

MESSAGE OF THE MAYOR
OF THE
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
AND
REPORTS OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY 1, 1924 TO APRIL 30, 1926

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CITY GOVERNMENT

JANUARY 1, 1924 TO OCTOBER 6, 1924

MAYOR

JOHN W. ROGERS

ALDERMEN

J. GORDON BALDWIN
LESTER O. SCHRIVER

WOLCOTT K. EVARTS
CARROLL A. CAMPBELL

COUNCILMEN

JOSEPH P. WRANG
ALFRED DODD
EUGENE H. MEAD
FRANK M. DUNN
EDWIN T. MCDOWELL
WILLIAM P. SPEAR

SALVATORE MAZZOTTA
ADELBERT B. LANE
J. PHILIP BERGGREN
RICHARD E. MYLCHREEST
GUY CAMBRIA
ARTHUR F. HUGHES

City Clerk and Treasurer—James P. Stow

City Stenographer—Abbie G. Neville

Assessor—Emma P. Mead

Tax Collector—Frederick L. Phelps

Corporation Counsel—Carl F. Anderson

STANDING COMMITTEES (of the Common Council for 1924)

Streets and Highways

Carroll A. Campbell
Salvatore Mazzotta
Edwin T. McDowell

Claims and Finance

J. Gordon Baldwin
Joseph P. Wrang
Guy Cambria

Sewers

Carroll A. Campbell
Joseph P. Wrang
Arthur F. Hughes

Fire

Lester O. Schriver
Eugene H. Mead
Frank M. Dunn

Police

Wolcott K. Evarts
Adelbert B. Lane
J. Philip Berggren

Abatements—J. Gordon Baldwin
Richard E. Mylchreest
William P. Spear

Lamps and Lights—Lester O. Schriver
Alfred Dodd
Richard E. Mylchreest

Health and Nuisance—Wolcott K. Evarts
Alfred Dodd
J. Philip Berggren

City Sheriff and Chief of Police—Charles A. Anderson

Chief of Fire Department—George S. Pitt

First Assistant Engineer—Daniel W. Daley

Second Assistant Engineer—Fred Luckhardt

Water Commissioners—George C. More
Elton E. Clark
Arthur V. McDowell
John L. Fisk

City Sinking Fund Commissioners—Arthur L. Allin
George T. Meech
Evelyn B. Strong

Board of Park Commissioners—Edward F. Slavin
John C. DeWolf
Helen K. Hubbard
James A. Lawton
Frederick B. Fountain

Board of Plumbing Commissioners—Michael A. Brown
Frank M. Hale
Thomas P. Walsh
J. Warren Mylchreest

Athletic Commissioners—Daniel Ahern
Francis J. O'Brien
Samuel Mattes

Trustees of Reserve Fund of Police Dept.—Wolcott K. Evarts
Adelbert B. Lane
J. Philip Berggren

Superintendent of Water Works—J. Warren Mylchreest

Secretary of Water Board—Mary A. Kinsella

Director of Public Works—J. Warren Mylchreest

City Health Officer—Thomas P. Walsh, M. D.

Milk Inspector—E. M. Bitgood, V. S.

Meat and Food Inspector—E. M. Bitgood, V. S.

Bacteriologist—Jessie W. Fisher, M. D.

Judge of City Court—S. Harris Warner

Associate Judge of City Court—Carl F. Anderson

Prosecuting Attorney—John E. Tobin

Clerk of City Court—William J. Coughlin

Probation Officer—Patrick M. Kidney

CITY GOVERNMENT

OCTOBER 6, 1924 TO OCTOBER 4, 1926

MAYOR

JOHN W. ROGERS

ACTING MAYOR

CHARLES T. DAVIS

COUNCILMEN

J. GORDON BALDWIN	EDWIN T. McDOWELL
DAYTON A. BALDWIN	FRANK P. NEVILLE
CHARLES T. DAVIS	FRANK M. DUNN
CHARLES A. CHAFEE	FREDERICK J. BIELEFIELD
RICHARD E. MYLCHREEST	

Clerk of the Council—Albert A. Hurd

Stenographer—Abbie G. Neville

City Sheriff—Charles A. Anderson

STANDING COMMITTEES

Board of Apportionment and Taxation
J. Gordon Baldwin President Pro Tem and
all members of the Common Council.

Public Works

Charles A. Chafee
Richard E. Mylchreest
Frank P. Neville

Police

Frank P. Neville
Dayton A. Baldwin
J. Gordon Baldwin

Fire

Dayton A. Baldwin
Charles A. Chafee
Frank M. Dunn

Charities

Frederick J. Bielefield
Charles T. Davis
Edwin T. McDowell

Finance

J. Gordon Baldwin
Frederick J. Bielefield
Edwin T. McDowell

Park Commissioners—John C. DeWolf
Daniel J. McCarthy
Frederick B. Fountain
Harriet A. Hubbard
Helen K. Hubbard

Superintendent of Public Works—
J. Warren Mylchreest (To Nov. 1, 1925)
G. Allen Schaefer (From Nov. 1, 1925)

Meat and Food Inspector—E. M. Bitgood, V. S.

Milk Inspector—E. M. Bitgood, V. S.

Health Officer—Thomas P. Walsh, M. D.

Bacteriologist—Jessie W. Fisher, M. D.

Superintendent of Charities—Howard S. Peck
Charles E. Bynon, Assistant

City Treasurer and Town Treasurer (ex-officio)—James P. Stow

Town Clerk and City Clerk (ex-officio)—Albert A. Hurd

Assistant Town Clerk—Elizabeth R. Walsh

Tax Collector—Frederick L. Phelps

Assistant Tax Collector—Gladys B. Talmadge

Tax Commissioner—John S. Roch (From July 1, 1925)

Assistant Tax Commissioner—Alice M. McHugh

Selectmen—Howard S. Peck (First)

Wm. J. Trevithick

James H. Footit

Assessors (to July 1, 1925)—Frank E. Boardman
Oliver H. Cone
William G. Smith

Board of Relief—August H. Johnson
Edward A. Gladwin
Robert Hubbard

Registrar of Voters—Henry P. Bliss
Thomas C. Lawton

Auditors—Bertram G. Miller
Thomas F. O'Keefe

Tree Warden—James H. Footit

Fire Warden—Henry T. Fowler

Dog Warden—Charles P. Corell

Chief of Police—Charles A. Anderson

Captain of Police—P. Joseph Dunn

Sergeants of Police—Michael J. McCarthy
John S. Ward

Chief of Fire Department—George S. Pitt

First Assistant Engineer—Daniel W. Daley

Second Assistant Engineer—Fred Luckhardt

City Sinking Fund Commissioners—Arthur L. Allin
George T. Meech
*Evelyn B. Strong

Trustees of Reserve Fund of Police Dept.—Frank A. Neville
Dayton A. Baldwin
J. Gordon Baldwin

Electrical Commission—Walter A. Blau
Henry H. Hippler

Athletic Commissioner—William McGrath

Plumbing Commission—Frank M. Hale
Harry Bacon

Superintendent of Water Works—
J. Warren Mylchreest (To Nov. 1, 1925)
G. Allen Schaefer (From Nov. 1, 1925)

Secretary of Water Works—Mary A. Kinsella

Foreman of Water Works—Perry J. Closson

Caretaker at Mt. Higby Reservoir—William J. Ackerman

Judge of City Court—S. Harris Warner

Associate Judge of City Court—Carl F. Anderson

Clerk of City Court—William J. Coughlin

Prosecuting Attorney—John E. Tobin

Probation Officer and Supt. of Parks and Playgrounds—
Patrick M. Kidney

*Died August 12, 1926.

ANNUAL MESSAGE OF THE MAYOR

To the Common Council and Freemen of the City of Middletown:

In accordance with Section 31 of the Charter of the City of Middletown I have prepared and submit herewith a statement of the conditions relating to the finances and improvements of the City from Jan. 1st, 1924 to April 30th, 1926.

In accordance with the provisions of the charter I hereby present to you a report on city finances and city departments, with such recommendations as are deemed advisable and as they occur to me from a knowledge of city affairs and from information supplied by the heads of various branches of the government.

When this administration assumed the duties of office upon the mandate of the citizens of Middletown it faced a condition without a parallel, so far as I can find, in the management of any city. Extensive public works had been planned, with little or no provision made to pay the bills. Other completed work had been paid for by notes, running from year to year, also without such financing as is considered proper from a business point of view.

Besides this many bills for current expenses had been left unpaid so that the reported balance in the form of cash was entirely fictitious. In reality there was a heavy deficit.

To add to these complications were those instantly presented by the act of city and town consolidation. For one thing, not a dollar of appropriation had been provided to meet the current expenses of the old city part, from January 1, 1925, to May 1 the following four months. Again, the act of consolidation compelled us to get rid of the extremely unbusiness like procedure of borrowing in anticipation of taxes. Added to all these difficulties were those which are bound to appear when there had been an almost complete absence of business bookkeeping, so far as the city was concerned.

Such were the conditions when this administration entered upon the duties of public office. With the end of the fiscal year, 1926, a tremendous change has been brought about. All indebtedness has been properly funded, as required by law, with provisions made to pay off that debt. A budget system has been established which has received approval from those who gather statistics in Washington and they now recommend it to other communities seeking better systems. The finances of both the old divisions have been consolidated in accordance with the law.

Then for the first time in the history of the city, so far as can be found out, Middletown closes the year with every bill paid and an actual surplus in cash on hand.

These are distinct accomplishments. All but chaos in community finances has become converted to orderly business procedure. Associated with this effort in a financial direction has been the carrying out of consolidation in all other directions. Mistakes may have been made. All may not have been accomplished that was expected. But the aim has been to carry out the intent of the law and to endeavor to give to the city a business-like administration at the lowest possible cost.

It is hardly necessary to remind you that with such an inherited load of debt to be cared for, it was very difficult to enter upon any extended plans for public improvements if the tax rate was to be kept within a figure that in no sense would be a burden. We have a right to believe we have succeeded in this direction.

Without going into extended detail the record reveals that the Bridge Street crossing elimination work has been completed, including parts of it that were evidently not taken into consideration when the work was planned. The municipal field has been placed under the park department and is now contributing to the general public good. Better arrangements have been made regarding the playgrounds and programs of amusements have been provided which are aids to the health and care of the city's little people. No mistake can be made in properly providing for playgrounds. The community has been aided in this direction by public spirited citizens in a way

which invites warm approval. Further aid in the same direction will always be welcome. The pumping station was completed and Adder Swamp was cleared so effectually that the city water supply is improved and the reserve largely increased, about one-third, it is estimated.

This brief review indicates that progress has been made in working out a better Middletown. It occurs to me that the showing is all the more gratifying when it is remembered how tremendously heavy were the financial burdens left to be funded.

Another distinct accomplishment is the reform in property listing. While the general contract for this work was not by any means entirely satisfactory, the fact, nevertheless, outstanding is that the new system revealed to officials and owners of property the many unfortunate inequalities which had crept into the listing of property for taxation purposes. That these were not all removed is evident. The original work has now been supplemented by that of the special committee of citizens on Main Street land holdings. The report of that committee disclosed again how errors can creep in. The committee did its work well and with thorough disinterestedness. There is every reason to believe, so far as land values on Main Street are concerned that Middletown now has about as nearly an equitable system as is possible to devise. The thanks of the community are due the Tax Commissioner and the committee for this effort. Clearly it is one more forward step toward a business like administration. I have been informed that tax experts about the state have been much interested in the effort and the results and some, I know, praise the report without reserve.

All these accomplishments are largely the outcome of that consolidation of town and city which was so long needed. The full benefit of it will be more generally recognized when all the adjustments take place, with special reference to finances and the elimination of those debts which were left over from year to year, some going back a generation.

FINANCES

In specifically considering the finances one may safely assert that as Middletown began the current fiscal year it was in bet-

ter shape than at any time in its history, at least since the Air Line railroad debt was incurred, more than half a century ago, the burden of which is still to be carried. The total debt is now \$1,123,000.00 but this is well within the five per cent limit fixed by state law. It represents a small increase as compared with the last report.

Attention may be called to the fact that the administration had to provide bonds to meet obligations for public improvements, including Main Street paving, the sewers, the pumping station and other things which called for a total issue of \$300,000. Then there were the Bridge Street crossing charges, originally estimated to cost about \$75,000, but which actually cost \$97,347.18. For this charge only \$20,000 had been provided. That amount had to be used as an aid in tiding the city over that four months of 1925, for which no appropriation whatever had been made. That sum was reappropriated when the additional bond issue of \$186,000 was made in order to comply with the terms of the consolidation charter. Part of that bond issue was also used to liquidate operating deficiencies, for they were constantly occurring under the old system.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the funding operations were carried out with marked success, thereby indicating that the readjustments of Middletown's finances had enhanced the community's credit. All the debts are now associated with ultimate liquidation, the old ones through sinking fund operations, the new by the serial redemption plan, as required by statutory law.

With not a single bill for the previous years left as a burden for the current year, Middletown closed the last fiscal year with a surplus of \$59,349.81 in cash, of this amount \$8,000.00 is due the Town Consolidated School District and \$14,000.00 which was appropriated to reduce the bonded indebtedness of the Second Taxing District, so that the actual cash balance is \$37,349.81, and there is still a Sinking Fund in the hands of the Sinking Fund Commission of the Second Taxing District amounting to \$7,145.57.

This fund was anticipated as a receipt to apply against the \$20,000.00 appropriated in the budget of 1925-26 to reduce the

bonded indebtedness of the Second Taxing District.

Of the \$37,349.81 balance \$5,628.58 is applicable to the further reduction of the bonded indebtedness in the Second Taxing District, and \$31,721.23 is applicable to reducing the indebtedness in the First Taxing District.

PUBLIC WORKS

The requirements of this department are more extended than any other. With limited facilities and meagre appropriations compared with what similar communities provide for such departments, yet the officials have labored to do the best they could, keeping the streets in order, with special reference to snow removal in winter. The addition of a flushing machine to the equipment had already proved its value. It will be a marked aid in snow times.

The Bridge Street, or Hartford Avenue, improvement speaks for itself. It is a splendid change, adding to the betterment of the entry way to Middletown from the north and from the east. The department's share in the changes was creditably performed.

Owing to limited appropriations very little, if any additions were made to hard surface highways during the year. It would seem the part of wisdom and in view of the immense factor the motor vehicle is in the life of any community, for Middletown to consider the advisability of formulating a comprehensive plan of road betterment, so much to be done each year and the pavement to be a substantial character. For a city of the size of Middletown there is an extremely limited amount of hard surface highway. Washington street ought to clearly receive first attention. Then too, some of the well used streets in the north end, in view of the manifest developments there, might well be considered as needing improvement.

The marked expansion in building operations in the second district also invites additional work on the numerous highways to be found in the many centers. There is reason to believe that with improved roads resident construction will increase the grand list and so aid in meeting the improvement.

The report in full from this department will disclose more specifically the wide spread demands placed upon it. The of-

ficial force has met them all successfully when it is remembered how sparing are appropriations.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Attention had been called to what has been done in the way of water department improvements. The work at Adder swamp was especially useful. It included the building of a dam and general drainage. The report in full will show the general character of the work performed.

Here again in this department the old system of bookkeeping had indicated a balance when no such thing existed. Money had to be borrowed to provide for betterment. It is contrary to sound policy for a self sustaining department. Every year something like a betterment fund should be maintained for improving and extending department service. Faced by a sudden extra demand the department would have to borrow. Yet it is easily able to earn more than the running cost. This leads to a consideration of rates. They are very low. They clearly aid in reducing the general tax rate, for the department is public owned. If such rate increase were provided the surplus could be employed for reserve purposes, at least in part. Other cities have found that the use of the department surplus to pay costs of other departments is not sound business. This is a matter which calls for your careful consideration.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Too much praise cannot be accorded our police department. when its extremely limited force is considered it does wonders. There are but eleven regular patrolmen and four officers, a force of fifteen men for a community of 25,000 to say nothing of the 10,000 more in neighboring towns who occasionally call on our small force for aid. Some addition had been made to the force this year. Another motorcycle officer aids in guarding property and protecting life. The new signals to aid in moving traffic on Main Street are in operation. These were added without leaving a debt for the current year. One officer had been assigned for detective work and a training school is maintained.

Here again it might be well worth while to consider the advisability of a plan to add to the department force in a systematic way until the number reached the figure which practical consideration of all possibilities suggests for a community of the size of Middletown. One or two patrolmen might be added each year. Other cities have found this arrangement well within their taxing means and without creating any unusual strain. The full report of the department indicates the work performed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Middletown has every reason to be proud of its fire fighters, these men who are ever ready to brave the greatest danger, the most terrible death, to save life and property. The record of service is highly creditable for officers and men.

The efficiency of the department has been maintained by the addition of one new piece of apparatus. The work on the new engine house in the west end is well along. When it is completed there will be greater protection for all that part of the city. Such suggestions for improvement as the expert officials here advise should invite full consideration and compliance if possible.

PARK DEPARTMENT

City parks are the public breathing places. All well regulated communities take care to maintain them. The park department here has rather limited opportunities. Yet is has done much with the little in hand. Reference has been made to the municipal athletic field. Other parks have been kept in good shape.

The city is blessed with a magnificent frontage on the river. Suggestion had been made that part of it should be available for park purposes. It seems that such use of the unused front for a park might well invite your attention. Associated with what might be the possible construction of a new highway as a relief to Main Street. Many cities make their water fronts attractive. Others neglect them. There is certainly opportunity here for a very useful public improvement when proper time comes.

COMFORT STATION

The growth of the city and its steady expansion as a trading center once more suggests the wisdom of establishing a comfort station. Of its necessity there can be no question. City hall officials are well aware of it. This is a public improvement which might well invite early action.

OTHER DEPARTMENT

In general the operations of other departments have proceeded smoothly and with a disposition upon the part of the officials to give the best of service. Special attention must be called to the exceptional record of the tax collecting branch. It excites the admiration of officials all over the state. Middletown is indeed fortunate in this respect.

The work in the tax assessment department has been most useful, as already disclosed. In other directions a new accounting system is working well in carrying out the provisions of the budget. The poor department is well managed as usual and it is gratifying to know that demands upon it are not increasing.

The consolidated town and city clerk department with no one official specially designated to keep the accounts, as is the rule in most well ordered cities, has placed additional burdens on the officials. It might be well for you to consider the advantage of arranging for a more thorough co-operation with an official in the nature of a comptroller to aid in carrying out the plans of the budget and the accounting system.

Respectively submitted,

JOHN W. ROGERS,

Mayor.

James P. Stow, City Treasurer in account with the City of Middletown, Conn.

Receipts from January 1 to October 6, 1924

List	Account Taxes	Plus Interest	Plus Liens	Total Am't Collected	Less Col. Commission	Bal. Paid Treas.
1923	From Collector on account of Taxes	\$ 27.37	—	\$133,227.60	\$1,998.41	\$131,229.19
1922	" " " "	278.25	\$ 6.75	4,850.11	72.66	4,777.45
1921	" " " "	104.05	19.50	1,079.30	15.88	1,063.42
1920	" " " "	196.23	21.00	1,131.42	16.64	1,114.78
1919	" " " "	691.51	159.04	865.55	12.74	852.81
1918	" " " "	166.11	42.81	215.67	3.14	212.53
1917	" " " "	100.24	27.75	133.99	1.91	132.08
1916	" " " "	235.66	71.61	314.02	4.61	309.41
1915	" " " "	143.67	41.50	188.17	2.78	185.39
1914	" " " "	73.64	31.99	109.38	1.59	107.79
1913	" " " "	58.34	10.70	72.79	1.04	71.75
1912	" " " "	50.41	14.12	66.78	.97	65.81
1911	" " " "	29.22	4.45	37.42	.51	36.91
1910	" " " "	25.64	23.54	52.18	.73	51.45
1909	" " " "	25.20	—	26.70	.38	26.32
1908	" " " "	25.20	—	25.20	.38	24.82
1905	" " " "	—	—	.75	—	.75
	Tot. of Taxes, Int. and Liens less Com.	\$1,033.41	\$103.50	\$142,397.03	\$2,134.37	\$140,262.66
	Total amount paid City Treasurer on account Taxes	41	—	41	.01	.40
1914	From Collector on account Street Sprinkling.	—	—	—	—	—
	Total amount paid City Treasurer on account Street Sprinkling Assessments,	—	—	—	—	—
	From Collector on acc't Sewer Assess.	—	—	—	—	—
	West Side Sewer,	260.00	62.40	362.90	4.83	358.07
	Knowles Avenue Sewer,	32.69	10.99	44.43	.65	43.78
	Grove Street Sewer,	30.11	2.49	35.60	.49	35.11
	Prospect Place Sewer,	301.92	—	305.67	4.53	301.14
	Johnson Street Sewer,	—	13.20	13.95	.20	13.75
	Tot. of Sewer As. Int. and Liens P's C'm.	624.72	89.08	762.55	10.70	751.85
	Total amount paid City Treasurer on account Sewer Assessments,	—	—	—	—	—

Receipts from January 1 to October 6, 1924—Continued

From Collector on account Paving and Macadam,	Account Taxes	Plus Interest	Plus Liens	Total Am't Collected	Less Col. Commission	Bal. Paid Treas.
Prospect Street Macadam,	5.46	2.78	.75	8.99	.12	8.87
Union Street Paving,	485.30	80.08	3.00	568.38	8.49	559.89
Summer Street Paving,	119.99	—	.75	120.74	1.80	118.94
Main Street Paving,	196.50	11.85	4.50	212.85	3.12	209.73
High St. Pav., Ch'ch St. to Wm. St.,	160.46	—	.75	161.21	2.41	158.80
Washington Terrace Paving,	210.00	12.66	1.50	224.16	3.34	220.82
Spring Street Paving,	—	—	.75	.75	—	.75
High Street Paving near Spring St.	—	—	.75	.75	—	.75
Total of Street Paving and Macadam,	1,177.71	107.37	12.75	1,297.83	19.28	1,278.55
Interest and Liens less Commission,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total amount paid City Treasurer on account of Paving and Macadam,	—	—	—	—	—	\$1,278.55
Total amount received from Taxes and Assessments,	—	—	—	—	—	\$142,293.46
Clerk City Court account criminal prosecutions, January 1, to October 6, 1924,	—	—	—	—	—	\$4,526.73
State of Connecticut, tax on bank stock, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	\$3,577.80
On account Street Department from Sundry sources,	—	—	—	—	—	\$519.95

On acc't amusement permits issued by Clerk and Treas.	\$114.50
On acc't st. peddlers' permits iss'd by Clerk and Treas.	120.00
On acc't fireworks permits issued by Clerk and Treas.	26.00
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	\$260.50
On account special police service at amusements	928.25
On acc't junk dealers permits issued by Chief of Police	28.00
On acc't revolver permits issued by Chief of Police	44.75
On acc't telephone toll line service col. by Ch'f of Police	6.95
On acc't pool room permits granted by Chief of Police	50.00
On acc't sale of police books by Chief of Police	21.85
On acc't electric lights, breakage	1.59
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	153.14
On acc't building permits issued by Dir. Public Works	329.00
On acc't plumbing licenses issued by Dir. Public Works	17.50
On acc't moving buildings permits iss'd by Dir. Pb. Wks.	14.00
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	360.50
On acc't meat and food inspection fees collected	913.00
Central National Bk. interest on daily bank bal.	174.04
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	\$153,707.37
Temporary loans from Central National Bank in anticipation of taxes (demand notes)	30,000.00
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	\$183,707.37
January 1, 1924, Balance on hand	8,853.97
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	\$192,561.34

DISBURSEMENTS

From January 1 to October 6, 1924, City of Middletown	
On account of salaries, city officials, City Court, Interest, Street, Sewer, Police, Street Lamps and Lights and Fire Department, and all of other City departments	\$167,124.28
Paid Aug. 19, 1924, Central National Bank, temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	30,000.00
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	\$197,124.28
Overdraft Oct. 6, 1924	\$4,562.94
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June 2, 1924, the temporary loan from S. W. Bond & Co. was renewed at 3.70 percent, said renewal due December 2, 1924	\$233,000.00

Account of James P. Stow, Treasurer of Water Fund Account

RECEIPTS

From January 1 to October 6, 1924	
From Water Works dept., water rents, etc.	\$32,637.85
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	DISBURSEMENTS
Paid on account construction, expenses, etc.	\$42,797.95
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Overdraft October 6, 1924	\$10,160.10

James P. Stow, City Treasurer, in account with the City of Middletown

FIRST TAXING DISTRICT

From October 7, 1924 to April 30, 1925

Collector on account of taxes	\$ 9,224.19
Collector on acc't Special Assessments, Paving, etc.	1,323.63
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	\$10,547.82
Clerk City Court	4,492.13
State of Connecticut, Tax on Bank Stock, etc.	5,902.19
On account of street department, sundry sources	473.48
On account building permits, issued by Director Public Works	308.00
On account plumbing fees, issued by Director Public Works	42.50
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	350.50
On account Parks	4.50
On account amusement permits by City Clerk and Treasurer	39.50
On account street peddlers' permits by City Clerk and Treasurer	6.00
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	45.50
On account special police service at amusements	668.00
On account junk dealers' permits issued by Chief of Police	12.00
On acc't revolver permits issued by Chief of Police	21.50
On account telephone toll line service collected by Chief of Police	13.99
On account pool room permits issued by Chief of Police	110.00
On account amount received from Standard Oil Co.	5.00
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	162.49
On account meat and food inspection fees collected	765.50
Central National Bank, interest on daily bank balance	303.20
Liability compensation, case Antonio D. Orio	2,963.90
Temporary loan from Central National Bank in anticipation of taxes	40,000.00
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	\$66,679.21

Disbursements from October 7, 1924 to April 30, 1925, City of Middletown, on account of salaries city officials, City Court, interest, street sewer, Police, street lamps and lights, Fire Department, and all other city departments	173,012.25
April 30, 1925, Overdraft	106,333.04
October 6, 1924, Overdraft	4,562.94
April 30, 1925, Total Overdraft of City	<u>\$110,895.98</u>

Middletown Water Works

RECEIPTS

From October 7, 1924 to April 30, 1925	
Frederick L. Phelps, Collector	26,995.67
G. Allen Schaefer, Supt. Water Works.	2,801.62
Miscellaneous	2.34
	<u>29,799.63</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid on account construction, expenses, etc.	38,813.53
April 30, 1925, Overdraft	9,013.90
October 6, 1924, Overdraft	10,160.10
April 30, 1925, Total Overdraft of Water Works	<u>\$19,174.00</u>

James P. Stow, City Treasurer, in account with the City of Middletown

SECOND TAXING DISTRICT

From October 7, 1924 to April 30, 1925

Collector on account Taxes, "Property"	\$327,815.63
Collector on account High School Tuition Tax	421.64
Collector on account Town School District Tax	287.05
	<u>\$328,524.32</u>

Collector on account Personal Tax	16,686.00
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Dept. Charities and Almshouse	2,122.03
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Hospitals	54.00
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Highway Dept.	200.00
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Bridges	105.00
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, Dogs and Sheep	82.00
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, Sundries, Miscel.	1,072.84
	<u>3,635.87</u>

Albert A. Hurd, Town Clerk, account fees and Dog Licenses	3,122.40
Silver Street Sewer Co., Miller's Farm Dis., dividend	30.00
State of Connecticut, account School Enumeration State Board of Education for Town Schools	4,295.25
Joseph Merriam, Treas. Staddle Hill School District, balance	51.95
Lewis M. Tuttle, Treas. Newfield School District, account Town Schools	3,889.09
	<u>3,941.04</u>
State of Connecticut, Dog License Funds, distribution	539.28
State of Connecticut, Damage by Dogs	45.00
	<u>584.28</u>
First National Bank, Int. on bank balance	219.34
State of Connecticut, account Estate Penalty Tax	995.98
State of Connecticut, State Tax Distribution, 1925 account banks etc., etc.	18,896.02
	<u>\$381,005.50</u>
Oct. 26, 1924, Rec'd from First National Bank on account former Treasurer's balance	20,000.00
Nov. 3, 1924, Rec'd from First National Bank on account former Treasurer's balance	20,000.00
Nov. 7, 1924, Rec'd from First National Bank balance in treasury	3,406.91
	<u>43,406.91</u>
	<u>\$424,412.41</u>

Disbursements from October 7, 1924 to April 30, 1925, City of Middletown, Second Taxing District, on account of salaries, schools, interest, and all departments, including the Town School expenditures	\$440,941.43
Overdraft April 30, 1925	16,529.02

James P. Stow, City Treasurer, in account with the City of Middletown

FIRST AND SECOND TAXING DISTRICTS

From May 1, 1925 to April 30, 1926

Collector on account of taxes	\$608,089.45
Collector on account of special assessments	1,234.38
Collector on account of Water Dept.	54,927.20
	<u>\$664,251.03</u>
Collector on account of land sale	1,046.33
Collector on account of Personal Tax	17,060.00

Collector on account of commission from Middletown City School District	879.96	
		18,986.29
Supt. Water Works account sundries	4,925.44	
Supt. Water Works, acc't Bridge St. underpass	4,906.21	
		9,831.65
Supt. Public Works, account building permits	2,311.00	
Supt. Public Works, account plumbing permits	175.50	
Supt. Public Works, account excavation permits	42.00	
Supt. Public Works, account electrician licenses	355.00	
		2,883.50
Supt. Public Works, Bridge St. Underpass from Conn. Co.	136.80	
Supt. Public Works, adjustment account, Bridge St., from N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.	160.47	
		297.27
Supt. Public Works, account rent land, M. Ruderman		25.00
Supt. Public Works, Street Department sundries		1,845.09
Chief of Police, account Special Police service	1,727.00	
Chief of Police, account junk dealers' permits	28.00	
Chief of Police, account revolver permits	47.00	
Chief of Police, account telephone toll line calls	4.50	
Chief of Police, account pool room permits	100.00	
Chief of Police, account tax warrants issued	8.50	
Chief of Police, account traffic officer	15.75	
		1,930.75
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., 50 percent expense, traffic officer at Bridge St. Crossing		930.00
Clerk City Court		6,488.87
Central National Bank, interest on bank balances		978.73
Meat and Food Inspector		1,361.50
City Sinking Fund, First Taxing District		2,665.85
City Funding Bonds, 4 percent, 2nd Series, dated May 1, 1925	300,000.00	
City Funding Bonds, 4 percent, 2nd Series, premium	780.00	
		300,780.00
City Funding Bonds, 4 percent, 2nd Series, dated April 1, 1926	186,000.00	
City Funding Bonds, 4 percent, 2nd Series, accrued interest, April 1 to May 11, 1926	821.40	
		186,821.40
Account Fire Dept., Refund Telephone Co.	3.50	
Miscellaneous account, First Taxing District	3.30	
Sale of No. 2 Fire Hose House, College Street	8,250.00	
Town Clerk's Office, account "Fees" (Dog. Lic. etc.)	5,992.70	
Charities Department—Outside Poor	1,065.80	

Charities Department—Almshouse	1,636.72	
Charities Department—Hospitals	971.39	
		3,673.91
Account of Highways	437.25	
Rent of land	250.00	
		687.25
Dogs and Sheep		152.00
State of Connecticut, account of Town School Enumeration		4,185.00
Silver Street Sewer Co., dividend, Miller's Farm School District		30.00
On account Town Schools, sundries		409.90
State of Connecticut, on account Distribution Dog License Funds		
State of Connecticut, Pro rata balance returned unexpended July 1, 1925	502.99	
State of Connecticut, Claim for damage by dogs	91.00	
		593.99
State of Connecticut, on account physical examination of children		120.00
State of Connecticut, account Distribution Estate Reality Tax to June 30, 1925		1,777.88
State of Connecticut, account Stock Tax Distribution for 1926		19,743.49
Temporary loans from Central National Bank		100,000.00
Total Receipts, 1925-26		\$1,345,699.85
Total Disbursements, 1925-26 (as per Exhibit D and E)		1,139,755.34
Excess Receipts for 1925-26		205,944.51
Less Overdraft April 30, 1925		146,594.70
Bank Balance as of April 30, 1926		\$59,349.81
<i>James P. Stow, Treasurer Reserve Fund of Police Department</i>		
1926		
April 30, Balance in Middletown National Bank for checking purposes		\$8.75
April 30, On deposit in Middletown Savings Bank	4,033.80	
April 30, On deposit in Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank	3,994.61	
April 30, On deposit in City Savings Bank	2,503.54	
April 30, On deposit in Central National Bank savings department	1,885.93	
		\$12,417.88
		\$12,426.63

Liability Insurance Fund—James P. Stow, Treasurer

1926
April 30, On deposit in City Savings Bank \$2,256.41

Washington Park Fund Account—James P. Stow, Treasurer

1926
April 30, On deposit in Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank \$20.18

Bonded Debt of the former City and Town of Middletown

First and Second Taxing Districts, April 30, 1926.

Date when issued	For what purpose	Total amount unpaid	Amount of bonds due and payable from May 1, 1926 to Apr. 30, 1927	Date when bonds are due and payable
May 1, 1925	City 1st Taxing Dist., Funding Bonds 2nd Series, 4% (serial),	\$300,000	\$10,000	May 1, 1926
June 1, 1916	City 1st Taxing Dist., Funding Bonds, 4% (serial),	34,000	3,000	June 1, 1926
Apr. 1, 1926	City 1st Taxing Dist., Funding Bonds, 2nd Series, 4% (serial),	186,000	20,000	Apr. 1, 1927
		\$520,000	\$33,000	
June 1, 1909	Town 2nd Tax. Dist., Air Line Refunding Bonds, 4%,	340,000		June 1, 1929
Aug. 1, 1910	Town 2nd Tax. Dist., Air Line Refunding Bonds, 4%,	244,000		Aug. 1, 1930
July 1, 1909	Town 2nd Tax. Dist., Millers Farms School Dst. Bnds., 4% (serial) Registered,	19,000	1,000	Aug. 1, 1926
Totals,		\$1,123,000	\$34,000	

We, the undersigned auditors of the City of Middletown, hereby certify that we have attended to the duties of our appointment, and have examined the books and accounts of James P. Stow, City and Town Treasurer, and find them correct with proper vouchers for the items therein, from January 1, 1924 to April 30, 1926.

THOMAS F. O'KEEFE,

BERTRAM C. MILLER,

Auditors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this tenth day of September, 1926.

C. E. BYNON, *Notary Public.*

REPORT OF TOWN AND CITY CLERK

To His Honor the Mayor and Members of the Common Council, of the City of Middletown:

GENTLEMEN:—That you may be informed of the Financial activities of the City of Middletown, covering the period extending from Jan. 1, 1924 to April 30, 1926. I have prepared and submit the following:

Exhibits:

- "A" Detailed statement of the Receipts relative to the First Taxing District, for the period Jan. 1, 1924, to Oct. 6, 1924, and from Oct. 1924, to April 30, 1925.
- "B" Detailed statement of the Receipts relative to the Second Taxing District, for the period Oct. 6, 1924, to April 30, 1925.
- "C" Detailed statement of the Receipts relative to the First and Second Taxing Districts, for the period May 1, 1925 to April 30, 1926.
- "D" Comparative and Detailed statement of Appropriations and Disbursements, relative to the First Taxing District, for the period Jan. 1, 1924 to April 30, 1926.
- "E" Comparative and Detailed statement of Appropriations and Disbursements, relative to the Second Taxing District, for the period Oct. 6, 1924 to April 30, 1926.
- "F" Summary of Receipts and Disbursements, relative to the First and Second Taxing Districts, for the period Oct. 6, 1924 to April 30, 1926.

Respectively submitted,

ALBERT A. HURD,

Town and City Clerk.

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

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FIRST TAXING DISTRICT

Statement of Receipts:

	Jan. 1, 1924 to Oct. 6 1924	Oct. 6, 1924 to Apr. 30, 1925
Street Department,	585 54	872 65
Permits and Licenses,	729 75	2 00
Interest on Bank Balances,	174 04	300 53
Taxes,	140,263 06	9,224 19
Special Assessments,	—	—
Sewer and Paving,	2,030 40	1,283 63
Police Department,	—	867 99
Special Service,	928 25	—
Meat and Food Inspector,	913 00	765 50
City Court,	4,526 73	4,492 13
Temporary Loans, "C. N. B."	30,000 00	40,000 00
Police Books,	21 85	—
Telephone,	6 95	—
Bank Stock Distribution,	3,577 80	5,902 19
Parks,	—	4 50
Compensation,	—	2,963 90
Total,	\$183,707 37	\$66,679 21
Water Department,	32,637 85	29,799 63
Totals,	\$216,345 22	\$96,478 84

EXHIBIT "A"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

SECOND TAXING DISTRICT

Statement of Receipts:

	October 6, 1924 to Apr. 30, 1925
Taxes, "Property"	\$328,524 32
Personal Taxes,	16,686 00
Charities Department,	2,122 03
H. S. Peck, 1st Selectman,	1,073 84
Town Clerk, "Fees,"	1,648 90
Highways Department,	200 00
Bridges,	105 00
Dogs and sheep,	82 00
Hospitals,	54 00
Dog Licenses,	1,473 50
Silver Street Assessment,	30 00
Schools,	3,941 04
Interest on Bank Balances,	219 34
State Dog Fund,	584 23
State Distribution Estate and Penalty Tax,	995 98
State Board of Education,	75 00
School Enumeration,	4,295 25
Bank Stock Distribution,	18,896 02
Total,	\$881,005 50

EXHIBIT "B"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

FIRST AND SECOND TAXING DISTRICTS

Statement of Receipts:

	May 1, 1925 to April 30, 1926
Taxes,	\$610,870 16
City Court,	6,488 87
Interest on Bank Balances,	978 73
Meat and Food Inspector,	1,361 50
Water Department, (F. L. Phelps, Coll.),	54,927 20
Water Department, (Dept. Public Works)	9,831 65
State Distribution Estate and Penalty Tax,	1,777 88
Street Department,	5,050 86
Charities Department:	3,673 91
Almshouse,	\$1,636 72
Hospitals,	971 39
Outside Poor,	1,065 80
Police Department,	2,860 75
Town Con. School Dist.,	409 90
Highways, Second District,	437 25
F. L. Phelps, Coll. (Middletown City School Dist.),	879 96
Land Rental,	250 00
Physical Examination of School Children,	120 00
State Dog Fund,	593 99
Town Clerk's Office, Fees, Dog Licenses, Etc.,	5,992 70
Silver Street Assessment,	30 00
Personal Taxes,	17,060 00
State School Enumeration,	4,185 00
Bank Stock Distribution (Tax),	19,743 49
Sale of No. 2 Fire House, College St.,	8,250 00
Miscellaneous Account, First District,	3 30
Fire Department, (Refund on Tel.),	3 50
Dogs and Sheep,	152 00
Bond Issues,	486,000 00
Premium on Bonds,	780 00
Interest on Bonds, Apr. 1 to May 11, Midd. Sav. Bank,	821 40
Proceeds from Sinking Fund First District,	2,665 85
Temporary Loans,	100,000 00
Total,	\$1,345,699 85

EXHIBIT "C"

Exhibit "E"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, SECOND TAXING DISTRICT

Summary of Disbursements from October 6, 1924 to April 30, 1926

	Expend. from Oct 7-24 to Apr. 30, 1925	Appro. for 1925-26	Estimated Receipts for 1925-26	Expend. for 1925-26	Appro. for 1926-27	Estimated Receipts for 1926-27	Special Appro. 1926-27
Salaries,	\$11,158.71	\$8,975.00	—	4,170.96	\$24,295.00	—	—
Highways,	20,058.88	30,815.00	500.00	82,078.03	34,600.00	—	—
Bridges,	476.65	5,000.00	500.00	2,411.69	5,000.00	—	—
Charities,	25,049.67	36,315.00	—	37,470.41	35,023.46	—	—
Schools—Town,	70,137.15	70,000.00	4,500.00	85,455.70	78,165.00	4,185.00	—
Police Department,	1,066.70	3,271.45	—	1,998.00	3,294.25	—	—
Town Clerk's Office,	547.29	8,879.00	3,500.00	8,705.69	2,050.00	3,500.00	—
Tax Commissioner's Office,	—	5,000.00	—	6,788.52	1,992.00	—	—
Tax Collector's Office,	790.14	2,975.00	—	4,687.17	700.00	450.00	—
Taxes—	—	31,500.00	—	—	31,500.00	—	—
State,	13,945.37	—	—	14,468.90	—	—	—
County,	12,433.48	—	—	14,886.86	—	—	—
Military,	872.10	—	—	2,930.54	—	—	—
Personal,	—	800.00	15,000.00	1,213.14	1,200.00	16,000.00	—
City Highway,	2,357.28	5,000.00	—	—	6,000.00	—	—
Bacteriological Laboratory,	—	800.00	—	—	400.00	—	—
Treasurer's Office,	—	—	—	—	1,200.00	—	—
Park Department,	—	750.00	—	—	1,250.00	—	—
City Court,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Insurance,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dogs and Sheep,	640.00	700.00	500.00	1,546.06	1,500.00	500.00	—
Lighting,	10,904.04	5,000.00	—	5,894.90	4,951.56	—	—
Municipal Building,	1,884.85	3,200.00	—	3,218.64	4,000.00	—	—
Russell Library,	5,831.00	12,000.00	—	12,000.00	18,000.00	—	—
Vital Statistics,	406.75	500.00	—	348.75	400.00	—	—
Telephones,	175.11	250.00	—	359.59	250.00	—	—
Tree Warden,	315.30	500.00	—	544.56	1,000.00	—	—
Cemeteries,	—	100.00	—	180.66	150.00	—	—
Sinking Fund,	—	20,000.00	6,000.00	—	20,000.00	—	—
Probate Court,	338.92	300.00	—	260.29	300.00	—	—
Carried forward,	\$179,583.84	\$247,630.45	\$80,500.00	\$241,064.06	\$272,221.27	\$24,685.00	—

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, SECOND TAXING DISTRICT—(Continued)

	Expend. from Oct 7-24 to Apr. 30, 1925	Appro. for 1925-26	Estimated Receipts for 1925-26	Expend. for 1925-26	Appro. for 1926-27	Estimated Receipts for 1925-27	Special Appro. 1926-27
Forwarded,	\$179,583.84	\$247,630.45	\$80,500.00	\$241,064.06	\$272,221.27	\$24,685.00	—
Printing and Advertising,	1,073.31	500.00	—	—	500.00	—	—
Surety Bonds	3.50	150.00	—	—	150.00	—	—
Town Deposit Fund,	—	814.45	—	—	814.45	—	—
Elections,	2,833.52	500.00	—	249.96	3,200.00	—	—
G. A. R. and Celebrations,	—	200.00	—	200.00	600.00	—	—
Miscellaneous,	255.10	—	—	463.46	—	—	—
Temporary Loans,	160,000.00	4,760.00	—	151,250.05	135,462.01	—	—
City Schools,	77,842.00	180,000.00	—	1,834.68	—	—	—
Revaluation,	6,190.87	—	—	23,860.00	23,860.00	—	—
Interest,	11,732.50	23,860.00	—	—	—	—	—
Extra Clerk Hire,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Law and Legal,	225.81	—	—	—	—	—	—
Petty Account,	50.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
Examination School Children,	74.00	400.00	200.00	298.17	—	—	—
Postage, Stationery, Etc.	810.79	500.00	—	—	—	—	—
Health,	428.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
Liability Insurance,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Compensation Insurance,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tax Refunds,	538.27	500.00	—	171.87	618.88	—	—
Damages,	—	—	—	8,056.00	446.96	—	—
Maintenance of Schools,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Farm Hill School Fund,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tax on Bank and Insurance Stock	—	—	8,500.00	—	—	—	\$8,040.56
Property Taxes,	—	—	870,114.90	—	—	10,000.00	10,000.00
Assessors Office	—	—	—	2,124.35	—	402,738.52	—
Credit	\$440,950.01	—	—	\$424,072.60	—	—	—
Purchase Discount,	8.58	—	—	7.02	—	—	—
	\$440,941.43	\$409,314.90	\$409,314.90	\$424,065.58	\$497,973.52	\$497,973.52	\$18,040.56

List of Unpaid Taxes

TOWN LIST 1922

Frisbie Motor Co., bal., - - - - - \$487 98

TOWN LIST 1923

Frisbie Motor Co., - - - - - \$485 44

Tax Receipts for the Year Ending April 30, 1926

Amounts paid to the City Treasurer from May 1st, 1925 to April 1st, 1926.

Property taxes with interest, - - - - -	\$608,092 40
Special assessment with interest, - - - - -	1,235 38
Personal tax, - - - - -	17,060 00
Water rents with interest, - - - - -	54,927 20
Land sale, - - - - -	1,046 38
School commissions, - - - - -	879 96
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	\$683,241 27

Total tax collections January 1, 1924 to April 30, 1926.

Jan. 1, 1924 to Sept. 30, 1924, - - - - -	\$140,268 06
Sept. 1, 1924 to Apr. 30, 1925, - - - - -	446,847 36
May 1, 1925 to Apr. 30, 1926, - - - - -	683,241 27
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Grand total, - - - - -	\$1,270,351 69

FREDERICK L. PHELPS,
Tax Collector.

We, the undersigned auditors of the City of Middletown, having examined the books and accounts of Frederick L. Phelps, Tax Collector, for the City of Middletown, from May 1st, 1925 to April 1st, 1926, do hereby certify that all collections have been properly accounted for and the amounts collected paid to the City Treasurer.

THOMAS F. O'KEEFE,
BERTRAND G. MILLER,

Auditors.

May 3rd, 1926 at Middletown, Conn.

OFFICE OF THE TAX COMMISSIONER

Subsequent to the vote of the people at various town meetings, a resolution was passed authorizing the Board of Selectmen to employ outside experts to revalue property located in what was then called the Town of Middletown. The purpose of this revaluation was to increase the Grand List by using a scientific basis of revaluation which was to bring about an equalized basis of assessment.

An act, amending the Act Consolidating the Town and City of Middletown was passed by the General Assembly during the 1925 session, which did away with a three man Board of Assessors. The work formerly done by the Assessors was, under the amended act, to be done by one assessor (Tax Commissioner) and such assistants and clerks as may be authorized by the common council.

The revaluation was started in the fall of 1923 and completed in time for the October 1925 listing. The October 1925 listing disclosed some errors and inequalities but these are being rapidly corrected. It will take at least another year to get the office of the Assessor (Tax Commissioner) organized so that the work will be carried on in an efficient manner at a minimum of cost.

The results obtained from this revaluation speak for themselves. The one factor which is that of keeping the assessed value up to date with that of market value is a feature which has demonstrated its practicability by the revaluation of Main Street Property.

The city of Middletown has the best equipped Assessors Office in the State of Connecticut, its mechanical and recording equipment is the most modern that can be had. A great deal of interest has been taken in our present system and equipment, by officials from other cities.

JOHN S. ROTH,

Tax Commissioner.

REPORT OF
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

January 1st, 1924 to October 1st, 1924

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*To His Honor the Mayor and Common Council of the City
of Middletown.*

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee begs to report as follows for the nine months ending October 1, 1924.

The pumping station on Highland Avenue was completed last spring. With this pump the city will be supplied with water in case anything should happen to the Higby Reservoir line.

Mains were laid in the following streets during the year: Main Street, South Farms; Hillside Avenue; High Street, Farm Hill; Fowler Avenue, Mansfield Terrace, North Main Street, South Hunting Hill Avenue, Bellevue Terrace, Newfield Street, North Street, Bidwell Terrace, Evergreen Avenue, Frisbie Street, Villa Street and Bacon Avenue.

The streets which are not in the city will bring a revenue of ten per cent on the investment.

A number of service connections have been renewed and new connections given on new buildings and streets in which mains were laid.

Provision for additional water supply should be looked for and every opportunity to increase our supply should be taken.

The appropriations, receipts and expenses for the nine months are as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS

Jan. 15, 1924.	Annual appropriation, - - -	\$35,756 00
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SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Apr. 7, 1924.	Hillside Ave. and Main St., S. F., \$5,290 00	
	Fowler Avenue, - - - 600 00	
	High Street, Farm Hill, - - - 3,500 00	
May 5, 1924.	Mansfield Terrace, - - - 1,800 00	
	North Main Street, - - - 1,100 00	
June 2, 1924.	Hunting Hill Avenue, - - - 810 00	
	Bellvue Terrace, - - - 600 00	
	Newfield Street, - - - 2,000 00	
Aug. 4, 1924.	Bidwell Terrace, - - - 1,800 00	
Sept. 3, 1924.	Evergreen Ave. and High St., Farm Hill, - - - 1,150 00	
Oct. 1, 1924.	Villa Street and Bacon Avenue, 600 00	
	—————	19,250 00

Total appropriation, - - - - -	\$55,006 00
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Total expenses, - - - - -	42,797 95
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\$12,208 05

Total receipts for nine months, \$32,637.00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. MORE,

ELTON E. CLARK,

ARTHUR V. MCDOWELL,

JOHN L. FISK,

Board of Water Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

City of Middletown, Connecticut

To His Honor the Mayor and Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Works herewith presents its annual report for the year 1925.

Street Department.

Mansfield Terrace and the corner of Warwick and High Streets were paved with a penetration asphalt pavement. This work was done by the street department. All streets that needed oil were seal-coated with asphaltic road oil or tar. Several city corners were laid out and curb and sidewalk were laid.

Snow removal last year was very expensive due to the severe storms and it was necessary to transfer money from the new work account to the snow account.

The Bridge Street Railroad Crossing was eliminated during the year making an impressive entrance to the City.

We recommend that a definite paving program be established and that permanent pavements be placed on all through traffic streets.

We herewith submit a report of this years street department appropriation, expenses, and receipts.

Appropriation,	- - - - -	\$60,000 00
Receipts, miscellaneous,	- - - - -	5,050 86
City highway tax,	- - - - -	5,000 00
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Total,	- - - - -	\$70,050 86
Expenses,	- - - - -	62,972 54
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Balance,	- - - - -	\$7,078 32

Bridge Street

Appropriation, 1925,	- - - - -	\$20,000 00
Expenses:		
Construction of underpass,	- - - - -	49,399 50
Water main,	- - - - -	4,906 21
Lights and power,	- - - - -	4,153 60
State road damages, etc ,	- - - - -	3,177 87
Police department,	- - - - -	1,810 00
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Total,	- - - - -	\$63,447 18

Sewer Department.

No new sewers were laid this year. Several breaks and stoppages occurred but in general the system gave very little trouble

The Disposal Plants are in the very best possible working condition.

A great many of the stone covers on the inlets have outlived there usefulness and we recommend that they be replaced with cast iron frames and covers.

We submit below a report of the sewer department appropriation, receipts, and expenses.

Appropriations:		EXPENSES	BALANCE
Disposal plant,	\$700 00	\$574 64	\$125 36
Ordinary repairs,	1,500 00	1,205 83	294 17
New work,	600 00	586 25	13 75
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Total,	\$2,800 00	\$2,366 22	\$433 78

Water Department.

The consumption of water last year was 537,307,000 gallons at a cost to the city of \$67.24 per million gallons.

During the year the following pipe was laid: 3,096 feet of 10 inch; 1,424 feet of 8 inch; 2,427 feet of 6 inch; and 500 feet of 2 inch. 800 feet of 6 inch pipe in Bridge Street was abandoned during the elimination of the Bridge Street Grade Crossing.

The Highland Avenue pumping station is ready at all times to supply the city with water in case anything should happen to the Higby Mountain System.

No new work was done on the Adder Storage Reservoir last year. The north end of the new basin has been cleared of brush and all wood has been cut and made ready to sell.

A twenty inch gate has been installed on the outlet of the Adder Reservoir. The Higby and Laurel Brook reservoirs are in fine shape and the reports from the State Board of Health indicate that the water is in very good condition.

A few breaks occurred during the year but none were of a serious nature. One of these breaks was caused by an automobile breaking a hydrant on Berlin Street on the main line from Higby reservoir making it necessary to shut down the whole line because the gate controlling the hydrant was damaged at the same time. In closing the gate at Higby the spur gears on the gate went bad and it was necessary to obtain the services of a diver to turn the gate on again. This occurred on Sunday and as there was not a very heavy draught of water no one was inconvenienced.

The following is a list and report of the receipts, expenses, and appropriations for the year ending April 30, 1926.

Financial Statement for Year Ending April 30, 1926.

RECEIPTS

Water rents—flat rate, fire protection, etc.,	-	-	-	-	\$524 40
Water rents—meter rate,	-	-	-	-	54,291 17
Delinquent accounts,	-	-	-	-	50 83
Interest charges,	-	-	-	-	136 30
Sundry sales,	-	-	-	-	4,849 94
Bridge St. underpass water main,	-	-	-	-	4,906 21
					<u>\$64,758 85</u>
Cash on hand in Water Office, April 30, 1926,					100 00
					<u>\$64,858 85</u>

EXPENDITURES

Water collecting system,	-	-	-	-	\$2,301 58
Pumping system,	-	-	-	-	10 00
Distribution system,	-	-	-	-	24,457 98
Miscellaneous,	-	-	-	-	2,336 00
Collecting system,	-	-	-	-	4,064 21
Water supply maintenance,	-	-	-	-	5,279 08
Administration expense,	-	-	-	-	7,661 19
					<u>\$46,110 04</u>
Surplus over expenses,	-	-	-	-	\$18,748 81

Lamps and Lights.

The present contract with the Connecticut Power Company for municipal street lighting can be terminated or changed only upon sixty days notice by either party.

Fifteen new ornamental fixtures were installed on Hartford Avenue with the plan in view that when the present Main Street standards are changed the same type of standard will be used.

Five new automatic traffic lights were ordered installed on Main Street. The Board of Public Works greatly appreciated the services of the local offices of the Connecticut Power Company and wish to thank them for their willing co-operation during the past year.

The appropriations and expenditures were as follows:

Appropriation,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$14,398 00
Special appropriation,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,700 00
								<u>\$17,098 00</u>
Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,881 98
								<u>\$216 02</u>

Recommendations.

The Board of Public Works in closing their report would like to make the following recommendations. That an appropriation be made in the new budget for a fund to take care of any new streets that are opened up and accepted by the city during the year so that water mains and sewers may be installed in these streets. Under the present conditions this cannot be done. That a definite paving program be laid out and that all through streets at least be paved with a permanent pavement. That all of the old stone covers and curb sections over inlets and catch basins be replaced with the new standard iron frames and covers.

The Board of Public Works wishes to thank the Mayor and Common Council for their excellent co-operation and many favors during the past year.

REPORT OF
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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To His Honor the Mayor and Common Council.

GENTLEMEN:—I respectfully submit the following report of the operations of the Department of Public Works of the First District for the municipal year nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

Statistics.

The following are revised statistics which have been prepared from the records of this department.

Land surface, - - - - -	1,515 acres
Water surface, - - - - -	535 "
Total, - - - - -	2,050 acres
	3.2 square miles

Area of City of Middletown 42.02 square miles.

ROADS

Asphalt, - - - - -	1.00 miles
Amiesite, - - - - -	.54 "
Asphalt macadam, - - - - -	2.88 "
Concrete, - - - - -	1.50 "
Water bound macadam, - - - - -	13.40 "
Unimproved roads, - - - - -	2.54 "
Total, - - - - -	21.86

SEWERS

Tile sewers, - - - - -	12.5 miles
Brick sewers, - - - - -	2.0 "
Cement sewers, - - - - -	4.0 "
Total, - - - - -	18.5 miles

Street Cleaning.

Main Street has had one man with push cart and broom continuously cleaning the street and at least three times a week the street has been thoroughly swept. On the other streets it has been impossible to do anything except keep the gutters clean. Next year with the street flusher it will be possible to keep all the streets in a much more sanitary manner.

Refuse Collection.

Refuse is still being deposited on the North Main Street and Sumner Street dumps. One new dump has been started in the swamp in the rear of the City Yard on Thomas Street. Very little trouble has been experienced with either of the larger dumps but they are still very unsightly.

Sewer Cleaning.

The sewage disposal plants on Catherine Street and Thomas Street have been cleaned several times during the year. The sump pump in the Thomas Street plant is working to perfection but the plant itself is not working as it should. Ground water finds its way into the plant and this of course prevents the sewage from passing through the regular stages of disposal. Several house connections became clogged and were relieved except where roots were the cause of stoppage. The department has always tried to co-operate with the owners in freeing their house sewers although they were not compelled to do so.

Sewer Repairs.

A bad break occurred in the sewer in the north end of Broad Street. This sewer was laid in 1870 and is slowly going to pieces. The section which caved in was repaired and it is hoped that the rest of it will last for a few years more.

A bad break in the West Side Sewer occurred on the line running from Berlin Street south to Jackson Street. This line runs across the top of the bank of West River and the wall that supported the sewer was washed away by the winters storms causing the sewer pipe to drop. This break was repaired by the department without inconveniencing anyone. A great many of the inlets have become clogged but they

have all been freed either with water pressure or by digging them up. These inlets would not become clogged if people would refrain from throwing tin cans and other things into inlets to clog them. The Mill Hollow Outfall Sewer was stopped up once by a number of gallon paint pails which were thrown into a manhole in Mill Hollow.

Cleaning Catchbasins and Inlets.

All catchbasins and inlets have been cleaned twice by hand during the past year. With the new Auto-Eductor it will not be necessary to deposit any of the refuse from these inlets and catchbasins in the street as in the past. The old stone inlet covers have outlived their usefulness but are now being replaced with the new standard iron covers and frames.

Sewer Construction.

No new sewers were laid during the past year.

West Side Sewer System.

This system has been inspected by the State Board of Health and found to be working as satisfactorily as conditions will permit.

Street Repairs.

All streets that needed it were given a coat of oil and street patching has been carried on through the year. During the months of March and April about fifty barrels of patching tar were used. This is about the same amount that was used during the year of 1923 and it can be seen that our roads are Washington Street in repair owing to the poor condition of slowly going to pieces. It is very nearly impossible to keep the road and the ever increasing traffic.

Asphalt Road Construction.

Mansfield Terrace was paved with a penetration asphalt pavement and it should last at least ten years if proper care is taken of it. The corner of Warwick Street and High Street has been widened about fifty feet and a penetration road surface will be laid there during the month of May.

Seal Coating.

Five carloads of seal coating asphalt were applied to the streets that needed it and 10,000 gallons of road tar were applied on the streets where it was impractical to use asphalt.

Snow Removal.

This year the heavy snow storms caused the department more trouble than in previous years. The two storms coming as they did so close together did not give the department a chance to remove the first one before the second one was upon us. Two plows were used continuously and a horse drawn plow was used on some of the back streets to break a path. Several of the streets had to be shoveled out because of high drifts against which the plows were useless. One of the plows was mounted on a truck rented from Meech & Stoddard and was on call at any hour of the day or night. With the new street flusher it will not be necessary to hire an outside truck.

City Yard.

A new city yard has been acquired on Thomas Street and all of the equipment has been removed from the Pine Street yard. An all steel building thirty feet by sixty feet has been erected there making plenty room to store repairing material.

Horses.

No new horses were purchased during the year. The old fire horses are becoming too old to do the work required of them. I would recommend that they be placed on some farm so that they may get some of their well earned rest having served the fire department and street department for seventeen years.

Street Marking.

The Main Street crosswalks and parking stalls have been painted several times during the year. A machine for doing this marking was purchased during the year and has worked in a satisfactory manner.

Engineering Department.

Up to November four men were continually at work taking care of the field and office work. One man on the Bridge Street Grade Crossing Elimination project taking care of the

interests of the City. The other men were engaged in laying out new streets, giving grade for curb and sidewalks, issuing building and plumbing permits and the general routine work connected with an office of this kind. In the middle of October Superintendent of Public Works J. Warren Mylchreest resigned and I was appointed to the office to take his place. During November the new building, plumbing and electrical code went into effect and with it provision that persons in the second taxing district be required to take out permits and that the electrical inspection be done by the Department of Public Works. Due to the above it has become necessary to have the office open as much as possible. With the above it is impossible for us to keep the office open all the time as the inspection work and the engineering work keep the men outside.

Building Permits.

The following is a summary of the building permits issued during the year 1924, 1925, and 1926.

	Jan. 1, 1924 to Oct. 1, 1924		Oct. 1, 1924 to May 1, 1925		May 1, 1925 to May 1, 1926	
	No.	Cost	No.	Cost	No.	Cost
Dwelling houses (frame), - -	17	\$103,000	6	\$61,650	25	\$165,482
Dwelling houses (fire resistant), -	5	56,500	5	25,400	7	69,900
Stores, - - -	3	9,200	3	10,100	8	107,900
Additions and alter- ations, - - -	80	56,533	52	50,550	99	134,278
Garages (private), -	49	24,267	47	28,240	66	30,480
Garages (public), -	4	22,500	1	9,200	—	—
Factories, - - -	5	25,000	5	99,010	5	80,580
Pease Ave. School, -	—	—	1	140,000	—	—
Masonic Temple, -	—	—	1	86,000	—	—
Apartment houses, -	—	—	—	—	1	50,000
Chemical laboratory, -	—	—	—	—	1	300,000
Fraternity house, -	—	—	—	—	1	36,000
Wesleyan library, -	—	—	—	—	1	700,000
Gas stations, - - -	2	16,500	—	—	2	1,600
Trade school, - - -	1	60,000	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous, - -	14	3,300	7	4,075	19	16,350
Total, - - -	180	\$876,800	128	\$514,175	235	\$1,692,570

Plumbing Permits.

The following is a list of the plumbing permits issued during the years of 1925 and 1926.

Jan. 1, 1924 to Oct. 1, 1924, 85; Oct. 1, 1924 to May 1, 1925, 59;
May 1, 1925 to May 1, 1926, 136.

Electrical Permits.

The following is a summary of the number of electrical permits issued from November 9, 1925 to May 1, 1926. Number of permits, 165.

Water Department.

Water mains were laid in several streets and new services laid and some cases old ones renewed where required. Ad-der Swamp has been cleared of all brush and wood and the wood carted down the mountain and will be cut up and sold. No more work has been done on the new dam except to install a twenty-inch gate which will allow us to fill the reservoir to the level of the new dam. Several breaks in mains and service pipes were repaired and several hydrants required attention during the year. The following is a summary of the conditions of the department for the year.

Free services to Municipal Departments and others.

City department, - - - - -	\$112 00
1 playground, - - - - -	5 00
2 watering troughs, - - - - -	100 00
10 sewer connections, - - - - -	150 00
222 fire hydrants, - - - - -	6,660 00
Total, - - - - -	\$7,027 00

Number of reservoirs 3:

Adder reservoir, partial capacity, - - -	45,000,000 gals.
Laurel Brook Reservoir, capacity, - - -	222,750,000 gals.
Mt. Higby reservoir, capacity, - - -	308,000,000 gals.
Estimated population supplied, - - -	22,000
Total consumption, - - - - -	537,307,000 gal.
Cost per million gallons, - - - - -	\$67 24

No. of feet of pipe in distribution system:

20 inch,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,780
12 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,513
10 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,283
8 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,232
6 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73,548
4 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,923
3 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,342
2 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,835
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	235,455
Number of public fire hydrants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	222
Number of services and taps in use,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,917
Number of meters in use,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,854
Amount of taxes paid in the town of Middlefield,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$574 26

Bridge Street E. G. C.

The elimination of the Bridge Street Grade Crossing was started in April 1925 and was completed in November. This improvement with the new highway built by the State has given the City a very impressive entrance from the north and east.

Recommendations.

I would recommend that a definite paving program be worked out and that a certain number of streets be paved each year. A permanent pavement should be laid on Washington Street as the first part of the paving program. Without such a program the cost of repairs will soon become prohibitive. Repairing the present streets is just a waste of money while a permanent pavement would be a good investment. I would recommend that a reserve appropriation be made each year to install sewers and water mains in streets in the first district that are developed during the year and to take care of water mains in the second district where the property owners will guarantee 10 per cent on the investment. At the present time there are a number of streets wanting sewer and water that cannot be granted because there is no appropriation to take care of them. I would recommend the widening the corners of Washington and Main Street, Main and St. John's Square, Lincoln and North High Street, Lincoln and Park Place so as to relieve traffic conditions on these corners. I would recommend the removing of the barn

from the rear of the Main Street Fire House to the new city yard as the present barn is no fit place to keep horses.

I would recommend that the Building and Electrical Code apply to the entire city and the Plumbing Code apply to the second district where thickly populated so that the two districts be made to live up to the same requirements. I would recommend that the engineering force be increased so that the office may be kept open while the engineering field work and inspections are going on and so that the engineering work on future projects may be worked out before actual construction starts. The faithful work of the members of the Department of Public Works in carrying out their duties is deserving of acknowledgment for without their co-operation the work of the department could not have been carried out.

I wish to thank the Mayor and members of the Common Council, especially the members of the Board of Public Works for their untiring assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

G. ALLEN SCHAEFER,
Superintendent of Public Works.

August 26, 1926, Middletown, Conn.

To His Honor the Mayor and Common Council:

COST OF BRIDGE STREET ELIMINATION GRADE CROSSING

Appropriation, 1924,	\$20,000.00	
Appropriation, 1925,	20,000.00	
Expenses	January 1924 to May 1925	
Land damages north of Portland bridge		
William, James and Mary O'Neil,	\$500.00	
*Heirs of Richard Alsop,	50.00	
*William G. Hackstaff Estate,	50.00	
*Mary E. and Alice W. O'Neil,	50.00	
Thomas W. O'Keefe,	1,500.00	
Joseph Zampini,	1,250.00	
		\$3,400.00
Land damages to New Haven Railroad Co.,		28,000.00
River front damage		
	May 1925 to May 1926	
Construction of underpass, land damages, engineering,		
legal fees, etc.,		49,899.50
Water main,		4,906.21
Lights, power, fixtures and installation,		4,158.60
Police Department, traffic officer,		1,810.00
Hartford Avenue, State road, sewer drains, driveways,		
and filling,		3,177.87
†Land damages, James Porteous,		2,500.00
Total cost of Bridge Street Elimination Grade Crossing,		\$97,347.18

* Claims never settled as rightful owners have not been found.

† Claim has not been settled

Respectfully submitted,

G. ALLEN SCHAEFER,

Supt. of Public Works.

REPORT OF
SUPT. OF HIGHWAYS, SECOND DISTRICTTo His Honor the Mayor and Common Council of the City
of Middletown, Conn.

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my report as Superintendent of Highways, Second District, for the Fiscal year ending, April 30th, 1926.

The total appropriations were,	- - -	\$35,815 00
The gross expense for the year was,	- - -	\$34,484 72
Received from various sources,	- - -	475 25
		<u>34,009 47</u>
Leaving an unexpended balance of,	- - -	\$1,805 53

Following is a summary of the expense:

Salaries,	- - -	\$2,000 00
General repairs, team, etc.,	- - -	18,643 59
New construction,	- - -	5,529 44
Silver St., water, sewer,	- - -	4,200 00
Machinery,	- - -	1,700 00
General repairs to bridges,	- - -	2,411 69
		<u>\$34,484 72</u>
Credits,	- - -	475 25
Net expense,	- - -	<u>\$34,009 47</u>

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD S. PECK,

Supt. of Highways, 2nd District.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Middletown, Conn., May 1, 1926

*To His Honor and the Members of the Common Council of
the City of Middletown:*

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the provisions of the City Ordinances, I submit for your consideration the annual report of the Police Department for the fiscal year ending May 1st, 1926.

The following is a list of the different offences for which arrests were made, and the number of arrests for each offence:

ARRESTS AND CAUSE	
Assault, - - - - -	61
Assault with a dangerous weapon, - - - - -	2
Aiding escape from Long Lane Farm, - - - - -	1
Adultery, - - - - -	2
Accosting girls on street, - - - - -	1
Breach of peace, - - - - -	87
Burglary, - - - - -	12
Blocking fire hydrant, - - - - -	1
Breaking and entering, - - - - -	5
Criminal negligence, - - - - -	1
Cruelty to animals, - - - - -	2
Contempt of court, - - - - -	1
Concealing property on conditional sale, - - - - -	1
Contributing to delinquency of a minor, - - - - -	1
Drunkenness, - - - - -	190
Defrauding hotel keeper, - - - - -	1
Disobeying an officer, - - - - -	2
Discharging firearms, - - - - -	1
Enticing minor female, - - - - -	6
Evading personal tax, - - - - -	5
Escape from Long Lane Farm, - - - - -	1
Exposure and sale of non-inspected meat, - - - - -	1
Frequenting disorderly house, - - - - -	6
Frequenting gaming house, - - - - -	9
Gaming, - - - - -	1

Highway robbery, - - - - -	1
In danger of falling into habits of vice, - - - - -	7
Insane, - - - - -	10
Interfering with an officer, - - - - -	4
Indecent exposure, - - - - -	2
Keeping disorderly house, - - - - -	2
Keeping gaming house, - - - - -	1
Loitering and loafing, - - - - -	2
Lacivious carriage, - - - - -	1
Larceny, - - - - -	1
Manslaughter, - - - - -	3
Material witness, - - - - -	2
Non-support, - - - - -	15
Neglect of children, - - - - -	1
Obtaining goods under false pretenses, - - - - -	1
Pan-handling, - - - - -	2
Prostitution, - - - - -	1
Refusal to obey meat inspector, - - - - -	1
Resistance, - - - - -	7
Rape, - - - - -	2
Robbery, - - - - -	2
Suspicion, - - - - -	1
Shop lifting, - - - - -	2
Seduction, - - - - -	2
Theft, - - - - -	28
Trespassing, - - - - -	4
Violation of the motor vehicle laws, - - - - -	162
Violation of the liquor laws, - - - - -	40
Violation of the city ordinance, - - - - -	1
Violation of the dog law, - - - - -	4
Violation of probation law, - - - - -	2
Violation of the game law, - - - - -	1
Vagrancy, - - - - -	5
Defrauding boarding house keeper, - - - - -	2
Total, - - - - -	723

THOSE ARRESTED WERE

American born, - - - - -	471
Foreign born, - - - - -	252
Residents, - - - - -	488
Non-residents, - - - - -	235
Minors, - - - - -	133
Married, - - - - -	336
Single, - - - - -	387
Males, - - - - -	692
Females, - - - - -	31

MISCELLANEOUS DUTIES

Accidents reported, - - - - -	404
Bank burglar alarms, - - - - -	14
Complaints investigated, - - - - -	1,885
Defective highways, - - - - -	51
Fire alarms given, - - - - -	7
General reports, - - - - -	88
Junk dealers' license, - - - - -	10
Lost children found, - - - - -	17
Lights reported out, - - - - -	201
Money taken from prisoners, - - - - -	\$1,826 70
Number of lodgers, - - - - -	235
Permits to carry weapons, - - - - -	84
Permits for sale of revolvers, - - - - -	10
Permits to conduct poolroom, - - - - -	9
Store doors and windows open, - - - - -	139
Sick persons taken care of, - - - - -	37
Summoned to headquarters for minor violations, - - - - -	214
Value of property found, - - - - -	\$11,780 60
Payrolls protected, - - - - -	75
Lives saved from drowning, - - - - -	1
Bodies recovered from river, - - - - -	3

355 persons were notified to appear in court for non-payment of personal tax by officers of this department.

NUMBER OF ARRESTS MADE BY EACH OFFICER

Chief Charles A. Anderson, - - - - -	48
Captain P. Joseph Dunn, - - - - -	16
Sergt. Michael J. McCarthy, - - - - -	37
Sergt. John S. Ward, - - - - -	97
Officer, Edward Hill, - - - - -	93
" John F. Clarry, - - - - -	77
" John Wiernasz, - - - - -	56
" Charles Gibson, - - - - -	48
" Anthony Sara, - - - - -	39
" Max Christensen, - - - - -	31
" Thomas Rau, - - - - -	25
" John Melin, - - - - -	24
" Edward Dunn, - - - - -	24
" George Herdman, - - - - -	23
" James Kidney, - - - - -	13
" Harry Haling, - - - - -	13
" Theodore Kowaleski, - - - - -	11
" Michael Cahill, - - - - -	9
" William Corell, - - - - -	7
" Stanley Connelly, - - - - -	6
" Edward Dooley, - - - - -	5

" Matthew Mansworth, - - - - -	5
" Bartholomew Ghent, - - - - -	5
" Charles McGuiness, - - - - -	4
" Charles Sandri, - - - - -	3
" William Rice, - - - - -	2
" James Spinney, - - - - -	1
" Lee Palmer, - - - - -	1
Total, - - - - -	723

NUMBER OF ARRESTS MADE EACH MONTH

May 1925, - - - - -	42
June " - - - - -	74
July " - - - - -	85
Aug. " - - - - -	79
Sept. " - - - - -	64
Oct. " - - - - -	55
Nov. " - - - - -	65
Dec. " - - - - -	38
Jan. 1926, - - - - -	73
Feb. " - - - - -	28
Mar. " - - - - -	52
Apr. " - - - - -	68
Total, - - - - -	723

MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police, - - - - -	Charles A. Anderson
Captain, - - - - -	P. Joseph Dunn
Sergeant, - - - - -	Michael J. McCarthy
Sergeant, - - - - -	John S. Ward

Patrolmen

John Melin, - - - - -	Max O. Christensen,
Edward R. Dunn, - - - - -	Edward J. Hill,
John Wiernasz, - - - - -	James Kidney,
Thomas P. Rau, - - - - -	Anthony Sara,
John F. Clarry, - - - - -	Charles Gibson,

George Herdman

Supernumeraries

Newton Pease, - - - - -	Harry Haling,
James Spinney, - - - - -	Edward J. Dooley,
Charles P. Sandri, - - - - -	Theodore Kowaleski,
Frederick L. Palmer, - - - - -	Charles J. McGuiness
Stanley Connelly, - - - - -	Alois F. Petras,
Matthew J. Mansworth, - - - - -	Frank S. Post,
William Corell, - - - - -	Louis W. Buckman
Michael Cahill, - - - - -	Milton J. Hordinsky.

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

Retired

Chief, Joseph Kincaid
 Addison T. Chapman, Patrick H. Ghent.

Honorably discharged

William F. Rice

Suspended

Bartholomew Ghent

During the year of 1925-1926, one regular man George Herdman was appointed to fill the vacancy made by the suspension of Bartholomew Ghent. Also the following men were appointed and added to the supernumerary force:

Charles J. McGuinness, Frank S. Post,
 Alois F. Petras, Louis W. Buckman,
 Milton J. Hordinsky.

Annual appropriation, first district,	\$80,892 55
“ “ second “	3,271 45
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	\$84,164 00
Receipts from special work on account	
Theatres, etc., - - - -	\$1,660 00
Receipts from Railroad Co. on account Bridge St., - - -	980 00
Receipts from Dept. Public Works, on account Bridge St., - -	1,810 00
Receipts from Dept. Public Works on account sewer in E. Main St.,	15 75
Receipts from telephone toll calls, -	4 50
Receipts from miscellaneous items, -	166 75
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	\$4,587 00
Less estimated receipts, - - -	1,400 00
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	3,187 00
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Total expenses for 1925, first district,	\$83,685 55
“ “ “ “ second “	2,634 88
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	36,320 43
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	\$1,080 57
10% Pension Fund (\$1,660.00-10%), -	166 00
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Balance unexpended for 1925, -	\$864 57

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES FOR 1925

First district appropriation, - - -		\$80,892 55
Payrolls, - - - - -	\$80,020 57	
Expenses, - - - - -	927 88	
Printing and advertising, - - -	82 69	
Telephone, - - - - -	530 93	
Uniforms, - - - - -	840 00	
Equipment, - - - - -	167 26	
Upkeep, motor vehicles, - - -	165 84	
New boxes and lights, - - -	950 38	
	<hr/>	\$83,685 55
Less receipts, - - - - -	3,187 00	
	<hr/>	\$80,498 55
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Balance unexpended for 1925, -		\$894 00
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Second district appropriation, - - -		\$8,271 45
Payrolls, - - - - -	\$1,998 00	
Expenses, - - - - -	399 09	
Equipment, - - - - -	11 95	
Upkeep—motor vehicles, - - -	165 84	
Uniforms, - - - - -	60 00	
	<hr/>	2,634 88
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Balance unexpended for 1925, -		\$636 57

The present service demanded by citizens of their police department, is of such volume and varied character, that it is imperative, if we are to meet this demand, that an additional number of men, at least three, be added to our force to cover the first and second taxing districts. According to the statistics furnished by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, a city to be properly policed, should have a minimum of one patrolman for each thousand population. Middletown has one patrolman for each two thousand population.

Additional Territory.

The territory covered by this department, has been increased by the consolidation of the city and town. A fair

idea of the increase can be obtained from the following figures:

Area—First taxing district,	- -	3.20 square miles
Area—Second “ “	- -	88.82 “

Total area covered by this dept.,	-	42.03 “
Streets patrolled in First taxing dist.,	-	21.86 Linear miles
Streets patrolled in Second taxing dist.,	-	2.20 “

Traffic.

This department, in caring for safety of the school children, is called upon to detail two patrolmen each school day. This detail takes care of only two schools, leaving the McDonough, Johnson, St. Mary's and the Hubbard schools, without any protection.

I believe the department could be relieved of some of this duty, if the school children were instructed and trained by the teachers, to go to and from school in regular order, and particularly in going from school, to maintain a marching formation for some distance from the school. This is now being done at St. John's School, and the results are very satisfactory.

The regulation of motor vehicles on the street is a big problem, and we are continually working to improve conditions. The number of vehicles is steadily increasing, which means we need extra men to do the work properly. New traffic lights have been provided for, but have not as yet been installed.

Liquor.

We still have the liquor law violators to contend with, but the men are conscientiously on the alert, and we have had a large number of arrests and convictions during the year. Comparatively speaking, our city, in respect to the above law, is much cleaner than most cities in the state.

Juveniles.

Approximately, two hundred juvenile cases have been handled by this department, during the year with the efficient co-operation of Probation Officer Patrick M. Kidney.

All juvenile cases and complaints in regard to the same, are fully investigated by the department and the Court and are

in most cases, disposed of by the Court, for the best interest and welfare of the juvenile.

The Gamewell System.

One of the most valuable units, for the efficiency of the department, is the Gamewell System. For the better protection of the outlying districts, this system has been extended into the second taxing districts, by the placing of three extra lights at the most advantageous places, in the South Farms section, and one additional call box. In the first taxing district, one extra light and call box, have been placed at the intersection of South Main and Warwick Streets. The cost of these additional lights and boxes, is recompensed by the additional police protection afforded the residents of the outlying districts.

Police Training School.

One of the most important additions to this department during the past year, is the creation of a Police Training School, for the supernumerary officers, under the instruction of Sergeant Michael J. McCarthy. The men are thoroughly taught in everything pertaining to police work, both mentally and physically. This training of the men, adds greatly to the efficiency of the department.

Motor Equipment.

This department is equipped with a Dodge touring car, which has rendered invaluable service since its purchase. Also two Harley Davidson motor-cycles. At the present time the first and second taxing districts are being patrolled night and day by these two motor-cycles, and they have rendered valuable service, in coping with speeders and other violators of the Motor Vehicle Laws. The services rendered by the motor equipment to this department is indispensable.

During the year, all traffic signs and police call boxes have been re-lettered and painted. This work is done by the department, involving no extra expense outside of the actual cost of material used.

The men have all been furnished with New York Police regulation uniforms, which adds greatly to their appearance.

The discipline of the members of the department has been very good and such infractions of the rules as have been reported, have been summarily dealt with.

Quarters.

The most discouraging part of the police work in this city, is the Police Station, which consists of a small office, a hallway, which can be used to no advantage, and a comparatively small room in the rear. This is all we have for the convenience and accommodation of thirty men. One toilet, in a very unsanitary condition and used to a great extent by the general public as a comfort station, is provided. The furnishings in the patrolmen's room, consist of one table and five chairs, all antiques. No inducement is offered the men to spend any of their spare time around the station.

I earnestly request, that the present Council, cause an investigation to be made into this condition, and if they see fit, take the necessary steps to remedy it.

To the members of the department, who have faithfully carried out their work, I am very grateful, as the success of the department attained, could be accomplished only through their untiring efforts.

The aim of this department, is to work in perfect harmony and co-operation with all other Municipal departments, for the best interests of our city.

To his Honor, Mayor John W. Rogers, the Police Committee and the members of the Common Council, I wish to express my appreciation for the kind assistance and support given me during the year.

CHAS. A. ANDERSON,

Chief of Police.

REPORT OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

To His Honor the Mayor and the Members of the Council:

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Fire Commissioners has the honor of submitting their annual report for the year ending April 30, 1926.

Expenses, - - - - -	\$28,587 65	
Credit by purchase discounts, - - - - -	20 54	
		\$28,567 11
Unexpended balance April 30, 1926, - - - - -		\$647 89

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

Salaries, - - - - -	\$18,809 74
Substitute vacations, - - - - -	650 00
Compensation volunteers, - - - - -	1,090 09
	\$20,529 83
Fuel, - - - - -	770 21
Fire alarm, - - - - -	259 10
Telephone, - - - - -	189 65
New Hose, - - - - -	705 60
Gas and electricity, - - - - -	360 52
Building repairs, - - - - -	282 48
Apparatus Hose No. 3, - - - - -	3,700 00
Apparatus maintenance, - - - - -	472 72
Uniforms, - - - - -	492 00
	\$28,567 11

BUDGET 1926-1927

Permanent men, 9, - - - - -	\$17,100 00
Permanent men, 2 men, 6 months, - - - - -	1,900 00
Vacations, - - - - -	630 00
Two assistant engineers, - - - - -	200 00
Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, - - - - -	175 00
Hose Co. No. 1, - - - - -	175 00
Hose Co. No. 2 and steward, - - - - -	325 00
Hose Co. No. 3, - - - - -	175 00

Extra service, - - - - -	\$100 00
Fire alarm, - - - - -	400 00
New Hose, - - - - -	650 00
Building repairs, - - - - -	500 00
Fuel, - - - - -	900 00
Uniforms, 10 men, - - - - -	500 00
Uniforms, 2 new men, - - - - -	100 00
Telephones, - - - - -	200 00
Apparatus maintenance, - - - - -	600 00
Sundries and supplies, - - - - -	940 00
Gas and electricity, - - - - -	500 00
New station on Pine St., - - - - -	18,000 00
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	\$39,070 00
Less estimated receipts, - - - - -	8,000 00
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	\$31,070 00

D. A. BALDWIN,
CHAS. A. CHAFEE,
FRANK M. DUNN,
Fire Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE
CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To His Honor the Mayor and the Members of the Common Council.

GENTLEMEN:—Herewith I have the honor to submit to you for approval the annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending April 30, 1926.

FIRE COMMISSIONERS

DAYTON BALDWIN CHARLES A. CHAFEE
FRANK M. DUNN

OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT

George S. Pitt *Chief Engineer*
Daniel Daley *First Assistant*
Fred Luckhardt *Second Assistant*

O. V. COFFIN HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY

Permanent Men

Jeremiah Tynan, Michael Daley,
Samuel Stewart, John D. Hoar.

Volunteers

James J. Kincaid *Captain*
James A. Eastwood, Jr. *First Lieutenant*
John D. Hoar *Second Lieutenant*
William J. Hoar, Jr. *Secretary*
John Daley *Treasurer*

Ladder Men

Herbert W. Blynn, Ludwig Krenz,
Henry P. Bliss, Thomas C. Lawton,
John D. Cahill, John J. McGrath,
Michael J. Cody, Dennis Manley,
Thomas W. Coleman, Charles J. Masin,

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

James Conroy,
Lawrence Daley,
John Doherty,
James A. Eastwood,
Thomas Eastwood,
Robert English,
Thomas J. English,
William A. Fortin,
John E. Gannon,
Frank E. Gorman,
Ernest V. Hanson,
William F. Harney,
William D. Hoar,
Edward F. Mann,
Michael J. Holloran,
Arthur Krenz,

Neal A. Millane,
William McCarthy,
Fred G. Post,
Henry P. Schaefer,
William J. Ringwood,
Finton Thompson,
Thomas J. Young,
Daniel Manley,
Daniel H. Millane,
Alva B. Munson,
William F. McGrath,
Clarence Raynor,
William D. Starr,
Raymond Stebbins,
Thomas F. Trehey,
Joseph J. Zawipza.

DOUGLAS HOSE COMPANY NO. 1

Permanent Men

Bruno Daigle.

Robert Risk,

Volunteers

Edward V. Kidney, *Captain*
Charles W. Polerande *First Lieutenant*
August Barrett *Second Lieutenant*
Harold Stebbins *Secretary*
Howard Case *Treasurer*

Hosemen

Charles Anderson,
Frank Skinner,
Matthew Ghent,
Frank Fitzgerald,
James Curran,
William J. Coughlin,
Asa B. Stow,
Frederick Hunt,
Edward Dunn,
Arthur Luby,
William Daley,
Steve Zultonski,
James Wrang,
William Losey,
John Cronin,
James W. Whalen,
Dennis O'Brien,

Adelbert B. Lane,
William Coleman,
Louis Forant,
Joseph P. Kinsella,
Edward T. Hill,
Jeremiah Geary,
John Hill,
Richard Coleman,
John Fitzgerald,
Thomas Reed,
Joseph Conroy,
Charles Smith,
Joseph Walsh,
Edward J. Hill,
William J. Kincaid,
Frderick Hill,

HOSE COMPANY NO. 2

Permanent Man

Hamilton Mann

Volunteers

Paul Bushman, *Captain*
Henry Ohman, *First Lieutenant*
Charles Luckhardt *Second Lieutenant*
William Rasche *Secretary and Treasurer*

Hosemen

Benford Hilliker
Jacob Annenberg,
Charles Bullard,
Arthur Church,
William Frazier,
Edward Harris,
Ira Hedges,
Adolph Hubbel,
Albert Hulbert,
Howard Kelsey,
Robert Mathison,
Felix Petrofsky,
Wilson S. Reynolds,
Francis Schultz,
George S. Spaulding,
Martin Swanson,
Jacob Schwartz,
Verner Anderson,

Frank Berg,
Charles Carlson,
Elroy Eastman,
John Hass,
Garrison Hayes,
Fred Huston,
Arthur Hulbert,
Albert J. Johnson,
Alois Klien,
James N. Maxwell,
John Rau, Jr.,
John W. Rogers,
John Schultz,
Frank S. Smith,
Harold Smith,
Gilbert Walters,
Henry M. Petrofsky,

HOTCHKISS HOSE COMPANY NO. 3

Permanent Men

Michael Lawton,

Thomas Young.

Volunteers

Ellsworth Burr *Captain*
Robert McDermott *First Lieutenant*
Raymond Markham *Second Lieutenant*
Frank H. Lehman *Secretary*
Carl Rapp *Treasurer*

Hosemen

W. J. Ackerman,
Perry J. Closson,
Edbert Chalker,
Russell N. Clark,
Charles F. Doebner,

John Flanagan,
Harold Jonas,
Fred Kensel,
Eugene H. Mead,
Willard Mathison,

Charles L. Doebner,	Fred L. Palmer,
John Driscoll,	George Pratt,
Harry Emmett,	Fred Ratcliff,
Adolph Hanson,	Harry R. Schaub,
Charles Johnson,	Andrew J. Varney,
Oscar Anderson,	Harry Moore,
William J. Christopher,	Henry O'Rourke,
Jairus Chafec,	Edwin Powers,
Charles A. Doebner,	Herbert Sage,
William D. Doebner,	Fred Peryam,
Walter Dean,	Ernest Umba,
Earl Emmett,	John J. Whalen.

DEPARTMENT TELEPHONES

Chief Engineer's residence	885
Chief Engineer's office	1-2
Fire Department headquarters	1-2
Hotchkiss Hose Company No. 3	1-4

STATIONS

Fire Department Headquarters, Hook and Ladder Company No. 1,
Hose Company No. 1, 537 Main Street.
Hose Company No. 3, 1 Hubbard Street.

AUTOMOBILE APPARATUS IN SERVICE

One American LaFrance city service truck with Federal tractor equipped with 267 feet of ladders.

Two Federal combination chemical and hose with 40 gallon chemical tanks.

One Federal combination chemical and hose with 35 gallon chemical tank.

One Pope Hartford chemical and hose with 35 gallon chemical tank in reserve.

CLASSIFICATION OF BUILDINGS WHERE FIRES OCCURRED

Frame buildings, 49; Brick buildings, 25; other than buildings, 35.
Total buildings, 74; other than buildings, 35. Total, 109.

HOSE RECORD

Hose Company No. 2—1,400 feet 2½ inch hose and 200 feet chemical hose.

Hose Company No. 2—1,300 feet 2½ inch hose and 200 feet chemical hose.

Hose Company No. 3—1,600 feet 2½ inch hose and 200 feet chemical hose.

FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH

There are about 13 miles of No. 10 copper weatherproof wire, 26 public and 5 private boxes, 66 cells storage battery, 3 combination indicators and gongs, one four circuit switch board, one compressed air equipment for alarm signals with whistle.

AUTOMATIC ALARM SYSTEM

There is now connected by this system at fire department headquarters, Meech & Stoddard Mill, Coles Co. Mill, J. H. Bunce Company department store, F. L. Caulkins Auto Co.; at Hose Company No. 3, Wilcox, Crittenden Co. factory.

FIRES

The department responded to 109 alarms, as follows: box 19, telephone 87, sprinkler 2, verbal 1.

HOW FIRES WERE EXTINGUISHED

By chemical 35, hydrant streams and chemical 4, hydrant streams 7, out when department arrived 63.

HOSE LAID, CHEMICALS USED AND LADDERS RAISED

Two and one-half inch hose, 5,850 feet; chemical hose, 5,200 feet; ladders raised, 160 feet; 40 gallon tank discharged 19 times; 35 gallon tank discharged 11 times; 3 gallon extinguisher used 61 times; 1,294 gallons chemical used.

VALUES, LOSSES, AND INSURANCE; ALSO INSURANCE PAID

Value of buildings	\$123,800
Value of contents	74,200

Total at risk, buildings and contents	\$198,000
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Insurance on Property

Buildings	\$95,800
Contents	72,900

Total insurance on buildings and contents	\$168,700
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Fire Losses

Buildings	\$2,937.94
Contents	4,015.76

	\$6,953.70
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<i>Insurance Loss</i>	
Buildings	\$2,437.74
Contents	3,865.76
	\$6,303.50
Loss over insurance	\$650.20

FIRES AND ALARMS

Friday, May 9, 2:45 p. m., box 19; 46 Green Street; owner and occupant, E. and S. Pattavine; tenements, cause rubbish under store.

Sunday, May 24, 9:30 a. m., telephone; 28 Crescent Street; owner and occupant, Middlesex Hospital; chemical laboratory; cause gas plate.

Saturday, June 13, 6:50 p. m., box 19; 46 Green Street; owner and occupant, E. and S. Pattavine; tenement, cause children with matches.

Sunday, June 14, 2:15 a. m., box 27; cause false alarm.

Sunday, June 7, 5:55 p. m., telephone; Maple Avenue, South Farms; owner, Miss E. Kennedy; tenements, cause unknown.

Monday, June 20, 1:00 p. m., telephone; City of Middletown dumping ground; cause dump fire.

Monday, June 22, 1:00 p. m., telephone; Main Street; cause grass fire.

Monday, June 22, 1:30 p. m., telephone; Pearl Street; owners, N. Y., N. H., & H. R. R. Co. bridge; cause sparks from locomotive.

Monday, June 22, 3:15 p. m., telephone; Main Street, South Farms; City of Middletown dumping grounds; cause dump fire.

Friday, June 26, 11:30 p. m.; sprinkler, Union Street; owners and occupants, Coles Co. mill; cause sprinklers.

Wednesday, July 1, 9:20 p. m., box 26; Water Street; owners and occupant, Middletown Coal Co. office; cause fire works.

Saturday, July 4, 9:30 p. m., box 24; 170 Court Street; owners, Sons of Herrmann; occupant, Otto Kesser & Sons; flower shop; cause fire works.

Sunday, August 6, 8:45 p. m., telephone; 138 Church Street; owner Prof. M. B. Crawford; automobile, cause short circuit.

Tuesday, August 11, 6:30 p. m., box 26, 53 Court Street; owner and occupant, S. LaBella; tenements, cause waste paper.

Wednesday, August 12, 3: a. m., telephone; Water Street; owner and occupant, I. E. Palmer Co.; cause soft coal.

Saturday, August 15, 3:00 a. m., telephone; Water Street; owner and occupant, I. E. Palmer Co.; cause soft coal.

Tuesday, August 18, 2:00 p. m., telephone; Bridge Street; owner V. Carmerella; chicken house, cause unknown.

Thursday, September 3, 2:15 p. m., telephone; Court Street; cause false alarm.

Saturday, September 5, 3:50 a. m., telephone; Water Street; owner I. E. Palmer Co.; cause soft coal.

Thursday, September 10, 2:30 p. m., telephone; Court Street; cause false alarm.

Friday, September 11, 3:00 p. m., telephone; Asylum Street; owner, State of Connecticut; hay barns, cause unknown.

Friday, September 18, 2:40 p. m., telephone; 22 Berlin Street; owner, F. Young; occupant, A. L. Clark; tenements, cause electric iron.

Sunday, September 27, 10:30 a. m., box 41; 95 Pine Street; owner and occupant, L. Shlien; store and tenements; cause rubbish fire.

Friday, September 29, 6:50 a. m., box 18; 696 Main Street; owner J. Kabatnick, occupant, J. H. Siefertman; meat market, cause rubbish fire.

Saturday, October 3, 4:10 p. m., telephone; 105 Pine Street; owner City of Middletown; cause over-heated tar kettle.

Thursday, October 8, 10:00 a. m., telephone; Silver Street; owner and occupant, F. Parmelee; barn, cause unknown.

Tuesday, October 13, 9:40 a. m., telephone; 213 William Street; owner, L. Smith; occupant, D. J. McCarthy; tenement, cause gas plate.

Sunday, October 18, 2:00 p. m., telephone; 86 Lincoln Street; owner C. Kueheman; occupant, C. Cramer; dwelling; cause ash barrel.

Saturday, October 24, 11:45 a. m., telephone; Schuyler Avenue; owner and occupant, Mrs. Griffin; dwelling, cause wood in stove oven.

Saturday, October 31, 8:30 p. m., telephone; Liberty Street; cause bonfire.

Monday, November 2, 11:30 p. m., telephone; 187 Main Street, South Farms; owner, G. R. Cassidy; occupant, J. H. Hyland; drug store, cause unknown.

Thursday, November 5, 10:00 a. m., telephone; 460 Main Street; owner and occupant, J. W. Stueck & Sons; bakery, cause cigarette on awning.

Thursday, November 5, 4:00 p. m., telephone; Stack Street; city dumping ground, cause dump fire.

Tuesday, November 10, 8:00 p. m., box 18; 29 Spring Street; owner John Bozzi; tenements, cause oil burner.

Tuesday, November 17, 3:00 p. m., telephone; 152 Main Street; owner, J. H. Parshley; occupants Patch & Littlehale; garage, cause oil in cellar.

Wednesday, November 20, 4:50 p. m., telephone; Goodyear Avenue; owner, Goodyear Rubber Co.; cause boys shack.

Saturday, November 23, 7:30 p. m., telephone; Water Street; owner Middletown Coal Co.; dock, cause bonfire.

Tuesday, December 15, 1:00 p. m., telephone; Berlin Street; open lot, cause grass fire.

Tuesday, December 15, 5:30 p. m., telephone; 564 Main Street; owner, F. B. Fountain Co.; occupant, Max Levine; fruit store, cause smoke from chimney.

Tuesday, December 15, 6:15 p. m., telephone; Cromwell road; cause tree.

Wednesday, December 16, 9:00 a. m., telephone; 83 Crescent Street; owner, Middlesex Hospital; occupant, Alumni Nurses Home; cause over-heated furnace pipe.

Thursday, December 17, 4:00 p. m., box 26; 5 Elm Street; owner and occupant, N. Cannata; tenements, cause children with matches.

Saturday, December 19, 10:00 a. m., verbal; Ferry Street; cause bonfire.

Sunday, December 20, 12:30 a. m., box 26; 564 Main Street; owners F. B. Fountain Co.; occupant, Max Levine; fruit store, cause cigarette.

Wednesday, December 23, 1:30 p. m., telephone; 122 Court Street; owner and occupant, L. D. Mills Co.; heating and plumbing store; cause chimney.

Saturday, December 26, 6:00 a. m., telephone; Broad Street; cause false alarm.

Wednesday, December 30, 5:15 p. m., box 36; 56 Sumner Street; owner, H. L. Battalin; occupant, W. Nisselson; dry goods, cause oil stove.

Friday, January 1, 8:15 a. m., box 36; 5 Elm Street; owner and occupant, N. Cannata; tenements, cause hot water boiler.

Friday, January 1, 7:15 p. m., telephone; 56 Park Place; occupant, Mrs. Egeter; dwelling, cause chimney fire.

Saturday, January 2, 3:00 a. m., telephone; 79 Crescent Street; owner Mrs. M. Carlson; cause rubbish fire.

Thursday, January 7, 9:30 p. m., telephone; 153 Pearl Street; owner and occupant, S. Garafola; cause chimney fire.

Thursday, January 14, 1:00 p. m., telephone; 206 Prospect Street; owner and occupant, A. Johnson; dwelling, cause chimney fire.

Thursday, January 14, 7:15 p. m., telephone; 42 Liberty Street; owner, Universal Top Co.; garage, cause chimney fire.

Tuesday, January 18, 7:30 a. m., telephone; 7 Oak Street; owner Mr. Blumer; occupant, J. Smith; dwelling, cause chimney fire.

Wednesday, January 19, 2:00 p. m., telephone; River Road; call for lung motor; woman drowned in river.

Friday, January 22, 2:15 p. m., telephone; 466 Washington Street; owner, I. E. Palmer Co.; occupant, Miss Battie; dwelling, cause chimney fire.

Wednesday, January 27, 7:30 a. m., telephone; 127 Liberty Street; owner, Middlesex Construction Co.; occupant, F. Knight; dwelling, cause chimney fire.

Monday, February 1, 8:15 a. m., telephone; Chestnut Street, South Farms; owner and occupant, L. Wicknick; dwelling, cause chimney fire.

Monday, February 1, 7:30 p. m., telephone; 120 College Street; owner and occupant, P. C. Dennehey; dwelling, cause chimney fire.

Thursday, February 5, 7:30 a. m., telephone; 19 Oak Street; owner D. B. Brownlow; occupant, Mr. Bailey; dwelling, chimney fire.

Thursday, February 5, 10:15 a. m., telephone; 166 Washington Street; owner and occupant, Miss Jackson; dwelling, cause chimney fire.

Friday, February 6, 8:30 p. m., telephone; 129 Washington Street; owner and occupant, Miss Hyde; dwelling, cause chimney fire.

Sunday, February 7, 3:00 p. m., verbal; 472 Main Street; owner The Middletown Press; occupant, Middletown Press Publishing Co.; cause oil burner.

Sunday, February 7, 11:45 p. m., telephone; 121 College Street; owner, Citron Estate; occupant, G. Comisa; dwelling, cause chimney fire.

Tuesday, February 9, 8:00 p. m., box 28; 444 Main Street; owner, P. J. Stueck; occupant, Hartford Candy Kitchen; candy store, cause unknown.

Saturday, February 13, 7:00 p. m., telephone; 21 Broad Street; owner, E. Boardman; occupant, F. H. Leman; dwelling, cause chimney fire.

Wednesday, February 10, 1:45 a. m., telephone; 275 Main Street; owners, Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank; cause oil mop.

Monday, February 15, 9:00 p. m., telephone; 60 High Street; owner R. Mylchreest; occupant, C. Weinman; dwelling, cause chimney fire.

Monday, February 22, 8:00 p. m., telephone; Main Street; owner Capitol Theatre; cause supposed fire.

Tuesday, February 23, 10:30 a. m., telephone; 226 William Street; owner and occupant, Mrs. Carlo; tenement, cause chimney fire.

Friday, February 26, 8:15 p. m., box 19; Rapallo Avenue; owner N. Y., N. H., & H. R. R. Co.; passenger station; cause unknown.

Saturday, February 27, 1:15 a. m., box 19; Rapallo Avenue; owners N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.; passenger station; cause sparks from previous fire.

Thursday, March 4, 9:05 p. m., telephone; 21 Broad Street; owner E. Boardman; occupant, F. H. Lehman; dwelling, cause chimney fire.

Friday, March 5, 9:15 a. m., telephone; 334 Washington Street; owner and occupant, C. B. Young; dwelling, cause chimney fire.

Friday, March 5, 11:10 a. m., telephone; 86 Church Street; owner and occupant, A. Sheffel; dwelling, cause smoke from furnace.

Saturday, March 6, 6:10 p. m., telephone; 614 High Street; owner and occupant, D. D'Onofrio; store and tenement, cause chimney fire.

Wednesday, March 10, 6:15 p. m., telephone; owner Durant School District; school, cause chimney fire.

Thursday, March 11, 5:10 p. m., telephone; Mazzotta Place; cause grass fire.

Friday, March 12, 6:30 a. m., telephone; Middlesex turnpike; automobile, cause short circuit.

Friday, March 12, 9:30 a. m., telephone; 155 Main Street; owner and occupant, B. Press; store and tenement, cause sparks from chimney.

Sunday, March 14, 3:30 p. m., telephone; 10 Halls Avenue; owner and occupant, J. P. Cunningham; tenements, cause chimney fire.

Monday, March 15, 8:00 p. m., telephone; 460 Main Street; owner and occupant, J. W. Stueck & Sons; store and tenements, cause cigarette on awning.

Tuesday, March 16 3:00 p. m., telephone; 280 Main Street; owner and occupant, H. Press; store and tenements, cause defective flue.

Tuesday, March 22, 4:45 p. m., telephone; 104 Broad Street; owner and occupant, S. W. Challenger; residence, cause sparks from chimney.

Monday, March 29, 1:45 p. m., telephone; Farm Hill Road; cause grass fire.

Monday, March 29, 11:00 p. m., telephone; 82 Berlin Street; owner and occupant, G. Loewenthal Co.; mill, cause sprinklers out of order.

Tuesday, March 30, 12:30 p. m., box 18; North Main Street; cause grass fire.

Thursday, April 1, 3:30 p. m., telephone; 5 Wetmore Place; owner J. L. Fisk; occupant, R. Jensen; dwelling, cause chimney fire.

Friday, April 2, 6:00 p. m., telephone; 74 Mill Street; owner, Mrs. E. J. Tryon; occupant, G. H. White; tenement, cause chimney fire.

Saturday, April 3, 3:45 p. m., telephone; 155 Washington Street; owner, A. Brewer; occupant, C. E. Harwood; residence, cause chimney fire.

Tuesday, April 6, 12:30 p. m., telephone; Washington Street; cause grass fire.

Tuesday, April 6, 1:00 p. m., telephone; Mazzotta Place; cause grass fire.

Wednesday, April 7, 2:45 p. m., box 19; Main Street; owner, Mr. Palmer; automobile, cause short circuit.

Saturday, April 10, 3:15 p. m., telephone; Durham Avenue; cause grass fire.

Sunday, April 11, 1:45 a. m., telephone; 196 Main Street; owner, William Joyce; occupant, W. E. Wrozos; tailor shop, cause electric iron.

Tuesday, April 13, 9:15 a. m., telephone; 114 Prospect Street; owner and occupant, R. Peruccio; tenements, cause rubbish.

Tuesday, April 13, 9:45 a. m., telephone; Durham Avenue; owner and occupant, T. Sayan; tenements, cause chimney fire.

Tuesday, April 13, 10:50 a. m., telephone; 49 Rapallo Avenue; owner and occupant, G. Saraceno; tenement, cause sparks from chimney.

Tuesday, April 13, 1:45 a. m., telephone; Brainerd Avenue; cause grass fire.

Thursday, April 15, 10:15 a. m., telephone; 108 Court Street; owners, Pelton & King, Inc., occupant, Mrs. Carpenter; tenements, cause oil heater.

Thursday, April 15, 4:15 p. m., telephone; Prospect Street; cause grass fire.

Sunday, April 18, 10:30 a. m., telephone; Church Street; cause grass fire.

Sunday, April 18, 10:45 a. m., telephone; Babcock Street; cause grass fire.

Sunday, April 18, 11:00 a. m., telephone; East Main Street; cause city dump.

Monday, April 19, 2:45 p. m., telephone; River Road; owner, L. Rafola; tenements, cause sparks from chimney.

Wednesday, April 21, 1:00 p. m., telephone; Main Street; cause grass fire.

Saturday, April 23, 5:20 p. m., telephone; Warwick Street; cause dump fire.

Monday, April 25, 9:40 p. m., box 19; 44 Green Street; owner and occupant, S. Ortise; shed, cause barrel gasoline.

Friday, April 30, 3:30 p. m., telephone; Pearl Street; automobile, owner, James Ahern; cause short circuit.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion I wish to extend my sincere thanks to His Honor the Mayor and the members of the Council and especially to the members of the Fire Commission for their support and assistance at all times. Also officers and members of the department for their co-operation in all lines of duty called upon.

GEORGE S. PITT,
Chief Fire Department.

REPORT OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CHARITIES

*To His Honor the Mayor and Common Council of the City
of Middletown.*

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my report as Superintendent of Charities for the fiscal year ending, April 30th, 1926.

The total appropriation for the department was:	-	\$86,815 00
The gross expense for the year was:	-	\$87,470 41
Received from various sources,	-	3,673 91
		<u>33,796 50</u>
Leaving an unexpended balance of,	-	<u>\$2,518 50</u>

Following is a summary of the expense,

Outside poor:		
Salaries,	-	\$2,100 00
Food, clothing, shoes, fuel, etc.,	-	6,321 59
Rents,	-	3,464 43
Widow's aid,	-	2,217 99
Burials,	-	622 90
		<u>\$14,726 91</u>
Alms-house p: Salaries,		
	-	\$2,040 00
Food supplies,	-	2,223 72
Fuel,	-	339 21
Shoes and repairs,	-	39 25
Clothing,	-	71 45
Medicine,	-	194 65
House supplies, farm, auto, lighting, etc.,	-	2,003 72
Repairs,	-	105 68
		<u>7,517 68</u>
Hospitals:		
State Hospital for Insane,	-	\$9,146 52
Children in institutions,	-	2,770 93
Tuberculosis sanitariums,	-	782 95
Feeble minded,	-	1,071 01
General hospital expense,	-	1,236 31
Misc., ambulances, etc.,	-	218 10
		<u>15,225 82</u>
		<u>\$87,470 41</u>

Credits	
Outside poor,	- - - - \$1,065 80
Alms-house,	- - - - 1,636 72
Hospitals,	- - - - 971 89
	<u>\$3,673 91</u>
Net expense,	- - - - \$83,796 50

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD S. PECK,
Supt. of Charities.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

*To His Honor the Mayor and the City Council
of the City of Middletown:*

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Park Commissioners have the honor to submit this report.

Union Park: Since the last report the Soldiers' Monument has been cleaned and repointed, the Bandstand refloored, with the steps placed on the street side, and benches placed around the sides making it more accessible for use. The bandstand and flagpole have been painted, the shrubbery changed, the dead shrubs being removed and new ones put in to replace them, the trees have been trimmed and sprayed, and the sidewalks have been repaired. We have had an experienced man taking care of this park and have received many compliments about the looks of the park.

Henry Clay Work Park: This park has been cared for by the man who has been caring for Union Park. It has been kept up in good appearance, the shrubs being trimmed and kept looking well, and the grass kept cut.

Washington Green: The Monument has been cleaned and repointed, the shrubbery around this monument removed and new shrubbery put in its place, the sidewalks repaired, and signs placed in such places as were worn from being used as footpaths asking the people to use the walks. An experienced man has been placed on this park, and he superintended the trimming and spraying of all the trees, and has kept the grass and shrubs trimmed at all times.

The Monument at the Original site of the settling of Middletown, situated on Hartford Avenue has been kept clean and the grass kept cut.

Municipal Athletic Field: This field was graded and a baseball diamond layed out. A backstop was put up by the de-

partment, and an eight hundred capacity bleachers were donated and set up by Exchange Club of Middletown. The permanent fence was started and is now up along the Russell Street side of the field. A combination dressing room and ticket office was erected by Carl Herman, Jr. in return for the concession privileges for the year of 1926. A system of permits was established and an ordinance passed by the City Council by which the Dept. of Parks will receive ten percent of the gross receipts of all games or matches held on the field at which admission will be charged.

Wilcox Island Park: Nothing was done with this park, due to the changes in the highway running past the Island as it would be impossible to place a bridge across to the Island while this work was going on.

Otis Playground: This playground was graded, the field-house painted and repaired, the apparatus taken up and replaced, the drinking fountain repaired and replaced. This playground, during the summer months is used by approximately 200 children daily.

Wadsworth Playground: This playground was cleaned and minor grading work done. A new set of swing standards were put up, this playground is used by approximately 300 daily.

North End Playground: This playground was removed from Rome Avenue and placed in the rear of Macdonough School. This was done with the hearty endorsement of Superintendent of Schools Edward B. Sellew, who has co-operated with this department in many ways. This playground is used by approximately 150 children daily.

Goodyear Playground: This playground was removed from the Central School grounds to the Goodyear lot on Hotchkiss Street, because this lot, being larger offered more play area, and did away with the breakage of windows, which were broken in the school building. This playground is used by approximately 150 children daily.

Russell Playground: Through the kindness and co-operation of The Russell Manufacturing Co. this department open-

ed a new playground on the Sanseer lot on Mill street. This playground was equipped with swing and see-saw standards and some minor grading done. This playground is used by approximately 250 children daily.

General: At all five playgrounds all apparatus was given a rigid inspection, the necessary repairs made, baseball and long-ball diamonds laid out as well as Volley ball courts, and Basketball courts.

In conclusion we wish to express our thanks to all the fraternal organizations of Middletown, who aided us in our playground work, the Department of Public Works for their fine co-operation, The Middletown Press, for their generous space given to playground notes, J. Mittleman and Sons, Inc., for the donation of a much-needed score board at Municipal Athletic Field, and to all, who in any way, aided us in making this the most successful playground season.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. McCARTHY, Chairman

HELEN K. HUBBARD

HARRIET A. HUBBARD

FRED B. FOUNTAIN

JOHN C. DEWOLF

The Board of Park Commissioners.

BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

JANUARY 1, 1925 TO APRIL 30, 1926

*To His Honor the Mayor and Members of the
Common Council:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit the report of the Middletown Department of Health Laboratory for the sixteen months, beginning January 1, 1925, ending April 30, 1926.

During this time there were a total of 4593 examinations made by this department.

There were only sixty-one (61) samples of milk submitted for examination, one hundred and eighty-two (182) less than for the 12 months in 1924.

For the most part the milk samples have averaged very good, 10.6 percent of the samples graded above 92 percent, 24.8 percent had a bacterial count below 10,000 while there were none over 100,000, giving an excellent showing although the number of specimens submitted were too few to be of any value in grading the town milk supply.

There were three hundred and thirty-one (331) examinations made for pulmonary tuberculosis, of this number twenty-six (26) were positive, twenty-one (21) of which were new cases.

There were one thousand, two hundred and sixty-one (1261) Blood Wasserman tests, one thousand, two hundred and one (1201) were for diagnosis, twenty-three (23) or 19.1 percent of which showed the presence of syphilis.

Sixty (60) Wassermans reactions were made to show the results of treatment, thirty-three (33) or 55 percent were still positive.

There were three hundred and sixty (360) examinations made for the diagnosis of gonorrhoea, seventeen (17) or 4.7 percent were positive.

Sixteen (16) specimens were examined to determine result of treatment, two (2) or 12.5 percent showed no improvement.

There were fifteen (15) or 2.3 percent of the 618 suspected and 38 contact cases of diphtheria which proved to be true diphtheria.

Typhoid: There were fifteen cases of typhoid; thirteen (13) cases went to the hospital for treatment. These cases were distributed over the following months: February 1925, 1; January 1925, 1; August 1925, 5; September, 6; October, 1; December, 1. Four cases in September occurred in one family where the sanitary conditions were very poor. The source of the other cases were not discovered.

No cases of epidemic meningitis occurred during the 16 months period.

The record of the town in regard to malaria was perfect. Of 1216 bloods examined for this disease one only showed the presence of the malarial parasites. This man was an out of town patient in the local hospital for whom, of course the city, was not responsible.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE W. FISHER

January 1, 1925 to April 30, 1926.

Diphtheria, 1st culture examined	618
Diphtheria, 1st culture positive	15
Diphtheria, 2nd culture, examined	58
Diphtheria, 2nd culture, positive	9
Diphtheria, contact cases	38
Smears, Throat for Pertussis bacilli	3
Smears, Throat for Vincent's	10
Smears, Positive for Vincent's	6
Tuberculosis:	
Sputum	330
Chest Fluid	1
Urine	2
Sputum, positive Tuberculosis	25
Chest fluid, positive, tuberculosis	1
Typhoid:	
Widal	135
Feces	170
Urine	156
Positive Widal, Typhoid	16
Parital Positive Widal, Typhoid	6
Positive Feces, Typhoid	2
Positive Urine, Typhoid	4
Widal, Para A & B	140
Blood, Malaria	1216
Positive Malaria	1
Smears, Gonorrhoea	376
Positive Smears, Gonorrhoea	19
Wassermans	1261
Positive Wassermans	52
Colloidal Gold test	5
Positive Colloidal Gold Test	1
Spinal fluid, Meningitis	2
Milk Samples examined	61
Total examinations made	4593

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTOR

*Hon. Mayor and Members of the Common Council of the City
of Middletown:*

In submitting report on Meat and Food Inspection for your consideration from the period of Jan. 1, 1924 to April 30, 1926, I wish to state that there were 6,507 inspections made including Beef, Veal, Pork, Poultry, Fish, Butter, Vegetables, etc. Tuberculosis was found to exist in 113 sets of lungs; 206 calves were weighed to determine standard weight. Twelve carcasses of beef were condemned as unfit for food, being affected with generalized tuberculosis; 3 carcasses of beef were condemned for emaciation; 8 pigs were condemned for various causes.

Six visits out of the City limits were made as an act of courtesy to people who were not certain in regards to the condition of meat. These inspections are made daily; besides investigating complaints that are phoned in regularly. One big detriment to all phone calls is that the person calling will never reveal the identity as they all say they don't want to be brought into the argument.

The total fees collected for this period were \$3,038.50 and the salary received for this period was \$2,333.24. There is constant changes in markets being opened and closed and the greatest number of inspections are made during the winter as more persons sell meat in that season.

Yours respectfully,

E. M. BRIGOOD.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR

*Hon. Mayor and Members of the Common Council of the City
of Middletown:*

In submitting report on Milk Inspection for the period of Jan. 1, 1924, to April 30, 1926, there were 588 dairies visited and inspected with recommendations for improvement. Each dairy supplying milk to the people of the City of Middletown is tested every six months until such herd passes three clean tests (without reactors) which herd then becomes an accredited herd and is then tested once a year at the expense of the owner.

The owner of an accredited herd can choose the Veterinarian whom he desires to make the test provided the Veterinarian is accredited also.

Twenty-six cases of Mastitis were taken from herds and isolated until recovery took place.

Middletown is very fortunate in regards to its Milk Supply as each herd is tuberculin tested and no cases of Septic Sore Throat was noticed during this period which in my opinion was due to dairy inspection. More stress has been laid during the past year and a half on Dairy Inspection where the conditions of the cows, premises, utensils, etc., are observed than to the sampling of Milk. Salary for this period \$700 with no receipts.

Yours respectfully,

E. M. BRIGOOD.