

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

On suggestion by Mayor English, and by motion of Mr Gallagher, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call, Samuel Falzone acted as Secretary to Council in the absence of City Clerk J.P. Fitzpatrick who was in attendance at the Elks Grand Lodge Convention as District Dept of Penna No East being held at Atlantis City, N.J.

The minutes of July 8th Meeting were not read but on motion by Mr Roy Mead, seconded by Dr S.C. Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call were ordered approved.

Mayor English submitted a report of the fines received by his Department for Parking Violations from June 1st 1938 to June 30th 1938 also a report of money collected from the Meters from June 1st to June 30th 1938.

June 1st 1938 to June 30th 1938. Parking Violations.	\$96.00
June 1st 1938 to June 30th 1938. Meter Returns.	556.92

Above reports were Unanimously accepted and ordered filed.

Following permits were granted by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call
Walter J. Begley 17 Tedrick St, erect extra room and remodel roof.
Wm Fairclough 168 Mill St install sidewalk.

Following communications were read by Acting City Clerk.
The Atlantic Refining Co relative to the fact that it has been assessed for a building on its property at 15 New Street which was razed in 1938.
On recommendation of Mayor English and on Motion by Mr Gallagher seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the building valuation was abated and City Treasurer Ruane was directed to remit a portion of the Taxes paid by that concern.

Works Progress Administration relative to submitting Five copies of agreement of Form 308 for construction of a wall around the Albert West Park plot.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the letter was ordered received and filed.

No 3196 a Resolution, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston; " That Mayor Kenneth J. English, and the Secretary of Council J.P. Fitzpatrick, be and they are hereby authorized and Directed to sign a Lease, drawn for a period of Fifteen (15) Years, with the Pittston Company for a plot of ground bounded by No Main St, Parsonage St, Panama & Miller St, and known as Gilmartin Park.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the Resolution was Adopted.

No 3197 a Resolution, WHEREAS, the PITTSTON City Council has approved the plans prepared by R.N. Myers, for the project for THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTERSEPTING SEWER ON MARKET STREET BETWEEN WHARF AND TOMPKINS STREET, CITY OF PITTSTON

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL at this Regular Meeting held July 12, 1938 that the Works Progress Administration, District No 2, Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of the said project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if and when the project is approved by the Works Progress Administration, the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL will furnish at its own expense, all tools, materials, supplies and equipment necessary to complete the said project, and that R.N. Myers be and he is hereby appointed to be the certifying officer responsible to the Works Progress Administration for supplying the tools, materials, supplies and equipment referred to, to be delivered on the site from time to time as required by the Works Progress Administration. On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the Resolution was adopted.

J.P. Fitzpatrick

No 3198 a Resolution BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston; " That James F. Quinn be and he is hereby appointed a member of the Board of Assessors of the City of Pittston at a salary of \$500.00 per annum, effective immediately.

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

No 3199 a Resolution BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston; " That the firm of James A. Barrett and Arthur P. Coon trading as Coon & Barrett Architects of Scranton, Lackawanna County, be and they are hereby authorized to prepare such drawings, forms and reports as are incident to the securing of a Federal Loan and Grant from the Public Works Administration for the construction of a proposed new City Hall for the City of Pittston, for which the said City shall pay to the said firm a fee of 6% of the total costs of construction of the said City Hall provided that no fee whatsoever shall be paid to the said firm in case of rejection of the application of said City of Pittston for Loan and Grant from the Public Works Administration.

On Motion by Dr S.C. Andaloro, seconded by Mr Roy Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the Resolution was adopted.

A communication was received from Thos J. Connell Secy of the Pittston Protective Assc wherein it was stated that Mine Operator Peter Minichello had failed to carry out a verbal agreement made to a Comm of members of the above Assc to repair Homes damaged by mining operations at the Morgan Slope, to blast only between the hours of 7 A.M. and 7 P.M. to cut down on excessive blasting and not to load or truck coal after 10 PM

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call, a copy of the communication was ordered mailed to Mr Minichello with the recommendation that he take immediate action.

In reference to the proposed New City Hall, Mayor English stated that several architectural firms had been consulted, also stated that under P.W.A. regulations, the expense for clerk hire must be borne by the municipality sponsoring the project and that Coon & Barrett had agreed to set aside one-half of 1% of its fee to pay the clerks wages. He had made inquiry into the standing of the above firm in the architectural profession and had received satisfactory reports.

City Controller Emerson J. Howley informed Council that he had examined the assessment books and found that the section of Fleming Park Plot upon which the Volpe Coal Co has erected a tipple, slope, engine house and other improvements, is not listed on the Tax books.

On Motion of Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call, Messers Emerson Howley, Assessor James Quinn and City Engineer R.N. Myers were directed to visit the premises, investigate, and, if it is found that the property is not assessed, to have it placed on the Tax books.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call, abatements were granted to Dora Mendelsohn 58 So Main St and Madeline Alaimo 264 So Main St, in the sums of \$1.000 and \$1550.00 respectively on their property valuation.

No further business Council adjourned.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk.

J.P. Fitzpatrick

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

The minutes of July 12th meeting were not read but on motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call were ordered approved.

On suggestion of Dr S.C. Andaloro, Commissioner of Accounts and Finances and by Motion of Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the bill of Solicitor Wm.H. Gillespie for the recording of four tax liens in the office of the Prothonotary of Luzerne County in the sum of \$1.20 be ordered paid.

An invitation was received and read from the Pittston Surface Protective Association addressed to the Mayor and Council to attend a meeting at Casino Hall, No Main St, Pittston; on Friday evening July 22, 1938 at 8 P.M. On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call same was received and filed and invitation accepted.

Pittston Branch No 4 American Progressive League Incorporated, Anthony Cipolla, Secy No 7 East R.R. St, presented a Petition to City Council suggesting the floating of a bond issue to the amount of \$125,000 which could be used to sponsor W.P.A. projects such as Comfort Stations, Library, Playgrounds, Sign posts, Repair of Main St, from the Junction to Jenkins Tshp, Swimming pools, Repair of Oak St to Browntown, Repair of Johnson and Tompkins Sts, N.Y.A. projects to assist at the hospital & to assist in the proper tabulation of Borough Records. On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call same was received and filed.

Mr Wm. J. Carroll, Engineer of the State Highway Dept. Scranton, Pa. was in attendance to give the Mayor and Council information regarding the paving of North Main Street between Mill and Parsonage Sts as well as the paving of the latter Street.

The City would be required to reset the curb to grade, in the event of the removal of the Lehigh Valley Rail Road tracks now occupying a portion of the street they will go from curb to curb, if tracks are continued in their present position the City would be required to make a separate contract with the contractor for that portion of the work, including between the tracks and from the inner track to the curb, City shall advertise for two weeks and the State for three weeks, Resolution to be made by Council copy to State that City will assume expenses of curb and pave alongside Rail Road tracks. suggested contacting the Lehigh Valley R.R. Co at once, if tracks are to remain, so that a renewal of ties and resetting of tracks can be made with as little delay as possible.

Regarding Parsonage Street the City must bear the expense of renewing or resetting the curb and the State must be reimbursed for the removal of the Street Railway ties and tracks etc.

Messers M. J. Clarke, Wm Sites and Daniel Swartz of the firm of Turon and Swartz were in attendance the latter stated that any change of grade on No Main St in the vicinity of his lumber yard would meet with his firms approval.

Messers Coon and Barrett, Architects of Scranton were in attendanee and showed their prints of the proposed new City Hall, suggestions of change were made by the Mayor and members of Council.

No further business Council adjourned.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk.

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City Clerk.

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

The minutes of July 19th meeting were not read but on motion of Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote On Roll Call were ordered approved.

On suggestion of Dr S.C.Andaloro, Commissioner of Accounts and Finances and by Motion of Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the following bills were ordered paid.

D.F.Dull.....2 Electrical Exams.....\$	4.00
E.J.Reap.....2 Electrical Exams.....	4.00
J.P.Fitzpatrick 2 Electrical Exams & pay't	
2 Cleaners for ymca room....	6.00
Penn Coal Co...Refund of over paid Taxes	
Seventh installment.....	2.039.98
W-B Independant Co...Adv relative to the	
Collection of Ashes, Sept.26,1937	5.20

Report of City Treasurer M.P.Ruane for the month of June was read and ordered Received and Filed.

Communication was received from E.R.Space, Secy of St John's Ev Lutheran Church Congregation requesting the Mayor and Council to consider the repairing of the pave on Hill Park Ave and Wood Street. On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed and referred to Commissioner Roy Mead of the Street Department.

No 3 2 0 0 a Resolution, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston;

Section 1. " That Kenneth.J.English, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the City of Pittston to the United States of America for a loan and grant to aid in financing the construction of a City Hall.

Section 2. " That Kenneth.J.English, Mayor, J.P.Fitzpatrick, City Clerk, William.H.Gillespie, City Solicitor, and Coon & Barrett, Architects be and they are hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the United States of America through the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works may reasonably request in connection with the application which is herein authorized to be filed.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the Resolution was Adopted.

No 3 2 0 1 a Resolution, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Pittston; " That William.H.Gillespie, City Solicitor of the City of Pittston, be and he is hereby authorized to furnish legal information to the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works to support the application of said City of Pittston dated.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the Resolution was Adopted.

No 3 2 0 2 a Resolution,

WHEREAS, the Pittston City Council has approved the plans prepared by E.N. MYERS, for the project for GRADING, CONSTRUCTION RETAINING WALLS AND RELAYING COBBLESTONE PAVEMENT ON TOMPKINS STREET, 11th WARD.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL at this regular meeting held July 26th, 1938 that the Works Progress Administration, District No. 2 Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor, such supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of the said project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if and when the project is approved by the Works Progress Administration, the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL will furnish at its own expense, all tools, materials, supplies and equipment necessary to complete the said project, and that R.N.

MYERS, be and he is hereby appointed to be the certifying officer

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responsible to the Works Progress Administration for supplying the tools materials, supplies, and equipment referred to, to be delivered on the site from time to time as required by the Works Progress Administration.

On motion of Mr. Mead and seconded by Dr. Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the Resolution was Adopted.

No 203 a Resolution, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston. That the Mayor and Director of Accounts and Finances be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Highways for the payment by the City of Pittston of the sum of \$3482.50 for the paving of Parsonage Street.

On motion of Mr. Mead, seconded by Dr. Andaloro, and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the Resolution was Adopted.

Dr S.C.Andaloro wished to know if the Petition of the Pittston Branch # 4 American Progressive League,Anthony Cipolla,Secy # 7 East Rail Road St received on July 19th had been answered. City Clerk Fitzpatrick answered in the affirmative and read said answer as follows.

July 21st 1938

Mr Anthony Cipolla,Secy.
7 East Railroad St, City.

Dear Sir;

Wish to acknowledge receipt of your Petition.Same was presented and read to the Mayor and Council,by Unanimous Vote on roll call it was ordered received and filed.

We wish to thank you for your interest in the improvement of the City and commend you for your co-operation. Some of the projects you touchd on are already in operation,or being prepared,and we are hoping to be able to inaugurate more. Needless to say your members like others,of our Fair City,are fully aware of the financial handicap existing. Nevertheless the efforts being made by Mayor English and members of Council,with the limited finances at their disposal for the many needed improvements no doubt has appealed to you and met with your approbation.

We wish to assure you that all campaign pledges made,whether singly or collectively,will be met,and in so far as possible,will be carried to a most successful conclusion. Being public spirited and civic minded as you have shown yourself to be,as per your Petition,no doubt you have recognized the progress being made in augurating both W.P.A.and P.W.A. projects.

In conclusion may we assure you of our appreciation of the interest you are showing in the employment of the needy on projects that will add materially to the standing of our Fair City on a plane equal to,or in advance of the Cities of the Third Class.

Very Respectfully.
J.P.Fitzpatrick.City Clerk.

Mayor English stated that there was no disposition on the part of the officers of the unemployed leagues to ascertain the financial condition of the City,their interest is centered in employment. \$3500.00 for W.P.A.work was budgetted for 1938. the Gentleman who presented the petition referred to heard that the ~~exp~~ unemployed would be engaged on all projects undertaken,however the City Engineer must supervise all work in the future in order that we might get some worth while results,an example Leonard Street where the residents having automobiles are cut off from their garages and houses as a ditch has only been dug. Local residents who have been engaged on local projects have not returned in efforts the monies paid them,all campaign pledges as far as keeping men employed is still in mind and being proven every day with the number employed.

Mr Wm.J.Carroll,Engineer State H'way Dept,was in attendance and stated that the total expense to the City on the Parsonage St pave would be \$3482.50 Total expense to the State Dept would be \$10.098 for Trucks and Materials,he also stated that it would be a couple of weeks before the State could go to work and that it would take 2 or 3 Months to complete,he would however ask for a double shift in order to hurry its completion,he also suggested the passage of a Resolution to'day so that he could present same to Harrisburg and get an early reading.as well to obtain the best terms possible.

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accordingly acting on Mr Carrolls suggestion Resolution No 3 2 0 3 was presented and by an Unanimous vote Ad opted.

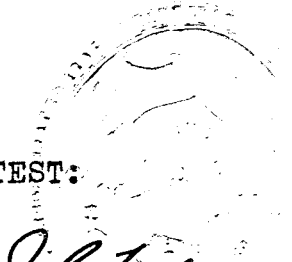
On the obtaining of the above figures on the exspenses accruing to the City on the Parsonage Street pavement it was suggested and agreed to that the City Clerk address a letter to Mr Eder at Wilkesbarre, Genl Mgr of the Wilkes Barre Traction Co. asking for an appointment for Mayor English and City Solicitor Wm.H.Gillespie, so that they might present the figures of cost of above pave to him and ascertain his disposition of the same.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call City Clerk was instructed to write the Erie R.R.Co and ask them that they meet with the Mayor and Council relative to the removal of the Stone wall adjoining their freight depot on Broad Street thereby allowing of the widening of the driveway between Charles and Broad Streets.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call City Clerk Fitzpatrick was instructed to write Mr Murphy, Pres of the Lacka and Wyo Valley Railroad Co and inform that Council will expect him to remit to City Treasurer M.P.Ruane the monies due the City as per bill rendered his company account of License fees for Auto Busses.

No further Business Council adjourned.

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 City Clerk.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick
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J.P. Fitzpatrick

Pittston Council met in Special Session at 4 P.M. with Mayor Kenneth.J.English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of July 26th meeting were not read but on Motion of Mr Mead,seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call they were ordered approved.

Mayor English stated that the main reason for calling a meeting to'day was to discuss the statement made and information brought to him regarding the contemplated movement of the motor power of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Co from Coxton to Sayre.Pa. Councilman Thos Gallagher and himself had discussed the situation and had concluded that we should use all our efforts and good offices to the rentention of that work at Coxton yards, hence the present session. Mayor English suggested the adoption of the following Resolution that a copy be mailed Mr F.S.Mitten,Div Supt.Easton.Pa. and a letter to accompany it.

No 3 2 0 4 a Resolution, BE IT RESOLVED,by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Council emphatically protest against the declared intention of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company to remove a great part of its repair work on its motor power from Coxton yards to Sayre within the very near future,thus entailing the loss of employment to many of its workmen who are residents of Greater Pittston,and the consequent injury to the Business interests of Greater Pittston.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council respectfully urge the proper Officals of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company to abandon its expressed purpose to curtail the number of its emplyees at Coxton yards which would cause suffering among the great number of its employees and their families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council respectfully bring to the attention of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company the conditions which now exist in Greater Pittston because of general loss of employment in the coal industry and other business concerns in Greater Pittston,and the added suffering which will result from the dischargs of any great number of employees at Coxton yards and the removal of its motor power to Sayre.

On Motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the Resoluxion was Adopted.

A general discussion was entered into regarding the recent petitions presented to Council by various organizations relative to the obtaining of projects and objecting to the application made by Council to the United States Government for a loan and grant to enable the City to build a much needed City Hall. Mr Thos Gallagher stated that he had talked with a great number of Tax paying citizens who whole heartedly endorse the actions of Council in their move to build a new City Hall.

On Motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the following was adopted.

" On account of the fact Workers Alliance reputed Communist baking their petitions,protests are originating with Non residents of the City,whoare attempting to inject themselves into the Administration of City affairs,it is the sense of Council that no further Petitions,Protests or Resolutions by the Workers Alliance be entertained by this Council.

No further business Council adjourned.

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J.P.Fitzpatrick.
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Pittston Council met in Special Session at 4 P.M. with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all Members present with the exception of Mr Thos Gallagher.

The minutes of July 29th meeting were not read but on Motion of Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call they were ordered approved.

On suggestion of Dr S.C. Andaloro, Commissioner of Accounts and Finances and by Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the following bill was ordered paid.

City Solicitor Wm.H. Gillespie.

For issuance of 7 praecipes for Judgement on Municipal Liens.....	\$ 8.75
For issuance of 4 writs of Scire Facias Sur Municipal Liens.....	11.00
For service of said 4 writs of Scire Facias Sur Municipal Liens by the Sheriff of Luzerne County.....	26.00
Total.....	\$ 45.75

Mayor English explained the object of the Meeting was for the adoption of a Resolution to the Gouvernment for a Grant only for the building of a New City Hall, in conversation with the representatives of the local Banking Institutions they had consented to make the Loan that was also to be requested from the Federal Government, as per Resolution No 3 2 0 0 passed July 26th 1938

No 3 2 0 5 a Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Pittston to file an application to the United States of America through the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for grant to aid in financing the construction of a City Hall and designating Kenneth.J. English, Mayor, J.P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk, William.H. Gillespie, City Solicitor and Coon & Barrett, Architects to furnish such information as the Government may request.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

Section 1. That Kenneth.J. English, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the City of Pittston to the United States of America for a grant to aid in financing the construction of a City Hall.

Section 2. That Kenneth.J. English, Mayor, J.P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk William.H. Gillespie, City Solicitor, and Coon & Barrett, Architects be and they are hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the United States of America through the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works may reasonably request in connection with the application which is hwrein authorized to be filed.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the Resolution was Adopted.


No further business Council adjourned.

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Pittston Council met in Regular Session at 12.00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present with the exception of Mr Thos Gallagher.

On suggestion by Mayor English and by Motion of Mr Roy Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call, Samuel Falzone acted as Secretary to Council in the absence of City Clerk J.P. Fitzpatrick who was in attendance at the Elks State Association at New Castle, Pa. as District Deputy of the B.P.O. Elks, Penna No East.

The minutes of August 11th meeting were not read but on motion by Mr Roy Mead, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call were ordered approved.

Report of City Treasurer M.P. Ruane for the month of July was read and ordered Received and Filed.

Mayor English submitted the following report for his Department for the month of July.

July 1, 1938 to July 31, 1938	Parking Violations	\$100.00
June 1, 1938 to July 15, 1938	Violation of Ordinances	145.00
July 1, 1938 to July 31, 1938	Meter Returns	540.81

On suggestion of Dr S.C. Andaloro, Superintendent of Accounts and Finances and by Motion of Mr Roy Mead, seconded by Mr Olgert Pauxtis and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the following bills were ordered paid.

Volunteer Firemens Salary from May 1st 1938 to July 31 1938	\$374.40
M.P. Ruane, Treas. for Cash Advances during June 1938	195.56
M.P. Ruane, Treas. for Cash Advances during July 1938	178.45
Bell Telephone Co, Service during May, June, July 1938	90.58

A communication was received from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Fort Pittston Post, No 635, asking City Council to permit the use of the present City Hall as a home for their organization when the proposed new City Hall is ready for occupancy.

The communication was ordered received and filed.

A communication from Messers V.E. Churchfield, Daniel J. Buckley, John King and Wm. A. Shafer, Master Electricians, appealing to Council to take action upon an Electrical job being done at the former Pittston Milling Co property on Broad Street which is being done by non-qualified men.

Same was ordered received and filed.

A communication from Property Owners of the Mill Street side of Butler Avenue, requesting that damage caused by the recent storms be abated

Same was ordered received and filed and referred to Mr Roy Mead, Superintendent of the Street Department.

A communication was received from the citizenry of the 11th Ward wherein they filed a protest against "intolerable conditions" existing along the open water way extending from the South Pittston station of the Laurel Line north to West Oak Street.

Mayor English explained that this improvement "cannot be carried out on 12 Mills" he recommending that the proposed improvement be planned for a later year and included in a Project.

No 3 2 0 6 a Resolution WHEREAS, The Pittston City Council has approved the plans prepared by R.N. Myers for the project for RUBBLE MASONARY WALL ADDITIONS TO BUTLER CREEK CULVERT CITY PITTSWON NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pittston City Council at this Regular meeting held Aug 23rd 1938. that the Works Progress Administration District No 2 Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of said project, and

J. P. English

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

On motion by Mr Roy Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the Resolution was adopted.

No 3 2 0 7 a Resolution WHEREAS, THE PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE PLANS PREPARED BY R.N. MYERS for the project for ENCLOSING LAUREL LINE CREEK from TOMPKINS STREET TO LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, 9th WARD, CITY OF PITTSTON

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL at this Regular meeting held August 23rd, 1938. that the Works Progress Administration District No 2 Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of said project, and

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

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

No 3 2 0 8 a Resolution, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston; "That the following transfers be made;

In the Department of Public Affairs;-

\$1898.49 from salary of Patrolmen, Bureau of Police to Wages of Reserve Policemen, Bureau of Police.

\$393.82 from salary Lieutenant, Bureau of Police to Wages of Reserve Policemen, Bureau of Police.

\$210.00 from Purchase of Police Car, Bureau of Police, to Wages of Reserve Policemen, Bureau of Police.

In the Department of Accounts and Finances;-

\$100.00 from salary of Deputy Tax Collector, bureau of City Treasurer, to Contingent Expense in the Department of Accounts & Finances.

\$ 25.00 from rental of Telephone (City Clerk's Office & Residence). Bureau of City Clerk to Contingent Expense, Bureau of City Clerk.

\$296.80 from Salary of Deputy Tax Collector, Bureau of City Treasurer to payment of witness fees, filing liens, etc., Bureau of City Solicitor.

In the Department of Parks and Public Property;-

\$ 25.00 from painting City Hall, Department of Parks and Public Property to Contingent Expense, Department of Parks and Public Property.

\$ 25.00 from repairs to City Hall, Department of Parks and Public Property to Contingent Expense, Department of Parks and Public Property.

\$ 50.00 from supplies Athletic Field, Department of Parks and Public Property to Contingent Expense, Department of Parks and Public Property.

Mayor English stated that his predecessor Mayor Ambrose Langan had tendered a check drawn on the Liberty Bank for the sum of \$233.00 covering the sum due the City at the expiration of his term, the above

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check was in excess of the amount due the City by \$10.00, the depository bank of the above Mayors account was the Miners Savings Bank, Mayor English asked the consent of the Councilmanic body to assign above amount in the Miners Savings Bank to the credit of former Mayor Langan as well to be empowered to have drawn to the former Mayor Langan a check for the over payment amount of \$10.00. All members of Council concurred in the suggestion of Mayor English.

City Controller Emerson Howley was present at the meeting and suggested and recommended that an effort be made to settle with the Scranton Spring Brook Water Company on conflicting claims sinee interest charges are mounting. He said that he has been unable to arrange a conferehce with Mr Rulison Evans of the Water Company.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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J.P.FITZPATRICK.
City Clerk.

ATTEST:


J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

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

The minutes of August 23rd meeting were read by the City Clerk J.P.Fitzpatrick. On Motion of Mr Thos Gallagher,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the the minutes were ordered approved.

Report of City Treasurer M.P.Ruane for the month of August was read and Ordered Received and Filed,

Mayor English submitted the following report for his Department for the Month of August.

August 1, to August 31, 1938	Parking Violations.	\$ 80.00
August 1, to August 31, 1938	Meter Returns.	491.51

On Motion by Mr Gallagher,seconded by Mr Pauxtis the Foregoing reports by Unanimous Vote were ordered received and filed.

On suggestion of Dr S.O.Andaloro,Superintendant of Accounts & Finances and by Motion of Mr Gallagher,seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the following bills were ordered paid.

John.B.Kohl & Sons...Decorations H.N.Convention.....	\$15.60
Frey Bros.....Coin Bag (Police Dept).....	3.25
Ridon Glass Co....Grinding Desk Top Glass.....	5.50
Eugene Dietzgen Co....Stake Tacks(engineering).....	1.85
Partridge Wirth Co....2 Photo-Stats, Eng Dept.....	2.00
H.H.Roth.....Repair Tape.....	.35
Oplinger Blue Print Co..One Roll Print Paper.....	3.50
Miners Savings Bank....Office Rent, June to Sept.....	260.00
Lehigh Valley R.R.Co....Rent of Yard.....	60.00
The Holmerden Co.....1 Drum of C&to.....	10.00
Penn Whol Drug Co Scranton..1st Aid Kit for Niagra...	8.78
Holleran Drug Store.....1st Aid Kit for Projects.....	4.68
John.A.Allan.....Emp. Compensation Ins.....	354.53
M.P.Ruane,Treas.....Cash Advances for Aug.....	255.80

No 3 2 0 9 a Resolution, BE IT RESOLVED,by the City Council of the City of Pittston: " That the law firm of Townsend,Elliott & Munson be retained in connection with the proposed bond issue of 1938.

On Motion of Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the Resolution was adopted.

No 3 2 1 0 a Resolution, BE IT RESOLVED,by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Thomas Newcomb be and he is hereby appointed Acting Health Officer and Sealer of Weights and Measures at a salary of \$1800.00 per annum,effective September 15,1938.

On Motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro the Resolution was adopted by the following Vote on Roll Call. AYES Messers Andaloro, Mead and English. Nays Messers Gallagher and Pauxtis.

No 3 2 1 1 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE OFFER OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE CITY OF PITTSTON TO AID BY WAY OF GRANT IN FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CITY HALL INCLUDING NECESSARY EQUIPMENT.

BE IT RESOLVED,by the City Council of the City of Pittston: SECTION 1. That the offer of the United States of America to the City of Pittston to aid by way of grant in financing the construction of a City Hall including necessary equipment a copy of which offer reads as follows:

P.W. 83218-7

Federal Emergency Administration
of Public Works

Washington, D.C.,
Dated: Sept 1, 1938
Docket No. Pa. 2074-F

City of Pittston,
Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

1. Subject to the Terms and Conditions (PWA Form No. 230, as amended to the date of this Offer), which are made hereof, the United States of America hereby offers to aid in financing the construction of a Municipal

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building, including necessary equipment (herein called the "Project"), by making a grant to the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania (herein called the "Applicant"), in the amount of 45 percent of the cost of the Project upon completion, as determined by the Federal Emergency Administrator of Public Works (herein called the "Administrator"), but not to exceed, in any event, the sum of \$56,665.

2. By acceptance of this Offer the Applicant covenants to begin work on the Project as early as possible but in no event later than 8 weeks from the date of this Offer and to complete such Project with all practical dispatch, and in any event within 12 Months from the commencement of construction.

3. This Offer is made subject to the express condition that, if the Administrator shall determine at any time that the applicant has paid or agreed to pay, whether directly or indirectly, a bonus, commission or fee to any person, firm or corporation for attempting to procure an approval of the Applicant's application, or for alleged services in procuring or in attempting to procure such approval, or for activities of the nature commonly known as lobbying performed or agreed to be performed in connection with the application, then the Administrator shall have the right, in his discretion, to rescind this Offer and any agreements resulting herefrom, and, in the event of such rescission, the United States of America shall be under no further obligation hereunder.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Federal Emergency Administrator
of Public Works

By (Sgd.) H. A. Gray
Assistant Administrator

Be and the same is hereby in all respects accepted.

Section 2. That said City of Pittston agrees to abide by all the Terms and Conditions of said Offer, including the Terms and Conditions annexed thereto and made a part thereof.

Section 3. That the City Clerk of the City of Pittston, J. P. Fitzpatrick, be and he is hereby authorized and directed forthwith to send to the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works three certified copies of the proceedings of the City Council of the City of Pittston in connection with the adoption of this Resolution, setting forth this Resolution in full, and such further documents or proofs in connection with the acceptance of said Offer as may be requested by the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works.

Submitted by Mayor Kenneth J. English.

On Motion by Mr Roy Mead, seconded by Dr S. C. Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call above Resolution was Adopted.

No 3 2 1 2 a Resolution, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Charles Morgan be and he is hereby appointed a member of the Park Commission, in place of Wm O'Hara resigned.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call above Resolution was Adopted.

Communication from City Controller Emerson Howley relating to the obtaining of a commission as a Notary Public for one of the City Employees thereby saving to the City Notarial fees.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the same was referred to City Solicitor for an opinion.

The selected route taken on their own accord Via R.R. Street Tompkins and Oak Street by the W-B railway Bus Line and statements made by Bus operators that Dr S. C. Andaloro was the cause of said change brought out a denial from him. Mr Matthew Bilbow was in attendance, he being an employee of the bus company, decision was reached wherein the latter would contact the Co's Traffic man and arrange the bus terminal at Swallow St as before.

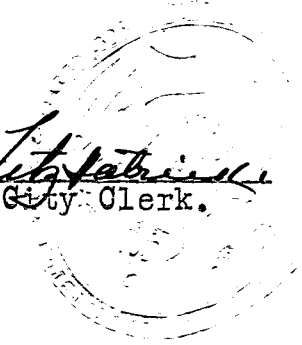
Messers Geo Bainbridge and M.J. Clarke Secretary and Chairman of the Park Commission were in attendance and presented a letter to the Mayor and Council which was read by City Clerk J.P. Fitzpatrick. wherein the above Gentlemen stressed the necessity of hurrying preparations at either of the Parks of the City for the Foot Ball Season of the Local Schools and most especially that either Park be made ready for the Annual Foot Ball Thanksgiving Day game between St John's and Pittston High Schools Mr John Higgins, Chas Morgan, Mayor English and Mr Mead also entered into the discussion, conclusion was made to allow the proposed preparations to be concluded by Messers Bainbridge, Clarke, Mr Mead Director of Streets, Mr John Joyce Superintendent of Streets and Mr Thos Gallagher Director of Parks and Buildings.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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 J.P. Fitzpatrick.
 City Clerk.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick
 City Clerk.



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

The minutes of Sept 13th meeting were not read but on Motion of Dr S.O.Andaloro,seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call they were ordered received and filed and approved.

Communication from City Clerk C.Ed Brown of New Castle.Pa.relatering to a Resolution adopted by the Council of that City covering the employment of property owners,unable to pay their Taxes,on W.P.A.projects undertaken within the bounderies of the City was read by City Clerk J.P.Fitzpatrick. On Motion by Mr Gallagher,seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed,that a Resolution similar in form be adopted and filed in our files and that acknowledgement of the receipt of the communication be made to Mr Brown.

Following communication was received from Pittston Council No 372
Knights of Columbus. Pittston.Penn Sept 12 1938
Hon.Mayor and Members
of City Council.
Pittston,Pa.

Honorable Sirs;

At the regular meeting of Pittston Council #372 Knights of Columbus,Pittston Council went on record,to request you and members of City Council to give special attention to the housing of the beautiful statue of Christopher Columbus in the plans of the new City Hall Building to be erected on Broad Street.

William.F.Mundy.
Secretary.

Respectfully Yours,
John.C.Waters.
Grand Knight.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro,seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the communication was ordered received and filed and that the proper Municipal authorities be authorized to investigate the same.

Communication from Degen,Messer & Company,Easton,Penn.proposing a Financial and Statistical Report together with a Debt Statement for the information of the bidders on the proposed issue of Bonds for the New City Hall at a cost of \$650.00 to the City was read by City Clerk Fitzpatrick.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro,seconded by Mr Mead the communication was ordered received and filed by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call.

The following communication was received and read by City Clerk Fitzpatrick. On Motion by Dr Andaloro,seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed and that a recommendation that we look for a Project and Sponser same as per suggestion in Mr Carrolls letter.be adopted.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Highways

Hon Kenneth.J.English,Mayor,
City of Pittston,Penn.

Scranton.Penn.
Sept 21,1938.

Dear Mayor English;

Further reference is made to my meeting with Council concerning the repaving of the Trolley Area on Parsonage Street in the City of Pittston.

Our Attorney advises that this Department should not undertake this work with W.P.A.labor due to certain restrictions and regulations of W.P.A. He beleives under the circumstances that the City should sponser its own W.P.A.project for doing this work,or that we revise our estimate which would increase the cost and do the work with Department forces. I am rather inclined to think that with the estimate that we have made with W.P.A.that the City could ask for a special project from the W.P.A.and the two projects,both yours and ours,could work in conjunction in placing this street in good condition, We would be very glad to help you in the preparation of this project if you so Desire.

I would be glad to hear further from you in this matter.

Very Truly Yours, W.J.Carroll,District Engineer.District 4



FILE OF COUNCIL No 4 0 3 submitted by Mayor English;
 " AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN THE SUM OF SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$70,000.) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR AND TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CITY HALL: TO APPROVE THE FORM OF BOND AND CUPON: AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ASSESTMENT, LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A TAX TO PAY THE INTEREST AND TAXES COVENATED TO BE PAID THEREON AND THE PRINCIPAL THEREOF AT MATURITY. was read at length; On motion by Mr Mead that the Ordinance pass First Reading was seconded by Mr Gallagher and carried by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call.

No 3 2 1 3 a Resolution, AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR SALE OF SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$70,000.) OF CITY HALL BONDS OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, BEARING INTEREST AT THE RATE OF $\frac{3}{8}\%$, $3-1/4\%$, $3-1/2\%$, $3-3/4\%$ OR 4% PER ANNUM: ADOPTING THE FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE AND PROVIDING THE MANNER IN WHICH THE SAME IS TO BE PUBLISHED.

BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved, by the City Council of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, that:

Section 1. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for sale Seventy Thousand Dollars (70,000.) of City Hall Bonds of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, bearing interest at the rate of 3% , $3-1/4\%$, $3-1/2\%$, $3-3/4\%$, or 4% per annum. to be dated November 1, 1938, and to mature as follows:

Bonds Nos. 1 to 3, incl.,	\$3,000.,	November 1, 1939,
Bonds Nos. 4 to 7, incl.,	\$4,000.,	November 1, 1940,
Bonds Nos. 8 to 10, incl.,	\$3,000.,	November 1, 1941,
Bonds Nos. 11 to 14, incl.,	\$4,000.,	November 1, 1942,
Bonds Nos. 15 to 17, incl.,	\$3,000.,	November 1, 1943,
Bonds Nos. 18 to 21, incl.,	\$4,000.,	November 1, 1944,
Bonds Nos. 22 to 24, incl.,	\$3,000.,	November 1, 1945,
Bonds Nos. 25 to 28, incl.,	\$4,000.,	November 1, 1946,
Bonds Nos. 29 to 31, incl.,	\$3,000.,	November 1, 1947,
Bonds Nos. 32 to 35, incl.,	\$4,000.,	November 1, 1948,
Bonds Nos. 36 to 38, incl.,	\$3,000.,	November 1, 1949,
Bonds Nos. 39 to 42, incl.,	\$4,000.,	November 1, 1950,
Bonds Nos. 43 to 45, incl.,	\$3,000.,	November 1, 1951,
Bonds Nos. 46 to 49, incl.,	\$4,000.,	November 1, 1952,
Bonds Nos. 50 to 52, incl.,	\$3,000.,	November 1, 1953,
Bonds Nos. 53 to 56, incl.,	\$4,000.,	November 1, 1954,
Bonds Nos. 57 to 59, incl.,	\$3,000.,	November 1, 1955,
Bonds Nos. 60 to 63, incl.,	\$4,000.,	November 1, 1956,
Bonds Nos. 64 to 66, incl.,	\$3,000.,	November 1, 1957,
Bonds Nos. 67 to 70, incl.,	\$4,000.,	November 1, 1958,

Said bonds are to be advertised as payable without deduction for any Tax or Taxes, except succession or inheritance Taxes, now or hereafter levied or assessed thereon under any present or future Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 2. The following form of advertisement of sale is hereby adopted:

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pa., will receive sealed bids for the purchase of 70 coupon City Hall bonds of the denomination of \$1,000. each aggregating \$70,000., bearing interest at the rate of 3% , $3-1/4\%$, $3-1/2\%$, $3-3/4\%$, or 4% per annum, at the option of the bidder, payable semi-annually on May 1st and November 1st. Bids will be received for the entire issue at any of the above rates of interest but no bid combining two different rates of interest will be accepted. Said bonds and the interest thereon will be payable without deduction for any Tax or Taxes, except succession or inheritance Taxes, now or hereafter levied or assessed thereon under any present or future Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, all of which Taxes the City of Pittston assumes and agrees to pay. The bonds will be sold to the highest responsible bidder, provided such bid is not less than par and accrued interest.

The bonds will be dated November 1, 1938, may be registered as to principal only and will mature as follows:

J. A. [Signature]

Bonds	Nos.	1 to 3,	incl.,	\$3,000.,	November 1,	1939,
Bonds	Nos.	4 to 7,	incl.,	\$4,000.,	November 1,	1940,
Bonds	Nos.	8 to 10,	incl.,	\$3,000.,	November 1,	1941,
Bonds	Nos.	11 to 14,	incl.,	\$4,000.,	November 1,	1942,
Bonds	Nos.	15 to 17,	incl.,	\$3,000.,	November 1,	1943,
Bonds	Nos.	18 to 21,	incl.,	\$4,000.,	November 1,	1944,
Bonds	Nos.	22 to 24,	incl.,	\$3,000.,	November 1,	1945,
Bonds	Nos.	25 to 28,	incl.,	\$4,000.,	November 1,	1946,
Bonds	Nos.	29 to 31,	incl.,	\$3,000.,	November 1,	1947,
Bonds	Nos.	32 to 35,	incl.,	\$4,000.,	November 1,	1948,
Bonds	Nos.	36 to 38,	incl.,	\$3,000.,	November 1,	1949,
Bonds	Nos.	39 to 42,	incl.,	\$4,000.,	November 1,	1950,
Bonds	Nos.	43 to 45,	incl.,	\$3,000.,	November 1,	1951,
Bonds	Nos.	46 to 49,	incl.,	\$4,000.,	November 1,	1952,
Bonds	Nos.	50 to 52,	incl.,	\$3,000.,	November 1,	1953,
Bonds	Nos.	53 to 56,	incl.,	\$4,000.,	November 1,	1954,
Bonds	Nos.	57 to 59,	incl.,	\$3,000.,	November 1,	1955,
Bonds	Nos.	60 to 63,	incl.,	\$4,000.,	November 1,	1956,
Bonds	Nos.	64 to 66,	incl.,	\$3,000.,	November 1,	1957,
Bonds	Nos.	67 to 70,	incl.,	\$4,000.,	November 1,	1958,

Bids should be addressed to J.P.Fitzpatrick, City Clerk, Pittston, Pa., and will be received up to 4 o'clock P.M., on the 27th day of October, 1938. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check for two per cent. of the par value of the amount of bonds bid for, made payable to the Treasurer of the City of Pittston.

These bonds are issued subject to the favorable opinion of Messers. Townsend, Elliott & Munson, Philadelphia, Pa.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

For further information apply to the undersigned.

BY ORDER of the City Council of the City of Pittston.

J.P.Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

Kenneth.J.English.
Mayor.

Section 3. The advertisement of sale as set forth in Section 2 of this Resolution shall be published once a week for three successive weeks in the Pittston Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Pittston, and for a similar period of time in the Luzerne Legal Register.

Section 4. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions, insofar as they are inconsistent herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Duly presented and Unanimously Adopted at a Regular Meeting of City Council of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, held the 27th day of September, 1938, at which Meeting all Members of Council Were present.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr S.C. Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call above Resolution was Adopted.

ATTEST:

J.P.Fitzpatrick
City Clerk.

Kenneth.J.English.
Mayor.

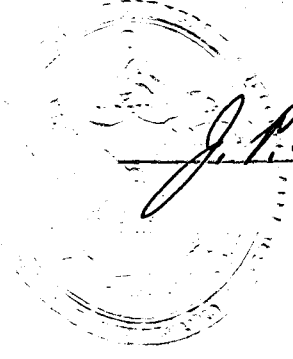
On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call. City Solicitor Wm.H.Gillespie, was instructed to communicate with the Public Utility Commission Harrisburg, Pa. and notify them that the Wyoming Valley Auto Bus Co had abandoned their route that terminated at Swallow St and that the Mayor and Council protest said action, as well to address a letter to Mr R.V.Eder, Genl Mgr of the Bus Co informing of our action and that same will be deferred were a correction made in their Terminal point.

Mr Roy Mead Director of Streets and Sewers stated that the Oak & Swallow Streets ash and refuse dump would be terminated and closed on Saturday Oct 1st and that the Fourth Ward dump would be the only in operation from then on.

No further business Council Adjourned.

J.P.Fitzpatrick

ATTEST:



J. P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk.

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City Clerk.

J. P. Fitzpatrick

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

The minutes of Sept 27th meeting were not read but on Motion of Mr Gallagher,seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call they were ordered approved.

Mayor English stated that the object of the meeting was to hear Mr Coon,of the Architectural firm of Coon & Barrett Scranton.Pa.who are the Architects of the proposed City Hall,explain the Plans and Specifications and answer all questions pertaining to said building. Discussion on the subject was entered into by all present,any and all questions asked Mr Coon were answered by him to the satisfaction of all. at the completion of the discussion,the following Resolution was offered by Mayor English.

No 3 2 1 4 a Resolution, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Pittston: "That plans and specifications prepared by Coon & Barrett,Architects,for a new City Hall for the City of Pittston, consisting of a schedule of drawings with sheets numbered 1 to 20,both inclusive,and a set of specifications with sheets numbered 1 to 97, both inclusive,be and the same are hereby approved and accepted.

On Motion by Dr S.C.Andaloro,seconded by Mr Roy Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the Resolution was adopted.

Their being no further business Council adjouened.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

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City Clerk.

J.P. Fitzpatrick.

Pittston Council met in Regular Session at 12.30 with Mayor Kenneth.J.English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of October 5th meeting were not read but on Motion of Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call they were ordered approved.

Mayor English submitted the following report for his Department for the Month of September.

Sept. 1, to Sept.30,1938	Parking Violations	\$147.00
Sept. 1, to Sept.30,1938	Meter Returns	553.17

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received and filed.

Report of City Treasurer M.P.Ruane for the month of September was read and Ordered Received and Filed.

Report of Health Officer and Sealer of Weights and Measure Thos Newcomb was the Month of September was read and Oredred Received & Filed.

Following permit was granted by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call. I.O.O.F.57-59 So Main St improvement on building and the Stuccoing of the exterior.

Dr S.C.Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finances recommended the payment of the following Bills. On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call same were ordered paid.

Commonwealth of Penna, Dept of Revenue, Bal on Loans Tax.....	\$26.48
M.P.Ruane, Treas....Cash Advance for Sept.1938....	73.57

No 3 2 1 5 a Resolution, WHEREAS, there are a great number of property owners in the City of Pittston, entirely or partially unemployed, who are unable to be placed on releif, either because they have a paltry income from some source, or because they have some small savings, or because some member of their family has an insignificant wage: and

WHEREAS, many of the people are unable to pay their Taxes and are in fear of losing their homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Pittston request the Works Progress Administration of this Commonwealth to provide some employment and give some releif to such property owners in the following general way, to-wit:

First: That on all projects sponsered by the City of Pittston, at least five per cent, of the labor employed, be employed from among such property owners.

Second: That first preference be given in such employment to those property owners who are willing to assign all of their compensation to the City Treasurer, or County Treasurer, to be applied on their delinquent Taxes.

Third: That second preference be given in such employment to these property owners who are willing to assign one-half of their compensation to the City Treasurer or the County Treasurer, to be applied on their delinquent Taxes.

Fourth: That whebever any property owner or owners reside upon a City Street, which is being improved by the City and the W.P.A. and where a charge for such improvement is being made against the prpperty abutting on said street, all such property owners shall be given an opportunity to labor by the W.P.A. until their assesments for such improvement are paid provided they are willing to assign their compensation to the payment of their several assesments.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the local W.P.A. Officers be requested to submit this resolution to the State Office of the W.P.A. for such action as is necessary to comply with the request of the resolution.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the Resolution was Adopted.

J. P. Gallagher

No 3 2 1 6 a Resolution, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: " That M.P. Ruane, City Treasurer, be and he is hereby directed and authorized to pay to the Firemans Relief Association through their authorized Officers the sum of \$2,743.16 received as Tax on premiums of Foreign Fire Insurance Companies operating in Pennsylvania.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the Resolution was Adopted.

No 3 2 1 7 a Resolution, WHEREAS, a thorough investigation has been made of the hourly wage rates which are being paid in the City of Pittston and vicinity which is the locality in which the proposed project (hereinafter referred to as "Project 2") is to be constructed by the City of Pittston, to employees in each trade or occupation engaged in work of a nature similar to the work to be performed in the construction of said Project, and the prevailing hourly wage rates being paid in such locality to such employees for such work have been determined by inquiry addressed to Labor and Trades Union Representatives and to Construction Contractors in the vicinity; to wit, Wyoming Valley District Council, A.F.L; Tabone and Barbera and Alamo Bros., Contractors, both of Pittston, Pa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of the City of Pittston that the following rates for the respective Trades or Occupations listed below shall be and are hereby fixed as the minimum hourly wage rates and have been determined in accordance with rates prevailing for work of a similar nature in the locality in which the project is to be constructed;

<u>LABOR CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>RATE PROPOSED</u>
Asbestos Workers	\$1.25 Per Hr.
Boiler Makers	1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
Bricklayers	1.50 " "
" " Tenders	.75 " "
Carpenters	1.20 " "
Cement Finishers	1.20 " "
Electrical Workers	1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
Elevator Constructors	1.27 " "
Glaziers	1.00 " "
Hoisting Engineers (1 Drum)	1.50 " "
Iron Workers--Ornamental	1.50 " "
" " --Structural	1.50 " "
" " --Rodmen	1.37 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
Lathers--Wood	1.37 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
" " --Metal	1.37 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
Marble Setters	1.50 " "
Mosaic and Terrazzo Workers	1.50 " "
Marble Helpers	.92 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
Terrazzo Heppers	.92 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
Tile Setters	1.50 " "
" " Heppers	.92 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
Mortar Tenders	.75 " "
Mortar Mixers	.75 " "
Painters--Paper Hangers & Decorators	1.00 " "
Plasterers	1.50 " "
" " Tenders	.75 " "
Plumbers	1.25 " "
Roofers - Slate and Tile	1.00 " "
" - Composition	1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
Sheet Metal Workers	1.25 " "
Shovel-Crane-Pile Driver-Clamshell Opr.	1.50 " "
Steam Fitters	1.25 " "
" " Heppers	.70 " "
Stone Cutters	1.50 " "
Stone Masons	1.50 " "
Teamsters	.60 " "
Truck Drivers	.60 " "
Laborers - Common	.60 " "

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing list of trades or occupations includes to the best of our knowledge, all the classifications of employees who will be engaged in work on said Project other than executive, supervisory, administrative, clerical or other non-manual workers as such.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there will be transmitted with this Resolution the substantiating data upon which the foregoing determination is based.

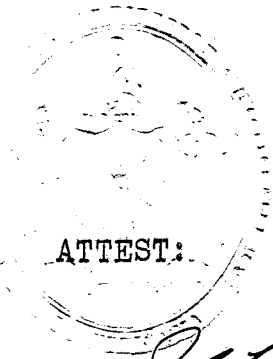
On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call above motion was Adopted.

Ordinance No 403 was read by Title On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call said Ordinance was passed on Second Reading.

Discussion was had on the relaying of the pave on Plank Street by the State the thought prevailed that since the Wyoming Valley Traction Co were no longer operating their trolley cars over that street, that now would be the proper time to have both the R.R. ties and tracks of said Trolley line removed, it was explained by Mayor English that the City Clerk Fitzpatrick had contacted Mr Hoffman of the above company, the latter stating that he would at once contact Mr Carroll of the State Highway Department and take up the subject of removal with him. Mr Hoffman extended his thanks for having his attention called to the situation.

Their being no further business

Council adjourned.



ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk.

APPROVED
OCT 24th 1938

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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

J.P. Fitzpatrick

FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT
Sealed proposals will be received
by the Mayor and Members of
Council of the City of Pittston, at
City Hall, Water Street, Pittston,
Pennsylvania, until 4:00 o'clock P.
M., E. S. T., October 24, 1938, for
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACT.
HEATING AND VENTILATING
CONTRACT.
PLUMBING CONTRACT.
ELECTRICAL CONTRACT.

at which time and place they will
be publicly opened and read aloud.

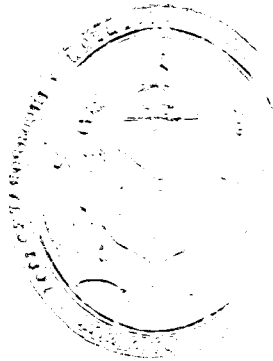
Copies of plans, specifications
and other contract documents are
on file and open to public inspec-
tion at the office of the City Clerk,
Miners' Bank Building, Pittston,
Pennsylvania and sets of such
documents may be obtained from
the City Clerk upon deposit of
\$20.00 for each set. If the docu-
ments are returned in good condi-
tion, within ten days after the
opening of bids, the full amount of
the deposit for one set will be re-
turned to each actual bidder; and
other deposits will be refunded with
a deduction of \$10.00 to defray the
actual cost of reproduction of the
sets of documents. If the docu-
ments are not returned within the
time stated, the entire amount of
deposit will be forfeited.

The character and amount of old
security to be furnished by bidders
is stated in the Instructions to
Bidders.

No bid may be withdrawn for
thirty (30) days after the scheduled
closing time for receipt of bids.

The Mayor and Members of
Council of the City of Pittston re-
serve the right to waive any in-
formalities in or to reject any or
all bids.

CITY OF PITTSTON
KENNETH J. ENGLISH,
Mayor,
J. P. FITZPATRICK,
Secretary of Council,
Owners.
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Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 4 P.M. with Mayor Kenneth.J.English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of October 11th meeting were not read but on Motion of Dr Thos.F.Gallagher, seconded by Dr S.C.Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call they were ordered received and filed.

Mayor English stated that the object of the meeting was to receive and open bids on the proposed New City Hall, following representatives were present.

Mr Irwin.G.Hamberger, Representing Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, Harrisburg, Penna.
216 Mulberry St. Scranton, Penna. Tel 5226.
Messers Coon & Barrett, Architects, Scranton, Penna. Union Bank Bld'g.
Atty Wm.H.Gillespie, City Solicitor, Pittston, Penna.

Coon & Barrett, Architects presented the following affidavit which was read to Council. On Motion by Mr Roy Mead, seconded by Mr Thos.F. Gallagher and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

AFFIDAVIT

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA }
COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA } ss:

James A.Barrett, of Coon & Barrett, Registered Architects, being first duly sworn, says:

That the attached bulletin dated Oct.18, 1938, amended October 19, 1938, has been sent to each Contractor named on the attached list.

James.A.Barrett

Sworn to before me this 24th day of October 1938

Robert, G. Coglizer
Notary.

My Commission expires May 19th 1941

BULLETIN
October 18, 1938
Amended October 19, 1938
CITY HALL
for the

City of Pittston, Pennsylvania
Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works
Docket No. Pa. 2 0 7 4-F.

1. Sealed proposals will be received by the Mayor and members of Council of the City of Pittston, at City Hall, Water Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, until 4 o'clock P.M. Eastern Standard Time, October 24, 1938... at which time and place they will be publically opened and read aloud.
2. On Page 11 of the specifications, Mortar Tenders are listed at seventy cents (\$.70) per hour. This rating is incorrect, and should read seventy-five cents (\$.75) per hour.
3. Page 48, Paragraph 206, of the specifications reads as follows: "All other steel to be 2-5/8" below the finished floor." This is incorrect and should read, "All other steel to be 2-3/8" below the finished floor!"
4. On Pages 77, 83, and 88 of the specifications pertaining to the Heating and Ventilating, the Plumbing, and the Electrical Work, insert the following paragraph:

J. H. [Signature]

The instructions to bidders, the general conditions contained in the specifications, and all of the plans and specifications, form part of this contract, and the Contractor shall refer to these headings and all other sections of the specifications and plans, for instruction and information pertaining to the work required.

COON & BARRETT
Registered Architects
Union Bank Building
Scranton, Pa.

General

Tabone & Barbera.	186 No Main St.	Pittston, Pa.
Alaimo & Son.	11 Tompkins St.	"
John. J. Loughney.	15 Nafus St.	"
A. W. Oliver.	2 Oliver Place.	"
R. D. Richardson.	Connell Bldg.	Scranton, Pa.
Breig Bros,	Scr R-E Bldg.	"
Wm Crunden.	741 No. Rebecca Ave.	"
Rogan & Co.	792 Grove St.	Avoca, Pa.
Nanticoke Con Co.	116 Arch St.	Nanticoke, Pa.

PLUMBING & HEATING

Jas. A. Reddington.	9 Spring St.	Pittston, Pa.
Edw. A. Spohrer.	109 Carroll St.	"
Walsh Bros,	246 So Main St.	"
J. J. McCarthy & Son.	409 Commerce St.	Avoca, Pa.
Hayden Evans.	581 Main St.	Edwardsville, Pa.
Leo. T. Steadle.	247 Butler St.	Kingston, Pa.
Gus Weinberger.	231 Oak St.	Old Forge, Pa.
Glatz Bros.	209 3rd St.	Wyoming, Pa.

ELECTRICAL

Armbruster Bros.	1035 Clay Ave.	Scranton, Pa.
Hartman Elec Con Co.	500 Lackawanna Ave.	"
Wm. B. McBride.	937 Orchard St.	"
Geo Hutnick, Elec Con.		Swoyersville, Pa.
Popky Elec Con Co.	Deposit & Sav Bank Bldg.	Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Advertisements for bids on the New City Hall appeared in the following publications previous to the opening date of the same Oct 24th
Pittston Gazette, Pittston, Pa. Oct 8th & 15th 1938
Scranton Times, Scranton, Pa. Oct 14th & 21st 1938
Construction Digest, Harrisburg, Pa. Oct 12th 1938

Bids were opened by City Clerk J. P. Fitzpatrick, same read by him, tabulations being made by Mayor Kenneth J. English for the city, Messers Coon & Barrett, Architects and Mr Irwin G. Hamberger, for the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works.

<u>GENERAL CONTRACTORS</u>	<u>BASE BID</u>	<u>ALT NO</u>		
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		<u>DEDUCT</u>	<u>DEDUCT</u>	<u>DEDUCT</u>
R. D. RICHARDSON.	\$76,650.00	\$520.00	\$1,300.00	\$166.00
TABONE & BARBERA.	81,400.00	600.00	1,500.00	500.00
BREIG BROS.	78,775.00	535.00	1,350.00	275.00
NANTICOKE CON CO.	76,300.00	508.00	1,424.00	400.00
ROGAN & CO.	79,757.00	555.00	1,393.00	173.00
JOHN. J. LOUGHNEY.	75,454.00	529.00	1,217.00	800.00
ALAIMO & SON.	75,990.00	544.00	1,300.00	167.00
WM. J. CRUNDEN.	72,288.00	500.00	1,300.00	275.00

ELECTRICAL CONTRACT

ARMBRUSTER BROS.	\$5,350.00	\$680.00
WM. B. McBRIDE.	3,222.00	730.00
POPKY ENG CO.	2,670.00	550.00
HARTMAN ELEC CON CO.	3,421.00	670.00

J. P. Fitzpatrick

HEATING & VENTILATING CONTRACT

BASE BID

ALT NO 1 DEDUCT

WALSH BROS.	\$6.253.00	\$515.00
JAS REDINGTON.	8.434.00	697.00
GUS WEINBERGER.	5.540.00	600.00
LEO.F.STEADLE.	6.450.00	500.00
HAYDEN EVANS.	7.615.00	693.00

PLUMBING CONTRACT

WALSH BROS.	\$4.596.00
JAS REDINGTON.	5.611.00
JAS.J.McCARTHY & SON.	4.292.00
HAYDEN EVANS.	4.385.00
GUS WEINBERGER.	3.585.47
LEO.F.STEADLE.	5.670.00

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST :

J.P. Fitzpatrick.
 City Clerk.



APPROVED
 OCT 25th 1938
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 J.P. Fitzpatrick.
 City Clerk.

J.P. Fitzpatrick.

Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12.30 P.M. with Mayor Kenneth.J.English presiding and all members present except Mr Thos.F.Gallagher.

The minutes of October 24th were not read but on Motion of Dr S.O.Andaloro,seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call they were ordered received and filed.

No 3 2 1 8 a Resolution, BE IT RESOLVED,by the City Council of the City of Pittston; "That we go on record as endorsing the action taken at the Convention of the League of Cities of the Third Class in Pennsylvania,held on Sept 1 and 2, 1938, in the City of Reading,condemning any attempt on the part of the Federal Government to tax the revenue of the State or their Municipal Bonds or the salaries of State and local government employees,unless and until the consent of the State is first obtained through a proper constitutional amendment; and be it further Resolved that copies of this Resolution be sent to our United States Senators and to our Representative in Congress,urging them to do all in their power to carry out our wishes.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro,seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the Resolution was adopted.

City Engineer R.N.Myers was present and advised about the North Main Street pave between Mill and Parsonage Streets stating that the cost of paving between the Lehigh Valley R.R.Co tracks,curb on the easterly side with a resetting of curb on the westerly side together with certain drainage with necessary outlets would cost \$7.002.80

On Motion by Dr Andaloro,seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the matter was referred to Mr Myers,he to communicate with State Highway Department with reference to drainage structure in case the Roadway,exclusive of the Lehigh Valley R.R.Co tracks,is re-surfaced.

On Motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the following bidders on the New City Hall were asked to furnish to the City Clerk,no later than Friday October 28th at Noon, sworn Financial and sworn Performance records.

<u>General Contractors.</u>	<u>Plumbers</u>	<u>Heating & Ventilating.</u>
Wm.J.Crunnden.	Walsh Bros.	Walsh Bros.
John.J.Loughney.	J.J.McCarthy & Son.	Leo.F.Steadle.
Alaimo & Son.	Hayden Evans.	Gus Weinberger.
Nanticoke Con Co.	Gus Weinberger.	

Electrical.

Wm.B.McBride.
Popky Eng Elec Co.

Discussion on the So Main and Plank Sts pave was entered into City Engineer Myers stated that a resolution would be received from the Wyoming Valley Traction Co regarding the removal of their tracks.

Discussion regarding the Defoe and Butler Streets corner Mr Mead stated that in his opinion a portion of the same could be removed while the School board were rebuilding their sidewalks thereby assisting in giving more room to automobilists.

Dr S.O.Andaloro brought up the subject of the cobble stones pave on the extension of Tompkins Street leading into Plank Street callig attention to the danger of the same. Mr Myers stated that he would in company with Dr Andaloro look over the same.

The Mayor and Council brought up the subject of the two recent Mine Caves one on Pine Street the other on John Street caused by the Galizzi Coal Company who operate in that vicinity as a consequence the following Resolution was presented covering the same.

J. H. English

No 3 2 1 9 a Resolution, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of of the City of Pittston: "That due to the operations of the Gallizzi Coal Company, a large cave appeared upon the premises of John.J.Reilly, 112 Pine Street in extent 40 feet deep and 10 feet in diameter, this occurring on August 14th 1938. Followed by another cave upon the premises of Mrs Edward Holleran 111 John Street in extent 75 feet deep and 5 feet in diameter and within 3 feet of their rear porch, this occurring on Oct 24th 1938 both due to the operation of this Company: that these caves have occurred in populous sections of the City, and constitute a peril to the residents therein, that according to information received by this Council, the soil over the operations of the said Gallizzi Coal Company is principally sand, and that continued operations by said Company are likely to result in further caves; that these complaints be brought to the attention of the Bureau of Mines, and the said Bureau be furnished with a copy of this Resolution as an indication of the protest of this body against these conditions.

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

There being no further business Council
adjourned.



ATTEST

J.P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk.

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City Clerk.

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Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 12-30 P.M. with Mayor English presiding and all members present with the exception of Mr Thos.F.Gallagher.

The minutes of October 25th were not read but on Motion by Dr S.C.Andaloro, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call same were ordered received and filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL, No. 403 " AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE CITY OF PITSTON, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN THE SUM OF SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (70,000.) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR AND TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CITY HALL: TO APPROVE THE FORM OF BOND AND COUPON: AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ASSESSMENT, LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A TAX TO PAY THE INTEREST AND TAXES COVENANTED TO BE PAID THEREON AND THE PRINCIPAL THEREOF AT MATURITY, " was read by title. On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Pauxtis that the Ordinance pass Third and Final reading, carried by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call.

Communication was received from the John Stark Post American Legion inviting the Mayor and Council to enter the Hallween Parade to be held Monday October 31st 1938, On Motion By Dr S.C.Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call communication was ordered received and filed and the invitation accepted.

The bids received on the sale of \$70,000 of New City Hall Bonds were ordered opened and read, City Clerk F.P.Fitzpatrick complying with same found the bids as follows.

	BID		TOTAL	PREMIUM
BURR & CO, PHILADELPHIA. PENN.	100.44	3½s	\$70,308.00	\$308.00
BARCLAY, MOORE & CO, PHILA. PA.	100.92	4s	\$70,644.00	\$644.00
MINERS SAVINGS BANK, PITSTON.	100	4s	\$70,000.00	NONE.

No 3 2 2 0 a Resolution, WHEREAS, the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, advertised for bids for the sale of Seventy (70) coupon City Hall Bonds in the denomination of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.) each, aggregating Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.), dated November 1, 1938, and bearing interest at the rate of 3%, 3-1/4%, 3-1/2%, 3-3/4% or 4% per annum, at the option of the bidder, payable semi-annually on May 1st and November 1st of each year, and fixed Thursday, October 27, 1938, as the time for the receipt of bids for the same; and

WHEREAS, on the opening of said bids it was found that the highest and best bid for the Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.) of bonds was made by Burr & Company, Inc., of Philadelphia, Pa., for bonds bearing interest at the rate of three and one-half per cent. (3-1/2%) per annum, said bid being for bonds at par and accrued interest from November 1, 1938, to the date of delivery thereof, together with a premium of three hundred and eight (308.00) dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved, by the City Council of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, that:

Section 1. Said Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.) of City Hall Bonds to be awarded to Burr & Company, Inc., of Philadelphia, Pa., at par, plus a premium of Three Hundred and Eight Dollars (\$308.00), said bonds to bear interest at the rate of three and one-half per cent. (3-1/2%) per annum, accrued interest to be paid thereon from November 1, 1938, the date of the bonds, to the date of delivery.

Section 2. The interest on said bonds shall be fixed at the rate of three and one-half per cent. (3-1/2%) per annum.

Section 3. All resolutions not in accordance with this resolution be and the same are hereby repealed.

Duly presented and unanimously adopted at a special meeting of City Council of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, held the 28th day of October, 1938, of which all members of Council were present, Pauxtis, Andaloro, Mead and English, Mayor, Gallagher being absent.

J. P. Fitzpatrick

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

Kenneth J. English
Mayor

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the City Clerk was instructed to return to the unsuccessful bond bidders checks that had accompanied their bids.

No Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by unanimous Vote on Roll Call the printing of the issue of above mentioned bonds were authorized to be given to the Security Bank Note Company, 55th and Sansom Streets Philadelphia, Penna.

There being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick.

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

The minutes of October 28th were not read but on Motion by Dr S.C.Andaloro, seconded by Mr Roy Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call they were ordered received and filed.

No 3 2 2 1 a Resolution, RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON: " That the said Council, after full and due consideration of all bids received for contracts on P.W.A. Project, Docket No.Pa 2074-F, on Monday, October 24th 1938, hereby awards the several contracts to the several bidders as follows:

<u>GENERAL CONTRACT</u>	John.J.Loughney 15 Nafus Street Pittston,Pa.	Base Bid \$75,454.00
<u>HEATING & VENTILATING CONTRACT</u>	Walsh Bros 246 So Main St Pittston,Pa.	\$ 6,253.00
<u>PLUMBING CONTRACT</u>	Walsh Bros. 246 So Main St Pittston,Pa.	\$ 4,596.00
<u>ELECTRICAL CONTRACT</u>	Popky Eng Elec Co. Deposit & Savings Bank Building, Wilkesbarre, Pa.	\$ 2,670.00

SUMMARY OF BIDS

GENERAL CONTRACT	\$75,454.00
HEATING & VENTILATING CONTRACT	6,253.00
PLUMBING CONTRACT	4,596.00
ELECTRICAL CONTRACT	2,670.00
TOTAL.....	\$88,973.00

This award shall not be effective until the awardees shall have been notified in writing by the City Clerk of Council of the City of Pittston, Pa, of such award.

On Motion by Dr S.C.Andaloro, seconded by Mr Roy Mead the above resolution was formally adopted with the following members voting "AYE" Gallagher, Pauxtis, Andaloro, Mead, English. and the following members voting " NAY ": NONE.

There being no further business Council adjourned.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick

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City Clerk.

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Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 12.00 Noon. with Mayor Kenneth J, English, presiding and all members present excepting Mr Thos F, Gallagher.

The minutes of November 1st were not read but on Motion of Dr S.C. Andaloro, seconded by Mr Roy Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call they were ordered received and filed.

No 3 2 2 2 a Resolution, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: " That the action of the said Council in awarding the General Contract for the construction of a New City Hall to John J. Loughney, and the Heating and Ventilating and Plumbing Contracts to Walsh Bros., done by Resolution No 3 2 2 1 adopted November 1, 1938, be and the same is hereby revoked, and said Resolution is hereby rescinded and repealed.

On Motion By Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the Resolution was adopted.

No 3 2 2-3 a Resolution, Resolved by the City Council of the City of Pittston that the said Council, after full and due consideration of all bids received for contracts on P.W.A. Project Docket No. Pa. 2074-F, on October 24, 1938, hereby awards the several contracts to the several bidders as follows:

<u>GENERAL CONTRACT</u>		<u>BASE BID</u>
	William. J. Crunden	\$72,288.00
	741 North Rebecca Ave.	
	Scranton, Penna.	

<u>HEATING & VENTILATING CONTRACT</u>		
	Gus Weinberger	\$ 5,540.00
	231 Oak Street.	
	Old Forge, Penna.	

<u>PLUMBING CONTRACT</u>		
	Gus Weinberger	\$ 3,585.47
	231 Oak Street.	
	Old Forge, Penna.	

<u>ELECTRICAL CONTRACT</u>		
	Popky Eng Elec Co.	\$ 2,670.00
	Deposit & Savings Bank Bld'g.	
	Wilkes Barre, Penna.	

<u>SUMMARY OF BIDS</u>		
	General Contract	\$72,288.00
	Heating & Ventilating Con	5,540.00
	Plumbing Contract	3,585.47
	Electrical Contract	2,670.00
	Total	\$84,083.47

This award will not be effective until the awardee shall have been notified in writing by the City Clerk of the Council of the City of Pittston of such award.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro the above Resolution was formally adopted with the following members voting "AYE" Pauxtis, Andaloro, Mead and English, Mayor. Gallagher absent. and the following members voting " NAY ": NONE.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.



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

The minutes of November 3rd were not read but on Motion of Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call they were ordered received and filed.

No 3 2 2 4 a Resolution, WHEREAS, the date fixed and set up for the commencement of work for the construction of a new City Hall in the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania under grant of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works was October 27, 1938, as appears in the terms of the offer of the said Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works in Docket Pa. 2074-F; and

WHEREAS, it was impossible for the City of Pittston to commence work upon the said City Hall upon the date fixed and set up as aforesaid, for the reason that bids for the said work were received by the City of Pittston upon October 24, 1938, and much time was necessarily consumed thereafter in verifying the financial responsibility of the respective bidders and checking their performance records as well as in preparing the necessary contracts and securing proper bonds and evidence of insurance; and

WHEREAS, all contracts having been executed and submitted to the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for approval on November 7, 1938, and formal beginning of the work thereafter commenced by the breaking of ground at the site of construction on November 10, 1938; and

WHEREAS, following the said breaking of ground on November 10, 1938, there intervened a legal holiday, to wit, Armistice Day, November 11, 1938, a day not contemplated for working purposes, to wit, Saturday, November 12, 1938, and a Sunday, to wit, November 13, 1938, and on the next working day, to wit, November 14, 1938, the General Contractor was unable to complete arrangements for delivery of equipment on the ground and did not, in fact, begin necessary excavation work to actually commence the construction of the City Hall until Tuesday, November 15, 1938;

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of notice received from G. Douglas Andrews, Associate Director, Region No. 1, Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, advising of lack of authority to recognize any later date than November 10, 1938 as the date for commencement of work, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON that the foregoing be submitted to the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works as reasons for delay in the commencement of construction of said City Hall, and that the said Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works be and the same is hereby petitioned to change the starting date of said construction to November 15, 1938, the date of actual beginning of work on the ground, and that the City Clerk of the City of Pittston be and he is hereby authorized and directed to send forthwith to the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works three certified copies of the proceedings of the City Council of the City of Pittston in connection with the adoption of this resolution, setting forth this resolution in full.

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

A general discussion was entered regarding the preparation of the Budget for 1939 and the expenses of the various Departments. Mr Olgert Pauxtis Director of Public Safety stated that he would contact Fire Chief Owens and have attend the next meeting of Council to give a verbal report on the Department as well give the reasons of the difference in the amount of Fire Hose used by the Eagle Hose Co over the Niagra Hose Co.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick

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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk

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

The minutes of November 23rd were not read but on Motion of Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call they were ordered received and filed.

Report of City Treasurer M.P. Ruane for the month of October showing a balance on hand as of October 31st of \$85,204.28 was read. On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll call same was ordered received and filed.

Mayor English submitted the following report for his Department for the Month of October.

Oct. 1, to Oct. 31, 1938	Parking Violations	\$192.00
Oct. 1, to Oct. 31, 1938	Meter Returns	613.83

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

Communication from Atty Earl Langan, Chairman Elks Public Library Committee relative to the establishment of a Public Library in the City and asking for the co-operation of the Mayor and City Council stating that possibly space for that purpose might be arranged for in the New City Hall or in the one to be abandoned.

On Motion of Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the letter was ordered received and filed and that the members of Council would get together and see if space would be available for said purposes.

Communication from the City Park Commission, G.W. Bainbridge, Secretary, relative to inclusion in the Budget for 1939 monies sufficient to take care of the building of and care of a suitable Athletic Field for the youth of the community.

On Motion of Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the letter was ordered received and filed and that Council meet with the Park Commission to discuss the subject.

Chief Howard Owens of the Fire Department was present at the instance of Mr Olgert Pauxtis, Director of Public Safety, to give the Mayor and Council a report on the equipment of the Fire Companies as well to recommend necessary equipment. He stated that at present the Niagra Hose Co had 2700 feet of fire hose on hand and the Eagle Hose Co had 2000 feet. He recommended the purchase of New Hose, Helmets, Boots Mittens, Battery Charger and New Tire for the Eagle Hose Co Truck.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call purchasing of same was left to Director Pauxtis and City Clerk Fitzpatrick.

Mayor English called attention to the necessity of creating a Building Committee to look after the details of material selection, etc for the New City Hall and recommended that one be created composed of the Mayor and City Council together with the City Engineer R.N. Myers and City Clerk J.P. Fitzpatrick.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call above suggested members was appointed as well that on the call of a Committee meeting that might be attended by only Two members of the Committee that they would have the power to make the selection of material to be used in the construction of the New City Hall also that where the members of the Committee not satisfied with material they would be empowered to call any Craftsman to enlighten them.

Mayor English stated that the main purpose of the meeting was to prepare a Budget for the Year 1939 and for that reason Samuel Falzone, Chief Clerk of the Accounts & Finance Department was in attendance and read the former allotments to the various Departments for 1938 and the proposed allotments for 1939. A general discussion was entered into by the Mayor and Council with the suggestion that each Department

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Director closely scrutinize the whole and most especially his own Department allotment in order that a perfected conclusion might be reached.

Mayor English stated that since Twenty Days (20) was permitted to elapse between the First Reading and Final Adoption of the Budget Ordinance that he would suggest that City Council hold a Special meeting on the coming Monday December 5th 1938 and that final adoption be made at the Regular meeting on December 27th 1938. Also that a notice be printed in the Newspaper on Tuesday December 6th 1938 stating that the Budget is ready and that those of the Public who wished to look over same might do so by calling at the office of the Director of Accounts & Finance Dr S.O. Andaloro, Room 24 Miners Bank Bld'g

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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J. P. Fitzpatrick.

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Pittston, Pa., December 6th 1938.

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

The minutes of November 29th meeting were not read but on Motion of Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call they were ordered received and filed.

Mayor English submitted the following report for his Department for the Month of November.

Nov. 1, to Nov. 30, 1938	Parking Violations	\$136.00
Nov. 1, to Nov. 30, 1938	Meter Returns	517.33

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

The following letter received from the City Park Commission was read to Council by City Clerk Fitzpatrick.

Pittston, Pa, December 4th 1938

Mr J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:

Recently the Park Commission learned that a sincere effort was being put forth by interested parties looking forward to the establishment of a Greater Conference among the schools of this community. If this becomes a reality we all know that this will mean more interest and attendance at Foot Ball and other Athletic events. From a meeting with certain of these representatives we learned the first consideration should be a suitable playing field.

For the past four years your Park Commission has been studying, working hard and doing everything possible to provide the best we could under the conditions. From the experience gained from this work, we have come to the conclusion that too much money has to be spent for the small amount received at the gate. That is due to the physical lay out and surroundings at West Park. We are being besieged from every side and requested by interested parties to remedy these conditions. At a meeting held on November 28th 1938 a motion prevailed that the Commission enlist the services of your Honorable Body to the extent of including in next years Budget an item to take care of the needed expense to complete such a Field. We know that with the completion of such a Field sufficient funds will be taken in over a certain period to repay the money expended.

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

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call, the communication was ordered Received & Filed, that a vote of Thanks be extended to the Park Commission for the interest they have shown in everything pertaining to the Parks, as well that the City Clerk contact the City Engineer R.N. Myers, ascertain if he is still possessed of the plans he had prepared for Gilmartin Park, if they would still stand for that plot of ground, how soon work could be started there and that the City might make application for a Project covering the erection and completion of an Athletic Field.

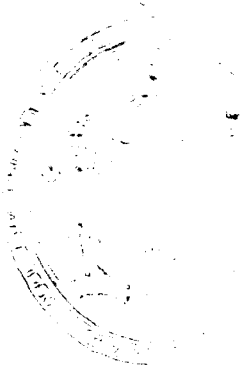
Mr Jos Yannis, member of the City Bureau of Mines & Surface support was in attendance and addressed Council relative to the Mining conditions, rumblings and noises from blasting, plaster breaking in the Homes and in the Greek Catholic Church on No Main St. stated that the Maps and drawings the Bureau, via State Laws, is entitled too should be brought up to date, and that the members of the Bureau as well as the members of the Pittston Surface protective Association should be privileged to enter the offending mining operations accompanied by Engineer Myers.

[Signature]

NOTICE
PURSUANT TO ACT OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY NO. 385,
approved July 18, 1935, notice is
hereby given that the proposed
Budget for the City of Pittston,
Pa., for the Fiscal year 1939 is now
available and open for Public In-
spection at the Office of Director of
Accounts and Finances, Dr. S. C.
Andaloro, Room 24, Miners Bank
Building, Pittston, Pa., and that
final action thereon will be taken
at a meeting of City Council to be
held December 27th, 1938, at 12:00
NOON.

J. P. FITZPATRICK,
City Clerk.

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Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 12 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English, presiding and all Members present.

The minutes of December 5th 1938 meeting were not read but on Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call they were ordered received and filed.

Report of City Treasurer M.P. Ruane for the month of November showing a balance on hand as of Nov 30th 1938 of \$149,096.59 was read. On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

No 3 2 2 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, a Resolution, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON: That following transfers be made:

In the Department of Accounts & Finances:-

\$300.00 from salary of City Assessors, Bureau of City Assessors to payment of witness fees, Filing Liens, Etc, Bureau of City Solicitor.

In the Department of Streets & Public Improvements:-

\$700.00 from purchase of Truck to Wages of Street Employees, Dept of Street and Public Improvements.

\$300.00 from purchase of Truck to Contingent expense Dept of Str & Impr.

In the Department of Public Safety:-

\$50.00 from Rental of Telephone, Directors Residence to wages of Call Firemen in the Dept of Public Safety.

\$165.00 from salary of Asst Fire Chief's to wages of Call Firemen.

\$203.40 from Contingent Expense in the Dept of Public Safety to wages of Call Firemen in the Dept. of Public Safety.

In the Department of Parks & Public Property:-

\$25.00 from painting City Hall Building to Contingent Expense in the Department of Parks & Public Property.

\$25.00 from Repairs to City Hall to Cont Exp. Dept of Parks & Pub Property

\$25.00 from Supplies Athletic Field to Con Exp " " " " " "

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

The following communication was received and read to Council.

To the Mayor and City Councilmen.
Gentlemen:-

Pittston, Pa. Dec 9th 1938

I would request from your Honorable Body, that you grant an exoneration of City Taxes on the Kelly Estate property, adjoining the City Hall plot on Broad St, during the construction of the New City Hall, or during the time the Contractor is occupying said property.

Respectfully, Chas. A. McGuire.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, exoneration of 1939 City Taxes were allowed.

No 3 2 2 5 a Resolution, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON: "That the members of Council of the City of Pittston Thos. F. Gallagher, Olgert S. Pauxtis, Dr. S. C. Andaloro, Roy A. Mead, Kenneth J. English, Mayor, J. P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk, and R. N. Myers, City Engineer be and they are hereby appointed a Building Comm to do and perform all things necessary to expedite the construction of the New City Hall and to authorize and order changes in the plans and specifications and general construction when same shall be deemed necessary and to select materials and equipment in such construction, and J. P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk, is hereby appointed Secretary of said committee, and all actions and approvals of said committee shall be evidenced in writing and bear the signature of the said J. P. Fitzpatrick. On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the Resolution was Adopted.

No 3 2 2 6 a Resolution, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON: "That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to conclude settlement of the claim of R. B. Knapp vs. the City of Pittston in the sum of \$47.25.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the Resolution was Adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO 3 2 2 6 was adopted after following letter was read.

J.P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk.

Miners Bank Bldg, Pittston, Pa.

In Re: R. B. Knapp vs City of Pittston

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has placed before me the communication received by him from Benj. R. Jones, Jr. Atty for the above named R. B. Knapp, and report made by John J. Joyce, Street Comm of the City of Pittston, in regard to the claim of the said R. B. Knapp against the City of Pittston for damages sustained by him in the sum of \$47.25 on account of an injury to his automobile on the night of August 2nd 1938, in front of a property known as 57 Butler St in the City of Pittston and known as the Wm Coplan property.

The report of the Street Commissioner dated August 25th 1938, made by direction of the Mayor, indicates that the City was at fault in permitting the condition to exist which caused the damage in question. I, therefore respectfully recommend to Council that the said claim be settled without litigation because I believe that a verdict would be rendered in favor of the claimant and against the City of Pittston if tried in Court.

Respectfully submitted, Wm H. Gillespie.

City Solicitor.

No 3 2 2 7 a Resolution, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON: "That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to conclude settlement of the suit of Helen Roat and Allan Roat vs the City of Pittston, No 892 March Term 1936, Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, for a sum not to exceed \$2,500.00. On Motion by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was Adopted.

Resolution No 3 2 2 7 was adopted after the following letter was read.

J.P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk

Miners Bank Bldg, Pittston, Pa.

Re: Helen Roat & Allan Roat vs the City

of Pittston, No 892, March Term, 1936,

In the Court of Common Pleas of Luz County

Dear Sir:

The above stated case was instituted by the plaintiffs against the City of Pittston upon March 2, 1936 in the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County to recover damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by the said Mrs Helen Roat when she fell upon a defective metal cellar cover which was part of the sidewalk in front of property owned by W. C. Carrozza and known as No 22 So Main St in the City of Pittston.

An investigation made subsequent to the accident shows that the metal cellar cover, which consisted of double doors opening upon the sidewalk, was actually defective, dangerous to pedestrians and constituted a menace to the safety of persons whom might pass over the defective doors the metal had been worn thin by use and rusted and weakened in placed. In walking over the metal cover upon the sidewalk, Mrs Roat, the plaintiff fell and sustained injuries which consisted of a broken leg and other injuries.

This case has been on the trial list several times since suit was entered, and was last upon list for trial on Thur. Dec 8, 1938. Previous to the date set for trial, the Mayor and myself secured the services of Dr. M. J. Murphy, a medical practitioner of this City to make an examination of the alleged injuries sustained by Mrs Roat and to inspect the X-Ray pictures which showed the extent of the injuries at the time of the accident and subsequent thereto. Dr. Murphy advised us orally of his findings and his opinion as to the nature and extent of the injuries before the day set for trial. The Mayor and myself made further examinations as to the circumstances of the accident by interviewing witnesses who had knowledge of certain facts bearing upon the case. As a result of Mr. Murphy's report and our own investigation we requested the Counsel for the plaintiffs, namely Helen Roat and Allen Roat, to agree to continuance of case upon Thursday, December 8th, 1938 to the next term of Court, with a view of settlement.

Counsel for plaintiffs offered to accept the sum of \$ 3,500.00 in settlement of the case. We finally offered to settle the case for \$2,500.00 subject to the approval of the members of Council. This offer was accepted by plaintiffs and their counsel, and the case was continued to the next term of Court pending settlement. For the further information of the members of Council, I submit herewith the reports made by Dr Michael. J. Murphy as well as the report submitted by Dr B. J. McGuire, who made the X-ray examinations of Mrs Roat, and Dr F G. Tonrey who treated Mrs Roat from the time of her injuries to the date of his communication, Dec 10, 1938.

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I beleive it proper for me to advise Council to settle this case upon the terms tentatively agreed upon by the plaintiffs and their counsel, of the one part, and the Mayor and myself, of the other part, representing the City of Pittston, for the sum named, to wit, \$ 2,500.00

Respectfully submitted,
Wm H. Gillespie.
City Solicitor.

Mayor English called Councils attention to the Taxes on a piece of property owned by Thos O'Malley of Chapel Street, stating that the building in question was none other than a shed or outhouse, Mr Gallagher stated that he knew of the property, it was suggested that an abatement be given him.

On motion By Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the Tax duplicate was ordered corrected and assessment adjusted on abatement for years 1935 and 1936.

City Controller Emerson Howley called Councils attention to the action of the Councils of other Third Class Cities wherein resolutions were being passed requesting a repeal of the Motor Vehicle Act inaugurating a change of the Traffic System.

Mayor English, since Mr Howley was conversant with the foregoing situation, asked him to kindly present a Resolution at the next meeting of Council and his suggestion would be acted upon.

The subject of the brick to be used in the New City Hall came up for discussion, the sample of brick on display in the City Clerk's office had been favorably passed upon by the Architects Messers Coon & Barrett, also met with the approval of Council. City Clerk J.P. Fitzpatrick was instructed to write the Architects and inform them of Councils approval also send them five attested copies of the Resolution No 3225 establishing the Building Committee.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk.

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

The Minutes of December 13th 1938 meeting were not read but on Motion by Dr S.C. Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call they were ordered received and filed.

Communication was received and read from City Controller Emerson Howley relative to the proposed Motor Code wherein the Cities will be asked to bear the expenses attendant upon the Traffic System changes, he stated that he had written to the Legislative Chairman of the League of 3rd Class Cities to ascertain what the League will ask from the next Legislature and our Resolution will conform with theirs.

NO 3.2.2.8.a Resolution:

WHEREAS a rule has been granted by the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Lackawanna upon the City of Pittston, Penn, and other Municipalities in the Counties of Lackawanna and Luzerne, in NO. 579 January Term, 1939, in proceeding entitled " In re: Lackawanna County Institution Districts Petition", to show cause why the prayer of the County Commissioners of Lackawanna County, as contained in a petition filed by them to the above number and term should not be granted, and to show cause why the amount of rental to be paid by the Lackawanna County Institution District for the property mentioned in said petition, should not be fixed by the Court, returnable the 30th day of December, 1938, at 9, 30 o'clock A.M., and

WHEREAS the subject matter of said petition and rule, and the disposition thereof by the said Court, are of great concern to this municipality and the other respondent municipalities, and

WHEREAS large taxpayers in this municipality have offered the services of their Counsel, John D. Farnham, Esq., for the purposes of representing this municipality in a legal capacity, together with the municipality's regular Counsel, in the proceedings aforesaid, without charge to the Municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, It is hereby resolved that the said John D. Farnham be and he is hereby appointed Special Counsel, along with this Municipality's Solicitor, to appear for it and to take all necessary legal steps in said proceeding on behalf of the municipality, in accordance with the terms of the offer of taxpayers, as aforesaid.

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

The following Bills suggested for Payment by Director Dr S.C. Andaloro, were ordered paid by the following vote on Roll Call. AYES: Messers Gallagher, Pauxtis, Andaloro and Mead, Not Voting: Mayor English.

Andrews Stationery Store.	\$ 197.55
Andrews Paper Company.	60.03
Anthracite Paint & Wall Paper Store.	41.00
Arnold C.H.	14.02
Allan John.A.	1,945.92
Amer LaFrance & Fomite Industry.	3.73
Barber Motor Car Co.	124.00
Barritts Store.	10.59
Bonser Wm.P.	31.60
Butera Body Works.	23.70
Bond Buyer, New York, Adv Bids on City Hall Bonds.	59.50
Cyclone Machine Company.	44.05
Central Clay Products Company.	314.79
Consumers Ice Company.	73.53
Consumers Gas & Oil Company.	141.87
Community Theatre (Housekeepers Aid Project)	37.50
Dershimer Lumber Company.	169.00
Drury William Estate.	42.51
Durland Sand Company.	343.26
Dolge Company.	7.20
Eagen Hardware Company.	82.61

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Egan Oil & Supply Company.....	\$ 240.00
English Thos Agency.....	5.00
English Dr. Jas. L.....	5.00
Eureka Fire Hose Division. Fire Hose.....	490.00
Evans Esley, M.....	2.00
Fleming George.....	178.25
Glen Summitt Springs Water Company.....	34.50
Gayes Foundry Company.....	39.00
Goeringer Construction Company. (Oil).....	990.00
Gamewell Company.....	2.88
Gazette Printing Company. Pittston. Pa.....	885.95
Hunt Harry, Printing.....	324.30
Hillside Coal & Iron Company.....	98.39
Klein Auto Parts.....	82.86
Keystone Roofing Company.....	2.25
Kleinrocks.....	1.50
Kelly Run Stone Company.....	114.27
Kelly & Mullin.....	59.73
Lehigh Valley Coal Company.....	182.42
Ludwigs Hardware Company.....	15.94
Leader Publishing Compny.....	2.00
LeRoy Tent & Awning Co, Tarpaulin.....	13.00
Miners Savings Bank. Rent.....	195.00
Motorin Garage Storage.....	98.47
Murphy Dr Michael.....	5.00
McCole Walter. F.....	4.74
Newcomb Bros. Coal.....	220.23
Pittston Oil Company.....	389.30
Pittston Stove Company.....	25.90
Pittston Wallpaper Company.....	10.80
Quinn M. V. Ins Agency.....	16.70
Rowans Garage.....	2.75
Remington Rand Company.....	10.83
Smith & Warren Company, Police Badges.....	14.25
Stackhouse Elev Auto Company.....	1.65
Stout William.....	1.00
Scranton Chemical Company.....	70.88
Standard Copy Holder Company.....	2.75
Smiles Allan. W.....	9.10
Stauffer Roy.....	7.85
Texas Lunch.....	2.20
Vullos Tire & Battery Company.....	17.25
Wagner Lumber Company.....	30.07
Wilkesbarre Elec Construction Company.....	30.90
West Pittston Borough (Roller).....	33.00
Wilkesbarre Multigraphing Company.....	9.38
Yordy. E. B. Company.....	1.10

Mr Thos Foley, who stated that he was a Taxpayer in the City of Pittston addressed Council stating that the law specified that a copy of the Budget must be furnished those who applied for them and that he had not received any, Mr Mead answered Mr Fo;ey by stating that in former years the Budget was printed at quite an exspense and afterward corrected and again printed, in order to eliminate the above referred expense the present Council thought it best to supply a copy for the perusal of the Public and leave same in the office of the Director of Accounts & Finance, which was done.

Their being no further Business Council Adjourned.

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Pittston Pa., December 27th 1938.

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

The minutes of December 20th 1938 meeting were not read but on Motion by Dr S.C.Andaloro,seconded by Mr Roy Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call they were ordered received and filed.

Under the head of communications,the following letter was read.

The Scranton Electric Company
Scranton Electric Bldg
507-509 Linden St.
Scranton Penna.

December 21 1938.

The Honorable Kenneth.J.English,
Mayors Office,
Pittston,Penna.

Dear Sir:

We are pleased to be able to report to you that as a result of negotiations with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission a new Tariff of Rates has been filed by our company with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission effective as of Dec 1, 1938,which results in a reduction in your electric charges.

We are enclosing herewith a copy of Rate "S.L." containing the new rates applicable to street lighting for the City of Pittston which will be effective from the said date,December 1,1938,as follows:

<u>Your Present Rates per Month</u>		<u>-- Your New Rates per Month</u>	
100 c.p.Lamps	- \$1.65		\$1.45
250 c.p.Lamps	- 2.60		2.30
W.W. 250 c.p.Lamps	- 3.15		2.85
400 c.p.Lamps	- 3.35		2.95

These new rates will mean a saving to you over your present rates of \$127.90 per month or \$1,534.80 per annum equal to a decrease of \$11.51%.

If there is any further information you desire regarding these rates,please let ~~me~~ know and we will be glad to furnish it.

Very truly yours.
Duncan.T.Campbell.
V-Pres & Genl Mgr.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher,seconded by Mr Pauktis and by Un-
amous Vote on Roll Call the letter was ordered received and filed.

The following letter received from former Mayor Ambrose Langan was read to Council by City Clerk J.P.Fitzpatrick.

New York Casualty Company
Pittston Penn

December 24th 1938

Honaorable Mayor and City Council.
Pittston,Pennsylvania.
Gentlemen:

It was my intention to appear before City Council on Deamber 27,1938,but on account of important business matters,outside the City,I find it impossible to appear in person. Therefore,I ask that this communication be considered as my personal appearence.

At various periods during 1938,articles appeared in the newspapers stating that the preceding Republican Administration failed to make proper provision for Receipts and Expenditures for 1938. This, I say is untrue.

The appropriations or budhet for 1937 was \$224,523.12, while the amount appropriated for your Administration for 1938 was \$232,109.52,anexcess of \$7,586.40 over the 1937 budget.Further more,
J.P. Fitzpatrick

my Administration left you, as of December 31, 1937, as per the City Treasurers Report, a cash balance of \$91,486.02, while the City Treasurer's Report, as of as of December 1, 1938 shows for eleven months a balance of \$78,254.79. This with the December receipts, your cash balance at the close of 1938 should equal and perhaps exceed the balance left by my Administration, and further, this should be ample and sufficient proof to the taxpayers of Pittston that 12 mills was sufficient to conduct the city affairs for 1938 and leave a balance of approximately \$80,000.

To further enlighten the taxpayers of the City that 12 mills was sufficient to conduct the affairs, I draw your attention to figures from the record, that in the General Fund, December 31, 1937, there was cash in the amount of \$19,411.72, while on December 1, 1938, you have a cash balance of \$45,375.09, which should well satisfy out taxpayers that 12 mills was more than required; presuming you have current bills amounting to \$10,000.00 and that this months receipts will take care of December debts, you will close out 1938 with a Cash Balance of approximately \$35,000.00 in your General Fund alone; which should entitle the hard pressed taxpayers of this City a reduction of at least 3 1/2 mills instead of an increase of 5 mills, as passed by City Council on first reading the forepart of December.

I feel that from the present Cash Balance of \$ 78,254.70 for eleven months of 1938 that 12 mills will well provide finances for the operating of Pittston for 1939, and that an explanation should be given to the taxpayers as to how the 5 mills or \$5.00 per thousand increase was arrived at.

Respectfully yours,
Ambrose Langan.

On Motion by Dr S.C. Andaloro, seconded by Mr Roy. A. Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the letter was ordered received and filed

File of Council No 404 was read by title for the second time, Mayor English stated that in his judgement contents of same should be gone into thoroughly and fully discussed by all were taking a vote on it. a period of 45 minutes was given to a discussion of all parts of it, Mr Gallagher thought that the sum set aside for the purchase of Road Oil was a bit excessive, as a consequence on motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the Sum of \$10,000 was deducted from that on the Budget for Road Oil.

File of Council No 404 on Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead was passed on second reading by the following vote AYES, Messers Andaloro, Mead and Mayor English. NAYS, Gallagher and Pauxtis.

File of Council No 404 was read for the third time. On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro same was passed by the following Vote AYES: Messers Andaloro, Mead and Mayor English. NAYS: Gallagher & Pauxtis

File of Council No 405 was read by title for the second time On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead same was passed by the following Vote. AYES: Messers Andaloro, Mead and Mayor English. NAYS: Gallagher and Pauxtis.

File of Council No 405 was read for the third time. On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro same was passed by the following Vote. AYES: Messers Andaloro, Mead and Mayor English. NAYS: Gallagher and Pauxtis.

The question of sidewalks condition came up, the Mayor and Mr Mead stated that a check was being made on all sidewalks in the City with the object of having same relayed or repaired where necessary.

Their being no further business Council Adjourned.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk.

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Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 11.00 A.M. with Mayor Kenneth.J.English, presiding and all members present with the exception of Mr Thos Gallagher.

The minutes of December 27th 1938 meeting were not read but on Motion of Mr Pauptis, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call they were ordered received and filed.

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

Boston Shoe Store.....	Fire Boots.....	\$ 78.00
Cyclone Machine Company.....	Fire Hats.....	55.20
Standard Equipment Co.....	Snow Plow.....	294.00
Eureka Fire Hose Co.....	Fire Hose.....	490.00

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Pauptis and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the bills were ordered paid.

The following permits were requested of Council.
Greenfield 13 No Main St. remodelling of Front.
Sebastian Jerrytone 177 No Main St, erect a Neon Sign.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous Vote on Roll Call the above permits were granted.

The following letter was mailed by Mayor Kenneth.J.English in reply to letter of criticism of the 1939 city budget by Former Mayor Ambrose Langan. the latter letter was read at Council meeting held on December 27th 1938.

December 27, 1938.

Hon. Ambrose Langan,
New York Casualty Company,
Pittston, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 24th in which you express the opinion that 12 mills will well provide for operating the City of Pittston for 1939 received.

We also note your observation that the City was managed on 12 mills during 1938, and we surmise that this accomplishment must have been a revelation to you since you found it necessary to collect 20 ³/₄ mills for the first two years of your administration, 20 mills for the following two years and 19 mills for the succeeding years, until 1937, on the eve of your departure from office, when you discovered that 12 mills was an adequate tax.

It really was a pity that the Dawn didn't break until the twilight hours for an earlier awakening would have meant a considerable saving to the taxpayers over a long stretch of Dreary Years.

In view of your own ability to operate and manage the city on anything less than 19 mills during the EIGHT YEARS of your tenure in office your suggestions for a reduced millage strike us with all the force of a hard thrown feather.

As must have been the case while you were in office, you again appear to have been grossly misinformed as to the Finances of the city.

By this time you must be aware that sinking funds are not available for the operation of the city and their inclusion in any balances arrived at for General purposes is Puerile.

If you will further revise your figures by properly calculating warrants drawn, but not cashed, and unpaid bills, the answer to your questions becomes readily apparent.

The 12 mill levy which your Administration imposed in its dying hours was only intended to thwart and handicap us in our attempt to conduct the operations of the city with efficiency.

This imposition curtailed and hindered several important functions of Government to which those paying ^{their} taxes are entitled. It is our intention to enforce economy, but at the same time render the services and perform the duties which are expected from us.

The foregoing expresses the sentiment of the Majority of members of Council and myself.

Very truly yours,
Kenneth.J.English.

K.J. English

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 2 9. BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF PITTSTON: That the following transfers be made: To the Assessors Contingent Expense, from the Following Accounts. (Covering Year 1938 Approp.)

Contg. Expense (Public Affairs).....	\$ 4.00 ✓
Salary of Sergeants.....	1,105.00 ✓
Salary of Asst Engineer.....	1,100.00 ✓
Salary of Health Officer.....	385.00 ✓
Contg. Expense (Accounts & Finance).....	25.00 ✓
Telephone, Director of Accounts & Finance.....	30.00 ✓
Salary of Dept Tax Collector.....	1,528.20 ✓
Bonds, Treas. & Tax Collector.....	155.00 ✓
Salary of Assessors.....	1,431.91 ✓
Repairs of Streets.....	1,000.00 ✓
Road Oil.....	1,200.00 ✓
Contg. Expense (Sts & Pub Improvement).....	380.00 ✓
Wages of Releif Driver (Public Safety).....	8.00 ✓
Contg. Expense (Public Safety).....	858.50 ✓
Telephone, Director of Parks & Public Property.....	46.50 ✓
Shrubbery.....	25.00 ✓
Penna Coal Company Judgement.....	730.30 ✓

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 3 0. BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF PITTSTON: That the following transfers be made: From the Assessors Contingent Expense: To the Following accounts (Covering Year 1938 Approp.)

Salary of Patrolmen.....	\$ 525.00
Contg. Expense, Bureau of Police.....	530.00
Contg. Expense Bureau of Engineer.....	4.00
Printing & Advertising, Account & Finance.....	155.00
Stationery, Account & Finance.....	30.00
Wages of Employees, Street Department.....	380.00
Street Lighting.....	2,200.00
Insurance, Fire Trucks, Public Safety.....	520.00
Rental of Telephone, Public Safety.....	8.00
Fire Hose and Boots.....	115.00
Rental of Fire Hydrants.....	148.50
Fuel, Niagra Building.....	1.50
Water, City Offices.....	70.00
Contg Expense, Parks & Public Property.....	75.00
Water, City Hall.....	385.00
Firemens Releif Association.....	4,760.11
Contributions to Military Organizations.....	30.30

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

There being no further Business Council adjourned for the Year 1 9 3 8. Wishing all a Most Prosperous, Happy and Healthy 1 9 3 9

ATTEST:

J. P. [Signature]

Approved
Jan 10th 1939
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City Clerk

J. P. [Signature]

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

The minutes of December 31st were not read but on motion by Dr Andaloro,seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call they were ordered received and filed.

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

Bell Telephone Company -----	Telephones -----	\$ 75.11
Turon and Schwartz -----	Cement and Lime-----	13.12
McHale and Greco -----	2 Doz.Frosted Bulbs-----	4.50
M.P.Ruane,Treasurer -----	Cash Advance for Dec-----	4,303.09

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

The following report was made by Mayor English for the month of December.

December.1, 1938 to Dec. 31, 1938	Parking Violations	\$ 112.00
August.2, 1938 to Dec.31, 1938	Violation of Ord	10.00
August. 30, 1938	Forfeited Deposit	3.00
December.1, 1938 to Dec. 31, 1938	Meter Returns	626.87

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

The following report covering the period from January 3rd 1938 to December 31st 1938 was submitted by Mayor Kenneth.J.English, being a complete report from his department for the year.

Jan. 3, 1938 to Dec. 31, 1938	Parking Violations	\$ 1,220.00
Jan .3, 1938 to Dec. 31, 1938	Viol of Ordinances	198.00
Jan. 3, 1938 to Dec. 31, 1938	Meters	6,470.00

On motion by Mr Gallagher,seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was prdered Received and Filed.

The following report was presented by City Treasurer M.P.Ruane covering the month of December, showing a balance on hand as of December 31st 1938 of \$ 144,705.13.

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

Communication was received from Mr D.W.Richards of Moosic in reference to an injury to his Auto Tire on Butler Street on Nov 17 1938 wherein the cost of replacement amounted to \$15.35. On motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call letter was referred to Mr Mead.

Following communication was received from Dr Wm.F.Connell, a patient having been injured on Saturday night Jan 7th on North Main St while a fire was in progress at Kleinrocks store Cor Main & Butler Sts. January 10th 1939

Hon Kenneth.J.English.
Mayor of City of Pittston.
Pittston,Penn.

Dear Sir:

In reference to case of Miss Eleanor Connell,21 Searle Street, Pittston,Penn. Miss Connell was struck by hose while walking up North Main Street,Saturday night,January 7, 1939,having sustained following injuries. Lacerations and brush burns of both knees; bruised area over left hip; fractural proximal phalanx--right foot.

Very truly yours.
Wm.F.Connell,M.D.

On motion by Mr Gallagher,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter was ordered received and filed and referred to Fire Chief Howard Owens and John Joyce for investigation and they to report same to City Solicitor Wm.H.Gillespie.

J.H. English

RESOLUTION No 3 2 3 1 WHEREAS, THE PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE PLANS PREPARED BY R.N.MYERS for the project for

THE GRADING, PAVING, CURBING AND DRAINAGE OF BUTLER STREET FROM MAIN TO FORD STREETS CITY OF PITTSTON

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL at this Regular meeting held January 10th 1939 that the Works Progress Administration District No 2, Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor & supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of said project, and

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

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

RESOLUTION No 3 2 3 2 WHEREAS, THE PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE PLANS PREPARED BY R.N.MYERS for the project for

THE GRADING, PAVING and GUTTERING OF BROAD and FORD STREETS CITY OF PITTSTON

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL at this Regular meeting held January 10th 1939 that the Works Progress Administration District No.2, Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of the said project, and

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

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

RESOLUTION No 3 2 3 3 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston; " That all moneys received, or hereafter received, from the sale of Bonds of the City, sold during 1938, as well as moneys received by way of grant from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, be and they are hereby specifically appropriated for the purpose of construction and equipment of a New City Hall as well as expenses in connection with said Bond issue and that the City Treasurer establish proper accounts for the receipt and disbursement of said moneys.

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

RESOLUTION No 3 2 3 4 BE IT RESOLVED, by the CITY COUNCIL of the City of Pittston; " That the salary of the Secretary to the mayor be \$900.00 per annum effective January 1st 1939.

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

Secretary was instructed to ascertain from R.N.Myers information on the sidewalk renewal project.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk

J.P. Fitzpatrick

J.P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk

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Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 12.00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English, presiding and the following members present Dr S.C. Andaloro and Mr Roy.A. Mead. Messers Thos Gallagher and Olgert Pauptis absent.

RESOLUTION No 3235. WHEREAS, THE PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL has approved the plans prepared by R.N. Myers for the project for THE GRADING, CURBING and DRAINAGE OF LAGRANGE STREET between RAILROAD and PINE STREETS CITY OF PITTSTON

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL at this Special meeting held January 14th 1939 that the Works Progress Administration, District No. 2, Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of the said project, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if and when the project is approved by the Works Progress Administration, the CITY OF PITTSTON COUNCIL WILL FURNISH at its own expense, all tools, materials, supplies and equipment necessary to complete the said project, and that R.N. Myers, be and he is hereby appointed to be the certifying officer responsible to the Works Progress Administration for supplying the tools, materials and equipment referred to, to be delivered on the site from time to time as required by the Works Progress Administration.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by the following vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted. YEAS: Dr S.C. Andaloro, Roy.A. Mead and Mayor Kenneth J. English. Messers Thos Gallagher and Olgert S. Pauptis absent.

RESOLUTION No 3236. WHEREAS, THE PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL has approved the plans prepared by R.N. Myers for the project for THE GRADING AND GUTTERING OF DIVISION and SENECA STREETS between PROSPECT AND SEARLE STREETS CITY OF PITTSTON

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL at this Special meeting held January 14th 1939 that the Works Progress Administration, District No. 2, Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of said project, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if and when the project is approved by the Works Progress Administration, the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL will furnish, at its own expense, all tools, materials, supplies and equipment necessary to complete the said project, and that R.N. Myers, be and he is hereby appointed to be the certifying officer responsible to the Works Progress Administration for supplying the tools, materials and equipment referred to, to be delivered on the site from time to time as required by the Works Progress Administration.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by the following vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted. YEAS: Dr S.C. Andaloro, Mr Roy.A. Mead and Mayor Kenneth J. English. Messers Thos Gallagher and Olgert S. Pauptis absent.

RESOLUTION No 3237 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston; "That when the Department of Highways submits to the City Council of Pittston official plans for Route 35011, Station 3-1-18 to Station 15 4-70, which plans shall conform to the unofficial plan already submitted, the City Council will ordain said official plans as approved by the Chief Engineer.

Also the City of Pittston agrees to finance the paving of the Lehigh Valley Railroad tracks and all other items indicated on the drawings as City Portion. The City of Pittston will enter into an agreement with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company for the cost of removing the rails and adjustment of the tracks.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by the following vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted. YEAS: Dr S. C. Andaloro, Roy.A. Mead and Mayor Kenneth J. English. Messers Thos Gallagher and Olgert S. Pauptis absent.

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City Clerk was instructed to forward to Mr Wm J, Carroll, Dept of Highways Scranton.Penna.3 copies of Resolution No 3237, together with letter advising of our ability, on account of the receipt of Taxes during the month of December, to proceed with the work of paving of North Main St between Mill and Parsonage Sts and that the Mayor and Council will grestly appreciated his co-operation in the matter.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

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

The minutes of Jan 10th meeting were not read but on Motion by Mr Pauxtis, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call they were ordered received and filed.

The minutes of Jan 14th on account of the absence of Messers Thos Gallagher and Olgert Pauxtis were read by City Clerk Fitzpatrick, on motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call they were ordered received and filed.

The Annual Report of the Director of Accounts & Finance Dr S C Andaloro and City Controller Emerson J. Howley for the year ending December 31st 1938 were presented. On motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call it was decided to have the Mayor & Council act as a Committee of the whole and take up the subject at the next meeting, copies of the report to be furnished each member by the City Clerk.

Mayor Kenneth J. English, Dr S. C. Andaloro and M. P. Ruane, Managers of the Sinking Funds, presented a report as to the condition & application of the Sinking Funds as of December 31st 1938. On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received & filed.

The following list of bills were recommended for payment.

Bert Ardoline.	356 Affadavits for Revival of Liens of unpaid Taxes	\$178.00
	702 Affadavits for Liens.	351.00
New City Hall	Preliminary Exspenses;	
Luzerne Legal Register.	Re Bids Bonds	26.00
Security Bank Note Company.	Printing City Hall Bonds.	75.00
Townsend, Elliott, Munson.	Prof Ser Opinion \$70.000 City Hall Bonds.	252.45
Scranton Times..	Adv New City Hall Constr Contract.	14.00
Penna Constr Digest.	" " " " " "	24.51
Postal Tel Co, Telegrams from W.P.A. Harrisburg. Penna.		3.40
Scr Spring Brook Water Co..	Fire Hydrants Jan 1939	135.00
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Peoples Light Company.	Use of Compressor 1938	76.00

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

Following communication was read to Council, On motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

Mr J. P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk.
Miners Bank Building.
Pittston. Penna.

January 20, 1939

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 9, and our subsequent conversations regarding the parcel of property at Gazette Place, which is required by the City, in connection with the widening of that thoroughfare

As you know, it is necessary for us to secure authority from the Federal Court before we can execute a long term lease, which is desired by the City. It occurs to me that perhaps it would be a good proposition for the City to purchase this strip of property instead of leasing it.

Will you please communicate with the Mayor and other City officials regarding this proposition, and if they would be interested in purchasing the property, please submit an offer which can be transmitted to the Court and Trustees for consideration.

However if the City would prefer a lease, as originally planned, advise me and we will proceed on that basis.

Yours Truly,
R. H. Boykin.

R. H. Boykin

The following communication was received from the Electrical Contractors of the City of Pittston.

January 31, 1939

Mayor English and Members of City Council
Pittston, Pa.

Gentlemen:

We the Master Electricians of Greater Pittston, feel that the amount charged us each year for the renewal of Masters and Journeyman's License by Pittston City Council is too high, and we would like to have it reduced from the present \$25.00 and \$10.00 to \$5.00 for Masters and \$2.50 for Journeymen. We also feel that this should take place before we renew our licenses for the year of 1939.

V.E. Churchfield, George Fleming, Wm Shafer, Danl Buckley, John King.
Joe Rielly, Art Long, Michael Fiume, D.F. Dull.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on roll call the Petition was ordered received and filed and that City Solicitor Wm.H. Gillespie be communicated with at once and cause him to draw up an Amendment to Ordinance No 322 and have same presented to the next meeting of Council.

Resolution No 3238. WHEREAS, THE PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE PLANS PREPARED BY R.N. MYERS for the project for GRADING and GUTTERING EAST STREET and JOHNSON STREET from EAST to RAILROAD STREETS CITY of PITTSTON

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL at this SPECIAL meeting held January 31st 1939 that the Works Progress Administration District No. 2. Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of the said project, and

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

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

Resolution No 3239. WHEREAS, THE PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE PLANS PREPARED BY R.N. MYERS for the project for GRADING AND GUTTERING OF UNION STREET CITY OF PITTSTON

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL at this SPECIAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 31st 1939 that the Works Progress Administration District No 2 Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of the said project, and

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

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

Resolution No 3240. WHEREAS, THE PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE PLANS PREPARED BY R.N. MYERS for the project for GRADING and GUTTERING PRICE STREET from OAK to FROTHINGHAM CITY of PITTSTON. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL AT THIS SPECIAL meeting held January 31st 1939 that the Works Progress Administration

R.N. Myers

District No 2. Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor, and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of said project, and

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

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

Resolution No 3241 ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made and concluded this 31st day of January, 1939, by and between the CITY OF PITTSTON, COUNTY OF LUZERNE, a Municipal subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, party of the first part, hereinafter called CITY, and DEGEN, MESSER AND COMPANY, a Partnership organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, of Easton, Pennsylvania, party of the second part, hereinafter called COMPANY.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Pittston, at a regular meeting held on this 31st day of January, 1939, passed a resolution employing the said Company to prepare the Municipal Loans Tax Report for the said City for the year 1938, under certain terms and conditions, therefore

WITNESSETH

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

(a) The Company shall audit and determine the exempt holders of the bonds of the above-mentioned City for the year 1938, prepare the Municipal Loans Tax Report as required by the Commonwealth of Penna, and audit the Loans Tax Assessment made therefrom.

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

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

CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA

By Kenneth J. English.
Mayor.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick.
Secretary.

DEGEN, MESSER AND COMPANY

By W.H. Degen
Partner.

A petition was received and read to Council relating to the condition of ~~TOMPKINS~~ street leading into Plank St.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on roll call it was decided to lay the same over to the next meeting have City Engineer Major R.N. Myers and Street Superintendant John Joyce look the same over and render a report.

Their being no further Business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick. City Clerk.

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

The minutes of January 31st were not read but on motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call they were ordered received and filed.

At suggestion of Mayor English and on motion of Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead, Samuel Falzone acted as Secretary to Council in the absence of City Clerk J.P. Fitzpatrick who was in attendance at the meeting of the Anthracite Boosters Meeting in New York City, the object of the latter to prepare a suitable display of Anthracite at the New York Worlds Fair this coming Summer.

The following report covering the period from Jan 1st 1939 to Jan 31st 1939 was submitted by Mayor English.

January 1, 1939 to January 31, 1939 Parking Violations. \$ 100.00
 January 1, 1939 to January 31, 1939 Meter Collections. 461.90

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

Treasurer M.P. Ruane's report for the month of January was read, On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call said report was referred back for correction as Treasurer M.P. Ruane failed to show in his report on tax collections for 1938 and previous years a proper amount placed in the Sinking Funds for liquidation of 1923 Bonds.

On motion By Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call. City Controller Emerson J. Howley's Annual Report submitted at the January 31st meeting was ordered received and filed.

Dr S.C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts and Finances recommended approval of the following bills.

John.A.Allan	Bonds	Gallagher & Pauxtis	\$ 10.00
American Suriety Co.	Bond	R.N.Myers	5.00
Hopkins Ins Agency.	Bond	Emerson.J.Howley.	5.00
New York Casulty Co.	Bonds	Kenneth.J.English.	5.00
" "		Jos.P.Fitzpatrick.	5.00
" "		Wm.H.Gillespie.	5.00
" "		Roy.A.Mead.	5.00
" "		Dr S.C.Andaloro.	5.00
" "		Schedule Covering Police	125.00

Vol Firemens Pay Nov & Dec. 1938 and Jan. 1939 716.80
 M.P. Ruane, Treasurer Cash Advances for Jan 486.41

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

The following bill together with letter was received from Atty Leo.W.White.

Professional services from May, 1938 to date, as Special Counsel on tax claim of the City of Pittston vs Howell & King, Inc., Bankrupt, resulting in collection of \$9,136.83. (See letter attached) \$250.00

Pittston, Pennsylvania
 February 10, 1939

W.H. Gillespie, Esquire
 City Solicitor
 Dime Bank and Trust Building
 Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

In Re: Howell & King Co. Inc., Bankrupt.

I am pleased to enclose check to the order of the City of Pittston for \$9,136.83, representing the final dividend paid on its

J.P. Fitzpatrick.

tax claim in the above-entitled matter. The City has heretofore received on its claim two payments from the bankrupt's estate aggregating \$6,070.84

I am enclosing herewith my bill for services rendered since the decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals on April 14, 1938, and in explanation thereof make the following report:

While the opinion of the Circuit Court overruled the contention of the United States that its taxes were on a parity with the municipal tax claim and also, the claim of priority over tax claims made by the wage claimants, it was not at all certain that the municipal tax claims would be paid in full, for, after directing that the Trustees restate their account, the Court said:

"We conclude that the proceeds of the sale of the mortgaged property, as well as the net rents received therefrom after the deduction of expenses applicable thereto, should be devoted to the payment of the costs of sale, the commissions of the Trustees and the Referee applicable thereto, and the reasonable expenses of preserving the property, and that the balance thereof should be applied to the payment of the liens in the order of their priority, including the lien of the mortgage."

At the time the Circuit Courts' opinion was rendered the only available funds were the proceeds of the sale of the mortgaged property and rents received therefrom, which proceeds and rents had then been depleted some \$25,000 and it therefore behooved counsel for the municipal tax claimants to be watchful of claims or expenditures which might further reduce it and thereby lower the dividends to be paid the City. From time to time we made demand that the Trustees restate their accounts, and numerous conferences were had on this subject. In July, 1938, separate petitions were filed by the Trustees with the United States District Court, seeking authority to make payments of compensation to the Referee and the Accountant. These we successfully opposed by answer filed and argument before the Court.

We discovered that payments had been made from the funds in the Bank without notice to those whose claims had been allowed, including ourselves. We brought this to the attention of the United States District Court lest the funds be dissipated, with the result that immediate disposition of the matter was directed. Finally, after several appearances before the Court a distribution was ordered and we were successful in obtaining the balance of our claim in full.

After distribution had been ordered, exceptions were filed and argument had thereon before the Court on January 10, 1939. Their disposition had no effect on the tax claim of the City of Pittston, and the matter was brought to a conclusion.

Inasmuch as the bankrupt's property against which the tax claim was asserted, was sold under order of the Court free and clear of liens, same is discharged in the hands of the new owner from any lien for the taxes included in the City's claim.

Very truly yours

Leo W. White. Spec Counsel.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the bill of Atty White for \$250.00 was ordered paid.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, the Secretary was instructed to notify M.P. Ruane, Treas. that the proceeds of the check \$9,136.83. in payment of delinquent taxes by Howell & King Co be allocated, 1st to the payment of the proper proportional charges for Sinking Fund purposes for the years represented by such proceeds and that the balance remaining thereafter be appropriated to the Sinking Funds for Bond issue of 1923 and 1935 to make up the deficit occurring by reason of failure to allocate any taxes during 1938 to the Sinking Fund.

J. P. Andaloro

On motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, an abatement for City taxes for 1937, 1938, 1939 to the extent of Five Feet was granted Cataldo Dellario and the Assessor is to be instructed in making proper corrections of frontage of assessment, The foregoing relates to portion of lot No 53 Market Street. City.

City Engineer R.N. Myers reported as follows on the Petition submitted by residents of the 11th Ward regarding improvement to Tompkins Street between Plank & Cleveland Sts. " Walls are needed for the adjacent properties on each side at the foot of the hill, also that a release from the property owners is necessary before the City can proceed with such work and that these people have refused to give the City a release"

Dr Andaloro stated that he approached these people and was unsuccessful in his accomplishing of anything.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead, and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, these property owners are to be approached once more, giving them the remainder of February to make a decision and if they then refuse, to instruct City Engineer Myers to proceed with the work without the walls. Mr Myers called attention to the necessity of repairing many streets in the very near future and suggested that action be taken immediately in purchasing a Roller and Scarafier because it usually takes from One to Two Months before they would be available for work and use.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, Secretary J.P. Fitzpatrick was instructed to advertise for bids for a Roller & Scarafier immediately.

The following communication was received from Mr Jas Quinn City Assessor.

Pittston, Penna.
February 13, 1939

To the Mayor & Members of Council
of the City of Pittston Penna.:

I hereby tender my resignation as
Assessor in the City of Pittston, effective February 15, 1939.

Signed James Quinn.

RESOLUTION No 3242 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That the resignation of James Quinn as City Assessor be and the same is hereby accepted, effective February 15, 1939.

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

RESOLUTION No 3243 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Joseph P. McCanna be and he is hereby appointed as City Assessor in the City of Pittston at a salary of \$2,000.00 per annum, effective February 17 1939.

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

RESOLUTION No 3244 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston; That Coon & Barrett, Architects, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to prepare designs for a Memorial Plaque to be erected in the New City Hall in the City of Pittston bearing the names of the Mayor, Members of Council, City Controller, City Treasurer, City Solicitor, City Clerk, City Engineer and City Assessor, the names of the Architects, the General Contractor and such other contractors as they shall deem proper, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to furnish said Architects with such names, and the Architects shall provide for proper recognition to the Federal Administration of Public Works for the assistance rendered in the construction of said City Hall.

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

J.P. Fitzpatrick.

PROPOSAL

Sealed bids will be received until 12 o'clock Noon Tuesday 14th March, 1939, and opened at the City Hall, Water Street, Pittston, Penn., for one three wheel, ten ton gasoline road roller with scarifier attached.

A certified check for \$300.00 payable to the City of Pittston must accompany each proposal.

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

J. P. FITZPATRICK,
City Clerk.

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RESOLUTION No 3245. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: WHEREAS, the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL has approved the plans prepared by R.N.MYERS, for the project for

IMPROVING SWALLOW STREET from VINE STREET EAST TO PITTSTON CITY---PITTSTON TOWNSHIP LINE

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL at this meeting held February 14th, that the Works Progress Administration, District No 2, Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of the said project, and

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

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

FILE OF COUNCIL No 406 Relating to an Amendment to Ordinance No 322 wherein the Annual License Fees for Master and Journeyman electricians certificates be reduced was read at length for the First time.

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

FILE OF COUNCIL No 406. was read for the Second time. On motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same passed Second Reading.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call it was decided to amend the Ordinance relating to the appointment of City Assessors to read the appointment of One Assessor at a yearly salary of \$2,000.00 instead of Four at \$500.00 each and to refer same to the City Solicitor for perfecting.

No further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick



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J.P. Fitzpatrick

Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 12.00 Noon, with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present with the exception of Mr thos.F.Gallagher.

The minutes of Feb 14th was not read but on motion of Dr S.C. Andaloro, seconded by Mr Olgert.S.Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote same were ordered received and filed.

RESOLUTION No 3246. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That the appointment of Joseph.P.McCanna as City Assessor of the City of Pittston, as made by Resolution of Council No 3245 adopted February 14th 1939. be and the same is hereby vacated and said Resolution is repealed.

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

FILE OF COUNCIL No 406. was read for the Third time. On motion By Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call said Ordinance was passed on Third reading.

Following communication was received from City Solicitor Atty Wm.H.Gillespie and was read to Council.

February 20th 1939

J.P.Fitzpatrick, City Clerk
Miners Bank Building
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith form of Ordinance providing for the election of a City Assessor for the City of Pittston, regulating the duties and qualifications and fixing the compensation thereof.

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

FILE OF COUNCIL No 407. An Ordinance PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF A CITY ASSESSOR FOR THE CITY OF PITTSTON, REGULATING THE DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION THEREOF. was read at length for the First time

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

FILE OF COUNCIL No 407. An Ordinance was read for the Second time. On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same passed Second Reading.

There being no further business Council adjourned.

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J.P.Fitzpatrick

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City Clerk.

J.P.Fitzpatrick

Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12.00 Noon, with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present with the exception of Mr Thos Gallagher.

The minutes of February 25th were not read but on motion of Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received and filed.

The report of Health Officer Thos Newcomb for the months of January and February were read and ordered received and filed.

The report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures Thos Newcomb for the months of January and February were read and ordered received and filed.

Dr S.C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finances submitted the following Bills and suggested their being approved.

C.H. Arnold.	6 Street Brooms.	\$ 7.25
John.A. Allan.	Fire Ins on 1923 Pumper.	5.00
Bell Telephone Co.	Telephones to Feb 16, 1939.	68.70
Butera Auto Repair Co.	Repair radiator #3 Truck.	2.50
Chas Bruning Co.	1 Roll of Tracing Paper (Myers)	5.69
Jas.B. Clow & Sons.	1/6" Clow Split Sleeve.	15.20
Commonwealth of Penna.	Corporate Loans Tax.	1,025.24
Degen, Messer & Co.	Professional Ser for Report.	75.00
Elkhart Brass Mfg Co.	Hydrant Wrenches & Spanner.	6.00
Gerard Motor Car Co.	1 Dump Body Hydraulic Hoist.	350.00
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Globe Mfg Co.	12 Black Fire Coats.	132.00
Keystone Roofing Co.	2 Pieces of Galvanized Iron.	1.05
P.F. Mitchell.	1/8" T.O. Elbow.	1.55
Miners Savings Bank.	Rent City Offices, Jan & Feb.	130.00
New York Casualty Co.	Bond, Ruth O'Boyle, Typist, Treas.	50.00
" " " "	Misc, Liability., New City Hall.	66.59
Pittston Bargain Store.	Mittens & Skull Caps. (Firemen).	18.00
Frank Seely & Son.	2 Hinge Pins.	.90
Scranton Electric Co.	Office lighting Jan & Feb. 1939.	89.66

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

The following communication was received from City Engineer Major R.N. Myers.

Feb 27 1939

Mayor and Members of City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

The annual street repair program should get under way within the next month.

It is therefore recommended, that the City Clerk be directed to advertise on bids on sand, chips, crushed stone and bituminous materials necessary to properly prosecute this program.

Specifications and bidding blanks for the above materials are now in the hands of the City Clerk for your approval or under preparation in this office.

Respectfully,
R.N. MYers, City Engineer.

On motion of Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call communication was ordered received and filed and that the City Clerk is hereby directed to proceed to advertise for bids on the material referred to.

Communication was received from Atty J. Earl Langan relative to an abatement of taxes on the Frat Order of Eagles property now being used by the City in the construction of the New City Hall. On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote it was granted.

R.N. Myers

The following was reported by letter to the Mayor and City Council " Under date of February 15, 1939, the County Assessors certified to the County Commissioners, the assessed valuation and the number of taxables for the City of Pittston, for all taxable purposes for the year 1939, as follows; "

<u>NUMBER</u> <u>RESIDENTS</u>	<u>VALUATION</u> <u>RESIDENTS</u>	<u>NUMBER</u> <u>PROPERTIES</u>	<u>VALUATION</u> <u>PROPERTIES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
9073	\$676,850.00	3413	\$8,751,451.00	\$9,428,301.00

Yours Respectfully.
L.D. Edwards, Chief Clerk.

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

The following communication was received and read to Council.

February 28, 1939

Honorable Mayor, The City Council
& Board of Revision of Tax and Appeals,
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sirs:

On October 1st, 1934, we took over the Seneca Breaker from the Lehigh Valley Coal Co., it had been idle for nearly four years. We started operation of the breaker with the understanding that we would get an abatement on the assessment of the breaker, as we realized that with the old tax set-up, it would be impossible to run the breaker as a washery.

We were granted an abatement of \$113,750.00 for the remainder of 1934, and for 1935 and 1936. The abatement was denied for 1937 and 1938 through politics.

We have been running the Seneca culm banks through this breaker, using it as a washery; making a second grade of coal. We have not run any fresh mined coal through this breaker.

We were employing about one-hundred men at this washery and now have about seventy men.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to keep this washery running on account of the increasing cost of operation. Unless we get assistance by an abatement on the assessment, we will be unable to keep the washery running and about seventy men will lose employment. The payroll of this washery is approximately \$78,000.00 per year, and about \$15,000.00 per year is spent in Pittston for supplies.

Therefore, we ask that we be granted the abatement on the assessment which we were granted on starting the washery.

Very truly yours,
PITTSTON-DURYEA COAL COMPANY,
A. B. SHUTTS, GENL SUPERINTENDANT.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the letter was referred to City Solicitor Gillespie, and City Clerk Fitzpatrick was authorized and instructed to furnish the City Solicitor with the minutes of meeting and also a copy of the Resolution No 1984 approved May 22 1934 where abatement was allowed.

Mr Shutts together with Mr H.G. Haupt, Land Agent of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co were present and discussed the subject with Council, the latter remarking that although this is not the Triennial Assessment year he felt that said abatement could be made after he had gone over Section 2506, Act of 1931, P.L. 932. Mr Haupt stated that the breaker would have been torn down some years ago if the Pittston-Duryea Coal Co had not taken it over and that he is of the opinion that it will now be torn down if abatement cannot be obtained. He also stated that the assessment in 1934 was \$153,750 that being cut to \$40,000 again in 1937 assessment was raised to \$142,750 they now desire its being cut to \$40,000.

Mr Shutts stated that expenses are becoming greater all the time and that he thought they would have to close down unless relief was given them, thereby affecting the men as well as a R.R. train crew now engaged.

A. B. Shutts

FILE OF COUNCIL No 407. was read for the Third time. On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call said Ordinance was passed on Third Reading.

Resolution No 3247 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Joseph.P.McCanna be and he is hereby appointed as City Assessor for the City of Pittston at a salary of \$2,000.00 per annum effective March 1st, 1939.

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

Resolution No 3248 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That Dominick Aritz be and he is hereby appointed as a Patrolman in the Bureau of Police of the City of Pittston at a salary of \$1,800.00 per annum, effective March 1st, 1939.

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

Mr Mead reported that progress was being made regarding an understanding with the property owners so that improvement could be made on Tompkins Street between Plank and Cleveland Sts, and that an extra 15 days should be given them to finally dispose of the matter.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.



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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick

J.P. Fitzpatrick

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

The minutes of February 28th were not read but on Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received and filed.

The report of Treasurer M.P.Ruane for the month of January was read by the Secretary J.P.Fitzpatrick which showed a balance of \$161,379.13 on hand as of January 31st 1939. On motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

The following report for the month of February was filed by Mayor Kenneth.J.English, on motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Dr S.C. Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

February.1, 1939 to February.28,1939	Parking Violations.	\$100.00
February.1, 1939 to February.28,1939	Meter Collections.	455.90

Bids on a Ten ton Three Wheel Roller with a Scarafier attached had been advertised and asked for bids to be opened at this meeting. The following presented bids, that by way of motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call were ordered received and opened.

Galion Iron Works & Mfg Co.	Galion.Ohio.	R.E.Forsythe, Branch Manager
		706 Telegraph Bldg, Harrisburg.Penna.
Buffalo-Springfield Roller Co.	Springfield.Ohio.	Geo.P.White, Dist Mgr.
		3703 Powelton Ave, Philadelphia.Penna.
Austin-Western Machine Co.	Marvey.Ills.	Curry Equipment Co, 1435 North 31st Street, Philadelphia.Penna.
		Representative.G.M.Curry, Pres.
The Huber Mfg Co.	Marion.Ohio.	Branch House.19 South 10th Street, Harrisburg Penna.
		D.J.Carey, Manager.
The Hercules Co.	Marion.Ohio.	Service Supply Corp, 20th & Venango Sts, Philadelphia.Penna.
		R.G.Migeot, Sales Dept.Mr Carter, Stroudsburg.Pa.Rep.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call all of the above bids were referred to Director Roy.A.Mead, Street Commissioner John.J.Joyce and Major R.N.Myers, City Engineer, for tabulation and recommendation with a report on their findings to be given to Council at a Special meeting to be held the coming Saturday, March 18th 1939.

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

Bert Ardoline.	Affadavits	\$ 3.50
Barber Motor Car Co.	Truck Parts & Repairs	12.27
Barber Motor Car Co.	Repairs & Parts Police Car	18.71
Durland Sand Co.	Pea Gravel.	19.38
Egan Oil Co.	1000 Gals of Gasoline.	120.00
George Fleming.	Repairs to Traffic Lights.	34.95
George Fleming.	Remove Fire Alarm Box.	9.60
Glen Summitt Springs.	Water City Offices.	13.50
Motorin Garage.	Storage, Jan.& Gasoline.	17.24
Margargee Bros.	Drinking Cups.	13.50
Pittston Printing Co.	Police Dept Reports.	14.00
Royal Typewriter Co.	Typewriter, Mayors Office.	92.40
Rowans Garage.	Inspection of Trucks.	2.50
Stackhouse Auto Co.	Repairs, Concrete Mixer.	2.00
Scranton Chemical Co.	Floor Wax, Bicarbonate of Soda.	19.84
Turon & Schwartz.	Cement & Lime.	16.40
Tamblyn Company.	Mimeograph Equip & Supplies.	338.60
John.A.Allan.	1938 Comp Add Premium-Audit.	430.51

City Treasurer M.P.Ruane addressed Dr S.C.Andaloro asking that warrant be drawn to reimburse him for authorized payments of Requisitions during the month of February in the sum of \$452.50 same was embodied in the above recommendation of Dr S.C.Andaloro.

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

J.P. Fitzpatrick

Mr. P. Ruane, City Treasurer addressed a letter to the City Clerk that he was using an Allen-Wales Adding Machine in his office on trial and that he suggested its purchase as it was a very necessary piece of equipment, said letter was read to Council and on motion duly moved, seconded and Unanimously accepted purchase of same was left to the decision of Dr Andaloro.

Communication was read from from Mr M.J. Clarks, Secy of the Pittston School Board wherein the said School Board consented to the increase in the salary of one of the clerks in the Tax Collector M.P. Ruane's office.

Resolution No 3249. WHEREAS, the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL has approved the plans prepared by R.N. MYERS for the project for CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER ON WALTERS STREET CITY OF PITTSTON.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL at this Regular meeting held February 14th 1939 that the Works Progress Administration, District No. 2, Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of said project, and

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

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

Resolution No 3250. WHEREAS, THE PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL has approved the plans prepared by R.N. MYERS for the project for GRADING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A RUBBLE MASONRY WALL ON THISTLE STREET BETWEEN UNION AND CHAPEL STREETS CITY OF PITTSTON.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL at this Regular meeting held February 14th 1939 that the Works Progress Administration, District No. 2, Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of said project, and

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

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

Resolution No 3251. WHEREAS, the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL has approved the plans prepared by R.N. MYERS for the project for CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER ON THISTLE STREET BETWEEN UNION AND CHAPEL STREETS CITY OF PITTSTON.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL at this Regular meeting held February 14th 1939 that the Works Progress Administration, District No. 2 Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of said project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if and when the project is approved by the Works Progress Administration, the Pittston City Council will furnish, at its own expense, all tools, materials, supplies and equipment necessary to complete the said project, and that R.N. MYERS, be and he is hereby appointed to be the certifying officer responsible to the

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Works Progress Administration for supplying the tools, materials, supplies and equipment referred to, to be delivered on the site from time to time as required by the Works Progress Administration.

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

The following letter was received from the Western Union Telegraph Co.

February 7th 1939

Mr J.P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk.
Miners Bank Building.
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sir;

The attached copy of letter addressed to Mr Emerson J. Howley, Comptroller of City of Pittston, and check are placed in your possession upon suggestion of Hon Kenneth J. English, Mayor, City of Pittston, Pa.

If when this check is accepted by the City of Pittston will you please issue a certificate for posting in the office of the Western Union Tel Co., and also receipt for the files of Mr Robert C. Bennett, Tax Attorney of the Company showing exact period covered by the License Year

I will appreciate your advising me the date upon which payment will be due each year and when the tax becomes delinquent.

Very Truly Yours,
A.E. Wise, Manager.

March 29th 1939

In re: City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

Mr Emerson J. Howley.
Comptroller of City of Pittston,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Your inquiry of Feb. 24th, addressed to our Pittston office, has been referred to me for reply. The records of this office respecting municipal license taxes are far from complete, but I have no record of ever having paid a license tax in the sum of \$100.00 to your City during the past Ten Years. Our file moreover discloses that during the said period we have never been billed therefor. In the event it is your intention on that of your City Council to enforce the collection of a license tax from this company, I respectfully urge that a new Ordinance be adopted reducing the amount of the tax. I do so for the following reasons:

1. Accompanying your letter of Feb 24th was a copy of Section 14 of Ordinance No. 75. The said Section imposes the tax on this company in the following language:

"Section 14. Every express company or agencies, telegraph, telephone, steam heating, gas, water, electric light or power companies or agencies or individuals, furnishing communication, light, heat or power by any of the means enumerated, shall pay an annual license fee of \$100.00"

I entertain serious doubt that the Ordinance so worded is a valid imposition with respect to this company. I respectfully refer you to Williams vs Talladega 226 U.S. 404 and LeLoup Vs Mobile, 127 U.S. 640. In the Talladega case the court stated:

"An Ordinance which taxes without exemption the privilege of carrying on a business part of which is a Governmental agency, such as Telegraphy, and makes no exemption of that class of business, includes the transaction and is void as an unconstitutional attempt to tax a Federal agency."

Similarly, the Mobile case held an Ordinance invalid because it did not ~~therefore~~, make specific exemption of interstate commerce.

Your Ordinance is defective on both counts and there has not therefore, accrued against this company any legal liability for the tax imposed.

2. Another and well established principle moreover, I believe is violated by your Ordinance. I refer to that principle which holds that even if a municipality has power to impose license taxes, it must not exercise that power so as to "deprive any person of property without due process of law or as to deny to any person the equal protection of the laws."

A.E. Wise

In view of the circumstances attending the imposition of the \$100 license fee on the Telegraph Company. I respectfully submit that there is a denial of equal protection of the laws. The total gross taxable revenue, that is, gross intrastate commercial telegraph tolls for the twelve months period ended Dec, 31, 1937, collected in your City, was only \$1,198.17. I stress the fact that this is gross revenue without any deductions on account of salaries, operating expenses or other disbursements. Upon the basis of our taxable receipts, therefore, the \$100.00 imposition produces a rate in excess of 8%. Without having examined the provisions of your Ordinance relating to general businesses conducted in Pittston I feel confident that in no instance is a rate equal to 8% of gross taxable receipts imposed. Within the utility division a demonstrable discrimination against the telegraph company on the basis of receipts exists. The flat rate of \$100.00 is imposed upon telegraph, telephone, steam heating, gas, water, electric light, power and express companies. That the burden is unequal, I think a most casual consideration of the circumstances attending the business activities of the respective companies will make entirely obvious. The Telegraph company is engaged almost exclusively in commercial business. In addition to the commercial aspects of their businesses the other enumerated utilities, and most particularly telephone, steam heating, gas, water, electric light or power companies, are engaged extensively in activities having a large domestic or local consumption. Their revenues, of course, far exceed those of the telegraph company with the result that an imposition of \$100.00 on each of the companies, while seemingly fair on its face, results in a most unequal distribution of the tax burden.

In this connection a further factor enters into a determination of the reasonableness of the charge exacted from the telegraph company. Our plant records reveal that this company maintains on the streets of Pittston only ten poles; that the balance of our property is maintained along railroads' rights of way. This indicates an extremely limited use of the public highways and certainly requires a minimum amount of police inspection. Compared with that enjoyed by the telephone and electric light and power companies operating in your city it is apparent that equal protection of the laws would require a diminution in the license charge made against this company. I submit, therefore, that on the basis of receipts derived from your city and on the basis of expenditures made by your city necessitated by our activity therein, a charge of \$100.00 is unreasonable and excessive.

While I am of the opinion that there is no legal liability on the part of this company to pay a license tax under the present wording of your Ordinance, it is not the purpose of this company to evade its fair share of the tax burden, while I appreciate the fact that municipalities generally are endeavoring to procure more revenues, needed for relief and other purposes, I think you should appreciate that this company, operating in every state in the Union, is met with such a deluge of taxing Ordinances that I must take the position of refusing to authorize payment of said taxes until convinced of the company's legal liability therefor. Under the circumstances, I believe a license tax approximating at the most 3% of our intrastate receipts, or about \$30.00., would be a fair and equitable imposition. This percentage is slightly in excess of our nation-wide average for municipal license taxes. This offer, of course, is made without definite admission of any liability under the present wording of your Ordinance.

In the event consideration is to be given to a new Ordinance by the City Council, I sincerely trust you will submit this letter to it for consideration. I feel confident that when the small amount of receipts derived by this company from its activities in your city is taken into consideration the relief herein asked for will be granted.

Yours very truly,
Robert C. Barnett, Tax Atty.

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On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the above communications were ordered received and filed & that the adjustment be granted and accompanying check be accepted and turned over to Tax Collector M.P. Ruane.

City Assessor Jos. P. McCanna was present and presented for reading to City Council a resume of the abatement allowed by former Council on the Seneca Breaker. On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro, and

J. P. McCanna

by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, Mr McCannas communication and notes on said abatement be referred to the City Solicitor Wm.H.Gillespie for a reading and opinion.

Mayor Kenneth.J.English informed Council that the Wilkes-Barre and Wyoming Valley Traction Company were contemplating a trackless trolley conversion on the west side of the river from Wilkes-Barre to West-Pittston using the Fort Jenkins bridge for entry into Pittston continuing south on Main Street and passing over the Water Street bridge, the Mayor stated that the Traction Company had arranged with all the Towns and Boroughs on the West Side regarding the care of the pave and right of way however since no approach or arrangement had been made for care of pave or right of way in the City of Pittston, He the Mayor, was reluctant in going along with the proposition.

Council, in order to facilitate shipment of the Roller to be purchased, decided to hold a Special Meeting Saturday March 18th 1939 at 12.00 o'clock Noon.

No further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick

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City Clerk.

J.P. Fitzpatrick

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

The minutes of March 14th were not read but on Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received and filed.

Following communication was received from City Controller Howley and read to Council.

March 14 1939

Hon Mayor and Members
of City Council.

Gentlemen:

I wish to call your attention to the lack of a City Ordinance covering the New Pavés on South Main Street and Plank Streets.

A cut has been made in the new pave on South Main Street, the present Ordinance calls for \$10.00 per square yard. This amount is not enough to cover the cost of replacing the base and pave as required by the State Highway. I recommend that the cut cost be raised to \$25.00 per yard, as are the new pavés.

I further recommend that authority be given by Council for the payment of the Water bills when they are received between meetings and payment means a saving of penalties. The Hydrant bill is a fixed amount \$148.50 and the sqving is \$14.00

Very truly yours.

E. J. Howley, Controller.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, that portion of letter relating to the pave was Tabled for a future meeting.

Regarding the payment of Water Co bills, Mayor English stated that permission had been granted the Accounts & Finance Department some time ago to proceed in a like manner in the payment of the current bills.

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 5 2 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That we are in thorough accord on House Bill No 189 as presented by Hon Paul M. Bardes, Representative in the Penna Legislature, and endorse the same and that City Clerk Fitzpatrick is hereby instructed to communicate our wishes to Senator Leo C. Mundy and Representative James McLain, and enlist their aid and support in the passage of said Bill No 189."

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the above Resolution was Adopted.

Mr Mead, Director Of Streets, Chairman of the Roller purchasing Committee, composed as well of City Engineer, Major R. N. Myers and Street Commissioner John Joyce, reported that they had received bids for Roller from Five of the outstanding Manufactures in the country, after fully going over all the bids and specifications the Committee decided that the Huber Roller Co having presented the lowest bid and their specifications fully covering the demands required, recommended the purchase of the Huber Roller.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above recommendation was accepted.

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 5 3 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to enter into necessary contracts with the Huber Manufacturing Co, for the purchase of One Three Wheel Ten Ton Roller, with Sczarifier in accordance with the offer of the Huber Manufacturing Co dated March 10, 1939, and that such contracts provide for such equipment in addition to said Roller and Scarifier as such Officers shall determine to be Necessary."

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

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the City Clerk was instructed to return to the unsuccessful bidders their certified checks.

Their being no further Business Council adjourned.

Approved
March 28 1939

J. P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk

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City Clerk

Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12.00 Noon, With Mayor Kenneth.J.English presiding and all members present with the exception of Mr Pauxtis.

The minutes of March 18th were not read but on Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received and filed.

The report of City Treasurer M.P.Ruane for the Month of Feb was read by the Secretary J.P.Fitzpatrick, which showed a balance of \$ 158,485.00 as of February 28th 1939.

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

The following report and statement of the Sinking Fund was received from City Treasurer M.P.Ruane.

Cash Balance December 31st 1938	\$20,585.48
Miners Savings Bank Pittston, Penna. Savings Account.	\$25,000.00
Miners Savings Bank Pittston Penna, Bus & Check A/c	5,585.48
Total Cash in Bank	<u>\$30,585.48</u>

Same signed by the Sinking Fund Commission.

Kenneth.J.English.

Mayor.

Dr S.C.Andaloro.

Director of Acc & Finance.

M.P.Ruane.

City Treasurer.

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

Allen Wales Corp..1 Adding Machine, Treas. City Share 1/3 of Total	\$ 184.50
Barritts Paint Store.. 3 Brushes	1.20
Wm Bonser....2 Tires and repair to tube (Police Car)	33.79
Dershimer Lumber Company...Supplies, Projects.	88.48
Cyclone Machine Works..Shovels, Picks, and Handles.	20.90
Wesley Evans.. Repairs Police Car, Trucks, Fire Dept.	29.90
Eagle Hose Company..Repair work by Jesse Weiscarger.	3.00
Gates Foundry Co..Inlet grates, Manhole cover grating.	89.75
Harry C, Hunt.. Printing form Solicitor & City Treasurer.	57.75
F.W.Jennings.. Coal Street Dept, & City Hall.	25.05
Klein Auto Parts Co.. Auto Parts.	76.29
Lackawanna Blue Print Co., Blue Print Paper.	16.94
Newcomb Bros.. Coal, City Hall and Niagra Hose Co.	105.43
New York Casualty..Bond , City Treasurer.	1,424.77
New York Casualty..Bonds, Tax Collector Clerks.	300.00
New York Casulty .. Owners & Contractors Pro Policy New City Hall.	66.59
M.P.Ruane, City Treas..Pay't.of 164 coupons 1935 Bond Issue.	3,280.00
Roy Stauffer..Checking Eagle Hose truck for blow out fuse.	1.25
W.B.Penna Assoc for the Blind..1 Dozen Brooms.	9.00
W.B.Electric Construction Co..4 Dozen Globes.	9.60
Wagner Lumber Co.Cement & Lime, Prospect Street Project.	19.39

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

The following letter addressed to Director of Streets Mr Roy.A.Mead, was ordered read by the City Clerk.

After completion of work by this Department in filling in cave-hole in the Rear of 111 John Street, we billed the Gallizzi Coal Co in the amount of \$72.00. Check for the same has been received by the City Treasurer.

Very truly yours.

John.J.Joyce, Supt of Streets.

On Motion by Dr.S.C.Andaloro, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received & filed.

J.P. Fitzpatrick

A communication was received from the Council of Exeter Borough objecting to the continuance of the City of Pittston's Fire Gong operation at the Exeter Colliery asking that the same be removed.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr S.C. Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed and that it be referred to Mr Olgert. S. Pauxtis, Director of Public Safety.

The following communication was received from the Chamber of Commerce and read to Council.

March 28th 1939

To the Mayor & Members of City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentleman:

You are no doubt aware of the inconvenience experienced by the traveling public in general, as well as our commercial interests, through the closing of the Wyoming Bridge.

One of the points in our Chamber of Commerce program for the ensuing year is to promote the commencement of repair to this structure.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that you communicate with Mr. I. Lamont Hughes, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Highways, and urge the immediate commencement of the repairs to this bridge

Respectfully,
Hastings. A. Morris, Chairman
Civic Comm C of Commerce.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, the City Clerk was instructed to communicate with the Highway Secretary.

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 5 4 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the proper Officials of the City of Pittston be empowered and directed to sign the Warrant Authorizing the City Treas to collect City Taxes for the Year Nineteen Hundred (1939) Thirty Nine."

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

Mr Roy. A. Mead, Director of Streets called Council's attention to the advisability of selling the accumulated Junk in the City Yards.

On Motion by Dr S.C. Andaloro, seconded by Mr Gallagher Mr John. J. Joyce, Superintendent of Streets was granted permission, by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, to sell said Junk.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the City Clerk was authorized to open and present the Bids for Road Oil and Materials.

Certified Checks for \$500, Tests and Sample of Oil furnished by each Bidder			
O. F. Goeringer, 55 So Wash St. Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	40.000 Gal Oil @ .11	\$4.400	
H. B. Sproul, Con Co, 7 Olive St Scranton, Pa.	40.000 Gal Oil @ .11	\$4.400	
Union Bldg & Con Co. 631 Main Ave. Passaic, N. J.	40.000 " " @ .1084	\$4.336	

Bids on Crushed Stone & Cer Check for \$50.00 was received as follows.
Kelly Run Stone Co, (Jos Banks Con Co) B. C. Banks, Superintendent.
1-B Crushed Stone F.O.B. Plant @ \$1.40 Per Ton. Del Pittston @ \$1.90 Ton.
2-B Crushed Stone F.O.B. Plant @ \$1.35 Per Ton. Del Pittston @ \$1.85 Ton.
For spreading above Materials, .20 Per Ton.

Above quotations are based on 100% Red crushed stone.

We hereby agree the prices quoted above will be maintained until December 31st 1939.

J. P. Pauxtis

S.R.Durland Sand Co.Wyoming.Pa.D.D.Durland.

F.O.B.Plant:

F.O.B.Job site

Washed Sand	\$1.00 per net ton.	\$1.40 per ton net
Washed Gravel-5/8" to 1 1/2"	1.00 " " "	1.40 " " "
Washed Pea " -3/8" to 5/8"	.50 " " "	.90 " " "
Washed Penna 1B Gravel	1.25 " " "	1.65 " " "
" " 2B "	1.20 " " "	1.60 " " "

F.O.B.Job site, delivered and spread, on streets within City of Pittston:

Washed Penna. 1B gravel.....	\$1.80 per net ton
Washed Penna. 2B gravel.....	1.75 " " "
Washed Pea Gravel.....	1.05 " " "

On Motion by Dr S.C.Andaloro, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call both the bids on Oil and Materials were referred to the City Engineer Major R.N.Myers, Director of Streets Roy.A.Mead and Superintendent of Streets John.J.Joyce for tabulation and presentation to Council at a later meeting.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.



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J.P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk.

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

The minutes of March 28th were not read but on Motion by Mr Pauxtis, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received and filed.

The following report for the month of March was received from Mayor English, on Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

March 1st 1939 to March 31st 1939	Parking Violations.	\$103.00
March 1st 1939 to March 31st 1939	Meters.	549.61

The report of City Treasurer M.P. Ruane for the month of March was read by the Secretary J.P. Fitzpatrick, same showed a balance of \$140,270.11 as of March 31st 1939.

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

The report of Health Officer Thos Newcomb for the month March was read, by Unanimous vote same was ordered received and filed.

The report of Sealer of Weights & Measures Thos Newcomb for the month of March was read, by Unanimous vote same was ordered received and filed.

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

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call they were ordered paid.

Bert Ardoline	Affidavits	\$ 3.25
Andrews Stat Store.	Office Supplies.	86.76
C.R. Andrews Whol Paper Co.	Drinking cups Towels, Etc.	23.02
Bell Telephone Co.	Tel Service, Mar & Apr	65.95
Central Clay Products Co.	Asbestos Joint Runner.	8.25
Consumers Gas & Oil Co.	Gasoline, Tire repair, Etc.	202.81
Consumers Ice Co.	Ice, City Offices.	39.03
Wm Drury Estate.	Kerosene, Bread.	16.95
Eagen Hardware Co.	Supplies.	22.54
Egan Oil & Supply Co.	Gasoline.	117.50
Pittston Gazette.	Adv, Printing, Stat.	382.65
Motorin Garage.	Storage, Feb & Mar.	32.00
Miners Savings Bank.	Office Rent Mar & April.	130.00
Newcomb Bros.	Coal, Niagra Bldg & City Hall	145.71
Oplinger Blue Print Co.	Blue Print Paper. (City Eng)	3.50
Petrellas Brake Service.	Install Statter. (Eagle Truck)	8.15
Pittston Oil Co.	Gas, Greasing, Washing, Oil.	350.25
Roy Stauffer.	Repairs Police Car.	2.00
Scranton Electric Co.	Office, Fire Dept, City Hall.	75.68
	Lighting.	
Turon & Swartz.	Cement & Lime.	77.70
M.P. Ruane.	Int 1923 & 1935 Bonds.	3,540.00
M.P. Ruane.	Cash Advances for March.	133.33
Scr Spg Brook Water Co.	Hyd, City Hall, Niag, Yard.	180.21
Heln & Allen Roat VS City of Pittston.	(Claim)	2,500.00

Communications were received from Pittston Camp No 17 United Spanish War Veterans. Fort Pittston Post No 635 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. John D. Stark Post No 542 American Legion, regarding the usual contribution to help defray expenses of Memorial Day exercises. By Unanimous vote it was decided to contribute to those who had received it in 1938. Viz Spanish War Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

J.P. Fitzpatrick.

Mr John Joyce, Superintendent of Streets on instruction presented the following suggestions.

After a mechanical check on the Police Car, necessitating a considerable investment to place same in serviceable condition, and the excessive amount of both Gasoline and Oil same ~~was~~ consuming, he advised a replacement via a new Automobile.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the City Clerk was instructed to advertise for bids on said replacement.

Regarding the Fire Gong, requested to be removed by the Exeter Boro officials from its present location in Exeter Boro, inability to locate an industry locally that carried sufficient steam pressure to properly operate same, he advised the purchase of an Electric Siren of sufficient Horse Power to satisfactorily operate the Fire Gong.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the matter was referred to Mr Olgert, S. Pauxtis, Director of Public Safety with instructions to submit a report at the next meeting of Council.

Suggested that Parking Meters allowing Two Hour parking be painted a different color than those allowing a 45 minute parking time.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call City Clerk was instructed to communicate with the Standard Meter Corp Hartford Conn, and ascertain if they would do this work complimentary to the City.

Central Clay Products Co of Wilkesbarre were in a position to furnish to the City similar street signs now in use on that portion of Main Street where the Boulevard Lighting had been introduced at a rate of \$12.50 each, there being Five to be renewed.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was referred to the Street Department.

Purchase of trash cans for service on Main Street was suggested. Push top Model galvanized cans could be purchased at a rate of \$5.75 each in lots of twelve or in an open wire mesh type at \$5.50 each.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was referred to the Street Department.

Letter from the Chamber of Commerce was read wherein the Mayor and Council were asked to inform property holders that no additional tax would be placed on properties that had been repaired or painted in anticipation of the Clean-up, Paint-up week, being the 1st week in May, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, said information to appear in the daily Press.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the above was concurred in.

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 5 5 BE IT RESOLVED, by the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY of PITTSTON: "That the Budget for the Year 1939 be and the same is hereby revised and amended to show estimated receipts from Taxes of prior years as the sum of \$54,078.95 instead of the sum of \$48,000.00 by virtue of which revision the total of anticipated receipts is balanced with the total of summarized appropriations, and that said Budget be and the same is further revised to show the sum of \$3,070.79 appropriated for General Fund Debt Service and all other items shown in said Budget as for debt service are hereby eliminated, therefrom."

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 5 6 BE IT RESOLVED, by the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY of PITTSTON: "That the Bond of M.P. Ruane, Collector of City Taxes, for the City of Pittston, Pa. be relieved and released of the following balance, as appears on the duplicate for the Year of 1937; \$66,160.98 The foregoing balance consists of Personal Tax of male and female and exonerations and abatements, and of properties that have been certified, and for which liens can be filed against said properties at the time required by law."

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

J.P. Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 5 7 BE IT RESOLVED, by the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON: " That the City of Pittston acquire by purchase for the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) from the Erie and Wyoming Valley Railroad Company all that certain parcel of land situated in the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania and bounded and descibed in proffered deed of the said Erie and Wyoming Valley Railroad Company, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

And that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to accept delivery of such deed the same having been approved by the City Solicitor as to form.

And that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized and designated to make payment of said sum of One Thousand Dollars (1,000.00) to said Erie and Wyoming Valley Railroad Company upon delivery of said deed.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 5 8 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "WHEREAS, the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL has approved the plans prepared by R.N.Myers, for the project for
IMPROVING GAZETTE PLACE BETWEEN BROAD & CHARLES STREETS
CITY OF PITTSTON

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL at this Regular meeting held April 25 1939, that the Works Progress Administration, District No.2, Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of the said project, and

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

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above RESOLUTION was ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 5 9 WHEREAS, the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL has approved the plans prepared by R.N.Myers, for the project for
IMPROVING VINE STREET FROM PINE STREET TO SWALLOW ST
CITY OF PITTSTON

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council at this Regular meeting held April 25th 1939 that the Works Progress Administration, District No 2 Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work that that of the said project, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if and when the project is approved by the Works Progress Administration, the Pittston City Council will furnish, at its own expense, all tools, materials, supplies and equipment necessary to complete the said project, and that R.N.Myers, be and he is hereby appointed to be the certifying officer responsible to the Works Progress Administration for supplying the tools, materials, supplies and equipment referred to, to be delivered on the site from time to time as required by the Works Progress Administration.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above RESOLUTION was ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 6 0 WHEREAS, the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL HAS approved the plans prepared by R.N.Myers, for the project for
IMPROVING LAGRANGE STREET BETWEEN MARKET AND PINE STREETS
CITY OF PITTSTON

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL at this Regular meeting held April 25th 1939, that the Works Progress Administration,

A. J. Pauxtis

District No.2, Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of the said project, and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if and when the project is approved by the Works Progress Administration, the Pittston City Council will furnish, at its own expense, all tools, materials, supplies and equipment necessary to complete the said project, and that R.N. Myers, be and he is hereby appointed to be the certifying officer responsible to the Works Progress Administration for supplying the tools, materials, supplies and equipment referred to, to be delivered on the site from time to time as required by the Works Progress Administration.

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

Following communication was received from City Solicitor Wm.H. Gillespie and read to Council.

J.P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk
 Pittston, Pennsylvania

April 25th 1939

Dear Sir:

I was instructed by you in your letter of March 17, 1939 to advise Council as to the legal situation which has been created by action of the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals, as approved by Council, in the matter of the valuation of certain Lehigh Valley Coal Company property known as the Seneca Breaker, and the matter of abatement of Taxes granted on said property by the said Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals, and particularly, with reference to the action of the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals upon March 6, 1937, as approved by minutes of the meeting of Council on March 6, 1937 approving the action of said Board in fixing the assessment of the said Seneca Breaker at \$107,750.00 which was an increase over the preceding triennial assessment, and directed that it be placed on the assessment books for the triennial assessment of 1937, 1938 and 1939.

In reply to the question raised by said letter of March 17th, permit me to say that Section 2520 of the Act of Assembly approved June 23, 1931, regulating Cities of the Third Class, provides that the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals shall complete its labors and the hearing and determination of all appeals on or before the first day of December of each year, or as soon thereafter as practicable, after which the assessment shall be copied, by wards, into a Tax Duplicate or Duplicates for the use of the City. This section further provides that this assessment shall be and remain a lawful assessment for the purpose of City taxation until altered as provided by Law. Section 2557 of the same Act provides that the Council, on or before the first day of March of each Year, shall make out and deliver the duplicate of Taxes assessed to the City Treasurer. It will be seen the fixing of assessments in a City of the Third Class should be completed by December 1st of the triennial year, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and that the added time for fixing such assessment allowed by the most liberal construction of the language in the Act, -- "as soon thereafter as practicable", would not permit a delay beyond the time when the duplicate is required to be in the hands of the City Treasurer, to wit, March 1st of the succeeding Year. It is my opinion, therefore, that the action of the Council, sitting as a Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals when it fixed the increased assessment on the Seneca Breaker on March 6, 1937, was irregular and might be successfully attacked in any Court proceedings.

I am not informed as to whether any such proceedings have been brought or are contemplated, and, therefore, express no opinion in connection therewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm.H. Gillespie.
 City Solicitor.

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

J.P. Fitzpatrick

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 6 1 WHEREAS, application has been made to the Council of the City of Pittston and the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company for an abatement of taxes for the Year 1939, in which application it is stated that the property in question, to wit, the Seneca Breaker, was leased to the Pittston-Duryea Coal Company on October 1, 1934, and that the latter company was able to operate same only because of a reduction in taxes extended to said company by the said Pittston City Council: and

WHEREAS, an examination of the minutes of Council discloses that the benefit of tax reductions was extended to the said Lehigh Valley Coal Company for the express purpose of securing employment to citizens, and that such reductions were granted annually during the years 1934, 1935 and 1936, but terminated on March 6, 1937 when an increase in assessment was made: and

WHEREAS, it further appears that on February 11, 1935, one of the years named in the last period of three years, the City Council adopted a Resolution granting an abatement which, because of the language used, may properly be construed to be a reduction in valuation rather than an abatement of taxes, which reduced valuation may possibly be determined to have remained in effect to date hereof because of the irregular manner in which said City Council attempted to increase the assessment by its action on March 6, 1937: and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this body that the original benefit of reduced taxes was extended in order that men might be employed at the Seneca Breaker and that this Council is unwilling to bring about the possible loss of such employment which would occur with abandonment of operations at said breaker, and further that this Council is unwilling to risk the possible return of Taxes already paid by the said Lehigh Valley Coal Company should the former action of Council upon February 11, 1935 be interpreted as having effected a reduction in valuation which has not been properly restored in accordance with law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON that an abatement in Taxes in the amount of One Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Six and Seventy-Five One-Hundredths (\$1,746.75) Dollars representing in effect the amount of Taxes which would be saved to the said Lehigh Valley Coal Company if the assessment were reduced to Forty thousand (\$40,000.00) Dollars, be and the same is hereby awarded to the said Lehigh Valley Coal Company, provided that by the acceptance of this abatement and the payment of Taxes in accordance therewith, the said Lehigh Valley Coal Company shall release all its claims to refunds for Taxes for any Years whatsoever paid to the City of Pittston and provided further, that the said Lehigh Valley Coal Company, in order to obtain the benefits of this abatement, shall make payment of all City Taxes due from said Company, including the Year 1939, on or before May 1st, 1939.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by the following vote above Resolution was Adopted. YEAS: Dr Andaloro, Mr Roy Mead and Mayor Kenneth J. English--NAYS: Mr Gallagher and Mr Pauxtis.

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 6 2 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Robert Rowan be and he is hereby appointed Sergeant in the Bureau of Police of the City of Pittston at a salary of \$1,850.00 per annum, effective May 1st 1939."

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

The Committee composed of Mr Roy Mead, Director of Streets Major R.N. Myers, City Engineer and Mr John Joyce, Superintendent of Streets appointed to tabulate bids on Road Oil, Stone and Sand for use in the City, report same and recommend purchase presented the following.

April 24, 1939.

Pittston City Council
Pittston, Penna.

Gentlemen:

After due consideration it is recommended that the Contract for Sand and Gravel, Crushed Stone and Oil be awarded to the Durland Sand and Gravel Company, The Kelly Run Stone Company and The Union Building and Construction Corporation, respectfully. They being the low bidder on each item.

Very truly yours,

Roy A. Mead, Chairman.

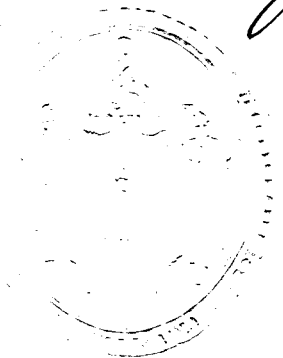


On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Un-
vote on Roll Call City Clerk J.P.Fitzpatrick was instructed to return to
the unsuccessful bidders on Oil, Stone and Sand the Cashier checks that
accompanied their bids.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk



APPROVED
May 9th 1939

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J.P. Fitzpatrick

Pittston City Council met in ^ARegular Session at 12.00 Noon With Mayor Kenneth.J.English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of April 25th were read but on Motion of Mr Gallagher,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received and filed:

The following report for the month of April was received from Mayor English. On Motion by Mr Pauxtis,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

April 1st 1939 to April 30 1939	Parking Violations.	\$156.00
April 1st 1939 to April 30 1939	Collections from Meters.	534.52

Following communication was received from City Treasurer M.P.Ruane.

May 1st 1939

To the Mayor and City Commissioners;
Pittston,Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

A lien for paving and curbing Market Street was filed against Thomas Kelly and William Cosgrove,known as 41 and 43 Market Street.

It appears that William Cosgrive has made regular payments on his claim of the City, having been billed for one-half of the full amount of the claim and that (final Payment of same has been made) April 29th 1939,which amounts to \$8.13

It is requested that the parcel now owned by the estate of William Cosgrove,known as 43 Market Street,be now released from the lien for paving and curbing which has been revived and entered.

Signed M.P.Ruane, City Treasurer.

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

On motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered paid.

Bert Ardoline	Affidavits	\$	2.00
Boston Shoe Store.	5 Pair Hip Boots.(Street)		25.00
Home Aid Project,% Comm	Theatre. Rent Jan to May 1939,also gas		75.58
Dershimer Lumber Co.	Cement,Lime,Lumber etc		130.99
Eugene Dietzgen Co	Metallic Tapes		5.22
Deemer & Company.	1 Box Folders		2.50
Kenneth J.English.	Expense in Supreme Court of Penn.in re		
George Daley & Jos Delaney	vs City of Pittston Jan Term 1939		14.88
Hillside Coal & Iron Co.	8th Inst Tax Refund.		98.39
Penna Coal Co.	8th # " "		2,039.98
P.F.Mitchell Lumber Co.	Lumber,nails Etc.		195.80
New York Casualty Co.	Fleet Insurance.		799.35
Scr Spring Brook Water Co.	Hydrants,City Hall.		171.60
Vullos Tire Service Co	Tire Repairs.etc,		23.00
Warren Street Garage.	Battery Charger.		25.00
Volunteer Firemens Pay.	Feb,Mar and Apr.		1,040.80
Volunteer Firemen.	Flushing Streets.		139.20

On Motion by Dr Andaloro,seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter of Mr M.P.Ruane was ordered received and filed as well the release of property of Wm Cosgrave on Market Street from Lien for Paving and Curbing authorized.

A petition from residents of Lambert Street relating to the unsanitary condition of the Fourth Ward City dump,signed by Willard.M. Winters and others was presented to the Mayor and Council same was read by the City Clerk.

On motion by Dr Andaloro,seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unan-vote on Roll Call same was referred to Council as a whole for recom-ndation at the last meeting in June.

M.P. Ruane

Communication was read by the Secretary from Fire Chief Howard Owens addressed to the Mayor and Council relating to the need of a fire hydrant on Panama St.

On motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call communication was referred to Director of Public Safety Olgert S Pauxtis for his decision in the matter.

Mr Geo W Bainbridge, Secretary of the City Park Commission reported for that body for the past year as follows.

Balance on hand Nov 14 1938	\$53.57
Nov 11 1938 to April 25 1939	251.00
Total Receipts and Balance.	<u>\$304.57</u>
Disbursements.	\$204.98
Balance on hand April 26 1939	<u>\$ 99.59</u>

On motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above report was ordered received and filed and a vote of thanks be extended the Park Commission for the fine job they done.

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 6 3 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: " That Resolution of Council, No 3 2 6 1, approved April 25, 1939, wherein an abatement of taxes for the year 1939 was granted to the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, was not intended in any to affect, alter or modify the terms of an agreement for tax refunds entered into by the City of Pittston with the said Lehigh Valley Coal Company on August 3, 1931, wherein repayment of overpayments of City taxes for the years 1925 to 1929, inclusive, by the said Lehigh Valley Coal Co was provided for, and said agreement of August 3, 1931 is declared to be in full force and effect.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 6 4 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Harry Williams, Manager of W.P.A. at Wilkesbarre, Pa. be requested to immediately reinstate and assign to projects, now working and hereafter begun, in the City of Pittston residents of the City who received 403 Notices under recent reductions of forces and that Family Cases, to wit, workers supporting one or more dependents be given preference in such reinstatement and assignment.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 6 5 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: " THAT WHEREAS Coal Operations in and about the City of Pittston were idle for eight years until taken over and operated by Independent Operators.

AND WHEREAS seven to eight thousand (7,000 to 8,000) men are now employed in such independent mines and thousands of dollars have been invested in such operations.

AND WHEREAS Passage of House Bill No 1221 would permit great loss of employment and great loss of income in these operations to the possible extent of total abandonment of these operations

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Clerk telegraph the Governor of Pennsylvania, the Speaker of the House and the Chairman of the Committee of Mines protesting passage of such bill.

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

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call Mrs Pluma Phelps, 115 Parsonage St (Widow) was granted an abatement of \$200.00 (Two-Hundred Dollars) on her property.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call bids on the Police Car were ordered opened by the City Clerk.

A. Pauxtis.

The bids of four Auto Dealers were read to the Mayor and Council for the supplying of the Automobile for the Police Department.

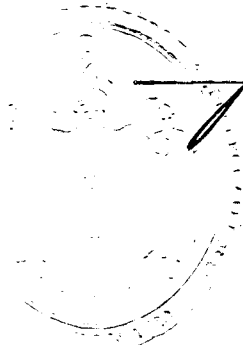
On motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the City Clerk was instructed to tabulate the bids and refer same to the heads of the Public affairs and Police Department.

Discussion was entered into regarding the Fourth Ward dump and the petition of the residents of Lambert St, Mayor English stating that the said residents had a just complaint and that steps should be taken to remedy same. suggested that Council, Secretary City Engineer Myers and Street Supt Joyce ascertain if a suitable dump might be obtained. Director of Streets Mead stated that he had contacted Congressman Flannery relative to the obtaining trees that might be planted at the above location thereby beautifying same. Mayor English was of the opinion that a long haul of refuse would be the only solution, more satisfaction would be had were only clean ashes deposited at this point.

Mr Joseph Yannis addressed Council relative to mine workers outside of the City working in the local mines he stated that some effort should be made to obtain such work for local residents, he also stated that the report was that the Stockholders of the Morgan Slope operation paid between 27.000 and 28.000 Dollars last year on their stock whereas only \$1.000 was paid by them to the City.

Their being no further Business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:


J.P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk.

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

The Minutes of May 9th were not read but on Motion of Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M.P.Ruane tendered his report for the Month of April same being read by the City Clerk,a balance of \$200,866.45 was shown as of April 29 1939.

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

Thomas Newcomb Sealer of Weights & Measured and as Health Officer tendered his report for the month of April for each Dept.

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

Director of Accounts & Finance Dr S.C.Andaloro asked for approval of the following list of bills.

C.H.Arnold.	Traffic White.	\$ 1.60
John.A.Allan.	Emp Com Insurance.	1,483.56
Colleen Restaurant.	Food for Prisoners.	7.50
Gerard Motor Car Co.	1Ford Dump Truck 1½ Ton	395.00
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F.W.Jennings.	Coal City & Yard.	44.85
Hugh Ridall.	Stand for Adding Machine.	16.20
Turon & Swartz.	Cement & Lime.	31.90
Allan Smiles.	Keys,Repai Locks,etc.	5.80
W*B Independant Co.	Printing of Financial Report.	84.00
M.P.Ruane, City Treas.	Int on 1923 & 1938 Coupons.	1,337.50
M.P.Ruane, City Treas.	Cash Advances for April.	499.75
Gene Gasparini.	Bull Dozer 18½ Hrs	55.50

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 6 6 BE IT RESOLVED,by the City Council of the City of Pittston : " That authorization is hereby given Mayor Kenneth.J.English,as Mayor of the City of Pittston,Penna.to apply in behalf of the City for all Projects conducted by the National Youth Administration and the Works Progress Administration.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3267 BE IT RESOLVED,by the City Council of the City of Pittston : "That we are in thorough accord on Senate Bill No 512 sponsered by Senator Thomas and endorse same and that City Clerk J.P.Fitzpatrick is hereby instructed to communicate our wishes to Senator Owlett,Chairman of the Committee on Finances and Senator Leo.C.Mundy the views of Council and enlist their aid and support in the passage of said Bill No 512.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 6 8 BE IT RESOLVED,by the City Council of the City of Pittston : "That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Electrical Consultants Service in accordance with terms submitted by said service for a survey of,electric light and power equipment of the City and for arranging a reduction, saving,or refund on the electric light and power bills rendered to the City.

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

J.P. Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 6 9 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston : "That drawings and specifications for lighting fixtures and drawings and specifications for the furnishings as prepared by Coon & Barrett, Architects, Scranton, Pennsylvania for the New City Hall at Pittston, Pennsylvania (W.P.A. Docket No. Pa.2074-F) be and the same are hereby approved; that approval of drawings numbers 1 to 12 inclusive and 18 to 20 inclusive for lighting fixtures is hereby given; that approval of drawings numbers 3, 4, 6, 7 and 21 for furnishings is hereby given; that three certified copies of this Resolution be furnished to Associate Director, Region #1, Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, 279 Boas Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

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

Tabulation of bids, for the Police Car by the City Clerk, as per Motion at May 9th meeting having been accomplished and said results being turned over to Mayor English, the latter recommended to Council the purchase of the Ford Automobile from the Barber Motor Car Company, their bid being the lowest bid of any received, specifications of New Car as follows. 1---1939 Latest Model Ford V-8, 5 Passenger Fordor Sedan, 85 Horse Power 112" Wheelbase and 123" Springbase, built-in trunk, with all extras, the same as your specifications, including dual windshield wipers, 51 plate Battery as standard equipment, big hydraulic brakes, shatter-proof glass all around, jack and standard tool kit, car lettered as per your request.

We will change siren, spotlight, heater, etc. from present car to new car. The size of tires is 600 X 16, Goodrich, Goodyear, Firestone, or Ford, whichever you prefer,

For: Two-Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) dollars cash and your present car. No charge being made for Excise Tax.

In your bid Specifications you asked for a bid on 4-Goodrich 600 X 16 Seal-O-Matic Tubes, 4- Goodrich 600 X 16 6-Ply Life Saver Tread Blowout Proof Tires, and Goodrich 45 Plate 145 Amp Kathanode Electro-Pak Battery. The additional cost for this equipment on either car is \$35.00 The total bid on above equipment and cost to the City which was ordered purchased was \$285.00

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the recommendation of the Mayor viz purchase of the above described car and equipment was adopted and sanctioned.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the checks of the unsuccessful bidders were ordered returned to them.

Their being no further business before Council same adjourned.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk.

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Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 11-30 A.M. with Mayor Kenneth.J.English presiding and all members present.

The Minutes of May 23rd were not read but on Motion by Mr Thos Gallagher, seconded by Dr S.C.Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

The following report covering the Motor Meter receipts as well as Parking Violation Revenue for the Month of May was presented by Mayor Kenneth.J.English.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

May 1st,1939 to May 31st 1939 Parking Violations. \$95.00

May 1st,1939 to May 31st 1939 Meter Returns. \$603.63

City Treasurer M.P.Ruane tendered his report for the Month of May same being read by the City Clerk, a balance of \$ 162,357.60 was shown as of May 31st 1939.

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

Following report of Health Officer Thos Newcomb for the Month of May was read by the City Clerk.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was prdered received and filed.

The following is the report for the Month of May 1939.

Contagious Diseases reported.	3
Complaints filed.	40
Health Certificates issued.	15
Health Certificates filed.	10
Eating & Drinking Places inspected.	15
Baker Shops Inspected.	2
Milk Dairies Inspected.	3

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

Huber Manufacturing Co.	One 10 Ton Roller.	\$ 3,940.00
Ardoline Bert.	Affadavits.	7.00
Ardoline Bert.	Bond.Treas Office, John Wills.	150.00
Arnold.C.H.	Sewer Rod Equipment.	434.00
Amer La France Co.	Valve Cap & Hose Equipment.	33.00
Anthracite Paint Co.	Traffic White, Brush & Etc.	21.15
Bell Telephone Co.	Telephone, April & May.	73.70
Barber Motor Car Co.	1939 Ford Car & Seat Covers.	295.75
Barber Motor Car Co.	Repairs Police Car.	9.20
Barber Motor Car Co.	Repairs St Dept Tricks.	37.58
Butera Auto Body Works.	Radiator Repairs St Dept Trucks.	7.75
Bi Lateral Fire Hose Co.	Nozzles, Gaskets, Wrenches.	75.00
Banks Jos, Constr Co.	Stone Chips.	159.20
Commonwealth of Penna.	Balance on 1938 Audit.	9.90
Cyclone Machine Works.	Scoops, Barrows, Chain, Lock, Etc.	42.25
Consumers Ice Co.	Ice, City Offices & Police Dept.	27.78
Central Clay Products Co.	Vit Pipe.	5.17
Durland Sand Co.	Sand & Gravel.	103.58
Dolge.C.B.Co.	Deodoramo Blocks, & Diffusers.	25.29
Evans Wesley.	Repairs to Fire Truck.	8.55
Egan Oil & Supply Co.	Gasoline.	155.25
Goeringer Construction Co.	Road Oil.	122.40
Gates Foundry Co.	Grates, Frames, Etc.	52.50
Glen Summitt Water Co.	Water City Offices.	14.50
Holcomb Mfg Co.	Street Brooms & Scrapers.	10.80
Hunt Harry.	Printing, Exoner, Letter Heads.	69.85

J. P. Pauxtis.

Kelly Run Stone Co.	Stone Chips.	\$ 77.78
Keystone Roofing Co.	1 Roll Green Slate.	2.25
Lacka Blue Print Co.	Blue Print Paper.	8.54
Miners Bank.	Rent City Offices.May & June.	130.00
Motorin Garage.	Storage.	49.00
Mitchell.P.F.	Lumber.	136.05
New York Casulty Co.	Add Premium on Fleet Ins.	10.49
Pittston Oil Co.	Gas,Oil & Police Car Washing.	175.13
Scranton Elec Co.	Office Lighting.	64.28
Stauffer Roy.	Repairs.	3.30
Stout William.	Overhaul Magneto.	2.50
Turon & Swartz.	Cemant and Lime.	110.12
Western Union Tel Co.	Telegrams.	3.69
Veterens of Foreign Wars.	Memorial Day Donation.	50.00
United Spanish War Veterens.	Memorial Day Donation.	50.00
Union Building & Con Co.	Road Oil.	3,357.80

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

RESOLUTION NO 3270. BE IT RESOLVED and enacted by the Council of the City of Pittston,Luzerne County,State of Pennsylvania, in Regular Session assembled this 22nd day of June,A.D.1939,and it is hereby Resolved and enacted by the authority of the same that the City of Pittston hereby accept the provision s of the Act of Assembly,known as Act No 555,1939,P.L._____,and being designated also as the Tax Penalty Abatement Act,for the benefit of the Taxpayers of this District, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED and enacted that a copy of this Resolution be sent immediately to the office of the County Commissioners.

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

The following communication was received from Mayor Kenneth.J.English and presented in its entirety to Council.

J.P.Fitzpatrick,Secretary of Council June 26,1939
Pittston,Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

During the past several months several claims have been presented to me by residents of the City for alleged negligence on the part of the City resulting in property damages and personal injuries.

The first of these claims was that of Mr Benny Menik,150 South Main Street who submitted a claim for \$350.00 for damage caused to his property and furniture by reason of the callapse of part of the culvert which the City uses as a sewer and which traverses the Menik property.

My investigation of this claim revealed that the condition existed for a sufficient length of time to place the City on notice and that actual notice of this condition was also given. However the investigation also revealed that Mr Menik had set a higher value on his furniture and fixtures than could be reasonably allowed. I beleive that this claim may be settled for the sum of \$100.00 and I recommend payment of such amount.

I have also received notice of a claim by Miss Eleanor Connell, 21 Searle Street for injuries alleged to have been sustained by her on January 7.1939 when she was struck by a stream from a fire hose at the scene of a fire at the Army & Navy Store,79 North Main Street,Pittston, Pennsylvania. According to reports from the Fire Chief and the Assistant Superintendant of Streets John Joyce there was no negligence on the part of any City Employee but I beleive that the claim should be referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion.

Mr Theodore Burkel,430 Lambert Street,Pittston,Pennsylvania, has made a claim for the sum of \$430.00 for damage to his dwelling and furniture alleged to have been caused by burning paper being carried

J.P.Fitzpatrick.

from the Fourth Ward Dump to the roof of his house where the roof became ignited. After an investigation I am unable to determine positively that such was the cause of the fire but according to a report from Edward Sullivan, Foreman of the Niagra Company, it appears that this was possibly the cause. Mr Sullivan also reports that his appraisal of damage to the dwelling and contents is \$239.00. I recommend this also to be referred to the City Solicitor.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the foregoing recommendations and suggestions by Mayor Kenneth J. English were ordered done.

Following communication was received from Mr M.P. Ruane, City Treasurer, On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the same was ordered received and filed.

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

June 16th 1939

Dear Sir:

I have made the following appointment in the membership of the Tax Collector's Office, same effective as of June 12, 1939. Mr John Wills in place of John J. Gallagher, Deputy Tax Collector (dismissed)

Very Truly Yours.
M.P. Ruane.
Tax Collector.

Following petition was received and read to Council, On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Dr Andaloro same was ordered received and filed and referred to Mayor Kenneth J. English.

June 27th 1939

Hon. Kenneth J. English
Mayor of the City of Pittston, Penna.

Hon. Sir:

We the undersigned, who have been conducting Shoe Shining Establishments for a number of years in Pittston City, petition you and Council to use your offices in passing an ordinance calling for the regulating of Shoe Shiners and boys soliciting business on streets and office buildings. We feel that unless an ordinance of this kind is passed we will be forced out of business. Hoping you will give this your utmost consideration.

Respectfully Yours.

George Christos.	30 So Main St. Laurel Shine Parlor.
Leo Favata.	8 East Frohington St. 11 So Main St.
John Banos.	70½ So Main Street.
Cataldo Busacco	32 No Main Street.
Archi Busalo.	2 William Street.
Sebastian Trischetta.	12 North Main Street.

Communication was read from the W.P.A. 221 So Wash St, W-B. introducing John Masker, employed by the W.P.A. as a Truck Inspector, he having been designated as an Inspector of the City Trucks used on W.P.A. Projects. Letter was ordered received and filed and Mr Masker was instructed to take the matter up with Street Commissioner John Joyce.

Director of Streets Roy Mead informed his associates that the condition of one of the Street Department's Trucks was such that considerable monies would be necessary to make repairs and that he advised advertising for a new Chassis to take the place of the one now in use.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was favorably acted upon and he was empowered to have his suggestion carried to completion.

Their being no further business, Council adjourned, to meet

J.P. Fitzpatrick.

National Commander. Stephen F. Chadwick of Seattle. Washington, head of the American Legion, who was due at the Lehigh Valley R.R. Station at 12-30 P.M. Commander Chadwick is the First National Commander of the American Legion to have visited Pittston, preparations had been made to extend to him a most wholesome reception with a Luncheon at the Fox Hill Country Club, an evening parade participated in by all of the American Legion units in Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties, closing with a monster meeting at the West Side Stadium.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.



J.P. Fitzpatrick.

Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 11.00 A.M. with Mayor Kenneth.J.English presiding and all Members present.

The Minutes of June 27th were not read, but on Motion by Mr Thos.F.Gallagher, seconded by Mr Roy.A.Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was adopted as read.

The object of the Special Meeting was to receive and open Bids that had been advertised for on the supplying Furnishings and Electrical Fixtures for the New City Hall. In addition to the Mayor and Council the following were in attendance.

Mr Amos.W.Barnes, Scranton.Penna.P.W.A.Representative.
Mr James.A.Barrett, New City Hall Architect, Representing Coon & Barrett.
Major.R.N.Myers, City Engineer, Member of the Building Committee.

Mayor English explained the object of the meeting and requested J.P.Fitzpatrick, City Clerk to read the advertisement relating to the request for Bids that had appeared according to Law in the following Papers.

Pittston Gazette, June 8th, 15th, and 22nd 1939.

Wilkesbarre Independant, June 11th, 18th, and 25th 1939.

Construction Digest, Harrisburg.Penna. June 14th, 21st, and 28th 1939.

" P.W.A.Docket No Pa.2074-F Seperate sealed proposals for the furnishing and installation of

(a) Lighting Fixtures

(b) Furnishings: to include Furniture, Carpets, Draperies, Window shades, Filing Cabinets, Special Cabinets and Lockers.

for the Pittston City Hall, Pittston, Pa., will be received by the Mayor and Members of Council of the City of Pittston, Pa., at City Hall, Water Street, Pittston, Pa., until 11 o'clock A.M.E.S.T. the 30th day of June, 1939 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Copies of plans, specifications and other contract documents are on file and open to public inspection at the office of Coon & Barrett Registered Architects, Union Bank Building, Scranton.Pa., and at the office of City Clerk, Miners Bank Building, Pittston.Pa., and sets of such documents may be obtained from the City Clerk upon deposit of \$20.00 for each set. If the documents are returned in good condition, within ten days after the opening of bids, the full amount of the deposit for one set will be returned to each actual bidder; and other deposits will be refunded with a deduction of \$10.00 to defray the actual cost of reproduction of the sets of documents. If the documents are not returned within the time stated, the entire amount of deposit will be forfeited. The character and amount of bid security to be furnished by bidders is stated in the Instructions to Bidders.

No bids may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids.

The Mayor and Members of Council of the City of Pittston reserve the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any and all bids."

City of Pittston.

J.P.Fitzpatrick.

Kenneth.J.English, Mayor.

Secretary of Council.

On motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the Bids were ordered opened and read.

Following bids were received on the Furnishings.

Business Supply Co. Philadelphia.Penna.	Total Bid for Group.	\$7,461.77
Kelly & Mullin.Pittston.Penna.		7,210.71
Security Steel Equipment Co, (Wm.A.Reap, Scranton, Pa, Rep)		8,008.90
Breslau and Lyndwood, Plymouth.Penna.		5,987.28
Wilkinson Equipment Co, Phila.Penna.		6,484.00
Naragansett Machine Co.Providence.R.I.(Item No 25 only)		\$750.00

J.P.Fitzpatrick

Following Bidders on the Electrical Fixtures.

William.B.McBride,Scranton.Penna.	Total Bid.	\$2,344.00
Steinmetz Mfg Co.Phila.Penna.		1,740.00
Wilkes*Barre Elec Con Co,Wilkes-Barre,Penna.		2,898.00
Vincent Churchfield,Pittston.Penna.		3,350.00
Popky Engineering Co,Wilkes-Barre,Penna.		2,120.00
Armbruster Bros.Scranton.Penna.		2,525.00
Voigt Co,Phila.Penna.		2,263.00

Following bid on Window Shades only.

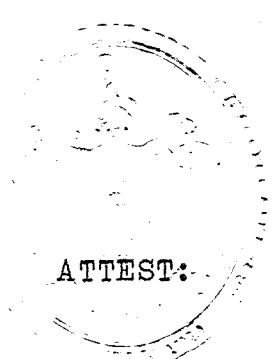
Walter Barritts,Pittston.Penna.	Material No 1.	\$ 86.50
	56 Shades. " No 2.	106.70

Following bid on Carpets only.

Pittston Furniture Mart (Harry Levin)	
20 X 16	\$252.29
14 X 20	208.24
12 X 20	166.81
12 X L8.10	158.09
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Total bid for group.	\$785.43

On Motion by Mr Roy.A.Mead, seconded by Dr S.O.Andalowo and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call,above bids were all referred to the City Clerk.J.P.Fitzpatrick,for Tabulation and presentment to Council at a Later Meeting.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.



ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk.

APPROVED
July 11th 1939

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City Clerk.

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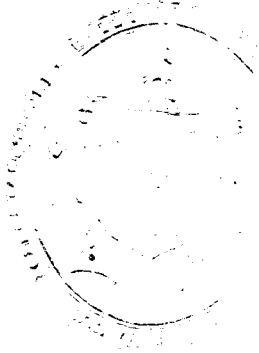
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Bids will be received by the Council of the City of Pittston, Pa., until 12:00 Noon Tuesday, July 25th, 1939 for one Auto Dump Truck Chassis, capable of having successfully fitted and annexed thereto and thereon a Wood Dump Body No. 153369 Capacity 3 Type 012. All Dealers interested can obtain Specifications from City Clerk J. P. Fitzpatrick, Room 22 Miners Bank Building, Pittston, Pa.

KENNETH J. ENGLISH,
Mayor.

J. P. FITZPATRICK,
City Clerk.

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

The Minutes of June 30th meeting were not read but on Motion of Mr Gallagher, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were adopted.

Mayor Kenneth J. English submitted the following report of Meter Returns and Parking Violations for the month of June.

June 1, 1939 to June 30, 1939	Parking Violations.	\$82.00
June 1, 1939 to June 30, 1939	Meter Returns	546.92

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

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

Benedetto Franco	Use of Concrete mixer and services of man operating same 11 Days @ \$10.00	\$110.00
Wilkes Barre Ind Co.	New City Hall Furnishings Advertisement. 3 Times (210) Lines @ .20 ¢	42.00

On motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call said bills were ordered paid.

RESOLUTION NO 3271 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston : " That City Treasurer and Tax Collector M. P. Ruane, be and notified and authorized to advertise the benefits of the Tax Abatement Bill of 1939 by proper Newspaper Publication beginning at once."

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

On motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the following Resolution was adopted and City Clerk J. P. Fitzpatrick was authorized to Represent the City at the protest meeting to be held at the Customhouse, 2nd & Chestnut Sts Philadelphia on July 12th 1939

RESOLUTION NO 3272 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston : "That at a Regular Meeting of Council held this 11th day of July 1939, being aware of the meeting to be held in Court Room 300 Customhouse, 2nd and Chestnut Sts Philadelphia, Penna July 12th 1939 at 11 A.M. to discuss Hydroelectric development in the vicinity of Tocks Island, Belvidere and Chestnut Hill on the Delaware River, hereby enter our unqualified protest against the establishment of any such Hydroelectric development on account of the loss of markets, that would follow, to our chief life giving industry, namely Anthracite Coal, and that City Clerk J. P. Fitzpatrick be and he is hereby authorized to attend said meeting, present this Resolution and co-operate fully with any and all Representatives assembled in the presentation of Facts necessary to justify our Protests."

Mr Berkel of Lambert St appeared before Council with the statement that nothing had been done towards the repairs of his house recently damaged by fire presumably caused by sparks from burning paper on the Fifth Ward refuse dump. Mayor English told Mr Berkel that the complaint was turned over to City Solicitor Wm. H. Gillespie and that Council would take action after they had received word from the City Solicitor.

Messers Amelio De Santos and Peters acted as spokesmen for a Committee of Citizens from the Johnson Street section who wished some word on the further continuance towards the completion of the Sewer on that Street, if same could not be continued the street itself should be made passable for pedestrians and vehicles.

J. P. Fitzpatrick

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**TAX NOTICE
DELINQUENT CITY TAXES
TO DISTRESSED PROPERTY
OWNERS**

You can take advantage of recent Act. No. 233 approved June 1939, by paying one-fifth (1-5) of Delinquent City Taxes on or before August 1, 1939, without Penalties or Interest on 1934 City Taxes and prior years, also 1935-36-37-38 City Taxes without Penalties, but Interest charge remain on 1935-36-37-38 City Taxes, no further Interest is to be added after 1st. installment payment is made. It will not be necessary to pay up current City Taxes to secure the beneficial effects of this Act.

**MICHAEL P. RUANE,
City Treasurer & Tax Collector.**

By 12, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24, 26, 28, 31

Mayor English and Dr Andaloro called the gentlemens attention to the great amounts of money already spent on this undertaking caused principally by the rock removal ere a sewer could be built, they felt that a continuance at this time would exhaust all of the monies set aside for other projects arranged for in the City. They assured the spokesmen that as soon as the monies necessary to proceed with the project was available that they could look for the releif desired.

The Frank McCanna, Estate Miller Street, 1st Natl Bank Agent by clear vote of Council was allowed an abatement of \$1,500.00 valuation on property Assessed at \$5,285.00 for 1931-1932-1933-1934-1935-1936-1937 1938-1939, with the understanding that the Taxes be paid in full on a valuation of \$3,785.00

Bessie Gallagher, 1st Ward, 562 No Main St. abated \$500.00 valuation on Assessment for 1938 and 1939.

Guiseppi San Angelo, 1st of 10th Ward, 25 East R.R. St. abated \$500.00 on valuation of Assessment for 1939. (House Razed)

Barbara & Tabone, 9th Ward, 102 So Main St. abated \$2,000.00 valuation on Assessment for 1938.

Barbara & Tabone, 9th Ward, 102 So Main St. abated \$443.00 valuation on Assessment for 1939.

Dora Mendelson, 9th Ward, 58-60 So Main St. abated \$1,000.00 valuation on Assessment for 1939.

Madelaine Alimo, 2nd of 10th Ward, 246 So Main Street abated \$1,550.00 valuation on Assessment for 1939.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk.

APPROVED
July 25th 1939
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City Clerk.

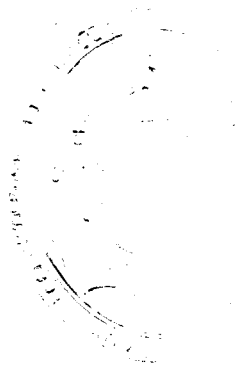
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Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12.00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present with the exception of Mr Thos. F. Gallagher.

The Minutes of July 11th meeting were not read but on Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Olgert Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were adopted.

City Treasurer M.P. Ruane tendered his report for the Month of June same was read by City Clerk J.P. Fitzpatrick, a balance of \$143,676.27 was shown as of June 30th 1939.

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

Health Officer and Sealer of Weights & Measures Thomas Newcomb tendered his report for the Month of June. On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above reports were ordered received and filed.

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

Andrews Stationery Store.	Stationery.	\$ 59.60
Andrews Wholesale Paper Co.	Paper Towels.	4.50
Consumers Gas & Oil Co.	Gas, Oil, Tires, Repairs.	308.45
Wm Drury Estate,	Bread, Kerosene.	13.71
Dommermuth & Co.	1 Box of Dynamite.	2.96
Dershimer Lumber Co.	Cement, Lime, Lumber.	89.81
H.A. Whiteman & Co.	Drinking Cups.	10.00
Egan Hardware Co.	Supplies.	117.08
George Fleming.	Traffic Light Repairs.	69.07
Klein Auto Parts Co.	Supplies & Auto Parts.	95.93
Lehigh Valley Railroad Co.	Ground Rent. (City Yards)	60.00
Penna Wholesale Drug Co.	First Aid Kits.	11.28
Penna Con Digest.	Adv Elec & Fur (New City Hall)	41.93
Pittston Gazette.	Prt, Pads, Advertising.	70.65
Al.A. Walsh. (City Electrician)	Labor Fire Alarm Syatem	
	2 Men 188 Hrs @ \$1.02 per Hr.	191.76

City Clerk Fitzpatrick read the advertisement requesting bids for a new Chassis for one of the Dump Trucks of the Street Dept.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Pauxtis bids were ordered opened and read by the City Clerk. There were Four Bidders Barber Motor Car Co, Gerard Motor Car Co, George Rutledge Motor Car Co and Stauffer Chevrolet Motor Car Co.

On Motion By Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Pauxtis bids were ordered received and filed and referred to the Street Dept for Tabulation.

A petition suggeting a plan of Traffic congestion releif together with the plans annexed was presented and sponsered by the following organizations.

Conlon Speaking Class of the Knights of Columbus.
 Friendly Sons of St Patrick.
 American Legion.
 Rotary Club.
 Kiwanis Club.
 Veterans of Foreign Wars.
 Knights of Columbus.
 Chamber of Commerce.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed and referred to Police Chief Edward Moran. for his recommendations.

Petition was received from the Italian Societies relative to an approach by City Council to the School Board for a relocation of

J.P. Fitzpatrick.

the statue of Christopher Columbus preferably at one of their buildings and that the same occupied the selected place permanently, it having been necessary to remove this beautiful statue from its former location at the Broad Street Park in order to use the ground for the New City Hall

On Motion by Dr S.C. Andaloro, seconded by Mr Roy Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call Secretary J.P. Fitzpatrick was instructed to communicate the above Italian Societies Committees wishes to the Pittston School Board.

FILE OF COUNCIL No 408 AN ORDINANCE providing for the improvement of North Main and William Streets, and agreeing to contract and to pay for a portion thereof.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call said Ordinance passed First Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL No 408. was read for the Second time. On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same passed Second Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL No 409 AN ORDINANCE Approving and Establishing the Lines, Grades, Drainage Structures, and All other Structures Appearing on the plan of the Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, showing Proposed Improvement on North Main Street in the City of Pittston Pennsylvania; Adopting the Said Plan as the Official City Plan for said Street: and Approving and Opening as a Public Highway the Relocation of the said State Highway Route.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call said Ordinance passed First Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL No 409. was read for the Second time On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same passed Second Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL No 410 AN ORDINANCE Approving and Establishing the Lines, Grades, Drainage Structures, and all other Structures Appearing on the Plan of the Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, showing proposed Improvement on William Street in the City of Pittston Pennsylvania: Adopting the said Plan as the official City Plan for said Street and Approving and Opening as a Public Highway the Relocation of the said State Highway Route.

On Motion By Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call said Ordinance passed First Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL No 410. was read for the Second time On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same passed Second Reading.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Pauxtis, and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call a recess was declared enabling Council to visit the Eagle Hose Co where the Chairs and Desks for the New City Hall were on display.

*** Reconvening Mayor English called Councils attention to the fact that even though the Three lowest Bidders, Breslau & Lyndwood of Plymouth, Pa. Wilkinson Mfg Co of Philadelphia and Kelly & Mullen of Pittston, Pa. had been requested to produce Desks and Chairs that they had bid on in order that City Council might be guided in their decisions Breslau & Lyndwood had none on display, Wilkinson Mfg Co had Three Chairs on display, Kelly & Mullen as instructed produced Two Desks and Four Chairs.

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 7 3 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That contract for the delivery and installation of Furniture at the New City Hall, Pittston, Pennsylvania, be and the same is hereby awarded to the firm of Kelly & Mullen, Pittston, Penna, upon their bid of \$7,210.71

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

J.P. Fitzpatrick

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 7 4 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That contract for the delivery and installation of Electrical Fixtures at the New City Hall, Pittston, Penna, be and the same is hereby awarded to the Steinmetz Manufacturing Co, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, upon their bid of \$1,740.00

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

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call a Delegation of Two or Three City Representatives was approved off for attendance at the Convention of Third Class Cities to be held at Betlehem. Penna. August 30th, 31st and September 1st.

*** The following letter, copy of which herein appears was mailed to the Three lowest bidders on Furnishings for the New City Hall Breslau & Lyndwood, Plymouth. Penna. Wilkinson Equipment Co, 935 So 53rd St Philadelphia. Penna, and Kelly & Mullen, Pittston. Penna. same mailed July 6th 1939.

July 6th 1939

Gentlemen;

In compliance with the Sample clause appearing in the Instructions to Bidders in the specifications to bidders on the Furnishings for the New City Hall, Pittston. Penna. please send us One Sample of that which you bid on of each of the following.

- Item 1 Desk No 2060 Item 2 Desk No 2160 Item 5 Chair No 1200
- Item 6 Chair No 1600 Item 8 Chair No 1910 Item 9 Chair No 1620

Samples should be shipped to the Eagle Hose Co, Kennedy St, Pittston Penna, so as to arrive on or not later than July 17 1939., inspection shall be made of samples by the Architects and Council on that date.

Respectfully.
J.P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.



ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk.

APPROVED
July 29th 1939

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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

J.P. Fitzpatrick

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

The Minutes of July 25th meeting were not read but on Motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were adopted.

FILE OF COUNCIL No 408. was read for the Third time. On Motion by Mr Gallagher,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call said Ordinance was passed on Third Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL No 409. was read for the Third time. On Motion by Dr Andaloro,seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call said Ordinance was passed on Third Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL No 410. was read for the Third time. On Motion by Mr Pauxtis,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call said Ordinance was passed on Third Reading.

Resolution No 3275. BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pittston: The Board of Assessors of Luzerne County fixed and determined valuations on surface and coal properties of the Eli K,Price Estate in the first,second and third wards in the City of Pittston for the years 1933 at \$36,730.00,1934 at \$40,023.00,1935 at \$40,023.00 and 1936 at \$39,879.00.

AND WHEREAS by Resolution adopted on February 16,1937 by the County Commissioners of Luzerne County such valuations were stated to be in error and were directed to be adjusted and in accordance with such resolution such valuations were adjusted and re-determined to be as follows: 1933, \$19,086.00, 1934, \$19,086.00, 1935, \$19,086.00 and 1936, \$19,086.00.

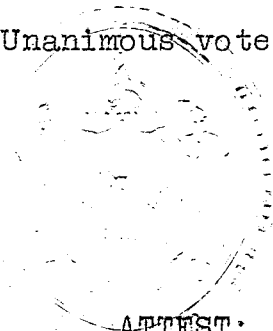
NOW THEREFORE in order to reconcile such valuations and to extend to the said owners the benefits of reduced taxes adjusted to such reduced valuations City Taxes for the years 1933, 1934, 1935 and 1936 with penalties and interest amounting to \$3,709.59 are hereby abated in the sum \$2,220.89 and the City Treasurer is hereby directed and authorized to receive the sum of \$ 1,488.70 in full and complete payment in taxes for the said years 1933, 1934, 1935 and 1936 from said owners.

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

Resolution No 3276. BE IT RESOLVED,by the City Council of the City of Pittston : "That November 1st,1939 is hereby fixed as the last day which,under the Act of Assembly approved June 19th,1939,Act No. 233,a tax payer may make his first installment payment and be entitled to the benefits of the Act in order to receive the benefits of the installment system of payment provided therein for city taxes.

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

Their being no further business Council adjourned.



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J.P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk.

APPROVED
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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

J.P. Fitzpatrick

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

The minutes of July 29th meeting were not read but on Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 7 7 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the following transfers be made:

In the Department of Public Affairs:-

\$50.00 from Distressed and Needy, Bureau of Health to Contingent Exspense, Bureau of City Engineer.

In the Department of Streets and Public Improvements:-

\$2,000.00 from Repairs to Streets to Purchase of Truck and Equipment.

In the Department of Public Safety:-

\$1,000.00 from Maintenance of Fire Alarm to Wages of Call Firemen.

In the Department of Parks and Public Property:-

\$50.00 from Telephone, Directors Residence to fuel Niagra Bldg.

\$25.00 from Repairs to City Hall to Water, City Hall.

\$75.00 from Supplies, Athletic Field to Water, City Hall.

\$50.00 from Contingent Exspense to Water, City Hall.

\$50.00 from Contingent Exspense to Water and Ice, City Offices.

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

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

Ardoline Bert	Affadavits.	\$ 6.50
Bell Telephone Company.	Telephones.	38.35
Dershimer Lumber Co.	Project Supplies.	143.81
English Thos, Agency.	Fire & Theft Ins on Ford Truck.	5.00
Gamewell Company.	Supplies Fire Alarm Boxes.	171.30
Hopkins Ins Co.	Fire & Theft Ins Ford Truck.	13.00
Hollerans Drug Store.	First Aid Supplies.	2.77
Manufactures Gas Ins Co.	Fire, Theft, Ford Truck.	10.88
Petrellas Brake Service.	Install Spark Plugs.	9.00
Peoples Light Co.	Use of Compressor, 100 Gals Tar.	11.00
Phila Blue Print Co.	Supplies City Engineer.	34.08
Reap Jos, Ins Agency.	Ins on Building Water St.	180.00
Scranton Chemical Co.	Bicarbonate of Soda.	7.84
Scr Spring Brook Water Co.	Hydrants and City Hall. (Water)	169.11
Turon & Swartz.	Cement, Lime & Brick.	86.90
Union Bldg & Con Co.	20,542 Gals Road Oil.	2,226.75
Wagner Lumber Co.	Supplies, Projects.	104.26
Western Union Tel Co.	Telegrams.	3.69
Volunteer Firemens Pay.	May, June & July 1939	1,022.40
Scranton Elec Co.	Office Lighting.	56.87

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead the above bills were ordered paid by the following vote on Roll Call, AYES: Messers Gallagher, Pauxtis, Andaloro and Mead, NOT VOTING: Mayor English.

Mayor Kenneth J. English submitted the following report on Traffic Violations & Meter Returns for the Month of July.

July 1, 1939 to July 31, 1939.	Parking Violations.	\$ 65.00
July 1, 1939 to July 31, 1939.	Meter Returns.	516.84

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

K. J. English

Communication received from Controller Emerson Howley calling Councils attention to the ease with which a newer system of book keeping could be entered into previous to moving to the New City Hall. The City of Hazleton at an expense of approximately \$2,000 introduced a system that was endorsed by the Municipal Officers Assoc of the United States, Controller Howley stated that the officials of the above City would give any Representative from Pittston going there a complete line up of the system at no cost, he suggested that arrangements be made by the City to send some one to Hazleton obtain the desired information and set up a similar system in Pittston.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the communication was referred to the Director of Accounts & Finance Dr S.C. Andaloro to take whatever action he saw fit on the proposition.

Communication was received from Miss Amelia Madrak, 109 Chittenden St, Duryea, Penna. wherein she stated that on Saturday July 15 1939 at 10.00 P.M. she tripped against a broken side walk in front of the property of Dr John Newth on So Main Street and fell into the driveway leading from the street, sustaining injuries to herself and a loss on her clothing. The following expenses were presented in bill form.

Doctor A.J. Horvats Bill--\$10.00 for reduction of Dislocation.
 15.00 for treatments office & home.
 3.75 Medicine--Prescriptions.
 1.15 Stockings
 6.00 Wrist-watch-repairs.
 22.50 Weeks Salary.
\$58.40 Total Expenses.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the above was referred to Mayor ZEnglish.

Discussion of the Convention of the Third Class Cities to be held at Bethlehem, Penna. on Aug 30th, 31st, and Sept 1st 1939 relative to Representation it was decided to send those who were available namely Messers Mead, Gallagher and Controller Howley.

Mr Olgert Pauxtis, Director of Public Safety stated that in his opinion a Representative of the Fire Department should attend the Fire School Conference to be held at State College Aug 28th to Sept 1st, that he had discussed the matter with members of the Fire Department and found that Jos O'Brien Fire Chief would be available at that time and that we should send him.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the matter was left in the hands of Director Pauxtis to act on same as he saw fit.

Director of Streets and Sewers Mr Roy Mead rendered a report on the Bids received on the New Dump Truck Chassis, same having been tabulated as follows.

Barber Motor Car Co. (Ford Chassis).	Bid	\$1,066.00
Allowance. on Old Chassis.		436.00
Cash Difference.	No Excise Tax.	<u>\$ 630.00</u>
Roy Stauffer Chevrolet Agency. (Chevrolet Chassis)	Bid	\$ 999.00
Allowance.		350.00
Net Delivered Price.		<u>649.00</u>
George Rutledge Motor Car Co. (G.M.C. Chassis)	Bid	\$1,167.00
Allowance.		377.00
Net Delivered Price.		<u>790.00</u>
Gerard Motor Car Co. (Dodge Chassis)	Bid	\$1,195.00
Allowance.		225.00
Net Delivered Price.		<u>970.00</u>

J. P. Pauxtis.

Mr Mead stated that the work to which the Chassis to be purchased would be of a heavy and exacting nature that of the heavier duty duty Trucks that in his opinion the Bid of the Rutledge Motor Car Co was the best and he so recommended to Council the purchase of same.

On Motion By Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the bid of the Rutledge Motor Car Co on a G.M.C. Chassis with a guarantee that the Specifications would be fully adhered too was accepted, and purchase of same authorized.

Mr Mead stated that a Mr McCue, Representative of a Street Marker concern, The Armstrong Cogk Co. was desirous of placing on a designated section of the City Streets his product in order to demonstrate the stability of same, permission was granted Mr McCue under the supervision of Mr John Joyce, Street Commissioner.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead a recess was declared for 10 minutes, Mayor English and Council repairing to his chambers to hear charges that had been preferred against Patrolman Jos Holland for disturbances caused by him while off duty and without his uniform, the facts were stated, Officer Holland did not wish a hearing or a Trial, admitting the charges willingly, stating that he was at fault. Mayor English stated to his colleagues that it was in his Department and that he could dispose of the same without recourse to their assistance however he felt that they should be informed of the situation and that he would appreciate their advice in its disposal.

On Motion by Mr Pauxtis, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call Officer Holland was suspended for a period of 15 Days without pay, any further infractions on his part will be dealt with much more severely.

Messer Jos Raymond and Louis Beschami, Representatives of the Progressive League was in attendance and addressed Council relative to the various Projects in the City, they desired information on the reasons for the non starting of some of the projects the City have listed as a portion of the programmed improvement. Mayor English stated that every and all Projects that have been released by the P.W.A. were in the stages of being completed as work was being done on them. He welcomed any and all information or advice that would further the completion of the Projects that were listed.

Secy M. J. Clarke of the Pittston School Board was in attendance and stated that now would be a favorable time to look into the advisability of rounding the curb lines and sidewalks at William & Defoe Sts as well as Butler & Defoe Sts, as the project at the High School was in progress, by clear vote the subject was left in the hands of Major R. N. Myers City Engineer and John Joyce, Superintendent of Streets.

Their being no further Business Council adjourned.

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City Clerk.

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J.P. Fitzpatrick

Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12.00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth.J.English presiding and all members present with the exception of Mr Roy Mead.

The Minutes of August 8th meeting were not read but on motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were received, filed and adopted.

On suggestion by Mayor English and on motion by Dr Andaloro seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, S.V. Falzame acted as Secretary to Council in the absence of City Clerk J.P. Fitzpatrick who was attending the State Elks Convention at Bethlehem, Penna.

The following communication was received from Wm Crunden, General Contractor of the New City Hall and read to Council.

Honorable Kenneth.J.English,
Mayor of the City of Pittston,
Pittston, Pa.

August 11th 1939

Mr Mayor: In RE:- City Hall, Pittston, Pa, Project No Pa 2074-F.

I herewith submit for your consideration and also for whatever action you deem necessary, this request, for an extension of Two Months beyond the contract completion date of October 1, 1939, on the above project, for the following reasons and conditions which were beyond my control:

Extra depth of foundations from those shown on plans, accounted for in change order 8-1-2 and which entailed a consumption of time from December 1, 1938 to January 5, 1939 inclusive. This condition was not anticipated by me at the time of entering into a contract with the City of Pittston, and therefore, I think I am entitled to this extra period of time, because in no manner was I responsible for same.

A change order in which I was in no way involved, except a manhole outside the building line: but which concerned the City of Pittston and the Plumbing Contractor on this project for a change-over from a 24" T.C. sewer line to a 24" C.I. sewer line. This operation was not completed until around March 17, 1939. This operation prevented me from closing in my foundations and pursuing my brickwork to the first floor line in a customary manner.

Trusting you will give the above request for an extension of time your attention at your earliest convenience, I am,

Respectfully yours,
William.J. Crunden.

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 7 8 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: " That William.J. Crunden, Contractor on the New City Hall, Pittston, Penna, having made request for an extension of time so as to permit completion of construction under the terms of his contract as of December 1st, 1939 instead of October 1st, 1939, and the reasons as set forth in such request appearing to be substantial, and such reasons having been attested as correct by Coon & Barrett, Architects, modification of existing contracts so as to extend time for completion of said City Hall appears to be desirable, and Mayor Kenneth.J.English and City Clerk J.P. Fitzpatrick are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into any agreement modifying such contracts so as to require completion of the New City Hall at a date not earlier than December 1st, 1939.

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

Petition was received and read to Council from Branch No 23 American Progressive League, Bernard Kosloski, Secy. urging Council not to accept any projects under the Pierson Bill of no work no relief.

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

Petition similar to the above was received from Pittston local of the Unemployed and Workers Union of Pennsylvania.

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

Petition from residents of the First Ward and vicinity relative to the creation of a play ground on the ground of the Penna Coal Co located at the North end of Green Street, Pittston, same being signed by Raymond Horan and others.

On motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauttis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was referred to City Engineer Major R.N. Myers.

Communication was received from Chief of Police Edward Moran relative to complaint of Miss Amelia Madrak of Duryea where in she complained of being personally injured on South Main St. same was referred to City Solicitor Wm.H. Gillespie.

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 7 9 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: WHEREAS, the Fire Department of the City of Pittston is essentially a volunteer department with only the drivers of fire apparatus as full paid employees, wherefore, no provision has been made or exists for operation of fire signals by any member of the Fire Department, but the Police Clerk on duty at the Police Headquarters at City Hall has always in the past and continues to signal all calls by telephone message to the Exeter Colliery, Exeter, Pennsylvania, where the Colliery Engineer signals the number of the alarm box, from which the call has emanated, by operation of the colliery steam whistle: and

WHEREAS, the City has found such method unreliable and subject to termination at the pleasure of colliery officials, and at the same time deems the operation of any signal system by the Police Clerk on duty as the most efficient and economical method of handling such signals, wherefore, any signal system installed would be installed in the building which houses the Police Headquarters, to wit, the City Hall. For which reasons, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor, Kenneth J. English is hereby authorized and directed to amend application to the Federal Works Agency, Public Works Administration, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Docket Pa. 2074-F, City Hall, Pittston, Pennsylvania, for additional grant and inclusion of fire alarm signal system in the New City Hall at a total cost not to exceed the sum of \$2,736.54, and there is hereby appropriated from general funds of the city the sum of \$1,505.10 as the share of the city in such installation.

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

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

Pittston Printing Company.	Prt. Health Certificates.	\$	11.00
Geo Rutledge Motor Car Co.	1.1939 GMC Truck.		790.00
Remington Rand Inc.	Docket Form and Binder.		142.99
W.B. Publishing Co. Times Leader.	Tax Notice Adv (M.P. Ruane)		33.60
W.B. Record Co.	Tax Notice Adv.		45.36

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

City Treasurer M.P. Ruane tendered his report for the Month of July, a balance of \$138,636.23 was shown as of July 31st 1939.

On motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Dr Andaloro above report was ordered received and filed.

Health Officer & Sealer of Weights and Measurers Thos Newcomb tendered his reports for the month of July. On motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauttis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above reports were ordered received and filed.

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Mayor Kenneth.J.English stated that he had received a communication from the Master Plumbers association of the City of Pittston wherein they recommended the appointment of a Plumbing Board one member of same to be a non resident of Pittston,said Board to be composed and comprised of One Member of Council,One Plumbing Inspector and Two Competent Plumbers. Mayor English recommended the adoption of the above recommendations of the Master Plumbers Association.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above recommendations were adopted.

Their being no further business Council Adjourned.



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Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 8 P.M. with Mayor Kenneth.J.English presiding and all members present with the exception of Dr S.C.Andaloro.

The Minutes of August 22nd meeting were not read but on motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were received and ordered filed and adopted.

The following report on Traffic Violations and Meter returns for the Month of August was received from Mayor Kenneth.J.English.

August 1,1939 to August 31,1939	Parking Violations.	\$63.00
August 1,1939 to August 31,1939	Meter Returns.	474.91

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

City Treasurer M.P.Ruane,presented his report for the month of August,a balance of \$127,039.06 was shown as of August 31 1939

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

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

Amer LaFrance Corp.	Parts for Eagle & Niagra Pumpers.	\$163.38
Ardoline Bert	Affidavits,New City Hall papers.	5.00
Barber Motor Car Co.	Parts & Repairs,Police Car.	21.64
Colts Fire Arms Co.	Six Special Revolvers (Police)	138.00
Community Theatre.	Rent,July to Sept.& Gas bill June 14,to Sept 14	59.96
Bell Telephone Co.	Telephone Month of August.	41.77
Cyclone Machine Co.	Supplies,Projects.	78.73
Central Clay Products Co.	Supplies,Projects & St Dept.	539.91
Durland Sand Co.	Sand,Gravel,West Park & Thistle St	534.86
Dershimer Lumber Co.	Supplies Projects.	207.35
Eureka Fire Hose Div.	Fire Coat,Asst Chief Jos O'Brien.	10.00
Evans Wesley.	Repairs to St Dept Trucks.	17.10
Franco Bendetto.	Mixer West Park & Butler Creek Pro.	110.00
Gates Foundry Co.	Manhole & Inlet Grapings.	67.25
Gerard Motor Co.	Inspection St Dept Trucks.	4.70
Goeringer Con Co.	1000 Gallons of Road Oil.	120.00
Hunt Harry.	Printing City & School Tax Statment Env & exoneration lists for 1939	108.35
Hollerans Drug Store.	Supplies,1st Aid Kit.(Niagras)	2.55
Kelly Run Stone Co.	Crushed Stone.	235.61
Kohl & Son Decorators.	Dec City Hall % Amer Legion	5.00
Lehigh Valley Coal Co.	Tax Refund,8th Installment.	182.42
Miners Savings Bank.	Rent July,Aug & Sept 1939	195.00
Pittston Stove Co.	Two Manhole Covers & Frames.	39.50
Pittston Gazette Co.	Advertising & Printing.	371.10
Mitchell P.F.	Supplies,Projects.	366.14
Rowans Garage.	Repair Work St Dept.	3.50
Rudolphs Elec Service.	Repair Eagle Hose Pumper.	2.50
Stackhouse Elec Auto Co.	Repair Radiator on Pumper.	5.75
Scranton Times.	Advertise Tax Notice (M.P.Ruane)	38.70
Sullivan Trail Nurseries.	Trimming Trees (Fire Alarm System)	64.00
Scranton Elec Co.	Office Lighting Month of August.	29.60
Turon & Swartz.	Cement,Lime & Terra Cotta Pipe(Pro)	16.40
Wagner Lumber Co.	Cement West Park Project.	64.80
Walsh Al.	Service on Fire Alarm System.	31.62

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

J. P. English

Communication was received and read from the Park Comm relating to the condition of the fence surrounding Sullivan Park, same was gradually being taken away and left said Park in a deplorable condition, the Park Commission suggested the removal of that part of fence still remaining in place, storing the lumber for use by the City.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above communication was referred to the Street Department with instructions to said Department to remove the fence & store same for future use by the City.

Communication from Mr M. J. Clarke, Secretary of the Pittston School Board, asking permission of Council for the use of the second floor of the Niagras Hose Co's Building to conduct a Tax Lien Project, same having been referred to Mr Olgert S. Pauxtis, Director of Public Safety, he consented to same.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call permission was granted providing the School Boards use of same would not interfere with the Tax Lien Project now in progress there by the City of Pittston.

Communication from Major R. W. Myers, City Engineer relating to Petition from 1st Ward residents relative to a play ground in the vicinity of Thistle Street, which was referred to him. Major Myers included a sketch of the section referred to and stated that the property was owned by the Pennsylvania Coal Company.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, the City Engineer and the City Clerk J. P. Fitzpatrick was instructed to contact the Pennsylvania Coal Company and negotiate with them for a lease for the above property.

Petition was received and read to Council from residents of the Garfield and Elizabeth Sts section signed by Sebastian Amico and others requesting that a Street Light be placed at above intersection.

On Motion By Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was referred to the Street Department and Mr John Joyce Superintendent.

RESOLUTION NO 3280 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: That the following transfer be made:
In the Sinking Fund:
\$2,692.02 from Bond and Interest of 1909 (and all other funds to Bond and Interest of 1935 Issue.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3281 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Taxes levied against property of Genah J, Mondeau at No. 380 North Main Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania, for the Years 1936, 1937, 1938 and 1939 be abated as follows;

That an abatement is hereby allowed and granted for the year 1936 in the sum of \$38.00; for the year 1937 in the sum of \$38.00; for the year 1938 in the sum of \$24.00, and for the year 1939 in the sum of \$34.00, and the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept Taxes as levied for said years after abatement, as set forth above, as payment in full for said years.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3282 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston;

WHEREAS, William J. Crunden, Contractor, has submitted evidence showing that he was delayed in his efforts to complete work upon the

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New City Hall at Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania (Docket No Pa. 2074-F, Federal Works Agency, Work Projects Administration), by reason of conditions met in excavation of extra depth of foundations differing from those shown on plans, and by reason of change order affecting the of a manhole outside the building line, in which change order the said contractor was not involved, but which resulted in prevention of said contractor in closing in foundations and pursuing brick work to the first floor line in a customary manner; and

WHEREAS, the contract of the City of Pittston with the said William J. Crunden provides for assessment of liquidated damages against the said contractor for failure to complete his work within the required time; and

WHEREAS, the said contractor has requested the City of Pittston to waive and release its right to assess damages against him for his failure to complete said work within the required time and to further extend the time for completion of said contract; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON that it is hereby administratively determined that the request of the said contractor is just and equitable, and that the said City of Pittston hereby waives the assessment of liquidated damages against said contractor assessable under the contract between October 1st, 1939 and December 1st 1939, subject to the approval of the Regional Director, Region No 1, Federal Works Agency, Public Works Administration.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3283 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston:

WHEREAS, Gus Weinberger, Plumbing Contractor, has submitted evidence showing that he was delayed in his efforts to complete work under Contract No. 3 (Plumbing) at the New City Hall at Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania (Docket No. Pa. 2074-F, Federal Works Agency, Work Projects Administration), because the building has not advanced sufficiently in construction for him to install fixtures: and

WHEREAS, the Contract of the City of Pittston with the said Gus Weinberger provides for assessment of liquidated damages against the said Contractor for failure to complete his work within the required time; and

WHEREAS, the said Contractor has requested the City of Pittston to waive and release its right to assess damages against him for his failure to complete said work within the required time and to further extend the time for completion of said contract; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON that it is hereby administratively determined that the request of the said Contractor is just and equitable, and that the said City of Pittston hereby waives the assessment of liquidated damages against said Contractor assessable under the contract for the period of Twenty-Five calendar days until October 25th, 1939, subject to the approval of the Regional Director, Region No. 1, Federal Works Agency, Public Works Administration.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3284 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston;

WHEREAS, Gus Weinberger, Plumbing Contractor, has submitted evidence showing that he was delayed in his efforts to complete work under Contract No. 2 (Heating) at the New City Hall at Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania (Docket No. Pa. 2074-F, Federal Works Agency, Work Projects Administration), because the building has not advanced sufficiently in construction for him to install fixtures: and

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WHEREAS, the Contract of the City of Pittston with the said Gus Weinberger provides for assessment of liquidated damages against the said Contractor for failure to complete his work within the required time; and

WHEREAS, THE SAID Contractor has requested the City of Pittston to waive and release its right to assess damages against him for his failure to complete said work within the required time and to further extend the time for completion of said contract; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON that it is hereby administratively determined that the request of the said Contractor is just and equitable, and that the said City of Pittston hereby waives the assessment of liquidated damages against said Contractor assessable under the contract for the period of Twenty-Five calendar days until October 25th 1939, subject to the approval of the Regional Director, Region No.1, Federal Works Agency, Public Works Administration.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3285 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston; "That Kenneth J. English, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to make application to the Regional Director, Region No.1 Federal Works Agency, Public Works Administration, 2 Lafayette Street, New York, New York, for extension of project time for the completion of the New City Hall at Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Docket No. Pa.2074-F, beyond October 27th, 1939 and to December 1st, 1939.

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


RESOLUTION NO 3286 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston; "That Taxes levied against property of Mrs Catharine Farrell, 197 Chapel Street, 2nd Ward, Pittston Pennsylvania, for the Years 1929-1930-1931-1932-1933-1934-1935-1936-1937-1938-1939 be abated as follows; That an abatement in the sum of \$300.00 on the valuation is hereby allowed and granted on the above property for the Years mentioned namely 1929-1930-1931-1932-1933-1934-1935-1936-1937-1938-1939, placing the valuation at \$1,838.00 instead of \$2,138.00 with the understanding that all Taxes standing against said property will be paid immediately.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the above Resolution was Adopted.

Mr Gallagher remarked that the Bus Terminal on William St of the Greyhound Bus Co was very much of a nuisance blocking the traffic and interfering with the natural flow of traffic, Mayor English stated that it was a matter of the Police Dept seeing that the situation was corrected Mr Mead was of the opinion that a speed limit sign or signs of 25 mile speed should be erected on William St and that Mr Joyce should contact the Highway Dept for the signs.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk.

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

The Minutes of Sept 21st meeting were not read but on Motion by Mr Gallagher,seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered filed and adopted.

The following report on Traffic Violations and Meter returns for the Month of September was received from Mayor Kenneth.J. English. On Motion by Mr Gallagher,seconded by Dr Andaloro same was ordered received and filed.

September.1,1939 to September.30,1939	Parking Violations.	\$ 58.00
" 1,1939 to " 30,1939	Meter Returns.	478.01

Health Officer and Sealer of Weights & Measures Thomas Newcomb tendered his report for the Month of September. On Motion by Mr Gallagher,seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above reports were ordered received and filed.

The following Bills were recommended for payment by the Director of Accounts & Finance Dr S.C.Andaloro. On Motion by Mr Thos Gallagher,seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered paid.

Megargee Brothers.	Drinking Cups.	\$ 13.50
John.A.Reddington.	Repairs to City Hall Roof.	21.95
Lava-Sol Products Co,	N.Y.A.Cleaning Projects	31.25
Primo Marianelli.	City Portion No Main St Pave.	4,561.00
Scr Spg Brook Water Co.	Water City Yard & Niagra Bldg.	8.43

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 8 7 BE IT RESOLVED,by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Taxes levied against property of the Miner-Hillard Co,West Side of Cron Street,in the Seventh Ward City of Pittston.Penna.for the Year 1939,be abated in the sum of \$3,000.00 on the Valuation, Making a total Valuation of \$27,687.00 instead of \$35,687.00".

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 8 8 BE IT RESOLVED,by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Taxes levied against property of Salvatore Capitani,112 Vine Street,1st District of the 10th Ward in the City of Pittston Penna. be abated in the sum of \$750.00 on the Valuation for the Years 1932 and 1933 on account of House being destroyed by Fire in February 1932.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 8 9 BEIT RESOLVED,by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Mayor,Kenneth.J.English,City Controller Emerson.J.Howley and Director of Accounts & Finance Dr S.C. Andaloro,be authorized and empowered to negotiate settlement of all bills and claims of the Scranton-Spring Brook Water Company and enter into necessary agreements for such settlement.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 9 0 BE IT RESOLVED,by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Mayor Kenneth.J.English be authorized and empowered to contract with the Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co,for opening of pave on North Main Street and relaying of pipe therein with waver of customary permit fees therefor.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 9 1 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston; "That the bid of Wilkinson Equipment Company 935 So 52nd Street Philadelphia, Penna. in the sum of \$6,484.00 for the Furnishings, as per Specifications, for the New City Hall, Pittston Penna, be accepted. On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was Adopted.

The following Telegram was forwarded to Governor Arthur. H. James & Family at his address 112 Church St Plymouth, Pa. on account of the Death of his Son.

"Mayor Kenneth. J. English and Members of Pittston City Council extend their sincere sympathies in your Bereavement.

J. P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

The following letter was received in answer to the above.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Governors Office
Harrisburg
September 25 th 1939

Dear Mr Fitzpatrick:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful Telegram of September 18th. Will you please convey to Mayor English and the members of the Pittston City Council my deep appreciation of their kind expression of sympathy.

Sincerely yours,
Arthur. H. James.

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

Following letter was received from Breslau & Lyndwood 170 West Main Street Plymouth, Penna. bidders on the Furnishings for the New City Hall.

October 9th 1939

City of Pittston
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Re: PWA #674-F Furnishing Contract.

Gentlemen:

Due to you not having taken any action on the bid submitted by us on the above project we are compelled at this time because of the unstable market to withdraw our bid.

Thanking you for the opportunity of bidding, we remain.

Breslau & Lyndwood Supply Co.

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By: Alexander Oshirak.

Report that the following were being progressed with.
Placing of a Street Lamp at the intersection of Garfield & Elizabeth Sts.

Penna Coal Co Realty Dept were approached relative to a lease on their property adjoining the First Ward in upper Pittston, that local residents suggested being used as a play ground.

Discussion on Parking Signs also on the removal of the Curb on North Main Street between Mill & Parsonage Sts.

Jos O'Brien Asst Fire Chief thanked the Mayor & Council for the curtesy extended him in premitting his attendance at the Fire School conducted at State College Penna. Aug 28 to Sept 1st 1939. He stated that a Fire School would be started here for the benefit of the local firemen to be presided over by Instructors furnished by the State, as well that the American Theatre had been offered to the local firemen for the showing

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of instructive and interesting Moving pictures, the services of one of the Theatres Operators was also promised, the idea as explained by Mr O'Brien was to more thoroughly familiarize the local foremen with situations that have occurred in other cities that might occur locally at any time. Mr O'Brien enlightened the Mayor and Council on the conduct of the Fire School and displayed a Certificate that was given him at the conclusion of this years course.

Members of Council expressed themselves as being most satisfied with the investment made in assuming the expenses of Mr O'Briens attendance at the school.

By Unanimous vote Mr O'Brien was thanked for the interest shown and the intelligent manner in which he handled the subject.

Their being no further Business Council adjourned.

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

The Minutes of October 10th meeting were not read but on motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered filed and adopted.

City Treasurer Mr M.P. Ruane submitted his report for the month of September, a balance of \$125,679.70 was shown as of September 30, 1939.

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

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

Ardoline Bert.	Affidavits.	\$	8.00
Franco Benedetto.	Use of Mixer (Butler Cr)		20.00
Freed's.	Refinishing Police Badge.		1.50
Missly Walter S.	Traffic Line Machine.		181.50
Petrellas Brake Service.	Clutch Repairs (Hook & Ladder)		21.28
Union Bldg & Constr Co.	Road Oil.		1,095.38
Keystone Roofing Co.	Roof & Supplies (Niagra's)		100.62
M.P. Ruane Treasurer.	Red Bonds & Interest.		14,070.00

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauptis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above bills were approved.

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 9 2 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That as much of RESOLUTION NO 3 2 7 9 approved August 22, 1939 appropriates the sum of \$1,505.10 from General Funds for a Fire Alarm Signal at the New City Hall is hereby repealed.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 9 3 BE IT RESOLVED

WHEREAS, Charles H. Popky, trading as Popky Engineering Company, has submitted evidence showing that he was delayed in his efforts to complete work upon the New City Hall at Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania (Docket No. Pa. 2074-F, Federal Works Agency, Work Projects Administration), due to conditions surrounding general construction of the building; and

WHEREAS, the contract of the City of Pittston with the said Popky Engineering Company provides for assessment of liquidated damages against the said contractor for failure to complete his work within the required time; and

WHEREAS, said contractor has requested the City of Pittston to waive and release its right to assess damages against him for his failure to complete said work within the required time and to further extend the time for completion of said contract; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSBORG that it is hereby administratively determined that the request of the said contractor is just and equitable, and that the said City of Pittston hereby waives the assessment of liquidated damages against the said Contractor assessable under the contract between October 1st 1939 and December 1st 1939, subject to the approval of the Regional Director, Region No 1, Federal Works Agency, Public Works Administration.

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

J. Pauptis

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 9 4 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the City Council shall sit as the Board of Revision of Taxes and Appeals on November 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 1939 between the hours of 7:00 o'clock P.M. and 9:00 o'clock P.M. at the City Hall, Water Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania to hear and determine all appeals by taxpayers of the City of Pittston from assessments made by the City Assessor for the 1939 tri-ennial and yearly assessment and the City Assessor shall give all persons to be given a hearing at least five days written notice of the time and place fixed herein for hearing on said appeals.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 9 5 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the salary of the City Treasurer of the City of Pittston for the term of his office be and the same be hereby fixed at Thirty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$3500.00) per Annum.

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

Mr. Michael Clarke, member of the Pittston School Board and the Park Commission addressed Council and stated that he was informed that the ST JOHNS VS PITTSYON HIGH SCHOOL FOOT BALL GAME to be played on Thanksgiving Day was liable to be removed to the West-Pittston Stadium.

Letter mailed to the Park Commission by the Athletic Council of the Pittston High School recommending a list of changes and improvements to the Albert West Park ere the playing of the above game was read to Council.

Motion by Mr. Mead, seconded by Mr. Gallagher that the City Clerk address a letter to the Athletic Council of the Pittston High School acknowledging receipt of their letter and that any arrangements made by the Council with the Park Commission would be acceded to by the City Council. Same was passed Unanimously.

Motion by Dr. Andaloro, seconded by Mr. Mead that 2 men representing the City be sent to the meeting of the Third Class City Conference at State College Nov 18th and 19th 1939 and that the sum of \$50.00 be set aside to cover their expenses. Same passed Unanimously

Their being no further business before Council said body adjourned.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick

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J.P. Fitzpatrick

Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 8 P.M. with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all Members present with the exception of Mr Roy A. Mead.

The Minutes of October 31st meeting were not read but on Motion of Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered filed and adopted.

The following report for the Month of October was submitted by Mayor Kenneth J. English.

Oct 1, 1939 to Oct 31, 1939 Parking Violations.	\$58.00
Oct 1, 1939 to Oct 31, 1939 Meter Returns.	472.14

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

City Treasurer Mr M.P. Ruane, submitted his report for the month of October, a balance of \$99,336.15 was shown as of October 31 1939.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

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

Anthracite Paint Store.	Paint, Brushes, Etc.	\$ 42.80
Andrews Stationery Store.	Office supplies & Stat	65.31
Andrews Stationery Store.	Treas Office Supplies.	20.35
Andrews Whol Paper.	2 Cases of Towels.	9.00
Butera Auto Body Works.	Repairs, St. Dept. Trucks.	11.65
Barber Motor Car Co.	Repairs St & Police Dept.	10.67
Blue Ridge Supply & Mfg Co.	Bronze & Aluminum Liquid.	2.30
Barritts Paint Store.	Supplies.	25.30
Bell Telephone Co mpany.	Tel, Sept, Oct & Nov.	69.42
Central Clay Products Co.	Supplies, Projects.	94.73
Cyclone Machine Company.	Supplies, Projects.	102.40
Colts Fire Arms Co.	1 Special Revolver.	23.00
Court Press.	4 Copies Veh Code of Pa.	5.00
Drury Wm, Estate.	Bread & Kerosene Oil.	9.31
Dershimer Lumber Company.	Supplies, Projects.	194.50
Deemer & Company.	100 Folders Mayor Office.	2.50
Durland Sand Company.	Sand & Gravel, Projects.	81.45
Dommermuth & Co.	Dynamite & Wire, Projects.	27.20
Eagen Hdw Co.	Supplies, St Dept & Project	121.12
Eagle Hose Co.	Rent to July 1940	750.00
Eureka Fire Hose Division. (Castner)	White Tourout Coat.	11.50
Evans Wesley.	Welding & Repairs.	8.15
Gates Foundry Co.	Inlets, Manhole Rings, Lids.	70.50
Glen Summitt Water Co,	Water, June to Oct 1939	34.50
Goeringer Con Co.	1.000 Gal Road Oil.	120.00
Hunt Harry.	Prt Tax Statements.	49.75
Hoosier Tarpaulin & Canvas Co.	6 Waterpfoof Tarpaulins.	38.04
Klein Auto Parts Co.	Parts, Truck & Police Car.	63.21
Kelly Run Company.	Stone Chips.	37.53
Keuffel & Esser Co.	6 Plumb Bobs (Engineer)	11.59
Ludwigs Hdw Store.	Supplies.	148.02
Lava-Sol Products Co.	18 Cans of Lava-Sol.	22.50
Miners Savings Bank	Rent, Oct, Nov, Dec 1939	195.00
Motorin Garage.	Storage, Trucks.	64.00
Mitchell Lumber Company.	Supplies Projects.	147.08
Mitchell Lumber Company.	Bleachers (West Park)	626.99
Newcomb Brothers.	Coal, City Hall, Niagras.	29.48
Pittston Stove Company.	Manhole Frame & Cover.	19.55
Powers Austin.	4 Air Vents Niagras.	3.40
Pittstom Flour & Feed Co.	Burlap Bags.	2.00
Pittston Gazette.	Advertising & Printting	77.55
Peoples Light Co.	600 Gals of Tar.05	30.00
Quinn.M.V. Ins Agency.	Insurance Bldg Tompk St.	16.70

J. P. Pauxtis

	Sub-Total	\$ 3,425.63
Scranton Electric Co.	Office Lighting.	59.25
Scranton Electric Co.	Street Lighting.	5,000.00
Smiles, Allan. W.	Keys, Locks, Etc.	4.45
Shafers Electric Shop.	Electrical Supplies Niag. Bldg.	1.40
Rudolphs Electric Shop. (W-B)	Electrical Supplies, Eagle Truck.	17.80
Turon & Swartz.	Lumber & Nails, Niag. Bldg.	93.75
Wagner Lumber Co.	Cement & Brick.	31.19
Whiteman & Co.	Drinking Cups.	16.00
Wilkes-Barre Record Co.	Advert. Tax Notice. (Ruane)	46.20
Marinelli Prmo.	Semi-final Est. No main St Pave.	1,361.75
Community Theatre.	Rent. Oct, Nov. Gas Sept, Nov. 13.	29.00
M. P. Ruane, Treasurer.	Redemption of Bonds & Interest.	4,247.50
M. P. Ruane, Treasurer.	Advances for Month of Oct 1939.	169.00
Pittston Coal Co.	Park Rent Year 1939.	14.00
Egan Oil Co.	Gas and Oil. (\$24.70)	258.20
Pittston Oil Co.	Gas, Oil, Grease & Wash Police Car.	428.20
Consumers Gas & Oil Co.	Gas, Oil. Tire Repair. (10.50)	250.50
Consumers Ice Co.	Ice, City Offices.	54.89
Scranton-Spring Brook Co.	Partial Payment on Old Account.	2,000.00
Volunteer Firemens Salary.	Aug, Sept, Oct. 1939.	440.00
Firemens Releif Assoc.	Appropriation Year 1939.	2,632.59
Marinelli Prmo.	Extra, Upper Wm St (Laurel Line Br)	105.84
Krise Wm.	Parts Service Car St Dept.	1.00
		<u>\$ 20,627.16</u>

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the above Bills were ordered paid.

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 9 6 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston. "That the Bond of M. P. Ruane, Collector of City Taxes, for the City of Pittston, Pa. be relieved and released of the following balance, as appears on the duplicate for the Year of 1938; \$42,497.25; The foregoing balance consists of Personal Tax of Male and Female and exonerations and abatements, and of Properties that have been certified, and for which Liens can be filed against said Properties at the time required by Law."

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 9 7 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston; "#That an Electric Street Light be erected on Parsonage Street between Main and Miller Streets on the First pole on left hand side of Street adjoining the Fort Pittston School, and that the Scranton Electric Company be communicated with and instructed to comply with above specified Electric Light Installation.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 9 8 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston; "That M. P. Ruane, City Treasurer, be and he is hereby directed and authorized to pay to the Firemens Releif Assoc through their authorized Officers the sum of \$2,632.59 received as Tax on premiums of Foreign Fire Insurance Companies operating in Pennsylvania.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 2 9 9 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston; "That the following Transfers be made: In the Department of Streets and Public Improvements:

- \$166.00 from Cleaning Streets to Wages of Employees.
- 612.38 from Repairs to Streets to Wages of Employees.
- 3,320.07 from Road Oil to Wages of Employees.
- 1,209.50 from purchase of Truck & Equipment to Wages of Employees.

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

J. P. Pauxtis

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 0 0 BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the following Transfers be made: In the Sinking Fund;—

\$945.00 from Bond and Interest of 1909 (and all other funds) to Bond and Interest of 1938 Issue.

\$1,055.00 from Bond and Interest of 1923 Issue to Bond and Interest of 1938 Issue.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 0 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Pittston: "That the following Contract be entered into. ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made and concluded this 30th day of November 1939, by and between the City of Pittston, County of Luzerne, a Municipal sub-division of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, party of the First part, hereinafter called City, and Deegen, Messer and Company, a Partnership organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, of Easton, Pennsylvania, party of the second part, hereinafter called Company.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Pittston, at a Special meeting held on this 30 day of November, 1939, passed a Resolution employing the said Company to prepare the Municipal Loans Tax Report for the said City for the Year 1939, under certain terms and conditions, therefore

WITNESSETH

IN CONSIDERATION of the premises, it is hereby mutually agreed that (a) The Company shall audit and determine the exempt holders of the Bonds of the above-mentioned City for the Year 1939, prepare the Municipal Loans Tax Report as required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and audit the Loans Tax Assessment made therefrom.

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

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

ATTEST:

J. P. FITZPATRICK, CITY CLERK.

CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA.
BY KENNETH J. ENGLISH, MAYOR.

DEGEN, MESSER AND COMPANY
BY W. W. DEGEN, PARTNER.

On Motion by Mr Gallagher, seconded by Mr Pauxtis and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call Above Resolution & Sgræement was Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 0 2 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Resolution of Council, No 3273, awarding contract to Kelly & Mullin for furnishing to the New City Hall under the provisions of Group A of the specifications of Coon & Barrett, Architects, be and the same is hereby repealed.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 0 3 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: " That the bid of Harry H. Levin, trading as Pittston Furniture Mart, for furnishing carpets to the New City Hall under Group B of the specifications for same, be and the same is hereby rejected for failure of the bidder to attach certified check to his bid.

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

J. P. Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION NO 3304 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the bid of Kelly & Mullin for furnishings carpets to the New City Hall in accordance with the provisions of Group B of the specifications of Coon & Barrett, Architects, for the sum of \$825.12, be and the same is hereby accepted.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3305 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: " That the bid of Kelly & Mullin for furnishings window shades to the New City Hall, in accordance with the provisions of Group C of the specifications of Coon & Barrett, Architects, for the sum of \$66.06 be and the same is hereby accepted.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3306 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: " That the bid of Kelly & Mullin for the furnishing of Draperies for the New City Hall, in accordance with the provisions of Group D of the Specifications of Coon & Barrett, Architects, for the sum of \$152.00, be and the same is hereby accepted.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3307 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That by reason of circumstances preventing the delivery and installation of Furniture at the New City Hall, Pittston, Pennsylvania, Docket Pa. 2074-F, within the required contract time of Sixty Days, the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to make request upon the Federal Works Agency, Public Works Administration for an extension of project time beyond December 31st, 1939 to March 1st 1940, and that he be further authorized to enter into a contract with the Wilkinson Equipment Company for Furnishings to the New City Hall under which delivery and installation shall not be required within any sooner time than Ninety Days from December 1st, 1939, subject to the approval of the Regional Director, Federal Works Agency, P.W.A.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3308 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Pittston: " That the request of Wm. J. Crunden for waiver of enforcement of the clause pertaining to liquidated damages under his contract on or before December 31st, 1939 appears to be reasonable since delivery cannot be made of Bronze entrance and vestibule doors to the side of such project within the proper time, and such clause as to liquidated damages is waved as to the period expiring December 31st 1939

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

FILE OF COUNCIL 411, submitted by Mayor English; " 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 1940 AND ENDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY 1941." was read at length.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Gallagher that the Ordinance pass First Reading carried by a Unanimous vote on Roll Call.

FILE OF COUNCIL 412, submitted by Mayor English; "AN ORDINANCE FIXING GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1940, was read at length.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Gallagher that the Ordinance pass First Reading carried by a Unanimous vote on Roll Call.

J. H. Pauxtis.

The following letters were read to Council by City Clerk J.P.Fitzpatrick.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call they were ordered received & filed.

Pittston.Pa.Nov 10th 1939

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

Honorable Dear Sirs;-

This is a request from the Health Center of your City for the furniture which we have used since the establishment of this work in City Hall, which dates back many years.

Respectfully yours.

Minnie.G.Frey.R.N.

Alma O'Boyle, Ex-Sec.

Pittston Hospital
Pittston Pa.
November 16 1939

Hon Kenneth.J.English
Mayor City of Pittston
Pittston,Pennsylvania.

Dear Mayor:-

Pittston Hospital Staff of Physicians request the privilege of being considered in the disposition of some of the furniture which was used in the Old City Hall, as they intend to establish a medical library at the hospital in this community.

Very truly yours,

T.R.Gagion.M.D.President.

M.J.Murphy.M.D.Secretary.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick

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City Clerk.

J.P. Fitzpatrick

Proposed Budget of the City of
Pittston, Pa. for the Year 1940 is
now on file in the office of the City
Clerk, Room 22, Miners Bank Bldg.
Final action on same will be taken
by Council at its Regular Meeting
at 12 M. Dec. 26, 1939, at City Hall.
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Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth.J.English presiding and all members present with the exception of Mr Olgert.S.Pauxtis.

The Minutes of November 30th meeting were not read but on Motion by Mr Gallagher,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered filed and adopted.

The following report for the month of November was submitted by Mayor Kenneth.J.English.

November.1,1939 to November.30,1939	-	Parking Violations	\$ 40.00
November.1,1939 to November.30,1939	-	Meter Returns	520.21

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

City Treasurer M.P.Ruane,submitted his report for the month of November,a balance of \$71,025.36 was shown as of November 30th 1939

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 0 9 BE IT RESOLVED,by the City Council of the City of Pittston. "That the Miners Savings Bank of Pittston is hereby designated as the Depository Bank for all Funds for the City of Pittston for the Years 1940, 1941, 1942, and 1943 excepting Funds carried in the Construction Account for the New City Hall.

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

The following communication received from the Pittston High School Athletic Council was read to Council.

To the Members Pittston City Council
Pittston,Pennsylvania. December 1st 1939

Dear Sirs:

We are taking this means of thanking your body for the interest manifested in providing us with a suitable place to play our Annual Football Game with St.John's High School. We appreciate very much the work done by the City Forces under your direction on Albert West Park.

Thankfully yours,
Pittston High School Athletic Council
Francis.A.Earley,President.

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

Communication was received and read to Council from F.W. Jennings owner of the Coal Chutes at Kennedy & Spring Sts wherein he stated that he was discontinuing business at that point and was desirous of selling both the land and building to the City for storage purposes description and map of the property accopnied above letter.

On motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the above was ordered received and filed and City Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of same to Mr Jennings.

Communication was received from Mr Emerson J.Howley,Controller in reference to the Boiler and coal conveyors at New City Hall suggesting a change. Mayor English informed Council that the above situation had been taken up with the Architects.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick
Clerk

J.P. Fitzpatrick

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Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12.00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth.J.English presiding and all members present with the exception of Mr Olgert.S.Pauxtis.

The Minutes of December 12th 1939 meeting were not read but on Motion by Mr Gallagher,seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received,filed and Adopted.

Health Officer and Sealer of Weights and Measures Thos Newcomb submitted his reports for above offices for the Months of October and November.

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

Mr George Bainbridge,Secretary of the City Park Commission gave the following report Via letter to the Mayor and Council on the receipts of ticket sale and Commission accruing to the Park Comm from the Annual St John's vs Pittston High School Foot Ball Game played at Albert West Park on Thanksgiving Day November 23rd 1939.

Total Adult Sales.	1647	@	50¢	\$823.50
Total Students "	2932	@	25¢	733.00
Total Sales.	4579			\$1556.50
Park Commission Share.			20%	\$ 311.30

Mr George Bainbridge as well reported as follows on the Receipts and Expenditures of the Park Commission for the period April 26th 1939 to December 15th 1939.

Balance on hand April 26th 1939.	\$99.59
Total Receipts.	\$590.06
Disbursements and cash paid out.	181.16
Balance December 18th 1939.	\$408.90

Mr George Bainbridge submitted the following letter of suggestions which was read to Council.

Mr J.P.Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk;

Dec 18th 1939

Dear Sir;

At a recent meeting of the Park Commission the matter of painting the new Bleachers was discussed. By motion Secretary was instructed to direct a letter to you for presenting to Council members the thought of having said Bleachers at Albert West Park painted by the entering of a project if in your judgement it would be most feasible plan. For their preservation we feel you will agree the work should be done.

Chairman Clark also reported it was his understanding a general policing of the Park during the Winter Months could be done by the entering of a project with the D.P.A. The Commission members will be glad to confer with members of Council regarding above. We want to thank your body for the fine spirit of Co-operation which has been manifest in our endeavor to imptove conditions at Albert West Park.

Yours Respectfully.
G.W.Bainbridge,Secretary.

On motion by Mr Gallagher,seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above communications were ordered received & filed that a letter of appreciation be sent the Park Commission,that Major R.N.Myers,City Engineer enter projects as suggested on the painting of the Bleachers and the Policing of the Park,and that the Commission be billed for the New Bleachers at West Park that the Council sponsered.

On motion by Mr Gallagher,seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the following bill recommended for payment by Dr S.O. Director of Accounts and Finance was ordered paid.

John.A.Allan,Partial pay't onEmployees Compensation Ins after 1938 Audit
\$585.93

J.P. Fitzpatrick

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 1 0 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston :

WHEREAS, Michael P. Ruane, CITY TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR for the term of Four Years, beginning January 1, 1940, has applied to the New York Casualty Company for his Bond as City Treasurer and Tax Collector for the said Four Years Term, and has signed a premium contract with the Surety Company agreeing to pay the regular manual of rates applicable for Tax Collectors of the State of Pennsylvania, under which rates the premium is based on the amount of the duplicate, and

WHEREAS, THE Surety Company requires as a condition precedent to the issuance of said Bond a ratification of the premium contract signed by the Treasurer and a guarantee that said premium will be paid by the three municipalities aforementioned.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the premium contract signed by said Treasurer is hereby ratified and the City of Pittston, Pennsylvania hereby agrees to pay to the said Surety Company, New York Casualty Co, or to an authorized local agent, each year in advance the Surety Co's regular manual of rates based on the amount of the Tax duplicate as applicable to all Tax Collectors Bonds in the State of Pennsylvania.

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

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 4 1 1 was read by title for the Second time. On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Ordinance was passed on Second Reading.

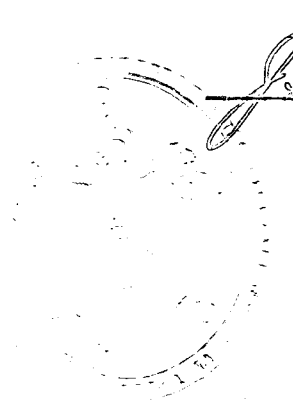
FILE OF COUNCIL NO 4 1 1 was read by title for the Third time. On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Ordinance was passed on Third Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 4 1 2 was read by title for the Second time. On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Gallagher and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Ordinance was passed on Second Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 4 1 2 was read by title for the Third time. On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Ordinance was passed on Third Reading.

There being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

 *J.P. Fitzpatrick*
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Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 10.00 A.M. with Mayor Kenneth.J.English presiding and all members present with the exception of Mr Olgert.S.Pauxtis.

The Minutes of December 26th 1939 meeting were not read but on Motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received,filed and adopted.

Councilmen Elect Messers Joseph Walsh and Sylvester.C.Grablick were present and presented their Certificates of Election and Bond they were sworn and took the Oath of Office administered by Mayor Kenneth.J. English.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro,seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote Messers Walsh and Grablick were ordered to occupy their seats as well their Certificates of Election,Bond and copy of Oath of Office were referred to City Solicitor.Hon Wm.H.Gillespie.

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 1 1 BE IT RESOLVED,by the City Council of the City of Pittston "That appreciation is hereby expressed for the cooperation extended by Messers Gallagher and Pauxtis in the councilmanic program and planning of the past Two Years and the well wishes of this body follow them in their retirement from office.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 1 2 BE IT RESOLVED,by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the following are hereby designated as Department Heads:
S.C.Andaloro,Director of the Department of Accounts and Finance.
Sylvester C.Grablick,Director of the Department of Public Safety.
Roy.A.Mead,Director of the Department of Streets and Public Improvements.
Joseph.A.Walsh,Director of the Department of Parks and Public Property.

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

City Clerk J.P.Fitzpatrick read a communication from Treasurer elect Mr M.P.Ruane,wherin was contained his Certificate of Election,Bond and signed Oath of Office.

On Motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and referred to the City Solicitor.Hon.Wm.H.Gillespie for a reading from him.

The following Telegram addressed to Mayor Kenneth.J.English, Councilmen Dr S.C.Andaloro,Roy.A.Mead and Councilmen Elect Sylvester Grablick and Joseph Walsh was read to Council.

" GREETINGS, SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY. "

FEDERATED CLUB of DEMOCRATIC WOMEN.

MRS CLAUD WESTLEY, PRESIDENT.

On Motion by Dr Andaloro,seconded by Mr Walsh same was ordered received and filed and that a letter of Thanks and Acknowledgement be forwarded to Mrs Westley and Club Members.

Mayor Kenneth.J.English took occassion to briefly sketch the accomplishments of his Administration during their First Two Years in office and he remarked that plans for the coming year are extensive but are bound up with receipt of Taxes and will be realized only in the event that the Tax anticipations prove justified. At the outset the Mayor explained he and his colleagues were handicapped during 1938 by a reduced millage and they had difficulty conducting Municipal affairs,especially maintenance of the expensive ash collections inaugurated by the Administration.# The Year 1938 was devoted principally to planning " the Mayor explained.

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" In 1939 many improvements were accomplished without reaching the the millage mark of 19 mills which prevailed in Pittston for about eight or nine years immediately preceeding our election to office."

His Honor coted these accomplishments:

Erection of a New City Hall with 45 per cent of the construction cost being paid by the Federal government under the Public Works Administration. The Mayor remarked that the New City Hall will be ready for occupancy about February 1st.

Under Works Progress Administration projects, with municipal assistance, the following was accomplished:
Widening of Vine street at Swallow street; construction of retaining wall and gutters.
Improvements to Albert West Park. Plot widened and concrete and masonry wall built together with permanent bleachers.
Widening of Prospect street; surfacing and construction of gutters.
Surfacing of James, Vine and O'Connell streets; construction of gutters.
Acquiring from Erie Railroad Company a strip of land for widening of Gazette Place into a two-lane highway; widening street and reconstruction of a retaining wall, 60% completed now.
Widening and surfacing of Thistle street.
Widening and surfacing of Price and Frothingham streets between Oak and Tompkins streets, this work said to be 75% Complete.
Work begun on re-surfacing of Upper Broad street between Fulton & Ford Sts.

Sewer Jobs as follows:

Intercepting sewer job on Market street, between Wharf and Tompkins Sts.
Sanitary sewers constructed on Thistle and Walters streets.
Extending the present sanitary sewers on Johnson, Prospect & Seneca Sts.
Contributing funds and material to the State Highway Department for re-surfacing of North Main street between Mill and Parsonage streets.
Contributing funds and material to the Highway Department for re-surfacing of William street.
Enclosing Butler Creek and Laurel Line Creek and repairing the same.
(Acknowledgement was made to Volpe Coal Co., Newcomb Bros. and Lehigh Valley Railroad Company for material given so that these projects could be accomplished.)

Mayor English concuded by stating that the Administration was indebted to the entire City Corps for the wonderful esprit and interest shown in their various offices and departments in which they were employed without the cooperation manifested the success noted could not have been accomplished.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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

The Minutes of January 1st 1940 meeting were not read but on Motion of Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following reports for the Month of December and the total report for the Year 1939 was submitted by Mayor English.

December.1,1939 to December.31,1939	Parking Violations.	\$57.00
December.1,1939 to December.31,1939	Meter Returns	509.26
January.1,1939 to December.31,1939	Parking Violations.	\$977.00
January.1,1939 to December.31,1939	Viol.of Ordinances.	250.00
January.1,1939 to December.31,1939	Forfeited Deposits.	15.00
January.1,1939 to December.31,1939	State Fines.	20.00
January.1,1939 to December.31,1939	Meter Returns.	6123.85
	Total Returns.	\$ 8385.85

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

City Treasurer M.P.Ruane submitted his report for the month of December a balance of \$67,346.61 was shown as of Dec 31 1939

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

Health Officer and Sealer of Weights and Measures Thos Newcomb submitted his report for the Month of December 1939.

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

The following bill was recommended for payment by Dr S.O. Andaloro, Director of Accounts and Finance.

Austin Powder Company.	5 Cases of Dynamite.	\$13.57
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On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered Paid.

RESOLUTION NO 3313 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Joseph McLaughlin, 12 La Grange Street, be and he is hereby appointed as Acting Assistant to the City Engineer at a salary of \$1100.00 per annum, effective January 15, 1940

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

The following communication was received from City Engineer Major R.N.Myers, relative to the sidewalk project.

December 28th 1939

Pittston City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

In view of the meagre response to published notice requesting property owners to signify their desires for sidewalk improvements under a W.P.A. project, it is recommended that steps be taken to solicit those property owners whose sidewalks require replacing or repairs with the view to securing a sufficient number to allow the preparation and presentation of a project so that work can be commenced with the opening of the Spring season.

Respectfully submitted.

R.N.MYERS, City Engineer.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received & filed and that Major Myers arrange for assistance in contacting the property owners.

Collections For Parking Total \$6,123

At a noonday meeting of City Council today a report was submitted by Mayor Kenneth J. English showing that \$6,123.85 was collected in parking meters of the city during the year 1939 and that fines for parking violations totaled \$977. The Mayor also reported fines collected for violations of city ordinances amounting to \$250; forfeited deposits of \$15 and state fines collected of \$20. The report was ordered filed without comment. The Mayor also submitted the December individual monthly report on traffic meter collections.

City Treasurer Michael P. Ruane reported a balance in the treasury as of January 1st amounting to \$67,346.61, divided as follows: General fund, \$7,446.47; bond and interest account of 1909, \$959.23; bond and interest account of 1923, \$22,808.06; of 1935, \$1,353.95; of 1938, \$118.05; special funding account of 1935, \$833.30; City Hall account No. 2, \$32,208.30; and other lesser items.

Thomas A. Newcomb submitted separate reports as sealer of weights and as health officer. A third recommendation from Mr. Newcomb to council was that abandoned dwellings owned by Ori-fio Incuzzo, 93 East Railroad street and by the Martin Estate, 55 Elizabeth street, be razed as nuisances and health and fire hazards. Council voted to refer the recommendation to the city solicitor for an opinion.

Joseph McLaughlin, of 12 La-Grange street, was appointed assistant city engineer at an annual salary of \$1,100. He is an alumnus of St. John's High School.

City Engineer R. N. Myers was asked to prepare a report as to the number of property holders who have signified a willingness to have their sidewalks repaired under a WPA project.

Councilman Joseph A. Walsh reported that he had been informed that a barricade has been erected at the upper end of Chapel street obstructing entrance to the Greek Catholic Cemetery. The matter was referred to the city engineer.

Councilman Sylvester Grablick sought information on the practicability of widening Church street from William street north, by moving the present curb line on each side of the street closer to the outside lines of the sidewalks. It was the opinion of his colleagues that property holders own out to the present curb line, but an investigation was promised.

City Clerk Joseph P. Fitzpatrick advised that a lease on the Zenas Barnum Tract, at the north end of DeWitt street, had been procured from the Pennsylvania Coal Company.

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City Clerk J.P.Fitzpatrick stated that Mr Lynn of the Realty Department of the Pennsylvania Coal Co, Dunmore.Pa.had called at his office and stated that he was of the opinion that the City might obtain from the above Company a Fifteen Year Lease for the Gilmartin Park property on North Main and Parsonage Streets if Council is still interested in obtaining the same,he also stated that the reasons that the City had not obtained a lease previously was an account of the reorganization of his company and the non-issuance of leases of any nature during that period.

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

A lease between the Pennsylvania Coal Co and the City of Pittston for a piece of property located in the First Ward and adjoining the Zenas Barnum Tract from the intersecting line of Thistle Street was presented to Council,said property to be used as a play ground as per petition received from the residents of that section and read to Council some months ago. Lease to run from year to year at an Annual Rental of \$1.00.

On Motion by Mr Walsh,seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the lease was accepted,same to be signed by the proper officers for the City of Pittston.

A communication from Health Officer Thos Newcomb was read to Council same covered a menace existing to the health and safety to Citizens as well as their being a fire hazard of buildings at 93 East Railroad St owned by Orifio Incuzz and property at 55 Elizabeth St., formerly the Martin Property he suggested the demolition of both.

On Motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was referred to City Solicitor Wm.H. Gillespie for a ruling and that proper action be taken.

Mr Walsh called Councils attention to the blocking off of a street entry to the Greek Cemetery from Chapel Street.



By Unanimous vote same was referred to the City Engineer for a reading same to be presented to Council at their next meeting.

Attention of Council was called to the dicontinuance of W-B and Wyo-Valley busses from Wyoming,Exeter and West-Pittston continuing on their run to the forks of the road on So Main St,instead they turned on Water St and continued to the West side,complaints had been made by the business men and citizens of So Main St they wishing some releif,especially since they had been accustomed to accomodation in the past.

By Unanimous vote the City Clerk was directed to write Messers Eder or Hoffman of the above Company and express the wishes of Council to have the service as it formally existed renewed.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 11.45 A.M. with Mayor Kenneth.J.English presiding and all members present.

The Minutes of January 9th 1940 meeting were not read but on Motion of Dr Andaloro,seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received,filed and adopted.

A general discussion was entered into by the members on the New City Hall and especially the Heating and Plumbing and Fire Alarm. Mayor English informed Council that they were all members of the New City Hall Building Committee and as such were privileged to voice their opinions on the same,suggesting however that a typewritten copy of findings or suggestions be presented to Council so that all might benefit thereby and correct anything that might seem not according to specifications. Mayor English as well suggested that Coon & Barrett Architects and Mr Gus Weinberger,Plumbing and Heating Contractor,be invited to attend the next Session of Council on Tuesday Jan 23rd.

Communication was read from Major R.N.Myers, City Engineer, regarding the proposed location of steel poles to be placed by the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation on Water Street, City, also location of Postal Telegraph Co wooden pole on same street.

Above communication was tabled until next meeting with instructions given the City Clerk J.P.Fitzpatrick.to communicate with Major Myers and invite him to attend our next meeting and further explain pole situations referred too.

The following communication relating to a supposed street existing or supposed to exist leading from Chapel Street to the Greek Cemetery,which was brought up at the January 9th meeting of Council by Mr Joseph Walsh,Councilman,and referred to Major Myers, City Engineer for a reading,was read to Council. On Motion by Mr Walsh,seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

January 16 1940

Pittston City Council,
Pittston,Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

With reference to a reported street between Chapel and Union Streets in the First Ward,the following seems to be all the available data:

1st. Hon.James Langan,deceased,owned 180 feet of land on Chapel Street extending to Union Street.

2nd. Two lots were sold from this plot,one 100 feet front and one 50 feet front,extending the full depth of the plot. Thirty feet remains in the name of the grantor,Hon James Langan.

3rd. It appears that during his lifetime,Mr Langan discussed with the owners adjoining the remaining 30 feet,the feasibility of creating a street. However,nothing concrete developed and the 30 foot strip is still held by the Estate of Hon.James Langan.

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

National Assoc of Regulars Dept of Pennsylvania,Thos Moore Secretary of Executive Comm and Edward Richards Chairman applied for use of the City Hall (Water Street) meeting room for their meetings held on each 1st and 3rd Friday nights at 8 o'clock.

On motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the communication was ordered received and filed. granting of the above request to be held in abeyance until decision is made on the use to which above building will be made.

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

January 19th 1940

To the Mayor and Members
of Council of the City of Pittston:

Opinion has been requested as to the power of the City to appropriate money and incur expence in behalf of residents of the City who have been,now are or may be affected by the apprehended epidemic of Spinal Meningitis now prevalent in Luzerne County.

I have examined the Law regulating the Public Health in Cities of the Third Class, and find that under the provisions of Section 2310 of the Act of Assembly approved June 24, 1931, the Legislature has empowered the City to establish a Hospital or Hospitals in case of the prevalence or apprehended prevalence of any contagious or infectious disease within the City.

This, by implication, would warrant the Council in incurring expense in any attempt to check the spread of any contagious or infectious disease within the City.

Futhermore, Section 2312 of the Act cited authorizes the Council to pass any necessary appropriating Ordinances to pay any excess incurred by reason of an epidemic.

The Council, therefore, if it shall declare an epidemic to exist within the City, may incur expense in behalf of residents of the City to check the spread of such epidemic and may, in case of failure of the Budget to provide for meeting such expense, appropriate necessary money as an excess expenditure by proper Ordinance.

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

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by ^UUnanimous vote on Roll Call above Communication was ordered received & filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 413 submitted by Mayor English:
" AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL OF DISEASE IN THE CITY OF PITTSTON." was read at length.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro that the Ordinance pass First Reading darried by a Unanimous vote on Roll Call.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 413, was read for the Second time. On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same passed Second Reading.

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

The Minutes of January 19th 1940 meeting were not read but on Motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received,filed and adopted.

Mr Enke from the Department of Public Assistance,Wilkes-Barre.Pa. was in attendance and addressed Council regarding the Pierson Act and the privalege the City would have in preparing projects wherein the men on releif could work out the releif given them. Mr Enke thanked the Mayor and Council for the interest shown in preparing projects,he stating that the City of Pittston was the First municipality in this section of the State who availed themselves of the opportunity and that the results obtained here were A.No 1. however in the interim interest in the Pierson Act had been lost, continuing Mr Enke stated that 685 men are listed in this section on releif and who are eligable for work,he suggested that projects could be prepared for such as Snow removal,sewer and catch basin cleaning, alley and side street cleaning,ash and garbage removal,there are any number of projects that could be entered in fact a survey should be made covering any and all anticipated projects,if same are entered and certain of them are not begun no penalty will result from a non statting of them. The men are expected to return a reasonable days work on all projects they are engaged on,no idea exists to unduly drive the men.

Mayor English stated that little support and practically none was given the Pierson Act by those who might be employed under the same,however in the face of all this the City proceeded with what projects they could obtain and are still proceeding along the same lines. "To illustrate to you Mr Enke,the regard some of those had for the Pierson Act,who were engaged on certain project,one of them wrote a letter to a local publication same being published,wherein he stated that no work was being by some of those assigned to the project and that he personally wasn't going to do any." conduct response on the part of the worker fell far short of 100% we didn't expect,it,still it could be far better than that obtained. concerted objection to the Pierson Act was called to our attention still in the face of all this we proceeded with our projects.

Mr Enke stated that he appreciated the position that Mayor English and Council were in where a lack of respnse existed on the Pierson Act,however thanked him for the progress made."Were we aware of the failure of those on projects to return a reasonable amount of work and especially the situation cited above they would immediately have corrected it said Mr Enke." By no means do we intend to supplant any City Employees on any of the projects listed. he stated that the National Youth Administration setup might be used if we wished,in fact I encourage their being used."

Mayor English thanked Mr Enke for the curtesies extended the City Council and himself by giving them the above information.

The letter of recommendation received from City Engineer Major R.N.Myers relating to the removal of and resetting of a pole of the Postal Telegraph Co on Water Street adjoining the City Hall was explained by Major Myers.

On motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed and Major Myers instructed to proceed with his recommendation.

On suggestion of Mayor English and by motion of Dr Andaloro seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call a recess was declared and the Mayor and Council together with Mr Coon of Coon and Barrett,Architects of the New City Hall. Mr Gus Weinberger,City Clerk J.P.Fitzpatrick and City Controller Emerson Howley repaired to the Mayors Chamber where a discussion was entered into on the Plumbing and Heating work as performed by Mr Weinberger on the New City Hall also the Furnace the Blower and other accesories.

Kenneth J. English

Councilman Jos Walsh together with Councilman Sylvester Grablick having visited the New City Hall and making a survey of the work enumerated on the preceding page, presented a series of questions on the work so far completed. The completed list had been gone over and fully explained by Messers Coon and Weinberger. The former stating that evrything pertaining to the Stocker was not accepted. Mr Walsh said that if the chimney was small the fault could not be attributed to either the Stocker or Furnace. Mr Coon answered by stating that there is a back draft there yet and that 75% more air is being burned than necessary but that an improvement had been noticed. Mayor English asked Mr Coon if he was satisfied with the Plumbing and Heating work and if he recommended payment to Mr Gus Weinberger the Contractor of same. Mr Coon answered in the affirmative, stating that the efficiency of the Boiler, and satisfaction of the Stoker was Guaranteed, that any and all faults or discussed situations were guaranteed by Mr Weinberger to be remedied and fully made entirely satisfactory. On this point Mr Coon stated that a guarantee would be given by Mr Wm Crunden the General Contractor on his work and a like guarantee would be obtained from each of the following on all work performed on their Contract. Gus Weinberger, Plumbing and Heating Contractor, Mr Popky Electrical Contractor. Mayor English stated that checks could be drawn and given Mr Coon and he could pass along same to the Contractor.

Council then continued with their Regular meeting.

RESOLUTION NO 3314 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston "That WHEREAS, the Pittston City Council has approved the plans prepared by R.N.Myers, for the project for

THE CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS ON OAK STREET
FORB STREET AND GEORGE STRETT, CITY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pittston City Council at this Regular meeting, held January 23 1940 that the Work Projects Administration, Area No.2, Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of the said project, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if and when the project is approved by the Work Projects Administration, the Pittston City Council will furnish, at its own expense, all tools, materials, supplies and equipment necessary to complete the said project, and that R.N.Myers, be and he is hereby appointed to be the certifying officer responsible to the Work Projects Administration for supplying the tools, materials, supplies and equipment referred to, to be delivered on the site from time to time as required by the Worl Projects Administration.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3315 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston : "That the Plumbing Contract on the New City Hall (Docket No. Pa. 2074-F) has been completed according to plans and specifications and the acceptance of the work recommended by Coon & Barrett, Architects, that said work of such plumbing contract is hereby accepted.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by the following vote above Resolution was Adopted. YEAS: Messers Andaloro, Mead and English. NOT VOTING: Messers Grablick and Walsh.

RESOLUTION NO 3316 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Heating Contract on the New City Hall (Docket No. Pa. 2074-F) has been completed according to plans and specifications except as to the stokers and the acceptance of the work recommended by Coon & Barrett, Architects, with the qualification that the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) be held on account of Stokers until same are proved acceptable and that said Heating contract is hereby accepted and work approved except as to stokers and the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) is hereby directed to be held on account until the Stokers are proved acceptable.

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On Motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by the following vote above Resolution was adopted. YEAS:Messers Andaloro,Mead and English. NOT VOTING : Messers Grablick and Walsh.

The Managers of the Sinking Funds Mayor Kenneth.J.English, Director of Accounts & Finance Dr S.C.Andaloro and Treasurer M.P.Ruane presented their report to Council as to the condition and application of the Sinking Funds as of December 31st 1939.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3317. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston : "That the following recommendations as suggested by the Director of Accounts & Finance,relating to the City Treasurers Office be enacted and effective as of February 1st 1940,thereby creating for the Public an accomodation heretofore non existing.

- 1st. Open for the transaction of business continuously from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. daily except Holidays. Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. to Noon.
- 2nd. Supplying a Treasurers Report Weekly instead of Monthly.
- 3rd. All interest accruing from savings accounts deposits to be applied or added on respective savings accounts.
- 4th. Monthly statements of Deposits and Disbursements of the various City Funds.

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

On suggestion of Mayor English and by Unanimous consent of Council discontinuance of the Telephone to the Exeter Colliery,Exeter.Pa. installed for the purpose of informing the attendant there of a fire in Pittston,so that the Fire Alarm,erected at that point could be operated, cancellation of Telephone to be made at the earliest date.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.



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PROPOSAL

Sealed proposals will be received, opened and read by the Council of the City of Pittston at a Regular Meeting thereof to be held at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, Feb. 27th, 1940, at the City Hall, Water Street, for furnishing street and sewer construction materials, within the time, and in accordance with the conditions contained in specifications and written information in the hands of the City Clerk, 22 Miners Bank Building, Pittston, Pa.

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

J. P. FITZPATRICK,

City Clerk.

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

The Minutes of January 23rd 1940 meeting were not read but on Motion of Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received,filed and adopted.

The following report for the Month of January was submitted by Mayor Kenneth.J.English,covering Parking Violations and Meter Returns.

January. 1, 1940 to January. 31, 1940	Parking Violations.	\$61.00
January. 1, 1940 to January. 31, 1940	Meter Returns.	392.85

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

Health Officer & Sealer of Weights & Measures Thos Newcomb submitted his report for the Month of January.

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

Communication from Atty Thos.F.Burke,covering damages sustained by Mr W.J.Peck,proprietor of the Pittston Gazette,for damages to the windows of his building adjacent to Gazette Place caused by the frequent and various changes of grade of said right of way,accompanied by an estimate submitted for the repair of said damages by E.V.Troback in the sum of \$62.00

On motion by Mr Walsh,seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call communication was ordered received and filed and that the bill be ordered paid.

RESOLUTION NO 3318 BE IT RESOLVED,by the City Council of the City of Pittston: " That we acknowledge with thanks and graciously accept for the City of Pittston,from Honorable J.Harold Flannery,Representative in Congress,the American Flag secured by him for the City of Pittston,said flag having flown over the Capital of the United States in Washington.D.C. We feel that we have been singularly honored not only in having such a rare Ensign to grace our New City Hall,but also in having the presentment made by our Fellow Townsman,Honorable J.Harold Flannery,who continues the tradition of his Family with outstanding services rendered to the City by his Father,Major Flannery,his Brothers and self. We recognize it is fitting to mark the fact that coupled with the Civic Service of the Donors Family also the Patriotic Service rendered in the armed forces of the United States in time of War by Major John.T.Flannery, Frank.J.Flannery,Esquire and Honorable J.Harold Flannery.

On Motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the above Resolution was adopted with instructions to City Clerk Fitzpatrick to forward a copy of same to Hon.J. Harold Flannery.

RESOLUTION NO 3319 BE IT RESOLVED,by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Mayor and the Director of Accounts and Finance are hereby authorized and empowered to negotiate and provide for a Loan from Sinking Funds from the City of Pittston to an amount not exceeding \$ 20,000.00 ; provided that any and all such amounts as shall be secured by way of said Loan shall be repaid to the said Sinking Funds from the First Property Tax revenues of the City hereafter collected and received and applicable to General Purposes.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3320 WHEREAS,THE Pittston City Council has approved the plans prepared by R.N.Myers for the Project for ENCLOSING LAUREL LINE CREEK FROM OAK STREET TO PLANK STREET. 11TH WARD CITY OF PITTSTON.

J. Fitzpatrick

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PITTSTON City Council at this Regular meeting held February 13th 1940 that the Works Progress Administration District No.2 Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of said project, and

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

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

RESOLUTION NO 3321 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston : "That the attention of the Erie Rail Road Company be called to the danger existing at their Railroad crossing on William Street without a Watchman being stationed there between the Hours of 5-15 P.M. and 6-30 A.M. and that it is the wish of Pittston City Council that this condition be corrected at once with the stationing of a Watchman at that point between the Hours of 5-15 P.M. and 6-30 A.M.

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

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 413. Submitted by Mayor Kenneth J. English : " AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL OF DISEASE IN THE CITY OF PITTSTON." was read by Title for the Third time.

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

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 414. Submitted by Mayor English: " AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF FEES FOR TAPPING CERTAIN SEWERS IN THE CITY OF PITTSTON." was read at length.

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

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 414, was read by Title for the second time.

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

Mr Walsh recommended that an Electric Light be placed on South Main Street and Underwood Lane, he stating that the absence of a light at this point has resulted in one or more people being held up in the past.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was referred to the City Engineer and Street Dept, for a reading and their findings.

Mayor English called Councils attention to his having received a copy of an accepted agreement between the City and the Department of Highways, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. in connection with the proposed improvement on Route 40103, Luzerne County. (Parsonage Street) City of Pittston. stating that said improvement would be entered into and completed by the Highway Department as per their schedule.

Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call that the actions of Major R.N. Myers, City Engineer in preparing specifications for bids on Road Oil and wanted material for projects and the Street Department for 1940 and of City Clerk J.P. Fitzpatrick in advertising for bids in the Pittston Gazette issues of Jan 31st Feb 7th and Feb 14th be affirmed and approved.

J.P. Fitzpatrick

City Controller Emerson Howley stated that he wished having placed on the minutes of the meeting a formal objection by him against the alleged failure of Mayor Kenneth J. English and members of Council to compel the Wilkesbarre Railway Corporation to pay for damage done to Parsonage street roadway before permission was granted that concern to erect its poles and wires for the new "trackless trolley" system. Mayor Kenneth J. English and Councilmen Dr S. C. Andaloro and Roy Mead, who have been on the governing body for two years, permitted the Controller to have the objection recorded, but vigorously protested that it was unfair to charge them with any responsibility for the condition since the rails on Parsonage street were torn up in 1937, the year before they took office. The Mayor acknowledged that he and his associates fully realized the continued deplorable and almost impassable condition of Parsonage street through no fault of theirs, but felt justified, since assistance could be obtained, from a W.P.A. Project, in returning said street to an A. No 1 satisfactory condition thereby discontinuing the complaints of all residents in that section of the City and of those having occasion to use that Highway, as a consequence he and his associates agreed to supplement a State Highway Department grant by \$3,482.50, so that Parsonage street might be repaved as a W.P.A. Project. This work is expected to be done this Summer. The Mayor said that " Controller Howley's objection should have been raised at the time the rails were being removed."

Mr Martin Hart, representing the Gibbons & Buss Post National Assc of Regulars, Department of Pennsylvania, a Veterans Association appeared before Council seeking permission to use the Council Chamber in City Hall Water Street twice a month for meeting purposes, once by the Post and once by the Auxillary. this organization is the same one that was represented at the January 19th 1940 meeting of Council Via a letter signed by Thos Moore, Secy of Executive Comm and Edward Richards Chairman, applying for the same privilege, the communication was ordered received and filed and granting of the request to be held in abeyance until decision is made on the use to which above building will be made. Mr Hart was advised similarly.

Mr Mead spoke of the Pest House controversy appearing in some of the newspapers, he stated that together with Dr Andaloro they had looked over the available sites for such a place and finally concluded that if an epidemic arose locally that a proper place could be found to care for all patients. Dr Andaloro was of the opinion that the surrounding Townships and Boroughs should join the City, if the necessity arose, in providing for a Pest House.

Mayor English stated that a Mr Cooney of W.P.A. under whom the Park regulations come had called on him and intends returning to give him further information regarding same, it was stated that the services of a Man and Woman could be obtained through W.P.A. as Park attendants. also that a N.Y.A. Project could be obtained for the clearing of Park property of stones etc.

On Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, Major R. N. Myers was instructed to look into the above and return to Council a reading on the subject.

Their being no further Business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick
City Clerk.

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

The Minutes of Feb 13th meeting were not read but on Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

City Treasurer M.P.Ruane submitted his report for the month of January a balance of \$ 61,067.60 was shown as of January 31st 1940.

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

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

American Surety Co.	Bond of City Engineer.	\$5.00
Bittenbender Co.	6 Crow Bars for Projects.	9.60
Bell Telephone Co.	Telephones Nov, Dec, Jan.	101.71
Hopkins Ins Agency.	Bond, City Controller,	5.00
Fox James.E.	Repairs to Ladder Mt Carmel Fire.	12,00
New York Casualty Co.	Bonds, Patrolmen, Mayor, City Clerk, Solicitor, Councilmen Mead, Andaloro	150.00
Miners Savings Bank.	Office Rent Jan 1940.	65.00
Scranton Electric Co.	Office Lighting.	129.21
Durland Sand Co.	Sand Projects.	82.50
Benedetto Franko.	Use of Concret Mixer Projects.	10.00
M.P.Ruane, Treasurer.	Cash advances for January 1940	608.20

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

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 414 was read by title for the Third time On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Ordinance was passed on Third Reading.

Following communication was received from Coon & Barrett Architects on the New City Hall same was read to City Council.
Feb 20, 1940

Re: Pittston City Hall, Pittston.Pa.
Docket No. Pa.2074-F
Pittston City Council.
Att : Kenneth.J.English, Mayor,
Pittston.Pa.

Gentlemen:

We recommend that the work included in the following contracts for the above mentioned project, be accepted with the following exceptions as noted

Contract No.1 (General). The front entrance and vestibule doors and frames, and the damage done to Columbus' Statue. The sum of \$1,200.00 on the first item, and \$200.00 on the second item shall be held from payment to the Contractor until such items are made satisfactory to the Owners and Architects. Any order incomplete on this date.

Contract No 4 (Electrical). Any change order incomplete on this date.

Contract No 5 (Electrical Fixtures). No exceptions.

Contract No 7 (Shades, Carpets, Draperies). No exceptions.

Very truly yours,
Coon & Barrett, by Arthur.P.Coon.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above communication was prdered received and filed.

J.H. English

RESOLUTION NO 3322 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Pittston "That the work included in the General Contract for the New City Hall (Contract #1) is accepted with the following exceptions: the front entrance and vestibule doors and frames: the restoration of the statue of Columbus to which condition before damage; any and all change orders incomplete as of date hereof. Provided that the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) be withheld on account of the front entrance and vestibule doors and frames and the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) be withheld on account of restoration of said statue in any further payments made to William.J.Crunden. Provided further that the said contractor furnish all required guarantees under the terms of his contract

The above Resolution was Adopted by the Following vote on Roll Call. Yeas; Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. Nays, Messers Walsh and Grablick.

RESOLUTION NO 3323 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Pittston: " That the work included in the Electrical Contract for the New City Hall (Contract # 4) with the Popky Electrical Engineering Co be and the same is hereby accepted. Provided that the said Contractor shall furnish all required guarantees under the terms of his contract.

The above Resolution was Adopted by the following vote on Roll Call. Yeas; Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. Nays Messers Walsh and Grablick.

RESOLUTION NO 3324 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the work included in the contract for the Electrical Fixtures at the New City Hall (Contract #5) with the Steinmetz Manufacturing Company be and the same is hereby accepted. Provided that the said Contractor shall furnish all required guarantees under the terms of his contract.

The above Resolution was Adopted by the following vote on Roll Call. Yeas; Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. Nays Messers Walsh and Grablick.

RESOLUTION NO 3325 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the work included in the contract for shades, carpets and draperies (Contract # 7) with Kelly & Mullin for the New City Hall be and the same is hereby accepted. Provided that the said Contractor shall furnish all required guarantees under the terms of the contract.

The above Resolution was Adopted by the following vote on Roll Call. Yeas; Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. Nays Messers Walsh and Grablick.

On Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call bids received from the following were ordered opened and read to Council.

Road Oil.

Union Building & Construction Co. Passaic. N. J.
H. B. Sproul, Scranton. Pa.
O. F. Goeringer, Wilkesbarre. Penna.

Cement and Lumber. Terra Cotta Pipe.

Turon & Swartz.
P. W. Dershimer Sons.
Wagner Lumber Co.
Chapin Lumber Co.
P. F. Mitchell.
Central Clay Products Co.

Sand, Stone and Man Holes.

Durland Sand Co.
Kelly Run Stone Co.
Gates Foundry.

J. H. Fitzgibbon.

On completion of the reading of all bids to the Council by City Clerk Fitzpatrick, a motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call all bids were ordered referred to City Engineer Major R.N.Myers, Mr Mead, Director of Streets & Sewers and the latter's Assistant Superintendant John Joyce for comparison, tabulation recording and report to City Council.

A communication was received from the Niagra Hose Co making application for some of the Furniture in the Old City Hall, same signed by Frank Finan, Secretary.

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

Councilman S.C.Andaloro stated that a great deal of criticism had been printed relative to the disposal of the steel rails that formerly occupied space on Parsonage Street and property of the Wilkes-Barre Railway Co.(Traction Company) . Dr Andaloro distinctly wished it understood that said disposition of Rails was made before the present Mayor and Council took office and as well the Street was left in the deplorable condition now existing, as well by the former Council. The project entered into by the City for the repaving of Parsonage Street was in answer to the many pleas made by those having occasion to drive on said street and found themselves with broken springs and otherwise damaged automobiles. To clear up the situation on Motion by Dr S.C. Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, City Clerk Fitzpatrick was authorized to forward an invitation to Mr R.V.Eder, General Manager of the Wilkesbarre Railway Co to attend our next meeting Tuesday March 12th and explain to the Council whom he arranged with for the removal of the Rails on Parsonage St, and the arrangements made with the then Mayor Ambrose Langan and members of Council regarding their removal and the return of the Highway, after rail removal, to a safe and satisfactory manner.

Councilman Roy Mead, Director of Streets, called Councils attention to the commendable articles that had appeared in the columns of the Pittston Gazette and the Wilkesbarre Times Leader referring to the wonderful job performed by the Stret Department in keeping all Highways open for Vehicular traffic during the enormous snow fall of the past week where other Cities and Towns in the Valley were snow bound all Traffic through Pittston was able to move on account of the exemplar and heroic work done by the City Street Department. On Motion by Dr S.C. Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, City Clerk Fitzpatrick was instructed to forward a letter of thanks to Wm. Jos Peck, Owner and his Associates of the news staff and Mr Jos.E.Murphy, Managing Editor and local representative, William Watson, of the Times Leader-Evening News Wilkesbarre.Penna.for their recognition of the work done in the snow removal.

Their being no further business before Council same Adjourned.

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ATTEST:

J.P.Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

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

The minutes of February 27th were not read but on Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO 3326 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That property located at Broad and Fear Streets. Pittston, Pa. assessed to Mrs Mary Rowan and Thos Rowan, Jr. are hereby freed of City Taxes via Abatement being allowed for the Years 1937--1938--1939 same being an Abatement in full.

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

The Annual Report of the Director of Accounts & Finance, Dr S.C. Andaloro and the City Controller Emerson J. Howley for the year ending December 31st 1939 was presented for Council's consideration.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro said report was ordered received and filed by the following vote on Roll Call. AYES: Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. NOT VOTING : Messer Walsh and Grablick.

City Clerk Fitzpatrick was instructed to communicate with Coon & Barrett New City Hall Architects and ascertain if Radiator Shields were only necessary in the Hallways of New City Hall.

City Clerk Fitzpatrick was instructed to communicate with City Solicitor WM.H. Gillespie and ask him for an opinion as to our right to dispose of the City Furniture, Office Equipment and Material and the method to be adopted if allowed to make disposition.

At this point Mayor English was called away and Dr S.C. Andaloro occupied the chair and took over the meeting.

Mr Sylvester Grablick, Director of Public Safety informed the members that at the recent fire at Mt Carmels Church when same was entirely gutted, that the Exeter Hose Co one of the fire companies that responded to the general alarm, lost in the fire six lengths of hose, that he suggested being replaced.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, Mr Grablick's suggest was passed favorably and the City Clerk was instructed to write the Chief of the Exeter Fire Co that the destroyed hose would be replaced by the City of Pittston.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick

 City Clerk.

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Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 11-30 A.M. with Mayor Kenneth J.English presiding and all members present.

The minutes of March 4th meeting were not read but on Motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received,filed and adopted.

The following report for the month of February was submitted by Mayor Kenneth J.English,covering Parking Fines and Meter Returns.

February 1, 1940 to February 29, 1940	Parking Violations.	\$ 65.00
February 1, 1940 to February 29, 1940	Meter Returns	351.85

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

City Treasurer M.P.Ruane submitted his report for the Month of February. A balance of \$ 51,942.92 was shown as of Feb 29 1940

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

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

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

The following Bills were recommended for payment by Director of Accounts and Finance Dr S.O.Andaloro.

Andrews Stationery Store.	Office Supplies	\$ 84.40
Andrews Paper Co (Wholesale)	Supplies	22.50
American La France Corp	Supplies Eagle Hose Co.	5.83
Anthracite Paint Store	Traffic White	13.03
Colleen Restaurant	Food,Fireman-Mt Carmel Fire.	6.05
Flax Company.	(3) Boxes Carbon Paper.	9.00
Fern Restaurant.	Food,Firemen-Mt Carmel Fire.	13.20
Fox James.E.	Sharpening Picks.	4.20
Gerard Motor Car Co.	Repairs & Inspection Trucks.	5.50
Keystone Roofing Co.	(1) Roll Roofing Paper.	1.40
Kleinrocks.	(6) Pair of Rubber Gloves.	1.50
Lacka Blue Print Co.	Supplies City Engineer Myers.	13.04
Moesel Harness Co.	Belts & Holsters Police Dept.	47.00
McColes Service Station.	Cross Chains Eagle Hose Pumper	11.15
Powers Austin.S.	Rubber Tank Balls.	1.20
Rowans Garage.	Ins Trucks & Police Car.	4.00
Scranton Chemical Co.	.Bicarbonate of Soda.	7.84
Stauffer Roy	(2) Gallons gas Police Car	.36
Tamblyn Company.	Mimeograph Supplies.	7.55
Texas Quick Lunch	Food for Prisoners.	1.65
Ruane.M.P.Treasurer.	Advances for Feb 1940.	248.00

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

The following communication was received from City Solicitor Wm.H.Gillespie. On Motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was prdered received and filed.

March 8th 1940

J.P.Fitzpatrick, City Clerk.
City Hall, Broad Street.
Pittston.Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of recent date in which you inform me that Council instructed you to forward to me a communication from Health Officer Thomas Newcomb in relation to the abatement of nuisances existing on the premises of certain properties in the City of Pittston,namely,



property at No 93 East Rail Road Street owned by Orifio Incuzz and property at No 55 Elizabeth Street owned by a person named Martin. Your letter states that it is the desire of Council to remove the menance created by said properties as soon as I advise them as to the means of procedure.

In reply, permit me to say that under the law governing Third Class Cities, Act of June 23, 1931, P.L. 932, Section 2302, Article XXIII, provides that:

"In cities where the Council of said city shall not elect to create, by ordinance, a board of health, the said Council shall exercise all the rights and perform the duties and obligations imposed by this act and the laws of the Commonwealth upon boards of health".

The said Act of assembly further provides in Section 2325 as follows:

"The board of health as a body or by committee, or the health officer, together with his subordinates, assistants and workmen under and by order of said board, may enter, at any time, upon any premises in the City upon which there is suspected to be an infectious disease or nuisance detrimental to the public health, for the purpose of examining and abating the same. All written orders for the removal of nuisances, issued to the health officer by order of the board of health, attested by the Secretary, shall be executed by him and his subordinates and workmen. The costs and expenses of the removal of nuisances shall be recoverable from the owner or owners of the premises from which the nuisance shall be removed, or from any person or persons causing or maintaining the same. The amount of the cost and expense thereof shall be a Lien upon the premises which has caused, or from which the nuisance shall be removed, from the time of the commencement of the work, which date shall be fixed by certificate of the health officer filed with the City Clerk. Such Lien may be filed and proceeded in as provided by law in the case of municipal Liens."

In order to carry into effect the proposal to abate the nuisance in question, Council shall adopt a Resolution declaring the said premises or properties to be a nuisance detrimental to the public health and ordering the health officer of the City of Pittston to remove the City nuisances by authority of a written order to be attested by the Secretary of Council. The health officer shall then execute the same in accordance with the provisions of said Section No 2325.

Respectfully submitted
Wm. H. Gillespie, City Solicitor.

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 2 7 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston.: " That the buildings located at 93 East Rail Road Street, owned by Orifio Incuzz, and 55 Elizabeth Street owned by a person named Martin, be and the same are hereby declared nuisances detrimental to the Public Health and the Health Officer Thomas Newcomb is hereby ordered to remove same."

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

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

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

March 9th 1940

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of March 5th, 1940 in which you ask my opinion as to the right of the City to dispose of Furniture and equipment owned by the City and no longer deemed necessary or essential as Office Equipment or necessities.

In reply, permit me to say that under the Laws governing Cities of the Third Class in Pennsylvania, the right of the Council to provide for the sale of personal property is specifically granted under Article XXIV, Section 2402 (3) of the Act of June 23, 1931, P.L. 932, which reads as follows:

J. P. Fitzpatrick

"Each City is hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic, and shall have perpetual succession, and may: *** Lease, sell and convey any real or personal property owned by the City and make such order respecting the same as may be conducive to the interest of the City

Article XLX, Section 1902, near the bottom of page 986, of the same Act in part further provides as follows:

"The Council shall, by Ordinance, provide for and regulate the purchase of supplies and materials and the sale of personal property".

This latter provision was later embodied in the amendment of said Section 1902 by the Act of May 22, 1933, P.L. 927, in the same language, near the top of Page 929 of the said Act of May 22, 1933

It is apparent, therefore, that the City is vested with the right to sell the personal property in question provided that it does so by an Ordinance properly adopted and making such provisions for the sale thereof as may be conducive to the interests of the City, as provided in the Acts of Assembly above noted.

I shall prepare and mail you a form of Ordinance to be adopted by Council providing for the Public Sale of the personal property in question to the highest bidder after due advertisement.

Respectfully submitted.

Wm. H. Gillespie, City Solicitor.

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

The following letter in answer to one sent to Mr R.V. Eder, General Manager of the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation was read to Council.

March 6th 1940

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

Dear Sir:-

I am sorry that a previous engagement will prevent me attending your Council meeting at noon on Tuesday, March 12th. However, I have asked our Mr John T. Jones to attend in my place, and he will be very glad to assist you in any way in his power.

Very truly yours.

R.V. Eder, General Manager.

Above letter was ordered received and filed by Unanimous vote of Council.

Mr John T. Jones was present and after invitation to be seated within the Council enclosure proceeded to give what data he had on relating to the abandonment of the Trolley cars on Parsonage street route and the removal of the Rails therefrom, (Removal of the rails from Parsonage street and the general condition of that street after said removal being the chief subject, Council asking for enlightenment on the whole transaction, said removal having taken place before Mayor English and the present Council had taken office, and no record of the same being of record on any Books or Memorandums in the cities Files). Mr Jones stated that in August 1932 the Railway Company made application with the Public Service Commission to abandon the Parsonage St-West Avoca Trolley Line, at the time of the hearing the Borough of Hughestown objected, their Representatives asking at the hearing about the final disposition of the Rails in the event of abandonment, the Public Service Commission stated that they were not interested in that phase of it, it being up to the Railway Company and the Municipalities to settle that

J.P. Fitzpatrick.

After the Public Service granted permission to the Railway Co to use Auto Busses on the above route instead of Trolley Cars, Mr Jones thought that Mr Potter (since deceased) General Manager of the R.R.Co made some arrangements with the City of Pittston as had been done with both Hughestown and Duryea Borough, wherein both of the latter Boroughs had been given the Rails to assist in the exspenses both would have in providing a New Pave. Mr Jones did not know whether his company removed the rails or not, and admitted that the only one who would know of what "verbal agreement" obtained was the above mentioned Mr Potter. He estimated that there were about 2,500 feet of double rails on Parsonage Street which would sell for scrap at the time for between \$10 and \$12 per Ton. The Traction company representative promised to obtain exact figures, from his concern, on the amount of rails in the Parsonage street stretch within the City of Pittston and also the approximate value the railway company would place on it for junk. Mr Jones stated that there was no record on the Railway Co's books regarding the transaction but felt that the former Pittston City Administration must have had the same sort of verbal arrangement with his company as did the Duryea and Hughestown Borough officials. Mayor English stated that he attended a meeting of the Duryea Council as legal representative of a client a few years ago when Burgess Jas Dougherty stated that the rails were given them for exspenses towards a new pave. To the best of his memory Mr Jones said that the rails on Parsonage Street were removed in April 1937. Mr Emerson Howley, City Controller was asked by the Mayor if he wished to say anything on the subject, the latter replied that in his opinion a bill should be given Mr Jones for his company covering 18 inches on either side of the tracks as well as for the centre section for the pave to be laid on Parsonage Street. Mr Victor Wisluski, Constable of the First Ward stated that the Railway company flat cars and their employees removed the rails between Union Street and the City line adjoining Duryea Borough and that the roadway was in a deplorable condition after said removal. Mr Jones at this point was excused. Fully 1500 feet of double track was removed from No Main St.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call an invitation was ordered extended to Mr R.V.Eder of the Railway Company, Former Mayor Ambrose Langan and Councilmen Thos Gallagher, Olgert S. Pauxtis, Louis Seible and John Troback to meet with Mayor English and the City Council at the next meeting Tuesday March 26th 1940 and explain the Parsonage and North Main Streets Rail removal situation.

Councilman Sylvester Grablick informed Council that he had had complaints from Pastors of Churches in the central city hill section about blasting which has shaken churches and homes in that section for months. The Mayor explained in detail various laws which have been introduced in a futile effort to prevent mining which might endanger homes. He informed Mr Grablick: "The only reply you can bring back to the complainants is that, if any damages is done to surface properties or homes, we will use whatever means we can to see that this damage is repaired."

The following communication was received from Major R.N. Myers, City Engineer.
Pittston City Council,
Pittston, Pennsylvania

March 12th 1940

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your instructions I have tabulated the bids for street materials, received at the last meeting, and the following are the low bidders;

Road Oil Union Building & Construction Co Passaic.N.J.

Washed Sand & Gravel Durland Sand Co. Wyoming.Penna.

Crushed Stone Kelly Run Stone Company, Wilkes-Barre.Penna.

It is recommended that the contract for the above materials be awarded to the low bidder.

Tabulations of all other quotations have been returned to the Purchasing Agent for his information and guidance during the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted

R.N.Myers, City Engineer.

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On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the foregoing report was ordered received and filed and that the proper officers be empowered to enter into contract with the successful bidders.

Mr Walsh spoke of the help at the New City Hall, he was of the opinion that there wasn't sufficient help to properly care for same. Mr English told Mr Walsh that a check was being kept on that to fully ascertain whether more help was necessary or not.

Mr Walsh referred to the subject of insurance on the New City Hall, he having been told by some who had received insurance on the building that the policies had been issued. Mayor English explained that he was informed early in February that it would be necessary to take out insurance on the building, accordingly to facilitate same a blanket policy was issued which has since been cancelled \$80,000 of insurance was distributed among the agents in the City.

Mayor English spoke of the article that appeared in the columns of the Wilkesbarre Sunday Independent March 10th 1940, in the City of Pittston Department, wherein a statement appeared that the New City Hall would be opened on Tuesday March 12th, said article was most embarrassing to Council and the general public the latter having been obliged to cancel remembrance tokens they had arranged for for the occasion, were the above paper and their representatives to stick to facts they would be better off.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the City Clerk was instructed to write the Management of the Independent Wilkesbarre, Penna. and inform them that the article was incorrect and misleading and written without any facts and only served to embarrass and inconvenience Mayor English members of Council and the General Public.

Their being no further business Council adjourned

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

On Motion by Mr Mead seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the minutes of March 12th meeting were not read but were ordered received, filed and adopted.

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

Harding Harry.	18 Inch Typewriter, Engineers Office.	\$ 65.50
Harding Harry.	18 Inch Typewriter, Police Dept.	64.50
Coon & Barrett.	Architectural Services.	1,500.00
Steimetz Mfg Co.	Lighting Fixtures New City Hall.	1,730.00
Standard Iron Works.	Brass Hand Railing, New City Hall.	50.00
Wm.J.Crunden.	Partial Pay't.Gen Contract.N.C.Hall.	11,612.83
Kelly & Mullin.	Furnishings, New City Hall.	1,043.18

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro the above bills were ordered paid by the following vote. AYES: Mead, Andaloro, English. NAYS : Walsh and Grablick.

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 2 8 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to make necessary application to the Federal Works Agency, Public Works Administration for extension of project time for completion of the New City Hall and such other extensions as may be necessary in connection with contracts to be performed at the New City Hall.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 2 9 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That Mayor Kenneth.J.English and City Engineer Major R.N.Myers are hereby authorized to proceed to New York City in order to interview Mr Gilmore, Federal Government Director of P.W.A. relative to the Federal Grant and that expenses incurred by Messers English and Myers be allowed them.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 3 0 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the following transfer be made in the Sinking Fund:--

\$1,530.00 from Bond and Interest of 1909 (and all other funds to Bond and Interest of 1935 Issue)

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 3 1 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Warrant to the City Treasurer directing and authorizing said Treasurer to collect City Taxes for the Year 1940 as executed by the proper City Officers be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

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

Following communication was received and read to Council

To Mayor and Members of City Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

March 25th 1940

Gentlemen:

It appears to me that a great amount of money may be collected on old Improvement Liens and Delinquent Taxes if a clerk may be employed to give full time to analyzing such Liens and Taxes and personally interviewing the delinquents.

Accordingly I have appointed Thomas.A.Grace, as a clerk in my

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office at a salary of One Hundred Forty (\$140.00) Dollars per month effective April 1, 1940, and request your concurrence in and approval of this appointment.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 3 2 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the appointment of Thomas.A.Grace as a clerk in the office of the City Treasurer M.P.Ruane is hereby confirmed.

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

The following communication was received from Major R.N.Myers City Engineer and read to Council.

March 16th 1940

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

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Sewer Tappage Record required by Section 3, File of Council No 414, February 13, 1940, has been submitted to the City Treasurer for the following Streets:
Frothingham, Johnson, New, Prospect, Seneca, Thistle.

Copies herewith for your information.

Very truly yours,
R.N.Myers, City Engineer.

By Unanimous vote above communication was ordered received and filed and that a list of property holders be furnished the Accounts and Finance Department for their records.

The following communication was received from Mr Otto J.Lucas Secretary of the St John's Lutheran Church Council.

March 20 1940

Mr Joseph Fitzpatrick, Secy
Pittston City Council.

Dear Sir:

The Council of St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church wishes to extend their thanks and appreciation to the City Officials of Pittston for the prompt service rendered in removing snow and cindering the hill before our Church Property after the Valentine Day Blizzard.

Sincerely Yours
St John's Lutheran Church Council
Otto J.Lucas, Secretary.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above communication was ordered received & filed and that City Clerk acknowledge its receipt.

A communication the Third received from the National Assoc of Regulars Dept of Pennsylvania, signed by M.P.Hart, Commander, E Richards, O'man of Committee, E.J.Brown, Patk Dougherty, Dr Daily, and George Kizis was received and read to Council.

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed and that the Organization be notified that plans for the utilization of the Old City Hall are not yet complete.

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The following letter was authorized by the Mayor & Council, unanimously, to be forwarded to Former Mayor Ambrose Langan & his Council Associates.

March 15th 1940

Honorable Ambrose Langan.
33 Curtie Street.
Pittston.Penna.

Dear Sir:

By unanimous vote of Mayor Kenneth.J.English and City Council I have the Honor of inviting Messers Ambrose Langan, Thos.F.Gallagher, Olgert S.Pauxtis, Louis Seible and John Troback, former members of City Council, to meet with the present City Council, at their Regular Session, at Old City Hall, Water Street Tuesday March 26th 1940 at 12:00 Noon.

A subject of importance will be discussed, any information and co-operation on your part will be fully appreciated.

Migh say that all of the above named Gentlemen have been similarly addressed.

Respectfully.
J.P.Fitzpatrick, City Clerk.

In answer to the foregoing letter the following reply was received and read to Council.

March 25th 1940

Mr Joseph P.Fitzpatrick, City Clerk
City Hall,
Pittston.Pa.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of March 15, 1940, inviting me, on behalf of the Mayor and Members of Council, to meet with them on Tuesday, March 26th.

Because of a previous engagement, which necessitates my presence in Philadelphia on that date, I will be unable to be present. However, I assure you, that I shall be Very happy to meet with the Mayor and Council on any other date that may be convenient.

Your communication states that " a subject of importance will be discussed, any information and co-operation on your part will be fully appreciated". Permit me to say, that I am at all times perfectly willing to discuss any matter that Council considers important, and which must be of interest to the taxpayers of our City. I do feel though, that I should have some knowledge of what information is desired. If it is in any way connected with acts performed in my official capacity as Mayor of Pittston, I, of course, will be glad to furnish it. I am quite sure that my former colleagues are of the same mind as I in this respect.

Regretting my inability to attend this session of Council and assuring the Mayor and Members of Council of my desire and willingness to be present at a future session, I remain,

Very truly yours, Ambrose Langan.

Mr R.V.Eder, General Manager of the Wilkesbarre and Wyoming Valley Railway Co, accepted the invitation extended him to be present he being on hand accompanied by Mr John.T.Jones of the same Company the latter having attended the March 12th meeting in place of Mr Eder.

Mr Eder stated that there were numerous project in effect at that time in 1937 when the rails were removed both in Duryea Borough and other municipalities, that both Duryea and Hughestown were allowed to and did remove the rails in the district using the proceeds from the sale of same in defraying some of the expenses attendant upon the renewal of the pave. He said that mention was made that the City of Pittston wished doing the same as was allowed the above named districts, that Mr Potter, then in charge was approached and that the City of Pittston was allowed to proced in a like manner with the removal of the rails. Mr Eder stating positively that

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the Traction Company did not remove any rails from Parsohage Street

Mr Grablick asked Mr Eder "Have you any paper showing your company had to return pave".

Mr Eder stated that the Public Service Commission had handed down a decision to the effect that the obligation of the Company could be taken care of in numerous ways, but that there was no obligation on the companys part to renew the pave.

Mr Walsh stated to Mr Eder "You should have a record regarding the removal of the rails".

Mr Eder answered by stating that if his company had removed the rails they would have a record of it, further stating that the rails were given the City in a like manner as they were given to Duryea and Hughestown. asked if his company had removed the wires in their preperation for the introduction of the Trackless Trolley, Mr Eder answered in the affirmative. Mr Eder stated that his company removed rails from North Main Street between Mill and Parsonage Stand repaired the street at that time, they also removed rails from Union St to the Duryea City line.

Mayor English speaking to Mr Eder stated that "Relative to our commitment to the P.W.A. on the repaving of Parsonage Street may we consider it a matter for discussion between your Company and the City and can we arrange for a consultation and conference on same." Mr Eder replied "Glad to confer on same at any time."

The thanks of Mayor English and Council were extended to Mr Eder and Mr Jones for their attendance, also to former City Councilman Thos. F. Gallagher the only one of the former members to be in attendance, Mr Gallagher stated "That the rails were out for Two Months before I knew anything about it, also felt well satisfied that the City hadn't any contract regarding them, and that he positively knew nothing regarding the rails".

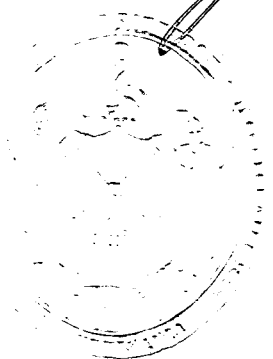
By unanimous consent City Clerk Fitzpatrick was instructed to forward Registered letters to Messers Ambrose Langan, Thos. F. Gallagher, Olgert S. Pauxtis, Louis Seible and John Troback, for mer Mayor and Members of City Council, inviting them to attend our next meeting to be held Apr 9th 1940, and if that date wasn't satisfactory to have the above named Gentlemen agree among themselves on a date suitable to them, informing Council on their decision.

Previous to the departure of Mr Eder he was asked about the total of rails on Parsonage Street previous to their removal, he answered that he had learned from Mr Jones that there was a total of approximately 5440 feet which would equal 70 Tons scrap iron was selling at that time between \$10.00 and \$12.00 per Ton which would total from \$700.00 to \$840.00 for the rails, however he stated that Mr Jones would forward the Mayor and Council on that phase of it.

Their being no further Business Council adjourned.

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

On Motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the minutes of March 26th meeting were not read but were ordered received,filed and adopted.

The following report was submitted by Mayor Kenneth.J.English for the month of March covering Meter returns and Parking Fines

March 1 1940 to March 31 1940	Parking Violations.	\$ 77.00
March 1 1940 to March 31 1940	Meter Returns.	431.90

Due to conditions arising from floods meter money wasn't collected on March 29,and 30,1940.

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

City Treasurer M.P.Ruane submitted his report for the month of March. A balance of \$ 22,964.88 was shown as of March 30 1940

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

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

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

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

Borr & Casey.	Formaldehyde Candles.	\$ 2.80
Community Theatre.	Rent & Gas House keepers Aid Pro.	61.13
Davis Millwork Co.	Two Flag Poles,New City Hall.	9.20
Frank James.	Painting Equipment New City Hall.	16.75
Goodrich Silvertown Co.	Tires Police Car.	24.04
Key Sanitary Supply Co.	Floor Brushes New City Hall.	7.45
Leader Pub Co.	Tax Abatement Notice (City Treas)	35.00
Scranton Times.	Tax Abatement Notice (City Treas)	40.25
Ridall Hugh.	Adding Machine Repairs,New Ribbon.	11.75
W-B Multigraphing Co.	Printing suggsetions,City Solicitor.	14.42
Yordy Company.	Prt.Commitments,Search Warrants.	2.50

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

Following communication was read to Council.

J.P.Fitzpatrick.City Clerk. April 3rd 1940
Broad Street.,
Pittston,Penna.

Dear Sir:

In reference to the City dump in the heart of the City of Pittston in the Fourth Ward,I again wish to call your attention to the fires,stench and general nuisance to mankind and the property owners in that vicinity. I call your attention and request that you close the said dump at once.

There has been considerable loss to property by fires and in which there has been no remedy or assistance of any kind rendered by your body upon numerous requests.

Hoping that this matter shall be taken up and be considered at your next meeting.

Very truly yours.
Theodore W.Burkel,Jr.,
32 Lambert St.,Pittston,Penna.

The subject matter contained in the above letter was discussed

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by the Mayor and members of Council. Director of Streets & Sewers Roy Mead stating that an exhaustive search had been made by the Department for other dumping grounds which in the very near future would be used, he admitted that a condition did exist at the point in question some time ago, that the officers had been active in bringing an and having fined those who were depositors of objectionable an ill smelling deposits, orders were given that none but clean ashes be deposited there, so that the condition complained about would be remedied, information was sought regarding the City obtaining trees for planting purposes eventually at the point referred to and satisfactory progress had been made in that direction.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 3 3 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: " THAT THE PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE PLANS PREPARED BY R.N.MYERS for the project for
CONSTRUCTING CONCRETE SIDEWALKS, CURBS, GUTTERS
AND INLETS AT VARIOUS POINTS IN THE CITY OF PITTSTON
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL at this Regular meeting held April 9th 1940 that the Works Project Administration District No 2. Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry forward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of said project, and

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

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 3 4 BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pittston : "That the following transfers be made:

In the Dept of Accounts and Finance:
\$500.00 from Special Litigation (Law Dept) to Filing Liens and Judgements (Law Dept)

In the Dept. of Parks and Public Property:
\$65.00 from Material & Supplies (Operation & Maintenance of Public Buildings to Rent, City Offices, (Operation & Maintenance of Public Bldgs.

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

Invitations had been extended to Former Mayor Ambrose Langan and his Council Associates Messers Thos Gallagher, Olgert.S.Pauxtis, Louis Seible and John Troback to attend this meeting and inform Mayor English and his associates of the present City Council what disposition had been made of the controversial steel rails that once occupied space on Parsonage street and over which was operated the Trolley Cars of the W-B and Wyo Valley Traction Co. All of the above named gentlemen appeared with the exception of Mr Pauxtis. Mr Langan was invited within the Council enclosure and asked by Mayor English if he had any information that might clarify the mooted question, stating that a local publication viz the Bulletin, a weekly paper had brought up the subject through their columns, and since the Steel rail removal had been made in 1937 during the regime of the above named gentlemen and previous to the seating of the present Mayor English and City Councilmen Messers Dr S.C.Andaloro, Sylvester Grablick, Roy.A.Mead and Jos Walsh. and since said Bulletin had through their columns challenged the right of the present City Council to arrange with the Federal Gouvornment in replacing the present pave on Parsonage Street, which is in a horrible condition, with an up to date and thoroughly modern pave, explaining that the City had pledged themselves

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in the sum of \$ 3,482.50 with the Federal government, as their share of the pave and since the question of the disposal of steel rails had also appeared in the columns of the above named Paper, the Mayor and his City Council Associates were of the opinion that Hon Ambrose Langan and his associates might be able to clarify the subject.

Former Mayor Langan proceeded as follows "A friend of mine from Hughestown Borough named Orlando came to see me in my office accompanied by a man named Goldberg, said to be in the Junk business and a rail remover, Mr Langan stated that he telephoned Mr Potter, since deceased, but at that time General Manager of the Traction Co, and interceded for Golberg for the job, he stating that he had had trouble with the Traction Co on the removal of Rails on No Main Street between Mill & Parsonage Sts. and that all business he had with the Traction Co was through Mr Potter, he stated that the rails didn't belong to the City, that he didn't have any estimate made of their value as Junk or otherwise and that no supervision was supplied by the City in their removal. Mr Langan stated that he couldn't say when the removal of rails took place." At this point Mayor English read from a letter received from Mr Eder the present Gen'l Manager of the Traction Co wherein he stated that their was approximately 5440 feet of rails that would amount to 70 Tons of scrap which was being sold at that time between \$10.00 and \$12.00 per Ton totalling between \$700.00 and \$840.00. Resuming Mr Langan stated that as Mayor that he hadn't anything to do with the paving and felt that his associates couldn't give any more information on the subject than what he had, stating that the State paved that section of Main St between Mill & Parsonage and that when the rails were removed from this section that the Traction Co never paid anything towards the filled in portion. At this point Mr Louis Seible, who as City Councilman acted as Director and Supervisor of Streets stated that the only thing they asked of the Traction Co toward the repaving of that section formerly occupied by the rails was Oil, the City furnishing the labor. Mr Seible stating that he said to the Traction Co's representative at the time "You give us the Oil and we will do the rest". Mayor English stated " It was the obligation of the Traction to replace the pave where the rails had been removed". To which Mr Langan replied "The city never entered into an agreement with the Traction Company ". Mayor English stated " I would like to get one thing clear, there wasn't any committment, and no agreement by you on this job, no gifts of rails or anything by the Traction Co".? To which Mr Langan answered NONE. I only acted for my friend on the transaction, in my agreement with Mr Potter the man who removed the rails was to repave that section from which rails had been removed. Mayor English mentoned that the chief cause for complaint on Parsonage St was the non-paving of the section from which rails had been removed.

Mr Goldberg of Scranton who removed the rails made the following statement. " I bought the rails on Parsonage St arrainging for them in his office (Mr Langan's) at which time and place I paid him \$50.00 CASH and agreed to fill up the holes, created by the rail removal, with a mixture of Concrete and Sand, all of my arrangement had been made with Mr Langan I neither phoned Mr Potter nor had any arrangement with him whatsoever, and no conversation with him regarding the tonnage or that same could be sold for scrap at \$10.00 to \$12.00 per ton, I removed the Hughestown and Duryea rails as well as the Parsonage St rails in fact I left them remain for a period of Three Months after I had arranged for them, the Traction Co didn't loan any assistance in the removal of the Parsonage street rails nor do I think they knew when they were removed, the above rails together with the Duryea rails were removed in September 1937.

Asked by Mr Mead if the \$50.00 given to Former Mayor Langan was a gift or demand. Mr Goldberg stated that he couldn't say.

Asked by Mr Troback if he hadn't agreed to fill with a mixture of Sand and Cement. Mr Goldberg answered in the affirmative, also stating that there wasn't any supervision on the part of the City nor was he checked or watched by any one from the City.

Mayor English asked Mr Troback "Since you live on Parsonage St and are fully aware of the deplorable condition of that Highway during the past Three Years and if you were still a member of the City Council would

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you hold up the paving of this highway, or would you vote in favor of having the work done."? To which Mr Troback made reply " I agree it should be done, am in thorough accord with it and were I so positioned I would cast my vote in favor of it."

Mr Thomas Foley asked permission to address the Mayor and Council. stating that he was a tax payer in the City of Pittston and wished to lodge a complaint regarding the condition of the pave between Water and and Dock St on South Main Street, stating that a number of holes existed along side of the rails of the right of way of the Traction Co. Mr Roy Mead, Director of Streets stated that the proper authorities had been approached by the City authorities and that they assured them that the condition would be remedied as soon as we had a break in the Weather.

On Motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the matter of the rails on Parsonage St was ordered referred to City Solicitor Wm. H. Gillespie.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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Pittston City Council met in Special Session at 1 P.M. with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all members present.

The Minutes of April 9th meeting were not read but on Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

Mr Thos Newcomb submitted his report for the month of April covering both the Health Department and as Sealer of Weights and Measures.

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

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

Anthracite Paint Store	Traffic White Paint.	\$	4.25
Allan John.	Emp Insur. (1939 bal)		126.26
Ardoline Bert.	Affadavits.		10.50
Bell Telephone Co.	Telephones to Apr 16th.		142.09
Bell Telephone Co.	Installation. Teletype.		15.00
Durland Sand Co.	Sand, Projects.		199.50
Erie R.R. Co.	Labor removing tracks for widening Gazette Place.		100.59
Fleming George.	Traffic Lights.		68.82
Huber Mfg Company.	Parts for Roller.		39.75
Klein Auto Parts.	Parts, Trucks & Police Car.		101.37
League of 3rd Class Cities.	Dues, 1940		169.00
Miners Bank.	Rent of Offices February.		65.00
Motorin Garage.	Storage Trucks.		64.00
Petrellos Brake Service.	Repairs. Police Car.		28.57
Wagner Lumber Co.	Supplies Projects.		185.92
White Hardware Co.	Rakes Street Dept.		15.60
Firemens Pay Roll.	Nov, Dec 1939, Jan 1940.		1,072.80
M.P. Ruane, Treasurer.	Advances March 1940		222.90
Scr Spring Brook Water Co.	Old Acct (Part'l Payment)		827.80
Wyoming Cut Stone Co.	Repairs Columbus Statue.		145.00
Eagen Hardware Co.	Supplies.		144.11
Service Supply Co.	Rental on Con Mixer, 1st Payt.		91.50
Scranton Electric Co.	Office lighting.		148.06
New York Casualty Co.	Bonds, Etc.		318.89
New York Casualty Co.	Bond, City Treasurer.		1,921.83
Newcomb Bros.	Coal, New City Hall, Old City Hall, Niagra Bldg. to Apr 16th.		549.41

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 3 5 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Tax Penalty for the non-payment of Taxes, now operative, be withheld until the First of June 1940

On Motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above Resolution was adopted and the City Clerk was instructed to write Mr M.P. Ruane, City Treasurer and also include a copy of the above Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 3 6 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the licenses and fees applicable to Circuses & Carnivals as appears in Section 30 of City Ordinance No 75, be suspended in the case of the John D. Stark Post American Legion who contemplate operating a Carnival for the purpose of obtaining sufficient funds to defray expenses of their Band and color guard on a trip through New England to assist in advertising the Districts main product Anthracite Coal."

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

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Communications were received from Pittston Camp No 17 United Spanish War Veterans, John Buren, Adjutant and Fort Pittston Post No 635 Veterans of Foreign Wars, T. F. Flanagan, Adjutant, applying for the Annual contribution towards suitable services and decorations for the graves of the Veterans who have passed on on Memorial day.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the sum of \$50.00 was voted to each of the above organizations.

Mr Wm Dowdell, Commander of Fort Pittston Post No 635 V.F.W. sent a letter to the Mayor and City Council cancelling the Post's application and petition for the Old City Hall on Water St which they presented some time ago.

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

Application having been made to the Pittston School Board by the Mayor and Council for a suitable location for the re-erection of the Statue of Columbus that formerly stood on the plot now occupied by the New City Hall, a communication was received from the Secretary Mr Thos Hennigan designating the plot of ground in front of the Roosevelt School as having been decided upon by his School Associates and self as the most suitable of all and that a Resolution had been passed permitting of its erection in the above suggested location.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call, Secretary Fitzpatrick was instructed to acknowledge receipt of the above communication, including the thanks of the Mayor and City Council.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the following contract entered into with Mr Jos Callatrone of Scranton for the reerection of the Columbus Statue at the Roosevelt School grounds was confirmed.

"This agreement made this 19th day of April 1940 between Mr Jos Callatrone, 1417 Linden Street Scranton, Penna, and the City of Pittston, Penna. Mr Jos Callatrone for the sum of \$245.00 agrees to remove the various parts of Columbus Statue now stored on Broad St adjoining the New City Hall, and at City Yard on Tompkins Street, together with the Bust now stored at 143 Meridian St (Wyoming Cut Stone Co) Scranton, and transport same to Roosevelt School in So Pittston, excavate for base, build a concrete base 6 feet square to a depth of 4 feet and 6 inches above the ground, polish and cleanse all portions of Statue, panels and all, assemble same in a workmanlike, satisfactory and complete way, remove all dirt and debris caused from above work, all of the foregoing for the sum of \$245.00

Signed. Joseph Callatrone

Witt:--- S. C. Andaloro.

J. P. Fitzpatrick, City Clerk.

By unanimous vote a letter of thanks was authorized being mailed to Mr Robt Louck, Secretary of the Durland Sand Co Wyoming Pa in recognition of their courtesies extended Mayor English and City Council on the occassion of the April 1st 1940 flood when 11 Tons of sand was furnished by them to be bagged and used along side of swollen streams to prevent the flooding of the Mines as had occurred a few years ago, services rendered by all prevented a recurrence.

A communication from Atty John T. Mulhall representative of the Miners Savings Bank, stating that his client held title to a house formerly owned by Sam Insalacco 310 Tedrick St (10th Ward) and that he was in possession of Tax Bills from the City of Pittston for the years 1931 to 1939, he had been reliably informed that this house is wholly situated in Pittston Township, he sought relief and a verification of information he had. Major R. N. Myers, City Engineer

stated that his maps showed a portion of the house in the City as well as a portion in the Township.

J. P. Fitzpatrick.

The following communication was received from the Home Owners Loan Corporation, Widener Building, Philadelphia, Penna.

April 24 1940

Mr J.P.Fitzpatrick, City Clerk.
Board of Revision and Tax Appeals.
City Hall,
Pittston, Penna.

RE: PM PA B 959
74 So Main St
Pittston, Penna.

Dear Sir:

The Home Owners Loan Corporation is the present owner of this property, having acquired title at foreclosure sale held on March 15, 1940.

We feel that the valuation of \$15,425.00 which the City Assessor has placed on this property for taxation purposes is far in excess of the actual value of the property. It is believed that \$7,800.00 more clearly represents the full fair value of this property. The later valuation is based upon a recent appraisal by a qualified local appraiser who has no personal interest in the property. The appraisal was obtained for sales and rental analysis, not for tax purposes.

After a careful review of the appraisal report, it is evident that the high taxes at this property will materially hamper the proper management and disposal of it. Therefore, we would appreciate your giving us an opportunity to present before your Board, the facts as we see them. This, we believe is warranted in view of the difference between the assessment and the appraisal placed on the property by the local appraiser.

Very truly yours,
J.S. Baughman, Penna State Mgr.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the foregoing was referred to the City Solicitor and City Assessor Jos.P.McCanna.

Dr Andaloro brought up the subject of Spinal Menengitis stating that two cases, Sutter and Klapps residents of the City had not been reimbursed by the City for expenses attendant upon their care. Mayor English remarked that his interpretation of the part the City was to play during this more or less epidemic was "That on the presentation, by the interested parties, of the bills they received from the Hospital for care and attention given, the City would pay the bill". He ordering that it be proceeded with in that manner.

Director of Public Safety Sylvester Grablick stated that if a purchase of 1 1/2 inch hose was made for the Fire Dept, that much damage by water would be avoided and that the larger 2 1/2 inch hose could be saved. He suggested that the following purchases be made.

400 Feet of 1 1/2 inch hose. @ .75 per foot.
Water Theft \$49.05
Shut off Nozzle. 26.20 Total \$375.25

On above purchase the Company will include, Free of Cost, a nozzle valued at \$35.00.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the above purchase was authorized.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.

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

The minutes of May 1st meeting were not read but on Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following report was submitted by Mayor English for the month of April covering Meter returns and Parking fines.

April .1, 1940 to Apr. 30, 1940	Parking Violations. \$	77.00
April. 1, 1940 to April 30, 1940	Meter Returns.	446.65

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

City Treasurer M.P. Ruane submitted his report for the month of April. A balance of \$74,905.17 was shown as of April 30 1940.

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

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

Ardoline Bert	Affidavits on Tax Liens.	\$	649.50
American LaFrance Corp	Supplies, Hose House.		5.83
Barritts Paint Store	Paint & Supplies.		19.10
Barber Motor Car Co	Repairs & Parts (Police Car)		35.48
Barber Motor Car Co	Repairs & Parts (Street Dept)		3.40
Butera Auto Body Works	Repairs (Trucks)		28.00
Central Clay Products Co	Supplies (Projects)		20.73
Consumers Gas & Oil	Gas, Oil, Repairs, Etc.		319.89
Consumers Ice Co	Ice, (City Offices)		45.70
Cyclone Machine Co.	Supplies for Projects.		109.00
Deemer & Co	Office Supplies.		29.60
Dietzen, Eugene Co.	Engineers Supplies.		14.50
Drury William Estate.	Oil, Bread.		30.20
Dolge Company.	Liquid Soap.		4.27
Dershimer Lumber Co.	Supplies (Projects)		462.68
Everhart Estate.	Stone (Projects)		125.00
Egan Oil Co.	Gas & Oil.		322.28
Gates Foundry.	Manhole Covers.		48.50
Glen Summitt Water Co.	Water (City Offices)		43.50
Hunt Harry.	Printing (Tax Notices)		142.52
International Salt Co.	Rock Salt.		61.00
Kelly & Mullin.	Supplies (Building)		51.25
Keystone Sales Equip Co.	Stop Signs.		3.90
La Barrs Stat Store.	Stationery & Supplies.		65.98
La Barrs Stat Store.	Supplies (Treasurers Office)		22.30
Ludwigs Hdw Co.	Supplies.		77.54
Milwaukee Dustless Brush Co	Floor Cleaner.		2.50
Mitchell Lumber Co.	Supplies (Projects)		237.63
Kelly Run Stone Co.	Crushed Stone (Projects)		88.74
Gazette Company.	Printing & Advertising.		98.80
O'Brien John.F.	Rental of Compressor.		125.00
Penna Whol Drug Co.	First Aid Kits.		11.28
Powers Austin.S.	Galvanized Caps.		.36
Pittston Oil Co.	Gas, Oil, Grease & Wash Police Car.		423.00
Ranger Sales Co.	Stamp Pads (City Offices)		7.50
Rowans Garage.	Inspecting No 1 Truck.		.75
Remington Rand Corp.	Office Supplies.		25.00
Scr Spg Brook Water Co.	Rental of Fire Hydrants.		135.00
Scr Spg Brook Water Co.,	Water Old & New City Hall.		36.18
Service Supply Corp.	Supplies (Projects)		69.90
Smiles Allan.W.	Repair Knob & New Keys.		4.85
Stackhouse Auto Elec Co.	Repairs Police Car Spot Light.		2.25
Stauffer Roy.	Head-Light Bulbs.		.60
Scranton Truck Co.	Parts for No 2 Truck.		3.48

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Scranton Chemical Co.	Janitors Supplies.	\$ 44.40
Seely & Son	Parts for No 4 Truck.	4.85
Shannon & Co.	Napping Hammers (Projects)	36.00
Turon & Swartz.	Supplies (Niagra Hose Co)	10.70
Tanblyn Company.	Mimeograph Supplies.	14.00
Whiteman & Co.	Drinking Cups & Towels.	13.25
Williams Stat Store.	Office Supplies.	5.84
Williams Paper Company.	Office Supplies.	33.95
Williamsport Paper Co.	Office Supplies.	51.26
Wilkesbarre Elec Con Co.	Light Bulbs.	14.40
Yeisley Warren.J.	Carbon Copy of Record, Albert Detore vs City of Pittston	6.00
Steinmetz Mfg Co.	Light Bowl.	10.00
Robert Sutter.	Hospitalization.	78.75
Joseph Delaney.	Hospitalization.	61.50
Marie Clapps.	Hospitalization.	100.00
Rose A. Chaplick.	Notary Fees for City Solicitor.	2.50

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

Mayor English declaired a recess, he and Council to repair to his office and consider the following.

A letter was presented and read to Council as follows.

May 10th 1940

Richard Kelly and Agnes : In the Court of Common Pleas
Kelly, each in his and :
her own right, : of Luzerene County

vs. :

The City of Pittston : No. 341 January Term, 1939

To the Members of Council of the City of Pittston.

Gentlemen:

The above stated case was upon the list for trial in the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County May 8, 1940. After a discussion of the facts of the case and the law relating thereto between Mayor E English and myself prior to the date fixed for trial, we agreed that it was advisable to settle the case for a sum which would approximate the actual exspenses incurred by the plaintiffs rather than risk trial before a jury which would likely render a verdict, partly based upon sympathy, and which would probably exceed the amount of actual exspense and damages incurred by the respective plaintiffs.

The Plaintiffs, at the time of the accident, upon which their suit was based, were driving together in an automobile upon Vine Street in the City of Pittston in a northerly direction about 9:45 o'clock P.M., upon October 20, 1938. Previous to that time, to wit, October 5, 1938 an opening or trench had been dug in the surface of the said highway by the Scranton-Pittston Water Service Company at or about the intersection of said Vine Street and Jenkins Alley for the purpose of laying a large pipe. The work was completed October 13, 1938. The ditch or trench was dug by an automatic trenchdigger and the surface was repaired by a machine known as a "bull-dozer".

The Assistant Superintendent of Streets, John J. Joyce, at my request, reported the circumstances of the accident, for which suit was entered by the above named plaintiffs, to me. He informed me that he visited the scene of the accident upon the night in question very shortly after the accident occurred. He found that the said Richard Kelly, accompanied by his wife, was near the corner of Vine Street and Jenkins Alley where the car was driven into a mud hole near the said intersection. Mr Kelly was injured and removed to Pittston Hospital for treatment. He was confined to the said Hospital for a period of six days where he was treated by a physician and claims to have been

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confined to his home for a long period thereafter. The automobile in which he and his wife were driving was owned by the said Agnes Kelly who claims damages thereto in the sum of \$250.00 while her husband, the said Richard Kelly, claims damages in the sum of \$5,000.00. It appears that the accident occurred at the point where the Scranton-Pittston Water Service Company had excavated and laid a large pipe as aforesaid, and that a severe rainstorm occurred upon the day of the accident causing the muddy condition of the street at that point.

After full consideration of these facts and circumstances, and the law relating thereto, Mayor English and myself secured an offer of settlement from the plaintiffs in the sum of \$225.00 in full satisfaction of said claim for damages, without cost of Court to the City of Pittston, and also secured a continuance of the case pending acceptance of the said offer by the City of Pittston. Under the facts and circumstances, and considering the legal liability of the City of Pittston, I recommend settlement of the said case for the said sum of \$225.00 without cost of suit to the City of Pittston.

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

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call above communication was ordered received and filed and that the City Solicitor be empowered to settle the case as he suggested.

Mayor English stated that charges had been preferred against Sgt Thomas Walsh for conduct unbecoming an officer of the Police force, following charges listed as per Ordinance NO 6 approved Dec 23 1913, under Section 2, Article 9, items NO 1, Intoxication. NO 2, Wilful Disobedience of Orders. NO 3, Indecent, Profane and Harsh language with profane expressions towards Mayor English and Chief of Police Edward Moran. NO 4, Disrespect towards a Superior Officer. NO 15, Conduct unbecoming an Officer and a Gentleman. NO 18, Publically commenting on the action of a Superior Officer, disrespectful and profane comments on Mayor English and Chief of Police Edward Moran. Mayor English stated that Sgt Walsh and his brother Councilman Jos Walsh called at his office last night and informally discussed the charges, stating that it was the wish of both of the above especially Sgt Walsh, that he not appear at a hearing but that same could be held in private, charges discussed and conclusion reached without publicity being given the case. Mayor English was of the opinion that on account of the prominence of both Gentlemen and especially since Mr Jos Walsh was a member of Council that Council should act privately on the matter and render to the above Gentlemen any courtesies they could, consequently a Resolution would be presented privately and only members of Council would know of it.

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 3 7 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Council having heard testimony in support of charges against Thos Walsh involving his conduct as a Sergeant in the Bureau of Police after due deliberation have concluded that such charges appear to be well founded and that said Thomas Walsh is guilty of misconduct and he is accordingly demoted to the position of a Patrolman in the Bureau of Police effective immediately.

The above Resolution was adopted by the following vote on Roll Call. AYES: Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. NAYS: Messers Grablick and Walsh. Motion made by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro.

An invitation from Mr Robt. A. McCleaster, Secy of the Penna State Assoc of Plumbing Inspectors extended to Mr Wm Foster, City Plumbing Insp was read to Council. On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call Mr Foster was instructed to obtain expenses from the City Treasurer and attend the Convention to be held in Altoona, Penna. Monday May 20th 1940.

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 3 8 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the following transfers be made: In the Department of Public Affairs: \$300.00 from Equipment, Bureau of Police to other Exspense, Bureau of Health and Weights and Measures.

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

The following communication from Chief of Police Edward Moran was received and read to Council by City Clerk Fitzpatrick.

E. Fitzpatrick

May 10th 1940

Mayor Kenneth J. English
Dime Bank Building.
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that Joseph Holland, a member of the Pittston Police Department, resigned on May 6, 1940 at 10:30 o'clock P.M. at City Hall, Broad Street, Pittston, Pennsylvania and turned in his equipment to Lieutenant Michael J. Dructor.

Very Truly yours,
Edward A. Moran, Chief of Police.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 3 9 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the name of Michael Galasso having been certified to the City Council from the Civil Service eligible list by the Board for the examination of applicants for appointment to the Police Department as qualified for appointment to the Police Department the said Michael Galasso be and he is hereby appointed as a Patrolman in the Bureau of Police at a salary of \$1,800.00 per annum effective May 16th 1940.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 4 0 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the City of Pittston hereby waives the assessment of liquidated damages against Gus Weinberger under Contract No 2 for the New City Hall, Pittston Pennsylvania for the period from October 25, 1939 to November 30, 1939


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

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 4 1 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That application be made to the County Commissioners to rent a Grader for 3rd Ward Park, for Friday May 17th cost about \$8.00. Same to be paid for by the American Legion on account of preparing ground for their Carnival to be held during the week of May 20th for the purpose of obtaining necessary funds to defray expenses of the Band and Color Bearers to Boston this coming Summer, the City absolving them from the payment of any License Fees.

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

Their being no further Business Council adjourned.

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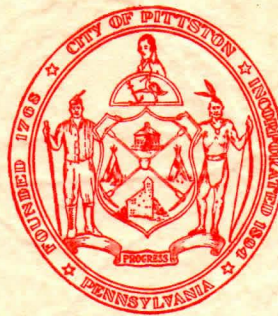

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The City of Pittston

EARLY HISTORY

Our people are today witnessing the accomplishment of an undertaking which has been the aim and object of every administration for two score years—the dedication of a new City Hall for the City of Pittston.

Upwards of forty years ago far-sighted officials of the then infant municipality conceived the idea of providing a suitable building wherein the multitudinous tasks of a city the size of ours might be transacted under one roof and in an atmosphere of efficiency and dignity. The land for construction of a new City Hall was acquired from the Troxell Estate early in the year 1900 and, while the idea of building a suitable structure on the site had been proposed from time to time in the intervening years—some times with sincerity but more frequently with lukewarm indifference—it remained for the present progressive Democratic administration officials headed by Mayor Kenneth J. English to convert an abstract idea into a concrete reality and Pittston's splendidly appointed new City Hall shall stand for generations as a monument to their foresight and their determination to fulfill their promise to the taxpayers to provide a progressive administration.

Pittston City has an unique position in the historic Wyoming Valley. Situated as it is at the junction of the Susquehanna and Lackawanna rivers, which Rev. Francis P. Donnelly, S.J., one of Pittston's most illustrious sons, describes so suitably in his epic poem "Old Days on the Susquehanna"—

"There's a spot that memory hallows.

With its stretch of pools and shallows,
Where the turbid Lackawanna meets another river's roar.

And tonight my saddened spirit,
Seeks that childhood haunt and near it.

Where I saw the Susquehanna in the days
that are no more.

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Fair the streams of the Atlantic,

Fair the Western streams gigantic,
That down far Louisiana many mingled
waters pour

They and other streams are famous,
But their charms will never blame us

If we love old Susquehanna in the days
that are no more!

—it is no exaggeration to state that our new city structure, with all of its splendid appointments, is merely worthy of a community as renowned, a people as hospitable as those of Pittston. Our community is justly famous, throughout the entire state, for the natural beauty of its scenery—its magnificent hills covered with stately forest trees, its fertile tablelands carpeted with the restful green grass of our historic valley and most important of all, our underground wealth of anthracite which provides our sustenance. Providence, truly, gave to this

very community a racy richness of quality not to be found elsewhere.

History records that, as far back as 1772, there was a ferry operating between the right and left banks of the Susquehanna at Jenkins Fort—established by Isaac Tripp, John Jenkins and Jonathan Dean—to provide access for Pittston residents to west side towns of Wyoming and Exeter. This was the old Rope Ferry, subsequently replaced by the Ferry Bridge and, in 1926, by the present stately structure known as Fort Jenkins Bridge.

David Brown and the Blanchards lived on the left bank of the Susquehanna as early as 1770 and, two years later, the population had increased to such an extent as to warrant establishment of the rope ferry.

Situate on the east bank, a short distance below the junction of the Lackawanna and Susquehanna rivers, Pittston is really the gateway to the wonderful Wyoming Valley. It is just below the spot where the Susquehanna breaks through the mountain range and enters the scenic valley.

Midway between Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, Pittston is the very heart of one of the most productive areas of the anthracite region. Travelers on the Lehigh Valley Railroad are reminded as they approach Pittston to be on the alert for scenery such as they have not been privileged to set eyes on heretofore. This scenery will maintain its grandeur all through the valley until the Susquehanna again cuts a gap through the mountains at Nescopeck and passes majestically on its course to the sea. Nature, too, has favored Pittston.

A majority of the freeholders of Pittston petitioned Luzerne County grand jury on January 5, 1853, to incorporate a portion of Pittston Township as a borough. Judgment of the grand jury was favorable and on April 11, 1853, the court confirmed the judgment of the grand jury and the borough was organized. The following year boundaries were extended.

Formation of the municipal government was completed on April 30, 1853, by the election of John Hosie as burgess; J. V. L. DeWitt, H. P. Messenger, George Daman, Theodore Strong and James McFarlane as councilmen.

The territory of the original Borough of Pittston was described to the court thus:

"Beginning at a corner on the bank of the Lackawanna River, a short distance above and near the fordway—thence South seventy-eight degrees twenty-one minutes East one hundred and sixty perches, to a stone corner; thence South eleven degrees & thirty-nine minutes West, three hundred ninety-eight, and twenty-four one hundredths perches to a stone corner; thence South thirty-seven degrees, thirty-six minutes West, four hundred three & fifty-

EARLY HISTORY--Continued

one one-hundredths perches to a stone corner; thence North fifty-two degrees and twenty-four minutes west, one hundred and sixty perches to a corner; thence North thirty-seven degrees, thirty-six minutes East two hundred & ten perches to a corner on the Susquehanna River and near the canal; thence along the river north fifty-seven degrees East, thirty-seven & sixty-eight one hundredths perches, thence along the river north thirty-eight degrees fifty minutes east fifty-seven and thirty-four one hundredths perches to a corner, thence along the same North thirteen degrees East twenty-one perches, thence along the same north thirty-six degrees fifty-six minutes East fifty-four and fifty-two one hundredths perches to a quarter, thence north eleven degrees thirty-nine minutes East three hundred and sixty-one & four-tenths perches to a corner, the place of beginning. Agreeably to the locality corners and distances in the attached plot or draft contained, which accompanies this application and the said proposed borough shall be incorporated in the name style & title of "The Borough of Pittston"—and as in duty bound they will pray. January Sessions 1853. Wm. Tompkins, Wm. S. Reddin and others.

The first Monday in May, 1853, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 6 p. m. was appointed "for the holding of the first election in the Borough of Pittston at the brick school house near the Methodist Church and John Hepler is designated to give notice of the election by putting up at least ten printed or written notices of the time and place for holding said election * * * and appoint John Sax, judge and Red Wisner and Samuel F. Bossard inspectors of such first election."

H. Wentz was elected first clerk to Council and Joseph Knapp was elected first treasurer of the borough for a one-year term. Wentz served only a short time as clerk and he was succeeded by C. H. Foster. The first police force was appointed on June 20, 1853, and comprised William LaFrance, Lyman Miller and B. F. Coolbaugh. John Kelchner resigned as constable on the same date and William Stroh was appointed in his place. Stroh was subsequently appointed to the police force and William S. Leach was named constable.

Dr. Nathaniel Giddings was the first physician in the settlement. He came from Connecticut in 1787 and practiced medicine here until his death in 1851. He is buried in Mosier Cemetery, on Parsonage street, and the inscription on the stone over his grave is discernible to this day. Dr. Giddings was a member of the first Pittston Borough school board together with Alva Tompkins, James M. Brown, Levi Barnes, J. A. Hann and John Love.

For sixty years after the settlements were begun in Pittston the Yankee element

predominated in the population of the town but, with the discovery of coal began the influx of the various European nationalities that make up the heterogeneous population as it is found today. The Scotch came in large numbers in 1850-55, although many of the most experienced miners came to America before coming to Pittston, attracted by the gold mining in California. The inroad of the Welsh was more gradual, as they had previously come to the older mines at Carbondale, and came down the valley as the coal fields developed.

Pioneers in the mining and shipping of coal sent considerable quantities down the river in "arks" when this was the only mode of transportation. These arks were built during low water and floated off in high water, much in the manner of rafting. Col. James W. Johnson was a pioneer coal operator but he subsequently sold his holdings to William R. Griffith and associates who, by a consolidation of charters, formed the Pennsylvania Coal Company and then became large operators in mines and mining.

The first shipment of coal ever made to the West was from Pittston—the humble beginning of what is now a never-ending stream. The Pittston Coal Company was organized in 1875, by parties who had purchased the old Pittston & Elmira Company, and operated the Seneca slope, the Ravine shaft and The Twins. The Columbia mine was opened in 1862; it stood at what was the head of the canal. The old Butler mine was opened as early as 1835 by John L. and Lord Butler.

The following is a list of the burgesses as the imperfect records of the borough can furnish: E. B. Evans, 1854; William Ferguson, 1855; Charles R. Gorman, 1856-7; J. B. Fisher, Abram Price, M. Reap, 1861-5; James Brown, P. Sheridan, 1867; John B. Smith, 1868; James Walsh, 1869; Andrew Law, 1870; J. P. Schooley, 1871; James L. McMillan, 1872; James McKane, 1873; Michael Reap, 1874-6; Joseph Cool, 1877; Patrick Henery, 1878; James O'Donnell, L. B. Ensign, 1882; James Walsh, 1883-84; Wm. Abbott, 1885-86; John H. Mullin, 1887-88; Edward Barrett, 1889; Louis Seibel, 1890; Edward J. Burke, 1891-92; Thomas Maloney, 1893-94.

Thomas Maloney, of Upper Pittston, was burgess in 1894 when Pittston became a city and he was elected Pittston's first mayor. In the course of his term Mayor Maloney visited Ireland and, during his absence, Michael J. Langan was acting mayor. He was entombed with 57 other mine workers in the tragic Twin Shaft disaster of June 28th, 1896, and Charles C. Bowman, later congressman and one of our oldest and most substantial citizens to the present day, served as mayor until Mayor Maloney's return.

EARLY HISTORY--Continued

Following is a list of Pittston mayors:

Thomas Maloney	1894-98
Benjamin Harding	1898-99
Thomas J. Corcoran	1899-04
James Langan	1904-07
W. H. Gillespie	1907-10
M. E. Golden	1910-13
M. N. Donnelly	1913-18
James J. Kennedy	1918-22
P. R. Brown	1922-26
W. H. Gillespie	1926-30
Ambrose Langan	1930-38
Kenneth J. English	1938-

At the time the city hall plot was purchased from the Troxell estate in 1899 the members of Select Council—one from each ward—comprised: Thomas Murphy, Patrick F. Joyce (chairman), James Langan, James A. Hennigan, William A. Kelly, C. C. Bowman, Roger A. Hines, Paul Bohan, Alex Thompson, Thomas Keating and Edward J. Burke. Members of Common Council, two from each ward, were: James Reap, M. S. Jordan, Patrick Lyons, John Melvin, John H. Keast, P. A. Sweeney, W. B. Evans, M. Hession, John Bernetto, Martin McDonough (chairman), John M. Dobbie, Thomas Kearney, M. J. Berry, Luke Connors, A. W. Tep-lir, James Russell, George Huntley, John Kelly, Thomas J. Corcoran, Thomas L. Lin-nen, John Jenkins and Patrick Corcoran.

The commission form of government was established here in 1913 at which time Mayor M. N. Donnelly was elected to office. The first council under the present form of government comprised John A. Allan, James

J. Kennedy, Thomas F. McAndrew and T. Joseph Gilligan. In 1915 the council comprised James J. Kennedy, Thomas McGarry, William H. Rosencrance and Edward L. Kearney.

As Mayor Kennedy succeeded to office in 1918 the council comprised M. N. Donnelly, Edward L. Kearney, John P. McGarry and Daniel J. Connell. In 1920 Daniel J. Connell and John P. McGarry were elected for 4-year terms; Patrick J. Kearney and Patrick F. Walsh for two years. In 1922 the council under Mayor P. R. Brown comprised Joseph McNamara, Patrick J. Kearney and the holdovers, Connell and McGarry. In 1924 Thomas F. Gallagher and Anthony A. Redington succeeded Connell and McGarry as councilmen and in 1926 William White and Joseph McNamara were elected at the time that William H. Gillespie began his second term as mayor. White served until his death and was succeeded by his son, Attorney Leo W. White. Redington served until his death and was succeeded by Leo Sheporaitis, who subsequently was elected for a two-year term. Louis Seibel served from 1930 to 1938. John Troback served from 1934 to 1938. Mr. Gallagher served from 1924 until 1940 and had a substantial part in promoting the new City Hall together with his distinguished councilmanic colleagues—Dr. S. C. Andalaro, Roy A. Mead and Olgert S. Pauxtis. Gallagher and Pauxtis were, in turn, succeeded by Joseph A. Walsh and Sylvester C. Grablick, now gloriously serving.

THE NEW CITY HALL

The first official move toward erection of the new City Hall building is recorded in the minutes of Pittston City Council on Tuesday, June 28th, 1938, at which time Mayor Kenneth J. English confided to his colleagues that he had been reliably informed that the Federal agency—Public Works Administration—was making available to municipalities an outright grant of 45 per cent. of the cost of constructing public buildings and, further that the additional 55 per cent. of the building cost could be procured over a 25-year period at an interest rate not exceeding 4 per cent.

Members of Council with longer service—Olgert S. Pauxtis and Thomas F. Gallagher—recalled that plans had been prepared under the administration of Former Mayor Ambrose Langan in 1936 to build a municipal building on the city-owned plot of ground on lower Broad street. This plan had since been abandoned. It was decided to invite Architect L. Verne Lacey, of the Sordoni Construction Company, Kingston, to attend a special meeting of council at which time representatives of banks and property owners would be present and present their views.

On July 7, 1938, the proposal to build the new City Hall was given a firm foundation when a group of public spirited citizens, upon invitation of Mayor English, attended a special council meeting and listened to the proposal. Architect Lacey emphasized the importance of starting the project immediately, since Federal forces had set a time limit on such undertakings. Warren B. Hull, P.W.A. official from Harrisburg, also attended and outlined the government's setup for grants and loans.

There was not a single voice raised in opposition to sponsoring such a project, the only ones to express concern being those who feared a substantial increase in tax millage over a period of 25 years. Mayor English explained that the increase each year in taxes would not exceed one mill, which will be more than offset by the saving realized by having a building capable of housing all branches of the city government. He pointed out that offices for transaction of city business were then being maintained in the Miners Bank Building, the old Postoffice Building and the Dime Bank & Trust Co.

No sooner had the building proposal been received with such wholehearted and unanimous approval than the city officials began to put machinery in motion to make the project a reality. Coon & Barrett firm, of Scranton, was engaged on July 12, 1938, by resolution unanimously passed in Council, to prepare plans and specifications for the new building and on July 26th, Hon. Kenneth J. English, as mayor of the city, was directed to execute and file an application with the United States Government for a grant to aid in financing the new municipal building. Mayor English, City Clerk J. P. Fitzpatrick, Solicitor William H. Gillespie and members of the firm of Coon & Barrett were authorized to furnish such information to the United States Government as should reasonably be required. On September 1, 1938, an unanimous endorsement was given by Council in acceptance of the United States Government's offer to aid in financing the building and on November 3rd, 1938, the contracts were awarded to the following firms:

General contract—William J. Crunden, Scranton; \$72,288.

Heating and Ventilating—Gus Weinberger, Old Forge; \$5,540.

Plumbing—Gus Weinberger, Old Forge; \$3,585.47.

Electrical — Popky Engineering Co., Wilkes-Barre; \$2,670.

Furniture — Wilkinson Equipment Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; \$6,484.00.

Carpets and Drapes—Kelly & Mullin, Pittston; \$1,043.18.

Exactly one week later—on November 10, 1938, the ground was broken for the new building, with Mayor Kenneth J. English wielding the shovel, ably assisted by John McIntyre, veteran of the Street Department corps of workers; and William J. Crunden, general contractor. City officials, present and past, were among the distinguished guests and the chief address was delivered by Congressman J. Harold Flannery, whose aid in interesting the government in sponsoring the project cannot be overestimated.

The culmination of the undertaking was occupancy of the new building on March 6th, 1940, and today its formal dedication.

OPPOSITE PAGE

Replica of Bronze Tablet in Main Corridor of the Building, Recording the Names of Those Associated with Construction of the Building

FEDERAL EMERGENCY
ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

HAROLD L. ICKES
ADMINISTRATOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

PITTSTON CITY HALL
1939

KENNETH J. ENGLISH
MAYOR

THE COUNCIL

DR. S. C. ANDALORO

THOS. F. GALLAGHER

ROY A. MEAD

OLGERT S. PAUXTIS

EMERSON J. HOWLEY
CONTROLLER

M. P. RUANE
TREASURER

HON. WM. H. GILLESPIE
SOLICITOR

J. P. FITZPATRICK
CITY CLERK

MAJOR R. N. MYERS
ENGINEER

JOS. P. McCANNA
ASSESSOR

COON & BARRETT, ARCHITECTS

WM. J. CRUNDEN, BUILDER



The Colonial style of architecture of the City Hall is one of the earliest types of this country, having been brought from England by the first settlers. The brick, manufactured by hand, is noted for its tapestry blending of rich red, yellow and purple effects and this brick is now being used in reconstruction of Revolutionary buildings.

The Colonial spirit is further emphasized throughout by its simplicity and, in the Council Chamber, by Colonial detail in benches, window draperies and lighting fixtures.

BUILDING COMMITTEE



Dr. S. C. Andaloro



Roy A. Mead



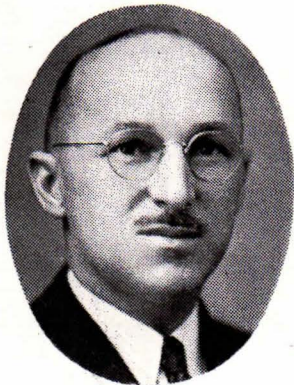
Hon. Kenneth J. English



Olgert S. Pauxtis



Thomas F. Gallagher



Major R. N. Myers



J. P. Fitzpatrick

PROGRAM

2:00 to 2:30 P. M.

BAND CONCERT Pittston High School Band

2:30 P. M.

“AMERICA” St. John’s High School Glee Club

INVOCATION Msgr. P. J. Boland
Pastor St. John the Evangelist Church

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS . . . Hon. Kenneth J. English

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS . . . Hon. Kenneth J. English

SELECTION Pittston High School Band

DEDICATORY ADDRESS Hon. J. Harold Flannery

SELECTION—“God Bless America” St. John’s H. S. Glee Club

“AMERICA” St. John’s High School Glee Club

“STAR SPANGLED BANNER” Pittston H. S. Band
and Assembly

BENEDICTION Rev. R. A. Rinker
Pastor First Presbyterian Church



We Cordially Invite The Public
To Inspect The New Building
Being Dedicated Today

KENNETH J. ENGLISH, MAYOR
Director of Department of Public Affairs

DR. S. C. ANDALORO, COUNCILMAN
Director of Department of Accounts and Finance

ROY A. MEAD, COUNCILMAN
Director of Department of Streets and Sewers

SYLVESTER C. GRABLICK, COUNCILMAN
Director of Department of Public Safety

JOSEPH A. WALSH, COUNCILMAN
Director of Department of Parks and Public Buildings

MICHAEL P. RUANE
City Treasurer

EMERSON J. HOWLEY
City Controller

JOSEPH P. FITZPATRICK
City Clerk

HON. WILLIAM H. GILLESPIE
City Solicitor

MAJOR R. N. MYERS
City Engineer

JOSEPH P. McCANNA
City Assessor

EDWARD A. MORAN
Chief of Police

THOMAS A. NEWCOMB
Department of Health

HOWARD OWENS
Chief of Fire Department

WILLIAM G. FOSTER
Department of Plumbing

Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding with all members present with the exceptions of Mr Mead, he being laid up with sickness.

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

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

Community Theatre.	Rent & Use of Gas (Housekeepers)	\$ 29.00
Washitz Joseph.	Window Cleaning New & Old City Hall	26.00
Service Supply Co.	2nd Installment on Concrete Mixer.	91.50
Ruane, M.P. Treas.	Cash advances for April.	344.82
Ruane, M.P. Treas.	Coupons on 1923 & 1938 Bond Issues.	1,285.00
Callatrone, Jos.	Repairs to Columbus Statue.	245.00
W.B. Independant Co.	Printing. Financial Report of 1939.	84.00

Discussion was entered into relative to the Service Supply Co's 2nd Installment on the Concrete Mixer. Rental contract was looked over by Mayor English and Mr Grablick, the former stating that he could not find any statement therein referring to the Mixer being turned over to the City as their property at the termination of the rental period and a Bill of Sale being given to the City at that time, he recommended that no further installments be paid until statement as above be inserted into the Rental Contract.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call all Bills with the exception of the Service Supply's bill or rental installment, be paid.

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 4 2 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "WHEREAS THE PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL has approved the plans prepared by R.N. Myers for

THE IMPROVEMENT OF DOCK, TOMPKINS, CHURCH AND
MIDDLE STREETS IN THE CITY OF PITTSTON

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PITTSTON CITY COUNCIL AT this Regular meeting held May 28, 1940 that the Works Progress Administration District No 2 Pennsylvania, be requested to furnish the necessary labor and supervision to carry for ward and complete the said project, such labor and supervision under no circumstances to be applied to any other work than that of the said project, and

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

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

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 4 3 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That permission be and the same is hereby extended to the Postal Telegraph Company to move its pole located at the line of the Old City Hall property on the westerly side of Water Street to a point designated on land of the City at said property with the right to said company to maintain this pole at its new location until such time as it may interfere with the City's use of this land, at which time a new location on Water Street will be assigned to said Company.

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

J. P. Fitzpatrick.

The following communication from the Natl Assoc of Regulars, Department of Pennsylvania was read to Council.

Mayor English
Pittston City Council
Pittston Pa.

Pittston Pa Box 74

Gentlemen:

Permit us to ask for a share, of the donation, or fund that you have so graciously allowed, or granted to "Veterans" Organizations for Memorial Day.

While our organization has existed only three (3) years in this State; still the fact that men possessing an honorable discharge from the United States Army in peace or war time, from the Civil War to the present and future are eligible for membership, will give some conception of the nature and scope of our organization, the extent of our organization, the scope of the work it entails, in the placing the three hundred (300) flags; which we secured last week, from the County Commissioners, in the various cemeteries.

Thanking you for past favors and awaiting your pleasure.

Yours truly.

Edward Richards, Commander.
Gibbons-Buss Post No 6

Russell Lushinger, Adjutant.

On Motion by Mr Grablick, seconded by Mr Walsh and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the City Clerk was instructed to communicate with the above gentlemen and inform them that all the monies budgeted for this purpose for 1940 had already been assigned to the three Military Organizations who have been the recipients of the same during the past, said assignment having been made previous to the receipt of the above communication.

Communication from the La France Fomite Co, Elmira, N.Y. was discussed wherein was contained an estimate upon repairs to the Pumper in the Fire Department.

On Motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Grablick and by Unanimous vote on Roll Call the communication was tabled.

Following Communication was read to Council.

To the City Council
of Pittston, Penna.

May 20th 1940

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned Trustees of St John's Ev Lutheran Church, of Wood St., in the City of Pittston, are of the opinion, that our lots #9 and #11 facing Wood St., according to our Deed and a Map on the back thereof are 100 Feet wide on Wood St., extending at right angles to an alley at the rear, a distance of 150 Feet. Six feet of which were given to the City for side walk or to form part of the alley, leaving an alley the entire width of our lots next to our lots. Leaving our lots 144 feet in length.

It is furthermore our opinion that at some time, and by some one, the original course of the alley has been changed and a triangle between our lot #9 and the alley has been fenced in by late Lewis Smith cutting our lot # 9 off from the alley.

We hereby petition the City Council, if it be within its right and jurisdiction, to look into this matter, and assist us in regaining access to the alley; if and when we build, to be able to have an entrance from the alley.

Thanking you for your kind interest and cooperation.

Trustees of St John's Ev. Luthern Church, Wood St., Pittston.

Wm.G. Albrecht, Chairman.

Edward Naugle.

Fred Renfer, Jr.

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

J. H. Gillespie

A bid of \$25.00 was received from A.L. Miller, Junk Dealer 75 Wharf Street. Pittston. Penna. for the Cell Block in the Old City Hall on Water St.

After discussing the matter by Unanimous consent the communication and bid was tabled and the City Clerk was instructed to invite bids from the Junk Dealers in Luzerne and Lackawanna Cos.

General discussion was entered into regarding the various taxes and licenses that can be collected and wherein the City is empowered to collect the same via of Ordinances appearing in the files and records of former years.

By unanimous conclusion the City Clerk was instructed to communicate with the City Clerks of both Scranton and Wilkesbarre and obtain from them copies of Ordinances recently passed in those Cities covering the Taxing and Licenseng of Pin Ball Machines and Music Boxes used in Dance Halls, Taverns, etc.

Their being no further business Council adjourned.



APPROVED
JUNE 25th 1940

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J.P. Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

ATTEST:

J.P. Fitzpatrick

J.P. Fitzpatrick

Pittston City Council met in Regular Session at 11:30 A.M. with Mayor Kenneth J. English presiding and all Members present.

The Minutes of May 28th meeting were not read but on motion of Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered received, filed and adopted.

The following report for the month of May covering Parking violations and Meter returns was presented by Mayor English.

May 1 , 1940 to May 31, 1940	Parkink Violations \$	64.00
May 1 , 1940 to May 31, 1940	Meter returns.	505.15

On Motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead and by unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed.

City Treasurer M P. Ruane submitted his report for the Month of May . A balance of \$64,002.81 was shown as of May 31 st 1940.

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

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

On motion by Mr Mead , seconded by Mr Grablick and by unanimous vote on Roll Call both reports were ordered received & filed.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 415 Submitted by Mayor Kenneth J. English

"AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE OF ACCUMALATED OFFICE CITY PROPERTY." was read at length.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by unanimous vote above Ordinance passed First Reading.

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 415, was read by Title for the second time.

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

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 416. Submitted by Mayor Kenneth J. English:

" AN ORDINANCE COVERING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO SUPERVISED PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF FIREWORKS TO BE HELD WITHIN THE CITY OF PITTSTON. PENN. WAS READ AT LENGTH.

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

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 416, was read by Title for the second time.

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

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 417. Submitted by Mayor Kenneth J. English:

" AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION SIX OF AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE ERECTION OF OVERHANGING, OPEN ELECTRIC SIGNS OVER THE SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF PITTSTON, REGULATING THE HEIGHT AT WHICH SAID SIGNS MUST BE ERECTED ABOVE THE GRADE OF THE SIDEWALKS, REGULATING THE METHODS AND DESIGNATING THE MATERIALS WHICH MAY BE EMPLOYED IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND ERECTION OF SAID SIGNS AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF." was read at length.

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

FILE OF COUNCIL NO 417, was read by Title for the second time.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by unanimous vote on Roll Call same passed Second Reading. *J. H. Fitzpatrick.*

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 4 4 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: " That the General Contract on the New City Hall (Docket No.Pa.2074-F) Contract No 1, has been completed according to Plans & Specifications and the work included in said Contract is hereby accepted, in pursuance of recommendation of Coon & Barrett, Architects."

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead above Resolution was Adopted by the following vote. AYES: Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. NAYS: Messers Grablick and Walsh.

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 4 5 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: " That the Heating & Ventilating Contract on the New City Hall (Docket No Pa.2074-F) Contract No.2, has been completed according to Plans & Specifications and the work included in said Contract is hereby accepted in pursuance of recommendation of Coon & Barrett, Architects."

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead above Resolution was Adopted by the following vote. AYES: Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. NAYS: Messers Grablick & Walsh.

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 4 6 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Plumbing Contract on the New City Hall (Docket No Pa.2074-F) Contract No 3, has been completed according to Plans & Specifications and the work included in said Contract is hereby accepted, in pursuance of recommendation of Coon & Barrett, Architects."

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead above Resolution was Adopted by the following vote. AYES: Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. NAYS: Messers Grablick & Walsh.

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 4 7 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Electrical Contract No 4 has been completed according to Plans & Specifications and the work included in said Contract is hereby accepted, in pursuance of recommendation of Coon & Barrett, Architects."

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead above Resolution was Adopted by the following vote. AYES: MESSERS Mead, Andaloro and English. NAYS: Messers Grablick & Walsh.

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 4 8 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Electrical Fixtures Contract on the New City Hall (Docket No.Pa.2074-F) Contract No 5 has been completed according to Plans & Specifications and the work included in said Contract is hereby accepted, in pursuance of recommendation of Coon & Barrett, Architects."

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro above Resolution was Adopted by the following vote. AYES: Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. NAYS: Messers Grablick & Walsh.

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 4 9 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Furniture Contract on the New City Hall (Docket No.Pa.2075-F) Contract No 6 has been completed according to Plans & Specifications and the work included in said Contract is hereby accepted, in pursuance of recommendation of Coon & Barrett, Architects."

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Mead above Resolution was Adopted by the following vote. AYES: Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. NAYS: Messers Grablick & Walsh.

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 5 0 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the Carpets, Draperies & Shades Contract on the New City Hall (Docket No Pa.2074-F) Contract No 7 has been completed according to Plans & Specifications and the work included in said Contract is hereby accepted, in pursuance of recommendation of Coon & Barrett, Architects."

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro above Resolution was Adopted by the following vote. AYES: Messers Mead, Andaloro and English. NAYS: Messers Grablick & Walsh.

J. H. Anderson.

RESOLUTION NO 3 3 5 1 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in Regular meeting assembled, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same:

That the Mayor and the Secretary of the Council be and they are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Pennsylvania Coal Company for the purpose of securing a license and permit from said Company to lay and maintain an eight-inch terra cotta pipe sanitary sewer line across Lot No 39 of the Company located in the said City and situate adjacent to Oak Street in the Tenth Ward, in the said Agreement fully described, in order to complete the sanitary sewer system now under construction by the said City of Pittston, conditioned, however, upon the said City Agreeing.

(a) to waive both vertical and lateral support to said sewer line
(b) to relocate said sewer line to another location or locations on the land of said Company, the President of the Company to designate the new location or locations and to be the sole judge of the necessity of the relocation or relocations,

(c) to indemnify and save harmless and forever defend the said Company from and against any or all loss of life or property or injury or damage to property resulting from or in any manner growing out of laying said sewer line and the use and or maintainance of the same, and

(d) to assume and pay all assessments, rates and rentals now or hereafter assessed on lands of the Pennsylvania Coal Company on account of the construction, use and maintenance of the said sewer.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that for the above mentioned purposes the Mayor of the City is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute the agreement with the Pennsylvania Coal Company for the purpose aforesaid and the Secretary of the City Council is hereby directed attach to the said agreement the coporate seal of the City of Pittston, attested by his signature and to furnish the said Company a copy of this Resolution duly certified from the minutes.

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

Dr S. C. Andaloro, Director of Accounts & Finance submitted the following Bills with his recommendation for payment.

John. A. Allan.	Employees Compensation Insurance	
	Audit 10/19/39 to 4/19/40	\$ 1,136.39
John A. Allan.	Insurance on Fire Pumper.	5.00
Rose A. Chaplick.	Notarizing Lien Revivals.	11.00
Wesley M. Evans.	Repairs & Parts.	23.20
Bert R. Ardoline.	Fire Insurance New City Hall 3 yrs	28.75
Adonizio Ins Co.	" " " "	21.56
Thos English Agency.	" " " "	18.66
Josephine G. Cohen.	" " " "	28.75
Hopkins Ins Agency.	" " " "	21.56
Bessie M. Donlin, Agent	" " " "	18.69
James Mogavero.	" " " "	8.63
Oscar H. Phillips.	" " " "	14.38
M. V. Quinn, Agency.	" " " "	14.38
Joseph B Reap.	" " " "	8.63
Frank P. Scrudato.	" " " "	8.63
P. A. Sammon Agency.	" " " "	28.75
M. A. Schwartzkopf.	" " " "	8.62
P. W. Dersheimer Lumber Co,	Service in connection with Tax Appeal	
	of the Metropolitan Ins Co.	125.
P. A. Sammon.	Services rendered in appraisal of property	
	consultation & testifying in Court	
	in the case of Metropolitan Life Ins Co	
	appeal from 1936 Assessment of property	
	on No Main Street.	25.00
M. P. Ruane, Treasurer.	Cash advances for the month of May.	537.25
Atty Leo White	Partial payment of Fees in the Police Case.	500.00
Spanish American War Veterans	contribution for Memorial Day.	50.00
Veterans of Foreign Wars.	" " " "	50.00

A. H. ...

On Motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro the foregoing Bills were ordered paid,with the exception of the English Agency on which Mayor English refused to vote,Messers Grablick & Walsh voting NO on all Insurance Bills as well as Atty Whites Bill.The following vote was cast on all bills with the exception of the English Agency. AYES: Messers Mead,Andaloro and English. NAYS: Messers Grablick and Walsh.

On motion by Mr Walsh,seconded by Mr Mead the bill of the English Agency was ordered paid paid by the following vote. AYES: Messers Mead,Andaloro,Grablick and Walsh. NOT VOTING Mayor English.

Bids for the Police Departments Patrol Auto were received On motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by unanimous vote on Roll Call same were ordered opened and presented to Council. Specifications recited that the Auto now in service was to be taken intrade,and the following Specials supplied. Goodrich 600 X 16-6 Ply Goodrich Life Saver Tread Blow Out Proof Tire. Goodrich 600 X 16 Seal-O-Matic Tubes. Goodrich 51 Plate 135-170 Amp Kathanode Elec-Pak- Battery R.H.F.51

Barber Motor Car Co.1940 Ford V-8-5 Passenger-4 Door Sedan with the equipment and 95 Horse Power Mercury Battery. Total Cost. \$365.00

Stauffer Chev Co. Chevrolet Master,5 Passenger, 4 Door Sedan with the above equipment. Total Cost \$457.00

Gerard Motor Car Co.1940 Plymouth De Luxe 4 Door Sedan with the above equipment & Plymouth De Luxe Heater & Defroster, Total Cost. \$490.00

Jos Grace Motor Co. 1940 Desoto De Luxe,4 Door,5 passenger Sedan with regular equipment. Total Cost. \$490.00 With above specified Equipment & Lettering. Total Cost. \$674.00

On motion by Dr Andaloro,seconded by Mr Walsh and by unanimous vote on Roll Call,City Clerk Fitzpatrick was requested to tabulate bids afterwhich the proper officers would recommend the car to be purchased.

Bids for the Cell Block in the Old City Hall were invited, same to be opened and presented to City Council at this meeting.

Following were bidders on the same. A.L.Miller,75 Wharf Street Pittston.Pa. \$25.00 Max Hurwitz 318-324 So Main Street.Wilkesbarre.Pa. \$30.00 John.B.Gretzula & Son.505 Sanderson Ave,Throop.Pa. \$50.00

Mr Joseph Walsh,Director of Parks & Buildings recommended that the bid of John.B.Gretzula & Son be accepted.

On motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Mr Grablick and by unanimous vote on Roll Call acceptance was made of the Gretzula bid.

Quotation from Mr J.A.Hoye,Spec Agt 1st Natl Bank Bldg, Scranton.Pa.representing the Employers Group of Boston,Massachusetts. on the boilers in the New City Hall were read to Council as follows. "There are four objects to be insured; # 1-Water Tube Boiler,36" Dia: #2- Air Tank,27 Sq.ft.; #3-Air Tank, 5.3 Sq.ft.; #4-Air Tank,6 Sq.ft. The charges for these objects are ; #1-\$18.00 #2- 12.00 #3- 6.00 #4- 6.00 This totals \$42.00

for the object charges. For \$5000.limit an additional charge of \$17.50 is made; \$10.00 " " " " \$28.00 " " \$25.000 " " " " \$59.50 " " Above rates are on a Policy for Three Years.

On motion by Mr Mead,seconded by Dr Andaloro and by unanimous vote on Roll Call above was referred to Mr Joseph Walsh,Director of Parks & Buildings.

J. Fitzpatrick

In compliance with the Pennsylvania State Law covering contributions to Military Organizations for Memorial Day Expenses Statements were received from the Fort Pittston Post No 635 Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Pittston Camp No 17 United Spanish War Veterans

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Dr Andaloro and by unanimous vote on Roll Call the Annual contribution of \$50.00 was ordered paid to above Organizations.

A letter from the Service Supply Corporation 20th & Venango Sts Phila. Pa. was read to Council, the above firm stated that "Upon compliance of the terms as set forth in the Rental Agreement, dated March 29th 1940, between Service Supply Corporation and the City of Pittston wherein the City of Pittston agrees to rent one (1) New Jaeger Model 7EL-4S Concrete Mixer at the rental rate of \$91.50 per month for a period of ten months, that upon payment of the last rental of \$91.50 on the 10th and final rental, title to the above mentioned machine will be forwarded to you in the name of the City of Pittston.

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

In answer to letters that were addressed to the City Clerks of both Scranton And Wilkesbarre by City Clerk Fitzpatrick, L.K. Eldridge of Wilkesbarre stated the their City Council were considering an Ordinance on Pin Ball Machines, Music Boxes, Etc but that no action had been taken up to the present. Mr J.L. Raeder of Scranton stated that their City Solicitor was instructed to prepare an Ordinance taxing Pin Ball Machines \$35.00 per year and Music Machines, \$10.00 per year.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by unanimous vote on Roll Call the communications were ordered Tabled for the time and that the Police Dept be instructed to check up on such equipment in the City of Pittston.

Letter of acknowledgment and receipt from Michael Petrillo, Chairman of the Exeter Borough Council for Five lengths of New Fire Hose returned to the Exeter Fire Dept for hose destroyed in the recent Mt Carmel Church fire was read to Council.

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

Letter from Mr Otto. J. Lucas, Secy St Johns Lutheran Church Council regarding the repair of the streets leading to their Church Viz Wood, Church, Hill Park Ave as well inspect the sewer drains at Wood and Church as same seems to be partially blocked.

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

Letter from W.E. Greenwood, President of the League of Cities of the Third Class, containing an invitation to the Annual Convention of the League to be held at York, Penna, on September 11, 12 & 13 was read to Council.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by unanimous vote on Roll Call it was decided to have a representative attend the Convention.

.Following letter of information and suggestion was received from Major R.N. Myers, City Engineer and read to Council.

Pittston City Council
Pittston, Pennsylvania.

June 25, 1940

Gentlemen:

Herewith are blue prints showing suggested pavement markings at various street intersections in the Central City.

It is believed that this arrangement will aid materially in accomplishing a continuous flow of traffic with safety.

J. P. Fitzpatrick

It is further recommended that the three parking meters in front of the Y.M.C.A. Building on Broad Street and one parking meter in front of the Pittston Gazette Building be removed and these areas be designated as strictly " No Parking ".

These recommendations have been arrived at after a careful study and their application together with other proposed markings now on hand should meet with general public approval.

Very truly yours.
R.N.Myers, City Engineer.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Walsh and by unanimous vote on Roll Call above letter together with blue prints were ordered received and filed and the changes suggested were approved and ordered completed at the earliest date.

There being no further business before Council. On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by unanimous vote on Roll Call Council adjourned.

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<u>July 9th 1940</u>		
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J.P.Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

ATTEST:

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Mrs William Grier, No 627 Wyoming Ave West Pittston, who had a foot injury some 18 months ago, and who has had occasion to use the cross walk at Main & Water Sts in going to and from her attendant M.D. wrote the Mayor as follows in reference to the Traffic Officers at Water Street.

July 5th 1940

Mr Kenneth English,
Mayor of Pittston City,

Dear Sir:

A letter of appreciation. I want to thank Mr Edward Doran and Mr Paul Kane, for their kindness to me in caring for my safety in crossing the street for the past eighteen months. If we had more Policemen of this type, ever kind and gentlemanly to those who are unable to watch the Traffic at Water Street. Too much praise can not be given these men for their courtesy.

Very truly yours,

Mrs Will Grier, nee Minnie Rosencrance

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

Mr George Fleming communicated with the City Council via an explanatory letter on the work done by him on the New City Halls electric outlets and connections pertaining to the Teletype, Fire Alarm connection, connections to Chief Edward Morans room and the outside connections to the Fire Department Hose Houses.

On motion by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mead and by unanimous vote on Roll Call same was ordered received and filed and his bill was ordered paid.

RESOLUTION NO 3352 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the right to assess liquidated damages against Steinmetz Electrical Company (Contract No 5) by reason of their failure to complete work on New City Hall-(Docket No.2074-F) within the contract time. Be and the same is hereby waived to include from Dec 27,1939 to Feb.9,1940 inclusive.

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

RESOLUTION NO 3353 BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pittston: "That the right to assess liquidated damages against Wilkinson Equipment Company (Contract No 6) by reason of their failure to complete work on New City Hall (Docket No.2074-F) within the contract time, Be and the same is hereby waived to include from Feb 13,1939 to April 30,1940 inclusive.

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

City Assessor Jos.P.McCanna recommended that Andrew & Anna Rushneck 1st Ward, 715 No Main St be granted an abatement in the sum of \$100.00 from the valuation in the assessment of their property, the reason for granting the same was on account of a mistake having been in copying the assessment valuation from one Book to another.

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Walsh and by unanimous vote on Roll Call above abatement was authorized.

Tabulations of bids on the Police Car was submitted to Council

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

Tabulations on the above showed that the Barber Motor Car Co were the lowest bidders their total bid on a 1940 Ford V-8 5 Passenger 4 Door Sedan being \$377.00

On motion by Dr Andaloro, seconded by Mr Grablick and by unanimous vote on Roll Call Barber Motor Car Co bid was accepted & purchase was authorized.

J. A. Fitzpatrick

Mr Walsh stated that a Public Liability Insurance Policy covering both the Old and New City Hall and the whole of the City could be obtained that he will obtain a rate on same and report to Council at the next meeting.

On motion by Mr Mead, seconded by Mr Grablick and by unanimous vote on Roll Call the Certified Checks that accompanied bids on the Police Car were ordered returned to the makers.

Following letter was mailed Hon Jos.F.Guffey in Washington.

Honorable Jos.F.Guffey.
Senate Office Building.
Washington.D.C.

July 9 1940

Honored Sir:

Great interest was manifested at our City Council meeting to' day by Mayor Kenneth.J.English, members of Council, Citizens and the members of the Press on the possibility of the Federal Government acquirements of Factories or Buildings in the Greater Pittston District for the preperation and completition of Munition and Armor equipment.

We were of the opinion that your good offices may be of assistance in bringing said information to the attention of the proper authorities.

Might we anticipate some word from you regarding the fore-going as well as information that might assist us in more clearly and fully calling the rightful authorities attention to the outstanding available facilities now existing in our District.

Very Respectfully.
J.P.Fitzpatrick.
City Clerk.

There being no further business Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED
AUG 13th 1940

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