motion which passed unanimously.

Before passage of the motion, Engineer Reilly arose to state that he questioned the right of Council to use plans for their Harrisburg trip which had not been paid for. Mayor Allardyce immediately asked Solicitor J. Earl Langan for a ruling. Before giving an opinion, Solicitor Langan suggested that a conference be arranged with State Engineer Bernard Bush and that city officials be guided by the outcome of the conference as to the advisability of the Harrisburg trip since, he pointed out, a "spot answer" will not be given by officials of the Sanitary Water Board. Mayor Allardyce reminded that it may be necessary to call a special meeting of council to act on the Sewage Disposal problem since the budget discussions must be underway next month.

Regarding the sewage plant plans in possession of the city, for which Engineer Reilly is demanding payment, it is the contention of Councilman Walsh that these plans were approved by the Federal Government before a federal grant of \$22,000 was made to the city and, therefore, must be acceptable. The federal grant is being held in escrow until the court en banc of Luzerne County decides whether Engineer

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Sewage Disposal Project Provokes Heated Argument

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Reilly is entitled to it in whole or in part.

A communication was sent to Mayor Allardyce from the Attorney General's office at Harrisburg to the effect that communities which cooperate with the Public Services' setup, will not be prosecuted for not complying with plans of the Water Board provided they can report progress. State-approved plans must be made available to be used by Engineers Albright & Friel for their survey to determine a practical plan for communities along the Susquehanna river to handle their sewage.

Mr. Rinaldi interrupted the discussion to inquire: "Are you going to go through with these plans? How are the taxpayers going to shoulder this added burden? Where is the money being spent that is being collected in taxes every year?"

The Mayor was prompt to replay to Mr. Rinaldi. He invited an inspection of the records and assured Mr. Rinaldi that Councilman Walsh, head of the Department of Accounts and Finance, would be pleased to provide same.

"The tax levy is one mill less than it was when I took office as a city official," Mayor Allardyce said. "In the meantime five raises in wages have been granted to city employees despite the fact that the municipality has lost a number of substantial tax-paying properties, including Glennon's Brewery, Howell & King Brewery; the Y. M. I. building; the Perrone building in South Pittston and adjacent buildings, and a large portion of Pittston Stove Foundry."

Mr. Rinaldi then queried, "What is this sewage disposal question all about and how much is it going to cost?" Solicitor Langan then outlined the plan for clean streams throughout the nation and informed

Mr. Rinaldi that most states have complied, and the plan is in operation in many sections of Pennsylvania. One of the purposes of the plan, Solicitor Langan pointed out, is to insure a water supply, through use of the waterways of the nation in case of necessity and he called attention to droughts in the west in recent years and the threatened lack of water supply in New York City within recent years.

Francis J. Lenahan, 112 Market street, a member of the taxpayers group present, called attention of Council to a water condition existing on the street where his property is located. He said that water lodges there for long periods. He asked if the proposed sewage disposal system would benefit him and other property owners in that section and was informed that the condition resulted from a faulty sewer system in that locality.

Engineer Reilly interrupted to say that Pagnotti Enterprises was responsible for repairs to the sewer line and Mayor Allardyce immediately directed Solicitor Langan and Engineer Reilly to communicate with Louis Pagnotti and instruct him to have a representative at the next meeting of Council to make known the intention of the coal company regarding repairs to the sewer.

A communication was received from the Scranton Electric Co., offering a plot on Carbondale road, for sale to the city for erection of a sewage treatment plant but reserving the right of the electric company to keep its lines intact in that section. The communication was referred to Solicitor Langan and Engineer Reilly.

Notification was read regarding the proposed increase in rates by the Scranton Electric Company and council went on record as opposed to any increase. Solicitor Langan was directed to notify the Public Utility Commission of council's protest.

Mayor Allardyce reported collections of \$825 last month from parking meters, and in traffic violation and other fines.

City Treasurer George Turner reported a balance of \$14,014.45 in the general fund on Nov. 1.

Pittston City Is Favored In Court Ruling

A decision of much importance to Pittston City and its municipal employes was handed down late yesterday by the Superior Court of the State of Pennsylvania.

Luzerne County court en banc has been upheld in its order approving issuance of bonds of \$41,292.63 by Pittston City to meet debts contracted for 1951 operating expenses.

The appeal was taken by Attorneys Max Rosen and Paul R. Orrson, of Wilkes-Barre, on grounds that the city's application to float the issue was "insufficient, invalid and defective."

City Solicitor J. Earl Langan represented the city. The appellants were represented by Attorney Meyer Greenwald of Wilkes-Barre.

Costs were placed on the appellants, Rosen and Orrson.

The city had asked authority to float bonds in the amount of \$91,292.63 but the court in banc in an order signed by President Judge W. A. Valentine slashed the amount to \$41,292.63, the amount of indebtedness set forth in the city's petition, less a \$50,000 note held by Miners Savings Bank of Pittston.

The decision had been eagerly awaited here as the extra money is sorely needed to replenish the city treasury which has been running at low ebb in recent weeks. There were several payless paydays in prospect for Pittston City employes between now and the first of the New Year if the appellants had succeeded in having the Superior Court deny the loan.

City Solicitor Langan informed the Gazette today that he has not yet received the full text of the Superior Court's decision.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 1952, AT 7:40 P.M., E.S.T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session of Tuesday, November 11th, 1952, but due to Armistice Day holiday, held today, Wednesday, November 12th, 1952, at 7:40 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor John J. Allardyce presiding and all members of City Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, October 28th, 1952, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor John J. Allardyce submitted report dated November 8th, 1952, of parking meter fees, parking violations and fines received by his department for the month of October, 1952, reading as follows:

October 1st, 1952 October 31st, 1952.

Parking Meter Fees	\$ 712.00
Parking Violations	88.00
Fines	25.00
	<u>\$ 825.00</u>

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated October 31st, 1952, of receipts and disbursements by his office during the month of October, 1952, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, October 1, 1952	\$ 97,013.37
Receipts During the Month	11,284.39
	<u>\$108,297.76</u>
Warrants Paid During the Month	\$ 47,962.28
Cash on Hand, October 31, 1952	60,335.48
	<u>\$108,297.76</u>

Cash on Hand, October 31, 1952, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 14,614.35
Bond and Interest - 1923 Account	4,654.86
Bond and Interest - 1935 Account	5,689.82
Bond and Interest - 1938 Account	7,779.74
Bond and Interest - 1942 Account	3,870.51
Bond and Interest - 1949 Account	1,110.58
Liquid Fuels' Tax Fund	15.62
Sewage Advance Planning Fund	22,600.00
	<u>\$ 60,335.48</u>

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

George J. Turner, City Treasurer-Tax Collector, submitted report dated October 31st, 1952, on collection of Delinquent City Taxes for the month of October, 1952, reading as follows:

October - 1952 Delinquent City Tax Collection \$ 693.49

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated October 31st, 1952, on City Licenses issued by his office during the month of October, 1952, reading as follows:

Juke Box License	\$ 15.00
Sign License	2.00
Auction Sale License	100.00
	<u>\$ 117.00</u>

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated November 10th, 1952, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of October, 1952:

Weekly reports sent to the Medical Health Center.

Complaints received and investigated 17

Contagious diseases reported:

Chicken-pox 3

Police Officer Anthony Levenoskie resumed his duties
October 26th, 1952.

City Clerk John D. McNulty still on sick leave.

Police Officer Dominick Aritz on sick leave from
November 2nd to November 6th, inclusive.

Fire truck driver Daniel Jenkins on sick leave from
November 7th, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
Health Officer.

mTN:f

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated November 10th, 1952, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of October, 1952:

Monthly report forwarded to the Bureau of Standard Weights and Measures, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	6	1
Platform Scales	8	2
Counter Scales	39	3
Prescription Scales	3	0

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f

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

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

Joseph A. Walsh, Director of Accounts and Finance, submitted report dated November 12th, 1952, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

Airport Sand & Gravel Co.	Sand	\$ 3.96
Barber Motor Company	Repair parts	12.75
Commercial Gas Corp.	Demurrage on tanks	1.80
Consumers' Gas & Oil Company	Sept. '52 - gas and oil	162.40
Egan Oil & Supply Company	Oct. '52 - gas and oil	160.37
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Oct. '52 - water for offices	11.55
C. F. Goeringer Const. Co.	Blacktop	58.45
Ed. Keating's Service Station	New tire, vulc. tires, etc.	111.00
Klein Auto Parts Company	Repair parts	58.75
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Office supplies	2.95
Ludwig's Hardware Company	Batteries, mopheads, etc.	34.78
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Cement, pipe, etc.	27.93
Pittston Oil Company	Oct. '52 - gas and oil	150.40
Scranton Electric Company	Light service: Sept. 10-Oct. 9	66.62

Cont'd.

Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Water service: Oct. 1 - Jan. 1	\$ 21.99
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Oct. '52 - hydrant rental	153.34
W. H. Stewart, Inc.	Sewer rods, tools, etc.	142.20

\$ 1181.24

Respectfully submitted,

JAW:f /s/ Joseph A. Walsh
 Joseph A. Walsh, Director of the
 Dept. of Accounts and Finance.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved for payment when sufficient funds are available.

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., November 10th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from City Solicitor J. Earl Langan:

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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of letter received from the Scranton Electric Company, with reference to the property owned by them, which is proposed as the site for the Sewerage Disposal Plant. The print referred to in the letter has been forwarded to City Engineer Reilly.

Very truly yours,

JEL:LR /s/ J. Earl Langan
Enc. 1

Enclosure:

November 7, 1952.

J. Earl Langan, Attorney-at-Law
 Cash Store Building
 Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing one (1) print Re-1 of the Property Plot of our Pittston Plant marked in red to show the minimum area of ownership which we must reserve for our overhead and underground facilities. With the exception of this area marked in red, we are willing to consider an offer from the City of Pittston to purchase the remainder of the Pittston Plant property.

I would like to emphasize that the electrical facilities which we must retain on the reserved portion of the property will be necessary to supply electric power and lighting service to the proposed sewage plant as well as other customers in this area.

Certain buildings are shown on the print which have long since been removed.

Very truly yours,

/s/ D. J. Connell

DJC:k

cc: Mr. Shideler

Vice President and
Assistant General Manager.

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

Communication dated Pittston Pennsylvania, November 10th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from the Property Owners' Association, 90 S. Main St., City:

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

Gentlemen:

Kindly be advised that we, the Property Owners' Association of Pittston, Pennsylvania, are unalterably opposed to the proposed new Sewage System at this time as we feel it would involve an expense which the property owners are unable to stand in view of the heavy taxes already being paid by them.

/s/ Eugene Rinaldi Pres.

/s/ Vincent Scalzo Secretary

/s/ Angelo Mogavero Treasurer

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

A lengthy discussion followed the reading of the above communication, after which Mayor Allardyce suggested that all members of Council and Mr. Rinaldi go to Harrisburg with the plans now in the possession of the City to get a final opinion from officials of the State Sanitary Board.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, it was decided that City Council together with Mr. Rinaldi go to Harrisburg with the plans.

City Solicitor J. Earl Langan then suggested that a conference be arranged with State Engineer Bernard Bush and that city officials be guided by the outcome of the conference as to the advisability of the Harrisburg trip. Mr. Langan was thereupon directed to arrange for the meeting with Mr. Bush and advise City Council accordingly.

Francis J. Lenahan of 112 Market Street, a member of the taxpayers group present, called attention of City Council to a water condition existing on the street where his property is located. He stated that water lodges there for long periods of time.

Mr. Reilly, the City Engineer, informed Mr. Lenahan and Council that the Pagnotti enterprises was responsible for repairs to the sewer at that location.

Mayor Allardyce immediately directed City Solicitor J. Earl Langan and City Engineer John J. Reilly to communicate with Louis Pagnotti and instruct him to have a representative at the next meeting of City Council to make known the intention of the Coal Company regarding repairs to the sewer.

Communication dated Jersey City, N. J., October 31, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company:

Department of Highways
City of Pittston
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

It has been our custom in previous years to write you about this time of the year concerning trouble which we seem to experience every winter season due to highway crossings over our tracks not being properly cleaned of snow, resulting in the front rims of wheels of an engine truck derailling. Last season we had three such derailments, one of which was very serious. You can appreciate that even a small amount of ice or frozen cinders in a flangeway will set up a condition whereby derailment may occur and which would result in serious loss of life or injuries.

It is very important during the operation of snow plows over grade crossings, that the rail flanges be cleared after the passing of drags, blade machines, scrapers and other equipment to prevent personal injury and property damage.

Will you please issue instructions to your employees and contractors who are engaged for this work to clean the flanges after the passing of any piece of equipment which might deposit material, snow or ice in the flange area?

Very truly yours,

/s/ L. P. Zeigler

Superintendent.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the attention of the Street Superintendent.

Postal Notice dated November 6, 1952, reading as follows, was received from the Scranton Electric Company:

NOTICE TO ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS

Increases for Electric Service Under
Tariff Rates DS, CS, LP, E. J.

A revision of electric rates is necessary in order to relieve the burden of increased costs for coal, freight, labor, materials, taxes, particularly Federal Income taxes, and other operating needs, and to provide sound financial stability essential to rendering highly efficient and dependable service to the public. Accordingly we find it necessary to file a revised tariff with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission increasing the rates for electric service under the above schedules to become effective January 7, 1953.

For the majority of our residential customers (DS), the increase will be less than 2 cents a day. The other customer groups affected likewise will be raised moderately.

The revised tariff is posted and available for your inspection at all Company offices.

THE SCRANTON ELECTRIC COMPANY

November 6, 1952.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, City Council went on record as opposed to any increase; the City Clerk directed to forward formal protest to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Permit applications dated November 1st and November 7th respectively, were submitted as follows:

Vincent Gorzkowski
723 York Avenue
Avoca, Pennsylvania

To raze building at 91
S. Main St., City
(Curran's Cafe)

Veterans of Foreign Wars
29 Water St., City

To erect sidewalk sign at the
above address.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permits were granted subject to approval by the proper department authorities.

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

A P P R O V E D

November 25th, 1952.

YEAS		NAYS
Yes	WALSH	
Yes	KEHOE	
Yes	COLLINS	
Yes	INFANTINO	
Yes	ALLARDYCE (MAYOR)	

ATTEST

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, 1952, AT 8:10 P.M., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, November 25th, 1952, at 8:10 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor John J. Allardyce presiding and all members of City Council present.

Minutes of meeting of Wednesday, November 12th, 1952, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated November 13th, 1952, on collection of Amusement Taxes for the months of July, August, September and October, 1952 reading as follows:

July - August '52 collections:

Theatres	\$ 3,878.25
Races (Bone Stadium)	2,181.44
Social	13.74
	<u>\$ 6,073.43</u>
Pittston School Dist. share	3,036.72
Pittston City Share (50%)	<u>\$ 3,036.71</u>

September - October '52 collections:

Theatres	\$ 3,861.04
Athletics	150.63
Bone Stadium	2,520.92
	<u>\$ 6,532.59</u>
Pittston School Dist. share	3,266.30
Pittston City Share (50%)	<u>\$ 3,266.29</u>

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above reports were approved and ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 4361. Pittston, Penna., November 25th, 1952. BE IT RESOLVED,
by the Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, the City of Pittston is required under orders issued by the Sanitary Water Board of the Department of Health of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to submit plans and specifications for the construction of sanitary sewage treatment works and appurtenances, and

WHEREAS, the failure of said City to submit said plans and specifications has caused the matter to be referred to the Pennsylvania Department of Justice for appropriate action and compelled the appearance of its officials before the Attorney General of Pennsylvania, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice insists upon compliance by the said City with the statutory law of the State and the rules and regulations of the Sanitary Water Board, and

WHEREAS, City Council has already signified its desire and intention to cooperate with the Public Services Committee of the Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce in the proposed survey sponsored by it with reference to the sewage treatment problem in Wyoming Valley, and

WHEREAS, full compliance with the law, rules and regulations of the Sanitary Water Board and cooperation with the said Public Services Committee requires the completion of the plans and specifications in a manner fully satisfactory to the said Sanitary Water Board of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, such plans and specifications to be prepared by a registered engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Pittston and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that:

1. The City of Pittston enter into a contract with Frederick Ferriss, Registered Engineer, for the preparation and completion of such plans and specifications as may be necessary and will be approved by the Sanitary Water Board of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, or any other State or Federal Agency, and will comply with all laws, rules and regulations whatsoever, pertaining to said plans and specifications and sewage treatment plants.

2. That the Solicitor prepare and the proper officials be authorized to enter into a written contract with said Frederick Feriss for furnishing and performing complete engineering services necessary for complete and detailed plans and specifications as stated herein.

3. That the compensation payable to said engineer for said services be twice the one-half of engineering cost of 1.7% approved by the Sanitary Water Board to be payable as a State grant, or 3.4% of the estimated cost of the sewage treatment works, with all its appurtenances considered by the Board to be an integral part of a sewage treatment installation. Said compensation to be payable one-half within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice from the Sanitary Water Board that the plans and specifications are preliminarily approved and the remaining one-half within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice from said Board that they have been finally approved.

4. That the said contract contain such terms and provisions as will cause the said Engineer to prepare plans and specifications as will enable the City to fully comply with all laws, rules and regulations, and the compensation of the Engineer be based upon the estimated figure as determined by the Sanitary Water Board".

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Walsh "no"; Mr. Kehoe "no"; Mr. Collins "yes"; Mr. Infantino "yes"; Mr. Allardyce "yes", the above Resolution was adopted.

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., November 13th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from Fort Pittston Post No. 635, Francis L. Mesaris, Co-Chairman Armistice Day Program:

Hon. John J. Allardyce, Mayor
City Hall,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Mayor:

I wish to extend to you the sincerest thanks of the membership of Post 635, V. F. W., Pittston, Penna., for your cooperation in making our Armistice Day Program a success.

Your appearance in the parade and the address given by you was greatly appreciated. We also thank you for granting the permission necessary for us to conduct the parade and the program.

Once again, on behalf of the committee in charge and all the members of this Post, we thank you.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Francis L. Mesaris

Francis L. Mesaris, Co-Chairman.

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

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., November 13th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from Fort Pittston Post No. 635, Francis L. Mesaris, Co-Chairman Armistice Day Program:

Pittston City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

I wish to extend to you the sincerest thanks of the membership of this Post for your cooperation in making our Armistice Day Program the success that it was.

The appearance of the members of Council in our parade and on the speaker's platform displayed the good-fellowship needed by all of us.

Once again, in behalf of the committee in charge and all the members of this Post, we thank you.

Sincerely yours;

/s/ Francis L. Mesaris

Francis L. Mesaris
Co-Chairman.

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

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, November 13th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

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

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 5th, 1952, enclosing certified copy of Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Pittston at meeting held Tuesday, October 28th, 1952, protesting the proposal of the Pittston Gas Company to increase rates effective January 1, 1953, and requesting that a public hearing be held.

No public hearing is held upon a proposal of a public utility company to increase rates unless the Commission takes action to suspend the rates and institutes a complaint on its own motion or unless a formal complaint is filed by the public.

Under the provisions of the Public Utility Law, a utility company initiates rates and makes them effective by filing them with the Commission upon notice to the public. The Commission then makes a study of the company's proposal and, if it finds that the rates will not produce excessive earnings and takes

no action to suspend them, they go into effect automatically as published.

Your procedure to bring this matter before the Commission and to have a hearing is to file a formal complaint alleging that the rates are unjust and unreasonable.

We are enclosing a set of formal complaint forms which you can use in filing the complaint on behalf of the City and we call your attention to the instructions for executing and filing the complaint set forth on the reverse side of the form.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Carl A. Strait

for J. A. WALTER
Secretary.

Enclosures.

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

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, November 18th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from the League of Cities of the Third Class in Pennsylvania, Office of the Secretary:

John J. Allardyce, Mayor
Pittston, Pennsylvania

My dear Mayor Allardyce:

A few weeks ago we held a most successful convention in the City of Easton. With the close of the convention our thoughts turned toward a new year in our organization.

With the legislature in session, 1953 should be another year calling for added service of our League officials in the interest of our member cities. With this thought in mind we are urging you to continue your cooperation with us in order that we might keep our organization in the forefront of municipal groups in Pennsylvania.

Budget time is here and we are asking that you include in your 1953 appropriations the sum of \$145.00 covering the dues of your city in the League, which as you know under our present dues schedule is based on 1950 census figures.

Trusting that we might have your help in all of our undertakings on behalf of the Cities of the Third Class, we remain,

Very truly yours,

THE LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE
THIRD CLASS IN PENNSYLVANIA

/s/

Chester E. Rogers
Chester E. Rogers, 1.
Secretary.

CER:t

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed and request contained therein considered in 1953 Budget.

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., November 25th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from the Pittston Property Owners' Assoc.:

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL:

We, the property Owners' Association of the City of Pittston after due deliberation and very careful consideration, are taking this means of being put on record as being unalterably opposed to the payment of the \$22,000.00 or any portion thereof to any Engineer or Engineers for services in connection with drawing plans, etc., for the new Sewage Disposal System at this time.

There are some matters in connection therewith which we feel needs further study and clarification, particularly the manner in which the funds are to be raised to reimburse the authorities for the money which we understand is advanced as a loan to be repaid at a later date.

Your cooperation along the above lines is respectfully invited.

/s/ Eugene Rinaldi

/s/ Angelo Mogavero

/s/ Vincent Scalzo

Copies:

John Allardyce, Mayor
Joseph A. Walsh - Councilman
Thomas J. Kehoe - Councilman
Chas. J. Infantino - Councilman
Patrick J. Collins - Councilman

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

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the Sullivan Park Committee was granted permission to connect to water line on Center Street, subject to same provisions as extended to the Little League, namely, that this connection be made at no expense to the City, and the water bill be paid directly to the Scranton-Spring Brook Water Company.

Permit application dated November 17th, 1952, was submitted by Joseph Rucko, Dock Street, City, to remodel store front and add extension of 6' x 42' to building at cost of \$500.00.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted subject to approval by the proper department authorities.

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

A P P R O V E DDecember 9th, 1952.YEASNAYS

Yes	WALSH
Absent	KEHOE
Yes	COLLINS
Yes	INFANTINO
Yes	ALLARDYCE (MAYOR)

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

ATTEST:

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 1952, AT 7:50 P.M., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, December 9th, 1952, at 7:50 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor John J. Allardyce presiding and all members of City Council present with the exception of Councilman Thomas J. Kehoe.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, November 25th, 1952, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor John J. Allardyce submitted report dated December 5th, 1952, of parking meter fees, parking violations and fines received by his department for the month of November, 1952, reading as follows:

<u>November 1st, 1952</u>	<u>November 30th, 1952</u>
Parking Meter Fees	\$ 927.00
Parking Violations	36.00
Fines	10.00
	<u>\$ 973.00</u>

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated November 29th, 1952, of receipts and disbursements by his office during the month of November, 1952, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, November 1st, 1952	\$ 60,335.48
Receipts During the Month	11,335.74
	<u>\$ 71,671.22</u>
Warrants Paid During the Month	\$ 16,761.01
Cash on Hand, November 29th, 1952	54,910.21
	<u>\$ 71,671.22</u>

Cash on Hand, November 29th, 1952, distributed
to the following funds:

General Fund	\$ 7,702.52
Bond and Interest - 1923 Account	5,216.38
Bond and Interest - 1935 Account	6,069.32
Bond and Interest - 1938 Account	7,947.30
Bond and Interest - 1942 Account	4,120.88
Bond and Interest - 1949 Account	1,238.19
Liquid Fuels' Tax Fund	15.62
Sewage Advance Planning Fund	22,600.00
	<u>\$ 54,910.21</u>

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

City Treasurer-Tax Collector George J. Turner, submitted report on collection of Delinquent City Taxes for the month of November, 1952, reading as follows:

November - 1952 Delinquent Tax
Collections \$ 3,510.32

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated November 29th, 1952, on City Licenses issued by his office during the month of November, 1952, reading as follows:

Sidewalk Sign License \$ 2.00

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated December 5th, 1952, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of November, 1952:

Monthly report forwarded to the Medical Health Center.

Health Licenses issued 72
(\$72.00 deposited with City Treasurer).

Police Officer Anthony Levenoskie on sick leave from
November 24th, 1952.

Police Officer Wilbert Leppert on sick leave from
November 22nd to December 1st, 1952.

City Clerk John D. McNulty still on sick leave.

Fire Truck Driver Daniel Jenkins resumed his duties
December 1st, 1952.

Complaints received and investigated 14

No contagious diseases reported during the month.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/

Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
Health Officer.

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated December 5th, 1952, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of November, 1952:

Monthly report forwarded to the Bureau of Standard Weights and Measures, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Counter Scales	36	3
Person Scales	7	0
Other Platform Scales	10	2
Beam Scales	7	1

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f

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

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

Director of Accounts and Finance Joseph A. Walsh, submitted report dated December 9th, 1952, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

Barber Motor Company	Carburetor	\$ 5.20
Bell Telephone Company of Penna.	Oct. - Nov. '52 phone service	144.46
Bell Telephone Company of Penna.	Nov. '52 mobile phone service	31.75
Vincent E. Churchfield	Traffic signal repairs	7.48
Commercial Gas Corporation	Demurrage	1.80
Consumers' Gas & Oil Company	Nov. '52 - gas and oil	162.40
Sidney Darby	Painting signs	14.00
Eagen Hardware Company	Calcium chloride, lockwashers, screws, etc.	22.04
Egan Oil & Supply Company	#20 veedol oil	49.72

Cont'd.

Jack Friedman Electric Supply	Light bulbs, fuses, etc.	\$ 8.40
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Nov. '52 - water for offices	7.80
H. C. Harding	Typewriter repairs	5.00
Kehoe-Berge Coal Company	Fuel	112.70
Klein Auto Parts Company	Point set	1.19
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Calendar set, clips, pencils, paper, etc.	20.70
Ludwig's Hardware	Batteries, valve, etc.	24.28
Luzerne Legal Register	1953 subscription	5.00
Howard Miller	Fire alarm system repairs	82.36
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Terra cotta pipe	14.83
Pittston Gazette	Assessment books, tax duplicates, tax cards, etc.	457.60
Pittston Oil Company	Drum #90 oil	12.22
Pittston Plate Glass Company	Truck door glass	11.10
Pittston Publishing Company	Health license forms	40.00
Reliable Spring Service Sta.	Center bolt	.20
M. H. Rhodes, Inc.	Meter movements	52.74
Scranton Electric Company	Oct. '52 - street lighting	1,027.60
Scranton Electric Company	Nov. '52 - street lighting	1,028.35
Scranton Electric Company	Light service:	
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Oct. 9 to Nov. 7, '52	71.99
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Nov. '52 - hydrant rental	153.34
Allan W. Smiles	Water service:	
Stackhouse Auto Electric	Sept. 16 to Nov. 18, '52	8.00
Williams' Paper Company	(6) keys - meter locks	1.90
	Truck pulley	3.86
	Towels	8.73
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		\$ 3,598.74

Respectfully submitted,

JAW:f

/s/ Joseph A. Walsh
Joseph A. Walsh, Director of the
Dept. of Accounts and Finance.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved for payment when sufficient funds are available.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, November 29th, 1952, reading as follows, was received from the Central Labor Union of Wilkes-Barre and vicinity:

City Council,
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

The Central Labor Union of Wilkes-Barre and
Vicinity thanks you for maintaining Rent Control in the
City of Pittston.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Stephen G. Demko
Stephen G. Demko
Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, 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, Pennsylvania, November 24th, 1952, reading as follows, was received from Walter W. Kohler, Attorney-at-Law:

Mayor John Allardyce,
38 Swallow Street,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

The Laurel Line Transportation Company is asking the right to transport miners from the Old Forge-Duryea-Pittston area to Hanover Township.

The enclosed copy will give you full and detailed information about the application.

Under the law the municipalities through which the proposed route is to go, must be notified of the application.

A public hearing upon this application will be held in the Court House, Scranton, Penna., on Wednesday, December 17th, 1952, at 10 o'clock A. M., when and where you and all other persons who desire to protest may appear and be heard, if they so desire. (Folder A 12086, Folder 17).

Yours truly,

/s/ Walter W. Kohler
Walter W. Kohler.

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

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., December 8th, 1952, and reading as follows, was received from John J. Reilly, City Engineer:

To Hon. Mayor and Members of Council,
City of Pittston, Luzerne County,
Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

There are several sanitary sewers in various sections of the City damaged by mine settlements and I would suggest that Council arrange a meeting with the various coal company officials to discuss repairs to the following sewers:

Alley in rear of Main Street, between Cliff and North Main Street near Ormsby Alley.

Searle, James, Market, South Main, Tompkins and John Streets; sewers damaged by mining of No. 9 Coal Company and Pennsylvania Coal Company.

William Street sewer, east of Fulton Street, damaged by Heidelberg Coal Company and Pennsylvania Coal Company.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ John J. Reilly
(per A. R.)

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John J. Reilly,
City Engineer.

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

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, December 2, 1952, reading as follows, was received from the Property Owners Protective Association:

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

Dear Mr. McNulty:

We were very much surprised to learn that Pittston City Council has authorized the execution of a contract with Frederick Ferris, Engineer, for the preparation of plans for a sewage disposal system for the City of Pittston. In view of the survey presently being made by various municipalities in Wyoming Valley, which has as its purpose the saving of a substantial sum of money for Wyoming Valley, a sum which may run into millions of dollars, we are at a loss to understand this head-long rush on the part of the City of Pittston at this time to enter into a contract which would obligate them to spend a substantial sum of money for plans and specifications for a sewage treatment plant. There is, as you know, no necessity for such haste now inasmuch as the Pennsylvania Sanitary Water Board has indicated that it will not penalize any municipality which participates in the survey now being made by the Public Service Committee of the Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce. It may very well be that as a result of this survey, the plans and specifications which you are about to prepare may be entirely useless.

We believe the proposed action is not only useless at this time, but may call upon the city to spend a substantial sum of money without securing anything of ultimate value in return. We urge upon you to reconsider your action and ask that you participate with other communities in the survey presently being made by Allbright and Freil, Engineers for the Public Service Committee, and withhold any action for plans and specifications with Mr. Ferris at this time.

We trust you will give this matter your serious consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ B. F. Evans

B. F. Evans
Secretary-Manager.

cc:

Hon. John J. Allardyce, Mayor.
 Mr. Joseph A. Walsh, Councilman.
 Mr. Thomas J. Kehoe, Councilman.
 Mr. Charles J. Infantino, Councilman.
 Mr. Patrick J. Collins, Councilman.
 Mr. J. Earl Langan, City Solicitor.

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

Communication dated Williamsport, Penna., December 6th, 1952, reading as follows, was received from the Susquehanna River System Flood Control Association, Inc.:

Members, Board of Directors,
 Officers, County Flood Control Associations,
 Congressmen, State Senators and Assemblymen
 County and Local Municipal Officers
 Civic, Industrial and Commercial Assn's.
 Susquehanna River Area News Publications

Gentlemen:

In serious recollection of past experiences in and, in view of the ever present danger and threat of disastrous Susquehanna River and tributary floods; it is realized that unstinted promotive action for adequate flood control is a MUST, and that to obtain the necessary objective said promotive action MUST BE vigorously and incessantly carried on until the necessary flood control construction is fully assured.

This presently defunct Association has made commendable progress toward that end, but tragically, just when it has arrived at the most crucial stage in essential negotiations; it has, through lack of necessary support, been stymied and in consequence is in a state of collapse.

For various valid reasons, including the Association's delinquency in salary obligations, its two chief officers have resigned, also several of the Board Members and another officer have ceased to function.

Without question the Association MUST BE REVIVED, reorganized and enlarged; therefore it becomes my responsibility, as the Association's Honorary President, to call an emergency meeting of all responsible, representative and vitally interested parties of the West Branch, North Branch, Juniata Branch, and Main Stem of the Susquehanna River and its tributaries in Pennsylvania, for the purpose of reorganizing and revitalizing this most necessary flood control endeavor.

You are therefore very cordially and urgently invited to attend this reorganization meeting in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in the Lycoming County Court House, at 3 P. M., E.S.T., Wednesday, December 17, 1952.

At this meeting, in addition to the election of new officers, there will be presented certain specific propositions for the Assembly's consideration, which, it is believed, will assure the Association's life and necessary vigor until its very worthy objective shall have been fully assured.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Robert F. Rich

Honorary President.

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

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was authorized to advertise for bids for the following equipment:

Police Car; New Dump Truck; New Chassis and Cab
for Dump Truck; Jeep equipped with Snowplow; Snow-
plow; Roller; Ash Spreader and Load Packer.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Collins, 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
YEAS	December 30th, 1952. NAYS							
Yes	WALSH							
Yes	KEHOE							
Yes	COLLINS							
Yes	INFANTINO							
Yes	ALLARDYCE (MAYOR)							

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

ATTEST:

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH, 1952, AT 8:10 P.M., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, December 30th, 1952, at 8:10 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor John J. Allardyce presiding and all members of City Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, December 9th, 1952, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 4362. Pittston, Pa., December 30th, 1952. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That John McAndrew be and he is hereby appointed Janitor in the Department of Public Buildings, at a salary already provided by City Ordinance, effective the first Monday in January, 1953".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4363. Pittston, Pa., December 30th, 1952. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of \$144.82 be transferred from the Department of Sts. and Public Improvements, Ash Collection, item, "Vehicle Maintenance and Repair", to the Department of Sts. and Public Improvements, item, "Wages of Laborers - Ash Collection".

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

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was authorized to open bids for major equipment as advertised and returnable at meeting of today.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, City Council recessed for the purpose of tabulation and disposal of the bids.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, contracts for major equipment were awarded the following successful bidders:

Load Packer:

GarWood Industries, Inc., Kensington & Sedgely, Philadelphia, Penna.	\$ 4230.00
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Snow Plow:

State Equipment Company 642 Market St., Kingston, Penna.	\$ 532.00
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3-ton Chassis and Cab:

International Harvester Company 341 N. River St., Wilkes-Barre, Penna.	\$ 3251.22
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Road Roller:

Allied Equipment Company Carnegie, Penna.	\$ 5260.00
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Tail-Gate Ash Spreader:

Allied Equipment Company Carnegie, Penna.	\$ 1300.00
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Jeep:

Goodwin Auto Company 651-53 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, Penna.	\$ 2356.70
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Council Gives Out Contracts For Equipment

Pittston City Council held its final session of the fading year at City Hall last night with Mayor John J. Allardice presiding and every member present.

Chief business transacted was awarding of contracts to regional firms for equipment needed for the Street Department and the municipality generally. Bids on a dump truck and patrol car for the Police Department were held over for further tabulation, but the following contracts were awarded, each to the low bidder:

Road packer, Garwood Industries, Inc., Philadelphia, \$4,230.

Snow plow, State Equipment Co., Ilke's-Barre, \$532.

Truck chassis, International Harvester Co., \$3,251.22.

Road Roller, Allied Equipment Co., \$5,260.

Jeep, Goodwin Auto Co., Kingston, \$2,356.70.

Tail-gate spreader, Allied Equipment Co., Harrisburg, \$1,300.

Councilmen Charles Infantino and Thomas Kehoe sponsored the blanket motion, after a 10 minute recess for tabulation, that the contracts be awarded to the lowest bidder and that checks be returned to unsuccessful bidders.

City Solicitor, J. Earl Langan was directed to contact the Public Utility Commission and register Council's vote of disapproval of the Laurel Line's expressed intention to remove crossing watchmen from the Pine and Market street crossings in this city.

John McAndrew, of 11 Stout street, was named janitor of City Hall at the prevailing salary. Mr. McAndrew has been acting custodian of the municipal building for a year or more.

A letter from Bernard I. Harding, Scranton, engineer of the State Highway Department, conveyed the season's greetings to the Mayor and Councilmen.

Council will meet again on Friday night at 8 o'clock at which time the budget for next year will be given due consideration, it was said.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, bids on the dump truck and police car were held over for further study and award at meeting of City Council Friday, January 2nd, 1953, at 8:00 P. M., Eastern Standard Time.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was directed to return all Certified Checks to the unsuccessful bidders.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Solicitor was directed to contact the Public Utility Commission and register City Council's vote of disapproval of the Laurel Line's expressed intention to remove crossing watchmen from the Pine and Market street crossings in the City.

Communication dated Scranton 1, Pennsylvania, December 18th, 1952, reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Highways:

O. R. 041

Pittston City Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, it is a pleasure to wish you and the members of your families a truly Merry Christmas and a Very Prosperous 1953 with Good Health, Good Friends and Good Cheer.

I feel a most deep appreciation for your cooperation with the Department during the past year and look forward to a continuance of pleasant relationships in the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Bernard J. Harding

BJH/awr

Bernard J. Harding
District Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, 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. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the meeting was adjourned to meet again Friday, January 2nd, 1953, at 8:00 P. M., Eastern Standard Time.

A P P R O V E DJanuary 2nd, 1953.YEASNAYS

Yes Walsh

Yes Kehoe

Yes Collins

Yes Infantino

Absent Allardyce (Mayor)

John D. McNultyCity Clerk.

ATTEST:

John D. McNulty, City Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 1953, AT 8:55 P. M., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in special session Friday, January 2nd, 1953, at 8:55 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, with Councilman Joseph A. Walsh presiding and all members of City Council present, with the exception of Mayor John J. Allardyce.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, December 30th, 1952 were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, contract to furnish to the City of Pittston a 1953, Deluxe 4-door sedan for the Police Department was awarded to Roy Stauffer, Inc., at a cost of \$939.00 delivered.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, City Council rejected all bids on the dump truck and authorized the City Clerk to readvertise for bids for a heavier duty dump truck.

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

A P P R O V E D

January 6th, 1953.

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
Yes	WALSH
Yes	KEHOE
Yes	COLLINS
Yes	INFANTINO
Yes	ALLARDYCE (MAYOR)

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 1953, AT 8:35 P. M., E.S.T.

Pittston City Council convened in special session Tuesday, January 6th, 1953, at 8:35 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor John J. Allardyce presiding and all members of City Council present.

Minutes of special session of Friday, January 2nd, 1953, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 1 (1953-1954): "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, 1953 AND ENDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1954, was read at length for the first time.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed upon first reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 2 (1953-1954): "AN ORDINANCE FIXING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1953", was read at length for the first time.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed upon first reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 3 (1953-1954): AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM TO EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON AND PROVIDE THAT SAID EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PROVISIONS OF THE "OLD AGE AND SURVIVOR'S INSURANCE SYSTEM", was read at length for the first time.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed upon first reading.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh, submitted report dated January 6th, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following are the tentative estimated receipts for the year 1953 including both General and Sinking Funds; estimated assessed valuation including personal tax:

Estimated assessed valuation including		
personal tax: \$10,244,716 @ .019 mills	\$ 194,649.60	
Less 5% for non-collection	9,732.48	\$ 184,917.12
Delinquent Taxes		64,045.51
Poll Tax.....		3,641.00
Amusement Tax		30,000.00
Liquid Fuels' Tax		8,811.84
Liquor Licenses		14,500.00
City Licenses		4,500.00
Parking Meter Fees		12,500.00
Parking Violations		3,500.00
Fines		2,000.00
Pittston School District		8,250.00
Luzerne County Treasurer		8,250.00
Liens		2,500.00
Rental Buildings and Equipment		750.00
Pave and Curb		1,570.00

Cont'd.

Pave Cuts	\$ 530.00
Miscellaneous Refunds	2,500.00
Accounts Receivable	5,071.61
Sinking Fund	19,000.00
Proceeds - 1952 Bond Issue	29,722.67
Highway Aid - Matching Fund	1,623.26
	<u>\$ 408,183.01</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JAW:f

/s/

Joseph A. Walsh

Joseph A. Walsh, Director of the
Department of Accounts and Finance.

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

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, December 31st, 1952 and reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Highways:

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

Dear Mr. McNulty:

As per telephone conversation with your office this morning, the mine settlement on Main Street in the block between Railroad and Pine Streets which you arranged to have fixed by the Pagnotti Coal Company this summer is again in a very dangerous condition for the travelling public.

I wish you would arrange with the Coal Company for the repairs of this settlement as you did this fall as a mine settlement within a City is the responsibility of the City. However, we will be glad to cooperate with you as we have in the past.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Harradon H. Smith

HHS:r

Harradon H. Smith
Superintendent
District 4-3
Luzerne County

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

City Solicitor J. Earl Langan stated that he contacted engineers of the Pagnotti Coal Company and the State Department of Highways to have them meet with City Engineer John J. Reilly and arrange to have the street repaired.

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, January 5th, 1953, reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, State Council of Civil Defense:

Mayor John Allardyce
City Hall
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

In response to your inquiry relative to the application of the City of Pittston for approval of Federal aid for the purchase of fire equipment to be available for Civil Defense services, in the event of need for the same, I wish to advise you that the records of this office indicate the following:

Your application which is identified by FCDA #02596, was submitted in April 1952, approved by the State Council of Civil Defense under date of April 30, 1952, and subsequently by the Federal authorities.

This application requested approval of the procurement of one 750 Gal. Pumper, 1000 feet of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose, and 1000 feet of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose. It was indicated that the City of Pittston desired approval to acquire the pumper by procurement by the Federal Civil Defense Administration and delivery of the same by that agency to your municipality. The items of hose were to be procured by purchase by your municipality.

The regulations applicable to the procurement plan permitted a municipality to choose between Federal procurement and local procurement. Your application indicates that your choice was for Federal procurement of the pumper and local procurement of the hose, as is stated above.

When you have submitted forms authorizing the shipment of the pumper, and when the same is delivered to you and accepted by you, you will be billed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, State Council of Civil Defense, for one half of the cost of the same. In your specific case the amount approved for the procurement of the pumper and the delivery to you was \$13,410.00. The amount for which you can be billed is \$6755.00 this being one half of the amount approved. Your check for this amount would be forwarded to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, State Council of Civil Defense.

The procedure with respect to the procurement of the fire hose is substantially the reverse of the procedure involved in the procurement of the pumper. When you have purchased the hose you should submit to the State Council of Civil Defense a request for reimbursement. Accompanying this request you will submit four copies of the purchase order, two copies of the invoice, and two copies of your payment voucher. The amount approved for these two hose items is \$1660.00. Your request should accordingly be for \$830.00. The figure \$1660.00 represents the amount which would have been involved had the procurement been made by the Federal government. It has generally been true that this represents a cost below that which municipalities have been called upon to pay, however, many municipalities have preferred to make their procurement on a local basis even though the cost involved was greater than the amount which the Federal government was able to offer. Regulations do not permit reimbursement for such purchase in excess of one half of the cost figure which the Federal government has established. This plan of operation would have been likewise applicable had your application indicated that it was your desire to procure the pumper by local purchase, in other words, the maximum amount any municipality can receive as a credit toward the purchase of any

pumper is that to which you are entitled - \$ 6755.00 - regardless of the actual cost involved through a local purchase plan.

The reason for the options of manner of procurement, by the Federal government or by local purchase, was designed to give both the Federal agency and the municipality the benefit of such lower cost as might result from the purchase of equipment in quantity. While some communities choose to make their own procurement of all items in which they were interested many others chose, as you did, to have the Federal government make certain purchases. So far as I know, a saving did result to those communities which chose to have the Federal government make the purchase and the delivery.

Let me know if I can be of assistance to you at any time.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Joseph S. McCracken

Joseph S. McCracken
Education and Training Division
State Council of Civil Defense.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor; proper authorities directed to sign all papers with reference to purchase of the pumper; City Clerk to advertise for bids to purchase fire hose.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the award for repairs to the City Hall building was granted to John Bright in accordance with the terms of his bid submitted August 12th, 1952; the City Clerk directed to return the Certified Check to the unsuccessful bidder.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present as follows: Mr. Walsh - "No"; Mr. Kehoe "No"; Mr. Collins - "Yes"; Mr. Infantino - "Yes"; Mr. Allardyce - "Yes", proper officers were authorized to execute contract to proceed with the adoption of plans and other matters incidental to establishing a Sewage Disposal Plant in Pittston City, as presented by City Solicitor J. Earl Langan.

Permit applications dated January 6th, 1953, were submitted as follows:

Angelo Sciandra
101 Dorrance Avenue
Wyoming, Penna.

To erect a new building at the corner of S. Main and Pine Streets, Pittston City, for purpose of establishing a dress factory (Ann Lee Frocks) at a cost of \$70,000.00

Herman O. Stahl
174 Mill Street
Pittston, Penna.

To erect a garage at the above address at a cost of \$600.00.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permits were granted subject to approval by the proper department authorities.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, all bills covered under the Bond Issue of 1952 be authorized for payment and that payment for the equipment ordered by competitive bids, funds for which were provided by the said Bond Issue, be also authorized when the equipment is received, inspected and approved.

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

A P P R O V E D

January 27th, 1953.

YEAS

NAYS

Yes

WALSH

Yes

KEHOE

Yes

COLLINS

Yes

INFANTINO

Yes

ALLARDYCE (MAYOR)

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

ATTESTED:

JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

PITTSSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 1953, AT 8:10 P. M., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, January 27th, 1953, at 8:10 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor John J. Allardyce presiding and all members of City Council present.

Minutes of special session of Tuesday, January 6th, 1953, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor John J. Allardyce submitted report dated January 9th, 1953, of parking meter fees, parking violations and fines received by his department for the month of December, 1952, reading as follows:

December 1st, 1952 December 31st, 1952.

Parking Meter Fees	\$	726.00
Parking Violations		44.00
Fines		10.00
	\$	<u>780.00</u>

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated January 5, 1953 of receipts and disbursements by his office during the month of December, 1952, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, December 1st, 1952	\$	54,910.21
Receipts During the Month		140,604.12
	\$	<u>195,514.33</u>
Warrants Paid During the Month	\$	123,257.77
Cash on Hand, January 5, 1953		72,256.56
	\$	<u>195,514.33</u>

Cash on Hand, January 5, 1953, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$	1,134.59
Bond and Interest - 1923 Account		4,671.66
Bond and Interest - 1935 Account		6,453.30
Bond and Interest - 1938 Account		3,780.88
Bond and Interest - 1942 Account		4,292.13
Bond and Interest - 1949 Account		1,336.36
Bond and Interest - 1952 Account		27,948.67
Liquid Fuels' Tax Fund		38.97
Sewage Advance Planning Fund		22,600.00
	\$	<u>72,256.56</u>

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated January 5th, 1953, on collection of delinquent city taxes for the month of December, 1952, reading as follows:

December - 1952 Delinquent City Tax Collections	\$	4,428.91
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WEATHER

Clearing and colder tonight except for a few snow flurries. Thursday, fair and moderately cold.

Pittston

103d YEAR

WEEKLY ESTABLISHED 1850
DAILY EST. BY THEO. HART, 1882

Eisenhower

CITY BUDGET FOR \$408,183 WAS PASSED ON FINAL READING

Pittston City Council unanimously adopted its 1953 budget totaling \$408,183.01 and the tax ordinance levying 19 mills on real property, together with a poll tax of \$1 on all male inhabitants of the city over 21 years of age on final reading last night.

The tax millage is the same as last year, 15 mills being levied for general purposes and 4 mills for sinking fund purposes.

The new budget is \$35,627.11 less than the 1952 budget of \$443,810.12, the reduction resulting mainly from a decrease in the loan in indebtedness of the city of \$20,000 from \$50,000 to \$30,000 and a reduction in bills payable of \$10,967.70 from \$41,770.63 to \$30,802.93.

The budget adopted on final reading is identical with the budget passed tentatively on first reading several weeks ago, no changes having been made in appropriations to various departments and published at that time. All other aspects of the budget are the same as contained in the original budget.

There is no provision in the new budget for salary increases.

One of the features of the budget, however, is the extension of Social Security coverage for all employees and officers of the city. City Clerk John D. McNulty was directed to draw up a plan for salary deductions from employees and for the city's contribution to the cost to be submitted to the State Agency, under the provisions of the Enabling Act 491. An allocation of \$2,000 has been made in the budget to cover the city's contribution to the Social Security cost.

Mayor John J. Allardyce presided at the session at which all members were present.

A lengthy discussion on the sewage disposal system followed the reading of a communication from State Engineer Bernard Bush acknowledging receipt of copies of the contract entered into between Engineer Frederick Ferris and the City of Pittston for plans for the sewage disposal system.

The letter informed council that the material submitted is "accepted and endorsed", being preliminary in nature pending submission of final plans.

The letter also advised council to proceed immediately to formulate a program for construction and financing the sewage disposal system and setting up of an Authority for the sewage disposal program.

Immediately following the reading of the letter a resolution was adopted authorizing the payment of \$17,000 on account to Engineer Frederick Ferris for the plans submitted to the State Water Board.

Councilman Joseph Walsh and Thomas Kehoe cast dissenting votes on the resolution and on receiving a filing of the Bush letter. Mayor Allardyce and Councilman Patrick Collins and Charles Infantino voted affirmatively in both instances. In the discussion which followed, Councilman Kehoe explained that the only reason for his opposition to the approval of the contract with Mr. Ferris and subsequent measures pertaining to the plans was that he held that in all fairness and from a practical standpoint other engineers should have been invited to submit plans so that a variety of ideas could be obtained. The \$17,000 to be paid Mr. Ferris will be disbursed from the \$22,000 loan grant from the Federal Works Agency for the preparation of plans which has been held in escrow for this purpose for some time by the city.

Eugene Rinaldi, South Main street merchant and president of Pittston City Property Owners' Association, led the discussion on the sewage disposal problem, during which former objections were repeated and reaffirmed and the council's position outlined by Solicitor J. Earl Langan who reminded that Pittston City officials were cited by the State Department of Justice for the delinquency in complying with the State mandate to proceed with plans for the sewage disposal system and the case referred to the State Attorney General to proceed against city officials under the provisions and penalties of the Clean Streams Act.

Mr. Rinaldi argued that the city is not in financial position to meet the cost of the sewage disposal system and the taxpayers will be unable to shoulder the burden of such a costly undertaking.

Daniel Cardascia was among the representatives of the Taxpayers' Association present who participated briefly in the discussion.

At one point in the discussion Solicitor Langan pointed out that, in his opinion, Pittston City has obtained the most advantageous contract for plans of any contracts he has inspected.

A resolution was adopted authorizing Solicitor Langan to engage real estate experts and consulting counsel in preparation for the pending

appeal on the assessments on the Newrose Building, South Main and Spring streets.

A resolution of condolence was adopted on the death of Patrolman Anthony Levenoski, a member of the police department for 10 years.

Bids on a 2½ ton truck for the Street Department were opened and referred to council as a committee of the whole and City Mechanic James Halford. Bidders were King-Wilkes, Kingston, G. M. C. truck, \$3,765.34; Caprari Motors, of West Pittston, Dodge, \$3,800; International Harvester, Wilkes-Barre, International truck, \$3,482.29; Mack Sales and Service, Forty Fort, Mack truck, \$4,049.

Francis Earley, secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board, was directed to arrange for examinations for positions in the Police Department and to submit the first four high names on the list as the result of the examination to council.

City Clerk McNulty was directed to advertise for bids for fire hose.

Pennsylvania Coal Co., petitioned for a reduction in the assessments on its buildings at No. 4 Shaft, Ewen Colliery, in the Tenth Ward from \$10,000 to \$5,000 since the shaft is no longer being operated.

Mayor Allardyce submitted his report for December showing collections of \$780, divided as follows: Meters, \$726; traffic violation fines, \$44; other fines, \$10.

Report of City Treasurer George Turner showed a general fund balance on Dec. 31 of \$1,134 and collections as follows: Delinquent taxes, \$4,428.91; amusement tax, \$5,796.65, (only one half to be retained by the city and other half to be forwarded to Pittston City School Board); licenses, \$160.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb submitted her reports as Health Officer and Sealer of Weights and Measures and they were ordered filed.

Edward J. Burke spoke for the Community Ambulance Rescue Service Association, and inquired regarding facilities the city might be able to provide for housing the Community Ambulance, which Mr. Burke said will be purchased within a short while. Council agreed to confer with association representatives regarding the problem.

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated December 31, 1952, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of December, 1952, reading as follows:

City Licenses \$ 160.00

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated January 16th, 1953, on collection of Amusement Tax for the months of November and December, 1952, reading as follows:

Athletics	\$ 790.92
Theatres	5,005.73
Total Collections	\$ 5,796.65
Pittston School Dist. share (50%)	<u>2,898.33</u>
City of Pittston share	<u>\$ 2,898.32</u>

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated January 27th, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of December, 1952:

Weekly reports sent to the Medical Health Center.

Complaints received and investigated 16

Cases of mumps reported 1

Police Officer Dominick Aritz on sick leave from December 26th, 1952 to January 19th, 1953.

Police Officer Robert Mullen on sick leave from January 19th, 1953.

Fire Truck Driver Daniel Jenkins on sick leave from December 9th, 1952.

Fire Truck Driver Joseph Dwyer on sick leave from January 6th, 1953.

City Clerk John D. McNulty, resumed his duties on January 5th, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f

/s/

Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer.

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated January 27th, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of December, 1952:

Monthly report forwarded to the Bureau of Standard Weights and Measures, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Beam Scales	6	0
Personal Scales	5	0
Counter Scales	33	2
Other Platform Scales	7	1

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f

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

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

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 1 (1953 - 1954 Session). "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBTS AND EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF PITTSSTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1953 AND ENDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1954, was read at length for the second time.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed upon second reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 1 (1953 - 1954 Session). "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBTS AND EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF PITTSSTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1953 AND ENDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1954, was read at length for the third time.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was approved and adopted upon third and final reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 2 (1953 - 1954 Session). "AN ORDINANCE FIXING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1953", was read at length for the second time.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed upon second reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 2 (1953 - 1954 Session). "AN ORDINANCE FIXING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1953", was read at length for the third time.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was approved and adopted upon third and final reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 3 (1953 - 1954 Session). "AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM TO EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF PITTSSTON AND PROVIDE THAT SAID EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PROVISIONS OF THE "OLD AGE AND SURVIVOR'S INSURANCE SYSTEM", was read at length for the second time.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed upon second reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 3 (1953 - 1954 Session). "AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM TO EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF PITTSSTON AND PROVIDE THAT SAID EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PROVISIONS OF THE "OLD AGE AND SURVIVOR'S INSURANCE SYSTEM", was read at length for the third time.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was approved and adopted upon third and final reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 4364. Pittston, Pa., January 27th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the City Solicitor be and is hereby authorized to engage real estate experts and associate counsel in connection with the pending appeal from the assessment of the Newrose Building".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4365. Pittston, Pa., January 27th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, God in His Infinite Wisdom has called to his eternal reward Police Officer Anthony Levenoskie, and

WHEREAS, he served the people of Pittston well and honorably,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Pittston and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same that condolences be extended to his family, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to his family".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4366. Pittston, Pa., January 27th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, the City of Pittston has executed a contract with Frederick Ferris with reference to the preparation of plans and specifications in connection with the erection of a proposed sewerage treatment plant, and

WHEREAS, the said contract provides for the payment of 50% of the compensation for the preparation of said plans and specifications based upon 3.4% of the estimated costs of said plant within 30 days after preliminary approval of said plans, and

WHEREAS, by letter received from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, dated January 15th, 1953, it appears that such preliminary approval has been given.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Pittston and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same that the payment of \$17,000.00 to Frederick Ferris, on account of compensation payable under said contract be and is hereby authorized and approved".

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Walsh "No"; Mr. Kehoe "No"; Mr. Collins "Yes"; Mr. Infantino "Yes" Mr. Allardyce "Yes", the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 4367. Pittston, Pa., January 27th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the Civil Service Examining Board certify to the City Council the next four (4) names on the list of applicants for the position of police officer having the highest rating".

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

Communication dated Scranton, Pennsylvania, January 7th, 1953, and reading as follows, was received from the Pennsylvania Coal Company, F. V. Lynn, Secretary:

John J. Allardyce, Mayor
City Hall
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Mayor:

Our No. 4 Shaft workings, as you probably know, were abandoned in April, 1952. The buildings and structures on the surface have not been in use since that time and the windows and doors have been boarded.

The No. 4 Shaft improvements are in the Tenth Ward. The present assessed valuation of these improvements is \$10,000.00.

We would appreciate it if your Board of Revision and Appeal would reduce this valuation to \$5,000.00 while the property is inactive.

Very truly yours,

/s/

F. V. Lynn.

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

Copy of communication, dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, January 14th, 1953, reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Health:

Sewerage - Application No. A-1091
Pittston
Luzerne County

Mr. J. Earl Langan, City Solicitor,
Cash Block Building
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Langan:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 13, 1953, transmitting five copies of an engineering contract between Consulting Engineer Frederick Ferris and the City of Pittston in connection with fulfillment of the Sanitary Water Board's order to Pittston for the preparation of plans for the treatment of sewage from the City of Pittston. Receipt of these contract copies fulfills the requirement with respect to Pittston City's application for grant-in-aid, the application for which has been held in this office since May 19, 1949 pending receipt of the required contract copies. Please be advised both the application and contracts as required will be forwarded to the Central Office for consideration.

Relative to your request for preliminary approval of the material which has already been submitted in connection with this application, please be advised that such formal approval is not given. However, as soon as possible we will write you concerning the status of the application, plans, reports, etc., relative to acceptance thereof as preliminary material.

I wish to take this opportunity to remind the City of Pittston of the fact that because of its delinquency with respect to failure to submit satisfactory construction plans and failure to start construction of sewage treatment works in accordance with Sanitary Water Board directives, the city was referred to the Department of Justice for appropriate action. As was explained in meetings with Council, the matter of completing plans is imperative but does not deter the city from following our urgent suggestions that council give serious consideration to setting up a financial program and if necessary, creation of an authority in order to fulfill the city's obligations.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Bernard S. Bush

Bernard S. Bush,
District Sanitary Engineer.

BSB:jb
cc to Mr. Frederick Ferris
Mr. John D. McNulty.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins and by vote upon Roll Call of members present:- Mr. Walsh "No"; Mr. Kehoe "No"; Mr. Collins "Yes"; Mr. Infantino "Yes"; Mr. Allardyce "Yes", the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Copy of communication dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, January 15, 1953, reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Health:

Sewerage - Application No. A-1091
Pittston
Luzerne County

Mayor and Members of Council,
City Hall,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

On January 13, 1953, your Solicitor Mr. J. Earl Langan wrote us a letter transmitting five copies of a contract between the City and Frederick Ferris, Consulting Engineer, which constitutes fulfillment of a requirement in making application for grant-in-aid from the Commonwealth for preparation of plans, which material was to be incorporated with the above application received in this office May 19, 1949. We also understand that consummation of the contract is, at least in part, in accordance with requirements of the Department of Justice.

In his letter Mr. Langan requested that the city be furnished with a certificate of preliminary approval of plans, etc., which have been submitted. Formal preliminary certification is not given as such. However, we are herein setting forth facts and information which will indicate that the material was accepted and endorsed being preliminary in nature pending submission of final detail plans, etc., upon which we could recommend final approval to the Sanitary Water Board.

Under date of May 31, 1949, in accordance with a request from the Federal Works Agency, Division Engineer C. H. Young wrote Mr. W. J. Finley, District Engineer, in connection with the Federal loan in which Pittston was involved. The second paragraph of his letter is as follows:

"In accordance with your request to be advised as to the status of sewerage plans and specifications involving the release of the final payment of Federal Works Agency funds, this is to inform you that the aforesaid plans and accompanying data have been examined by the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering, which finds that these plans provide for the conveyance of the sewage of the City to a suitable site for treatment and are satisfactory to the Bureau. The degree of sewage treatment proposed is in excess of that required, although the plans have been prepared so that either the primary treatment units or the complete plant can be constructed, and the general bases of design, the capacities of the plant units, and their arrangement are satisfactory to the Bureau".

Mr. Young's letter resulted from recommendations of this office following our review of the preliminary report, plans, etc. Subsequently upon further study and review this office wrote letters to the consulting engineer under dates of March 6, 1949 and April 17, 1951 advising that upon preliminary study, it had been found that before final review and study could be made, additional information,

revisions and corrections would be necessary. Up to this time such information has not been forthcoming. However, we understand that with consummation of the above referred to contract, Pittston City plans to complete all requirements in order that favorable action may be taken upon the request contained in the application and issue a permit therefor.

As in past correspondence and personal conferences with Council, we again urge the expeditious submission of the final detail plans, specifications, etc., and that Pittston City take immediate steps to formulate a construction program.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Bernard S. Bush

BSB:jb

Bernard S. Bush
District Sanitary Engineer.

cc to Mr. Robert J. Trace
Mr. J. Earl Langan
Mr. Frederick Ferris
Mr. John D. McNulty

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present:- Mr. Walsh "No"; Mr. Kehoe "No"; Mr. Collins "Yes"; Mr. Infantino "Yes"; Mr. Allardyce "Yes", the above communication was ordered received and filed.

Communication dated Jersey City 2, N. J., January 5th, 1953, reading as follows, was received from L. P. Zeigler, Superintendent Lehigh Valley Railroad Company:

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

Dear Sir:

Herewith proposed agreement with the City of Pittston, Penna., covering undergrade sewer pipe crossing at Mile Post 184.923, Pittston Town Track, Benedict St., Pittston, Penna.

Will you kindly have both copies signed and returned to us for further handling? After execution is complete one copy will be forwarded to you for your records.

Very truly yours,

/s/ L. P. Zeigler

Superintendent.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, proper officers were authorized to execute the agreement as requested; communication ordered received and filed.

Bids for the purchase of a new, 2½ ton, dump truck, advertised and returnable at today's meeting, were upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and opened.

The City Clerk advised that bids had been received as follows:

King-Wilkes, Inc.,
Kingston, Penna. \$ 3765.34

Caprari Motor Car Company
West Pittston, Penna. \$ 3800.00

C. & D. Mack Sales & Service
Forty Fort, Penna. \$ 4049.00

International Harvester Co.,
Wilkes-Barre, Penna. \$ 3482.29

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the bids were referred to Council as committee of the whole and the City Mechanic, for tabulation and award scheduled for the next regular meeting of Council, Tuesday, February 10th, 1953.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was authorized to advertise for bids to purchase one thousand (1000') feet - 1½" and one thousand (1000') feet - 2½" fire hose.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was directed to notify Mr. Gene Rinddi of the Taxpayer's Association of dates of all Councilmanic meetings regular and special.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, City Council commended all members of the Community Ambulance Rescue Service Association for their part in this worthy project and agreed to confer with members of the association regarding the problem of providing for the housing of the ambulance.

By action of the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals at meeting held January 6, 1953, the following abatement of City and School taxes for the year 1952 was granted:

Bernard C. Banks
Thomas St., Pittston City \$ 15,000.00

Permit application dated January 22, 1953, was submitted as follows:

Frank Grella
111 N. Main St., City

To erect a sidewalk sign
at the above address at
a cost of \$130.00

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted subject to approval by the proper department authorities.

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

A P P R O V E DFebruary 10th, 1953.YEASNAYS

Yes	WALSH
Yes	KEHOE
Yes	COLLINS
Yes	INFANTINO
Yes	ALLARDYCE (MAYOR)

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 1953, AT 7:55 P.M., E.S.T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, February 10th, 1953, at 7:55 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor John J. Allardyce presiding and all members of City Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, January 27th, 1953, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor John J. Allardyce submitted report dated February 5th, 1953 of parking meter fees, parking violations and fines received by his department for the month of January, 1953, reading as follows:

<u>January 1st, 1953</u>	<u>January 31st, 1953</u>
Parking Meter Fees	\$ 776.00
Parking Violations	90.00
Fines	10.00
	<u>\$ 876.00</u>

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated January 31st, 1953, of receipts and disbursements by his office during the month of January, 1953 reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, January 5th, 1953	\$ 72,256.56
Receipts During the Month	4,590.33
	<u>\$ 76,846.89</u>
Warrants Paid During the Month	\$ 17,868.92
Cash on Hand, January 31st, 1953	58,977.97
	<u>\$ 76,846.89</u>

Cash on Hand, January 31st, 1953, distributed
to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 5,104.26
Bond and Interest - 1923 Account	4,899.37
Bond and Interest - 1935 Account	6,610.87
Bond and Interest - 1938 Account	3,858.01
Bond and Interest - 1942 Account	4,375.60
Bond and Interest - 1949 Account	1,411.14
Bond and Interest - 1952 Account	10,079.75
Liquid Fuels' Tax Fund	38.97
Sewage Advance Planning Fund	22,600.00
	<u>\$ 58,977.97</u>

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

City Treasurer, George J. Turner, submitted report dated January 31st, 1953, on collection of delinquent city taxes for the month of January, 1953, reading as follows:

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City Purchases Truck For Use In Street Dep't

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At a meeting of Pittston City Council last night it was voted unanimously to award the contract for a two and one-half ton dump truck for use of the Street Department to International Harvester Co., Wilkes-Barre, on its low bid of \$3,482.29. Mayor John J. Allardyce presided and all Council members were in attendance.

Others who bid on the truck unsuccessfully were: Wilkes, Inc., of Kingston, \$3,765; Caprari Motors, of West Pittston, for a Dodge truck, \$3,800; C. & D. Mack Sales and Service, Forty Fort, \$4,049.

A resolution prevailed for borrowing of \$30,000 on a short term note to pay salaries, current bills and other expenses.

City employes are to receive their wages for the first half of January today, the payroll distribution having been delayed until 1953 tax collections got underway following adoption of this year's budget. It is expected that already due salaries for the latter half of January will be made available within the next few days.

Anthony Verbitski, Center street, was appointed a truck driver in the Street Department to fill a vacancy occasioned by the recent death of Thomas Moran. Mr. Verbitski had been a per diem employe of the department.

Mayor Allardyce reported January collections of \$876, divided as follows: Parking meter fees, \$776; traffic violation fines, \$90; police court fines, \$10.

Bills totaling \$6,141.40 were approved for payment.

City Treasurer George Turner reported a February 1 balance in all funds of \$58,977.97 and a General Fund balance on the same date of \$5,104.26. He also reported delinquent tax collections of \$446.44; license fees, \$2; pole tax, Scranton Electric Co., \$246.04.

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Delinquent City Tax Collections \$ 446.04

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

City Treasurer, George J. Turner, submitted report dated January 31st, 1953, on collection of City License fees for the month of January, 1953, reading as follows:

Sidewalk Sign License	\$ 2.00
Corporate License Tax	100.00
License Tax on Poles	146.04
	<u>\$ 248.04</u>

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

Francis A. Earley, Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board, submitted report dated February 10th, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the following have passed the physical and mental examination given by the Pittston Civil Service Examining Board Saturday, February 7th, 1953; the Board members consisting of Dr. James Dixon, Joseph Graziano and Francis A. Earley:

Lawrence Delaney
Sandy Lafoca
Joseph Divilaitis
Eugene Salvatore

Respectfully submitted,

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINING BOARD

FAE:f

/s/ Francis A. Earley
Francis A. Earley, Secretary.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4368. Pittston, Pa., February 10th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED,
by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the following amounts:-

\$5500.00 from the 1935 Bond and Interest Account
\$4000.00 from the 1942 Bond and Interest Account
\$8500.00 from the 1952 Bond and Interest Account

be transferred to the General Fund, as a loan to be returned to the Sinking Fund within the current year".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4369. Pittston, Pa., February 10th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, the City of Pittston is desirous of borrowing money; and

WHEREAS, the Miners Saving Bank of Pittston, Pennsylvania, has signified its willingness to make a temporary loan to said City providing the City officials authorize such temporary loan and direct its Mayor and City Clerk to execute and deliver on its behalf to said Bank the note of said City for \$30,000.00 with interest at the rate of 4% payable six months after date.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Pittston and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same that the sum of \$30,000.00 be borrowed from the Miners Saving Bank of Pittston, Pennsylvania, for temporary purposes on the credit of said City and to secure the payment of the same, the Mayor and City Clerk are directed to execute and deliver on its behalf the note of the said City for \$30,000. payable six months after date and said officers are further authorized and empowered to include in said note a provision authorizing said officials to confess a judgment against the City in favor of said Bank for the amount of said note with interest and Attorney's commission of 5% in the event that the said loan is not paid at maturity".

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Pittston, held Tuesday, February 10th, 1953.

SEAL.

/s/ John D. McNulty
John D. McNulty, City Clerk.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4370. Pittston, Pa., February 10th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston; and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same:

"That Anthony Verbitsky, laborer in the Street Department, be and he is hereby appointed by Council, to the position of truck driver in the Street Department, replacing Thomas Moran, deceased, at a salary already provided for in the General Appropriation Ordinance, said appointment to be effective as of February 16th, 1953".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4371. Pittston, Pa., February 10th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston; and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same:

"That bids on two and one half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) ton dump truck, received and opened at meeting of January 27th, 1953, and referred to this meeting for tabulation and award, was awarded to the lowest bidder, The International Harvester Company on their bid of Three thousand four hundred and eighty-two (\$3,482.29) dollars and twenty-nine cents."

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the contract is hereby awarded The International Harvester Company; the City Clerk instructed to return all bid checks received to the unsuccessful bidders.

RESOLUTION NO. 4372. Pittston, Pa., February 10th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED,
by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the Scranton Electric Company is hereby directed to install one (1) two hundred and fifty (250) candle power street light on Pole No. 628 on Broad Street, west of Foundry Street in the City of Pittston".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4373. Pittston, Pa., February 10th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED,
by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That City Council by Ordinance adopted January 27th, 1953, file of Council No. 2 (1953-1954 session) providing four (4) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation for the year 1953, for Sinking Fund purposes to be divided as follows:-

To the 1935 Bond Issue - 1 mill
To the 1938 Bond Issue - $\frac{1}{2}$ mill
To the 1949 Bond Issue - $\frac{1}{2}$ mill
To the 1952 Bond Issue - 2 mills.

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

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh, submitted report dated February 10th, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

Adonizion Insurance Agency	Insurance - city bldgs.	\$ 152.50
Charles Bechtold	Ice for offices (Nov.-Jan.)	39.00
All America Sport Center	(1) Winchester rifle	79.50
Bell Telephone Co. of Penna.	Dec.-Jan. phone service	147.26
Bell Telephone Co. of Penna.	Mobile phone service	110.50
Joseph P. Cawley	Repairs to cell block	17.25
Commercial Gas Corporation	Oxygen - acetylene	15.45
Eagen Hardware Company	Material - supplies	49.46
Egan Oil & Supply Company	Gas and oil	209.65
Jack Friedman Electric Supply	Bulbs, fuses, etc.	31.67
The Gamewell Company	Keyguard glasses for fire-alarm	7.62
GarWood Industries, Inc.	Seal for truck	9.25
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Water for offices	13.65
C. F. Goeringer Const. Co.	Blacktop	125.25
International Harvester Co.	Parts for ash truck	66.91
Kehoe-Berge Coal Company	Fuel	306.85
Kehoe and McNamara	Premium on bonds, liability insurance, etc.	445.51
Klein Auto Parts Company	Repair parts	97.57
Kleinrock's	(6) black rubber coats	46.50
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Office supplies	47.53
League of Cities of 3rd Class	1953 - dues	145.00
Lehigh Valley Railroad Co.	Sewer crossing privilege - '52	8.00
Ludwig's Hardware	Batteries, flashlights, etc.	50.27
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	T. C. pipe, cement, etc.	68.21
William Mitchell	Sharpening tools, etc.	70.20
James Mogavero	Notarial seals, liens and suggestions, etc.	245.50

Cont'd.

Pennsylvania Road Builder	Subscription	\$	14.00
Pittston Printery	Police court cards		16.00
Pittston Publishing Co.	Tax forms, envelopes, etc.		49.10
Austin S. Powers, Sons	Tubing, pipe, etc.		4.96
St. John's Baptist Slovak Church	Rental garage		20.00
P. A. Sammon & Son	Fleet ins., premium on bonds		302.75
Scranton Electric Company	Light service: Nov. 7 to Jan. 8		188.83
Scranton Electric Company	(Dec. - Jan.) st. lighting		2,056.70
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Water service		314.68
Security Banknote Company	(125) - 1952 series bonds		126.00
Allan W. Smiles	Changing locks, etc.		3.85
Stackhouse Auto Electric	Battery, springs, etc.		1.88
Sunday Dispatch	Advertising		59.00
George J. Turner, City Treas.	Office supplies, etc.		376.09
Vullo Brothers	Tire repair, etc.		1.50
		\$	6,141.40

Respectfully submitted,

JAW:f

/s/

Joseph A. Walsh
 Joseph A. Walsh, Director of the
 Department of Accounts and Finance.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved for payment when sufficient funds are available.

Communication dated Elmira, New York, February 6th, 1953 reading as follows, was received from the American LaFrance-Foamite Corporation:

Honorable John Allardyce
 Mayor
 City of Pittston
 Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Mayor Allardyce:

Last Wednesday I briefly discussed the Civilian Defense allotment for fire apparatus with your City Clerk Mr. McNulty.

I thought you would like to have the following information: where application is made for Civilian Defense authorities to furnish the apparatus, it is necessary for the city to make application to that authority, and they will supply the city with any particular make of apparatus which the authority is buying in quantity lots.

These units are usually assembled jobs. That is, the motor and pump are made by different manufacturers, and they are usually very plain with little or no chrome plating. On the other hand, a city can purchase the equipment themselves, purchasing the make they want, and can still get in the neighborhood of \$7,000.00 refund from Civilian Defense if the apparatus complies with the minimum requirements set up by Civilian Defense.

We have sold a great many units on the latter basis, and we feel that you will probably want to do the same thing rather than accept a unit as furnished by Civilian Defense.

I will be in Pittston on Tuesday, February 10, and hope to have a chance to talk to you at that time.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Harry E. Eldridge

HEE:emf

Harry E. Eldridge
Sales Representative

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Walsh, 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. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the meeting was adjourned.

A P P R O V E D

February 24th, 1953.
YEAS NAYS

Yes	WALSH
Yes	KEHOE
Yes	COLLINS
Yes	INFANTINO
Yes	ALLARDYCE (MAYOR)

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 1953, AT 7:45 P.M., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, February 24th, 1953, at 7:45 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor John J. Allardyce presiding and all members of City Council present.

Minutes of regular meeting of Tuesday, February 10th, 1953, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, bids advertised for one thousand feet of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " and $2\frac{1}{2}$ " fire hose, returnable at meeting of today, were ordered received and opened.

The City Clerk advised that five bids had been received as follows:

Super-Fire Service
1746 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania

Eureka Fire Hose Company
Olyphant, Pennsylvania

B. F. Goodrich Company
Akron, Ohio - c/o George Dennis
694 West 8th Street, West Wyoming, Penna.

American-LaFrance Foamite Corporation
Elmira, N. Y. - c/o Harry E. Eldridge
Elmira, N. Y.

Fyr Fyter Company
Dayton, Ohio - c/o Fred J. Fox
129 Mill Street, Pittston, Penna.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the bids referred to above were referred to City Council as committee of the whole for tabulation and award at meeting of Council, Tuesday, March 10th, 1953.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, City Council instructed the Civil Service Commission to fix meeting of Commission to hear applicants for position in the Police Department; examination to be held Saturday, March 14th, 1953, at 3:00 P. M.

Permit application dated February 13th, 1953, was submitted as follows:

Harry Mertz
t/a Radio City
15 Broad Street, City

To add extension of 11' to
rear of building at same address.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted subject to approval by the proper department authorities.

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

Fire Hose Bids Are Submitted To City Council

Bids to supply the City of Pittston with hose for use of the fire department were submitted to Pittston City Council at its meeting last night. The city advertised for the purchase of 1,000 feet of hose and received response from five firms. The bids were referred to Council as a committee of the whole for tabulation and a report will be presented at the next regular meeting.

The bids were submitted by Municipal Sales, West Wyoming; Super Fire Service Co., Scranton; Eureka Fire Hose Co., Philadelphia; Dayton Fire Hose Co., Dayton, Ohio, and

American LaFrance Co., Elmira, N. Y.

Council received an application from George Mertz, owner of Radio City Store requesting permission to make an addition to his store at Broad street. It was referred to the proper officials.

A P P R O V E D

March 10th, 1953.

YEAS

NAYS

Yes	WALSH
Absent	KEHOE
Yes	COLLINS
Yes	INFANTINO
Yes	ALLARDYCE (MAYOR)

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH, 1953, AT 7:45 P. M., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, March 10th, 1953, at 7:45 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor John J. Allardyce presiding and all members of City Council present with exception of Councilman Thomas J. Kehoe.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, February 24th, 1953 were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor John J. Allardyce submitted report dated March 5th, 1953, of parking meter fees, parking violations and fines received by his department for the month of February, 1953, reading as follows:

February 1st, 1953 February 28th, 1953.

Parking Meter Fees	\$	702.00
Parking Violations		84.00
Fines		10.00
	\$	<u>796.00</u>

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated February 28th, 1953, on receipts and disbursements by his office during the month of February, 1953, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, February 1st, 1953	\$	58,977.97
Receipts During the Month		<u>73,244.53</u>
	\$	<u>132,222.50</u>

Warrants Paid During the Month	\$	87,972.29
Cash on Hand, February 28th, 1953		<u>44,250.21</u>
	\$	<u>132,222.50</u>

Cash on Hand, February 28th, 1953, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$	2,379.79
Bond and Interest - 1923 Account		4,899.37
Bond and Interest - 1935 Account		8,805.01
Bond and Interest - 1938 Account		4,849.35
Bond and Interest - 1942 Account		4,375.60
Bond and Interest - 1949 Account		2,503.66
Bond and Interest - 1952 Account		10,798.46
Liquid Fuels' Tax Fund		38.97
Sewage Advance Planning Fund		<u>5,600.00</u>
	\$	<u>44,250.21</u>

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated February 28th, 1953, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of February, 1953, reading as follows:

CITY TAX RATE TO REMAIN 19 MILLS FOR PRESENT YEAR

There will be no change in the tax millage of the City of Pittston for the current year 1953!

This was clearly indicated last night when all members of City Council met in special session at City Hall and passed an ordinance on first reading which started the budget on its way to adoption and indicated that the lawmakers intend to raise \$408,183.01 for all purposes during the present year on a tax rate of 19 mills, the same as prevailed in 1952.

The budget provides for the following allocation of funds:

Public Affairs	\$ 88,260.68
Accounts and Finance....	40,470.69
Public Safety	47,337.03
Streets, Public Improve- ments	113,389.06
Parks, Public Property...	9,112.08
Miscellaneous	72,152.93

The item "Miscellaneous" includes \$30,802.93 for unpaid bills and \$30,000 to pay off a short term note. There is also an item of \$2,000 included for the city's share of Social Security coverage for all city employees.

The budget is so arranged that it anticipates a 95 per cent. collection of taxes. Other items anticipated during the present year are listed as: Delinquent taxes \$64,046.52; Amusement tax, \$30,000; Liquor License Fees, \$14,500; Liquid Fuels Tax, \$8,811.84.

The motion for adoption of the budget ordinance on first reading was offered by Councilman Charles Infantino and seconded by Councilman Patrick Collins. Mayor John J. Allardyce and Councilmen Joseph A. Walsh and Thomas Kehoe joined the sponsors in voting affirmatively.

It was announced that the city succeeded in negotiating the controversial \$125,000 loan on Monday from the Miners Bank of Pittston.

The budget anticipates a yield of \$370,723.01 for general purposes and \$37,460 for Sinking Fund or a total of \$408,183.01.

A communication from Councilman Walsh, head of the Department of Accounts and Finance, was read which indicated how the revenue is to be spent and this letter was ordered filed.

In addition to the flat tax rate of 19 mills—4 mills for sinking fund and 15 for general purposes—the enabling resolution provides for collection of a poll tax of \$1 from

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City Tax Rate To Remain 19 Mills For Present Year

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all male residents of the city over the age of 21 years.

City Solicitor J. Earl Langan read a lengthy ordinance which committed the City of Pittston, for the first time in its history, to extend Social Security coverage to all municipal employees. City Clerk John D. McNulty was directed to arrange payroll deductions and the authority was vested in the Mayor and City Clerk to make necessary arrangements with the State Agency to provide the protection. Deductions will be made from salaries of all employees and the city will match such contributions to establish the security fund. Messrs. Walsh and Infantino sponsored the motion that the ordinance be adopted on first reading. All concurred.

A communication was read from Haradon H. Smith, superintendent of the Department of Highways, which noted that the department's attention has been called to a recurrence of the depression on South Main street between Pine and Railroad streets in front of Russell Williams' store. However, it is contended that it is the duty of Pittston City to make needed repairs, even though Main street is a State-maintained highway. The matter was referred to the solicitor.

Solicitor Langan explained that, when the street depression referred to in the foregoing paragraph was referred to him, he contacted engineers of Pagnotti Coal Company and the State Department of Highways to have them meet with City Engineer John J. Reilly and arrange to have the street repaired.

A communication was read from the Federal Civil Defense Administration with regard to providing the City of Pittston with a 750-gallon pumper for use of the Fire Department and 2,000 feet of fire hose. Procurement of the pumper will be in the hands of the federal government and it will cost \$13,410, but Pittston City will be expected to pay one-half of the cost, or \$6,755, when the pumper is delivered here. On the other hand, procurement of the fire hose will be city's responsibility and, when it is obtained, each will pay one-half of the estimated cost of \$1,760. Mr. Walsh sponsored a motion that the pumper be ordered and that the fire hose be advertised for. All concurred.

Council directed Contractor John Bright to begin immediately to make repairs to City Hall under terms of his contract with the city, which was ratified several meetings ago.

A controversial issue was disposed of at this point on a rather unusual 3-to-2 motion when a resolution was adopted directing proper municipal officers to execute a contract to proceed with the adoption of plans and other matters incident to establishing a Sewage Disposal plant in Pittston. After the lengthy resolution had been read by City Solicitor Langan, Councilman Collins moved for its adoption and Councilman Infantino promptly seconded. On roll call the vote was:

Yes—Collins, Infantino and Mayor Allardyce.

No—Walsh, Kehoe.

Two requests for permits to build were read. One request was from Angelo Sciandra, of 101 Dorrance street, Wyoming, proprietor of Ann Lee Frocks, for erection of a \$70,000 dress factory on South Main street at Pine street, on the site where Keystone Hall originally stood. The Ann Lee Frocks plant in Wyoming was destroyed by fire recently and it was remarked at the council meeting that Mr. Sciandra intends to re-establish his manufactory here.

The foregoing request for a building permit, and one from Herman Stahl, of Mill street, to erect a garage on his property at an estimated cost of \$600, were referred to proper authorities for investigation.

Corporate License Tax	\$ 80.00
Juke Box Licenses	30.00
Solicitation License	2.00
	<u>\$ 112.00</u>

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

City Treasurer-Tax Collector, George J. Turner, submitted report dated February 28th, 1953, on collection of Delinquent City Taxes for the month of February, 1953, reading as follows:

February - 1953
Delinquent City Tax Collections.. \$ 938.94

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated March 7th, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of February, 1953:

Monthly report forwarded to the Bureau of Standard Weights and Measures, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Person Scales	10	0
Platform Scales	11	1
Counter Scales	38	3
Beam Scales	11	2

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f /s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4374. Pittston, Pa., March 10th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED,
by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

COUNCIL OPPOSES PROPOSED BOOST WATER RATES HERE

ES-LEADER, THE EVE

PROTEST BOOST IN WATER RATES

Council To Aid Clean
Streams' Project

Pittston City Council at a brief session last night went on record to formally protest the proposed increase in water rates by the Scranton Springbrook Water Company. Copies of the formal protest were ordered sent to the Public Utilities Commission. Water company announced that the water rates would be increased one and one-tenth cents per day for each customer, including home owners and industries.

On a motion by Councilman Joseph Walsh after a communication was read, the city voted to cooperate with the Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce Clean Streams Committee and participate in the survey to be conducted for combined sewage disposal plans. Pittston share of \$343 for the survey was ordered paid to the committee when funds are available.

Council authorized purchase of 24 firemen's coats at a total cost of approximately \$500. It was announced at the meeting that the contract for the purchase of the fire hose will be awarded at the next meeting.

Mayor John J. Allardyce presided at the meeting and the lone absentee was Councilman Thomas Kehoe. Mayor Allardyce reported a total of \$796 collected during February for parking meter fees, violations and fines.

George J. Turner, city treasurer, reported a March 1 balance of \$44,250.21, of which \$2,379.79 is in the general fund. He also reported \$112 collected for city licenses and \$938.94 in delinquent taxes during the month of February. Bills in the amount of \$3,033.38 were authorized for payment.

Department of Welfare, Board of Penal Affairs, reported the city jail in "good" physical condition following an inspection on February 25.

PITTSTON NEWS

Council Opposes Water Rate Hike

Pittston City Council went on record opposing the proposed increase in water rates by the Scranton Springbrook Water Co. at a meeting last night in Pittston City Hall.

Mayor John J. Allardyce reported collection of \$796 in parking meter revenue, parking violations and other fines.

A letter was received from the Department of Welfare commending the City on the condition of its jail.

Reports were received from City Treasurer George Turner and Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, health officer and sealer of weights and measures. Bills amounting to \$3,033.38 were approved for payment.

Councilman Charles Infantino and Fire Chief Frank Castner were authorized to purchase 24 coats for members of the Fire Department. Mr. Infantino is the chairman of the Fire Department Committee.

It was announced that a contract for the purchase of fire hose will be awarded at the next meeting of Council.

City Council went formally on record last night at a regular meeting in City Hall as being unalterably opposed to the proposed increase in rates suggested by the Scranton-Spring Brook Water Company.

The City Clerk read the contents of a postal card with the name Rulison Evans, chairman of the Board and President of the water company attached, which provided notice that a boost in the rates is contemplated and that application has been made to the Public Utility Commission for permission to make these rates effective. It was stated on the card that "the average increase to residential consumers will be about one-tenth cents per day. Commercial and industrial consumers' rates will be increased proportionately."

The vote authorizing the protest was unanimous. Councilman Thomas Kehoe was the lone absentee.

Mayor John J. Allardyce reported collections of \$796 during February, divided as follows: Parking meter fees, \$792; fines for parking violations, \$64; police court fines, \$10.

City Treasurer George J. Turner reported a balance in all municipal funds as of Feb. 28th of \$44,250.21, of which \$2,379.21 is in the General Fund. Receipts during the month of February were \$73,244.53 and warrants drawn during the same period amounted to \$87,792.29. City license fees paid during the past month amounted to \$112. Collection of delinquent taxes during the same period amounted to \$938.94.

Monthly reports of Mrs. Thomas A. Newcomb both as health officer and sealer of weights were read and ordered filed. The contagious disease situation in Pittston City at the present day is particularly favorable, the report discloses, only two minor diseases having been reported.

Bills amounting to \$3,033.38 were approved for payment.

A communication was read from Fred W. Brady, director of the Bureau of Penal Affairs, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the annual inspection of the lock-up at City Hall. The report concluded: "The Department of Welfare commends your city officials for maintaining a safe and sanitary place of detention."

Two communications were read advising councilmen that Pittston Bus Line, 296 South Main street, through its head, Edward J. Grasse, and Wilkes-Barre Transit Corporation, are seeking permission from the Public Utility Commission to establish alternate routes which would include the Inkerman village of Jenkins township. Residents of that section have been inconvenienced greatly by the abandonment of the Laurel Line passenger service.

It was decided to purchase 24 coats for use of members of the Pittston City Fire Department. Councilman Charles Infantino, head of the Department of Public Safety, and Fire Chief Frank Castner were authorized to make the purchase.

It was announced that a contract for the purchase of hose for use of the Fire Department will be awarded at the next Council meeting.

"That the Pittston City Council at regular meeting held Tuesday, March 10th, 1953, went on record opposing proposed increase in water rates by the Scranton-Spring Brook Water Service Company, effective May 1st, 1953, and that the Public Utility Commission be hereby notified of such change in rates to which the Council of the City of Pittston are opposed!"

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

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh, submitted report dated March 10th, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

Bell Telephone Company of Penna.	Feb. '53 - phone service	\$ 64.39
Vincent E. Churchfield	Traffic light repairs, Xmas light service, etc.	168.66
Commercial Gas Corporation	Demurrage on tanks	.60
Consumers' Gas and Oil Company	Jan. '53 - gas and oil	95.42
Sadie Antonello Cosgrove	Insurance - international truck	116.85
W. S. Darley & Company	(6) smoke masks	30.63
Egan Oil & Supply Company	Feb. '53 - gas and oil	162.40
Jack Friedman Electric Supply	Light bulbs	6.24
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Feb. '53 - water for offices	7.65
Ed. Keating's Service Station	Tire repairs, etc.	78.60
Kehoe-Berge Coal Company	Fuel	75.80
Kehoe and McNamara	Premium on bonds, police schedule, insurance on jeep, etc.	169.75
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Office supplies	74.02
Ludwig's Hardware	Shells, mops, pine oil, etc.	12.20
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Terra cotta pipe, cement, etc.	33.14
Office of City Clerk	Postage stamps - various offices	40.00
Pittston Gazette	Police sheets, tax statements, notices, reminders, etc.	183.85
Pittston Oil Company	Dec. '52 and Feb. '53 - gas and oil	302.14
Pittston Printery	Envelopes	27.00
Austin S. Powers Sons	Terra cotta pipe, y's, etc.	24.30
Reliable Spring Service	Center bolts	.65
Scranton Electric Company	Feb. '53 - street lighting	1,028.36
Scranton Electric Company	Light service: January 8th to February 9th, '53	92.81
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co.	Hydrant rental - Feb. '53	153.34
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co.	Water service: Jan. 1 to April 1, '53	27.48
The Sunday Dispatch	Advertising	18.60
George J. Turner	Advance to James Halford - transporting truck to and from Philadelphia	20.00
Williams' Paper Company	(2) cases cups	18.50
		<u>\$ 3,033.38</u>

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Joseph A. Walsh
Joseph A. Walsh, Director of the
Department of Accounts and Finance.

JAW:f

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above bills were approved for payment when sufficient funds are available.

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, March 4th, 1953, reading as follows, was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Welfare:

Mr. John J. Allardyce, Mayor
City Hall
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Allardyce:

The annual inspection by the Bureau of Penal Affairs of the Department of Welfare of the Pittston City Lock-Up was conducted February 25th, 1953. This inspection was made in compliance with the Administrative Code, Section 2304, Act of April 1929, P. L. 177, as amended effective September 1, 1945.

Following this inspection the Department of Welfare has classified the physical condition of the Lock-Up as good.

The Department of Welfare commends your City Officials in maintaining a safe and sanitary place of detention.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Fred W. Brady, (RJ)

Fred W. Brady, Director
Bureau of Penal Affairs.

APPROVED: /s/ M. W. Denison
M. W. Denison
Executive Deputy Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, 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, Pennsylvania, February 27th, 1953, reading as follows, was received from the CARR-CONSOLIDATED BISCUIT COMPANY, C. A. Von Stein, Chairman Public Services Committee:

To:	Edwardsville Borough	Pittston City
	Exeter Borough	Pittston Township
	Forty Fort Borough	Plains Township
	Hanover Township	Plymouth Borough
	Jenkins Township	Swoyersville Borough
	Kingston Borough	West Pittston Borough
	Nanticoke City	Wilkes-Barre City
		Wyoming Borough

Gentlemen:

I know you will be interested to learn that we have had conferences with Mr. Friel of Albright & Friel and others, for the purpose of drawing a contract for proposed survey of the Wyoming Valley sewage treatment problem. We hope this agreement will be completed shortly, after which it will be submitted to you for your review and acceptance.

In the meantime, we ask that whatever steps are necessary for you to take to enable the implementation of your agreement to participate in this survey, including the payment of your proportionate share, be processed by you, if you have not already done so.

The Chamber of Commerce has opened a special account for these payments and one has already been received. Will you please promptly send your check to the order of "Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce - Sewage Account" or advise when it might be expected.

Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated and I am sure will enable the development of a constructive approach to a most vexing problem.

Very truly yours,

/s/ C. A. Von Stein, Chairman.

CAVS:ddc

C. A. Von Stein, Chairman
Public Services Committee.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City share of \$343.19 as previously allotted, be paid when funds are available (see minute book September 5th, 1952).

Notice of application to Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission by Edward J. Grasavage, trading and doing business as Pittston Bus Line, 296 South Main Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, for certificate of approval of an amendment to his common carrier certificate which grants the right to transport persons on schedule between the City of Pittston and the Village of Inkerman, Luzerne County, so as to permit the transportation of persons over an extension to said route beginning at the intersection of Laflin Road and Main Street in the Village of Inkerman, Jenkins Township, thence on Main Street (State Highway Legislative Route 40038) to Carey Avenue in Plains Township; thence on Carey Avenue to its intersection with Mill Street, and returning over the same route, was received and read.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above application was ordered received and filed.

Notice of application to Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission by Wilkes-Barre Transit Corporation, 300 Market Street, Kingston, Pennsylvania, for an amendment to its common carrier certificate which grants the right to transport persons on schedule between the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, and the Borough of Old Forge, Lackawanna County; so as to permit the transportation of persons over an alternate route between the City of Wilkes-Barre and the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, was received and read.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above application was ordered received and filed.

Notice to Water Consumers dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania February 27th, 1953, reading as follows, was received from the Scranton Spring Brook Water Service Company:

Like any other business, our company has been hard hit by the continued upward surge of operating our business in increased taxes, and increased costs of labor and materials.

Our expenses have increase much faster than our revenues.

It has become conclusively evident that we cannot continue to absorb these higher costs. Consequently, we must increase the rates for water service. Therefore, with great reluctance, we are filing with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission new tariffs for water service rates to become effective May 1, 1953. These tariffs increase the water rates to all consumers, except municipalities and for public fire protection.

The average increase to residential consumers will be about one and one-tenth cents per day. The commercial and industrial consumers rates will be increased proportionately.

The new tariffs are posted in the offices of the Company where they are available for inspection.

SCRANTON-SPRING BROOK WATER SERVICE COMPANY

/s/ Rulison Evans

Chairman of the Board and President.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, City Council went on record opposing the proposed increase in water rates.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Collins, 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

March 23rd, 1953.

YEAS

NAYS

Yes	WALSH
Yes	KEHOE
Yes	COLLINS
Yes	INFANTINO
Yes	ALLARDYCE (MAYOR)

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MONDAY, MARCH 23RD, 1953, AT 8:10 P. M. E. S. Time.

Pittston City Council convened in special session Monday, March 23rd, 1953, at 8:10 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor John J. Allardyce presiding and all members of City Council present, for the purpose of acting upon any or all special or general business that may come before said meeting.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, March 10th, 1953, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

George J. Turner, City Treasurer, submitted report dated March 19th, 1953, on collection of Amusement Tax for the months of January and February 1953, reading as follows:

Theatres	\$ 3,901.21
Social	23.38
Athletic	<u>43.86</u>
Total Collection	\$ 3,968.45
Pittston City School District	
share - 50% or	<u>1,984.22</u>
Pittston City share - 50% or	\$ 1,984.23

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

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., March 20th, 1953, reading as follows, was received from J. Earl Langan, City Solicitor:

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is draft of the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company, payable to the City of Pittston in the sum of \$735.00. This draft represents payment for damages to the Police Car as a result of a collision with a car owned by Sheldon Smith and Evelyn J. Smith, which occurred on March 1, 1953.

Very truly yours,

JEL:LR
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/s/ J. Earl Langan

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above draft for \$735.00 was ordered received and deposited to the General Fund.

COUNCIL CONTROL ACQUIRED BY TRIO OPPOSED TO MAYOR

Control of the destinies of Pittston City Council passed definitely from the hands of Mayor John J. Allardyce last night at a special meeting called for general purposes. Councilman Charles Infantino, heretofore a staunch adherent of the Mayor, voted along with his colleagues, Thomas J. Kehoe and Joseph A. Walsh, to dictate the policies of the governing body. Councilman Patrick J. Collins continues his allegiance to the Mayor.

The break, which had been predicted in recent days, establishes John C. Kehoe, of Harding, in the "driver's seat" of City Council once more and adds spice to the pre-Primary election campaign in which Mr. Kehoe, a brother to Councilman Kehoe, is fighting with characteristic fervor the re-nomination of Mayor Allardyce, and he has the influential group of Republican County officeholders within Pittston City allied with him.

In a prepared statement, Councilman Walsh informed his colleagues and a crowded Council Chamber that it is felt there is extravagance in conduct of the Street Department and he intimated that the department rolls are being stacked with unnecessary employees as a political move. As Director of Accounts and Finance he noted, he said, that whereas \$13,697.47 has been budgeted in this city for all Street Department purposes this year, \$6,119.64 of that amount has already been spent before the third month of the current year is at an end. This despite the fact that we have had a comparatively "open winter."

Mr. Walsh also stated that \$5,729.82 of the \$14,088.66 budgeted for collection of ashes this year has already been spent. He remarked that the Street Department is overloaded by about 20 men. He submitted a list of names of the last twenty men hired by the Street Department and he offered a motion that they be relieved of their jobs. Those deprived of their assignments, as read out by the secretary, are: Edward Price, Sam Giambra, Ray Allford, Robert Morgan, Michael Freas, John Cawley, Philomeno Forlenza, Charles Randis, Anthony Lanzona, Joseph McGuinness, Joseph Miller, Angelo Capitano, Gerald Hobbs, William Norbut, Michael Biscotta, John Shoback, Peter Ciali, Laborio Monteforte, Frank Licata, James Loftus.

The importance of the new alignment on Council cannot be overemphasized, especially in view of the fact that the three present members of City Council whose terms expire next January — Mayor Allardyce and Messrs Kehoe and Infantino — have upwards of nine months to serve, regardless of how they fare in the May 19th primary, and Mr. Infantino is not a candidate to succeed himself. The transition was achieved quietly and any animosity harbored by the lawmakers was not evident on the surface.

Mr. Walsh contended that, if the Street Department continued with an "overforce" its entire annual appropriation would be used up in six months' time. In comparison, Mr. Walsh said, Street Department cost in the first three months of last year was \$4,344.25 and the Winter months were much more severe, he contended. He said no increases were given and the only reason for the increase is that of extra men having been hired.

A second motion presented by Mr. Walsh was to the effect that "in the future, all Street Department and all other employees be hired only by full consent of Council". Vote on this motion was also three-and-two, with Mayor Allardyce and Councilman Collins dissenting.

Council received a draft for \$735 from Aetna Casualty Insurance Co. representing settlement for the damage to the city police cruiser in collision with another motor vehicle on March 1, 1953.

Approval was given to payment of \$835 to Roy Stauffer, Inc., as the balance due on the purchase of the police car.

City Treasurer George Gurner reported Amusement Tax collection for a two month period, January and February, of \$3,168.45, one-half of which will be retained by the City of Pittston and a corresponding portion will go to the School District.

Requests for permits to raze a building at 74 William street and by Margaret F. Caprini, 72 William street, for a building addition to cost \$500 were referred to the proper authorities.

At conclusion of the meeting, Mayor Allardyce asked the approximately 30 observers present if they had anything to bring before Council. Joseph P. Fitzpatrick, former Pittston City Clerk, called attention of Council to the parking of trucks on sidewalk and in an alley from William to Broad street and about the debris left by the truckers in the alley.

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On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the bill for \$835.00 covering purchase of new Chevrolet car for the police department (replacing new 1953 wrecked car), was ordered paid.

Permit applications dated March 23rd, 1953, were submitted as follows:

Julio and Margaret Caprari
75 William Street

Raze building at above address.

Julio and Margaret Caprari
75 William Street

To erect additon to building
at above address at cost of \$500.00

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permits were granted subject to approval by the proper department authorities.

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., March 20th, 1953, reading as follows, was received from Councilmen Joseph A. Walsh and Thomas J. Kehoe:

Mayor John Allardyce
Pittston City

Dear Mayor:

You are hereby requested to call a special meeting of the Pittston City Council for Monday evening, March 23, 1953 at 7:30 P. M., for general purposes and all business which may come before the council at that time.

Yours truly,

/s/ Joseph A. Walsh
Councilman.

/s/ Thomas J. Kehoe
Councilman.

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

In a prepared statement, Councilman Joseph A. Walsh informed his colleagues and a crowded Council Chamber that it is felt there is extravagance in conduct of the Street Department and he intimated that the department rolls are being stacked with unnecessary employes. As Director of Accounts and Finance he noted, that whereas \$18,750 has been budgeted in the city for street department purposes, \$6,119.64 of that amount has already been spent before the third month of the current year is at an end. This despite the fact that we have had a comparatively "open winter".

PITTSTON

Office—28 CHURCH STREET—Phone Pittston 65
Representatives—Edward Burke and Hugh Nolan

New Council Majority Drops 20 Employees

Last night's meeting of Pittston City Council was a real hot session as the reins of the city government changed hands to a new majority.

As a show of authority the new majority laid off 20 per diem workers from the street department list as an economy move.

Stricken from the rolls were: Edward Price, Sam Giambra, Ray Allford, Robert Morgan, Michael Freas, John Cawley, Philomeno Forlenza, Charles Randis, Anthony Lanzone, Joseph McGuinness, Joseph Miller, Angelo Capitano, Gerald Hobbs, William Norbut, Michael Biscotta, John Shoback, Peter Ciali, Liboro Montefort, Frank Licata and James Loftus.

The new council majority now comprises Joseph A. Walsh, Thomas J. Kehoe and Charles Infantino. Mayor John J. Allardyce and Councilman Patrick Collins constitute the minority. The switch came with the entrance into the Kehoe camp of Infantino, who was reportedly given a county job.

Walsh made the motion to fire the men on the street department and it was seconded by Thomas J. Kehoe. Infantino joined with the maker and seconder of the motion. Allardyce and Collins voted no.

With this action last night the Republican Party in the city of Pittston split right down through the middle. No mention was made of economy moves in other departments such as special and extra policemen and clerks.

Council chambers were crowded at the meeting as upwards of 40 observers were present. Everyone present was talking about what could happen at the meeting and the crowd was disappointed at the quiet and brief session which was the acme of decorum.

The new majority also passed a motion to the effect that no man can be employed by the city without the full consent of the council. Neither can anyone be discharged

without the consent of the full council.

Mayor Allardyce presided at the meeting and all councilmen were present. City Treasurer George J. Turner reported a total of \$3,968.48 in amusement taxes collected during January and February. City received \$735 in damages for the police cruiser which was wrecked on March 1 when it was struck by Sheldon Smith. Check was received from the Etna Insurance Company in behalf of Sheldon Smith and his wife, Evelyn. Council also voted to pay Roy Stauffer his \$835 balance on the car.

Building permit applications were approved for Julia Leporte, 74 William street, razing building, \$1,500; Margaret Caprini, 74 William street, concrete block building, \$500.

Councilman Walsh in his reason's for discharging the 20 men from the street department said that \$13,697.47 had been allocated for the repairs of streets for a 12 month period. As of March 31, some \$6,119.64 had been expended.

For the collection of ashes \$14,088.66 had been allocated for the fiscal period. Of this amount \$5,729.82 has already been spent. He also said that the street department rolls were "padded" and there was an overload of at least 20 men. In comparison the first three months of last year, some \$4,344.24 were spent for ash collections. He also recalled that he had a mild winter.

Walsh declared that 50 percent more was spent this winter in the street department in spite of the mild weather. He stated that no new raises were granted, but only putting on extra men increased the load.

Where the discord sounded was in the fact that the padding of the street department was a "common practice," when the Republican camp was united.

Harter loses to Jenkintown in Class C eastern final. Ashley underdog tonight. See Page 16.

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WEEKLY FOUNDED 1832
DAILY FOUNDED 1873

Pittston City Council Control Changes Hands Without Furor; 20 in Street Department Fired

*Charles Infantino Joins Former Minority
Members Thomas J. Kehoe, Joseph A. Walsh
In Voting Dismissals 'for Economy's Sake'*

Control of Pittston City Council quietly changed hands last night with Charles Infantino joining the former minority. The shift was without the explosion of tempers and general shakeup of city employees that might be expected. Only sign that a new majority had taken over at the half-hour meeting was in the roll call.

The new controlling faction, Councilmen Thomas J. Kehoe, Joseph A. Walsh and Charles Infantino, removed names of 20 men from the city's street department payroll as one of its first acts. Councilman Walsh, speaking as director of finance, suggested the reduction in street department employees "for economy's sake."

The list of men fired on a 5-3 vote, with Mayor John J. Allardyce and Patrick Collins opposing the move:

Edward Price, Sam Giambra, Raymond Allford, Robert Morgan, Michael Freas, John Cawley, Philomeno Forlenza, Charles Randis, Anthony Lanzone, Joseph McGuinness, Joseph Miller, Angelo Capitano, Gerald Hobbs, William Norbut, Michael Biscotta, John Shoback, Peter Ciali, Liboro Monteforte, Frank Licata and James Loftus.

The discharged men were reported by Walsh as the last men hired.

Walsh said an appropriation of \$13,697.47 had been made in the budget for the street department for a 12-month period. He declared at close of the quarter ending March 31, \$6,119.64 will have been spent and that if the city continued with an "overforce," the remainder of the appropriation would be used in the next three months. Appropriations of \$14,088.60 was made for ash collections, he reported, and \$5,729.82 had been used thus far this year, presenting the possibility the fund also would be exhausted before the last of the year.

In comparison, Walsh said street department cost in the first three months of last year was \$4,344.25. This winter, he asserted, was milder and yet there was a 50 per cent

increase in expenditures. He said no raises were given and the only reason for the increase was extra men were hired.

Councilman Walsh then made a motion, so that "in the future the street department cannot be overcrowded," specifying that "no men be employed in the street department or any other department without consent of council . . ." Vote on this motion again was 5-3, with the mayor and Councilman Collins voting "no."

Council received a draft for \$735 from Aetna Casualty Insurance Company representing settlement for the damage to the city police cruiser in collision with an automobile on March 1, 1953.

Council then approved payment of \$835 due Roy Stauffer for the new police car, purchased to replace the damaged vehicle. Thus Council received a new cruiser to replace the one wrecked for out-of-pocket of \$100.

George J. Turner, city treasurer, reported amusement tax collection of \$3,168.45 for January and February, one-half of which goes to the city.

Requests for permits to raze a building at 74 William Street and by Margaret F. Caprini, 712 William Street, for a building addition to cost \$500 were referred to the proper authorities.

At conclusion of the meeting, Mayor Allardyce asked the approximately 30 observers present if they had anything to bring before council. Joseph P. Fitzpatrick, former Pittston City clerk, called attention of council to the parking of trucks on sidewalk in an alley from William to Broad Street and about the debris left by the truckers in the alley.

He contended that if the Street Department continued with an "overforce", its entire annual appropriation would be used up in six months' time.

Mr. Walsh further stated that the Street Department is overloaded by about twenty men. He submitted a list of the last twenty hired in this department and proposed that the following be relieved of their assignment:

Edward Price; Sam Giambra; Raymond Allford, Robert Morgan; Michael Freas; John Cawley; Philomeno Forlenza; Charles Randis; Anthony Lanzone; Joseph McGuinness; Joseph Miller; Angelo Capitano; Gerald Hobbs; William Norbut; Michael Biscotta; John Shoback; Peter Ciali; Liborio Monteforte; Frank Licata and James Loftus.

Mr. Walsh thereupon offered a motion to that effect, said motion being seconded by Mr. Kehoe and by vote of members present, with Messrs. Walsh, Kehoe and Infantino voting in the affirmative and Messrs. Collins and Allardyce voting in the negative, the motion, therefore, was passed by a majority vote of 3 to 2.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe that "in the future all Street Department and all other employees be hired only by full consent of Council". Vote on this motion was also three and two, with Mayor Allardyce and Councilman Collins dissenting.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Kehoe, 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	
March 31st, 1953.	
YEAS	NAYS

Yes	WALSH
Yes	KEHOE
Yes	COLLINS
Yes	INFANTINO
Yes	ALLARDYCE (MAYOR)

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

More Changes City Employees Contemplated

Additional dismissals among employees of the City of Pittston are in prospect when City Council meets Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at City Hall, according to reports from sources that are usually reliable. It is said that the new majority trio of Council — Thomas Kehoe, Joseph A. Walsh and Charles Infantino — have in mind to remove additional municipal employees who are regarded as siding with Mayor John J. Allardyce, candidate for the Republican nomination for the office he presently holds. At a meeting of Pittston Council held last Monday night a motion prevailed that there be no further hiring or firing of city employees unless the matter was brought before Council and passed.

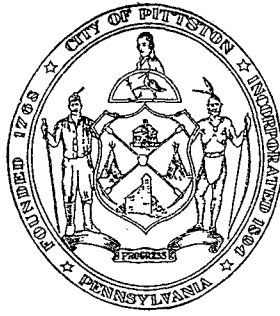
It could not be learned who are scheduled for the political axing policy which the ruling triumvirate is expected to put into execution.

Mayor Allardyce incurred the enmity of political leaders last year when he aspired as an independent candidate for Sheriff and reopened the wounds this year when he announced his intentions of seeking reelection. He is opposed by Attorney Joseph F. Saporito, backed by the Council majority, and Eugene N. Rinaldi, independent, for the GOP nomination.

John E. Moran and Joseph E. Boyle are rival candidates for the mayoralty nomination on the Democratic ticket.

ATTORNEY FOUND DEAD

Johnstown, March 30—Attorney Charles Greer, 50, a former deputy attorney general in the State Department of Welfare, was found dead in his apartment. Coroner Joseph W. Wood issued a verdict of death from natural causes.



City of Pittston

PENNSYLVANIA

At Council meeting of March 23, 1953 the following motion was read:

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, that "in the future all Street Dept. and all other employees be hired only by full consent of Council". Vote on this motion was 3 and 2, with Mayor Allardyce and Councilman Collins dissenting.

I now move that the above motion, just read, be rescinded and stricken from the Council-meeting records.

4/14/53
J. R.
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proved, and
read, page #4650
and #4651 and #4652.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, MARCH 31st, 1953, AT 7:30 P.M., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, March 31st, 1953, at 7:30 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor John J. Allardyce presiding and all members of City Council present.

Minutes of special session of Monday, March 23rd, 1953, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer, George J. Turner, submitted report dated March 18th, 1953, reading as follows:

To the Mayor and City Commissioners
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit Certified Properties (Real Estate) uncollected 1952 city taxes as of March 10th, 1953, same as required and in accordance with Act #167 approved June 21, 1935 and its supplements thereto; also final report and settlement of the 1952 city tax duplicate and ask to be exonerated and released of same.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ George J. Turner
City Treasurer.

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

City Treasurer, George J. Turner, submitted report dated March 18th, 1953, reading as follows:

To the Mayor and Members of Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is a settlement of the Duplicate of City Taxes for the year 1952, as of the 10th day of March 1953, I submit for consideration same in accordance with Act #167, approved June 21, 1935 and its supplements thereto.

<u>DEBIT</u>		
Duplicate Issued		\$ 198,202.98
Added to Duplicate		180.84
Penalty Added		20.17
	<u>CREDITS</u>	\$ 198,403.99
Cash Collected	\$ 167,829.50	
Discount	<u>2,674.90</u>	\$ 170,504.40
Prop. Tax and Pers.		17,681.57
Pers. Tax, Abatements, Etc.		10,218.02
		<u>\$ 198,403.99</u>

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

Francis A. Earley, Secretary of the Civil Service Examining Board submitted report dated March 18th, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the following have passed the physical and mental examination given by the Pittston Civil Service Examining Board, Saturday, March 14th, 1953; the Board members consisting of Dr. James Dixon, Joseph Graziano and Francis A. Earley:

Joseph Liskoskey

Frank Falzone

Andrew Dructor

Joseph Dougher

Respectfully submitted,

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINING BOARD

FAE:f

/s/ Francis A. Earley
Francis A. Earley, Secretary.

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

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, March 10th, 1953, and reading as follows, was received from the Tax Payers Association of Wyoming Valley:

Hon. John J. Allardyce
Mayor of the City of Pittston
City Hall
Pittston, Pennsylvania

My dear Mayor:

I understand that your Council is considering the filing of your uncollected real estate taxes with the County Tax Claim Bureau, and that you will notify the Bureau of the fact before May 1.

We have had much experience with municipalities and school districts over their tax problems, and are convinced that the method which you are considering is far better than the procedure under the old Act.

I am quite sure you will be satisfied at the result if you decide to take the proposed action.

Sincerely yours,

WEM/lc

/s/ Wm. E. Mannear

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

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., March 31st, 1953, and reading as follows, was received from the Greater Pittston Ambulance Rescue Service Association:

Pittston City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the members of the Greater Pittston Ambulance Rescue Service Association, whose membership extends throughout the communities of Pittston City, Pittston Township, Jenkins Township, Hughestown Borough, and Yatesville Borough, we thank you for your cooperation and your sincere endorsement of our recent successful campaign for funds.

We thank you especially for the use of the Council Chambers as a meeting place on many, many occasion.

We wish to also express our appreciation to the Janitorial Department, who were so kind in providing their services.

We sincerely hope that this spirit of community interest will endure, and that we may place reliance on your support in the future.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ William Murphy

William Murphy, Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, 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, March 31st, 1953, reading as follows, was received from the City Engineer, John J. Reilly:

To the Mayor and Members of Council,
Pittston, Luzerne County,
Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

Contractor John Bright commenced work on his contract for repairs to roof of New City Hall Building on March 16th, 1953.

Work on same was completed in accordance with specifications on March 30, 1953, all work is 100% complete.

I also inspected work done by Contractor Bright in sealing and waterproofing joints in Statue of Columbus, located at the Roosevelt School. The heads on some of the figures in statue have been broken. It will be necessary to have an expert on stone carving repair the balance of work on statue.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ John J. Reilly
John J. Reilly, City Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above work was approved and bill for same ordered paid when funds are available.

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., March 23rd, 1953, reading as follows, was received from the City Engineer John J. Reilly:

To Mayor and Members of Council,
City of Pittston,
Luzerne County,
Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

As requested by Council, I made estimate of proposed relocation of 8" V.T.C. Sewer which flows through alley and lands of Caprari Motor Company, located in alley between Broad and William Street and discharging into Foundry Street sewer.

Mr. Caprari during excavation for addition to his building broke sewer.

Attached find estimate for reconstruction of sewer from alley to Broad Street.

Respectfully submitted,

JJR:ar

/s/ John J. Reilly
John J. Reilly, City Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, 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, Penna., March 31st, 1953, reading as follows, was received from the City Engineer John J. Reilly:

To the Mayor and Members of Council,
City of Pittston,
Luzerne County,
Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

As requested by Council, I made estimates for repairs and enclosure of culvert through lot of Joseph Alaimo, East Railroad Street, Pittston, Penna.

This work can be done by Street Department cleaning culvert, relaying stone sidewalls, and constructing reinforced concrete slab over top of culvert.

Ready mixed concrete can be purchased and poured in place.

Enclosed find estimate of same.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ John J. Reilly

JJR:ar
Enc.

John J. Reilly, City Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, 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.

Financial Report of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, for the fiscal year 1952, was submitted by the Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh and the City Controller Roland F. Weiscarger, and read by title, Schedule "A" to Schedule "G" inclusive, by the City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and the City Clerk instructed to send one certified copy (on state form) to the Department of Internal Affairs, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The City Solicitor J. Earl Langan presented a plan for Social Security coverage for city employes and officers which must be submitted to the State for approval and announced that all city employes will be covered by Social Security effective April 1st, 1953.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for the annual road materials and supplies.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, all bids on "fire hose" were rejected by Council and the City Clerk authorized to return all certified checks to the bidders.

Thomas Foley, former police clerk addressed the Mayor and City Council contending the Mr. Walsh, as head of the Department of Accounts and Finance, acted in violation of the Third Class Cities' law by approving payment of salary to his brother Police Lieutenant Thomas Walsh. He charged that Mr. Walsh, in 1945, cast the deciding vote with former Councilmen Frank Turon and John Sheridan, to promote his brother to the position of police lieutenant upon the death of Lieutenant Michael Dructor. Mr. Foley asked that some member of Council offer a motion that his charge be taken under consideration so that it becomes a matter of record. No such motion was made.

Mr. Langan, City Solicitor, assured Mr. Foley that due note would be made on the minutes of the meeting that he addressed Council, since it is not customary for a verbatim record to be made of all utterances before Council.

The dismissal of twenty street department employees came up again for discussion when Mayor John J. Allardyce asked that the dismissal of Raymond Allford be reconsidered. Mayor Allardyce pointed out that Mr. Allford had been employed by the department for five or six years and was not a recent employe as was indicated.

Councilman Charles Infantino stated that there were others on the list who had worked more than several months and Councilman Joseph A. Walsh offered an amendment to Mayor Allardyce's motion that the entire list of dismissed employes be reconsidered.

Mayor Allardyce expressed agreement with Mr. Walsh's amendment and withdrew his motion in favor of the amendment.

Councilman Walsh then questioned Mayor Allardyce about the firing of Samuel Bussacco as a special policeman. Mayor Allardyce admitted he had taken this action on his own initiative after consulting Solicitor Langan as to his right to so act. Solicitor Langan declared that the Mayor has the power to hire special policemen and Councilman Walsh asked for a copy of the statute.

Councilman Walsh pressed for Mayor Allardyce's reason for firing Mr. Bussacco and was informed that Mr. Bussacco is gainfully employed by Luzerne County and in his opinion men who are employed only part time are entitled to some work as special policemen.

Permit applications dated March 30th and 31st, 1953, were submitted as follows:

Jerry Gillespie
56 Carroll St., City

Erect (2) car garage at above location.

Anthony and Eleanor Dobilas
85 Center St., City

Raze property (former Luke Est.) situated at 83 Center St.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permits were granted subject to approval by the proper department authorities.

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

A P P R O V E D

April 14th, 1953.

YEAS

NAYS

Yes

WALSH

Yes

KEHOE

Yes

COLLINS

Yes

INFANTINO

Yes

ALLARDYCE (MAYOR)

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY,
CITY CLERK.

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH, 1953, AT 7:30 P. M., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, April 14th, 1953, at 7:30 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor John J. Allardyce presiding and all members of City Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, March 31st, 1953, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mr. Joseph A. Walsh stated that "at Council meeting of March 23rd, 1953, the following motion was read: On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, that "in the future all Street Department and all other employees be hired only by full consent of Council". Vote on this motion was three and two, with Mayor Allardyce and Councilman Collins dissenting.

I (Joseph A. Walsh) now move that the above motion, just read, be rescinded and stricken from the Council meeting records.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by vote upon roll call of members present, Mr. Walsh "yes"; Mr. Kehoe "yes"; Mr. Collins "no"; Mr. Infantino "yes", Mayor Allardyce "No", the above motion was approved and carried.

Mayor John J. Allardyce submitted report dated April 11th, 1953, of parking meter fees and parking violations received by his department for the month of March, 1953, reading as follows:

March 1st, 1953 March 31st, 1953

Parking Meter Fees	\$	699.00
Parking Violations		49.00
	\$	<u>748.00</u>

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated March 31st, 1953, on receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of March, 1953, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, March 1st, 1953	\$	44,250.21
Receipts During the Month		77,819.59
	\$	<u>122,069.80</u>
Warrants Paid During the Month	\$	19,430.12
Cash on Hand, March 31st, 1953		102,639.68
	\$	<u>122,069.80</u>

Cash on Hand, March 31st, 1953, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$	44,971.21
Bond and Interest - 1923 Account		3,876.87
Bond and Interest - 1935 Account		12,264.33
Bond and Interest - 1938 Account		6,737.17
Bond and Interest - 1942 Account		4,375.60
Bond and Interest - 1949 Account		4,390.53
Bond and Interest - 1952 Account		18,183.93
Liquid Fuels' Tax Fund		2,240.04
Sewage Advance Planning Fund		5,600.00
	\$	<u>102,639.68</u>

COUNCIL RESTORES POWERS TO MAYOR IN SURPRISE MOVE

WILKES-BARRE, PA. WEDNESDAY EVEN

PITTSTON

Representatives—Edward Burke and Hugh Nolan
Office—28 CHURCH STREET—Phone Pittston 65

Council Discusses Motion About Jobs

At a brief session of Pittston City Council last night, the majority members, Joseph Walsh, Thomas Kehoe and Charles Infantino who at the March 23 meeting fired the 20 street department workers tried to erase their mistake by having the Walsh motion to have "all street department and other help hired only by consent of the full council," erased from the records. There was a discussion between Walsh and Mayor John J. Allardyce as to the actual wording of the motion. Walsh contended that City Clerk John J. McNulty erroneously recorded the motion. The Mayor argued that the motion was correctly recorded and left his chair to get a copy of the motion. The majority waved him back to his seat, however. No mention was made as to whether the list of the 20 men would be rescreened in order to replace some of the older city workers. Old motion was stricken from the records on a 3 to 2 vote, with Allardyce and Councilman Patrick J. Collins dissenting.

Frank Keating of 90 Market street made a verbal complaint with council on the condition of upper Market street. The section is settling and the holes are filling with water, he said. Engineer John J. Reilly was consulted and he explained that the original workings are owned by the Pennsylvania Coal Company and were worked by the Gallizzi Coal Company in the Marcy vein and by the Pagnotti Coal Company in the Clark vein. Keating contended that a Pagnotti foreman said that nothing could be done about the situation until it stopped settling. Matter was referred to the engineer together with a similar complaint on South Main street in front of the Williams tobacco store. Reilly will arrange a meeting with the engineers of the coal companies and council to further review the complaints.

There was a slight flurry of words between Allardyce and Walsh on the matter of the "two jobs business," with Walsh stating

that he had one business and one political job. Allardyce asked him about his Duryea plumbing school. Infantino ended the jibes with "that's immaterial."

Another interesting incident occurred when the report of Mrs. Thomas Newcombe, health officer, was read. Mayor Allardyce took exception to the sick leave granted to Miss Francis Krisosky, secretary to City Clerk McNulty, during the period from April 6 and April 9. The mayor did not elaborate, but dissented from approving the report.

All of the councilmen were present. George J. Turner, city treasurer, reported a general fund balance of \$44,971.21, and a balance of \$122,069.80 in all funds. He collected \$1,396.26 in delinquent taxes during March and \$241.04 in city licenses. Mayor Allardyce reported a total of \$748 collected during March for parking meter fees and traffic violations.

Council went on record to adopt Daylight Saving Time, effective April 26. Copies of the contract for the sewage disposal survey with Albright and Friel were received from the Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce. Matter was referred to the solicitor and he was ordered to go ahead with the contracts and the payment of Pittston's share of the survey which will be \$343.

Communication was received from the Greater Pittston Ambulance Association in regard to housing the ambulance at the Eagle Hose Company. This question was also referred to Solicitor Langan, who reported that the matter would be acted on at a general membership meeting of the Eagle Hose Company. Two other questions contained in the letter, the matter of having Pittston police help man the ambulance and whether the equipment if taken over by the city would serve areas outside the Pittston City limits, will bear further study, Langan said.

Building permit was granted the ABC Kiddie Shop, 10 South Main street, to build a new store front.

A motion prevailed at last night's regular meeting of City Council to rescind a motion passed at the March 23rd meeting, which in effect erased from the records a motion which took hiring and firing rights away from Mayor John J. Allardyce and reserved to Council these rights. Evidently Mayor Allardyce and Patrick J. Collins, head of the Department of Public Improvements, were taken by surprise last night for they voted "no" on the motion, although it placed the Mayor in the 'driver's seat' once more and cloaked him with added responsibility.

Joseph A. Walsh, Thomas J. Kehoe and Charles Infantino, newly constituted Council majority, sponsored the surprise maneuver. This trio last month fired 20 per diem Street Department employees who had been hired since the first of the year, claiming that the department payroll was being "padded" for political purposes. The majority's announced reason for removing the March 23rd motion — which vested hiring-firing powers in Council itself — was that the motion had been "improperly recorded" in the books of City Clerk John D. McNulty.

No action was taken to correct the allegedly "improper" record except to wipe it out completely.

Another bit of political byplay developed when Mayor Allardyce voted against acceptance of the report of Mrs. Thomas A. Newcomb as health officer. Four city workers were listed as having been idled during March and the Mayor contends that the record of one of these is faulty. The report was accepted by a 4-to-1 vote. Mrs. Newcomb's report as Sealer of Weights and Measures was approved unanimously.

The Mayor made known that he has requested representatives of the Pennsylvania Coal Company and Pagnotti Interests to attend the next meeting of Council so that it can be determined which concern is responsible for surface settlements on South Main street, below Pine street, and on Market street, from the crest of the hill at Vine street to St. John's Cemetery. A representative of the Gallizzi Coal Company has also been invited to the next Council meeting to provide information on the Market street depression, if he can. The Mayor says he has instructed Engineer John J. Reilly to make the contacts with the coal companies.

Council approved unanimously recommendation that Pittston go on Daylight Saving Time at midnight Sunday, April 26.

The Mayor reported collection of \$699 in parking meter revenue and \$49 in parking fines for March.

Treasurer George Turner reported a balance of \$122,069.80 in all funds, including \$44,971.21 in the General Fund.

He also listed collection of \$1,396.26 in delinquent taxes and \$241.04 in city license fees.

Three Street Workers Lose Jobs

The political pot continues to boil in Pittston, highlighted with the three-way battle for mayor on the Republican side.

A development in the split Republican camp was the dismissal of three street department workers, who were ordered to "go home" today by George Terrana, superintendent of streets.

The men ordered off the job were members of the rubbish pick-up detail and the order hamstringed the crew, according to the superintendent. The men were John Yonki, Thomas Jackett and a Mr. Miraglia. Terrana said, "No comment," when queried as to who gave the order.

Mayor John J. Allardyce stated, however, that "he understood that the order to fire the men was given by Councilman Joseph Walsh, the leader of the majority faction."

The department head of streets, Patrick J. Collins, was not contacted, according to the mayor. Mayor Allardyce said that the order will be challenged and the men will be put back to work tomorrow.

According to the mayor, Solicitor J. Earl Langan opined that the majority erred in not consulting the street department head before the dismissals.

APRIL 14-1953

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

City Tax Collector George J. Turner, submitted report dated March 31st, 1953, on collection of delinquent city taxes for the month of March, 1953, reading as follows:

March - 1953 (Delinquent City Tax Collections) \$ 1,396.26

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated March 31st, 1953 on City Licenses issued by his office during the month of March, 1953 reading as follows:

Corporate License Tax	\$ 100.00
Juke Box License	15.00
Pinball Machine License	70.00
Pole Tax	56.04
	<u>\$ 241.04</u>

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated April 13th, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of March, 1953:

- Weekly reports sent to the Medical Health Center.
- Contagious diseases reported (measles) 1
- James O'Brien on sick leave from March 1st to March 23rd, 1953.
- Joseph Dwyer on sick leave from January 5th to March 16th, 1953.
- Daniel Jenkins on sick leave from January 1st, 1953.
- Mrs. Thomas Newcomb on sick leave from March 17th, to March 30th, 1953.
- Frances Krososky on sick leave from April 6th to April 9th, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f

/s/

Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
Health Officer.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present - Mr. Walsh "yes"; Mr. Kehoe "yes"; Mr. Collins "yes"; Mr. Infantino "yes"; Mr. Allardyce taking exception to the sick leave granted Miss Krososky and dissenting to the approval of the above report, same was approved and ordered received and filed.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted -- report dated April 13th, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of March, 1953:

Monthly report sent to the Bureau of Standard Weights and Measures, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Beam Scales	6	0
Counter Scales	22	1
Beam Scales	2	0
Floor Scales	3	0

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

mTN:f

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

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 14th, 1953, reading as follows, was received from the Greater Pittston Ambulance Association:

Mayor and Members of Pittston City Council,
City Hall,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

Proper housing for the Greater Pittston Ambulance has become a problem for the Ambulance Association and consequently for the City as a whole.

Realizing that members of Council are heartily in favor of the Ambulance and sympathetic with its housing problems, the Housing Committee of the Ambulance Association requests that Council take direct steps to help solve the problem.

The Housing Committee of the Ambulance Association asks the Council to inform the Eagles Hose Company that Council is desirous of determining whether or not it is possible to house the ambulance at the Eagles Hose Company and if it is, what must be done to arrange such housing.

The Ambulance Association also requests the City Council to authorize the Police Department to assist in manning the ambulance in case of emergency or when a situation arises that a volunteer driver is not immediately available.

In the matter of housing, the Ambulance Association also asks Council to check the possibility of providing a City owned lot on which an ambulance building could be erected in case the Eagles Hose Company housing is not feasible.

The Housing Committee of the Ambulance Association submits this request at this Council meeting and asks that Council take action on the matters requested and give the Ambulance Association an early reply.

Sincerely,

GREATER PITTSBURGH AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

/s/ Edward J. Burke

Chairman Housing Committee

/s/ Stanley Serino

/s/ Frank Petrozello.

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

Communication dated Allentown, Pennsylvania, April 9th, 1953, reading as follows, was received from the Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.

A. 79796

In re: Application of Pennsylvania Power & Light Company for approval of the acquisition of the outstanding stocks of The Scranton Electric Company.

Mr. John D. McNulty,
City Clerk and Sec., City of Pittston,
City Hall, Broad Street,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission has directed us to serve on you a copy of the notice of the time and place of hearing on the above-entitled application. The enclosed notice is sent to you in compliance with the Commission's directive.

Very truly yours,

Encl.

/s/ Jack K. Busby

Jack K. Busby

N O T I C E

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, under the provisions of the Public Utility Law, by Pennsylvania Power & Light Company, for an order evidencing the Commission's approval of the acquisition of the outstanding stocks of The Scranton Electric Company. (A. 79796).

A public hearing upon this application will be held in the Courthouse at Scranton on Thursday, April 23, 1953, at 10:00 A.M., where and when all persons in interest may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

PENNSYLVANIA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, 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, Pennsylvania, April 13th, 1953, reading as follows, was received from the Public Services Committee of Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce:

To: Edwardsville Borough
Exeter Borough
Forty Fort Borough
Hanover Township
Jenkins Township
Kingston Borough
Nanticoke City

Pittston City
Pittston Township
Plains Township
Plymouth Borough
Swoyersville Borough
West Pittston Borough
Wilkes-Barre City
Wyoming Borough

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to report that after many conferences a contract has been prepared for the employment of Albright & Friel, Inc., to undertake the survey of the sewage treatment problem in Wyoming Valley. This contract has been reviewed with the Wilkes-Barre office of the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering and has their endorsement as representing a constructive exploration of the problem.

Enclosed you will find four (4) copies of this contract. If there are any questions, please communicate with me.

Will you please execute three (3) copies, return them to me, retaining the fourth copy for your records. The contract will then be executed by Albright & Friel, Inc., and a signed copy returned to you. Your attention is directed to the various insertions required by you in the body of the contract.

If your check has not already been sent to cover your share of the survey cost, please do so immediately. Your check should be drawn to the order of "Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce - Sewage Account".

Your continued cooperation is very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

/s/ C. A. Von Stein
C. A. Von Stein, Chairman
Public Services Committee of
Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce.

CAVS:ddc
Enclosures (4)

Note: Enclosures have been sent to Solicitor.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, 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, J. Earl Langan, and ordered received and filed.

X ✓ Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, March 30th, 1953, reading as follows, was received from Joseph G. and Constance M. Heffren, 4 Drummond Street, City:

Mayor and City Council
City of Pittston
Pittston, Pennsylvania

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Gentlemen:

We wish to submit for your consideration the suggestion that our property located at 4 Drummond Street in the City of Pittston be reappraised for the purpose of reducing our assessment and taxes.

The reasons which prompt this request are as follows:

1. The street on which our property is located is a single lane street.
2. There is no sidewalk in front of our home - the lot extending to the street.
- ✓ 3. No city-provided sewage system exists in this neighborhood.
4. There seems to be no pattern for road maintenance at least none has been evident in the past three years.
- ✓ 5. Also, in conversation with our neighbors, we have learned that the assessment on our property is considerably greater than on theirs.

While we believe that taxes are necessary, and investigation will reveal that we pay our taxes promptly, we believe that they should be levied on a fair basis. In other words, we feel that a downward adjustment is in order, that our taxes may compare favorably with those being paid by other property owners in this neighborhood.

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We are looking forward to favorable action on this petition.

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. G. Heffren
/s/ Constance M. Heffren

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By action of the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals at meeting held March 31st, 1953, the assessed valuation on property situated at 4 Drummond Street City, was reduced from \$1453.00 to \$1153.00, a reduction of \$300.00, commencing with the 1953 School Taxes.

City Council on motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of members present, went on record to adopt Daylight Saving Time, effective April 26th, 1953.

Frank Keating of 90 Market Street, City, made a verbal complaint on the condition of upper Market Street.

Mayor Allardyce made known that he has requested representatives of the Pennsylvania Coal Company and Pagnotti Interests to attend the next meeting of Council so that it can be determined which concern is responsible for surface settlings on South Main Street, below Pine Street and on Market Street from the crest of the hill at Vine Street to St. John's Cemetery.

A representative of the Gallizzi Coal Company has also been invited to the next Council meeting to provide information on the Market Street depression.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Engineer John J. Reilly was instructed to make the proper contacts with the above noted Coal Company representatives.

Permit application dated April 17th, 1953, was received as follows:

A. B. C. Kiddie Shop
10 South Main Street
Pittston, Penna.

To remodel store front at above
address at a cost of \$3,000.00/

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted subject to approval of the proper department authorities.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Kehoe, 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

April 28th, 1953.

YEAS

NAYS

Yes

WALSH

Yes

KEHOE

Yes

COLLINS

Yes

INFANTINO

Yes

ALLARDYCE (MAYOR)

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH, 1953, AT 8:10 P. M., E.D.S.T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, April 28th, 1953, at 8:10 P. M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, with Mayor John J. Allardyce presiding and all members of City Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, April 14th, 1953, were not read but upon motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, approved and ordered received and filed.

Sinking Fund report countersigned by Mayor John J. Allardyce, Director of Accounts and Finance Joseph A. Walsh and City Treasurer George J. Turner, dated April 28th, 1953, was submitted reading as follows:

City Treasurer's report as of January 5th, 1952	\$ 25,970.37
Receipts of funds credited to the Sinking Fund from collection of taxes	40,131.46
"1952 Funding and Improvement Bond Issue"	127,528.36
Total Receipts and Balances	<u>\$ 193,630.19</u>

Expenditures made from Sinking Fund during fiscal year ending January 5th, 1953:

Principal	\$ 42,000.00
Interest	3,567.50
Disbursements "1952 Bond Issue"	99,579.69
Cash Balance on Hand, January 5th, 1953	48,483.00
Total Expenditures and Balances	<u>\$ 193,630.19</u>

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated March 7th, 1953 (withheld from Council meeting of above dated by Mayor Allardyce and released by same authority at meeting of April 14th, 1953), reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of February, 1953:

Weekly report sent to the Medical Health Center.	
Complaints received and investigated	16
Restaurants inspected	10
Contagious diseases reported:	
Measles	1
Mumps	1

✓ Employees on sick leave:

✓ Dominick Aritz	-	January 1st to January 18th.
✓ Frank Daley	-	January 30th to February 6th.
Dante Lafratte	-	January 31st to February 7th.
Robert Mullen	-	January 19th to February 4th.
✓ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb	-	February 16th to February 26th.
Frances Krososky	-	January 29th to February 6th.
	-	February 19th to February 28th.
Rita O'Brien	-	February 11th to February 17th.
Daniel Jenkins	-	resumed his duties January 31st, 1953.
Joseph Dwyer	-	resumed his duties January 31st, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/

Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
Health Officer.

RESOLUTION NO. 4375. Pittston, Pa., April 28th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED,
by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That John J. Reilly, City Engineer in the Department of Public Affairs in the City of Pittston, be and he is hereby removed from said office effective May 1st, 1953".

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Walsh "yes"; Mr. Kehoe "yes"; Mr. Infantino "yes"; Mr. Collins "no" and Mayor Allardyce "no", the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 4376. Pittston, Pa., April 28th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED,
by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That R. N. Myers, 47 Church Street, Pittston City, be and he is hereby appointed City Engineer in the Department of Public Affairs, in the City of Pittston, at a salary already provided by Ordinance, effective May 1st, 1953".

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Walsh "yes"; Mr. Kehoe "yes"; Mr. Collins "no"; Mr. Infantino "yes"; Mayor Allardyce "no", the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 4377. Pittston, Pa., April 28th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED,
by the City Council of the City of Pittston; and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same:

"That George Terrana, Superintendent of Streets, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to employ or remove all or any of the employees of the Street Department of the City of Pittston, subject however, to the Statutory powers of the City Council of the City of Pittston".

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Walsh "yes"; Mr. Kehoe "yes"; Mr. Collins "no"; Mr. Infantino "yes"; Mayor Allardyce "no", the above Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 4378. Pittston, Pa., April 28th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED,
by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That The Scranton Electric Company is hereby directed to install One (1) 100 candle-power street light on Pole No. 1329, on Price Street, south of West Oak Street".

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

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh, submitted report dated April 28th, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval;

American LaFrance Foamite Corp.	Fan belt for pumper	\$ 6.74
Sadie Antonello Cosgrove	Comprehensive coverage on load packer	21.71
Bell Telephone Company of Penna.	Phone service:	
John L. Bright	Feb. 16th to April 16th	150.95
Commercial Gas Corporation	Repairs to City Hall and Columbus statue	1,382.00
Eagen Hardware Company	Demurrage on cylinders	1.80
Egan Oil & Supply Company	Carbide and lamps	3.16
Frank's Lunch	April '53 - gas and oil	140.07
Jack Friedman's Electric Supply	Food for prisoners	27.22
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Light bulbs, fuses, etc.	5.95
C. F. Goeringer Construction Co.	March '53 - water for offices	7.15
Martin L. Kaiser Company	(20) tons cold patch	167.00
Kehoe-Berge Coal Company	Stoker repairs	69.95
Kehoe Insurance Agency	Fuel	172.85
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Garage - R51 Butler Alley	11.50
Francis X. Linnen	Office supplies - various departments	53.89
Ludwig's Hardware	Cash advanced for expense in re: state police investigation	9.83
McNamara, Marcus & Company	(2) hooks	5.50
A. L. Miller	Prem. E. J. Howley bond	50.00
Pennsylvania Coal Company	Cutting (3) galv. boilers	3.75
Pittston Oil Company	Park rental	36.00
Pittston Printery	March '53 - gas and oil	150.40
M. H. Rhodes, Inc.	(1000) resolution forms	12.00
P. A. Sammon & Son	(200) links for meters	1.82
P. A. Sammon & Son	Ins. international dump truck	21.59
Scranton Electric Company	Prem. Jos. Dougher bond	5.00
Scranton Electric Company	March '53 - st. lighting	1,029.81
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Light service:	
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Feb. 9 to Mar. 9, '53	84.08
The Sunday Dispatch	March-April hydrant rental	306.68
George J. Turner, City Treasurer	Water service:	
Roland F. Weiscarger, Controller	Feb. 17 to March 17, '53	27.58
	Advertising	27.60
	Compensation - collection of amusement tax	250.00
	Cash advanced for set of chains (police car)	10.51
		<u>\$ 4,263.45</u>
		4,254.09

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Joseph A. Walsh

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Joseph A. Walsh, Director of the
Department of Accounts and Finance.

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

Communication dated Scranton, Pennsylvania, April 27th, 1953, and reading as follows, was received from the Pennsylvania Coal Company:

John J. Reilly, City Engineer,
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Reilly:

In answer to your letter dated April 22, 1953, regarding my attending Council meeting on April 28th, prior commitment prevents me from being present at this meeting.

Yours very truly,

/s/ R. A. Lambert.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, 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, April 25th, 1953, and reading as follows, was received from No. 9 Coal Company:

Mr. John J. Reilly, City Engineer,
City of Pittston,
City Hall,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Your communication of April 22, 1953, is acknowledged.

Our Mining Engineer, Mr. Floyd Wilcox, will attend the meeting to be held Tuesday, April 28, 1953, at 7:30 P. M., City Hall, Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,

No. 9 Coal Company

/s/ L. J. Pagnotti

LJP/SvSJ

Louis J. Pagnotti, President.

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

Mr. Floyd Wilcox, engineer of No. 9 Coal Company and Anthony Gallizzi of the Gallizzi Coal Company were present.

Mr. Wilcox agreed to visit the home of Constable Frank Keating of the 8th Ward to make a personal inspection of the Market Street situation and will meet with City Engineer R. N. Myers on Tuesday, May 5th, 1953 to go over the South Main Street situation. Mr. Gallizzi explained that he had done no mining in the Market Street area in fourteen years and his operations originally covered only two weeks' time.

✓✓ Communication dated Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 20th, 1953, reading as follows was received from The General Fire Truck Company:

✓ J. Earl Langan, Attorney-at-Law,
Cash Store Building
Pittston, Pennsylvania

✓ Dear Mr. Langan:

In answer to your letter of recent date, please be advised that I expect to be in Pittston to meet with your Mayor and Council concerning the 750-gallon General Fire Truck to be delivered to your city on our order from the Civil Defense Administration, April 28th.

✓ For your information I am enclosing a copy of a letter, together with circulars which will give you some idea as to the type of equipment to be delivered to your city.

Very truly yours,

✓ JD/ef
Encl.

/s/ John Douglas

✓ On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to City Council for further discussion with Mr. Douglas when he arrives in Pittston City. ✓✓

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, April 28th, 1953, reading as follows, was received from C. William McNulty, General Chairman of the Pittston Centennial Week:

Mayor John J. Allardyce
and
Members of City Council

Gentlemen:

A group of citizens representing all sections and nationalities and creeds in our city met on Thursday, April 23 in the Y. M. C. A., and laid the groundwork for a permanent organization to fittingly observe the centennial anniversary of the founding of Pittston as an incorporated town. The tentative date has been set for the week of September 20th to 26th inclusive.

Because of your earnest and solicitous interest in the welfare of our community, we respectfully urge your cooperation in this observance which we are thankful to Providence for the opportunity of observing this year.

We fully realize your financial condition and know that it is impossible for you to aid in this manner, we would, however, ask you respectfully and cognizant of your past interest in Pittston to help us fittingly observe this unique event in our history by voicing your wholehearted cooperation and designating the week of September 20th to 26th as Pittston Centennial Week and contribute your generous cooperation wherever and whenever possible, and authorizing police, firemen and other city employees to do likewise.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ C. William McNulty

C. William McNulty,
General Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Council approved the citizens' committee that is promoting the Centennical Celebration of the incorporation of Pittston as a City and the week of September 20th to 26th was designated for the observance.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was authorized to open bids received for materials for the street department.

The City Clerk stated that bids had been received from the following firms:

C. F. Goeringer Construction Company
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

H. B. Sproul Construction Company
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Airport Sand & Gravel Company
Luzerne, Pennsylvania

P. F. Mitchell Lumber Yard
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Eagen Hardware Company
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Egan Oil & Supply Company
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the bids of Egan Oil & Supply Company and Eagen Hardware Company were rejected because of failure to comply with specifications and neglect to enclose certified check with bid.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the bids were referred to City Council as a committee of the whole, for tabulation and award, at next regular meeting of Council.

Mr. Frank Petroziello inquired as to the solicitor's report on the housing of the new city ambulance and Attorney Langan informed him that he is still awaiting a report from the Eagles Hose Company regarding use of its quarters.

Solicitor Langan was questioned by both Councilmen Thomas Kehoe and Joseph Walsh as to the Mayor's authority to hire special police. He gave his opinion that the Mayor has the authority to make the appointments but that Council has the authority to specify the length of time these special policemen shall serve.

The privilege of addressing Council was given Thomas Foley. He recalled that he had made charges against Councilman Walsh at a recent meeting which was ignored and reiterated that Council is taking powers unto itself which properly belong to the Mayor, by virtue of his office. He quoted extensively from a law book to support his contentions.

Permit application dated April 28th, 1953, was submitted by The Atlantic Refining Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, to erect a billboard at S. Main and Plank Streets, City.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted, subject to approval of the proper department authorities.

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

A P P R O V E D

YEAS May 5th, 1953. NAYS

Yes WALSH

Yes KEHOE

Yes COLLINS

Yes INFANTINO

Absent ALLARDYCE (MAYOR)

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, MAY 5TH, 1953, AT 7:45 P. M., E. D. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in special session Tuesday, May 5th, 1953, with Councilman Joseph A. Walsh presiding and all members of City Council present with the exception of Mayor John J. Allardyce.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, April 28th, 1953, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present approved and ordered received and filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 4 (1953-1954). "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON TO HIRE AND DISCHARGE ANY OR ALL PER DIEM EMPLOYEES AND LABORERS OVER WHOM HE HAS SUPERVISION, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMITATIONS", was read at length for the first time.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed upon first reading.

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

A P P R O V E D

May 26th, 1953.

YEAS

NAYS

Yes	WALSH
Yes	KEHOE
Yes	COLLINS
Yes	INFANTINO
Yes	ALLARDYCE (MAYOR)

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

SUP'T OF STREETS MAY HIRE AND FIRE PER DIEM WORKMEN

The four members of Pittston City Council—Joseph A. Walsh, Thomas Kehoe, Charles Infantino and Patrick J. Collins—met last night in special session at City Hall and, with surprising dispatch, passed an ordinance on first reading which delegated to Superintendent of Streets the privilege and responsibility of hiring and discharging per diem employes of the Street Department. The present Superintendent of Streets is George Terreno, nephew of Councilman Infantino.

The text of the ordinance, which was passed on first reading by clear vote of Council, is as follows:

"An ordinance authorizing the Superintendent of Streets of the City of Pittston to hire and discharge any or all per diem employes and laborers over whom he has supervision, subject to certain limitations:

"Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Pittston, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same:

"Section 1—That the Superintendent of Streets be and he is hereby authorized and empowered and directed to hire and discharge any or all per diem employes and laborers of the City over whom he has supervision subject however, to the approval and statutory power of the City Council of the City of Pittston.

"Section 2—This ordinance shall take effect ten days after its passage.

"Section 3—All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Mr. Infantino offered the motion for adoption of the ordinance on first reading and Mr. Kehoe seconded. After all four Councilmen had voted affirmatively a motion to adjourn was presented and carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Walsh, head of the Department of Accounts and Finance, presided at the meeting, in the absence of Mayor John J. Allardyce, who was reported in Harrisburg attending the inauguration of Charles N. Barber as State Auditor-General.

The next meeting of Council will be a regular meeting on Tuesday next, May 12th, at 7:30 p. m., at which time the foregoing ordinance is expected to be presented for adoption on second and third readings.

When he became aware of the action of Council last night in adopting the ordinance referred to, Mayor John J. Allardyce informed a Gazette man: "If I were present at last night's meeting I would have voted for that ordinance. I feel that no Street Department employes should be laid off; that the streets are in deplorable condition and need fixing."

When it became known late last week that two members of Council had petitioned the Mayor to call a special session for last night it was thought that the newly-constituted majority triumvirate intended to fire additional employes. There were fifteen or more citizens seated in the Council Chamber when Mr. Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:40 o'clock—only ten minutes beyond the appointed time—but the business was transacted so swiftly that Tom Foley, the iconoclast, who cherishes opinions that Council does not transact all of its business "according to Hoyle," was not given an opportunity to quote from his favorite Pennsylvania Manual. Mr. Foley did drop into the Gazette office this morning to voice the sage advice that Council erred last night in not specifically stating the purpose of last night's special meeting and he promised to use this alleged infraction as a starting point of his speech at next Tuesday's meeting.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, MAY 26TH, 1953, AT 7:45 P. M., E. D. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, May 26th, 1953, at 7:45 P. M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, with Mayor John J. Allardyce presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of special session of Tuesday, May 5th, 1953, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor John J. Allardyce submitted report dated May 9th, 1953, of parking meter fees and parking fines received by his department for the month of April, 1953, reading as follows:

April 1st, 1953	April 30th, 1953
Parking Meter Fees	\$ 721.00
Parking Fines	36.00
	<u>\$ 757.00</u>

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated April 30th, 1953, of receipts and disbursements by his office during the month of April, 1953, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, April 1st, 1953	\$ 102,639.68
Receipts During the Month	22,273.46
	<u>\$ 124,913.14</u>
Warrants Paid During the Month	\$ 46,791.99
Cash on Hand, April 30th, 1953	78,121.15
	<u>\$ 124,913.14</u>

Cash on Hand, April 30th, 1953, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 33,343.28
Bond and Interest - 1923 Account	3,876.87
Bond and Interest - 1935 Account	13,112.43
Bond and Interest - 1938 Account	7,258.29
Bond and Interest - 1942 Account	4,375.60
Bond and Interest - 1949 Account	4,902.41
Bond and Interest - 1952 Account	3,412.23
Liquid Fuels' Tax Fund	2,240.04
Sewage Advance Planning Fund	5,600.00
	<u>\$ 78,121.15</u>

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated April 30th, 1953, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of April, 1953, reading as follows:

Pinball Machine Licenses	\$ 195.00
Jukebox Licenses	225.00
Corporate License Tax	1,000.00
City Tax	10.00
Pole Tax	7.68
	<u>\$ 1,437.68</u>

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

City Treasurer-Tax Collector George J. Turner, submitted report dated April 30th, 1953 on collection of delinquent city taxes for the month of April, 1953, reading as follows:

April - 1953
Collection City Delinquent Taxes... \$ 2,816.16

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated April 15th, 1953, on collection of amusement tax for the months of March and April, 1953, reading as follows:

Athletics	\$ 48.43
Theatres (American and Roman)	3,320.27
Bone Stadium	230.86
Social	<u>.50</u>
Total collections	\$ 3,600.06
Pittston City School Dist. share	
50% or	<u>1,800.03</u>
Pittston City Share - 50%	<u>\$ 1,800.03</u>

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated May 12th, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of April, 1953:

Weekly report sent to the Medical Health Center.

Complaints received and investigated 12

Contagious diseases reported (chicken-pox) 6

Police Officer Dominick Aritz on sick leave

April 3 to 11th and April 14 to 30th, 1953.

Police Lt. Thomas Walsh on sick leave April 4th and

April 22, 23 and 25th.

Police Officer Frank Daley on sick leave from April 6

to April 9th, 1953.

Susan Ruggiero on sick leave from April 13 to April 20th.

Fire truck driver Daniel Jenkins on Sick leave April 1st

to April 30th, 1953.

License issued to concession at Bone Stadium (\$1.00 deposited
with City Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated May 12th, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of April,
1953:

Monthly report forwarded to the Bureau of Standard
Weights and Measures, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Personal Scales	6	0
Platform Scales	12	2
Counter Scales	36	3
Beam Scales	8	1

Respectfully submitted,

mTN:f

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

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

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 4 (1953-1954 Session): "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH TO HIRE AND DISCHARGE ANY OR ALL PER DIEM EMPLOYEES AND LABORERS OVER WHOM HE HAS SUPERVISION, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMITATIONS", was read at length for the second time.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed upon second reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 4 (1953-1954 Session): "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH TO HIRE AND DISCHARGE ANY OR ALL PER DIEM EMPLOYEES AND LABORERS OVER WHOM HE HAS SUPERVISION, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMITATIONS", was read at length for the third time.

On motion of Mr. Allardyce, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance, File of Council No. 4 (1953-1954 Session) was approved and adopted upon third and final reading.

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., May 2nd, 1953, reading as follows was received from the Pittston Camp, No. 17, United Spanish War Veterans:

Wm. Francis	_____
	Commander.
Fred G. Schmaltz	_____
	Adjutant.
Robert C. Fox	_____
	Quartermaster.

To the Honorable
Council of Pittston City, Penna.

I hereby make application to you for a donation to help us defray the expenses we incur, on Memorial Day, May 30th, 1953, in regards to our deceased United Spanish War Veterans in our vicinity.

Thanking you for the same,

Yours respectfully,

/s/ Fred G. Schmaltz, Adjutant

Pittston Camp No. 17
604 Luzerne Avenue
West Pittston, Penna.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the usual donation of \$50.00 was granted, subject to presentation of bills incurred in said Memorial Day exercises, and ordered paid when sufficient funds are available.

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., May 9th, 1953, reading as follows, was received from the Fort Pittston Post No. 635:

John McNulty
City Clerk
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sir:

It is my duty on behalf of Fort Pittston Post #635 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S., to submit this request to the City of Pittston for the usual contribution towards defraying the cost of decoration and the firing of the military salute in the cemeterys on Memorial Day, 1953. Will you kindly bring it to the attention of the proper authorities.

Thanking you for any help you may render us in this matter. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Patrick J. Finnerty

Patrick J. Finnerty
Commander.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the usual donation of \$50.00 was granted, subject to presentation of bills incurred in said Memorial Day exercises, and ordered paid when sufficient funds are available.

Communication dated Scranton, Penna., May 11th, 1953, reading as follows, was received from the Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley Railroad Company, W. F. McDonald, Chief of Operations:

Hon. John Allardyce,
Mayor of Pittston, and
City Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to our recent conversation and conferences, this is to inform you that I have taken up with E. McLain Watters, Trustee of the Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley Railroad Company, in reorganization, your request that the Laurel Line remove the third rail from the confines of the City of Pittston, for safety reasons.

After careful consideration we have come to the decision that we shall comply with your request.

Our present plans call for immediate removal of the electric third rail at the following crossings:

Market Street and Pine Street in the City of Pittston.

In place of the third rail we will substitute overhead trolleys at such points. We will also install electric signals similar to those installed in the City of Wilkes-Barre. We will apply to the Public Utility Commission of Pennsylvania, for permission for such installations, inasmuch as the installation and the type of signal lights will be subject to the requirements of the said Commission. For your further information, we wish to inform you that at the present time we average about four to six trains during the day. After the installation of signal lights all trains will also be personally flagged through the crossings in order to safeguard the safety of your citizens.

We were happy to have conferred with you and we believe that the proposed changes will be to the benefit of the people of Pittston.

Very truly yours,

/s/ W. F. McDonald

W. F. McDonald
Chief of Operations.

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

Communication dated Pittston, Penna., May 26th, 1953, reading as follows, was received from the Civil Service Examining Board, Francis A. Earley, Secretary:

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

Gentlemen:

In reply to your request of May 26th, 1953, kindly be advised that the following are the next five names on the list of certified applicants for the position of police officer having the highest rating:

Joseph Delaney	-	95%
Sandy LaFoca	-	90%
Joseph Divilaitis	-	90%
Frank Falzone	-	89%
Joseph Dougher	-	87%

Respectfully submitted,

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINING BOARD

FAB:e

PER: /s/ Francis A. Earley
Francis A. Earley, Secretary.

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

The names submitted by Frank Earley, secretary of the Civil Service Commission, in order of their rating, was not the order in which Mayor Allardyce, as head of the Department of Public Affairs, submitted them to City Council. At the outset, City Solicitor J. Earl Langan advised that the list should contain only four names. The Mayor explained that both Mr. LaFoca and Mr. Divilaitis had tied with 90% each, and that he had been advised by Mr. Earley that, in this case, the five names should be included. On the advice of the solicitor, Mr. Dougher's name was dropped from the list.

On motion of Mayor John J. Allardyce, seconded by Mr. Collins, the name of Frank Falzone was submitted for nomination and appointment to the position of patrolman in the police department of the City of Pittston to fill the vacancy created by the death of Police Officer Anthony Levenskie.

Mr. Kehoe inquired if he were highest on the list. The Mayor answered negatively.

By vote upon Roll Call of members present: Mr. Walsh "no"; Mr. Kehoe "no"; Mr. Collins "yes"; Mr. Infantino "no" and Mayor Allardyce "yes", Mr. Falzone was rejected for nomination and appointment to the position of patrolman in the police department of the City of Pittston upon first presentation.

On motion of Mayor John J. Allardyce, seconded by Mr. Collins, the name of Joseph Delaney was submitted for nomination and appointment to the position of patrolman in the police department of the City of Pittston.

By vote upon Roll Call of members present: Mr. Walsh "no"; Mr. Kehoe "no", Mr. Collins "yes"; Mr. Infantino "no"; and Mayor Allardyce "yes", Mr. Delaney was rejected for nomination and appointment to the position of patrolman in the police department of the City of Pittston upon first presentation.

(When Mr. Delaney's name was presented Mr. Infantino inquired if he were older than the prescribed age. The Mayor informed him that "he was a veteran and not over the age limit". Mr. Thomas Foley then informed Council that "there's no age limit for appointments in third class cities").

On motion of Mayor John J. Allardyce, seconded by Mr. Collins, the name of Joseph Divilaitis was submitted for nomination and appointment to the position of patrolman in the police department of the City of Pittston.

By vote upon Roll Call of members present: Mr. Walsh "no"; Mr. Kehoe "no"; Mr. Collins "yes"; Mr. Infantino "no" and Mayor Allardyce "yes", Mr. Divilaitis was rejected for nomination and appointment to the position of patrolman in the police department of the City of Pittston upon first presentation.

On motion of Mayor John J. Allardyce, seconded by Mr. Collins, the name of Sandy LaFoca was submitted for nomination and appointment to the position of patrolman in the police department of the City of Pittston.

By vote upon Roll Call of members present: Mr. Walsh "no"; Mr. Kehoe "no"; Mr. Collins "yes"; Mr. Infantino "no" and Mayor Allardyce "yes", Mr. LaFoca was rejected for nomination and appointment to the position of patrolman in the police department of the City of Pittston upon first presentation.

On motion of Mr. Allardyce, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present; Mr. Walsh "no"; Mr. Kehoe "yes", Mr. Collins "yes"; Mr. Infantino "yes" and Mayor Allardyce "yes"; the Civil Service Examining Board was asked to submit another list of four eligibles.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, contracts were awarded to the following successful bidders:

C. F. Goeringer Construction Co.,
73-75 E. Market Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Road Surface Materials
HE-1.

H. B. Sproul Construction Co.,
222 West Olive Street
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Road Oil (F-3).

Airport Sand & Gravel Co.,
Swetland Lane
West Wyoming, Pennsylvania

Washed sand and gravel.

The City Clerk was instructed to return the certified checks to the unsuccessful bidders.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, that arrangements be made to repair the back-stop at the Fourth Ward Park.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, City Council will meet once a month, during the months of June, July and August, on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 P. M., Daylight Saving Time.

Permit applications dated April 30th, May 4th, May 5th, May 11th, May 14th, May 15th and May 21st, 1953, were submitted as follows:

Limongelli Brothers, Inc.,
295 South Main St., City

To install (1) 1000 gal.
underground gasoline tank
with electric pump.

Peter Butera
205 South Main St., City

To erect a neon sign at the
above address.

Michael and Angeline Pugliese
145-47 S. Main St., City

To erect a (1) story cinder
block store room at the
above address.

Joseph Rucco
6-8 Dock St., City

To erect a neon sign at the
above address.

E. Guarnieri
164 Elizabeth St., City

To build a 16' addition to
garage.

Frank Keating
88 Market St., City

Remodel frame building at
above address.

Patrick Nardone
324 William St., City

Remodel store front at
above address.

Clarence F. Shea
289 N. Main St., City

To erect (1) car garage
at above address.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permits were granted subject to approval of the proper department authorities.

Bids submitted by Mitchell Lumber Yard, Eagen Hardware Company and Egan Oil & Supply Company were rejected by City Council for: No check submitted by Eagen Hardware Company and Egan Oil & Supply Company; and higher bid on various materials by Mitchell Lumber Yard.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Kehoe, 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

<u>June 17, 1953</u>	
YEAS	NAYS
Yes	WALSH
Yes	KEHOE
Yes	COLLINS
Yes	INFANTINO
X	ALLARDYCE (MAYOR)

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

SPECIAL MEETINGPITTSSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH, 1953, AT 8:00 P. M., E. D. T.

Pittston City Council convened in special session Wednesday, June 17th, 1953, at 8:00 P. M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, with Councilman Joseph A. Walsh presiding and all members of City Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, May 26th, 1953, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor John J. Allardyce submitted report dated June 5th, 1953 of parking meter fees, parking violations and fines received by his department for the month of May, 1953, reading as follows:

<u>May 1st, 1953</u>	<u>May 31st, 1953</u>
Parking Meter Fees	\$ 839.00
Parking Violations	28.00
Fines	10.00
	<u>\$ 877.00</u>

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated May 30th, 1953, of receipts and disbursements by his office during the month of May, 1953, reading as follows:

Cash on Hand, May 1st, 1953	\$ 78,121.15
Receipts During the Month	18,510.48
	<u>\$ 96,631.63</u>
Warrants Paid During the Month	\$ 19,681.28
Cash on Hand, May 31st, 1953	76,950.35
	<u>\$ 96,631.63</u>

Cash on Hand, May 31st, 1953, distributed to the following accounts:

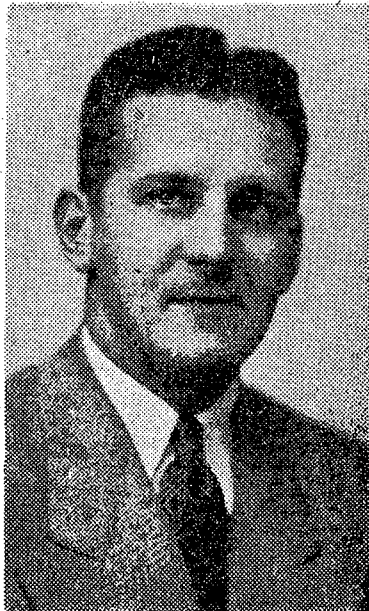
General Fund	\$ 29,282.59
Bond and Interest - 1923 Account	3,876.87
Bond and Interest - 1935 Account	13,863.45
Bond and Interest - 1938 Account	7,632.14
Bond and Interest - 1942 Account	4,375.60
Bond and Interest - 1949 Account	5,268.57
Bond and Interest - 1952 Account	4,811.09
Liquid Fuels' Tax Fund	2,240.04
Sewage Advance Planning Fund	5,600.00
	<u>\$ 76,950.35</u>

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated May 29th, 1953, on collection of delinquent city taxes for the month of May, 1953, reading as follows:

COUNCIL APPOINTS SAPORITO MAYOR 6-18-53 (Pittston Gazette) AT BRIEF SESSION

City Council last night appointed Attorney Joseph F. Saporito, of 291 William street, as Mayor of Pittston to fill out the unexpired term of the



MAYOR JOSEPH F. SAPORITO

late John J. Allardyce. Attorney Saporito took the oath of office this morning at 11 o'clock at City Hall, as related elsewhere in this issue, and has already entered upon his duties.

Three of the four councilmen voted for Attorney Saporito — Thomas J. Kehoe, who proposed his name; Charles Infantino and Joseph A. Walsh. Councilman Patrick Collins had earlier proposed the name of Florence Allardyce, widow of the former Mayor, for the vacancy, but there was no seconder. City Solicitor J. Earl Langan advised: "There is no seconder; the motion must fail." Then Mr. Kehoe proposed Attorney Saporito. Mr. Collins was recorded as "not voting." He remarked that he chose that course because of having proposed Mrs. Allardyce's name earlier.

Appointment of a new Mayor was the most important item of business at last night's meeting but it was not the most surprising, by any means. All present were confounded when a resolution was read to the effect that Mrs. Stanley Simmons had tendered her resignation as Assistant Superintendent of Accounts and Finance, effective July 1st. Mrs. Simmons is the former Frances Krososky, very efficient and competent employe. After her resignation was accepted Council voted to place Edwin A. Sites, funeral director, of 13 Mill street, in her post. He had heretofore been a clerk in the Department of Accounts and Finance.

Council did not convene until 8 o'clock, one-half hour late, but only twelve minutes was consumed in transacting the business at hand.

A report of the late Mayor was read showing \$839 in fees, \$28 in parking meter violations and \$10 in fines were collected during May.

Treasurer George Turner's report showed \$29,282.09 was in the general fund; \$76,950.35 in all funds and \$970.74 in the delinquent fund.

Reports of the health and sealer and weights office were given by Mrs. Thomas Newcomb.

Council passed a resolution expressing regrets and sympathy upon the death of Mayor Allardyce.

Representatives will attend a meeting of third class cities at Hotel Redington, Wilkes-Barre, June 22, at 10 a. m., to discuss legislation in Harrisburg affecting these cities.

Committees representing the West End, Jefferson, Oregon, Gilmartin and Sullivan Park Playgrounds attended the meeting. Spokesmen for the playgrounds asked council for help in meeting the water and light bills of the parks and also asked for police protection after the instructors, appointed by the school board, complete their five-hour shifts.

Saporito Sworn In As Mayor

Attorney Joseph F. Saporito, of 291 William street, became Mayor of the City of Pittston at 11:10 o'clock this morning.

The Republican nominee subscribed to the oath of office in the Council Chamber at City Hall. City Clerk John D. McNulty administered the oath. Councilmen Thomas Kehoe and Charles Infantino were in their chairs. City Solicitor J. Earl Langan was also within the enclosure. There were about twenty citizens in the main body of the chamber including County Treasurer Erminio J. Cefalo. One of the first to shake hands and congratulate the new Mayor was City Treasurer George J. Turner, who is Republican Party chairman of Pittston City.

Mayor Saporito is married to the former Yolanda Adonizio, daughter of Coal Operator Pasquale Adonizio, of 291 William street. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Saporito, of 116 Market street. He attended the public schools of this city and was graduated from Wyoming Seminary, Penn State College and Dickinson Law School. He was admitted to the bar of Luzerne County in June, 1943. The late Attorney Frank J. Flannery was his preceptor. He served with distinction in the United States Navy in the Pacific Theatre of Operations during World War II and was decorated for exceptional service in the Okinawa campaign. He was separated from the service the rank of lieutenant senior grade in May, 1946.

Mr. Earl Langan
Mayor
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Street, is open Tuesdays
and Fridays 12-5:45 p. m.

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Saporito Is Named Mayor Of Pittston

Collins Nominates Mrs. Allardyce, but Motion Has No Second

Attorney Joseph F. Saporito last night was named mayor of Pittston to fill the unexpired term of the late Mayor John J. Allardyce at a 12-minute session of Pittston City Council. The session was a half hour late in starting.

After reading reports, Councilman Patrick Collins nominated the widow of Mayor Allardyce, Mrs. Florence Allardyce, to serve the term of her late husband. There was no second.

Solicitor J. Earl Langan then read a resolution proposing Attorney Saporito, who defeated the late mayor in the primary election for the Republican nomination for mayor, to fill the unexpired term.

Councilman Thomas Kehoe moved that Attorney Saporito be named mayor. His motion was seconded by Councilman Charles Infantino.

When a roll call was made, Councilmen Joseph Walsh, Kehoe and Infantino voted in favor of the motion. Council Collins said he would not vote on the motion in view of his previous motion.

Attorney Saporito, who was not at the meeting, said in a telephone conversation he will take the oath of office this morning at 11 at City Hall and will enter upon his duties immediately. Asked about possible changes in the personnel of the city payroll, Attorney Saporito said he foresees no drastic change.

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Reports of the health and sealer and weights office were given by Mrs. Thomas Newcombe.

Council passed a resolution expressing regrets and sympathy upon the death of Mayor Allardyce.

Resignation of Mrs. Stanley Simmons, the former Frances Krososky, as assistant director of accounts and finances was accepted by council.

Edwin A. Sites, Pittston funeral director, was named by council to fill Mrs. Simmons's position, effective July 1.

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Committees representing West End, Jefferson, Oregon, Gilmartin and Sullivan Park playgrounds attended the meeting. Spokesmen for the playgrounds asked council for help in meeting the water and light bills of the parks and also asked for police protection after the instructors, appointed by the school board, complete their five-hour shifts.

Speaking for the playgrounds were Fred Demech, president of Jefferson Park Playground; Samuel Argento, Samuel D. Falzone, former member of school board, and Alderman James Casale.

Council instructed City Clerk John McNulty to check the park fund and report at the next meeting if there are any funds available to help defray expenses at the parks.

Councilman Walsh said council will cooperate to the utmost but said funds are limited.

Attorney Saporito defeated Mayor Allardyce for the Republican nomination in the May primary by a vote of 2,090 to 1,913. Attorney Saporito will be opposed in the general elections by John E. Moran, hotel owner, who received the Democratic nomination for mayor with 957 votes.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Saporito, 116 Market Street, Pittston, and attended Pittston schools. His father is a prominent coal operator.

Attorney Saporito is a graduate also of Wyoming Seminary, Pennsylvania State College and Dickinson School of Law, where he was an honor student, and was admitted to Luzerne County bar in January, 1943, while serving as an ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve. His preceptor was Attorney Frank Flannery.

He served in the Pacific theater for more than a year after graduation from Dickinson, and earned a decoration for participation in Okinawa campaign. He was separated from the Navy in May, 1946, with rank of Lieutenant senior grade.

The new mayor served as assistant district attorney under Leon Schwartz from June, 1948, to January, 1953, when he resigned to devote full time to private practice of law.

May - 1953
Delinquent City Tax Collections \$ 970.74

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated May 30th, 1953 on city licenses issued by his office during the month of May, 1953, reading as follows:

Sign Licenses	\$ 4.00
Pinball Machine License	25.00
	<u>\$ 29.00</u>

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated June 17th, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of May, 1953:

Weekly report sent to the Medical Health Center.

Contagious diseases reported:

Chicken-pox	54
Measles	3
Mumps	21

Officer Dominick Aritz on sick leave from May 1st, 1953 to May 15th, 1953.

George Oschal, Police Officer, on sick leave from May 20th to May 24th, 1953.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb on sick leave from May 21st to June 16th, 1953.

Susan Ruggiero on sick leave from May 5th to June 1st, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated June 17th, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of May, 1953:

Monthly report forwarded to the Bureau of Standard
Weights and Measures, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Counter Scales	12	0
Beam Scales	8	0
Other Platform Scales	10	0

Respectfully submitted,

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

mTN:f

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4379. Pittston, Pa., June 17th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED,
by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, God in His Infinite Wisdom has called from our midst Mayor John J. Allardyce; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Allardyce has served the City of Pittston and its residents for a period of two years as Councilman and six years as Mayor; and

WHEREAS, such service has been faithful and meritorious;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the members of Council, personally and officially express regret and extend deepest sympathies to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and a copy be forwarded to his family".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4380. Pittston, Pa., June 17th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED,
by the City Council of the City of Pittston, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same:

"That Attorney Joseph F. Saporito be and he is hereby appointed Mayor of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mayor John J. Allardyce".

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present:- Mr. Walsh "yes"; Mr. Kehoe "yes"; Mr. Collins "not voting"; Mr. Infantino "yes"; the above Resolution was adopted.

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, June 17th, 1953, was received, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

Due to my recent marriage, I wish to respectfully tender my resignation as Assistant Director of Accounts and Finance, effective July 1st, 1953.

Thanking your honorable body for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me while in office, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Mrs. Stanley Simmons
Mrs. Stanley Simmons (nee Frances Krososky)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4381. Pittston, Pa., June 17th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That Edwin A. Sites, Clerk in the Department of Accounts and Finance be and he is hereby appointed Assistant Director of Accounts and Finance, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Stanley Simmons nee Frances Krososky, at a salary already provided by Ordinance, effective July 1st, 1953".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4382. Pittston, Pa., June 17th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That Florence Allardyce be appointed Mayor of the City of Pittston to fill the vacancy created by the death of her husband, John J. Allardyce".

On motion of Mr. Collins, not seconded, the above Resolution was rejected.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, June 9th, 1953, and reading as follows, was received from the City Clerk of the City of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania:

Mr. Patrick J. Collins
Director of Streets
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

The Senate and House Highway Committees are presently discussing House Bill No. 418, House Bill No. 650 and Senate Bill No. 344. All three bills pertain to the distribution of funds to municipalities from the Motor License Fund. Of the three Bills, House Bill No. 418 benefits the local municipalities in a fairer and more realistic manner than either House Bill No. 650 or Senate Bill No. 344. Further, House Bill No. 418 will return more money to your municipality.

The Home Rule Association, in conjunction with the City of Wilkes-Barre, have been pressing hard for the passage of House Bill No. 418. Both appeared before the Highway Committees on Tuesday, May 26th, 1953, in favor of said Bill. Since the hearing of May 26th, 1953, the Home Rule Association has requested the City of Wilkes-Barre to call a meeting of Third Class Cities in order that the members of the League of Third Class Cities could receive full and accurate information concerning the various bills.

The City of Wilkes-Barre has consented to call a meeting of the Third Class Cities in the northeastern tier of the Commonwealth. Said meeting will be held at 10:00 A. M., on Monday, June 22nd, 1953, at the Hotel Redington in the City of Wilkes-Barre.

Will you kindly arrange to be present at said meeting and, if possible, bring your Mayor and/or City Solicitor with you? At that time representatives of the Home Rule Association will be present and will show you what you are receiving under the present law (which is House Bill No. 650) and what you might receive under House Bill No. 418.

The Mayor and members of City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre are quite anxious to have you attend and we sincerely hope that you can arrange to do so.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Lucius K. Eldridge
City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, that all who are able to attend the meeting in Wilkes-Barre on House Bill No. 418, do so, to represent the City of Pittston, and discuss legislation in Harrisburg affecting third class cities. The communication was ordered received and filed.

Committees representing West End, Jefferson, Oregon, Gilmartin and Sullivan Park playgrounds attended the meeting; speaking for the playgrounds were Fred Demech, Samuel Argento, Samuel D. Falzone and Alderman James Casale. They asked that Council help in meeting the water and light

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and cooler tonight, with low 42 to 50. Thursday, fair and continued cool.

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WEEKLY ESTABLISHED 1880
DAILY EST. BY THEO. HART, 1882

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MAYOR PROPOSES FOUR FOR VACANCY ON FORCE; REJECTED

The names of four Pittston young men who are applicants for positions on the city police force, and have been certified by the Civil Service Board as having qualified at a recent examination, were submitted seriatim by Mayor John J. Allardice at a meeting of City Council last night. Each name was rejected in turn by a majority vote of Council. Councilmen Joseph A. Walsh, Thomas Kehoe and Charles Infantino voted "no" on each of the Mayor's recommendations. Councilman Patrick Collins' affirmative vote, with that of the Mayor, was insufficient and ineffective.

The names were given by Frank A. Earley, secretary of the Civil Service Commission, in order of their rating—Joseph Delaney, Sandy Lafoca, Joseph Devilaitis, Frank W. Falzone and Joseph Dougher. However, this is not the order in which the Mayor, as head of the Department of Public Affairs, submitted them to his colleagues. At the outset, City Solicitor J. Earl Langan advised that the list should contain only four names. The Mayor explained that Lafoca and Devilaitis had tied with 90 average each and he had been advised by Mr. Earley that, in this case, the five names should be included. On the advice of the solicitor, however, Dougher's name was dropped.

Falcone's name was submitted first and Mr. Kehoe inquired if he were highest on the list. The Mayor answered negatively and the adverse vote followed. (It was stated specifically that the appointment was to fill a vacancy created by the death of Patrolman Anthony Levenoskie.)

Delaney's name was next presented and Mr. Infantino inquired if he were older than the prescribed age. The Mayor countered. "He's a veteran". Mr. Infantino stated: "I thought he was over forty". The Mayor advised: "No, He's not".

At this point Tom Foley, enthroned in his seat of vantage at the rear of the Council Chamber, silently approached the Council enclosure, tapped Mr. Infantino on the shoulder, and imparted the advice in a whisper: "There's no age limit for appointments in Third Class Cities". A call was then asked for a vote on Delaney and he was rejected by the usual three-to-two vote.

Next, in order, came Joseph Devilaitis, of Mill street; Sandy Lafoca, of 54 East Oak street; and they were rejected by majority vote.

The Mayor then suggested that the Civil Service Commission be asked to submit another group of four names from a list of eligibles. This motion prevailed over the dissenting vote of Mr. Walsh. After Mr. Walsh voted "no", Mr. Kehoe remarked: "I don't know why we shouldn't have a new list, and he voted "yes", with Messrs. Collins, Infantino and the Mayor following suit.

The Mayor's April report showed \$721 collected in parking fees and \$36 in parking fines.

City Treasurer George J. Turner reported a balance as of March 31 of \$102,639.68; receipts during the month of \$22,273.46; warrants paid of \$46,791.99; balance, April 30, \$78,121.15, of which \$33,343.28 is in the General Fund. Furthermore, the Treasurer reported receipt of \$1,437.08 for city licenses during the month and \$2,816.16 in delinquent taxes. The Amusement Tax yield for the two-month period, March and April, was \$3,600.06, of which one-half, or \$1,800.03 accrues to the city and the remainder to the School District.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb's April reports both as health officer and sealer of weights were submitted and were ordered filed without comment.

Pittston Camp, No. 17, United Spanish War Veterans, and Fort Pittston Post, No. 635, Veterans of Foreign Wars, asked for the usual Memorial Day donation to assist in proper decoration of veterans graves on Memorial Day. Fred G. Schmaltz, adjutant, signed the former appeal and Commander Patrick J. Finnelly the latter. Each request, was granted.

Several requests for permits to build were received and were referred to proper authorities for investigation.

There will be only one Council meeting each month during June, July and August, on the second Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

Ordinance presented at an earlier meeting and passed on first reading, which delegates to the Superintendent of Streets the privilege of hiring and discharging Street Department employees, was passed on second and third readings by clear vote of Council and now becomes a law.

Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Railroad (the Laurel Line) sent a lengthy communication to Council, which was read by the City Solicitor and, having to do with removal of the dangerous "third rail", should be of interest to all residents of the city and the text is published here in its entirety:

"Pursuant to our recent conversations and conferences this is to in-

form you that I (W. F. McDonald, Chief of Operations) have taken up with E. McLain Watters, trustee of the Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Railroad, in reorganization, your request that the Laurel Line remove the third rail from the confines of the City of Pittston for safety reasons.

"After careful consideration we have come to the decision that we shall comply with your request.

"Our present plans call for immediate removal of the electric third rail at the following crossings.

"Market Street and Pine Street in the City of Pittston.

"In place of the third rail we will substitute overhead trolleys at such points. We will also install electric signals similar to those installed in the City of Wilkes-Barre. We will apply to the Public Utility Commission of Pennsylvania for permission for such installations, inasmuch as the installation and the type of signal lights will be subject to the requirements of the said Commission. For your further information, we wish to inform you that at the present time we average about four to six trains during the day. After the installation of signal lights all trains will also be personally flagged through the crossings in order to safeguard the safety of your citizens.

"We are happy to have conferred with you and we believe that the proposed changes will be to the benefit of the people of Pittston."

Applications for building permits were made by the following: Limongelli Bros., Inc., to build an underground gas tank with electric pump in the rear of that address; Contractor, Egan Oil & Supply Co.; Peter Butera, to erect a neon sign at 205 South Main street; Michael and Angelo Pugliese to erect a one-story cinder block storeroom at 145-147 South Main street; Joseph Rucco, to erect a neon sign over sidewalk at 6-8 Dock street; E. Guarneri to erect an addition to a garage at 164 Elizabeth street; Frank Keating, to build a one-story frame building at 88 Market street; Patrick Nardone, for a lumber and glass store front at 324 William street; Clarence F. Shea for a one-car garage of cinder blocks and lumber at 289 North Main street.

C. F. Goeringer Construction Co. was awarded the contract to furnish blacktop road materials; H. B. Sproul Co., was awarded the contract for 10,000 gallons of road oil and asphalt cut-back; and Airport Sand & Gravel Co. was awarded the contract for washed sand and gravel. Each was the low bidder on the items awarded.

A delegation of boys from the Sullivan Park area appeared before Council and, with Russ Adrian as spokesman, asked that the wire in the backstop at the ball park be restored. Council voted to provide the wire necessary and to have the Street Department employees do the work. The boys' appeal was made in such a convincingly and gentlemanly manner that a number of those present "chipped in" so that the lads would have a supply of balls and other sports equipment.

Tom Foley addressed Council and demanded to know why the present majority does not rescind the resolution on the Sewage Disposal Plant if it regards it as illegal. Mr. Infantino informed him: "The Solicitor advises us that we don't have the authority to do so." Mr. Foley triumphantly countered, "That's what I've been telling you all along."

Mr. Kehoe moved for adjournment and everybody was agreeable.

bills of the parks and also police protection after the instructors, appointed by the school board, complete their five hour shifts.

On suggestion of Mr. Kehoe, Council instructed the City Clerk to check the park fund and report at the next meeting if there are any funds available to help defray expenses at the parks. Councilman Joseph A. Walsh advised that City Council will cooperate to the utmost but said funds are limited.

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

A P P R O V E D

July 14, 1953

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NAYS

yes	WALSH
yes	KEHOE
yes	COLLINS
yes	INFANTINO
yes	SAPORITO (MAYOR)

JOHN D. McNULTY

JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

PITTSSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, JULY 14TH, 1953, AT 7:45 P.M., E. D. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, July 14th, 1953, at 7:45 P. M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, with Mayor Joseph F. Saporito presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of special session of Wednesday June 17th, 1953, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor Joseph F. Saporito submitted report dated July 2nd, 1953 of parking meter fees, parking violations and fines received by his department for the month of June, 1953, reading as follows:

June 1st, 1953	June 30th, 1953
Parking Meter Fees	\$ 717.00
Parking Violations	23.00
Fines	25.00
	\$ <u>765.00</u>

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered filed.

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated June 30th, 1953, of receipts and disbursements by his office during the month of June, 1953, reading as follows:

Cash on hand, June 1st, 1953	\$ 76,950.35
Receipts During the Month	7,757.78
	\$ <u>84,708.13</u>
Warrants Paid During the Month	\$ 18,572.18
Cash on Hand, June 30, 1953	66,135.95
	\$ <u>84,708.13</u>

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1953, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 15,698.82
Bond and Interest 1923 Account	3,876.87
Bond and Interest 1935 Account	14,112.80
Bond and Interest 1938 Account	7,754.02
Bond and Interest 1942 Account	4,375.60
Bond and Interest 1949 Account	5,385.08
Bond and Interest 1952 Account	5,234.84
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	4,441.11
Sewage Advance Planning Fund	5,256.81
	\$ <u>66,135.95</u>

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered filed.

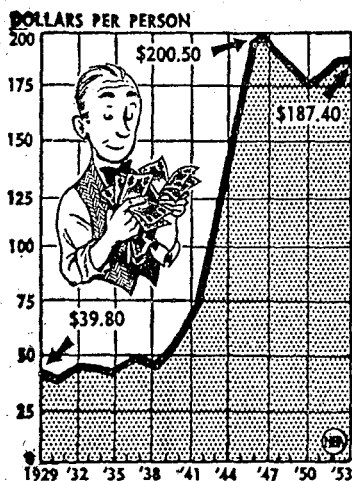
City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated June 30th, 1953, on collection of delinquent city taxes for the month of June, 1953, reading as follows:

Delinquent City Tax Collections	\$ 641.89
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On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered redeived and filed.

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MANY REQUESTS FOR PERMITS TO BUILD HERE IN PITTSTON



\$\$ GOING UP—If all the money in circulation in the U. S. was dived-up each person would have \$187.40. Above Newschart shows how the per capita amount has risen in the U. S. from 1929 to the present. High for the period was 1948, when each person theoretically could have had \$200.50. Data from Bureau of Labor statistics.

Pittston's new Mayor, Attorney Joseph F. Saporito, presided at his first session of City Council last night at City Hall, which proved to be a rather uneventful 15-minute affair with all five members of the governing body present and voting affirmatively on all items of business.

A communication was read from C. A. Von Stein, chairman of the Public Services Committee, Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, apprising Council that all of the fifteen Wyoming Valley Communities have paid their proportionate share in the cost of the proposed survey of the waste disposal problem in this area. Some time ago Pittston City endorsed a move of the fifteen to have a contract prepared for employment of Albright and Friel, Inc., to undertake the survey of the sewage treatment problem in Wyoming Valley. Having learned that this contract had been reviewed with the Wilkes-Barre office of the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering and has their endorsement as representing a constructive exploration of the problem, a motion was offered last night by Councilman Thomas Kehoe that proper officers be authorized to sign the agreement and the contract.

A ropeful sign of the continued expansion and progress of Greater Pittston is seen in the numerous applications submitted to Council for permission to build, all of which were referred to the heads of the proper departments on motion of Councilman Charles Infantino. The requests comprised:

Carl Adonizio, 251 William street, to build a 2-car cinder block and lumber garage at that address; contractor, Charles Maurizi, of Pittston Township; estimated cost, \$1,000.

C. A. Detato, 441 North Main street, addition to store building, cinder block, iron, etc.; 35x40 feet; estimated cost, \$5,000; contractor, self.

Joseph J. Graziano, 234 South Main street, 2-car garage; 20x20 feet; cinder block; cost, \$1,500; contractor, John J. Bright.

Frank Castellino, 107 East Railroad street; new frame and brick veneer dwelling at 111 East Railroad street; estimated cost, \$12,000; contractor, either Samuel Iorfida, or Arthur Menichini.

Sylvester C. Grablick, 72 Church street; storage room, 18x12 feet; cinder block; cost, \$300; contractor, self.

Fred Solano, 85 Swallow street; 6-room dwelling of wood construction; estimated cost, \$5,500; contractor, Joseph Solano.

John McDonnell, 4 Chapel street; remodeling of 8-room rouse at that address; estimated cost, \$1,500; brick-tex on entire house and remodeling of two porches.

Woodlawn Farm Dairy Co., 65 East North street, Wilkes-Barre, to erect an illuminated overhanging metal sign at the store of Bill Falzone, 95 Tompkins street.

Mayor Saporito reported receipts of \$765 during June, including \$717 in parking meter fees; \$23 in parking fines and \$25 in police court fines.

City Treasurer George Turner reported a balance on hand as of June 1 of \$76,950.35 and receipts during the month of \$7,757.78; warrants paid of \$18,572.18; general fund balance as of July 1 of \$15,698.82. A second report of Mr. Turner showed delinquent tax collections during June of \$641.89.

June reports of Mrs. Thomas A. Newcomb both as health officer and sealer of weights were read and ordered filed.

Mrs. Rita O'Brien, secretary to the Mayor was transferred to the office of the City Treasurer and Miss Joyce Kearney, heretofore employed as clerk in the Treasurer's office, was designated secretary to Mayor Saporito, both changes effective tomorrow, July 16th.

Bills aggregating \$5,307.61, approved by Joseph A. Walsh, head of the Department of Accounts and Finance, were ordered paid.

The fifteen communities which are linked in the effort to determine if it would be cheaper to build a central sewage disposal plant rather than one for each town are: Edwardsville, Exeter, Forty Fort, Hanover, Jenkins, Kingston, Nanticoke, Pittston (both city and township), Plains, Plymouth, Swoyersville, West Pittston, Wilkes-Barre and Wyoming.

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July 14th 1953

PITTSTON

Office—28 CHURCH STREET—Phone Pittston-65
 Representatives—Edward Burke and Hugh Nolan

2 Transfers Made In City Hall Positions

Transfers in positions of two women workers at City Hall took place at last night's brief Pittston City Council meeting.

Mrs. Rita O'Brien, former secretary to the late Mayor John J. Allardyce, was transferred to the office of Tax Collector George J. Turner. Miss Joyce Keareny was moved from the tax collector's office and became secretary to Mayor Joseph F. Saporito.

Mayor Saporito presided at the meeting and all of the councilmen were present. The mayor reported a total of \$765 collected during June in parking meter fees, fines and violations. George J. Turner, city treasurer, reported a total balance of \$66,135.95, of which \$15,698.82 is in the general fund. He also reported June delinquent tax collections at \$641.89. Bills in the amount of \$5,307.61, submitted by Joseph A. Walsh, director of accounts and finance, were ordered paid.

Following a communication from Colonel C. A. Von Stein, chairman of the Public Services Committee of the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, Councilman Thomas Kehoe moved to authorize completion of the contract for the sewage disposal survey to be conducted by the 15 participating communities. Motion was seconded by Councilman Joseph Walsh and carried unanimously.

These building permits were approved: Carl A. Adonizio, 251 William street, two-car garage, \$1,000; C. A. Delato, 441 North Main, addition to store, \$5,000; Joseph J. Graziano, 234 South Main street, two-car garage, \$1,500; Frank Castellino, 111 East Railroad street, 6 room dwelling, \$12,000; Sylvester Grablick, Church street, one-room storage; Fred Solano, 85 Swallow, dwelling, \$5,500; John McDonnell, 4 Chapel street, remodeling house, \$1,500; Woodlawn Farm Dairy, sidewalk sign at 65 Tompkins street, \$50.

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

Communication dated Pittston, Pennsylvania, July 14th, 1953, was received, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that I have appointed
Mrs. Rita O'Brien to the Tax Collector's Office, to fill
the vacancy of Miss Joyce Kearney. Effective July 16, 1953.

Very truly yours,

GJT:r

/S/ George J. Turner
GEORGE J. TURNER,
City Treasurer,
Pittston, Penna.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4383. Pittston, Pa. July 14, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED,
by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the appointment of Mrs. Rita O'Brien by Tax Collector
George J. Turner, to a position in his office, be and the
same is hereby approved, effective July 16, 1953".

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above RESOLUTION was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 4384. Pittston, Pa. July 14, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED,
by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That Joyce Kearney is appointed Secretary of the Mayor,
effective July 16, 1953, at the salary previously fixed
for said position".

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

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh, submitted report dated July 14th, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

Airport Sand and Gravel Co.	Sand and Gravel	\$ 7.15
American LaFrance Foamite Corp.	Firemens coats & repair parts to pumper	722.73
Charles Bechtold	Ice for offices	65.00
Borr and Casey Druggist	Bicarbonate of Soda	7.50
Barber Motor Car Company	Vehicle maintenance	.28
Vincent Churchfield	Ist. & Maint. Traffic Signals	34.21
Commercial Gas Corporation	Fire Ext. Refill & Demurrage	9.10
Egan Oil and Supply Company	Gas and Oil	210.67
Eagen Hardware	Engr's. Office Supplies	6.60
Jack Friedman	Light Bulbs	4.34
Glen Summit Springs Water	Water for offices	18.20
C. F. Goeringer Const. Co.	Road Materials	509.35
Martin L. Kaiser Company	Stocker Repairs	34.98
Ed. Keatings Service Station	Vehicle Maint. & Repairs	29.05
Kehoe Berge Coal Company	Coal	49.55
Klein Auto Parts	Vehicle Maint. & Repair Parts	46.26
Kleinrocks	Raincoats - Street Dept.	25.75
LaBarres Stationery Store	Office Supplies	26.27
McNamara-Marcus and Company	Bond - Leo Fasciana	5.00
Medico Electric Motor Co.	Material & Supplies - Fire Dept.	7.15
Mitchells Lumber Yard	Cement etc.	54.33
Pittston Gazette	Advertising and Printing	60.10
Pittston Publishing Company	Office Supplies	18.95
Austin S. Powers Sons	Material & Supplies - Street Dept.	19.44
Remington Rand Inc.	Repairs Typewriter	6.70
P. A. Sammon and Son.	Liab. Insurance - Auto Fleet	627.40
Scranton Electric Company	Street Lighting (April and May)	2,062.14
Scranton Electric Company	Light Service	150.84
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Fire Hydrant Rental	153.34
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Water Service	11.18
Sunday Dispatch	Legal Advertising	268.80
Traffic & Street Sign Company	Street Markings and Signs	35.45
Williams Paper Company	Towels - Offices	19.80
Howard Miller	Repairs to Fire Alarm System	68.16
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		\$ 5,375.77

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joseph A. Walsh
Joseph A. Walsh, Director of the
Department of Accounts and Finance.

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

The following acknowledgement was received from the family of the late Hon. John J. Allardyce:

The family of
Mayor John J. Allardyce
will hold in grateful remembrance
your kind expression of sympathy.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, June 18th, 1953, reading as follows, was received from the Public Service Committee of Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce:

To: Edwardsville Borough
Exeter Borough
Forty-Fort Borough
Hanover Township
Jenkins Township
Kingston Borough
Nanticoke City
Pittston City

Pittston Township
Plains Township
Plymouth Borough
Swoyersville Borough
West Pittston Borough
Wilkes-Barre City
Wyoming Borough

Gentlemen:

I am very pleased to be able to report to you that all of the fifteen Wyoming Valley communities have now paid their proportionate share of the cost for the proposed survey of the waste disposal problem in our area.

Seven of these communities have also executed and sent in their signed contracts. If you have not sent in your contract, will you please take such steps as are necessary to have it executed and returned to me as promptly as possible in order that we may proceed with the survey.

It is very gratifying to have this demonstration of cooperation by Wyoming Valley communities and my sincere thanks and congratulations go to all concerned.

Very truly yours,

/s/ C. A. Von Stein
C. A. VonStein, Chairman
Public Services Committee of
Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber
of Commerce

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The following is the contract as referred to in the above letter:

A G R E E M E N T

THIS AGREEMENT made this _____ day of _____, 1953
by and between _____

(Name of Municipality)

a municipal corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereinafter called MUNICIPALITY, and ALBRIGHT & FRIEL, INC., Consulting Engineers, whose principal place of business is located at 121 South Broad Street, Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania, hereinafter called ENGINEER, WITNESSETH:

That the parties hereto, for themselves and their respective successors and assigns, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, do hereby agree as follows:

FIRST: ENGINEER agrees to perform the following engineering services:

(a) To make field investigations of MUNICIPALITY and the fourteen other municipalities enumerated in paragraph SEVENTH hereof, said investigations to consist of a field reconnaissance and examination of all of the said municipalities.

(b) To review the present sewage treatment plans, specifications and reports of MUNICIPALITY as they exist and are on file at _____

together with a review of such existing plans, specifications and reports of the other said municipalities.

(c) To study the populations and sewage flows in MUNICIPALITY and the other said municipalities.

(d) To prepare a general comprehensive master plan showing the affected area along the Susquehanna River, including MUNICIPALITY and the other said municipalities.

(e) To make alternate studies and show on a master plan a system for the utilization of a joint sewage treatment plant and interceptors for MUNICIPALITY in conjunction with all of said other municipalities or with one or more other municipalities if it proves to be economically feasible to separate the project into several sewage treatment plants instead of one plant.

(f) To make a general investigation in conjunction with said field reconnaissance and a study of the industries involved in the area, including a study of all reports of investigations of particular manufacturing plants and industries furnished to ENGINEER by MUNICIPALITY and the other municipalities, and including the sending of a questionnaire to each industry to determine the wastes which would emanate from each individual industrial plant which might be served by a joint project or projects.

(g) To make studies which would embrace the economic feasibility of other alternate projects and to show each alternate project on a separate master plan.

(h) To make general over-all construction cost estimates for a single joint project or for several joint projects as contrasted with the over-all construction cost for individual projects for each municipality.

(i) To prepare a general outline plan showing the location of the proposed sewage treatment plant or plants together with interceptors and to make sketches showing the type of treatment involved.

(j) To make a study of the methods to be used in financing the cost of construction in the various projects and alternate schemes, whether it be a single joint collection and disposal system or multiple collection and disposal systems or individual collection and disposal systems for the respective municipality involved.

(k) To prepare a comprehensive report setting forth pertinent data relating to the project or projects and containing the information necessary to amplify and fully describe the various methods for the collection and disposal of sewage in one joint plant, several joint plants, or individual plants from the municipalities involved, and to furnish a copy of said report to MUNICIPALITY and a copy to each of the other municipalities involved; said comprehensive report shall set up comparisons between a single joint disposal project or a multiple joint disposal project and the individual projects of each municipality showing the over-all differential in construction cost and the annual cost, including interest, sinking fund, cost of operation, cost of administrative and other overhead costs and expenses, said information not to be definitely established into a so-called rate schedule, but to contain sufficient information in order that approximate estimates of the average cost to each municipality and to the individual property owners may be determined.

(l) All of the foregoing services to be performed by ENGINEER including the delivery of all reports by ENGINEER, shall be completed on or before January 1, 1954.

(m) To meet with the officials of MUNICIPALITY and the officials of the other enumerated municipalities to present the report and to fully describe it and to further make available the personnel of ENGINEER for the answering of questions which might arise relative to the economic feasibility of the type of projects which are presented.

SECOND: MUNICIPALITY agrees to make available to ENGINEER the plans, specifications and reports of MUNICIPALITY as prepared by _____ for MUNICIPALITY, said plans, specifications and reports being presently on file in the office of _____

MUNICIPALITY hereby agrees that ENGINEER, its officers, agents, servants and employees may have access to such plans, specifications and reports in said offices, and MUNICIPALITY hereby consents to the use of said plans by ENGINEER for such purposes as ENGINEER may deem advisable to facilitate and assist ENGINEER in the performance of his duties and services hereunder. Such materials so made available by MUNICIPALITY to ENGINEER shall include all existing reports of investigations of particular industries and manufacturing plants. In the event that there have been changes in such industries and manufacturing plants, subsequent to the reports so furnished by MUNICIPALITY to ENGINEER, MUNICIPALITY agrees to furnish ENGINEER with information as to such changes. MUNICIPALITY further agrees that it will authorize the Sanitary Water Board of the Pennsylvania Department of Health to permit ENGINEER for the purpose of such study, to remove from the office of the Sanitary Water Board any such materials that ENGINEER may deem necessary. MUNICIPALITY agrees to obtain and furnish to ENGINEER the written consent of the consulting engineer who prepared such materials, consenting to such use by ENGINEER.

THIRD: MUNICIPALITY agrees that the materials to be made available to ENGINEER under paragraph SECOND hereof shall include the necessary "tie-in" between the "datum" used by engineers for MUNICIPALITY and the "datum" of the U. S. Geological Survey. "Datum" as used herein means the elevation of the land surface above sea level.

FOURTH: In as much as the Public Services Committee of the Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce has sponsored and coordinated this cooperative project, and it is desired that such coordination shall be continued, it is hereby agreed that all payments to be made to ENGINEER hereunder shall be made to the said Chamber of Commerce as agent for ENGINEER; all communications, wherever practical, by the municipalities and ENGINEER, shall be made through said Chamber of Commerce as such agent; where this is not feasible, said Chamber of Commerce shall be kept fully informed by copies of all correspondence or otherwise.

FIFTH: ENGINEER does hereby make, constitute and appoint the said Chamber of Commerce as its agent for the purpose of coordinating the relationship of ENGINEER with MUNICIPALITY and with the other enumerated municipalities. ENGINEER further authorizes MUNICIPALITY and the other enumerated municipalities to pay to the said Chamber of Commerce, as such agent, the monetary considerations provided for in this contract and contracts between ENGINEER and the other municipalities.

SIXTH: All moneys paid to the said Chamber of Commerce, Agent, pursuant hereto, shall be deposited in a special account and paid out only in accordance with the terms hereof.

SEVENTH: It is agreed that the total monetary consideration for the services to be performed by ENGINEER for all of the said municipalities is \$5,000.00, whereof the sum of \$_____ is the share or portion thereof to be paid by MUNICIPALITY. The municipalities included herein and the portions of the consideration allocated to each, are as follows:

Edwardsville Borough	\$ 152.85
Exeter Borough	117.28
Forty Fort Borough	141.12
Hanover Township	344.08
Jenkins Township	96.95
Kingston Borough	482.28
Nanticoke City	460.88
Pittston City	343.19
Pittston Township	74.09
Plains Township	286.70
Plymouth Borough	297.67
Swoyersville Borough	178.20
West Pittston Borough	165.28

Wilkes-Barre City	\$	1,756.31
Wyoming Borough		103.12
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Total Consideration	\$	5,000.00

EIGHT: MUNICIPALITY agrees to pay its share of the total consideration to-wit the sum of \$_____ to the said Chamber of Commerce, agent, as hereinabove specified, on or before July 1, 1953.

NINTH: Said Chamber of Commerce, agent as aforesaid, shall pay the total consideration of \$5,000.00 to ENGINEER within thirty (30) days after, but not before, all work has been completed by ENGINEER and all reports delivered by ENGINEER as hereinabove specified.

TENTH: ENGINEER shall not commence work until the entire consideration of \$5,000.00 has been received by said Chamber of Commerce as such agent, or until the payment of said total consideration to ENGINEER has been guaranteed to the satisfaction of ENGINEER.

ELEVENTH: In the event that the total consideration of \$5,000.00 has not been received by the agent or its payment to ENGINEER guaranteed as aforesaid, or if all "materials" have not been made available to ENGINEER by all municipalities as provided in paragraph SECOND hereof, by July 1, 1953, the completion date specified in paragraph FIRST (1) hereof shall be postponed to six months after such total consideration has been received by the agent, or guaranteed as aforesaid, and such "materials" have been made available to ENGINEER as provided in paragraph SECOND hereof.

TWELFTH: In the event that the total consideration of \$5,000.00 has not been received by the agent, or its payment to ENGINEER guaranteed as aforesaid, or if such "materials" have not been made available to ENGINEER by all municipalities as provided in paragraph SECOND hereof, by December 31, 1954, the agent shall return to MUNICIPALITY the consideration paid by MUNICIPALITY and this Agreement shall therupon become null and void.

THIRTEENTH: Any notices required to be sent to any party hereunder shall be deemed sufficient if sent by registered mail addressed to the parties as follows:

C. A. Von Stein, Chairman Public Services Committee Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce 188 N. Pennsylvania Avenue Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	Albright & Friel, Inc. 121 South Broad Street Philadelphia 7, Pa.
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(Name of Municipality)

(Address)

FOURTEENTH: This Agreement shall be legally binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns and shall enure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

FIFTEENTH: Any and all disputes or controversies arising hereunder shall be settled by arbitration under and pursuant to the Pennsylvania Arbitration Act of 1927, April 25, P. L. 381, as amended (Title 5 Purdon's Statutes Section 161 etc.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ENGINEER has caused this Agreement to be executed by its proper and authorized officers, namely, _____, president and secretary, and has further authorized the said _____

secretary, to attest said instrument with its corporate seal. And the

(Name of Municipality)

has hereby caused this Agreement to be executed by its _____
(Name and
_____ and its _____
official capacity) _____ (Name and official
_____ in the name of the said _____
capacity) _____ (Name
_____ and for its corp-
of Municipality)
orate act and has further authorized the said _____
_____ (Name and official
_____ to place hereon its corporate seal.
capacity)

ATTEST:

ALBRIGHT & FRIEL, INC.

By _____

Secretary

President

ATTEST:

(Name of Municipality)

By _____

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed and the proper officers instructed to prepare the Agreement.

Permit applications dated June 22nd, June 23rd, June 30th, July 1st, July 3rd and July 7th, were submitted as follows:

Carl Adonizio
251 William St., City

To erect two (2) car garage
at above address.

C. A. Detato
441 N. Main St., City

To build a 35' X 40' addition
to building.

Joseph J. Graziano
234 S. Main St., City

To erect two (2) car garage
at above address.

Frank Castellino
107 E. Railroad St., City

To erect a new dwelling at
111 E. Railroad St., City

S. C. Grablick
72 Church St., City

To build an 18' X 12' addition
to building for storage room.

Fred Solano
85 Swallow St., City

To erect a new dwelling at
85 Swallow St., City

John McDonnell
4 Chapel St., City

To remodel home at above address.
Bricktex home & remodel porches.

Woodlawn Farm Dairy Co.
65 E. North St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

To erect overhanging illuminated
sign at Bill Falzone, 95 Tompkins St.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permits were granted subject to approval of the proper department authorities.

COUNCIL REFUSES GROARK A PERMIT HOME OIL BURNER

City Council, at its regular meeting last night in City Hall, had before it several applications for permits to build, including one from William J. Groark, of 242 South Main street, to install an oil burner in his home, which stirred up some controversy and which was finally rejected, upon recommendation of Fire Chief Frank Castner, who investigated and said he found there is no flue lining in the chimney of the Groark home. Mr. Groark, a past commander of John D. Stark Post, American Legion, and a veteran office employe of Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, Scranton, was present at the Council meeting and made no comment, as Mayor Joseph F. Saporito and Councilmen Joseph A. Walsh, Thomas Kehoe, Patrick Collins and Charles Infantino voted to reject the application.

As an afterthought Councilman Kehoe, author of the motion to refuse the permit, suggested that Solicitor J. Earl Langan contact the contractor, J. J. Wheately, of 368-70-72 Academy street, Wilkes-Barre, and explain the inadequacy of the chimney flue as the reason for Council's action.

In a letter to Council, Fire Chief Castner said: "Since the chimney is not flue lined, according to specifications, I am unable to place my approval upon this installation."

An examination of the application shows that Mr. Groark intended to install a boiler oil burner unit, known by the trade name of Fluid Heat Rotary Type Wall Flame Oil Burner, constructed of steel, 400-square feet capacity, at a cost of \$1,051 complete.

Another request was by Our Lady of Mount Carmel Congregation, 227 William street, Most Rev. William J. Hefey, D. D., trustee; Tabone & Barbera contractor, to build a church rectory of 15 rooms, of frame with brick veneer, adjacent to the present Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, at an approximate cost of \$50,000. It is to be a two-story building, 45x54 feet. It was planned to start work on August 4th. This application was referred to the heads of the proper departments for examination.

Two other building permits were submitted and referred to the same officials — one from Caesar Conti, of 60 Parsonage street, to erect a one-car garage at that address at an approximate cost of \$700; P. Pepe, Exeter, contractor; and the other request from Robert W. Galavage, of 225½ Mill street, to erect a two-car cinder block garage at that address at an approximate cost of \$1,000.

At the close of the session Mayor Saporito presented to each newspaperman present a list of the names of prominent citizens he has appointed to a Traffic Committee to assist him in solving the traffic-routing problem. Those designated are: William P. Bonser, 37 Wood street; Attorney Patrick J. Flannery, 229 South Main street; Frank Lawler, 106 William street; Stanley M. Leonard, 67 William street; William Mundenar, 9 Landon street; Joseph A. Quinn, 16 Front street; Joseph K. Schiffman, 1,301 Wyoming avenue, Exeter Borough.

Although the meeting was scheduled to start at 7:30 o'clock, and there were several men in the Council Chamber at the appointed time, yet it was not until 8:15 p. m. that all members were in their places and Mayor Saporito called the session to order. A formal motion was immediately offered to dispense with reading of minutes of the last meeting.

Mayor Saporito reported collection of \$1,020 during July, divided as follows: Parking meter fees, \$958; parking fines, \$52; police department fines, \$10.

City Treasurer George Turner reported a balance on hand as of July 1 of \$66,135.95; receipts during the month of \$10,815; warrants paid of \$18,263.28, leaving a balance in the General Fund as of August 1 of \$8,529. As delinquent tax collector Mr. Turner reported collections of \$2,184.24 during July. He also reported receipt of \$29 for city licenses and \$4,000.67 for Amusement Tax during the two-month period of June and July of which one-half, or \$2,003.88 reverts to the School District.

Mrs. Thomas A. Newcomb submitted her usual reports both as health officer and sealer of weights, which were ordered filed without comment.

Bills aggregating \$1,631.62, recommended for payment by Joseph A. Walsh, director of the Department of Accounts and Finance, were approved for payment.

Permission was granted members of Pittston Police Department to present a fireworks display at Bone Stadium on Saturday, August 22nd, at 11 p. m. in connection with a social affair planned. The fireworks display will be examined by Fire Chief Frank Castner before the ex-

hibition is presented.

It was voted to have the city defray the expenses of any member of Council who desires to attend the League of Third Class Cities' convention at Reading on October 12-14 inclusive.

A communication was read from C. A. Von Stein, of the Carr Consolidated Biscuit Company, chairman of the Public Services Committee of Wyoming Valley, who briefed members of Pittston Council on the progress that is being made toward building a sewage disposal system for Wyoming Valley communities, as demanded by the State under its Clean Streams' program. Mr. Von Stein reported on the "overall Wyoming Valley survey" and announced that ten communities hereabouts continue to cooperate. He expressed his appreciation to Pittston City, particularly, for its cooperation.

Thomas Foley, former police clerk and one who is ever alert to Pittston's needs and prompt with a panacea, was on hand last night again to offer some advice to Mayor and Council. He demanded to know why departmental heads are not making quarterly reports, as provided by law but, as at previous meetings when he propounded this and similar questions, he was greeted with stony silence.

On another subject, Mr. Foley declared that the City's finances could be aided by rigid enforcement of parking regulations.

He said he received a parking ticket and had to pay a \$1 fine. He added that if the two policemen assigned to police the 222 parking meters gave out one ticket an hour apiece, the fines would total \$38,400 a year, if they were all paid.

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

A P P R O V E D

August 11, 1953

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NAYS

yes	WALSH
yes	KEHOE
yes	COLLINS
yes	INFANTINO
yes	SAPORITO (MAYOR)

JOHN D. McNULTY

CITY CLERK

ATTESTED:


John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 1953, at 8:13 P.M., E. D. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, August 11th, 1953 at 8:13 P. M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, with Mayor Joseph F. Saporito presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, July 14th, 1953, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor Joseph F. Saporito submitted report dated August 4, 1953 of parking meter fees, parking violations and fines received by his department for the month of July, 1953, reading as follows:

July 1, 1953 July 31, 1953

Parking Meter Fees	\$	958.00
Parking Violations		52.00
Fines		10.00
	\$	<u>1,020.00</u>

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered filed.

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated July 31, 1953, of receipts and disbursements by his office during the month of July, 1953, reading as follows:

Cash on hand, July 1, 1953	\$	66,135.95
Receipts during the Month		<u>10,815.00</u>
		<u>76,950.95</u>
Warrants Paid During the Month	\$	18,263.28
Cash on Hand, July 31, 1953		<u>58,687.67</u>
		<u>76,950.95</u>

Cash on Hand, July 31, 1953, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$	8,594.27
Bond and Interest 1923 Account		3,876.87
Bond and Interest 1935 Account		14,372.10
Bond and Interest 1938 Account		7,880.68
Bond and Interest 1942 Account		4,375.60
Bond and Interest 1949 Account		5,507.12
Bond and Interest 1952 Account		5,520.76
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund		3,303.46
Sewage Advance Planning Fund		5,256.81
	\$	<u>58,687.67</u>

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered filed.

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated July 31, 1953, on collection of delinquent city taxes for the month of July, 1953, reading as follows:

Delinquent City Tax Collections	\$	2,184.24
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On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered received and filed.

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CITIZENS' BOARD RE PITTSTO

At last night's regular meeting of City Council, presided over by Mayor Joseph F. Saporito and attended by all four Councilmen, the recently appointed Citizens' Traffic Committee, of which Attorney Patrick J. Flannery is chairman, submitted some suggestions to relieve traffic congestion and provide additional parking facilities. The report in its entirety is published below.

Council voted to accept the report for study.

Edwin A. Sites, of 13 Mill street, was appointed City Clerk pro tem during the illness of John D. McNulty.

Mayor Joseph F. Saporito presented his report on collections during August. It included \$831 from parking meters, \$35 in parking violations and \$30 in miscellaneous fines.

City Treasurer George Turner reported a balance of \$66,064.86 in all funds or \$3,176.74 in the general fund. He also reported collections of \$1,310.39 in delinquent taxes and \$146 in City licenses.

Bills totaling \$7,801.88 were approved for payment when funds are available.

Reports also were made by Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer and City Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Following is the complete text of the Citizens' Traffic Committee's report and recommendations:

Pittston, Penna.
September 4, 1953

Hon. Joseph F. Saporito,
City Hall,
Pittston, Pa.

Dear Mayor Saporito:

Pursuant to your request we have made a thorough survey of certain streets in the City for the purpose of protecting the public, reducing traffic hazards, relieving traffic congestion, and providing additional parking facilities. One of our primary concern has been the free and uninterrupted movement of fire apparatus at all times.

We are keenly aware that the traffic and parking problem is not applicable to Pittston alone. All cities are confronted with the same problem. However, the situation in our City is made more acute by its layout which prevents channelization of through traffic.

In this, our preliminary report which we believe is applicable to the more serious problems, we submit the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. The creation of loading and unloading zones in each block on both sides of Main Street from Oak to Mill Streets. The size and location of these zones we leave to the discretion of the Police Department. We strongly urge that wherever possible, the proprietors of business establishments on Main Street will load and unload in the rear of their business establishments.

2. That streets intersecting Main Street such as Market, Spring, Dock, Charles, Thomas and Butler Streets, should be marked "Keep Clear" in order that traffic from the opposite lane may enter freely and thereby prevent a traffic blockage on Main Street.

3. That all streets intersecting Main be kept clear on both sides for a distance of 25 feet from the intersection. This will permit free and easy ingress and egress.

4. No parking on either side of Spring Street in order to prevent any interference with the fire apparatus of the Eagle Hose Company.

5. That between the hours of 3:30 p. m. and 5:15 p. m. on week days, or for longer or shorter periods in the discretion of the Police Department, no parking be permitted on the easterly side of Main Street between Charles and William Streets. We suggest that the feasibility of this recommendation be determined by a two weeks trial period.

6. That the parking rates and times be changed in the following manner:

(a) Five Cents for the first half hour and an additional Five Cents for every half hour thereafter for a period of two hours.

7. That Devaney Court be made a one-way street from Spring to Charles Streets.

We believe that a trial period of 60 days for the above recommendations will disclose any inadequacy which can be corrected before final adoption, and that notice by means of newspaper announcements, etc., should be extensively given to the public before the trial period is inaugurated.

Respectfully submitted,
PATRICK J. FLANNERY,
Chairman, Citizens Traffic Committee.

STANLEY M. LEONARD
JOSEPH A. QUINN
WILLIAM P. BONSER
JOSEPH SCHIFFMAN
FRANK LAWLER
WILLIAM MUNDENAR

BLIND MAN KILLED
Newark, Del., Sept. 9. — William Polk, 50, blind boarder in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stevens here, was killed Tuesday when a gas stove exploded and set the house on fire.

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated July 31, 1953, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of July, 1953, reading as follows:

Pinball Machine License	\$	25.00
Sidewalk Sign Lincses		4.00
	\$	<u>29.00</u>

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated July 15th, 1953, on collection of Amusement Taxes for the months of May and June, 1953, reading as follows:

Gilmartin Park Ass'n.	\$.50
Joseph Dougher - Permit		1.00
Amusement Ride Inc.		1.00
Greater Pittston Junior Chamber of Comm..		8.00
Workingmen's Boys Athletic Fund50
Jefferson School P. T. A.		1.93
Parent Band & Orchestra Ass'n.		107.72
Bone Stadium "May 1953"		588.89
Roman Theatre		718.77
American Theatre		2,184.25
Vivona Bros.		199.19
National A. C. Jos. Slovin		151.18
P. H. S. Senior Class		44.74
Total collections	\$	<u>4,007.67</u>

Pittston City School Dist. share		
50% or	\$	<u>2,003.84</u>

Pittston City share - 50%	\$	<u>2,003.83</u>
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On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered received and filed.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated August 11th, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
July, 1953:

Weekly report sent to the Medical Health
Center:

1 Case of Chickenpox
1 Case of Mumps

Restaurants inspected 10

Complaints received and
investigated 16

Walter Plonski, 59 Vine St., Pittston bitten on
hand by cat. Cats head sent to Harrisburg for test of
rabies.

Sgt. John Korick on sick leave from July 17th.
Injured while on duty.

Respectfully submitted,

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/S/

Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb,
Health Officer.

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated August 11th, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
July, 1953:

Monthly report forwarded to the Bureau of
Standard Weights and Measures, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania:

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Counter Scales	36	3
Beam Scales	10	1
Other Platform Scales	7	2
Person Scales	5	0

Respectfully submitted,

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/S/

Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

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

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh, submitted report dated August 11th, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your
approval:

American LaFrance Foamite Corp.	Vehicle repair parts	\$	7.81
A. Andreeko Photoprint Co.	Prints - Engr's. Office		15.77
Charles Bechtold	Ice for offices		10.50
Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	Mobile Phone Service		134.29
Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	Telephone Service (3 months)		204.38
Consumers Gas and Oil Co.	Vehicle repair		2.00
Commercial Gas Corporation	Parking Meter repair (Acetylene)		12.01
Cadmans Garage	Vehicle Maintenance - Inspections		10.00
Vincent Churchfield	Maintenance Traffic Signals		15.00
C. W. Falzone Post #838 - Am. L.	Military Contribution		50.00
Jack Friedman Electric Supply	Light Bulbs		14.50

Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Water for offices	8.45
Richard Levenoskie	Sign painting	6.00
Walter J. O'Malley	Building supplies	39.00
Pittston Publishing Co.	Office supplies	9.50
Pittston Gazette	Tax Duplicates	172.50
Pittston Gazette	Office supplies	87.25
Pittston Electric Supply Co.	Repair to Fire Alarm System	34.59
Pittston Camp 17, Spanish War Vets.	Military Contribution	50.00
M. H. Rhodes Inc.	Meter repair parts	13.36
Reliable Spring Service	Vehicle maintenance	4.75
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Hydrant rental	306.68
Scranton Spring Brook Water Co.	Water service	5.99
Scranton Electric Company	Light service	68.01
George J. Turner, City Treas.	Office supplies-Stamp. envel's.	349.28
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		\$ 1,631.62

Respectfully submitted,

/S/

Joseph A. Walsh

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Joseph A. Walsh, Director of
the Dept. of Accounts & Finance.

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

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, July 27th, 1953, reading as follows, was received from the Public Service Committee of Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce:

To: Pittston City

Gentlemen:

I know your interest must have been aroused by the \$2,000,000 appropriation bill passed by the State Legislature to aid communities in the construction of sewage treatment plants.

During the next few days, I will obtain an opinion from the Sanitary Water Board and/or the Attorney General's Office explaining what this legislation means to our cooperating group. I will report to you as soon as I have this information.

Ten signed contracts have been received from communities participating in our overall valley survey. It is expected the remaining five will be executed and received shortly. This will enable an early initiation of our survey.

Very truly yours,

/S/

C. A. Von Stein

C. A. Von Stein, Chairman
Public Service Committee

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Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, July 29th, 1953, was received from the Public Service Committee of Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce:

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

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Enclosed is copy of agreement between the City of Pittston and Albright & Friel, Inc., executed by both parties.

If any questions arise with you from time to time as to the progress of this survey, the activities of the engineer or any phase of this matter at all, please get in touch with me. I will endeavor to keep you advised of our progress.

Please extend my sincere appreciation to members of your Council and officers for their constructive action in participating in their cooperative undertaking.

Very truly yours,

/s/ C. A. Von Stein
C. A. Von Stein, Chairman
Public Service Committee

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On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communications were ordered received and filed.

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, August 7th, 1953, reading as follows, was received from The League of Cities of the Third Class in Pennsylvania:

To All City Clerks: --

Letters are being mailed today to the Mayors and members of City Council in the respective cities of the Third Class informing them of the Annual Convention of our organization which is being held this year in the City of Reading on October 12th, 13th and 14th, together with a form on which the names of the delegates planning to attend said convention should be listed. Will you please cooperate with us by seeing that this form is completed promptly and mailed to the

HARRISBURG OFFICE OF THE LEAGUE

Details on the program are now being worked out and it is planned to have our sectional meetings get underway at 3:00 P. M. Monday, October 12th. Our good friend "Phil" Miller, City Clerk of Butler, who is President of the City Clerk's group will have charge of the clerks' meeting and has asked us to urge all clerks' in the state to attend the Reading meeting if possible. If you have any subjects that you would like to have discussed in said clerks' meeting would you be kind enough to pass them along to "Phil" in order that he might have an opportunity to prepare his meeting agenda?

The city clerks' of the state have in the past been very cooperative with the League in helping us with our pre-convention arrangements and we are again asking that you give your usual support by sending the form referred to above to the Harrisburg office as soon as possible.

AS SOON AS CONVENIENT PLEASE SEND ME THE NAMES OF YOUR CITY OFFICIALS WHO MIGHT HAVE DIED SINCE OUR LAST CONVENTION.

Your usual courteous assistance in all the above is solicited.

THE LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE
THIRD CLASS IN PENNSYLVANIA

/s/

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Chester E. Rogers,
Secretary

Communication dated Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, August 7th, 1953, reading as follows, was received from the League of Cities of the Third Class in Pennsylvania:

TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
CITY OF PITTSTON, PA.

Gentlemen:

This is to advise you that the City of Reading has graciously extended an invitation to our organization to hold its 54th Annual Convention in their city on October 12th, 13th and 14th.

The headquarters for the convention will be at the Hotel Abraham Lincoln where the business sessions will be held. We trust that a large representative group from your city will be in attendance at this annual meeting. May we suggest that if you have not already done so that you contact either the Hotel Abraham Lincoln or the Hotel Berkshire at once in order that adequate hotel reservations might be made for your delegates?

We are now working out the necessary details for the convention program which tentatively will include the following:

- October 12, 1953 - 3:00 P. M. Sectional Meetings
Evening - Entertainment being furnished by the Koontz Equipment Company
- October 13, 1953 - A. M. - Convention business session.
Noon - Luncheon, Hotel Berkshire
Afternoon business session
Evening - Annual Banquet, Hotel Abraham Lincoln
- October 14, 1953 - Morning-Closing session of convention

We are attaching hereto an advance registration form that should be completed by you city clerk as soon as possible and returned direct to the office of the League, Room 302, City Hall, Harrisburg. Your help in this will be greatly appreciated.

The Reading officials are planning to do everything in their power to make your stay in their city worth while and we suggest that plans be made NOW to attend?

THE LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE
THIRD CLASS IN PENNSYLVANIA

/s/

Chester E. Rogers
Chester E. Rogers,
Secretary

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communications were ordered received and filed and that anyone wishing to attend may do so.

Permit applications dated July 14th, July 23rd, July 29th, August 3rd and August 10th, were submitted as follows:

Joseph Sherer
623 N. Main St.

To erect metal sidewalk sign
at 623 N. Main Street

Robert Galavage
225 $\frac{1}{2}$ Mill St.

To erect a two (2) car garage
at above address

Pittston City Police Dept.
City Hall, Pittston

To sponsor a fireworks display
at Bone Stadium on Aug. 22, 1953

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
227 William St.

To erect a new Church Rectory
at 227 William St.

Caesar Conti
60 Parsonage St.

To erect a one (1) car garage
at above address

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call on members present, the above permits were granted subject to approval of the proper department authorities.

A permit application was submitted by Mr. J. J. Wheatley, 368-70-72 Academy St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. in behalf of Mr. William J. Groark, 242 S. Main St., Pittston to install a Boiler Oil Burner Unit (Fluid Heat Burner) at his residence at the above address. The following report of Fire Chief Frank Castner was read:

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

Gentlemen:

Be advised that I have made several attempts to make a physical inspection of the premises of William J. Groark, 242 S. Main St., Pittston, Pa. relative to the installation of an oil burner at that location.

I was advised by Mr. Groark, over the telephone, that there is no flue lining in his chimney and that we are discriminating against oil burners and that any further information needed must be obtained from the contractor Mr. H. J. Wheatley, 368-70-72 Academy St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Since the chimney is not flue lined according to specifications, I am unable to place my approval on this installation.

Very truly yours,

/S/

Frank Castner
Frank Castner, Fire Chief

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Mr. Wheatley was present at the meeting and was represented by legal counsel in the person of Atty. Reynolds Kosek. Mr. Kosek requested that he be notified in writing as to the disposition of the application by council.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit application was rejected due to the inadequacy of the chimney flue

in that it does not meet with the requirements of the ordinance of the City of Pittston, and that Mr. Wheatley be formally advised of the action thus taken.

By action of the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals at meeting held August 11th, 1953, the following abatement of School Taxes for the year 1953 was granted:

John Touhill Estate
2250231 N. Main Street \$ 1,125.

Short remarks were made by Mr. Thomas Foley at the close of council session.

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

A P P R O V E D

August 28, 1953

<u>YEAS</u>		<u>NAYS</u>
yes	WALSH	
yes	KEHOE	
yes	COLLINS	
yes	INFANTINO	
yes	SAPORITO (MAYOR)	

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK



ATTESTED: *John D. McNulty*
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

SPECIAL MEETINGPITTSSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH, 1953 at 8:13 P. M., E. D. T.

Pittston City Council convened in special session Friday, August 28th, 1953, at 8:13 P. M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, with Mayor Joseph F. Saporito presiding and all members of City Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, August 11th, 1953, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 4385. Pittston, Pa., August 28th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED,
by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of Thirty eight hundred seventy six dollars and eighty seven (\$3,876.87) cents be and is hereby transferred from the Sinking Fund, Bond and Interest Item - Year 1923 to the Sinking Fund, Bond Issue of 1952".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4386. Pittston, Pa., August 28th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED,
by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the City Treasurer be directed not to deposit any more monies, either from current or delinquent tax collections, into the Sinking Funds for the 1923 and 1942 Bond Issues, all requirements for these issues having been met and that these sinking fund accounts be closed and discontinued".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4387. Pittston, Pa., August 28th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED,
by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of Forty three hundred seventy five dollars and sixty (\$4,375.60) cents be and is hereby transferred from the Sinking Fund, Bond and Interest Item - Year 1942 to the General Fund.

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

Permit applications dated August 15th, August 18th, August 19th, August 25th, August 27th and August 28th, were submitted as follows:

William J. Groark
242 S. Main St., City

To install cinder block terra cotta lined chimney.

Shulman's Furniture Store
79 S. Main St., City

To erect plastic building sign.

Mastic Coatings Distributors
146 S. Main St., City

To erect Masonite Lighted building sign.

Pittston Fashions
351 S. Main St., City

To build addition to boiler room at same address.

McHugh Brothers
10 Tunnell St., City

To build frame addition to present building.

Consolidated Cigar Company
Boyd and Gravity Sts., City

To build addition to Cigar Factory - 107' x 102'.

BOND ISSUE OF 1923 MAIN STREET PAVE FINALLY PAID OFF

Consolidated Cigar Company, which occupies the triangular plot of ground at the Forks-of-the-Road, Boyd and Gravity streets, South Pittston, submitted an application to Pittston City Council at its special meeting last night to build an addition to its cigar factory at that address which is estimated to cost \$108,824. It will be a two-story building with basement, exactly 107x102 in dimensions. Edward Eyerman & Son, of 112 North Main street, Wilkes-Barre, has been engaged to erect the building.

Mayor Joseph F. Saporito presided and all members of council were present.

Although the session was scheduled to start at 7:30 o'clock, it was exactly 45 minutes later — 8:15 o'clock, when the meeting was called to order.

Of particular interest was the application for building permits, indicating that Pittston is far from a dead town.

William J. Groark, of 242 South Main street, whose request for permission to install an oil burner in his home was rejected by council at its last meeting because of an inadequacy in the chimney, asked permission to build a cinder block, terra cotta, flue-lined chimney at his home at a cost of \$200. William Campenni, of 92 River street this city, has been engaged by Mr. Groark to build the chimney. Like all the others, this request was referred to the heads of the proper departments. (Councilman Thomas Kehoe informed a Gazette man after the meeting that, if the chimney meets requirements, he can see no reason why council should, even if it wished, refuse Mr. Groark's application.)

Leslie Fay, Inc., 351 South Main street, asked permission to install a Bosch high-pressure oil burner at a cost of \$1,500 to act as a booster to create more steam pressure for an oil burner earlier installed.

Pittston Fashions, 351 South Main street, to build an addition to its boiler room at an estimated cost of \$400.

McHugh Bros., 10 Tunnell street to build an addition to warehouse at that address at an estimated cost of \$1,200.

Edward Shuckles, 104 South Main street, to build an addition to building at that address; estimated cost, \$2,000 contractors, Tabone & Barbera.

Requests to erect sidewalk signs were received from: Woodlawn Dairy, 195 South Main street, Mastic Coating Distributors, 146 South Main street; Shulman Furniture Store, 79 South Main street.

Another item of business which might be regarded as perfunctory, yet should be of interest to older residents of the city, is the action taken by council to transfer balances left in 1923 and 1942 to other accounts in the Sinking Fund. The 1923 bond issue was for \$275,000 and was authorized under the Mayor P. R. Brown administration exactly thirty years ago, at which time Main street was paved from stem to stern, together with Swallow, Mill, Searle, West Oak, Tompkins streets, among others. Early this year the last \$1,000 was paid off by present council on this obligation. The 1942 bond issue was for \$100,000 and, likewise, was for street improvements.

Woodlawn Farm Dairy Company
65 East North St., Wilkes-Barre

To erect overhanging illuminated
sign at 195 S. Main St., City.

Edward Shuctes
104 S. Main St., City

To build one room addition to
present building.

Leslie Fay Inc.
351 S. Main St., City

To install (1) Bosch High Press-
ure Oil Burner - 25 H.P.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous
vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permits were granted
subject to approval of the proper department authorities.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Kehoe, 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

September 8, 1953

YEAS

NAYS

yes	WALSH
yes	KEHOE
yes	COLLINS
yes	INFANTINO
yes	SAPORITO, MAYOR

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK

ATTESTED :

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

PITTSSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 1953, at 8:35 P.M., E.D.S.T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, September 8th, 1953 at 8:35 P.M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, with Mayor Joseph F. Saporito presiding and all members of Council present.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, Edwin A. Sites was appointed City Clerk pro tem during the illness of John D. McNulty.

Minutes of special session of Friday, August 28th, 1953, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor Joseph F. Saporito submitted report dated September 4, 1953 of parking meter fees, parking violations and fines received by his department for the month of August, 1953, reading as follows:

August 1, 1953	August 31, 1953
Parking Meter Fees	\$ 831.00
Parking Violations	35.00
Fines	30.00
	<u>\$ 896.00</u>

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated August 31, 1953, of receipts and disbursements by his office during the month of August, 1953, reading as follows:

Cash on hand, August 1, 1953	\$58,687.67
Receipts during the month	<u>7,377.19</u>
	<u>\$66,064.86</u>
Warrants Paid During the Month	\$19,167.96
Cash on Hand, August 31, 1953	<u>46,896.90</u>
	<u>\$66,064.86</u>

Cash on hand, August 31, 1953, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 3,176.74
Bond and Interest 1935 Account	14,540.13
Bond and Interest 1938 Account	7,631.84
Bond and Interest 1949 Account	5,562.30
Bond and Interest 1952 Account	9,751.19
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	977.89
Sewage Advance Planning Fund	5,256.81
	<u>\$46,896.90</u>

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered filed.

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated August 31, 1953, on collection of delinquent city taxes for the month of August, 1953, reading as follows:

Delinquent City Tax Collections	\$ 1,310.39
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On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated August 31, 1953, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of August, 1953, reading as follows:

Pinball Machine Licenses.....	\$	110.00
Juke Box Licenses		30.00
Sidewalk Sign Licenses		6.00
	\$	<u>146.00</u>

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated September 8, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:
The following is my report for the month of August, 1953:

Weekly report sent to the Medical Health Center:

1 Case of Polio reported on August 14, 1953 and released on August 27, 1953.

Restaurants inspected 8

Complaints received and investigated 21

Officer Dominick Aritz on sick leave from August 27th to September 1st, 1953.

Sgt. John Korick returned to work on August 12th.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb,
Health Officer.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered filed.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated September 8, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:
The following is my report for the month of August, 1953:

Monthly report forwarded to the Bureau of Standard Weights and Measures, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania:

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Counter Scales	39	3
Beam Scales	8	2
Person Scales	10	0
Other Platform Scales	3	0

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb,
 Sealer of Weights and Measures.

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

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh, submitted report dated September 8, 1953, reading as follows:

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council
 City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

Airport Sand & Gravel Co.	Sand	\$	3.72
Egan Oil & Supply Co.	Gasoline		174.69
Eagen Hardware Co.	Material & Supplies		48.65
C. F. Goeringer Const. Co.	Road Materials		1,169.00
Kehoe Insurance Sgency	Insurance & Bonds		124.09
Daniel Lipperini	Tools sharpened		8.70
Mitchell Lumber Yard	Material & Supplies		51.96
Office of City Clerk	Petty Cash		25.00
M. H. Rhodes, Inc.	Maint. Parking Meters		355.96
Hugh Ridall	Service Adding Mach.		9.00
Scranton Electric Co.	Light Service		116.41
Scranton Electric Co.	Street Lighting		3,096.30
Scrn.-Spring Brk. Water Co.	Hydrant Rental		153.34
Scrn.-Spring Brk. Water Co.	Water Service		33.77
Santarelli Vibrated Block	Material and Supplies		44.00
State Workmen's Ins. Fund	Compensation & Liab.		
	Insurance		2,386.99
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		\$	7,801.58

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Joseph A. Walsh
Joseph A. Walsh, Director of
 the Dept. of Accounts & Finance.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present, Mr. Kehoe not voting, the above bills were approved and ordered paid when sufficient funds are available.

Patrick J. Flanney, Chairman, Citizens Traffic Committee submitted report dated September 4th, 1953, reading as follows:

Hon. Joseph F. Saporito
 City Hall
 Pittston, Pa.

Dear Mayor Saporito:

Pursuant to your request we have made a thorough survey of certain streets in the City for the purpose of protecting the public, reducing traffic hazards, relieving traffic congestion, and providing additional parking facilities.

One of our primary concerns has been the free and uninterrupted movement of fire apparatus at all times.

We are keenly aware that the traffic and parking problem is not applicable to Pittston alone. All cities are confronted with the same problem. However, the situation in our City is made more acute by its layout which prevents channelization of through traffic.

In this, our preliminary report which we believe is applicable to the more serious problems, we submit the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. The creation of loading and unloading zones in each block on both sides of Main Street from Oak to Mill Streets. The size and location of these zones we leave to the discretion of the Police Department. We strongly urge that wherever possible, the proprietors of business establishments on Main Street will load and unload in the rear of their business establishments.

2. That streets intersecting Main Street such as Market, Spring, Dock, Thomas and Butler Streets, should be marked "Keep Clear" in order that traffic from the opposite lane may enter freely and thereby prevent a traffic blockage on Main Street.

3. That all streets intersecting Main be kept clear on both sides for a distance of 25 feet from the intersection. This will permit free and easy ingress and egress.

4. No parking on either side of Spring Street in order to prevent any interference with the fire apparatus of the Eagle Hose Company.

5. That between the hours of 3:30 p. m. and 5:15 p. m. on week days, or for longer or shorter periods in the discretion of the Police Department, no parking be permitted on the easterly side of Main Street between Charles and William Streets. We suggest that the feasibility of this recommendation be determined by a two weeks trial period.

6. That the parking rates and times be changed in the following manner:

(a) Five Cents for the first half hour and an additional Five Cents for every half hour thereafter for a period of two hours.

7. That Devaney Court be made a one-way street from Spring to Charles Streets.

We believe that a trial period of 60 days for the above recommendations will disclose any inadequacy which can be corrected before final adoption, and that notice by means of newspaper announcements, etc., should be extensively given to the public before the trial period is inaugurated.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Patrick J. Flannery
Chairman, Citizens Traffic
Committee.

/S/ Stanley M. Leonard

/S/ Joseph A. Quinn

/S/ William P. Bonser

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report be received and copies be furnished to members of City Council and Police Department for further study.

Permit applications dated August 29th, September 1st and September 8th, were submitted as follows:

Lithuanian Citizens Club
87 N. Main Street

To remodel store front at
same address.

Bert Ardoline
192 Broad Street

To raze frame building.

Charles Ciampi
183 William Street

To raze service station bldg.
at 37 Fulton Street

Charles Ciampi
183 William Street

To erect Gasoline Service
Station at 49 Anderson St.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permits were granted subject to approval of the proper department authorities.

Short remarks were made by Mr. Thomas Foley at the close of council session.

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

A P P R O V E D

September 29, 1953

YEAS

NAYS

yes WALSH

yes KEHOE

yes COLLINS

yes INFANTINO

yes SAPORITO, (MAYOR)

JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 1953, AT 7:45 P.M., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, September 29th, 1953 at 7:45 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor Joseph F. Saporito presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, September 8th, 1953, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated September 23, 1953, on collection of Amusement Taxes for the months of July & August, 1953, reading as follows:

Bone Stadium (June, July & Aug. Tax)	\$	1,301.28
Chitwood Show		330.16
Roman Theatre		714.15
American Theatre		2,350.12
Gilmartin Park Assoc.		29.34
Chitwood Promotions Inc.		43.12
Ward Beam Show.....		465.31
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	\$	5,233.48
One Half to City		2,616.74
Less Advanced to City		1,500.00
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	\$	1,116.74

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4388. Pittston, Pa. September 29th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, it became necessary to acquire a right of way on land of the Erie Railroad Company to permit and encourage the Consolidated Cigar Company to enlarge its local plant, and

WHEREAS, certain civic minded and public spirited citizens have negotiated with the Erie Railroad Company for the acquisition of this right of way to be used as a public street or highway, and

WHEREAS, the Erie Railroad Company decided to convey to the City of Pittston a portion of its land for this purpose,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same that the City of Pittston accept the quit claim deed of the Erie Railroad Company for the premises described therein with its conditions and reservations.

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

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh, submitted report dated September 29, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

The Bell Telephone Co. of Pa. Telephone Service	\$	68.52
The Bell Telephone Co. of Pa. Mobile Phone Service		62.60

V. E. Churchfield	Maint. Traffic Signals	43.75
Consumers Gas and Oil Co.	Vehicle Maintenance	1.00
City Publishing Company	(4) Cross Reference Directories	60.00
Commercial Gas Co.	Demurrage on cylinders	4.20
Joseph J. Dorrance	Typewriter repairs	17.60
Egan Oil & Supply Co.	Gas and Oil	142.20
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Water for offices	23.90
Klein Auto Parts	Auto Parts	61.84
Ludwigs Hardware	Material and Supplies	164.95
Penna. Highway Dept.	Pave cut permit fee	42.00
Partridge - Wirth Company	Maps for engineers office	18.96
Pittston Publishing Company	Office supplies-printing	74.45
Austin S. Powers Sons	Material and Supplies	10.40
P. A. Sammon & Son	Public Liability Insurance	1,859.93
		\$ 2,656.30
George J. Turner, City Treas.	Redemption Bons & Coupons	
	Sinking Fund	15,745.00
	Total	\$ 18,401.30

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Joseph A. Walsh
Joseph A. Walsh, Director
 Department of Accts. & Finance.

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

Communication dated September 21, 1953, was received from the Fort Pittston Post No. 635 of Greater Pittston, Veterans of Foreign Wars:

Pittston City Council
 Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

On November 11, 1953, Fort Pittston Post 635, V. F. W. will again commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

Appropriate ceremonies, including a parade, will be held on the morning of that day.

An invitation to participate in both the parade and the memorial program following the parade is hereby extended to the full membership of Council.

Kindly notify the undersigned if you will participate in order that we may plan our program accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Francis L. Mesaris
Francis L. Mesaris
 Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above invitation be accepted and the City Clerk to notify them of the participation by the Mayor and Members of City Council.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pa., September 21, 1953, was received from Mr. C. A. Von Stein, Chairman, Public Service Committee, Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, reading as follows:

To: Edwardsville Borough	Pittston Township
Exeter Borough	Plains Township
Forty-Fort Borough	Plymouth Borough
Hanover Township	West Pittston Borough
Jenkins Township	Swoyersville Borough
Kingston Borough	Wilkes-Barre City
Nanticoke City	Wyoming Borough
Pittston City	

Gentlemen:

I am very pleased to report signed contracts have now been received from all fifteen Wyoming Valley communities, confirming their agreement to participate in a joint survey of the waste disposal problem. Payment has also been received from all participating communities for their proportionate share of the cost of this survey.

It is my intention to have as early meeting with the engineers, and you will be advised as to the initiation of the survey and of its progress from time to time.

There has recently been considerable publicity concerning legislation passed by the Commonwealth providing subsidies to municipalities and municipal authorities for sewage treatment purposes. I have endeavored to obtain some clarification of this legislation and recently received a letter from Mr. C. H. Young, Division Engineer, Department of Health at Harrisburg, which I am sure you will be interested in reading. Attached is a copy of Mr. Young's letter. This legislation appears to lend itself to many interesting possibilities and will be thoroughly explored in the final formulation of our financial planning.

My congratulations go to you for your part in this cooperative effort by our communities to examine a common problem. I am confident the results will confirm the wisdom of this joint undertaking.

Sincerely,

/s/ C. A. Von Stein
C. A. Von Stein, Chairman
Public Services Committee

The following is a copy of the letter received from Mr. C. H. Young, Division Engineer, as referred to in the above letter:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Health
Harrisburg, Pa.

September 10, 1953

Sewage Treatment
Wyoming Valley

Mr. C. A. VonStein
Chairman, Public Services Committee
Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce
Carr-Consolidated Biscuit Company
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Von Stein:

Your letter of September 8, 1953 to Dr. Russell E. Teague,

requesting information on the recent legislation concerning financial aid to municipalities in connection with sewage treatment works, has been referred to me because of Dr. Teague's absence.

Act. No. 339, approved August 20, 1953 by the Governor, "Provides for payments by the Commonwealth to municipalities which have expended money to acquire and construct sewage treatment plants in accordance with the Clean Streams Program and making an appropriation." This bill begins a new program of State subsidies indicating annual payments by the Commonwealth to municipalities and municipal authorities for sewage treatment purposes. An appropriation of \$2 million dollars is made, with payments not to exceed 2% of the costs for the acquisition and construction of such sewage treatment works by municipalities and municipal authorities. Construction is construed to mean construction of new treatment works, main pump station and intercepting sewers which are integral parts of the treatment facilities. Provision is made for payments to be made the first day of July 1954 and annually thereafter, with the payments to be made to those municipalities or municipal authorities after the municipalities or municipal authorities meet the requirements of the Act by setting forth, to the Secretary of Health, the amounts expended for the acquisition and construction of the sewage treatment works.

We are arranging a conference with the Attorney General's Office to review the provisions of the law and various questions thereto, following which Rules and Regulations will be prepared for distribution. Copies of the Act have not as yet been printed, and as soon as copies are available, these likewise will be distributed. We will place your name on the mailing list to receive early information on this subject. This legislation would appear to provide substantial assistance to municipalities in connection with financing the operation and construction of the treatment works.

Very truly yours,

/s/ C. H. Young

C. H. Young
Division Engineer

On motion of Mr. Wlash, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communications were ordered received and filed.

Permit applications dated September 14th, September 21st, September 24th, September 25th and September 29th, 1953, were submitted as follows:

Anthony Fischer
77 Carroll Sreet

To erect a sidewalk sign.

Mastic Coating Distr., Inc.
146 S. Main Street

To erect a Neon sidewalk sign.

Twin Restaurant
41-43 S. Main Street

To remodel store front and install another door entrance.

Michael Sperrazza
141 S. Main Street

To erect a one story cinder block building. Cost \$4500.00.

John F. Kosik
109 William Street

To remodel a two car garage. Approx cost \$800.00.

On motion of Mr. Infanton, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permits were granted subject to approval of the proper department authorities.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Infantino, 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

October 13, 1953

Yeas

Nays

Yes	Walsh
Yes	Kehoe
Yes	Collins
Yes	Infantino
Yes	Saperito, Mayor

John D. McNulty
City Clerk

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
John D. McNulty, City Clerk.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 1953, AT 7:50 P.M., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, October 13th, 1953 at 7:50 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor Joseph F. Saporito presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, September 29th, 1953, were not read but upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor Joseph F. Saporito submitted report dated October 9, 1953 of parking meter fees, parking violations and fines received by his department for the month of September, 1953, reading as follows:

September 1, 1953	September 30, 1953
Parking Meter Fees	\$ 759.00
Parking Violations	41.00
Fines	25.00
	\$ <u>825.00</u>

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered filed.

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated September 30, 1953, of receipts and disbursements by his office during the month of September, 1953, reading as follows:

Cash on hand, September 1, 1953	\$ 46,896.90
Receipts during the month	24,259.85
	\$ <u>71,156.75</u>
Warrants Paid during the month	34,075.56
Cash on hand, September 30, 1953	37,081.19
	\$ <u>71,156.75</u>

Cash on hand, September 30, 1953, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 8,635.79
Bond and Interest 1935 Account	4,528.58
Bond and Interest 1938 Account	7,778.72
Bond and Interest 1949 Account	1,642.94
Bond and Interest 1952 Account	8,811.93
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	426.42
Sewage Advance Planning Fund	5,256.81
	\$ <u>37,081.19</u>

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered filed.

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated September 30, 1953, on collection of delinquent city taxes for the month of September, 1953, reading as follows:

Delinquent City Tax Collections	\$ 2,327.45
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On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated September 30, 1953, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of September, 1953, reading as follows:

Pinball Machine Licenses	\$	80.00
Juke Box Licenses	\$	45.00
		<u>125.00</u>

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated October 13, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of September, 1953:

Weekly report sent to the Medical Health Center:

One (1) case of Polio reported on September 18, 1953, released on October 1, 1953.

Restaurants inspected 13

Complaints received and investigated 19

Officer Dominick Aritz on sick leave October 9, 1953. Officer Harry Curley on sick leave from September 16, 1953 to September 18, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

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

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered filed.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated October 13, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of September, 1953:

Monthly report forwarded to the Bureau of Standard Weights and Measures, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania:

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Counter Scales	32	3
Beam Scales	9	2
Person Scales	6	0
Other Platform Scales	7	1

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh, submitted report dated October 13, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

The Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	Telephone Service	\$ 62.25
Charles Bechtold	Ice for offices	20.00
Borr and Casey Drugs	Material and Supplies	7.50
Jack Friedman Electric Supply	Light Bulbs	8.91
C. F. Goeringer Const. Co.	Road Materials	217.10
International Harvester Co.	Parts-Vehicle Maint.	31.02
Kehoe Berge Coal Co.	Coal	48.85
Pittston Publishing Co.	Office Supplies	16.75
Pittston Gazette	Tax Notices & Statements	66.00
Reliable Spring Service	Vehicle Maint.	16.95
Allan Smiles	Material & Supplies	19.60
Scranton Electric Co.	Light Service	67.93
Scranton Electric Co.	Street Lighting	1,032.10
Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co.	Fire Hydrant Rental	159.03
Turon and Schwartz	Material & Supplies	28.00
Vullo Brothers	Vehicle Maint. & Rep.	4.75
Williams Paper Co.	Supplies	2.46
Wagner Ice Co.	Ice for offices	3.60
	Total	\$ 1,812.80

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joseph A. Walsh
 JOSEPH A. WALSH, DIRECTOR
 DEPT. OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4389. Pittston, Pa. October 13, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

WHEREAS, the City of Pittston is desirous of borrowing money in the sum of \$50,000.00, and

WHEREAS, The Liberty National Bank of Pittston, Pa. has signified its willingness to make a temporary loan to said City providing the City officials authorize such temporary loan and direct its Mayor and City Clerk to execute and deliver on its behalf to said Bank the note of said City for \$50,000.00 with interest at the rate of 4½%.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Pittston and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same that the sum of \$50,000.00 be borrowed from the Liberty National Bank of Pittston, Pa., for temporary purposes on the full faith and credit of said City and to secure the payment of the same, the Mayor and City Clerk are directed to execute and deliver on its behalf the note of the said City for \$50,000.00 payable on demand and said officers are further authorized and empowered to include in said note a provision authorizing said officials to confess a judgment against the City in favor of said bank for the amount of said note with interest and Attorney's commission of 5% in the event that the said loan is not paid at maturity.

I, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Pittston held Tuesday, October 13th, 1953.

/s/ John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY, CITY CLERK

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4390. Pittston, Pa. October 13, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) dollars be transferred from the Department of Public Affairs, Police Department, item "Salary of Patrolmen", to the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, Street Department, item "Wages of Laborers".

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above RESOLUTION was adopted.

Permit applications dated October 6th and October 7th, 1953 were submitted as follows:

Consolidated Cigar Co.
Gravity Street

To install 1 Fuel Oil
Storage Tank - Outside.

Charles Ciampi
221 William Street

To install 2 Gasoline
Storage Tanks.

Miss Ann McHale
104 Pine Street

To install Oil Burner
and Flue Lined Chimney.

On Motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permits were granted subject to approval of the proper department authorities.

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


A P P R O V E D

November 10, 1953

YEAS		NAYS
Yes	WALSH	
Yes	KEHOE	
Yes	COLLINS	
Yes	INFANTINO	
Yes	SAPORITO, MAYOR	

John D. McNulty
City Clerk

ATTESTED:


John D. McNulty, City Clerk

PITTSSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY , NOVEMBER 10TH, 1953, AT 7:30 P.M., E.S.T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, November 10th, 1953 at 7:30 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor Joseph F. Saporito presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday October 13th, 1953, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor Joseph F. Saporito submitted report dated November 6, 1953 of parking meter fees, parking violations and fines received by his department for the month of October, 1953, reading as follows:

<u>October 1, 1953</u>		<u>October 31, 1953</u>
Parking Meter Fees	\$	863.00
Parking Violations		35.00
Fines		10.00
	\$	<u>908.00</u>

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered filed.

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated October 31, 1953, of receipts and disbursements by his office during the month of October, 1953, reading as follows:

Cash on hand, October 1, 1953	\$	37,081.19
Receipts during the month		61,093.68
	\$	<u>98,174.87</u>
Warrants paid during the month	\$	21,568.97
Cash on hand, October 31, 1953		76,605.90
		<u>98,174.87</u>

Cash on hand, October 31, 1953, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$	47,763.91
Bond and Interest 1935 Account		4,857.85
Bond and Interest 1938 Account		7,923.80
Bond and Interest 1949 Account		1,755.76
Bond and Interest 1952 Account		9,000.49
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund		47.28
Sewage Advance Planning Fund		5,256.81
		<u>76,605.90</u>

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

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated October 31, 1953, on collection of delinquent taxes for the month of October, 1953, reading as follows:

Delinquent City Tax Collections	\$	3,944.76
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On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated October 31, 1953, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of October, 1953, reading as follows:

Pinball Machine Licenses	\$	50.00
Juke Box Licenses	\$	<u>15.00</u>
		65.00

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer, submitted report dated November 10, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of October, 1953:

Weekly report sent to the Medical Health Center:

No reportable diseases during the month of October.
69 Restaurants inspected and health licenses issued.
\$69.00 collected and deposited with City Treasurer.

Complaints received and investigated 17

Officer Aritz returned to his duties on October 14, 1953. Officer Aritz on sick leave from October 16th to October 31st.
Sam Facciponti on sick leave from October 7th to October 14th.

Respectfully submitted,

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

MTN:j

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated November 10, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The follwoing is my report for the month of October, 1953:

Monthly report forwarded to the Buraeu of Standard Weights and Measures, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania:

	Corrected and Sealed	Adjusted
Counter Scales	29.....	1
Beam Scales	8	1
Person Scales	6	0
Other Platform Scales	10	2

Respectfully submitted,

/S/

Mrs. Thos. Newcomb

MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

mTN:j

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

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh, submitted report dated November 10, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

The Bell Telephone Co.	Telephone Service	\$ 54.18
J. J. Dorrance	Typewriter repair	16.00
Eagen Hardware Co.	Material and Supplies	4.71
Egan Oil & Supply Co.	Gas and Oil	132.05
Jack Friedman El. Supply	Light Bulbs	6.62
Kehoe Berge Coal Co.	Coal	105.40
Kehoe Insurance Co.	Bond for E. A. Sites	12.05
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Office Supplies	312.17
Daniel Lipperini	Sharpen Tools	17.15
Mitchell Lumber Yard	Material and Supplies	85.03
A. S. Powers Sons	Material and Supplies	7.56
Scranton Electric Co.	Street Lighting	1,032.10
Scranton Electric Co.	Light Service	80.93
Scrn. Spring Brook Water	Hydrant Rental	153.34
Scrn. Spring Brook Water	Water Service	29.28
H. B. Sproul Const. Co.	Road Materials	2,452.14
Santarelli Vib. Block Co.	Road Materials	27.00
George J. Turner, Treas.	Winterize Motor Equip.	62.82
George J. Turner, Treas.	Vehicle Maint. & Repair	60.00
George J. Turner, Treas.	Redemption Coupons	315.00

Total \$ 4,965.53

Respectfully submitted,

/S/

Joseph A. Walsh

JOSEPH A. WALSH, DIRECTOR
DEPT. ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4391. Pittston, Pa. November 10, 1953. BE IT
RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of Fifteen Hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars be transferred from the Department of Public Affairs, Police Department, item "salary of Patrolmen", to the Deaprtment of Public Affairs, Police Department, item "Wages - Relief Officers".

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above RESOLUTION was adopted.

Communication dated Pittston, Pa., November 2, 1953, was received from Local 767, International Association of Fire Fighters, reading as follows:

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of Council
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

the members of the organization, International Association of Fire Fighters, representing the drivers of the Pittston Fire Department, respectfully request an increase in salary.

The request is based on the following premise: The need of a living wage.

We know it is not necessary to call your attention to the rising cost of living and high prices which exist today. It is, however, our intention that you should know that our present salary scale is far below the standard, and we find it very difficult to meet our current living expenses.

Too, we are aware of the many difficulties which beset a governing body. With this in mind we do ask that a reasonable percentage be added. This percentage would be, at least, twenty (20%) per cent per annum.

We ask that an appropriation be included in the next budget to allow for an increase in the salaries of those individuals represented by this organization.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

Local 767
International Association of Fire Fighters

Signed:
W. Donald Williamson
Thomas A. Henzey
Paul J. Fearick
William D'Elia

Joseph P. Dwyer
Michael J. Sullivan
Oscar H. Kitzman

On motion of Mr. Infantino, 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. November 9, 1953, was received from the Members of the Police Department, reading as follows:

Honorable Joseph Saporita
and Members of Council

Due to the ever increasing prices of the necessities of life and the ever mounting cost of living, the following members of the Pittston Police Force believe at this time that they are entitled to an increase in wages.

We wish to draw your attention to these facts when you meet as a group in planning the budget for 1954.

We believe that a twenty per cent increase of our present wages would be a fair and honest consideration for the members of the Police Department to meet their daily needs.

Members of Police Department

Signed:

Robert Rowan
Francis Linnen
Wilbert Leppert
Joseph Doyle
Lawrence Delaney
George Oschal
Dante LaFratte
Robert Mullen

Michael Galasso
John Reklaitis
Frank Valeski
James O'Brien
John Korick
Harry Curley
Harry Morrissey
Merle Finan

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

Communication dated, Philadelphia, Pa., October 9, 1953, was received from E. M. Watters, Jr., reading as follows:

J. Earl Langan, Esq.
City Solicitor
Woolworth Building
Main Street
Pittston, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith one copy each of Applications of Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Railroad Company to instal traffic light signals in lieu of crossing watchman at the Pine Street and Market Street crossings in Pittston.

These Applications are being filed by me by mail this date.

If you have no objections to the subject matter of these Applications a letter to the Public Utility Commission so stating would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

/S/ E. M. Watters, Jr.
E. M. WATTERS, JR.

WMWJ:mb
(Encs.)

Communication dated, Philadelphia, Pa., October 16, 1953, was received from E. M. Watters, Jr., reading as follows:

J. Earl Langan, Esq.
Woolworth Building
Main Street
Pittston, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the directions of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission I am enclosing herewith a copy of a plan of the installation of traffic lights at Pine Street and at Market Street in the City of Pittston, which plan is to be considered as a part of the application, a copy of which was forwarded to you on October 9.

Very truly yours,

/S/ E. M. Watters, Jr.
E. M. WATTERS, JR.

Application and drawing received as stated in above communications received and placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communications were ordered received and placed on file, and the Solicitor instructed to write a letter in opposition to the Application of the Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Railroad Company.

Joseph F. Saporito, Mayor, submitted report dated October 27, 1953, reading as follows:

Members of Council
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following is a comprehensive and detailed report of all the expenditures and operation of the Department of Public Affairs for the period ending September 30, 1953:

	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>OBLIGATED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
OFFICE OF MAYOR	\$ 4,648.50	3,210.14	172.44	1,265.92
POLICE DEPARTMENT	75,422.68	48,949.85	1,808.23	24,664.60
OFFICE OF CITY ENGR.	5,316.00	3,917.02	46.17	1,352.81
BUREAU OF HEALTH - Wt. AND MEASURES	2,873.50	2,085.14	7.45	780.91
	<u>\$88,260.68</u>	<u>58,162.15</u>	<u>2,034.29</u>	<u>28,064.24</u>

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Joseph F. Saporito
JOSEPH F. SAPORITO, MAYOR

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

Charles Infantino, Councilman, submitted report dated October 27, 1953, reading as follows:

	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>OBLIGATED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR	\$ 1,025.00	754.98		270.02
FIRE DEPARTMENT	46,137.28	19,886.26	7,036.29	19,214.73
PLUMBING INSPECTION	174.75	131.07		43.68
	<u>\$ 47,337.03</u>	<u>20,772.31</u>	<u>7,036.29</u>	<u>19,528.43</u>

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

Joseph A. Walsh, Councilman, submitted report dated October 27, 1953, reading as follows:

	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>OBLIGATED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR	\$ 5,590.81	3,539.48	452.71	1,598.62
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK	3,784.69	2,528.87	239.15	1,016.67
OFFICE OF CITY CONT'L'R	1,150.00	754.98	9.50	385.52
OFFICE OF CITY TREAS.	19,652.76	13,197.63	554.22	5,900.91

	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>OBLIGATED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
LAW DEPARTMENT	\$ 5,886.87	2,685.50	14.09	3,187.28
TAX ASSESSMENT	4,405.56	3,240.62	179.99	984.95
	<u>\$ 40,470.69</u>	<u>25,947.08</u>	<u>1,449.66</u>	<u>13,073.95</u>

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

Patrick J. Collins, Councilman submitted report dated October 27, 1953, reading as follows:

	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>OBLIGATED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR	\$ 3,848.50	2,835.12	10.00	1,003.38
STREET DEPARTMENT	67,008.58	45,612.61	4,183.39	17,212.58
ASH & RUBBISH COLL.	30,202.52	24,654.15	433.15	5,115.22
STREET LIGHTING	12,330.00		9,273.31	3,056.69
	<u>113,389.60</u>	<u>73,101.88</u>	<u>13,899.85</u>	<u>26,387.87</u>

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

Thomas J. Kehoe, Councilman submitted report dated October 27, 1953, reading as follows:

	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>OBLIGATED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR	\$ 1,025.00	754.98		270.02
OPER. & MAINT. BLDGS.	7,237.08	3,218.54	2,835.30	1,183.24
PARKS	850.00		75.00	775.00
	<u>9,112.08</u>	<u>3,973.52</u>	<u>2,910.30</u>	<u>2,228.26</u>

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

Joseph A. Walsh, Councilman submitted report dated October 27, 1953, reading as follows:

	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>OBLIGATED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
MISCELLANEOUS ACCTS.	\$ 72,152.93	43,095.56	26,781.46	2,275.81
SINKING FUND	32,000.00	29,000.00		3,000.00
INTEREST DEPT.	37,460.00	33,452.50		4,007.50
NON BUDGET ITEMS	109,612.93	23,318.48		
	<u>109,612.93</u>	<u>99,866.64</u>	<u>26,781.46</u>	<u>6,283.31</u>

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

Joseph F. Saporito, Mayor submitted report dated October 27, 1953, reading as follows:

Members of Council
City of Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

The following is a summary of the expenditures and operation of all Departments of the City of Pittston for the period ending September 30, 1953:

	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>OBLIGATED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
DEPT. OF PUB. AFFAIRS	\$88,260.68	58,162.15	2,034.29	28,064.24
DEPT. OF ACCTS. & FIN.	40,470.69	25,947.08	1,449.66	13,073.95
DEPT. PUBLIC SAFETY	47,337.03	20,772.31	7,036.29	19,528.43
DEPT. STREETS	113,389.60	73,101.88	13,899.85	26,387.87
DEPT. PARKS & P. B.	72,152.93	43,095.66	26,781.46	2,275.81
SINKING FUND & Non Bug.	109,612.93	99,866.64		6,283.31
Grand Total	408,183.01	281,823.58	54,111.85	69,247.58

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

Permit application dated October 22, 1953 was submitted as follows:

Emilio & Rose Casagrande
81 Market St., Pittston

Addition of 1 room to
present frame dwelling.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted subject to approval of the proper department authorities.

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

A P P R O V E D

November 30, 1953

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
Yes	WALSH
Yes	KEHOE
Yes	COLLINS
Yes	INFANTINO
Yes	SAPORITO, MAYOR

John D. McNulty
City Clerk

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
John D. McNulty, City Clerk

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 1953, AT 8:00 P. M., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Monday, November 30th, 1953, at 8:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, which meeting was held in lieu of regular session of November 24th, 1953 which had been postponed, with Mayor Joseph F. Saporito presiding and all members of City Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, November 10th, 1953, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh, submitted report dated November 30th, 1953, reading as follows:

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following are the estimated receipts for the year 1954 including both General and Sinking Funds - estimated assessed valuation including personal tax:

Estimated assessed valuation including personal tax - \$10,102,436. @ .020 mills	\$ 202,048.72	
Less 10% for non-collection	20,204.87	\$ 181,843.85
Delinquent City Taxes		46,233.14
Tax on Poles		300.00
Amusement Tax		11,000.00
Liquid Fuels Tax		11,349.62
Matching Fund (highway Aid)		1,077.97
Liquor Licenses		13,500.00
City Licenses		2,500.00
Parking Violations and Fines		750.00
Parking Meter Fees		25,000.00
Pittston School District		6,300.92
Luzerne County Treasurer		6,300.92
Lien Costs		750.00
Rentals - Buildings and Equipment		750.00
Municipal Liens		450.00
Pave Cuts		350.00
Miscellaneous Receipts		1,000.00
Sinking Fund Balance except 1952		13,210.44
Balance in 1952 Sinking Fund		6,597.46
Accounts Receivable		2,500.00
Proceeds - 1954 Bond Issue		175,000.00
Total		\$ 506,764.32

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Joseph A. Walsh
Joseph A. Walsh, Director
Department of Accounts & Finance

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

George J. Turner, City Treasurer submitted report dated November 13th, 1953, reading as follows:

Honorable Joseph F. Saporito, Mayor
Members of City Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

I wish to report the collection on Amusement Taxes for the month of September and October 1953, on the itemized list as follows:

Pittston Township School District	\$ 96.42
Roman Theatre	990.04
American Theatre	1,711.89
Pittston High School Athletic Assoc.	47.73
Bone Stadium Sept. 1953	<u>236.15</u>
	\$ 3,082.23
One Half to City	\$ 1,541.12

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ George J. Turner
City Treasurer

GJT/sr

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

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 7 (1953): " 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, 1954 AND ENDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY 1955", was read at length for the first time.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above proposed Ordinance was passed upon first reading and the same to be finally adopted on December 30th, 1953.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 8 (1953): " AN ORDINANCE FIXING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1954", was read at length for the first time.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed upon first reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 5 (1953): " AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE PURCHASE OF PARKING METERS AND METER HEADS, AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE SAID PURCHASE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF", was read at length for the first time. This Ordinance provides for the purchase of forty (40) new parking meters and two hundred eighty (280) timing devices and plates.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed upon first reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 6 (1953): "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REVENUE BY IMPOSING A TAX ON ADMISSIONS TO AMUSEMENTS, INCLUDING EVERY FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT, ALL PUBLIC SPEAKING, DIVERSION, SPORT, RECREATION AND PASTIME WHERE ADMISSION IS DERIVED; REQUIRING ALL PERSONS, PARTNERSHIPS, ASSOCIATIONS AND CORPORATIONS CONDUCTING PLACES OF AMUSEMENT TO SECURE PERMITS; IMPOSING DUTIES AND CONFERRING POWERS UPON THE TREASURER OF THE CITY OF PITTSSTON; PRESCRIBING THE METHOD AND MANNER OF COLLECTING THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND IMPOSING PENALTIES."

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed upon first reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 4392. Pittston, Pa. November 30th, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Pittston:

A RESOLUTION TO FURTHER AMEND THE ORDINANCE THE ORDINANCE APPROVED MAY 3, 1937, BEING ORDINANCE NO. 393 AND BEING ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE PARKING OF VEHICLES ON CERTAIN PUBLIC STREETS AND HIGHWAYS OF THE CITY OF PITTSSTON: PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, SUPERVISION, REGULATION AND CONTROL OF THE USE OF PARKING METERS; DEFINING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKING METER ZONES UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS AND HIGHWAYS; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HERewith; AND REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS THEREOF.

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Council of the City of Pittston and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same that:

SECTION 1. That Section 2 of the Ordinance be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2. That a parking meter zone is established on the following streets of the City of Pittston, limiting the time of parking to two (2) hours consisting of four (4) periods of thirty (30) minutes each, between the hours of 8 A. M. to 7 P. M. daily except Sundays and shopping nights when the stores are open after 7 P. M. On said shopping nights the parking shall be between the hours of 8 A.M. and 9 P.M. Additional parking zones may be established by resolution of Council, and also the parking time on the following or additional zones may be changed by resolution by Council:

- On North Main from Broad and Water Streets to Lambert Street.
- On South Main Street from Broad and Water Streets to Oak Street.
- On Mill Street from Main to George Street.
- On Butler Street from Main to Butler Street.
- On William Street from Main to Foundry Street.
- On Broad Street from Main to Foundry Street.
- On Church Street from Broad to Butler Street.
- On Water Street from Main to Bridge.
- On Charles, Kennedy, Spring and Dock Streets.
- On Market Street from Main to LaGrange Street.
- On Railroad Street from Main to LaGrange Street.
- On Thomas Street.

SECTION 2. Sections 6 and 10 of the said Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Section 9 of the Ordinance is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 9. It shall be unlawful and a violation of the provisions of this Ordinance for any person to deposit or cause to be deposited in a parking meter a five cent coin for the purpose of increasing or extending the parking time of any vehicle beyond the legal parking periods which have been established for the parking space adjacent to which said parking meter is placed.

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

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh, submitted report dated November 30, 1953, reading as follows:

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

V. E. Churchfield	Maint. Traffic Signals	\$ 70.65
Commercial Gas Corp.	Oxygen & Acetylene	15.61
C. F. Goeringer Const. Co.	Road Materials	183.70
Kehoe Berge Coal Co.	Coal	86.00
Pittston Publishing Co.	Printing Supplies	49.80
Hugh Ridall	Service Adding Machine	3.00
M. H. Rhodes Inc.	Keys for Parking Meters	9.83
George J. Turner, Treas.	Postage Stamps	10.00
George J. Turner, Treas.	Redemption Bonds & Coupons	3,210.00
Wagner Ice Co.	Ice for offices	14.50

Total \$ 3,653.09

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joseph A. Walsh
Joseph A. Walsh, Director
Dept. of Accts. & Finance

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

Communication dated Pittston, Pa. November 16, 1953, was received from Fort Pittston Post No. 635, Veterans of Foreign Wars, reading as follows:

Pittston City Council
Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

In behalf of Fort Pittston Post 635, V. F. W., I wish to thank you for your cooperation with us as we observed the thirty-fifth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

Your appearance in the parade and program in addition to the many other considerations granted us at this time were greatly appreciated.

Thanking you again for this and past considerations,
I remain

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Francis L. Mesaris
Francis L. Mesaris,
Chairman.

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

Permit applications dated November 18, 20 and 21, 1953 were submitted as follows:

John Che@rick
102 Cliff Street

Raze present frame
building.

American Auto Access. Stores, Inc.
12 N. Main Street

Erect canopy over sidewalk
for X'Mas decoration.

Fairmont Icecream Co.
Scranton, Pa.

Erect sidewalk sign at
141 S. Main St., Pittston

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permits were granted subject to approval by the proper department authorities.

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

A P P R O V E D

December 8, 1953

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
Yes WALSH	
Yes KEHOE	
Yes COLLINS	
Yes INFANTINO	
Yes SAPORITO, MAYOR	

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
John D. McNulty, City Clerk.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 1953, AT 8:05 P.M., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, December 8th, 1953, at 8:05 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor Joseph F. Saporito presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Monday, November 30th, 1953, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor Joseph F. Saporito submitted report dated December 4, 1953 of parking meter fees and parking violations received by his department during the month of November, 1953, reading as follows:

November 1, 1953		November 30, 1953
Parking Meter Fees	\$	654.00
Parking Violations	\$	174.00
		<u>828.00</u> ✓

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered filed.

George J. Turner, City Treasurer submitted report dated November 30, 1953, of receipts and disbursements by his office during the month of November, 1953, reading as follows:

Cash on hand, November 1, 1953	\$	76,605.90
Receipts during the month	\$	6,457.94
		<u>83,063.84</u>
Warrants paid during the month	\$	22,146.55
Cash on hand, November 30, 1953	\$	60,917.29
		<u>83,063.84</u>

Cash on hand, November 30, 1953, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$	31,858.48
Bond and Interest 1935 Account		4,759.73
Bond and Interest 1938 Account		7,971.52
Bond and Interest 1949 Account		1,822.36
Bond and Interest 1952 Account		9,201.11
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund		47.28
Sewage Advance Planning Fund	\$	5,256.81
		<u>60,917.29</u>

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered filed.

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated November 30th, 1953, on collection of Delinquent Taxes for the month of November, 1953, reading as follows:

Delinquent City Tax Collections	\$	2,015.68
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On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer George J. Turner, submitted report dated November 30th, 1953, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of November, 1953, reading as follows:

License to erect sidewalk sign	\$	4.00
License to erect sidewalk canopy	\$	2.00
		<u>6.00</u>

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer submitted report dated December 8, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of November, 1953:

One (1) case of Spinal Meningitis posted on November 18th released on December 3, 1953.

One (1) case of Mumps.

One (1) case of Chicken Pox.

Mr. Whetstone of the Bell Telephone Company was bitten by a dog on Broad Street. Dog's head was sent to Harrisburg. Examination was negative.

One (1) Health license issued.
Collected \$1.00 deposited by City Treasurer.

Officer Dominick Aritz on sick leave from Nov. 1st to Nov. 30, 1953.

Sergeant Korick on sick leave from Nov. 9th to Nov. 16th, 1953, the date he returned to work.

Lieut. Thos. Walsh on sick leave from Nov. 23rd to Nov. 30, 1953.

19 Complaints received and investigated.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb

MRS. THOS. NEWCOMB,
HEALTH OFFICER

MTN:j

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Wlash, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered filed.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated December 8, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of November, 1953:

	<u>Corrected and Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Counter Scales	36	2
Beam Scales	10	1
Person Scales	4	0
Other Platform Scales	13	2

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
 Sealer of Weights & Measures

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

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 4 (1953): "AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE PURCHASE OF PARKING METERS AND METER HEADS, AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE SAID PURCHASE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF", was read at length for the second time.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed upon second reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 5 (1953): "AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE PURCHASE OF PARKING METERS AND METER HEADS, AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE SAID PURCHASE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF", was read at length for the third time.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was approved and adopted upon third and final reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 6 (1953): "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REVENUE BY IMPOSING A TAX ON ADMISSIONS TO AMUSEMENTS INCLUDING EVERY FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT, ALL PUBLIC SPEAKING, DIVERSION, SPORT, RECREATION AND PASTIME WHERE ADMISSION IS DERIVED; REQUIRING ALL PERSONS, PARTNERSHIPS, ASSOCIATIONS AND CORPORATIONS CONDUCTING PLACES OF AMUSEMENT TO SECURE PERMITS; IMPOSING DUTIES AND CONFERRING POWERS UPON THE TREASURER OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH; PRESCRIBING THE METHOD AND MANNER OF COLLECTING THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND IMPOSING PENALTIES", was read at length for the second time.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed upon second reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 6 (1953): "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REVENUE BY IMPOSING A TAX ON ADMISSIONS TO AMUSEMENTS INCLUDING EVERY FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT, ALL PUBLIC SPEAKING, DIVERSION, SPORT, RECREATION AND PASTIME WHERE ADMISSION IS DERIVED; REQUIRING ALL PERSONS, PARTNERSHIPS, ASSOCIATIONS AND CORPORATIONS CONDUCTING PLACES OF AMUSEMENT TO SECURE PERMITS; IMPOSING DUTIES AND CONFERRING POWERS UPON THE TREASURER OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH; PRESCRIBING THE METHOD AND MANNER OF COLLECTING THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND IMPOSING PENALTIES", was read at length for the third time.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was approved and adopted upon third and final reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 4393. Pittston, Pa. December 8, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of the City of Pittston and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same:

"That the City of Pittston sponsor a D. P. A. Relief Work Program to provide protection from traffic for school children at crossings near the various City Schools, and general maintenance of City property".

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

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh, submitted report dated December 8, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

Airport Sand and Gravel	Road Materials	\$	7.92
The Bell Telephone Co.	Mobile Phone Service		53.60
The Bell Telephone Co.	Telephone Service		62.46
Consumers Gas and Oil	Vehicle Maint. & Repair		1.75
Eagen Hardware Co.	Material & Supplies		42.34
Jack Friedman Electric Supply	Material & Supplies		5.43
Glen Summit Springs water Co.	Water for offices		24.05
Kehoe Berge Coal Co.	Fuel		49.50
Kehoe Insurance Agency	Insurance - Various		294.91
Liberty National Bank	Interest on Loan		193.75
The League Cities 3rd Class	Dues '54-Mag. Subscrip.		145.00
The Luzerne Legal Register	Subscription '54		5.05
McNamara, Marcus & Co.	Prem. Bond R. O'Brien		50.00
Mitchells Lumber Yard	Material & Supplies		11.60
Santarelli Vib. Block Co.	Road Materials		14.08
Scranton Electric Co.	Light Service		80.16
Scranton Electric Co.	Street Lighting		1,032.10
Sern. Spring Brook Water Co.	Water Service		9.47
Sern. Spring Brook Water Co.	Hydrant Rental		153.34
Office of City Clerk	Petty Cash		10.00
Pittston Oil Company	Gas and Oil		610.33
	Total	\$	2,856.84

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joseph A. Walsh
JOSEPH A. WALSH, DIRECTOR
DEPT. OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCE.

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

Communication dated December 4, 1953, Pittston, Pa., was received from Harry J. Curley, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

Since I have gained other employment, I wish to respectfully tender my resignation as a patrolman in the Pittston City Police Department effective December 7, 1953.

Thanking your honorable body for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me in the past, I remain

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Harry J. Curley
Harry J. Curley

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above resignation was accepted and that the City Clerk be directed to send a letter of commendation to Mr. Curley for services rendered in the Police Department.

Permit applications dated Nov. 23rd and Dec. 2nd, 1953 were submitted as follows:

Fannye W. Burstein
11 S. Main St.

To erect a metal sidewalk
sign at 11 S. Main St.

Radio and Television Center
30½ S. Main St.

To erect a plastic and
metal sidewalk sign at
30½ S. Main St.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permits were granted subject to approval of the proper department authorities.

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

A P P R O V E D

December 30, 1953

YEAS

NAYS

Yes	WALSH
Yes	KEHOE
Yes	COLLINS
Yes	INFANTINO
Yes	SAPORITO, MAYOR

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY,
CITY CLERK.

John D. McNulty
CITY CLERK

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH, 1953, AT 8:00 P.M., E.S.T

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Wednesday, December 30th, 1953, at 8:00 o'clock P. M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor Joseph F. Saporito presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of the regular session of Tuesday, December 8th, 1953 were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh, submitted a revised report which contains a supplement to the previous report filed, which reads as follows:

Pittston, Pennsylvania
December 30, 1953

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The following are the estimated receipts for the year 1954 including both General and Sinking Funds - estimated assessed valuation including personal tax:

Estimated assessed valuation on		
real estate - \$9,379,773. @ .020 mills	\$ 187,595.46	
Less 25 % for non-collection	46,898.87	\$ 140,696.59
Estimated assessed valuation on		
occupation - \$597,404. @ .020 mills	\$ 11,948.08	
Less 50% for non-collection	5,974.04	\$ 5,974.04
Delinquent City Taxes		73,444.25
Poll Tax		2,000.00
Tax on Poles		300.00
Amusement Tax		11,000.00
Liquid Fuels Tax		11,349.62
Matching Fund (Highway Aid)		1,077.97
Liquor Licenses		13,500.00
City Licenses		2,500.00
Parking Violations and Fines		1,000.00
Parking Meter Fees		25,000.00
Pittston School District		6,300.92
Luzerne County Treasurer		6,300.92
Lien Costs		750.00
Rentals - Buildings and Equipment		750.00
Municipal Liens		450.00
Pave Cuts		350.00
Miscellaneous Receipts		1,000.00
Accounts Receivable		2,500.00
Proceeds - 1954 Bond Issue		175,000.00
Balance in General Fund		25,520.01
Total		\$ 506,764.32

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Joseph A. Walsh, Director
JOSEPH A. WALSH, DIRECTOR
DEPT. OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

JAW: eas

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

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 7 (1953): "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBTS AND EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1954 AND ENDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1955", was read at length for the second time.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed upon second reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 7 (1953): "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBTS AND EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1954 AND ENDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1955," was read at length for the third time.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Infantino, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was approved and adopted upon third and final reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 8 (1953): "AN ORDINANCE FIXING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1954", was read at length for the second time.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed upon second reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 8 (1953): "AN ORDINANCE FIXING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1954", was read at length for the third time.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was approved and adopted upon third and final reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 4394. Pittston, Pa. December 30, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the following schedule of pay and estimate of expenses for the City Treasurer of the City of Pittston as Tax Collector be and is hereby approved to be effective for the fiscal year commencing the first Monday of January 1954, and ending the first Monday of January, 1955:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>1/3 Share</u>
City Treasurer-Tax Collector	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,166.66
Deputy Tax Collector	3,465.00	1,155.00
Four (4) Tax Clerks	8,537.76	2,845.92
Office Supplies	1,250.00	416.66
Communication	100.00	33.33
Premiums on Bonds and Insurance	1,650.00	550.00
Other Expense	200.00	66.66
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	\$18,702.76	\$ 6,234.23

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4395. PITTSBURGH, PA., December 30, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the recommendation of the Fire Chief be taken and that authorization be given to purchase the following additional equipment for the new fire truck:

Hose Reel	Cost of	\$ 78.00
150 ft. 1" hose	" "	150.48
Chrome	" "	175.00
Chrome Rollers	" "	54.00
Battery Charger	" "	15.00
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			\$ 472.48

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4396. Pittston, Pa. December 30, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, Charles J. Infantino has served the City faithfully as a member of Council for eight (8) years; and

WHEREAS, his term as said member of Council is about to expire; and

WHEREAS, his aid, assistance and cooperation has been of great help to his colleagues and of benefit to the taxpayers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Council go on record as commending him for his great service and wishing him continued good health and happiness for many years in the future."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4397. Pittston, Pa. December 30, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"WHEREAS, Roland F. Weiscarger has served the City faithfully as City Controller for eight (8) years; and

WHEREAS, his term as said City Controller is about to expire; and

WHEREAS, his aid, assistance and cooperation has been of great help to his colleagues and of benefit to the taxpayers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Council go on record as commending him for his great service and wishing him continued good health and happiness for many years in the future."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4398. Pittston, Pa. December 30, 1953. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the sum of Two Hundred (\$200.00) dollars be transferred from the Department of Accounts and Finance, Law Department, item "SpecialLitigation", to the Department of Accounts and Finance, Law Department, item "Filing of Liens and Judgements".

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

Director of Accounts and Finance, Mr. Joseph A. Walsh, submitted report dated December 30, 1953, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

Airport Sand and Gravel Co.	Road Materials	\$ 910.20
Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	Mobile Phone Service	25.90
Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	Telephone Service	59.81
Office of City Clerk	Petty Cash	20.00
Jos. P. Cawley	Repairs City Building	10.80
Commercial Gas. Corp.	Material and Supplies	.60
Olin W. Evans, Prothonotary	Filing of Liens & Suggestions	381.75
Eagen Hardware Co.	Material and Supplies	12.53
Egan Oil & Supply Co.	Gas and Oil	208.68
Jack Friedman Electric Co.	Material and Supplies	13.65
Harmony Paint & Wallpaper Co.	Street Markings & Signs	14.00
Martin L. Kaiser Co.	Repairs City Building	15.90
Kehoe Berge Coal Co.	Fuel	52.25
Kehoe Insurance Agency	Premium on Bonds	321.00
Ed. Keating Service Station	Vehicle Maint. & Repair	489.65
Lehigh Valley Railroad Co.	Land Rental	8.00
Atty. J. Earl Langan	Recording Deed	4.25
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Office Supplies	24.23
Liberty National Bank	Interest on Loan	187.50
Ludwigs Hardware	Material and Supplies	42.11
Medico Electric Motor Co.	Vehicle Maintenance	1.20
Walter J. O'Malley	Material and Supplies	31.50
Pittston Gazette	Office Supplies	190.64
Pittston Publishing Co.	Office Supplies	91.00
Penna. Coal Co.	Ground Rent	1.00
Pittston Oil Company	Gas and Oil	323.60
Reliable Spring Service Co.	Vehicle Maint. & Repair	7.31
Scrn. Spring Brook Water Co.	Water service	153.34
State Equipment Co.	Vehicle Maint. and Repair	15.06
The Sunday Dispatch	Legal Advertising	2.40
Roy Stauffer, Inc.	Vehicle Maint. and Repair	21.10
H. B. Sproul Co.	Road Materials	97.13
George J. Turner, Treas.	Vehicle Maint. and Repair	37.39
Vuolo Bros. Tire Service	Vehicle Maint and Repair	1.50
Williams Stat. Store	Office Supplies	1.27
Wagner Ice Co.	Ice for offices	13.75
	Total	\$ 3,792.00

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joseph A. Walsh
 JOSEPH A. WALSH, DIRECTOR
 DEPT. OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCE.

On motion of Mr. Infantino, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and bills ordered paid when sufficient funds are available.

Communication dated Wilkes-Barre, Pa. December 23, 1953, was received from the Luzerne County Commissioners, reading as follows:

City Clerk,
 City Hall,
 Pittston, Pa.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith a certified copy of a resolution passed by our County Commissioners on December 15, 1953, for the purpose of fixing salaries of the Treasurer as Tax Collector of Pittston City and the number of and salaries of employees as well as expenses to be expended in the collection of taxes for the fiscal year 1954.

We will appreciate your sending us a certified copy of the action of the City Council in this matter.

Yours very truly,

LUZERNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,

/s/ Stephen Tkach
Chief Clerk & Secretary

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed and that a certified copy of Resolution No. 4394 be furnished the County Commissioners as requested.

Communication dated December 18, 1953, Scranton, Pa. was received from Bernard J. Harding, Dist. Engineer, reading as follows:

Pittston City Council
Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

The coming yuletide season affords me the opportunity of wishing for you and the members of your family a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Our friendship and association during the past years have given me a most genuine pleasure and I am looking forward with certainty to an even closer fellowship during the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Bernard J. Harding
Bernard J. Harding
District Engineer.

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

Communication dated December 9, 1953, Philadelphia, Pa. was received from E. M. Watters, Jr., reading as follows:

J. Earl Langan, Esq.
City Solicitor
Woolworth Building
Main Street
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the rules of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, I am enclosing herewith a copy of an Application of Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Railroad Company to change the means of protection at the grade crossings where the tracks of the said Railroad cross Market Street and Pine Street in the City of Pittston.

This Application is being filed by me by mail with the Commission this date.

If you have no objections to the subject matter of the Application, a letter to the Public Utility Commission so stating would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

/s/ E. M. Watters, Jr.

COUNCIL PASSES CITY BUDGET AS FIRST INTENDED

City Council met last night at City Hall with Mayor Joseph F. Saporito presiding and adopted the appropriation ordinance for 1954 by unanimous vote, exactly as the tentative budget was drawn one month ago. All of the Councilmen were present and all voted affirmatively.

The millage was set at 20, one mill increase from last year, accounted for by an increased obligation from the Sinking Fund. Fifteen mills have been set aside for general purposes and five for the Sinking Fund. The budget anticipates revenue of \$506,764.33 compared with \$408,183.01 at this time last year.

The budget contained the following items:

Department of Public Affairs

Office of Director	\$ 4,548.50
Police Department	79,722.68
Office of City Engineer ..	5,316.00
Bureau of Health, Weights, etc.	2,848.68

Total \$ 92,435.68

Department of Accounts and Finance

Office of Director	\$ 5,515.81
Office of City Clerk	3,659.69
Office of City Controller ..	1,100.00
Office of City Treasurer ..	19,452.76
Law Department	5,586.87
Tax Assessment	4,230.56

Total \$ 39,545.69

Department of Public Safety

Office of Director	\$ 1,025.00
Fire Department	46,342.28
Plumbing Inspection	174.75

Total \$ 47,542.03

Department of Streets

Office of Director	\$ 3,848.50
Street Department	80,229.04
Ash, Rubbish Collection ..	21,321.30
Street Lighting	12,400.00

Total \$117,798.84

Department of Parks

Office of Director	\$ 1,025.00
Operation and Maintenance	7,037.08
Parks	100.00

Total \$ 8,362.08

Miscellaneous Accounts .. \$163,550.00

Total Operation and

Maintenance	\$469,234.32
Sinking Fund items include: 1935 bond issue, \$10,000; 1938 issue, \$4,- 000; 1949 issue, \$4,000; 1952 issue, \$15,000.	

Miscellaneous items are of interest. Compensation and liability insurance, \$6,500; sheriff's costs (sale of properties), \$500; military and civic contributions, \$250; Civilian Defense, \$1,000; League of Cities of the Third Class, \$300; short term loan, none; bills payable \$153,000 (this last item is in sharp contrast with the \$30,802.93 bills payable when the last budget was adopted one year ago).

In the Police Department the appropriation has been increased from \$75,422.68. The Fire Department appropriation is only slightly increased, from \$46,137.28. The Street Department appropriation has been increased from \$67,008.58, largely accounted for by an increase in the appropriation for "Purchase of Major Equipment" from \$9,000 to \$25,000. It is noteworthy that "Wages—Street Cleaning" has been cut from \$14,000 to \$9,000.

It was exactly 8:06 p. m.—thirty-six minutes after the appointed time—that Mayor Joseph F. Saporito called the meeting to order. All of the four Councilmen were present.

Minutes of the most recent meeting were "not read" on formal motion, with all concurring.

Deputy City Clerk Edwin A. Sites was in his chair, the City Clerk having been absent. City Solicitor J. Earl Langan read the ordinances and resolutions.

The first ordinance, adopted on second and third readings, had to do with payment of debts and expenditures, and specifying particularly what moneys shall be used therefore. Mr. Collins offered the motion for the adoption of this ordinance, and all of his colleagues agreed.

The ordinance levying General and Special Taxes for the Year 1954 (the Budget) was also adopted unanimously on Second and Third readings, according to law, and without dissent.

Council agreed to assume its one-third share—\$6,234.23, of the expenses of the City Treasurer's office for the ensuing year. The total amount budgeted to maintain this office is \$18,703.76, with Luzerne County and Pittston City School District sharing the other two-thirds shares. It was voted that the City Clerk should notify the County Commissioners of the Council's action.

Councilman Infantino recommended purchase of equipment for the City Fire Department aggregating

\$472.48, offered a motion to that effect, and all were in agreement.

Bills aggregating \$3,791.90 were read by the Solicitor, itemized, and approved by the Director of Accounts and Finance, and were ordered paid.

Public Utility Commission, at Harrisburg, filed a communication with Council, announcing of the Laurel Line of further curtailing its safeguards at the Pine and Market street crossings.

After the Watchmen had been removed there were "signaling lights" installed. Now, the company proposes, manual and lighting warnings shall be eliminated and one of the crew of the "two-a-day-each-way" freight trains shall "flag" at each of these crossings in the Central City. It was expressed this way—"flagman will precede each train."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, Council voted unanimously to oppose such an arrangement. Inquisitive newspapermen were informed by Mr. Kehoe—"We are on record as opposing it."

Resolutions were introduced towards the close of the meeting in appreciation of the services performed during the past eight years by two members of the administrative body whose terms will expire on the first Monday in January, neither of whom sought re-election—Councilman Charles Infantino and Controller Roland J. Weiscarger.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was ordered received and filed and that the City Solicitor be instructed to write a letter in opposition to the Application of the Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Railroad Company as previously done.

Communication dated December 23, 1953, Harrisburg, Pa. was received from David Jamieson, Executive Director, reading as follows:

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

Dear Sir:

The Plan and Agreement of the City of Pittston to provide Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance for certain of its employees was approved by the State Agency and on December 21, 1953 was brought under the coverage of the Federal-Commonwealth agreement.

Your employees therefore, are included under the Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance from that date and your plan and agreement calls for their coverage from April 1, 1953. Contributions for any retroactive calendar quarter are now due. In order to avoid a penalty of $\frac{1}{2}$ per centum per month or fractional part thereof contributions for any retroactive calendar quarter must be paid on or before February 19, 1954.

The payment of contributions for the first calendar quarter ending after December 21, 1953, must be reported and paid within thirty (30) days of the last day of the quarter and thereafter payments must be made within (10) days after the last day of each succeeding calendar quarter.

Further information and necessary forms for reporting and paying contributions will be forwarded to you at an early date. In the meantime, if you have not already done so, you should collect contributions for the employees for the retroactive period and start deducting contributions from their current wages. THE MONEY SO COLLECTED AND DEDUCTED SHOULD BE SET ASIDE IN A SPECIAL FUND UNTIL SUCH TIME AS YOU ARE ADVISED BY THIS BUREAU of the time and manner of making payments to the Commonwealth.

Your executed copy of the contract together with a copy of the Departmental Rules and Regulations are herewith enclosed.

Very truly yours,

/s/ David Jamieson
David Jamieson
Executive Director

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was received and ordered filed and with its provisions complied with.

By action of the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals at meeting held December 30, 1953, the following abatement of City and School Taxes for the year 1953 was granted by said board:

Thomas McDonald Estate
 185 Center Street Fifth Ward
 City Tax:
 Abatement of $10\frac{1}{2}$ months of 1953. Tax \$ 20.37
 School Tax:
 Exempt

At this point, Mr. Fred Demich who represented the Pittston Playground Association asked to be heard. He asked if any money was appropriated in the Budget for Parks and Playgrounds for the year 1954. His request was complied with by reading item of "Parks" in the amount of \$300.00 as appropriated for the year 1954.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Kehoe, 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

January 4, 1954

YEAS

NAYS

WALSH

KEHOE

COLLINS

INFANTINO

SAPORITO, MAYOR

John D. McNulty
 City Clerk

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
 JOHN D. McNULTY,
 CITY CLERK.

INAUGURAL - ORGANIZATION MEETING. YEAR 1954PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MONDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1954, AT 10:00 A.N., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened today, January 4th, 1954, at 10:00 A. M., Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of organization, with Mayor Joseph F. Saporito presiding and all members of Council present with the exception of Mr. Infantino who was absent.

Minutes of meeting of December 30th, 1953, were not read but, upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and upon Roll Call of members present, the meeting was adjourned whereupon Mr. Saporito vacated the chair in favor of Councilman Joseph A. Walsh for the purpose of reorganization of City Council.

Mr. Walsh upon taking over the chair asked for a Roll Call. All members of Council were present including the newly elected Councilman Andrew R. Calabrese.

Mr. Walsh then asked Mayor elect Joseph F. Saporito to submit his certificate of election and bond to the City Clerk who would administer the oath of office.

The oath of office was administered to Mayor elect Joseph F. Saporito by Edwin A. Sites, Acting City Clerk. Mr. Sites then administered the Loyalty Oath to Mayor Saporito. Bond in the amount of \$1,000.00 was submitted.

Mr. Walsh then vacated the chair in favor of the newly elected Mayor. Mr. Saporito then presided.

Mr. Saporito then asked the newly elected officials, namely Mr. Thomas J. Kehoe, Andrew R. Calabrese as Councilmen, and Ferdinand C. Endres, City Controller, to submit their certificates of election and bonds to the City Clerk for tabulation.

Each of the newly elected officials thereupon subscribed to the oath of office administered by Mayor Joseph F. Saporito. The Loyalty Oath was also administered.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, acceptance of the bonds for all four officials be received and referred to the City Solicitor for approval as to form.

The reorganization of City Council now being completed, the regular order of business was ensued.

RESOLUTION NO. 4399. Pittston, Pa. January 4, 1954. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That Joseph F. Saporito, Mayor of the City of Pittston, be and he is hereby designated to be Director of the Department of Public Affairs as provided and required by law;

That Joseph A. Walsh, member of Council, be and is hereby designated to be Director of the Department of Accounts and Finance;

That Patrick J. Collins, member of Council, be and is hereby designated to be Director of the Department of Public Safety;

That Andrew R. Calabrese, member of Council, be and is hereby designated to be Director of the Department of Streets and Public Improvements;

That Thomas J. Kehoe, member of Council, be and is hereby designated to be the Director of the Department of Parks and Public Buildings."

The following congratulatory message was received and read:

Thomas Kehoe
City Hall, Pittston, Pa.

January 4, 1954
9:10 A.M.

Congratulations Best Wishes to you and your colleagues for successful term.

Nan, Ed. and the Boys.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the meeting was adjourned until 2 P.M. the same date.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:00 P.M. sharp, with Mayor Joseph F. Saporito presiding. All members of Council were present.

RESOLUTION NO. 4400, Pittston, Pa. January 4th, 1954. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

Section No. 1. That the regular or stated meetings of the Council of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, be and the same are hereby fixed as the second and last Tuesday of each calendar month, at 8 P.M., o'clock.

Section No. 2. That such special meetings as may be necessary be called as provided by law."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4401, Pittston, Pa. January 4th, 1954. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the Civil Service Board's of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania be declared vacant."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4402, Pittston, Pa. January 4th, 1954. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the members of the Civil Service Board's of the City of Pittston be constituted as follows:

Dr. James Dixon
Francis A. Earley, Educator
Nello Riccetti

be and they are hereby appointed for terms of four (4) years or until their successors are selected and qualified, with the recommendation that the Civil Service rules be revised with the view of bringing them up to date, and that said Board's shall conduct examinations for all appointments in the Police Department and Fire Department".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4403, Pittston, Pa. January 4th, 1954. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That the office of City Solicitor be and the same is hereby declared vacant".

On motion of Mr. Calabrese, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and vote upon Roll Call of members present showed the following results:
Yeas - Mr. Walsh, Mr. Kehoe, Mr. Calabrese and Mr. Saporito.
Nays - Mr. Collins. The motion was carried, thereby adopting the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 4464, Pittston, Pa. January 4th, 1954. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That Atty. J. Justin Blewitt be and he is hereby appointed Solicitor of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania effective immediately. That he shall give lawful bond to the City, to be approved by Council, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

Said appointment to continue for the unexpired term of the former City Solicitor, at a salary already provided by ordinance".

On motion of Mr. Calabrese, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and vote upon Roll Call of members present showed the following results:

Yeas - Mr. Walsh, Mr. Kehoe, Mr. Calabrese and Mr. Saporito.

Nays - Mr. Collins. The motion was carried, thereby adopting the above Resolution.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was directed to notify the Bell Telephone Company to remove the telephone from the office of the former City Solicitor, J. Earl Langan, and the have same installed in the office of the newly appointed City Solicitor, Atty. J. Justin Blewitt whose office is located in the Gazette Building, Pittston.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Kehoe, 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

January 12, 1954

YEAS

NAYS

WALSH

KEHOE

COLLINSSE

CALABRESE

SAPORITO, MAYOR

John D. McNulty
City Clerk

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
John D. McNulty, City Clerk.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 1954, AT 8:00 P.M., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, January 12th, 1953, at 8:00 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor Joseph F. Saporito presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Monday, January 4th, 1954, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor Joseph F. Saporito submitted report dated January 2, 1954 of parking meter fees and parking violations received by his department during the month of December, 1953, reading as follows:

<u>December 1, 1953</u>	<u>December 31, 1953</u>
Parking Meter Fees	\$ 872.00
Parking Violations	233.00
	\$ <u>1,105.00</u>

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

George J. Turner, City Treasurer submitted report dated December 31, 1953 to January 4, 1954, of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of December, 1953 to January 4, 1954, reading as follows:

Cash on hand, December 1, 1953	\$ 60,917.29
Receipts during the month	14,496.32
	\$ 75,413.61
Warrants paid during the month	\$ 22,503.30
Cash on hand, January 4, 1954	52,910.31
	\$ <u>75,413.61</u>

Cash on hand, January 4th, 1954, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 25,520.01
Bond and Interest 1935 Account	5,219.02
Bond and Interest 1938 Account	4,977.17
Bond and Interest 1949 Account	2,010.42
Bond and Interest 1952 Account	9,810.97
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	115.91
Sewage Advance Planning Fund	5,256.81
	\$ <u>52,910.31</u>

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

George J. Turner, City Treasurer, submitted report dated December 31, 1953 to January 4, 1954, Incl., on collection of Delinquent Taxes for the month of December, 1953, reading as follows:

Delinquent Tax Collections	\$ 2,838.30
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On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered received and filed.

George J. Turner, City Treasurer, submitted report dated December 31, 1953, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of December 1953, reading as follows:

License to erect sidewalk signs	\$	4.00
City Theatre License		100.00
Corporate License		30.00
	\$	<u>134.00</u>

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer submitted report dated January 8, 1954, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
December, 1953:

Weekly report sent to the Medical Health Center:
Restaurants inspected 10
Complaints received and investigated 21
Cases of Mumps reported 2

Officer Robert Mullen on sick leave from December 1st to December 31st, 1953. Lt. Walsh on sick leave from December 1st to December 31st, 1953. Sgt. John Korick on sick leave from December 4th to December 11th. Officer Dominick Aritz on sick leave from December 1st to December 28th, 1953. Leona Lenahan on sick leave from December 15th to December 21st., 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

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

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered filed.

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated January 8, 1954, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of
December, 1953:

Monthly report forwarded to the Bureau of
Standard Weights and Measures, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

	<u>Corrected & Sealed</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
Counter Scales	33	4
Beam Scales	6	1
Other Platform Scales	7	2
Person Scales	5	0
Prescription Scales	3	

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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

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

Joseph A. Walsh, Director of Accounts and Finance, submitted report dated January 12, 1954, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

Halls Nursery	X'Mas decorations	481.16
Commercial Gas. Corp.	Vehicle Maint. & Repair	\$ 1.80
V. E. Churchfield	Maint. Traffic Signals	54.48
Eagen Hardware	Materials & Supplies	3.71
Reginald Ellis	Fire Alarm Timer	20.00
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Water for Offices	8.45
Ed. Keating Service Station	Vehicle Maint. & Repair	38.25
Kehoe Insurance Agency	Premiums on Bonds	35.00
Kehoe Insurance Agency	Insurance	227.01
Kehoe Berge Coal Co.	Fuel	90.05
LaBarres Stationery Store	Office Supplies	55.42
Ludwigs Hardware	Material and Supplies	65.63
Liberty National Bank	Interest on Loan	193.75
Mitchells Lumber Yard	Material and Supplies	4.35
Pittston Gazette	Office Supplies	206.75
Pittston Oil Co.	Oil	3.30
Reliable Spring Service	Vehicle Maint. & Repair	29.39
State Equipment Company	Vehicle Maint. & Repair	.75
Santarelli Vib. Block Co.	Material and Supplies	85.05
Allan Smiles	Material and Supplies	3.85
Sunday Dispatch	Legal Advertising	8.40
George J. Turner, Treas.	Interest on Bonds	140.00
P. A. Sammon and Son	Premuim on Bonds	5.00
State Workmens Insurance Fund	Compensation & Liability Ins.	171.52
Miners Saving's Bank	Temporary loan and interest	31,080.00
Liberty National Bank	Temporary loan	50,000.00
		\$ 83,013.10

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

Permit application dated December 21, 1953 was submitted as follows:

Fairmont Ice Cream Co.
Scranton, Pa.

To erect a sidewalk sign at
73 East Railroad St., City

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit was granted subject to the approval of the proper department authority.

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

A P P R O V E D

January 26, 1954

YEAS

NAYS

Yes	WALSH
Yes	KEHOE
Yes	COLLINS
Yes	CALABRESE
Yes	SAPORITO, MAYOR



John D. McNulty
City Clerk

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 1954, AT 8:00 P. M., E.S.T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, January 26th, 1954, at 8:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor Joseph F. Saporito presiding and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, January 12th, 1954, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

George J. Turner, City Treasurer submitted report dated January 13, 1954 on collection of Amusement Taxes collected during the months of November and December, 1953, reading as follows:

Hon. Joseph F. Saporito, Mayor
Members of City Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

I wish to report the collection on Amusement Taxes for the month of November and December 1953, on the itemized list as follows:

St. Casimirs Church (Bermit's)	\$	1.50
Hilda Man Hertz (Permit and Tax).....		41.50
Comerford Publix Theatre (Roman)		714.81
Penn Paramount (American)		1,890.90
Pittston Twp Foot Ball Game		10.86
Pittston High School Athletic Fund		306.28
Bone Stadium (October 1953)		109.70
	\$	3,075.55
One Half to City	\$	1,537.77

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ George J. Turner
City Treasurer

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4405, Pittston, Pa. January 26, 1954. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That City Council by Ordinance adopted December 30th, 1953, file of Council No. 8, (1953) providing five (5) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation for the year 1954, for Sinking Fund purposes to be divided as follows:-

To the 1935 Bond Issue	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ mill
To the 1938 Bond Issue	$\frac{1}{2}$ mill
To the 1949 Bond Issue	$\frac{1}{2}$ mill
To the 1952 Bond Issue	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mill
To the anticipated 1954 Bond Issue	$\frac{1}{2}$ mill

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

Mr. Joseph A. Walsh, Director of the Department of Accounts and Finance, submitted report dated January 26th, 1954, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

Office of City Clerk	Petty Cash	\$	20.00
The Bell Telephone Co.	Mobile Phone Service		28.00
Eagen Hardware Company	Vehicle Maint. & Repair		22.60
Jack Friedman Electric Supply	Material and Supplies		7.06
Gar Wood Industries, Inc.	Vehicle Maint. & Repair		3.20
Kehoe Berge Coal Co.	Fuel		44.00
Ed. Keating Service Station	Vehicle Maint. & Repair		37.50
Lehigh Valley Railroad Co.	Other expense		8.00
Pittston Publishing Co.	Office Supplies		112.15
Howard Miller	Maint. Fire Alarm System		53.96
	Total	\$	<u>336.47</u>

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

Communication dated Pittston, Pa. January 8th, 1954, was received from Esther J. Tinsley, Superintendent, Pittston Hospital, reading as follows:

Honorable Joseph Saporito,
City Hall,
Pittston, Penns.

Dear Mayor Saporito:-

May we extend to you and the Members of Council our sincerest congratulations on your installation to office.

It was kind of you to remember the patients at Pittston Hospital by sending the beautiful floral pieces to them following the ceremony at City Hall.

Assuring you and your members of Council of our appreciation and heartiest good wishes for every success in office, we are,

Yours very truly,

PITTSTON HOSPITAL,

/s/

Esther J. Tinsley
Esther J. Tinsley,
Superintendent.

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

By action of the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals at meeting held January 26th, 1954, the following abatement of City Taxes for the year 1954 was granted by said board:

William Kearney, 148 Mill St. 5th Ward

Abatement granted \$ 2875.

The purpose fo this abatement is to correct a double assessment.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Kehoe, 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

February 9, 1954

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
Yes	WALSH
Yes	KEHOE
Yes	COLLINS
Yes	CALABRESE
Yes	SAPORITO, MAYOR

John D. McNulty
City Clerk

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
John D. McNulty,
City Clerk.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 1954, AT 8:00 P. M., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, February 9th, 1954, at 8:00 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor Joseph F. Saporito presiding, and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, January 26th, 1954, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor Joseph F. Saporito submitted report dated February 6, 1954 of parking meter fees, violations and fines received by his department during the month of January, 1954, reading as follows:

<u>January 1, 1954</u>		<u>January 31, 1954</u>
Parking Meter Fees	\$	875.00
Parking Violations		199.00
Fines		10.00
	\$	<u>1,084.00</u>

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

George J. Turner, City Treasurer submitted report dated Jan. 5, 1954 to Jan. 30, 1954, of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of January, 1954, reading as follows:

Cash on hand, January 4, 1954	\$	52,910.31
Receipts during the month		7,738.67
	\$	<u>60,648.98</u>
Warrants paid during the month	\$	17,118.90
Cash on hand January 30, 1954		43,530.08
		<u>60,648.98</u>

Cash on hand January 30, 1954, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$	15,776.70
Bond and Interest 1935 Account		5,361.24
Bond and Interest 1938 Account		4,906.00
Bond and Interest 1949 Account		2,075.07
Bond and Interest 1952 Account		3,440.89
Balance in Bond Issue 1952 Account		6,597.46
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund		115.91
Sewage Advance Planning Fund		5,256.81
	\$	<u>43,530.08</u>

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered filed.

George J. Turner, City Treasurer, submitted report dated January 5, 1954 to January 30, 1954, on collection of Delinquent Taxes for the month of January, 1954, reading as follows:

Delinquent Tax Collections	\$	485.06
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On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Calabrese, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered received and filed.

George J. Turner, City Treasurer, submitted report dated January 30, 1954, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of January, 1954, reading as follows:

License to solicit sale of Studio Portraits \$ 2.00

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer submitted report dated February 8, 1954, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of January, 1954:

Weekly report sent to the Medical Health Center:

Restaurants inspected 12
Complaints received and investigated 18
Contageous diseases reported:
Cases of Mumps reported 11
Cases of Chickenpox reported 1

Officer Joseph Dougher on sick leave from January 6 to January 31st. Police Clerk William Kearney on sick leave from January 6 to 26th. Police Clerk Harry Morrissey on sick leave from January 23 to 25th. Officer Dominick Aritz on sick leave from January 1 to 31st. Lieut. Thomas Walsh returned to his duties on January 4th.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures, submitted report dated February 8, 1954, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of January, 1954:

Monthly report forwarded to the Bureau of Standards Weights and Measures, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

	Corrected & Sealed	Adj.
Counter Scales	32	4
Beam Scales	10	1
Other Platform Scales	16	2
Person Scales ,.....	6	-

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
Sealer of Wts. & Measures.

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

Sinking Fund report countersigned by Mayor Joseph F. Saporito, Director of Accounts and Finance Joseph A. Walsh and City Treasurer George J. Turner, dated January 25th, 1954, was submitted reading as follows:

City Treasurers report as of January 5th, 1953	\$	48,483.00
Receipts of Funds credited to the Sinking Fund from collection of taxes		37,238.89
Transfers within the Sinking Fund: Bond and Interest - 1952 from 1923		<u>3,876.87</u>
Total receipts and balances ...		<u>89,598.76</u>

Expenditures made from the Sinking Fund during fiscal year ending January 4th, 1954:

Principal	\$	33,000.00
Interest		4,977.50
Transfer within Sinking Fund: Bond and Interest - 1952 from 1923		3,876.87
Transfer from Sinking Fund: Bond and Interest - 1942 to General Fund		4,375.60
Disbursements - 1952 Bond Issue		21,351.21
Cash Balance on hand January 4, 1954		<u>22,017.58</u>
Total expenditures and balances	\$	<u>89,598.76</u>

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

Joseph A. Walsh, Director of Dept. of Accounts and Finance, submitted report dated February 9, 1954, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

Bell Telephone Company	Communication	\$	57.75
Commercial Gas Corp.	Vehicle Maint. & Repair		2.82
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Water for offices		5.85
Ed. Keating Service Station	Vehicle Maint. & Repair		50.00
Kehoe Berge Coal Co.	Fuel		91.65
Liberty National Bank	Interest on loan		193.75
LaBarres Stationery Store	Office supplies		57.75
Ludwigs Hardware	Material & Supplies		37.09
Jos. Murphy & Frank Bubul	Refund of City Taxes		18.70
Pittston Printery	Office Supplies		22.50
Pittston Oil Co.	Gas and Oil		169.32
Austin S. Powers Sons	Maint. Fire Alarm System		4.27
Sterling Siren Fire Alarm Co.	Maint. Fire Alarm System		50.00

Sern. Spring Brook Water Co.	Water	\$ 9.11
Sern. Spring Brook Water Co.	Fire Hydrant Rental	153.34
Scranton Electric	Light	174.97
Scranton Electric	Street Lighting	1032.10
Geo. J. Turner, City Treasurer	Office Supplies	381.90
Williams Stationery Store	Office Supplies	1.27
Wagner Ice Co.	Ice for offices	15.00
M. H. Rhodes, Inc.	Parking Meter Maint. & Repair	76.67
Total		\$ 2605.81

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

Communication dated February 9, 1954, Pittston received from C. William McNulty, President, Greater Pittston Memorial Library Ass'n. was read as follows:

To Mayor Joseph F. Saporito
and Members of City Council

Gentlemen:

At a re-organization meeting of the Greater Pittston Memorial Library Association, a vote of appreciation was extended to City Council for its cooperation.

Almost 4000 children and adults used the facilities of the Library in 1953. Most of them were from Pittston City.

Your cooperation in providing use of rooms, janitorial service, light and heat, has made it possible for our Library to continue. We hope that in the future, with cooperation such as given by you, we shall develop and grow into a larger and better organization serving the people of Pittston and its environs, especially our children and students, with worthwhile reading and research material.

Respectfully,

/s/ C. William McNulty
C. William McNulty, President
Greater Pittston Memorial
Library Association.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, 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 January 29, 1954 was submitted as follows:

John and Thelma Prandy
104 Cliff Street

To raze two story
frame building.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present the above permit was granted subject to the approval of the proper department authority.

On motion of Mr. Calabrese, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was authorized to advertise for sale the used concrete mixer presently owned by the City.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Collins, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, a refund in the amount of \$ 18.70 was authorized, which represents taxes paid for the year 1951 on the property of Joseph Murphy and Frank Bubul, 199 N. Main St., 4th Ward. This property was sold free and clear in May 1951 and a deed was delivered in October 1951 by the Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau. Request for this refund was made by Emerson J. Howley, Delinquent Tax Collector.

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

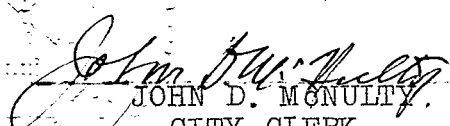
A P P R O V E D

February 23, 1954

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
Yes	WALSH
Yes	KEHOE
Yes	COLLINS
Yes	CALABRESE
Absent	SAPORITO, MAYOR

John D. McNulty
City Clerk

ATTESTED:


JOHN D. McNULTY
CITY CLERK.

PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 1954, AT 8:00 P.M., E.S.T

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, February 23rd, 1954, at 8:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, with Councilman Joseph A. Walsh presiding and all members of Council present, with the exception of Mayor Joseph F. Saporito.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, February 9th, 1954, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION NO. 4406. Pittston, Pa. February 23, 1954. BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of the City of Pittston and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same:

"That the Civil Service Examining Board certify to the City Council the next four (4) names on the list of applicants for the position of police officer having the highest rating".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4407. Pittston, Pa. February 23, 1954. BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of the City of Pittston and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same:

"That a warrant be drawn in the amount of Forty Six hundred fifty six dollars and thirty (\$4,656.30) cents, payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - State Council of Civil Defense, from the balance in the 1952 Bond Issue Account, to cover payment in full of Pittston City's Contribution toward the purchase of Fire Truck through the State Council of Civil Defense".

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

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh submitted report dated February 23, 1954, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

The Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	Mobile Phone Service	\$ 47.71
Cadmans Garage	Vehicle Maint. & Repair	13.00
Egan Oil & Supply Company	Gas and Oil	161.16
Office of City Clerk	Petty Cash	10.00
Jack Friedmans Electric Supply	Material and Supplies	10.34
Kehoe Berge Coal Company	Fuel	116.10
Ed. Keatings Service Station	Vehicle Maint. & Repair	27.50
Pittston Publishing Co.	Office Supplies	76.50
Pittston Gazette	Office Supplies	1.75
M. H. Rhodes, Inc.	Park. Meters-Maint. & Repair	6.95
Scrn. Spring Brook Water Co.	Hydrant Rentals	163.08
Scranton Electric Co.	Street Lighting	1,032.10
Wagner Ice Company	Ice for offices	14.00
Commonwealth of Penna.		
State Council of Civil Defense	Purchase Fire Truck	4,656.30

Total \$ 6,361.49

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Joseph A. Walsh
Joseph A. Walsh, Director
Dept. of Accounts & Finance.

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

Communication dated February 23, 1954, Pittston, Pa. received from Francis A. Earley, Secretary, was read as follows:

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council
City of Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the following have passed the physical and mental examination given by the Pittston Civil Service Examining Board, Saturday, February 20th, 1954; the Board members consisting of Dr. James Dixon, Nello Riccetti and Francis A. Earley:

Samuel Busacco

Patrick J. O'Brien

Joseph Pilkonis

Andrew Schevets

Respectfully submitted,

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINING BOARD

Francis A. Earley
FRANCIS A. EARLEY, SECRETARY

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

Communication dated February 9, 1954, Pittston, Pa. received from Dr. Marvin Fiegelman, Secretary, Pittston City Playground and Recreation Association, was read as follows:

Pittston City Council
City Hall
Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

We wish to take this occasion to express our formal appreciation for the cooperation given this Association during the past playground season.

Realizing the financial condition of the City, we are especially appreciative of the many favors which have been extended us.

In making our city a better place in which to live, we are not only encouraging our residents to remain, but are serving to attract others to come and establish here.

With your valued cooperation, we are confident that our city will continue to be proud of these notable public improvements.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Marvin Fiegelmen
Dr. Marvin Fiegelman,
Secretary

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

Permit applications dated February 16th and 23rd, 1954 were submitted as follows:

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| American Legion Post 838
Pittston, Pa. | To erect metal sidewalk
sign at 19 S. Main St. |
| Joseph J. Murtha
31 E. Railroad St., City | To erect a new dwelling
at 64 Nafus Street. |

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permits were granted subject to the approval of the proper department authority.

By action of the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals at meeting held this date, the following abatement of City Taxes for the year 1954 was granted by said board:

John J. and Thelma Prandy, 102 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cliff St., First Ward
Abatement granted \$ 200.00
The purpose of this abatement is to adjust the assessed valuation on this property since the building has been razed, February, 1954.


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

A P P R O V E D

March 9, 1954

YEAS	NAYS
Yes	WALSH
Yes	KEHOE
Yes	COLLINS
Yes	CALABRESE
Yes	SAPORITO, MAYOR

John D. McNulty
City Clerk

ATTESTED: 
John D. McNulty,
City Clerk.

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, MARCH 9TH, 1954, AT 8:12 P.M., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, March 9th, 1954, at 8:12 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor Joseph F. Saporito presiding, and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, February 23, 1954, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

Mayor Joseph F. Saporito submitted report dated March 6, 1954 of parking meter fees, violations and fines received by his department during the month of February, 1954, reading as follows:

<u>February 1, 1954</u>	<u>February 28, 1954</u>
Parking Meter Fees	\$ 1,234.00
Parking Violations	237.00
Fines	10.00
	\$ <u>1,481.00</u>

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

George J. Turner, City Treasurer submitted report dated February 28, 1954, of receipts and disbursements by his office for the month of February, 1954, reading as follows:

Cash on hand February 1, 1954	\$ 43,530.08
Receipts during the month	46,335.89
	\$ <u>89,865.97</u>
Warrants paid during the month	20,893.70
Cash on hand February 28, 1954	68,972.27
	\$ <u>89,865.97</u>

Cash on hand February 28, 1954, distributed to the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 34,618.27
Bond and Interest 1935 Account	8,058.36
Bond and Interest 1938 Account	5,987.83
Bond and Interest 1949 Account	3,144.13
Bond and Interest 1952 Account	8,188.93
Balance in Bond Issue 1952 Account	1,941.16
Bond and Interest 1954 Account	1,043.87
Parking Meter Collection Fund	617.00
Liquid Fuel Tax Fund	115.91
Sewage Advance Planning Fund	5,256.81
	\$ <u>68,972.27</u>

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered filed.

George J. Turner, City Treasurer, submitted report dated February 27, 1954, on collection of Delinquent Taxes for the month of February, 1954, reading as follows:

Delinquent Tax Collections	\$ 1,275.53
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On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and ordered received and filed.

City Council Adds O'Brien Police Force

Pittston City Council set the wheels in motion last night for the appointment of Patrick J. O'Brien, 19 New Street, as police chief by naming him a patrolman in the police department to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Harry Curley earlier this year.

Mr. O'Brien, alderman of the Second Ward and member and treasurer of Pittston City School Board, has been mentioned in official circles as the choice of the new City Republican Administration for the police chief post now held by Francis X. Linnen and his appointment to the force last night is seen as a preliminary move in that direction.

The name of Mr. O'Brien was taken from a list of the first four high names on the Civil Service list submitted by Francis A. Earley, secretary of the Civil Service Board, in compliance with a request of council at the last previous meeting.

The names were submitted in the following order: Joseph Delaney, Patrick J. O'Brien, Joseph Divilaitis and Joseph Pilkonis.

When the list was read, Councilman Patrick Collins asked, "has the age limit been changed?" City Solicitor J. Justin Blewitt informed him that the Civil Service Board has the right to set the age limit. Councilman Collins then queried, "without notifying council?" Solicitor Blewitt replied in the affirmative and the discussion ended there.

Councilman Collins dissented on acceptance of the report of the Civil Service Board and the appointment of Mr. O'Brien as patrolman.

City Treasurer George Turner submitted his final report of collections on the 1953 tax duplicate and made formal request to be exonerated from further collections. His report showed collections of \$169,838.61 on a total duplicate of \$195,245.47.

Treasurer Turner's monthly report showed delinquent tax collections of \$1,275.52; license fees of \$749.08, a March 1 balance in all funds of \$68,972.20 of which \$34,618.27 was in the general fund.

Councilman Joseph Walsh, head of the Department of Accounts and Finance submitted a report of city finances for 1953. The report shows total receipts supplemented by the balance on hand Jan. 1, 1953 of \$400,952.71 and total disbursements of \$348,042.40. Bills payable total \$58,254.69 and loans of \$80,000 are listed. Total assets of the city are shown to be \$1,034,838.83 and the city's bonded indebtedness totals \$152,000.

Bills amounting to \$1,716.01 were approved for payment.

A second hand concrete mixer owned by the city was sold to Charles B. Atwell, lone bidder, on his offer of \$100.

A request by Theodore Burkel for the Pittston Centennial Committee to place overhead banners at various points was referred to proper authorities.

Col. Benjamin Evans, Attorney Frank Townend, Wilbur W. Scott, all of Wilkes-Barre; Harry Corrigan, South Main street, merchant, and Attorney S. Thomas Bianco, all representing Property Owners Protective Association of Luzerne County, attended the meeting and conferred with council after the meeting.

George J. Turner, City Treasurer submitted report dated February 27, 1954, of City Licenses issued by his office during the month of February, 1954, reading as follows:

Corporate Licenses	\$	200.00
License fee on poles		202.08
Pinball Machine Licenses		345.00
License to erect sign		2.00
	\$	749.08

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Health Officer submitted report dated March 8, 1954, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of February, 1954:

Weekly report sent to the Medical Health Center:

Restaurants inspected	11
Complaints received and investigated	10
Contageous diseases reported:	
Cases of Mumps reported	11
Cases of Scarlet Fever	1
Cases of Chicken Pox	1

Officer Frank Daley on sick leave from Feb. 1st to 28th.
Officer George Oschal on sick leave four days in February.
Officer Frank Valeskie on sick leave three days in February.
Officer James O'Brien on sick leave three days in February.
John McAndrew on sick leave four days in February

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Mrs. Thomas Newcomb, Sealer of Weights and Measures submitted report dated March 8, 1954, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of February, 1954:

Monthly report forwarded to the Bureau of Standard Weights and Measures, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.		
	Corrected & Sealed	Adj.
Counter Scales	38	3
Beam Scales	16	2
Other Platform Scales	10	2
Person Scales	6	-

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Thos. Newcomb
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb
 Sealer of Weights & Measures

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

George J. Turner, City Treasurer submitted reports dated March 8, 1954, reading as follows:

To the Mayor and City Commissioners
 Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit Certified Properties (Real Estate) uncollected 1953 City Taxes as of March 8, 1954.

Same as required and in accordance with Act #167 approved June 21, 1935 and its supplements thereto.

Also final report and settlement of the 1953 City Tax Duplicate and ask to be exonerated and released of same.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ George J. Turner
City Treasurer.

To the Mayor and Members of Council
 Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

The following is a settlement of the Duplicate of City Taxes for the year 1953, as of the 8th day of March, 1954. I submit for consideration same in accordance with Act #167 approved June 21, 1935 and its supplements thereto.

DEBIT

Duplicate issued	\$ 195,245.37
Added to Duplicate	113.32
Penalty Added	58.37
	<u>\$ 195,417.06</u>

CREDITS

Cash Collected	\$ 167,167.95	
Discount	<u>2,665.66</u>	\$ 169, 833.61
Prop. Tax & Pers.		17, 918.57
Pers. Abatements, D.A. & Etc.		<u>7, 664.88</u>
		<u>\$ 195, 417.06</u>

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ George J. Turner
City Treasurer

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unan-

imous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above reports were ordered received and referred to the City Solicitor, City Clerk and City Controller for study.

Financial Report of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, for the fiscal year 1953, was submitted by the Director of the Department of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh, and read by title, Schedule "A" to Schedule "F" inclusive, by the Acting City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Calabrese, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and the City Clerk instructed to send one certified copy (on State form) to the Department of Internal Affairs, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Audit of the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania, for the fiscal year 1953, was submitted by the City Controller, Ferdinand C. Endres, Jr., and read by title, Schedule "G", by the Acting City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Calabrese, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above report was approved and the City Clerk instructed to post a copy in a conspicuous place in City Hall Building.

Communication dated March 9, 1954 received from Francis A. Earley, Secretary, Civil Service Examining Board, was read as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

In reply to your request of February 23rd, 1954 kindly be advised that the following are the next four (4) names on the list of certified applicants for the position of police officer having the highest rating:

Joseph Delaney	95%
Patrick O'Brien	93%
Joseph Divilaitis	90%
Joseph Pilkonis	89%

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Francis A. Earley
Francis A. Earley, Secretary

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and vote upon Roll Call of members present, showed the following results: Yeas - Mr. Walsh, Mr. Kehoe, Mr. Calabrese and Mayor Saporito. Nays - Mr. Collins. The motion was carried by a majority vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 4408, Pittston, Pa. March 9, 1954. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

"That Patrick J. O'Brien, having been certified by the Civil Service Examining Board, be and is hereby appointed Patrolman in the Department of Public Affairs, Police Department, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Police Officer Harry J. Curley, effective March 10th, 1954, at a salary already provided by City Ordinance".

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Calabrese, and by vote upon Roll Call of members present showed the following results: Yeas - Mr. Walsh, Mr. Kehoe, Mr. Calabrese and Mayor Saporito. Nays - Mr. Collins. The motion was carried by a majority vote, thereby adopting the above Resolution.

Director of Accounts and Finance, Joseph A. Walsh submitted report dated March 9, 1954, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

The Bell Tel. Co. of Pa.	Communication	\$	74.39
The Bell Tel. Co. of Pa.	Mobile Phone Service		39.88
Vincent E. Churchfield	Maint. Traffic Signals		30.27
Jack Friedman El. Supply Co.	Material & Supplies		2.03
Glen Summit Springs Water Co.	Water for offices		5.85
General Crushed Stone Co.	Road Materials		36.82
The General Fire Truck Co.	Minor Equipment		80.00
Kehoe Berge Coal Co.	Fuel		33.00
LaBarre's Stationery Store	Office Supplies		47.17
Ludwigs Hardware	Material & Supplies		5.60
Sern. Spring Brook Water Co.	Water Service		34.25
Scranton Electric Co.	Street Lighting		1,032.10
Scranton Electric Co.	Light Service		91.91
Sunday Dispatch	Advertising		19.20
Liberty National Bank	Interest on Loan		175.00
Total			1,707.47

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joseph A. Walsh
JOSEPH A. WALSH, DIRECTOR
DEPT. OF ACCTS. & FINANCE.

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

Legal Notice dated March 3, 1954, received from Atty. Thomas F. Gill, was read as follows:

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF PITSTON, PENNSYLVANIA

You are hereby notified that Sarah Wolfe of Pittston, Pennsylvania, will make claim upon the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania for damages because of injuries she sustained on January 11, 1954 when she fell upon the unnatural accumulation of ridged ice and snow, and also a defective sidewalk located in front of the vacant stree formerly occupied by the A. A. A. Poultry, South Main Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania. Miss Wolfe suffered severe injuries to various parts of her body and her nervous system.

This notification is served upon you in accordance with the provisions of the Act of July 1, 1937, (P.L. 2547 Section 1).

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ JACOB SCHIFFMAN
Thomas F. Gill
THOMAS F. GILL, Attys. for Sarah Wolfe.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above legal notice was ordered received and referred to the proper authorities.

Communication dated February 18, 1954, received from Atty. John R. Reap was read as follows:

Mr. George J. Turner, Tax Collector
Pittston, Pa.

Dear Mr. Turner:

Fred Demech, former owner of property at 99-101 North Main Street this City, has requested me to write you in reference to his tax problem. The lot was assessed as 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet whereas the lot is 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet on Main Street. He owned the property since August 1, 1946 and has paid taxes for the additional five feet since that time. The amount of overpayment for city taxes is:

1950	\$	22.36
1951		20.24
1952		20.24
Total	\$	62.84

We are looking to you for the return of the overpayment or \$62.84.

Very truly yours,

/s/ John R. Reap

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above communication was referred to the City Solicitor for reply, since they felt that no action can be taken on this matter at this time.

One (1) sealed proposal was received for the sale of the following used equipment, now the property of the City of Pittston:

One (1) Jaeger 7-S Concrete Mixer

The lone bidder was Mr. Charles B. Atell, 179 Center Street, Hughestown, Pittston, Pa. His bid was \$100.00 plus the advertising costs. A certified check in the amount of 10% of the bid accompanied his bid.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Calabrese, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the contract was awarded to Mr. Atwell.

Permit Application dated March 9, 1954 was submitted as follows:

Theodore Burkel
Pittston Centennial Committee

To erect six (6) overhead banners
on Main St., William St., Water St.
and Broad St.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permit be granted subject to the approval of the proper department authority and provided that a bond be posted in the amount of \$2,500.00 to cover any liability damage.

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

A P P R O V E D

March 30, 1954

YEAS

NAYS

WALSH

KEHOE

COLLINS

CALABRESE

SAPORITO, MAYOR

John D. McNulty
City Clerk.

ATTESTED:

John D. McNulty
John D. McNulty
City Clerk.



PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TUESDAY, MARCH 30TH, 1954, at 8:10 P. M., E. S. T.

Pittston City Council convened in regular session Tuesday, March 30th, 1954, at 8:12 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, with Mayor Joseph F. Saporito presiding, and all members of Council present.

Minutes of regular session of Tuesday, March 9, 1954, were not read, but upon motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Calabrese, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, ordered received and filed.

George J. Turner, City Treasurer submitted report dated March 26, 1954, reading as follows:

Hon. Joseph F. Saporito, Mayor
Members of City Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

I wish to report the collection on Amusement Taxes for the month of January and February, 1954, on the itemized list as follows:

St. Mary's Party	\$ 1.00
St. Casimer's Party /.....	1.00
St. Joseph's Party	1.00
St. Mark's Party	1.00
Heart Fund Permit50
Comerford Theatre	624.46
American Theatre	1,990.40
Pittston High School Athletic Assoc.	35.41
Pittston High School Parent Band & Orchestra Assoc.	19.53
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	\$ 2,674.30
One Half to City	\$ 1,337.15

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ George J. Turner
CITY TREASURER

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

FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 1 (1954): "AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES UPON FOUNDRY STREET, IN THE CITY OF PITTSTON, AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF." was read at length for the first time.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above Ordinance was passed upon first reading.

Joseph A. Walsh, Director of Accounts and Finance, submitted report dated March 30, 1954, reading as follows:

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit and recommend the following bills for your approval:

Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.	Communication	\$	67.72
Commercial Gas Corp.	Vehicle Maint. & Repair		1.68
Office of City Clerk	Petty Cash		10.00
Jack Friedman El. Supply	Material & Supplies		6.21
Eagen Hardware Co.	Material & Supplies		2.10
Flexible Pipe Tool Co.	Purchase Minor Equip.		21.23
Gar Wood Industries, Inc.	Vehicle Maint. & Repair		6.55
Kehoe Berge Coal Co.	Fuel		66.60
Kehoe Insurance Agency	Police Schedule Bond		150.00
William H. Mitchell	Material & Supplies		10.80
Mitchell's Lumber Yard	Material & Supplies		4.35
Pittston Gazette	Office Supplies		8.75
Penna. Coal Co.	Rental of Properties		36.00
Pittston Floor Shop	Other expense for maint.		14.75
Allan W. Smiles	Material & Supplies		2.40
The Sunday Dispatch	Advertising		19.20
Scrn. Spring Brook Water Co.	Fire Hydrant Rental		153.34
George J. Turner, Treas.	Comp. Collector Amuse. Tax		62.50
Wagner Ice Company	Material & Supplies		14.25

Total \$ 658.43

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Walsh

Joseph A. Walsh, Director
Dept. of Accts. & Finance

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

Communication dated March 13, 1954, Pittston, Pa. received from Joseph P. Doyle, was read as follows:

Honorable Mayor City of Pittston and
Members of City Council

Gentlemen:

Having secured a position with Calvert Fire Insurance Co. I desire to submit my resignation as Police Clerk, City of Pittston effective March 8, 1954.

Please accept my many thanks for all the cordial relations extended to me during my employment with the City Police Department.

With best wishes for your continued success in management of affairs of City government, I remain

Very truly yours,

/s/ Joseph P. Doyle

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, that the above communication be received and filed and that the resignation of Joseph P. Doyle be accepted.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the City Clerk was authorized to open bids received for 1 Used American LaFrance Fire Pumper now owned by the City of Pittston.

The City Clerk stated that only one bid had been received from the following:

Leonard Morgan, R. D. #1, Mountain Top, Pa.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the bid in the amount of \$186.70, was referred to City Council as a committee as a whole, for tabulation and award.

On motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Calabrese, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the bid of Leonard Morgan in the amount of \$186.70 be rejected and the Certified Check in the amount of \$20.00 be returned.

Permit Applications dated March 16th, 18th, 23rd, 25th and 26th, 1954 were submitted as follows:

Eraklis Athanaseo
Texas Weiner Shop
93 S. Main Street

To erect a metal sidewalk sign on face of building.

Salvatore Ritondo
66 Johnson Street

To add one (1) room to present building.

Tony Greco
9 Broad Street

To erect a metal sidewalk sign.

Woodlawn Farm Dairy Co.
65 E. North Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

To erect a metal sidewalk sign at 127 Elizabeth St. A. Randazzo store.

Joseph Alba
17 LaGrange Street

To erect a two (2) car garage.

On motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Calabrese, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, the above permits were granted subject to the approval of the proper department authorities.

Property owners of the Mill Street area, who are deeply distressed on account of the damage caused to their homes within recent weeks by recurring surface subsidences due to mine caves and are gravely concerned for the safety of their children and themselves, attended the meeting in a body. Mr. Anthony Zack was the spokesman for the petitioners and explained in detail how the homes had become twisted by frequent surface settlings. He also called Council's attention to the action taken by the Wilkes-Barre City Council during the recent surface subsidences in that city and asked why our City Officials had not taken a similar action. Mayor Joseph Saporito and Mr. Thomas Kehoe called upon Mr. Nelson Myers, City Engineer to answer Mr. Zack. Mr. Myers gave a complete and comprehensive report on the mining conditions in that area, referring to mining maps etc. He called their attention to a recent conference between the City Officials and officials of the Pittston Gas Company relative to gas leaks and the precautions that were taken. Mr. Myers called attention to the fact that the last mining done in that area was done by the Morgan Coal Company about August 1, 1942. Several property owners asked if the coal company can be compelled to repair the damage to their homes and sidewalks. Solicitor J. Justin Blewitt further enlightened the petitioners by explaining that, if there were any reckless or illegal mining when the coal was being removed, the statute of limitations has now expired since an action in tort must be started within six years of the date that mining expires. Mr. Frank H. Miller, 53 Mill St., spoke at length, he stated that he realized and appreciates the expressions of the members of Council and asked if something can be done in lowering their taxes to relieve the financial burden.

ZACK PERSISTS IN SEEKING RELIEF DAMAGED HOMES

City Council held an eventful, hour-long session last night at City Hall which was presided over by Mayor Joseph F. Saporito and was attended by all four councilmen.

Former School Director Anthony Zack appeared personally again to plead fervently for Council to take some action to alleviate the conditions existing on Mill street in the paved block between George and Church streets. He had heard Deputy City Clerk Edwin A. Sites read a copy of a letter forwarded by Council to R. A. Lambert, president of Pennsylvania Coal Company, calling attention to the condition and requesting that that concern "help alleviate the financial burden placed upon property holders by the subsidies"; also a verbal report by Mr. Sites of a telephone message he received from Fred Lynn on behalf of President Lambert, in which the Pennsylvania Coal Company announced it was not concerned with the condition, since his company had not mined in that section in many years; also a report by City Engineer R. N. Myers that there is a continuing surface movement in the Mill street quarter, and that the situation is continually "under surveillance."

Mr. Zack, who owns a home in the area persisted in his demand that the Mayor appoint a committee to attempt other means of obtaining relief and Council readily agreed and directed the Mayor to name such a committee. (At the close of the meeting Mayor Saporito informed newspapermen present that he had appointed Solicitor J. Justin Blewitt, Engineer R. N. Myers and Councilmen Thomas Kehoe and Joseph A. Walsh to this committee).

An important matter of business was passage of a resolution which authorized the proper officers to petition the Court of Quarter Sessions of Luzerne County for permission to fund the unfunded debt of the City of Pittston in the sum of \$148,412.51, representing present financial obligations. This is a move in the legal process to permit Council to issue bonds in the sum of \$175,000 to pay off funded debt and to allow for other essential outlays. The Mayor and City Clerk were empowered to take the necessary legal steps.

Mayor Saporito's March report showed the following items: Parking meter fees collected, \$1,537; parking meter fines, \$241; police court fines, \$10; total \$1,788.

City Treasurer George J. Turner reported as follows: Balance Mar. 1, \$68,972.27; receipts during March, \$92,732.80; total, \$161,705.07; vouchers paid, \$8,947.96; balance Apr. 1, \$152,875.11, of which \$94,421.21 is in the General Fund. There was also \$1,888.82 collected in delinquent taxes and \$216 for city licenses during March Mr. Turner reported.

Mrs. Thomas A. Newcomb submitted her reports both as health officer and sealer of weights and these were ordered filed without comment.

Each of the members of Council submitted an individual report of the receipts and disbursements in his department of municipal government for the first quarter of the current fiscal year, January to March inclusive, as follows:

Mayor Joseph F. Saporito, head of the Department of Public Affairs: Allocation \$92,435.68; expenditures, \$16,441.06.

Joseph A. Walsh, Department of Accounts and Finance: Allocation, \$39,545.69; spent \$6,694.94.

Patrick J. Collins, Department of Public Safety: Allocation, \$47,542.03; spent \$9,485.43.

Andrew R. Calabrese, Department of Streets: Allocation, \$117,798.84; spent, \$11,736.92.

Thomas Kehoe, Department of Parks and Public Buildings: Allocation, \$8,362.08; spent, \$1,072.11.

An ordinance was adopted on second reading by unanimous vote which is intended to prohibit parking of motor vehicles along Foundry street; also on the south side of Broad street from Foundry street east to Front street. There is a fine of \$10 or five days in jail prescribed for violators.

A resolution was adopted committing the city to observe Day-

light Saving Time from last Sunday, April 25th, on.

Bills aggregating \$20,897.50 were read, having been recommended for payment by the Department of Finance. Redemption of bonds and coupons accounts for \$16,660 of this amount and current bills total \$4,237.57. On motion of Mr. Kehoe the bills were ordered paid.

A communication was read from the Bureau of Penal Affairs, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, commending the city officials on the manner in which the city lockup is maintained.

There are several requests for permits to build, as itemized here:

Frank Janowski, to build a one-room addition to his property, 22 South Main street.

Levine & McHugh, to remodel inside and front of building at 99-101 North Main street.

Frank Margie Estate to raze a two-story frame dwelling at 96 Butler street.

Michael J. Mack to erect a sidewalk sign at 35 South Main street.

Pittston Centennial, Committee, Albert Lipperini, 117 Parsonage street, secretary: To conduct a carnival at Gilmartin Park in conjunction with the city's centennial observance.

These permits were referred to the heads of the proper departments.

Fred Demech petitioned Mayor and Council to give wholehearted support to the centennial observance, which was promised. Philip Adonizio spoke before Council on his idea of an improvement in the parking regulations and Council ordered Solicitor Blewitt to examine the suggestion to determine if it is within the law.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote upon Roll Call of members present, that Council go on record and that the Mayor, Members of Council, City Engineer and City Solicitor arrange a meeting with the officials of the Pennsylvania Coal Company within the very near future, to determine if some relief cannot be granted by repair of the damage done or some other means.

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

A P P R O V E D

April 27, 1954

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
Yes	WALSH
Yes	KEHOE
Yes	COLLINS
Yes	CALABRESE
Yes	SAPORITO, MAYOR

John D. McNulty
City Clerk

ATTESTED:

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