

ANNUAL
MESSAGE OF THE MAYOR

OF THE

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

AND

REPORTS OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD

MAY 1, 1926 TO APRIL 30, 1927

MIDDLETOWN, CONN.
PELTON & KING, INC., PRINTERS AND BOOKBINDERS.
1927

CITY GOVERNMENT

October 4, 1926 to October 1, 1928

MAYOR

FREDERICK J. BIELEFIELD

ACTING MAYOR

CHARLES T. DAVIS

COUNCILMEN

J. GORDON BALDWIN

LEWIS M. TUTTLE

DAYTON A. BALDWIN

ALLEN W. HOLMES

CHARLES T. DAVIS

FRANK M. DUNN

CHARLES A. CHAFEE

MICHAEL A. BROWN

RICHARD E. MYLCHREEST

Clerk of the Council—Albert A. Hurd

Stenographer—Abbie G. Neville

City Sheriff—Charles A. Anderson

Corporation Counsel—Leonard O. Ryan

STANDING COMMITTEES

Board of Apportionment and Taxation

Allen W. Holmes, President Pro Tem and
all members of the Common Council.

Public Works

Charles A. Chafee

Richard E. Mylchreest

Lewis M. Tuttle

Police

Dayton A. Baldwin

J. Gordon Baldwin

Michael A. Brown

Fire

Michael A. Brown

Dayton A. Baldwin

Charles A. Chafee

Charities

Lewis M. Tuttle

Charles T. Davis

Frank M. Dunn

Finance

J. Gordon Baldwin
Allen W. Holmes
Charles T. Davis

Park Commissioners—Frederick B. Fountain
Harriet A. Hubbard
Helen K. Hubbard
Mark F. Dunn
Daniel J. McCarthy

Superintendent of Public Works—G. Allen Schaefer

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. Roth

Assistant Tax Commissioner—Alice M. McHugh

Selectmen—Howard S. Peck (First)
Wm. J. Trevithick
James H. Footit

Board of Relief—August H. Johnson
Robert B. Brainerd
Earl C. Roberts

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

Auditor—Guy Cambria, C. P. A.

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

Town Consolidated School District Fund Commissioners—
Francis A. Beach
George A. Craig
Arthur L. Allin

Trustees of Reserve Fund of Police Dept.—Dayton A. Baldwin
J. Gordon Baldwin
Michael A. Brown

Electrical Commission—Walter A. Blau
Henry H. Hippler

Athletic Commissioner—J. Raymond Bride

Plumbing Commission—Ernest C. Umba
John J. Kenefick

Superintendent of Water Works—G. Allen Schaefer

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

ANNUAL MESSAGE OF THE MAYOR

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

Obeying my charter duty which requires a general statement at the end of the fiscal year of the city's finances and improvements; of the condition of the city in relation to its government, I herewith submit the following together with the reports of the several departments of the city government for your consideration:

FINANCES

Theoretically, if the Board of Taxation and Apportionment accurately estimate the expense of government and make adequate appropriations to meet all requirements for the necessary work of the various departments and accurately compute the receipts and compute the exact tax rate, expenditures and receipts for the year would exactly equal each other. The receipts for the fiscal year amount to \$936,839.81, the disbursements \$915,723.96, a showing highly creditable to the members of the Common Council whose painstaking care provides sufficient funds for the city to meet every obligation with a goodly margin of safety. Not only were the budget plans carried out, but the amount computed for debt reduction was the largest for any one year, the bonded indebtedness reduced so that today our obligations are less than at any time since 1867. The treasurer's report should be a source of satisfaction to our taxpayers, for debt reduction is tax reduction of the highest type. The first district came through the year with a balance of \$5,108.28 and the second district with \$13,898.08, all this possible by strict economy and thorough tax collection, collection made in a manner to merit attention, indeed our city can well be proud of the efficient manner in which this department is conducted. There has also been created a fund to be known as the Middletown Town Consolidated School Fund under the control of a board of three commissioners. This fund amounts to \$8,511.27, which represents the amount collected by taxation during the past four years on the taxable

property of the Town Consolidated School district in excess of maintenance expense for the benefit of the former Westfield district to reimburse the taxpayers of this former district for their excess of school property turned over to the consolidated school district at the time of consolidation. In accordance with a resolution of the Common Council I have appointed to this commission, Francis A. Beach, George A. Craig and Arthur L. Allin, all of whom have accepted the trust and the monies entrusted to their care, judiciously invested. For a detailed statement, the treasurers' report and the city clerk's exhibits of expenditures and receipts are worthy your careful attention.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

A decided betterment in the sanitary condition of the city has been accomplished by two garbage collections throughout the city. The streets were patched as far as possible with funds available. Many of our thoroughfares are sadly in need of resurfacing and streets now unimproved should have attention, with this in mind, additional mills were added and it is planned to improve Washington and Court Streets with a sheet rock surface, also to macadamize unimproved streets as far as possible with funds made available by the added mills. Main Street also will receive attention in order that it be kept in best possible repair. A portion of the added 3 mills is to be used for the extension of the water mains. Our water works are one of our city's finest assets, entirely free from indebtedness and not only does the income pay operating expenses, but has given the city treasury a net income, notwithstanding the fact that the city actually supplies water to over 500 services at less than the cost to maintain them, in other words a service that pays the minimum rate of \$5.00, is carried at a cost to the city not less than \$5.34, thereby the return does not cover the carrying cost, to say nothing of the water used. Thanks to early foresight, the supply is not only adequate, but our citizens enjoy water of unquestioned purity at extremely low cost. In the second district the highways have been given the best possible attention with available funds, considerable new work was completed and additional new work is planned for the coming year. For detailed

report, the reports of the superintendent of public works and the superintendent of highways should be given careful attention.

POLICE

For a detailed account of the work of the police department the report of its Chief shows its performance of duty, to the end that order has been maintained and a due respect for law enforced. The traffic problem is still a matter of serious concern, the traffic signals have materially aided towards solving this perplexing problem, but I recommend that new regulations be drafted to better regulate traffic to ensure greater safety and avoid confusion with traffic regulations in other cities. Consideration should be given to the conditions at police headquarters. The present rooms are wholly inadequate for efficient service, the cell rooms are antiquated, unsafe, indeed dangerous for the detention of prisoners, on the whole the department labors under conditions that severely tax the efforts of our servants, the police.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The efficiency record of our fire department has been maintained and expenses kept well within appropriations. Only words of commendation can be spoken for the officers and men, both paid and volunteer, who never fail nor falter in time of danger when called upon, always responding at an instant's notice. By special arrangement and agreement with the Hon. MacDonough Russell and Chief John E. C. Vincent of the Russell Fire Dept., this volunteer organization has offered its services to the city gratuitously, not only to answer all calls in the South Farms and Farm Hill districts, but volunteering its services whenever needed in the first district, subject to the call of our Fire Chief. Not only has this company rendered excellent service in the second district, but has once responded when serious danger threatened Main Street property. On the whole our citizens can be justly proud of its firemen, through whose skill and splendid courage, every fire has been subdued and losses from this source kept within bounds.

PARKS

The park department, particularly its attention to the playground, deserves consideration. The five playgrounds that have been maintained with a weekly attendance of 4,380 children at a cost of .079 per child for the season, is certainly a commendable accomplishment. The department's choice of superintendent for the past year has been most fortunate. Mr. Curtis Harrington, of the American Playground Association, when here on a tour of inspection, gave high praise to the work of the Middletown playground and the way they were conducted.

DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES

This important department, under the Superintendent of Charities, has been efficiently conducted so that our citizens have been able to care for the unfortunate well within the amount set aside for this purpose. For full report, details appear in the department report.

In view of the fact that the fiscal year ends on May first and the budget is made in February, recommendations for such improvements and necessary measures requiring consideration of the council must of necessity be made at the time when the board of taxation meets in February, in order that the year's work may be planned and the money raised to put such plans into operation.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK J. BIELEFIELD.

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

FIRST AND SECOND TAXING DISTRICTS

From May 1, 1926 to April 30, 1927

Receipts in detail of the specified amounts in the statements as rendered the City Treasurer:

Collector on account of taxes, First and Second Districts,	\$667,274.08	
Collector on account of Special Assessments,	11,322.46	
Collector on account of Water Dept.,	59,064.65	
Collector on account of Personal Tax,	17,340.00	
Collector on account of land sale,	607.36	
Collector on account of commission from City School District,	969.56	
		\$756,578.11
Supt. Water Works, accounts receivable, sundry,	1,201.26	
Supt. Water Works, account contributions for extensions,	1,620.00	
Supt. Water Works, account meter rent,	1.56	
Supt. Water Works, account sale material,	30.00	
Supt. Water Works, account testing meters,	6.00	
Supt. Water Works, account frozen meters,	33.25	
Supt. Water Works, account sale of wood,	926.00	
Supt. Water Works, account damage to auto,	26.76	
Supt. Water Works, account sale of stoves,	23.00	
Supt. Water Works, account telephone toll calls,60	
Supt. Water Works, account sale curb box and cock,	4.60	
Supt. Water Works, account sale of material,	29.49	
Supt. Water Works, account sale water for circus,	12.50	
Supt. Water Works, account sale junk,	5.00	
Supt. Water Works, account credit for cylinders,	90.00	
Supt. Water Works, account sale of mowing machine,	10.00	
Supt. Water Works, account sale shed and hay,	25.00	
Supt. Water Works, account credit for charts,	12.73	
		4,057.75

Supt. Public Works, account building permits, 1st District,	2,626.50	
Supt. Public Works, account building permits, 2nd District,	227.00	
Supt. Public Works, account electrician licenses,	205.00	
Supt. Public Works, account plumbing fees,	119.50	
Supt. Public Works, account excavation,	15.00	
Supt. Public Works, Conn. Co., account Mt. Vernon Street,	536.20	
Supt. Public Works, account stone,	28.50	
Supt. Public Works, account road material,	6.00	
Supt. Public Works, account tar, etc.,	214.20	
Supt. Public Works, account rental road roller,	52.50	
Supt. Public Works, account sundries,	72.75	
Supt. Public Works, account Max Miller for junk,	10.00	
Supt. Public Works, account Center Street driveway, Smith & Bishel,	10.00	
Supt. Public Works, account Center Street driveway, R. J. Atwell,	10.00	
Supt. Public Works, account Center Street driveway, J. Annenberg,	10.00	
Supt. Public Works, account Center Street driveway, Elks' Home,	10.00	
Supt. Public Works, account Center Street driveway, Hazen's Bookstore,	10.00	
Supt. Public Works, account Center Street driveway, Dreher-Smith,	10.00	
Supt. Public Works, account Wilson sidewalk,	150.00	
Supt. Public Works, account City Highway Tax,	6,000.00	
Supt. Public Works, account sale of oil,	70.00	
Supt. Public Works, account rental for sign-board,	37.78	
Supt. Public Works, account rental of land, M. Ruderman,	25.00	
Supt. Public Works, account A. N. Pierson, Inc.,	60.75	
		10,516.68
Chief of Police, account special police service,	2,585.00	
Chief of Police, account junk dealers' permits,	40.00	
Chief of Police, account revolver permits,	43.25	
Chief of Police, account revolver sales,75	
Chief of Police, account toll line calls,	1.70	

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Chief of Police, account pool room licenses,	80.00	
Chief of Police, account Murphy Co. rebate,	90	
Chief of Police, account Colts Fire Arms Mfg. Co.,	3.10	
Chief of Police, account insurance F. E. Hale rebate,	23.20	
Chief of Police, account insurance credit, T. Kowaleski,	1.56	
		2,779.46
E. M. Bitgood, Meat and Food Inspector, Clerk City Court—Total receipts, \$8,794.93 less total expenses, \$3,615.91, balance,		1,311.50
Central National Bank, interest on daily bank balance,		5,179.02
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Outside Poor,	1,562.78	2,653.57
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Alms-house,	1,238.69	
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Hospitals,	212.27	
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Highways,	656.91	
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Schools,	548.68	
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Tax Coms.,	.72	
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Soldiers' Burial,	200.00	
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Town Deposit Fund,	287.68	
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Valley Oil Co., account rent of town's land quit,	187.50	
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Miscellaneous,	500.00	
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account distribution of taxes on bank stock,	44.10	
		5,439.33
Valley Oil Co., account town land Bridge Street, 3 rents,		62.50
City of Middletown, account sale of Hose House No. 2 credited to Fire Dept.,		8,010.00
Town Clerk, account recording fees,	2,867.90	
Town Clerk, account vital statistics,	372.25	
Town Clerk, account dog licenses,	2,160.70	
Town Clerk, account dog tags,	5.60	
Town Clerk, account kennel licenses,	157.25	
Town Clerk, account dog transfer,	1.50	
Town Clerk, account trapping licenses,	1.00	

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Town Clerk, acc't duplicate trapping license,	.25	
Town Clerk, account bee licenses,	1.50	
Town Clerk, account resident fishing licenses,	69.25	
Town Clerk, acc't non-resident fishing license,	.25	
Town Clerk, alien fishing licenses,	5.00	
Town Clerk, account resident hunting licenses,	93.00	
Town Clerk, account combination fishing and hunting license,	47.25	
Town Clerk, account vendors' licenses,	157.00	
Town Clerk, account auctioneer licenses,	6.00	
Town Clerk, account fireworks permits,	35.00	
Town Clerk, account pedlers' licenses,	10.00	
Town Clerk, account circus license,	25.00	
Town Clerk, account carnival license,	100.00	
		6,115.70
State of Connecticut from Tax Commissioner, account tax on State property,	1,332.02	
State of Connecticut, account physical examination of town school children,	105.00	
State of Connecticut, account distribution of dog license funds pro-rata balance returned unexpended July 1, 1926,	1,229.24	
State of Connecticut, account claim for damages by dogs,	16.50	
State of Connecticut, account State Penalty Tax distribution year ending June 30, 1926	2,297.19	
State of Connecticut, account Town School Enumeration,	4,299.75	
State of Connecticut, account Stock Tax Distribution for 1927:		
1st District,	\$4,344.05	
2nd District,	8,876.52	
		13,220.57
		22,500.27
Old Colony Trust Co., interest on funds deposited for payment of bonds and coupon interest,		1.96
Town of Middletown, account school work certificates,		5.00
Southern N. E. Telephone Co., account refund, 2nd Dist., Farm Hill School,		1.19
Silver Street Sewer Co., 20% dividend, Miller's Farm School District,		30.00
United Advertising Corp., account 3 months, Feb. 1 to May 1, 1927, South end dump,		68.75
Charles N. Briggs, account error of Town Schools, amount not due,		1.10

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Ginn & Co., account overpayment of Town Schools, account instruction supplies,	9.16
Guy & Rice, refund account insurance paid on building at playground,	6.75
First National Bank, account part of temporary loan \$45,000.00 April 15 to May 16, 1927,	42,162.24
Town Sinking Fund Commission,	10,000.00
Total Receipts, First and Second Taxing Districts, 1926-27,	\$877,490.04
Balance as of April 30, 1926, First and Second Taxing Districts,	59,349.81
	\$936,839.85
Total Disbursements, 1926-27,	\$915,723.96
Balance as of April 30, 1927,	21,115.89
	\$936,839.85

James P. Stow, Treasurer Reserve Fund of Police Department
1927

April 30, Balance in Middletown National Bank for checking purposes,	\$303.21
April 30, On deposit in Middletown Savings Bank,	\$3,545.40
April 30, On deposit in Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank,	3,275.47
April 30, On deposit in City Savings Bank,	2,630.27
April 30, On deposit in Central National Bank, Savings Dept.,	1,967.29
	11,418.43
	\$11,721.64

Liability Insurance Fund—James P. Stow, Treasurer

1927

April 30, On deposit in City Savings Bank,	\$2,370.61
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Washington Park Fund Account—James P. Stow, Treasurer

1927

April 30, On deposit in Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank,	\$21.08
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Town Deposit Fund—James P. Stow, Treasurer

1926

May 1, Amount of fund \$13,574.17—Income at 6 per cent,	\$814.45
August 28, Paid Middletown City School District, on account of 3,609 scholars,	\$526.77
1927	
April 29, Paid Middletown Town School District on account of 1,971 scholars,	287.68
	\$814.45

First Taxing District—Redemption Fund—City of Middletown, Conn.
1926

October 1, On deposit in Middletown Savings Bank (see vote of Common Council Sept. 29, 1926),	\$31,721.23
October 1, Purchased from Middletown Savings Bank City 4% Funding Bonds 2nd series,	\$31,000.00
	\$721.23

Second Taxing District—Redemption Fund—City of Middletown, Conn.
1926

October 1, On deposit in Middletown Savings Bank (see vote of Common Council Sept. 29, 1926),	\$36,941.34
October 1, Purchased from Middletown Savings Bank Town Air Line 4% Refunding Bonds due June 1, 1929,	\$36,000.00
	\$941.34

First National Bank, Middletown, Conn.

1927

April 16, Temporary loan at 3.95% from April 15 to May 16, 1927, on account Farm Hill School (see vote Common Council Feb. 7, 1927), on deposit at First National Bank,	\$45,000.00
April 29, Transferred to city account, Second District, Central National Bank,	42,162.24
	\$2,837.76

Bonded Debt of the former City and Town of Middletown, Conn., First and Second Taxing District, April 30, 1927

Date when issued	DESCRIPTION	Rate of interest	Total Amount Bonds due and outstanding Apr. 30, 1927	Date when the Bonds issued are due and payable	Amount of Serial Bonds due and payable from May 1, 1927 to Apr. 30, 1928	Date when Serial Bonds are due and payable from May 1 to Apr. 30, 1928
1925	May 1, City 1st taxing district coupon funding bonds serial	4%				
	Bonds and coupon interest payable at Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Mass.		\$272,000	May 1, 1927-1955	\$10,000	May 1, 1927
1925	May 1, Registered city 1st taxing district funding bonds serial	4%				
	Nos. 173 to 177 incl. Bonds and interest payable to Georgianna Lawton, Plainfield, Conn.		5,000	May 1, 1943	—	—
1925	May 1, Registered city 1st taxing district funding bonds serial	4%				
	Nos. 211-212-213. Bonds and interest payable to Edward P. Eastwick, Jr., Greenwich, Conn.		3,000	May 1, 1947	—	—
1925	May 1, Registered city 1st taxing district funding bonds serial	4%				
	Nos. 216 to 220 incl.		5,000	May 1, 1947	—	—
	Nos. 231 to 235 incl.		5,000	May 1, 1949	—	—
	Bonds and interest payable to Teachers' Retirement Fund, New Haven, Conn.					
1916	June 1, City 1st taxing district coupon funding bonds serial	4%				
	Bonds and coupon interest payable at Central National Bank, Middletown, Conn.		31,000	June 1, 1927-1936	3,000	June 1, 1927
1926	April 1, City 1st taxing district coupon funding bonds serial	4%				
	Bonds and coupon interest payable at Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Mass.		135,000	April 1, 1928-1934	20,000	April 1, 1928

Bonded Debt of the former City and Town of Middletown, Conn., First and Second Taxing District, April 30, 1927—(Continued)

Date when issued	DESCRIPTION	Rate of interest	Total Amount Bonds due and outstanding Apr. 30, 1927	Date when the Bonds issued are due and payable	Amount of Serial Bonds due and payable from May 1, 1927 to Apr. 30, 1928	Date when Serial Bonds are due and payable from May 1 to Apr. 30, 1928
1909	June 1, Town Air Line refunding coupon bonds, 2nd taxing district 4% Coupon interest payable at Central National Bank, Middletown.		\$274,000	June 1, 1929	—	—
1909	June 1, Registered town Air Line refunding bonds, 2nd taxing dist. 4% Nos. 101 to 110 incl. Bonds and interest payable to Middletown Savings Bank, Middletown, Conn.		10,000	June 1, 1929	—	—
1909	June 1, Registered town Air Line refunding bonds, 2nd taxing dist. 4% Nos. 176 to 185 incl. Bonds and interest payable to May W. White, Fifth Avenue Bank, New York, N. Y.		10,000	June 1, 1929	—	—
1910	August 1, Town Air Line refunding coupon bonds, 2nd taxing dist. 4% Coupon interest payable at Central National Bank, Middletown, Conn.		244,000	August 1, 1930	—	—
1909	July 31, Registered Miller's Farms school district bonds, serial Nos. 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34. Bonds and interest payable to Middletown Savings Bank, Middletown, Conn.	4%	9,000	August 1927-1939	\$1,000	August 1, 1927
1909	July 31, Registered Miller's Farms school district bonds serial Nos. 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35. Bonds and interest payable to Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank, Middletown, Conn.	4%	9,000	August 1928-1939	—	—
	Total bonded debt of City, Town and Miller's Farms School Dist. April 30, 1927,		\$1,012,000	—	\$34,000	—
	Total amount of bonds of City and Miller's Farms School District payable from May 1, 1927 to April 1, 1928 inclusive.		\$34,000			
	Total of interest of coupon and registered bonds payable from May 1, 1927 to April 1, 1928 inclusive.		\$40,400			

See following pages for interest due and payable on City and Town Bonds.

Interest City and Town Bonds due and payable from May 1, 1927 to April 30, 1928

Date when issued	DESCRIPTION	Rate of interest	May 1 1927	June 1 1927	Aug. 1 1927	Oct. 1 1927	Nov. 1 1927	Dec. 1 1927	Feb. 1 1928	April 1 1928
1925	May 1, City 1st taxing district coupon funding bonds serial	4%								
	Bonds and coupon interest payable at Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Mass.		\$5,440	—	—	—	\$5,240	—	—	—
1925	May 1, Registered city 1st taxing district funding bonds serial	4%								
	Nos. 173 to 177 incl. Bonds and interest payable to Georgianna Lawton, Plainfield, Conn.		100	—	—	—	100	—	—	—
1925	May 1, Registered city 1st taxing district funding bonds serial	4%								
	Nos. 211-212-213. Bonds and interest payable to Edward P. Eastwick, Jr., Greenwich, Conn.		60	—	—	—	60	—	—	—
1925	May 1, Registered city 1st taxing district funding bonds serial	4%								
	Nos. 216 to 220 incl.		100	—	—	—	100	—	—	—
	Nos. 231 to 235 incl.		100	—	—	—	100	—	—	—
	Bonds and interest payable to Teachers' Retirement Fund, New Haven, Conn.									
1916	June 1, City 1st taxing district coupon funding bonds serial	4%								
	Bonds and coupon interest payable at Central National Bank, Middletown, Conn.			\$620	—	—	—	\$560	—	—
1926	April 1, City 1st taxing district coupon funding bonds serial	4%								
	Bonds and coupon interest payable at Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Mass.			—	—	\$2,700	—	—	—	\$2,700

Interest City and Town Bonds due and payable from May 1, 1927 to April 30, 1928—(Continued)

Date when issued	DESCRIPTION	Rate of interest	May 1 1927	June 1 1927	Aug. 1 1927	Oct. 1 1927	Nov. 1 1927	Dec. 1 1927	Feb. 1 1928	April 1 1928
1909	June 1, Town Air Line refunding coupon bonds, 2nd taxing district 4% Coupon interest payable at Central National Bank, Middletown.			\$5,680	—	—	—	\$5,480	—	—
1909	June 1, Registered town Air Line refunding bonds, 2nd taxing dist. 4% Nos. 101 to 110 incl. Bonds and interest payable to Middletown Savings Bank, Middletown, Conn.			200	—	—	—	200	—	—
1909	June 1, Registered town Air Line refunding bonds, 2nd taxing dist. 4% Nos. 176 to 185 incl. Bonds and interest payable to May W. White, Fifth Avenue Bank, New York, N. Y.			200	—	—	—	200	—	—
1910	August 1, Town Air Line refunding coupon bonds, 2nd taxing dist. 4% Coupon interest payable at Central National Bank, Middletown, Conn.				\$4,880	—	—	—	\$4,880	—
1909	July 31, Registered Miller's Farms school district bonds, serial Nos. 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34. Bonds and interest payable to Middletown Savings Bank, Middletown, Conn.				180	—	—	—	160	—
1909	July 31, Registered Miller's Farms school district bonds serial Nos. 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35. Bonds and interest payable to Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank, Middletown, Conn.				180	—	—	—	180	—
	Total bonded debt of City, Town and Miller's Farms School District April 30, 1927,		\$5,800	\$6,700	\$5,240	\$2,700	\$5,600	\$6,440	\$5,220	\$2,700

City Bonds, Town Bonds and Miller's Farms School Bonds

Paid from May 1, 1926 to April 30, 1927 inclusive

1926	
May 1, City 1st Taxing Dist. Funding Bonds due May 1, 1926,	\$10,000.00
June 1, City 1st Taxing Dist. Funding Bonds due June 1,	3,000.00
Oct. 1, City 1st Taxing Dist. Funding Bonds due April 1st, Redeemed,	31,000.00
1927	
April 1, City 1st Taxing Dist. Funding Bonds due April 1,	20,000.00
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	\$64,000.00
1926	
Oct. 1, Town Air Line Refunding Bonds due June 1, 1909, Redeemed,	36,000.00
1927	
April 30, Town Air Line Refunding Bonds due June 1, 1909, Redeemed,	10,000.00
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	46,000.00
	110,000.00
1926	
August 1, Miller's Farms School Dist. Bonds No. 17, due August 1,	1,000.00
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	\$111,000.00
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<i>Bonded Debt of City and Town</i>	
April 30, 1927	
City Bonded Debt,	\$456,000.00
Town Air Line Refunding Bonds,	538,000.00
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1927	
April 30, Total City and Town Bonded Debt,	\$994,000.00
April 30, Miller's Farms School District,	18,000.00
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April 30, Total City, Town and Miller's Farms School Bonded Debt,	\$1,012,000.00

We, the undersigned auditors of the City of Middletown have examined the foregoing accounts and found them correct.

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

Auditors.

May 9, 1927.

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 from May 1, 1926 to April 30, 1927, I have prepared and submit the following:

Exhibits:

- " A " Detailed statement of the Receipts relative to the First Taxing District for the period May 1, 1926 to April 30, 1927.
- " B " Detailed statement of the Receipts relative to the Second Taxing District for the period May 1, 1926 to April 30, 1927.
- " C " Comparative and Detailed statement of Appropriations and Disbursements, relative to the First Taxing District, for the period from May 1, 1926 to April 30, 1927.
- " D " Comparative and Detailed statement of Appropriations and Disbursements, relative to the Second Taxing District, for the period from May 1, 1926 to April 30, 1927.
- " E " Summary of Special Appropriations and Disbursements, account of Schools, relative to the Second Taxing District, for the period from May 1, 1926 to April 30, 1927.
- " F " Summary of Balances of the several Districts as of April 30, 1927.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT A. HURD,

Town and City Clerk.

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

Exhibit "A"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—MAY 1, 1926 TO APRIL 30, 1927

FIRST TAXING DISTRICT

Balance May 1, 1926,	\$31,721.23
Street Department,	10,967.57
Sewer Department,	10,871.57
Water Department,	63,122.40
Fire Department,	8,010.00
Police Department,	2,779.46
Tax Collector,	484.78
Meat and Food Inspector,	1,311.50
City Court,	2,589.51
Bank and Insurance Stock,	4,344.05
Property Taxes,	226,364.14
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	\$362,566.21

Exhibit "B"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—MAY 1, 1926 TO APRIL 30, 1927

SECOND TAXING DISTRICT

Balance May 1, 1926,	\$27,628.58
Highway Department,	656.91
Charities Department,	3,013.74
Schools,	5,228.41
Town Clerk,	6,115.70
Tax Collector,	484.78
City Court,	2,589.51
Dogs and Sheep,	1,245.74
Soldiers' Burial,	200.00
Property Taxes,	406,992.66
Personal Taxes,	17,340.00
School Certificate Examinations,	110.00
Bank and Insurance Stock,	8,876.52
Miscellaneous,	2,082.74
Account Sinking Fund Commission,	10,000.00
Account Town Consolidated School District,	42,162.24
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	\$534,727.53

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

Exhibit "C"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS FROM MAY 1, 1926 TO APRIL 30, 1927

FIRST TAXING DISTRICT

	Appro. 1926-27	Est. Receipts 1926-27	Expend. 1926-27	Appro. 1927-28	Est. Receipts 1927-28
Salaries,	\$22,800.00	—	\$22,859.71	\$23,340.00	—
Street Department,	71,150.00	\$8,395.00	78,508.34	121,520.00	\$9,500.00
Sewer Department,	17,700.00	9,868.00	19,375.59	11,082.17	3,391.14
Lighting Department,	17,500.00	—	17,242.24	17,667.56	—
Water Department,	42,125.00	61,000.00	42,302.32	69,755.00	62,000.00
Fire Department,	39,070.00	8,000.00	38,858.86	29,766.38	—
Police Department,	27,218.35	1,525.00	25,598.62	28,718.73	1,500.00
Park Department,	7,600.00	—	7,769.10	6,520.00	—
Municipal Building,	4,000.00	—	3,995.20	5,000.00	—
Funding Bonds (June),	3,000.00	—	3,000.00	3,000.00	—
City Bonds (May),	10,000.00	—	10,000.00	10,000.00	—
City Bonds (April),	18,600.00	—	20,000.00	20,000.00	—
City Bonds Interest,	8,400.00	—	6,820.00	5,400.00	—
City Bonds Interest,	13,100.00	—	13,100.00	12,580.00	—

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

Exhibit "C"—Continued

	Appro. 1926-27	Est. Receipts 1926-27	Expend. 1926-27	Appro. 1927-28	Est. Receipts 1927-28
Interest on overdraft,	—	—	\$18.09	—	—
Redemption Fund Account,	—	—	31,721.23	—	—
City Court,	\$1,250.00	—	4,479.57	\$1,250.00	—
Liability Insurance,	1,237.67	—	1,238.46	1,237.67	—
Bacteriological Laboratory,	400.00	—	289.87	315.00	—
Tax Collector's Office,	700.00	\$450.00	529.74	765.00	\$450.00
City Treasurer's Office,	250.00	—	248.40	300.00	—
City Clerk's Office,	1,500.00	—	1,047.13	1,275.00	—
Corporation Counsel,	2,000.00	—	1,517.12	1,000.00	—
Compensation Insurance,	893.93	—	893.93	893.93	—
Surety Bonds,	100.00	—	173.25	100.00	—
Telephones,	300.00	—	273.19	300.00	—
Land Purchase (Water St.),	500.00	—	500.00	—	—
Meat and Food Inspector,	1,500.00	1,400.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,400.00
Bank and Insurance Stock,	—	5,000.00	—	—	5,000.00
Property Taxes,	—	217,336.95	—	—	—
Miscellaneous,	—	—	3,597.97	—	—
Tax Refunds,	—	—	—	500.00	—
	\$312,974.95	\$312,974.95	\$357,457.93	\$373,786.44	\$83,241.14

Exhibit "D"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS FROM MAY 1, 1926 TO APRIL 30, 1927

SECOND TAXING DISTRICT

	Appro. 1926-27	Est. Receipts 1926-27	Expend. 1926-27	Appro. 1927-28	Est. Receipts 1927-28
Salaries,	\$24,295.00	—	\$24,316.60	\$25,835.00	—
Highway Department,	34,600.00	—	33,080.85	40,000.00	—
Bridges Department,	5,000.00	—	4,798.75	6,000.00	—
Charities Department,	35,023.46	—	35,570.86	34,795.00	—
Schools (Town),	78,165.00	\$4,185.00	75,306.51	79,205.00	\$4,299.75
Police Department,	3,294.25	—	2,897.06	6,687.47	700.00
Town Clerk's Office,	2,050.00	3,500.00	2,060.96	1,800.00	3,500.00
Tax Commissioner's Office,	1,992.00	—	1,739.96	2,350.00	—
Tax Collector's Office,	700.00	450.00	766.45	765.00	450.00
Taxes,	31,500.00	—	—	—	—
State,	—	—	15,859.64	15,859.64	—
County,	—	—	15,582.99	14,871.46	—
Military,	—	—	3,212.32	3,212.32	—
Personal Taxes,	1,200.00	16,000.00	1,602.35	1,200.00	16,000.00
City Highway Tax,	6,000.00	—	6,000.00	7,000.00	—

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

Exhibit "D"—Continued

	Appro. 1926-27	Est. Receipts 1926-27	Expend. 1926-27	Appro. 1927-28	Est. Receipts 1927-28
Bacteriological Laboratory,	\$400.00	—	\$407.53	\$315.00	—
Park Department,	1,200.00	—	1,190.26	980.00	—
City Court,	1,250.00	—	4,457.43	1,250.00	—
Dogs and Sheep,	1,500.00	\$500.00	2,711.97	1,000.00	\$500.00
Lighting Department,	4,951.56	—	4,916.25	5,347.56	—
Municipal Building,	4,000.00	—	3,995.20	5,000.00	—
Russell Library,	13,000.00	—	12,000.00	15,500.00	—
Vital Statistics,	400.00	—	402.50	400.00	—
Telephones,	250.00	—	338.18	300.00	—
Tree Warden,	1,000.00	—	370.40	1,000.00	—
Cemeteries,	150.00	—	143.03	250.00	—
Sinking Fund,	20,000.00	—	20,000.00	20,000.00	—
Probate Court,	300.00	—	324.60	350.00	—
Printing and Advertising,	500.00	—	147.06	500.00	—
Surety Bonds,	150.00	—	94.50	100.00	—
Town Deposit Fund,	814.45	—	814.45	814.45	—
Elections,	3,200.00	—	2,775.31	250.00	—
G. A. R. and Celebrations,	600.00	—	600.00	600.00	—
Schools (City),	135,462.01	—	135,462.01	133,022.76	—
Interest,	23,360.00	—	22,940.00	22,620.00	—
Corporation Counsel,	—	—	1,350.00	1,000.00	—

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

Exhibit "D"—Concluded

	Appro. 1926-27	Est. Receipts 1926-27	Expend. 1926-27	Appro. 1927-28	Est. Receipts 1927-28
School Certificate Examinations,	—	—	\$172.00	\$200.00	—
Postage and Stationery,	—	—	71.62	200.00	—
Liability Insurance,	\$618.83	—	618.83	618.83	—
Compensation Insurance,	446.96	—	446.17	446.96	—
Tax Refunds,	—	—	209.27	200.00	—
Bank and Insurance Stock,	—	\$10,000.00	—	—	\$10,000.00
Property Taxes,	—	402,738.52	1,120.13	—	—
Miscellaneous,	—	—	—	—	—
Mrs. Catherine Markham,	—	—	—	1,000.00	—
Westfield School District Fund,	—	—	936.00	936.00	—
Soldiers' Burial,	—	—	1,199.08	—	—
Miscellaneous,	—	—	200.00	—	—
Tax Rebates,	—	—	193.58	—	—
Redemption Fund Account,	—	—	89.22	—	—
Tax on State Property,	—	—	26,941.34	—	—
V. F. W. Convention (Special),	—	—	—	—	—
Watering Trough,	—	—	—	—	1,800.00
Account Bonds,	—	—	—	400.00	—
Schools (Town), Acct. Temporary Loan,	—	—	10,000.00	3.00	—
			42,162.24	—	—
	\$437,373.52	\$437,373.52	\$522,595.46	\$453,285.45	\$36,749.75

Exhibit " E "

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

SUMMARY OF SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS A|c SCHOOLS

MAY 1, 1926 TO APRIL 30, 1927

SECOND DISTRICT

	Spec. Appro. 1926-27	Receipts 1926-27	Expend. 1926-27	Bal.	Bal. a c F. H. S.
High School Tuition,	—	\$20,274.40	\$18,609.42	\$1,664.98	—
Town Consolidated School Dist.:					
Farm Hill School,	\$10,000.00	10,000.00	9,057.64	—	—
Maintenance Fund,	8,040.56	9,271.71	8,003.51	—	—
	\$18,040.56	\$19,271.71	\$17,061.15	\$2,210.56	—
a c Temporary Loan					
Farm Hill School,	—	\$45,000.00	\$42,162.24	—	\$2,837.76

Exhibit " F "

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

SUMMARY OF BALANCES OF THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS

AS OF APRIL 30, 1927

First Taxing District,	\$5,108.28
Second Taxing District,	12,132.07
High School Tuition Account,	1,664.98
Town Consolidated School Account,	2,210.56
Balance as of May 1, 1927,	\$21,115.89
Farm Hill School Account (Special),	\$2,837.76
Town Consolidated School District Fund,	\$8,500.00

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

To His Honor the Mayor and the Common Council:

It is with continued pleasure to this office and we believe of real benefit to our City that, for the second consecutive year, we can report a practically 100 percent collection of all taxes due the City of Middletown. It will be of interest to all to know that when our books were closed on April 30th, 1927 there was not a tax unpaid nor a lien filed against any taxable property, on the List of 1925 due and payable May 1st, 1926. The coöperation of banks and other similar organizations with some of the taxpayers, aided materially for the making of such a healthy condition, in our city's finances.

For the fourth time in as many years this city has had the distinction of being the first to file with the State Tax Office at Hartford, a complete report of its Personal Tax Collections.

Again this year some more of the recorded property owners could not be found, and after being duly advertised, four pieces were sold by the collector at public auction with a net profit to the city of around \$900, besides putting all these lots in the income bearing or taxpaying class.

It is to be regretted that your honorable body was not able to put into operation some of the many suggested changes to the City Charter that emanated from this office. If the rates could be laid a month earlier than it might then be possible to have these rates printed on the tax bills for the coming year.

With the increasing popularity of the partial payment or on the installment plan instituted in this office, most of the taxpayers are fast realizing that while this office is firm in its enforcement of the collection of all taxes within the period in which they are due, at the same time it extends to all who ask, within reason, the heartiest coöperation in every possible way. We all know that the sooner taxes are paid the easier we will be and the mighty fine spirit that now exists between the taxpayers and the two tax departments is bound to make for the ultimate stability of our city in the financial world.

It is with a feeling of pardonable civic pride that this office, is, upon the recommendation of the State Tax Commissioner, receiving almost weekly, from town and cities, both within and without our own state, requests for copies of the various forms that have been used here so successfully. Most of these forms have originated within our own office.

Still more valuable and worth while comes the information from Hartford, which I feel will be of real interest to you gentlemen; that, in the cost of the collection of all its many taxes we are the lowest here of all the town or cities of similar size within the state, while at the same time the percentage of efficiency for its collections is the highest of them all. Such records must be very pleasing to your honorable body.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK L. PHELPS,
Tax Collector.

List of Unpaid Taxes

TOWN LIST 1923

Frisbie Motor Co. \$395.44

Tax Receipts for the year ending April 30th, 1927

Amounts paid to the City Treasurer from May 1st, 1926 to April 30th, 1927.

Property taxes with interest	\$667,274.08
Special Assessments with interest	11,472.46
Personal Tax	17,340.00
Water Rents with interest	59,064.65
Land Sale	607.36
School Commission	969.56
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	\$756,728.11

FREDERICK L. PHELPS,
Tax Collector.

We, the undersigned auditors of the City of Middletown, Conn., having each month examined the books and accounts

of Frederick L. Phelps, Tax Collector, for the City of Middletown, from May 1st, 1926 to April 30th, 1927, do hereby certify that all collections have been properly accounted for and the amounts collected have been paid over to the City Treasurer.

THOS. F. O'KEEFE,
BERTRAM G. MILLER,
Auditors.

At Middletown, Conn., May 2nd, 1927.

OFFICE OF TAX COMMISSIONER

His Honor the Mayor and the Common Council:

The past has told its story and the future holds either progress or regression for the various departments of our city government. Taking a similar stand as the chief executive of our commonwealth, it seems of little necessity for a review of the past accomplishments of this department, except to use it as a basis to build a better and more efficient one, but it is essential that this efficiency be accomplished by a reduction in the operating cost.

This department is handicapped because the use of figures will not disclose any valuable information as our greatest problem is the equalization of the tax assessment.

The department has been in operation approximately two years, two years of hard work against the so called "favored few" because it has been their propaganda that has made it necessary that the department head take a definite stand against special favors to anyone. Much to our regret some of the honest taxpayers have had to suffer, but it is a pleasure to report that the "sky seems to be clearing" and the public as a whole does see that the office of the Tax Commissioner is being run in a business like way. Color, creed, nationality, friendship or political pull does not enter into the assessment of property.

It is to be regretted that the Common Council did not see fit to approve all of the recommendations presented by this department, these had to do with the revision of certain sections of the present charter. These changes would have meant a saving of at least 25% in the operating cost, furthermore they would have directly saved the taxpayer's time and money on their assessments.

It might be of interest to you to know that the Commissioner is working at this time on a plan which will reduce the salary

operating cost of this department by at least 33⅓%. Before both of these plans can be put into operation it will require charter changes. These changes in no way will hurt the present efficiency, but will increase it, at the same time cut the cost tremendously.

No little credit is due to my assistant and the various department heads who have coöperated with me in making it possible to maintain a high standard of results.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you and the members of the Common Council for your part in backing the department and helping it to become the best equipped, and one of the most efficient in the state.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. ROTH,

Tax Commissioner.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
and the
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To His Honor the Mayor and Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Works and the Superintendent of Public Works of the First District herewith present their annual report for the year 1926-1927.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Statistics.

Area of first district	
Land surface,	1,515 acres
Water surface,	535 acres
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Total,	2,050 acres or 3.2 square miles
Area of second district or City	
Land surface,	25,413 acres—39.70 sq. miles
Water surface,	1,484 acres— 2.32 sq. miles
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Total,	26,897 acres—42.02 sq. miles
Roads first district	
Sheet asphalt,	1.00 miles
Rock asphalt,	0.12 miles
Asphalt macadam,	2.88 miles
Concrete,	1.38 miles
Water bound macadam,	13.4 miles
Unimproved roads,	2.54 miles
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Total,	21.86 miles
Roads second district—about 125 miles	

Street Cleaning.

Main Street has been flushed or swept at least once a day. The new flusher has worked out satisfactorily and has been a great help to the department in keeping the streets clean. On all macadam streets the gutters have been cleaned three times. The increase in automobile traffic has made it advisable to take off the street cleaner from Main Street.

Street Repairs.

Three carloads of asphaltic oil and 10,000 gallons of tar were applied to the macadam roads. The ever increasing traffic has caused the old macadam roads to unravel. Continuous patching does not seem to make conditions better but tends to create more holes. Washington Street received more attention than any other street but it was impossible to keep it in shape. The unimproved roads were kept in the best shape possible which is none too good for automobile traffic.

Snow Removal.

The storms this year did not cause the department any trouble. They were far enough apart so that work on the preceding storm had been completed before the next one came. Two plows were used, one on the White truck and the other on the new Federal eductor. The new eductor plows snow very well and streets were plowed that had never been plowed before. Several of the streets had to be shoveled out because of high drifts. Considerable agitation to have the snow removed from Main Street was brought to bear on the Department but the small appropriation made it impossible to move any.

Street Marking.

The stalls for cars were painted on Main Street and Pleasant Street. Crosswalks were painted several times. These lines must be painted often to keep them so that they can be seen.

New Construction.

The concrete pavement on Mt. Vernon Street was resurfaced with Kentucky Rock Asphalt. This material seems to be the coming thing for resurfacing roads. Parts of Woodman Street and Hill Street were resurfaced with water bound macadam. Mill Street and Ferry Street were resurfaced with a mixture of tar and stone.

Garbage Collection.

This year it was decided to give two collections a week throughout the city. This makes sanitary conditions better

during the warmer months. The North end dump is very nearly filled in and it will only be a short time before a new dumping place will be needed. The South end dump and the Thomas Street dump are in good shape. A Hartford firm is now taking care of the rats and insects and it is hoped that no trouble will be experienced this summer. A sign board has been placed along the front of the south dump and grass will be planted in front of it. This improves the appearance of the approach to the City.

City Yard.

The yard is slowly taking shape and by doing a little work each year a suitable arrangement will be had.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Statistics.

Tile sewers,	14.2 miles
Brick sewers,	2.0 miles
Cement sewers,	4.0 miles
Total,	20.2 miles
Imhoff disposal plant,	1
Septic tanks,	2

Sewer Cleaning.

The sewer disposal plants on Thomas Street and Catherine Street have been cleaned several times. The report of the State Bureau of Health on the disposal plants states that the Thomas Street plant is working the best it has ever been known to. Several of the main sewers were cleaned and house connections were flushed out.

The general condition of the main sewers is good.

Sewer Repairs.

No trouble was experienced with the main sewers this year.

Catchbasins and Inlets.

All the catchbasins were cleaned with the eductor. This makes a more satisfactory job as none of the material is left

on the streets. The machine was able to clean six to eight catchbasins a day whereas by hand only four could be cleaned.

A large number of inlets have had the stone covers replaced by the new cast iron covers. All inlets were cleaned four times during the year.

New Construction.

The largest amount of new construction was undertaken since 1914. The Trench Hill District sewer, Mazzotta District sewer, Rome Avenue and the north part of Johnson Street were the parts of the city where new sewers were installed.

The following table gives the amount of pipe laid:

	Length	Size
Highland Avenue,	1114'	10"
Highland Avenue,	880'	8"
Bretton Road,	615'	10"
Bretton Road,	435'	8"
Pine Street,	222'	10"
Pine Street,	590'	8"
Gordon Place,	300'	8"
Summit Place,	255'	8"
Rome Avenue,	225'	10"
Rome Avenue,	530'	8"
Mazzotta Place,	585'	8"
Columbus Avenue,	790'	8"
Johnson Street,	749'	12"
Johnson Street,	429'	15"
Totals,	4365'	of 8"
	2671'	of 10"

38 manholes; 1 septic tank

WATER DEPARTMENT

Statistics.

The following statistics will give the public a general idea of the condition of the Water Department from January 1, 1926 to December 31, 1926. These figures are from our report to the Public Utility Commission of the State of Connecticut and have no connection with the City Report.

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

Water Department Year Ending December 31, 1926

Statistical

Free service to Municipal Departments and others:

City Department,	\$ 112.00
Playgrounds,	5.00
10 sewer connections,	150.00
232 fire hydrants,	6,960.00
2 water troughs,	100.00

Total, \$7,327.00

The above are on a flat rate basis.

Population of city, 23,300

Capacity of reservoirs in gallons:

Mt. Higby,	308,000,000
Laurel Brook,	222,750,000

Total consumption for year 552,610,000

Cost of supplying water per million gallons figured on total expenses, \$62.45

Size of pipe	Amount in use in feet
20"	26,780
12"	51,513
10"	11,627
8"	28,472
6"	79,036
4"	33,472
3"	1,342
2"	9,805

Total, 242,047

Number of service taps Dec. 31, 1926, 3030

Number of meters set Dec. 31, 1926 2972

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31, 1926

Asset,	
Fixed capital—schedule A,	\$821,949.51
Current Assets,	
Cash,	100.00
Accounts receivable,	981.65
Material and supplies,	7,518.38
Total,	\$830,549.54
Liabilities,	
Depreciation reserve,	\$72,988.99
Contributions for reserve,	9,180.00
Profit and loss surplus,	748,380.55
Total,	\$830,549.54

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

OPERATING REVENUES

Commercial earnings—flat rate,	\$248.20
Commercial earnings—metered,	48,489.83
Total commercial sales,	\$48,738.03
Earnings from industrial sales metered,	9,598.85
Earnings from private fire protection,	402.40
Total operating revenue,	\$58,739.28

OPERATING EXPENSES

Water supply expenses—operations:	
Collecting system expenses,	\$2,858.93
Purification system expenses,	235.00
Pumping system expenses,	643.06
Distribution system expenses,	1,497.64
Total water supply expenses—operations,	5,234.63
Water supply expenses—maintenance:	
Repairs of water collecting system,	\$193.53
Repairs of distribution system,	4,249.96
General repairs,	974.17
Depreciation,	16,044.36
Total water supply expense—maintenance,	21,462.02
General and miscellaneous expenses:	
Administration expenses,	\$2,725.04
Accounting and commercial expenses,	1,853.07
Insurance,	270.78
Store, garage, and stable expenses,	1,956.11
Miscellaneous general expenses—Exhibit 8,	1,012.58
Total general and miscellaneous expenses,	7,817.58
Total operating expenses,	\$34,514.23

INCOME STATEMENT

Operating revenues,	\$58,739.28
Operating expenses,	34,514.23
Net revenue from water operations,	\$24,225.05
Total net operating revenue,	\$24,225.05
Municipal taxes (Middlefield),	\$758.10
Total deductions from net operating revenue	758.10
Operating income,	\$23,466.95

Rents from land, buildings or apparatus,	\$12.50	
Miscellaneous non-operating income—Exh. 2,	350.47	
Total non-operating income,		362.97
Gross income,		\$23,829.92
Balance transferred to Profit and Loss acct.,		\$23,829.92
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		
	<i>Debits</i>	<i>Credits</i>
Credits—		
Balance at beginning of year,		\$744,727.66
Balance transferred from income account,		23,829.92
Debits—		
Balance transferred from income account,	\$20,177.03	
Balance Dec. 31, 1926,	748,380.55	
Total,	\$768,557.58	\$768,557.58

FIXED CAPITAL ACCOUNT—SCHEDULE A

Water collecting system,	\$231,573.44
Purification system,	3,075.38
Pumping system,	8,031.38
Distribution system,	557,371.26
General structures,	8,660.25
General office equipment,	1,272.02
General shop equipment,	3,049.14
General store equipment,	260.42
General stable equipment,	8,656.22
Total,	\$821,949.51

MISCELLANEOUS NON-OPERATING INCOME—EXHIBIT 2

Sale of wood,	\$301.47
Sale of junk,	14.00
Sale of mowing machine,	10.00
Sale of hay and shed,	25.00
Total,	\$350.47

MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL EXPENSE—EXHIBIT 8

Miscellaneous expenditures not properly chargeable to any account	\$1,012.58
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The following tables show what it costs the city to carry the different sizes of meters a year.

COST OF METERS

Size	1 in.	1 1/2 in.	2 in.	3 in.	4 in.	6 in.	8 in.
Cost of meter,	\$26.00	\$48.00	\$72.00	\$144.00	\$240.00	\$480.00	\$936.00
Installation,	6.00	12.00	25.00	50.00	75.00	150.00	150.00
Overhead 20%,	32.00	60.00	97.00	194.00	315.00	630.00	1,086.00
Totals,	38.40	72.00	116.40	232.80	378.00	756.00	1,303.00
Total x 15% annual charge,	5.76	10.80	17.46	34.93	56.70	113.40	195.45
Reading and billing,	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36
Unaccounted for water,	2.76	5.52	9.20	18.40	27.60	55.20	9.20
Total cost for year to department,	\$9.88	\$17.68	\$28.02	\$54.69	\$85.66	\$169.96	\$206.01

From several of the larger sized meters, a return is not obtained that equals the carrying charge, to say nothing of the water used.

Repairs and Replacement.

A large number of service connections were replaced during the year. Several small mains were replaced with six inch pipe. Several hydrants have been replaced with a modern type.

New Construction.

Considerable new construction was undertaken during the year. The following is a list of the streets and length and size of pipe.

	Length	Size
Hunting Hill Avenue,	600'	6"
Ridge Road,	240'	8"
Birdsey Avenue,	175'	4"
Saybrook Road,	287'	6"
Mazzotta Place et al,	1025'	6"
Rome Avenue,	510'	6"
Hillside Avenue,	100'	4"
Bellevue Place,	60'	4"
Butternut Street,	633'	6"
East Main Street,	1350'	6"
Johnson Street,	860'	6"
Russell Street,	345'	10"
Pine Avenue,	214'	4"
Jefferson Street,	187'	6"
New hydrants installed,		10

Reservoirs.

No work was attempted on the Adder reservoir dam. The cutting of wood has continued in the basin and it is nearly all cut off.

The Higby water shed and reservoir are in fine shape. One wooden bridge was replaced with a 20 inch corrugated iron pipe. The water is tested monthly and the reports state that the water is satisfactory for drinking purposes.

Laurel Brook is not used to any great extent. The land about the reservoir is kept in the best shape possible. Fishing was allowed during the summer.

The Highland Avenue pumping station is ready to run when needed. The pump is tested once a month.

Engineering and Inspection.

The engineering department has had a very busy year. Line and grade was given for all sewers laid. Maps were made of the layouts. All water mains were located and maps drawn. About 10,000 feet of curb and sidewalk line and grade was staked out.

Curb and sidewalk were ordered in on Stack Street and North Main Street. The zoning law went into effect during the year and this has added considerable work to the office.

The following is a list of building, electrical, and plumbing permits issued during the year:

	First District		Second District	
	No. Permits	Cost	No. Permits	Cost
Frame dwellings,	43	\$410,700	49	\$257,300
Fire resistant dwellings,	10	92,600	1	6,500
Stores,	8	20,600	6	9,300
Additions & alterations,	55	101,595	31	16,515
Private garages,	74	26,620	54	¥3,350
Public garages,	2	11,000		
Apartment houses,	3	80,000		
Parish house,	1	30,000		
Warehouse,	1	2,500		
Planing mill,	1	2,000		
Signs,	2	400	1	550
Office building,	1	80,000		
Fraternity houses,	2	106,800		
Firehouse,	1	10,000		
Miscellaneous,	34	8,805	54	4,945
Crystal Lake cottages,			13	8,500
Factories,			2	10,500
Library,			1	6,500
Hospitals,			2	50,000
Totals,	238	\$983,620	208	\$384,360
Total permits, 446.			Total cost,	\$1,367,980.

Plumbing permits issued 1st district, 153

Electrical permits issued 1st district 209

STREET LIGHTING

	<i>First District</i>	<i>Second District</i>
Incandescent lamps,	570	237
Main St. fixtures,	88	
5000 Lummer lamps,	20	

Several new lights were installed during the year and others changed to new locations.

The present Main Street lights are in very poor condition and will have to be replaced in the near future.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS ON LAST YEAR'S WORK

The extending of the water mains has increased the revenue of both the water department and the city as a whole. Most of the streets in the first district now have mains in them and those that haven't any will be taken care of this coming year.

The street department did practically no new road work as it was not possible to obtain an appropriation. It is hoped that the road program will be carried on after next year and as much money as the Council thinks advisable appropriated for road work. The streets of the city are going to pieces rapidly and it is nearly impossible to keep them patched. Patching is throwing money away and it is hoped that this item in repairs can be cut down to as small an amount as possible.

The sewer department had a busy year. Sewers are now in all streets in the first district where needed. Work on the elimination of the river pollution will be started soon but this will cover the engineering features only.

The work of the engineering and inspection department has increased enormously in the past two years. With the zoning law to enforce, means additional work as this covers the second district.

Several of the accounts were overdrawn during the year: the snow and ice account because of the number of storms and the long winter. Ordinary repairs and seal coating ran over due to the ever failing of our roads and the necessity of keep-

ing them in repair. Also it was necessary to change off material as it was received and therefore several of the accounts show a balance as oil and stone were charged directly to seal coating. The garbage collections have been real heavy all winter and it was necessary to have the truck help out. With two collections a week and the poor conditions of our wagons, the expenses of the account ran over the estimate. On Mt. Vernon Street resurfacing, a larger area was resurfaced and this exceeded the estimated cost. The sewer department account on repairs and necessary new work exceed the appropriation. This was due to the failure of the Railroad Avenue sewer and the number of inlet covers it became necessary to replace. The receipts from the new construction will nearly offset this amount.

The water department is financially in good condition. Taking into account the material and supplies on hand, there is a considerable balance. Street lighting will show no deficit as a whole.

It is hoped that the coming year will not be full of trouble as the past and that the departments will be able to keep within the appropriations.

The Board of Public Works and the Superintendent of Public Works wish to thank the Mayor and Common Council for their coöperation and many favors during the past year.

Board of Public Works,

CHAS. A. CHAFEE,

RICHARD E. MYLCHREEST,

LEWIS M. TUTTLE.

Superintendent of Public Works,

G. ALLEN SCHAEFER.

WATER DEPARTMENT

EXPENSES

	Total		Total	
	Appro.	Appro.	Expense	Expense
<i>Water Collecting System.</i>				
203 Water diversion rights,	\$500.00			
204 Reservation (Adder Swamp),	1,000.00		\$1,193.32	
205 Impounding dams and reservoirs	500.00			
210 Gravity intakes and suction mains	500.00			
211 Supply mains,	100.00			
	-----	\$2,600.00	-----	\$1,198.32
<i>Purification System.</i>				
217 Chemical treatment plant,	\$500.00			
219 Pumping station,	500.00			
	-----	1,000.00		
<i>Distribution System.</i>				
225 Transmission mains and accessories,	\$500.00			
227 Distribution mains and accessories,	1,500.00		\$9,328.00	
228 Service pipe and stops,	1,500.00		3,062.59	
229 Meters, meter boxes and vaults,	2,000.00		2,528.89	
230 Fire hydrants,	1,000.00		523.17	
232 General structures,	800.00		972.57	
	-----	7,300.00	-----	16,415.22
104 Construction Work,	\$6,750.00	6,750.00	\$4,802.44	4,802.44
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>				
234 General office equipment,	\$200.00			
235 General shop equipment,	600.00		\$104.45	
236 General store equipment,	225.00		38.00	
237 General stable and garage equipment,	2,300.00		1,556.00	
306 Taxes,	600.00		758.10	
	-----	3,925.00	-----	2,456.55
<i>Collecting System.</i>				
601-F Collecting conduits and reservoirs,	\$3,000.00		\$3,185.47	
601-G Gravity intakes and suction mains,	300.00		12.00	

	Total		Total
	Appro.	Appro.	Expense
602-D Chemical treatment,	400.00		322.99
603-A Operation expense pumping station,	250.00		
603-C Power,	1,000.00		558.64
	-----	4,950.00	-----
			4,079.10
<i>Water Supply Maintenance.</i>			
604-A Transmission mains and accessories,	\$100.00		\$36.34
604-C Distribution mains and accessories,	500.00		457.72
604-D Service pipes and stops,	400.00		487.90
604-E Meters, meter boxes and vaults,	400.00		477.63
604-F Fire hydrants,	500.00		266.63
604-G Troughs,	50.00		
606 Repairs water collecting system,	100.00		
609-A Repairs transmission mains,	100.00		36.36
609-C Repairs distribution system,	1,000.00		234.19
609-D Repairs to services,	3,500.00		2,141.00
609-E Repairs to meters,	2,000.00		2,057.52
609-F Repairs to hydrants,	500.00		281.35
610 General repairs,	700.00		763.78
	-----	9,850.00	-----
			7,240.42
<i>Administration Expenses.</i>			
613-A Meter readers salaries,	\$1,800.00		\$1,416.12
613-B Office supplies,	500.00		249.91
617 Insurance,	200.00		132.37
619-A Store expense,	800.00		1,207.30
619-B Garage and stable expense,	1,800.00		1,192.78
621 Miscellaneous general expense,	650.00		972.00
	-----	5,750.00	-----
			5,170.48
Wood,			939.79
	-----	\$42,125.00	-----
			\$42,302.32
RECEIPTS			
On account frozen meters,		\$67.25	
On account testing meters,		6.00	
On account toll calls,60	
On account contributions for extensions,		1,620.00	
On account material and supplies,		959.35	
On account damage to auto,		26.76	
On account water for circus,		12.50	

On account water, Millane Tree Expert Co.,	25.00
On account water rent,	1.56
On account return empty chlorine cylinders,	90.00
On account return recording charts,	12.73
Sale of wood,	1,158.00
Sale of junk,	5.00
Sale of mowing machine,	10.00
Sale of hay,	20.00
Sale of shed,	5.00
Sale of stoves,	23.00
Sale of meter,	15.00
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	\$4,057.75
Tax Collector's receipts,	59,064.65
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Total receipts,	\$63,122.40
Total expenses,	42,302.32
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Balance,	\$20,820.08

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

Second District

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

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my report as Superintendent of Highways, second district, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1927.

Total appropriations were,	\$34,600.00
Gross expense was,	\$33,080.85
Received from various sources,	656.91
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	32,423.94
Leaving an unexpended balance of,	\$2,176.06
Following is a summary of expenses:	
General repairs,	\$18,483.94
Teams,	588.00
Machinery,	2,033.00
Silver St. water disposal,	1,750.00
New construction,	10,225.91
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	\$33,080.85
Credits,	656.91
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	\$32,423.94

Under the item of new construction, the following work was done:

Russell St., 1500 ft. Tar penetration macadam
 Ridge Rd. Murray corner, 1300 ft. Tar penetration macadam
 Ridgewood Rd., 1100 ft. Telford
 Middle St., 1116 ft. Telford
 Horse Hill, 250 ft. Telford
 Highland Ave., 300 ft. Telford
 Ridge Rd. (Brocks), 300 ft. Telford
 Brush Hill, 600 ft. Telford
 White Rocks, 250 ft. Telford
 Frisbie St., 750 ft. Telford

making a total of 7466 ft. of permanent road build during the year.

The bridge appropriation was,	\$5,000.00
Total expense,	4,798.75
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Leaving an unexpended balance of,	\$201.25

In addition to keeping the bridges in repair there has been built during the year three (3) new concrete bridges, one (1) near Laurel Brook Reservoir, one (1) on Anderson Road and one (1) on Chamberlain Hill Rd. There are at present twenty-six (26) wooden and six (6) iron bridges to keep in repair. During the past twelve (12) years this department has replaced twenty-four (24) wooden bridges with concrete or metal culvert pipe.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD S. PECK,

*Superintendent of Highways.
Second District.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

MAY 1, 1926 TO MAY 1, 1927

*To His Honor and the Members of the Common Council of
the City of Middletown, Conn.*

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, 1927.

The following is a list of the different offenses for which arrests were made and the number of arrests for each offense:

ARRESTS AND CAUSE

Assault,	44
Assault intent,	1
Adultery,	1
Aiding escape,	1
Abandonment,	1
Assault with intent to commit rape,	1
Breach of peace,	92
Burglary,	13
Bastardy,	1
Bribery,	1
Breaking and entering,	1
Carrying concealed weapons,	2
Common Drunk,	1
Cruelty to animals,	1
Drunkenness,	244
Destroying property,	5
Desertion from the United States Navy,	2
Danger of falling into habits of vice,	1
Delinquent,	1
Evading personal tax,	1
Escape from Long Lane Farm,	1
Enticing minor female,	3
Frequenting disorderly house,	6
Forgery,	2
Fraudulent issue of checks,	3

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Fraud,	3
Fornication,	2
Frequenting gaming house,	5
Insane,	10
Intimidation,	1
Indecent,	1
Keeping disorderly house,	3
Keeping gambling device,	7
Keeping gaming house,	1
Lacivious carriage,	2
Loitering,	3
Manslaughter,	6
Non-support,	21
Obtaining money under false pretense,	2
Panhandling,	1
Receiving stolen goods,	1
Resistance,	2
Rape,	3
Robbery,	1
Suspicion,	1
Theft,	20
Trespassing,	1
Violation of the humane law,	1
Violation of parole law,	1
Violation of City Ordinance,	14
Violation of motor vehicle laws,	273
Violation of the liquor laws,	25
Violation of the junk law,	1
Violation of the dog law,	6
Violation of the hair dressing law,	1
Violation of the game law,	1
Vagrancy,	9
Juvenile delinquency,	1

DISPOSITION OF CASES OF THOSE WHO WERE ARRESTED

Discharged by the Chief	22
Discharged by the Prosecutor,	40
Discharged by the Court,	17
Discharged by Nolle	82
Fines imposed	344
Jail imposed,	53
Placed on probation,	96
Bound over,	15
Appeals,	14
Turned over to out-of-town Officers,	47
Judgment suspended,	132
Cases continued,	59

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Bonds forfeited,	4
Committed to the State Hospital,	6
Discharged on payment of cost,	21
Not guilty,	1
Taken to the Meriden School for boys,	2
Ordered out of town,	5
Committed to the State Farm for women,	1

THOSE ARRESTED WERE

American born,	349
Foreign born,	311
Residents,	536
Non-residents,	324
Minors	157
Married,	361
Single,	499
Males,	830
Females,	30

MISCELLANEOUS DUTIES

Accidents reported,	391
Bank burglar alarms,	12
Complaints investigated,	2,012
Defective highways reported,	58
Fire alarms given,	8
General reports,	65
Lost children found,	30
Lights reported out,	148
Money taken from prisoners,	\$2,436.78
Number of lodgers,	243
Permits to carry weapons,	99
Permits for sale of revolvers,	5
Store doors and windows open,	144
Sick persons taken care of,	31
Summoned to Headquarters for minor violations,	246
Value of property found,	\$5,537.27
Pay-rolls protected,	139
Junk dealer's license issued,	11
Permits to conduct pool rooms,	9
Defective side-walks,	15
Missing persons reported,	4
Stolen automobiles recovered,	2

378 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,	38
Captain P. Joseph Dunn,	9

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Sergt. John S. Ward,	95
Sergt. Michael J. McCarthy,	29
Officer Edward Hill,	202
“ John F. Clarry,	80
“ Anthony Sarra,	63
“ Charles Gibson,	42
“ Max O. Christensen,	41
“ John Wiernasz,	57
“ Thomas Rau,	28
“ William Corell,	20
“ James Kidney,	26
“ Michael Cahill,	17
“ Theodore Kowaleski,	16
“ Alois Petras,	16
“ John Melin,	15
“ Louis Buckman,	13
“ Harry Haling,	11
“ Charles P. Sandri,	5
“ Charles McGuinness,	5
“ Frank Post,	5
“ Edward Dunn,	10
“ Milton Hordinski,	4
“ Matthew Mansworth,	4
“ Stanley Connelly,	4
“ James Spinney,	2
“ Edward Dooley,	2
“ Frederick Palmer,	1

Total, 860

NUMBER OF ARRESTS MADE EACH MONTH

May 1926,	98
June 1926,	59
July 1926,	172
Aug. 1926,	101
Sept. 1926,	87
Oct. 1926,	80
Nov. 1926,	51
Dec. 1926,	38
Jan. 1927,	30
Feb. 1927,	30
Mar. 1927,	46
Apr. 1927,	68

Total, 860

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MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

<i>Chief of Police,</i>	Charles A. Anderson
<i>Captain,</i>	P. Joseph Dunn
<i>Sergeant,</i>	Michael J. McCarthy
<i>Sergeant,</i>	John S. Ward

Patrolmen

John Melin,	Edward J. Hill,
Edward R. Dunn,	James Kidney,
John Wiernasz,	Anthony Sarra,
Thomas P. Rau,	William Corell,
Max O. Christensen,	Harry Haling,
Charles Gibson	

Supernumeraries

Newton Pease,	Frank S. Post,
James Spinney,	Louis W. Buckman,
Charles P. Sandri,	Milton J. Hordinsky,
Frederick L. Palmer,	Arthur J. Stannard,
Stanley Connelly,	Timothy Coleman,
Matthew J. Mansworth,	Charles Rau,
Michael Cahill,	William T. Berry,
Edward J. Doolley,	Frank Johnson,
Theodore Kowaleski,	Eric A. Lundberg,
Charles J. McGuinness,	Matthew White,
Alois F. Petras,	Thomas Eastwood,
Martin Novak.	

Retired

<i>Chief,</i> Joseph Kincaid	
Addison T. Chapman,	Patrick H. Ghent.

Resigned

John F. Clarry	George Herdman
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During the year of 1926-1927, two regular men were appointed to fill the resignations of George Herdman and John F. Clarry. William Corell was appointed to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of George Herdman and Harry Haling was appointed to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of John F. Clarry. Also the following men were appointed and added to the Supernumerary force:

Eric A. Lundberg,	Arthur J. Stannard,
Matthew White,	Timothy G. Coleman,
Martin Novak,	Charles J. Rau,
Thomas Eastwood,	Frank L. Johnson,
William T. Berry.	

Appropriation for year ending April 30th, 1927:		
1st district,	\$27,218.35	
2nd district,	3,294.25	\$30,512.60
Receipts:		
Special Work,	\$2,585.00	
Permits,	164.00	
Misc. Receipts,	30.46	
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	\$2,779.46	
Less estimated receipts,	1,525.00	
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		\$31,767.06
Total expense:		
1st district,	\$25,598.62	
2nd district,	2,897.06	
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Balance unexpended for year,		\$3,271.38

Traffic.

As stated in my previous report, we still maintain a detail of two patrolmen to care for the school children during traffic. This detail takes care of two schools and leaves the other schools without any protection.

Since my last report, signal traffic lights have been installed on Main Street and caution lights at St. John's Square and at the junction of Main and Union Streets, also at the intersection of College and Broad Streets. This is in accordance with the system used in the other cities.

In regards to the traffic control lights. I have come to the conclusion after careful consideration and investigation, that the system should be changed to confer with the system as used in the other cities and towns of the State, that is that all motor vehicles shall start and turn to the left or right on the Green or Go, and all vehicles to come to a dead stop on the Red and do away with any turns except on the Green or Go Light, thereby making the Stop and Go traffic standard.

The number of automobiles is steadily increasing and the traffic problems are getting bigger every day. Uniform State

regulation of traffic and lights should be adopted and I further suggest that an ordinance be adopted by this Honorable body to regulate the traffic and pedestrians using and crossing the streets.

Juveniles.

There is approximately the same number of Juvenile cases as last year and they have been handled by our Department with the efficient cooperation of the Probation Officer and the Court.

Liquor.

In regard to liquor law violators. Our men are constantly on the watch for violators and a large number of arrests have been made during the year and convictions secured.

Police Training School.

We are still maintaining our Police Training School under the able instruction of Sergt. Michael J. McCarthy. All Supernumerary Officers who have been appointed to the force are required to take a thorough course of training in the Police School, in regard to all matters pertaining to work of the Police Department and the benefit of such training adds greatly to the efficiency of the Department.

Equipment.

The Motor equipment of the Department consists of a Dodge touring car and two Harley Davidson motor-cycles.

The Dodge car has outlived its usefulness, having been in use over three years and should be replaced by a new car.

The first and second districts, since the addition of the two motor-cycles have received more protection than in any time during the history of this Department and have rendered valuable service in coping with the Motor Vehicle Law violators and the regulation of traffic in our city.

All outside equipment including traffic signs, police boxes and signal lights have been repaired and repainted. This labor is wholly done by the Department without any extra expense except as to the cost of material used.

The men have been equipped with new regulation uniforms.

Discipline.

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

Quarters.

In my last year's report I gave a summary of the conditions of the Police Headquarters, which included the patrolmen's room and cell rooms. These conditions have not been changed during the year.

The Department has outgrown its present quarters.

I am grateful to the members of the Department who have faithfully tended to their duties during the year.

To His Honor Mayor Frederick J. Bielefeld, The Board of Police Commissioners and the members of the Common Council, I wish to express my appreciation for the kind assistance and support given me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

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, 1927.

Annual appropriation,	\$39,070.00
Total expenses,	38,858.86
Unexpended balance,	\$211.14

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

Salaries,	\$18,948.96
Assistant Engineers,	200.00
H. & L. Co. No. 1,	175.00
Hose Co. No. 1,	175.00
Hose Co. No. 2,	225.12
Hose Co. No. 3,	175.00
Extra service,	149.00
Fire alarm,	158.65
Hose,	1,597.00
Building repairs,	2,326.05
Fuel,	811.09
Uniforms,	600.00
Telephones,	196.42
Apparatus maintenance,	535.56
Sundries and supplies,	902.59
Gas and electricity,	327.48
Hose Co. No. 2 House, Pine St.,	10,795.94
Vacations,	560.00
Total expenses,	\$38,858.86

BUDGET 1927-1928

Salaries permanent men,	\$22,000.00
Vacations,	803.88
Assistant Engineers,	200.00
Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1,	175.00
Hose Co. No. 1,	175.00
Hose Co. No. 2,	175.00
Hose Co. No. 3,	175.00
Extra service,	200.00
Fire alarm telegraph,	400.00
Hose,	960.00

Building repairs,	\$500.00
Fuel,	900.00
Uniforms,	600.00
Telephones,	225.00
Apparatus maintenance,	600.00
Sundries and supplies,	1,000.00
Gas and electricity,	400.00
Insurance Hose Co. No. 2,	157.50
Fire alarm box, Bretton Road,	120.00

\$29,766.38

	<i>Approp.</i>	<i>Expense</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Deficit</i>
Permanent men,	\$17,100.00	\$17,195.04	—	\$95.04
Permanent men, new	1,900.00	1,753.92	\$146.08	
Assistant engineers,	200.00	200.00		
H. & L. Co. No. 1,	175.00	175.00		
Hose Co. No. 1,	175.00	175.00		
Hose Co. No. 2,	325.00	225.12	99.88	
Hose Co. No. 3,	175.00	175.00		
Extra service,	100.00	149.00	—	49.00
New hose,	650.00	1,597.00	—	947.00
Building repairs,	500.00	2,326.05	—	1,826.05
Fuel,	900.00	811.09	88.91	
Fire alarm,	400.00	158.65	241.35	
Uniforms,	600.00	600.00		
Telephones,	200.00	196.42	3.58	
Apparatus,	600.00	535.56	64.44	
Sundries,	940.00	902.50	37.41	
Gas and electricity,	500.00	327.48	172.52	
Pine St. House,	13,000.00	10,795.94	2,204.06	
Vacations,	630.00	560.00	70.00	
	<u>\$39,070.00</u>	<u>\$38,858.86</u>	<u>\$3,128.23</u>	<u>\$2,917.09</u>
	38,858.86			
Balance,	\$211.14			

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To His Honor the Mayor and the Members of the 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, 1927.

FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MICHAEL BROWN DAYTON BALDWIN
CHARLES A. CHAFFEE

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 A. Eastwood, Jr. *Captain*
John D. Hoar *First Lieutenant*
Joseph J. Zawipza *Second Lieutenant*
James Kincaid *Secretary*
Henry P. Schaefer *Treasurer*

Ladder Men

Herbert W. Blynn, Daniel Manley,
Henry P. Bliss, Daniel H. Millane,
John D. Cahill, Alva B. Munson,
Michael J. Cody, William F. McGrath,

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

Thomas W. Coleman,	Clarence Raynor,
James Conroy,	William D. Starr,
Lawrence Daley,	Thomas F. Trehey,
John Doherty,	Raymond Stebbins,
James A. Eastwood,	Herbert Stebbins,
Ludwig Krenz,	Fenton Thompson,
Thomas C. Lawton,	Thomas Eastwood,
John J. Maguire,	William A. Fortin,
Dennis Manley,	John E. Gannon,
Charles J. Masin,	Frank E. Gorman,
Neal A. Millane,	Ernest S. Hanson,
William McCarthy,	William F. Harney,
Fred G. Post,	William D. Hoar,
Robert English,	William J. Hoar,
William J. Ringwood,	Michael J. Holloran,
Thomas J. English,	Arthur Krenz,
Thomas J. Young,	John Daley.

DOUGLAS HOSE COMPANY NO. 1

Permanent Men

Robert Risk	Bruno Daigle
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Volunteers

Charles L. Patenaude	Captain
August Barrett	Second Lieutenant
Harold B. Stebbins	Second Lieutenant
Howard Case	Secretary and Treasurer

Hosemen

Edward V. Kidney,	Arthur Luby,
Frank S. Skinner,	William Daley,
James Curran,	Steve Zultonski,
William J. Coughlin,	James Wrang,
Joseph Kinsella,	William Losey,
Edward Hill,	Joseph Conroy,
Jeremiah Geary,	Charles Smith,
John Hill,	Joseph Walsh,
Richard Coleman,	Edward J. Hill,
John Fitzgerald,	William Kincaid,
Thomas Reed,	Frederick Hill,
Frank Fitzgerald,	John Cronin,
Charles A. Anderson,	James Whalen,
Mathew Ghent,	Dennis O'Brien,
Asa B. Stow,	Adelbert B. Lane,
Frederick Hunt,	Louis C. Forant,
Edward Dunn,	William Coleman.

HOSE COMPANY NO. 2

Permanent Men

Hamilton Mann	William Hoar
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Volunteers

Charles Luckhardt	Captain
Elroy Eastman	First Lieutenant
Benford Hilliker	Second Lieutenant
William Rasche	Secretary and Treasurer

Hosemen

Frank Berg,	William Frazier,
Jacob Annenberg,	Edward Harris,
Charles Bullard,	Ira Hedges,
John Hass,	Adolph Hubbel,
Garrison Hayes,	Albert Hulbert,
Fred Huston,	Howard Kelsey,
Arthur Hulbert,	Robert Mathison,
Albert J. Johnson,	Felix Petrofsky,
Alois Klien,	Wilson S. Reynolds,
James N. Maxwell,	Francis Schultz,
John Rau, Jr.,	George S. Spaulding,
John W. Rogers,	Martin Swanson,
John Schultz,	Gilbert Walters,
Frank S. Smith,	Henry M. Petrofsky,
Harold Smith,	Allen Schaefer,
Paul Bushman,	Jacob Schwartz,
Charles Carlson,	Verner Anderson.
Arthur Church,	

HOTCHKISS HOSE COMPANY NO. 3

Permanent Men

Michael Lawton	Jairus Chafee
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Hosemen

Robert McDermott	Captain
Raymond Markham	First Lieutenant
Charles L. Doebner	Second Lieutenant
Frank H. Lehman	Secretary
Carl Rapp	Treasurer

Hosemen

William J. Ackerman,	Harry Emmett,
John Flanagan,	Adolph Hanson,
Harold Jonas,	Charles Johnson,
Fred Kensel,	Oscar Anderson,
Charles F. Doebner,	Harry Moore,

Fred L. Palmer,
George Pratt,
Fred Ratchiff,
Harry R. Schaub,
Andrew J. Varney,
Ellsworth Burr,
Perry J. Closson,
Elbert Chalker,
Eugene H. Mead,
Willard Mathison,
John Driscoll,

Henry O'Rourke,
Charles A. Doebner,
William D. Doebner,
Walter Dean,
Earl Emmett,
William J. Christopher,
Edwin Powers,
Herbert Sage,
Fred Peryam,
Ernest Umba,
John J. Whalen.

DEPARTMENT TELEPHONES

Chief Engineer's residence	885
Chief Engineer's office	1-2
Fire Department Headquarters	1-2
Hose Company No. 2	1-3
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. 2, Pine Street.
Hose Company No. 3, Hubbard Street.

AUTOMOBILE APPARATUS IN SERVICE

One American LaFrance city service truck with Federal tractor equipped with 237 feet of ladders.

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

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

One Pope Hartford combination chemical and hose with 35 gallon chemical tank.

FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH

There are about 13 miles of No. 10 copper weatherproof wire, 20 public boxes 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

Connected by this system at fire department headquarters, Meech and Stoddard Mill, Coles Co. Mill, J. H. Bunce Company, F. L. Caulkins Auto Co., at Hose Company No. 3, Wilcox Crittenden Co. and Middletown Silver Co.

HOSE RECORD

Hose Company No. 1—1,800 feet 2½ inch hose and 200 feet chemical hose.

Hose Company No. 2—1,600 feet 2½ inch hose and 200 feet chemical hose.

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

FIRES

The department responded to 102 alarms as follows: box 25, telephones 74, verbal 2, sprinkler 1.

HOW FIRES WERE EXTINGUISHED

By chemicals 24, hydrant streams 13, hydrant streams and chemicals 4, out when department arrived 61.

HOSE LAID, CHEMICALS USED AND LADDERS RAISED

Two and one-half inch hose, 11,950 feet; chemical hose, 4200 feet; 798 gallons chemicals used; ladders raised 190 feet.

VALUES, LOSSES, AND INSURANCE;
ALSO INSURANCE PAID

Value of buildings	\$286,500.00
Value of contents	33,000.00

Total at risk, buildings and contents

\$319,500.00

Insurance on Property

Buildings	\$262,597.00
Contents	24,000.00

Total insurance on buildings and contents

\$286,597.00

Fire Losses

Buildings	\$48,952.25
Contents	11,672.85

Total losses

\$60,625.10

Insurance Loss

Buildings	\$48,857.23
Contents	11,672.05
Total insurance paid	\$60,529.30
Loss over insurance	\$95.80

FIRES AND ALARMS

Monday, May 3, 1:30 p. m., telephone; Bellevue Place; cause, grass fire.

Thursday, May 6, 4:20 a. m., telephone; railroad yard; owner, N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R.; freight car; cause unknown.

Thursday, May 6, 1:30 p. m., telephone; East Main Street; owner, City of Middletown; dumping ground; cause, dump fire.

Wednesday, May 12, 11 a. m., telephone; 128 Main Street; owner, Mrs. Lynch; occupant, Cubeta Bros.; cause, rubbish burning.

Sunday, May 16, 7:30 p. m., telephone; 165 Spring Street; owner, Mrs. P. Inferra; occupant, James Capsalis; tenement; cause, electric iron.

Monday, May 24, 6:30 p. m., telephone; rear 334 Washington Street; cause, grass fire.

Wednesday, May 26, 10:30 p. m., telephone; Cooley Ave., Second taxing district; owner, Burns Lace Co.; occupant, Burns Lace Co.; cause, unknown.

Saturday, May 27, 3:15 p. m., telephone; Mill Street; cause, dump fire.

Friday, June 11, 12:15 p. m., telephone; Railroad Avenue; occupant, D. Ferino; tenement; cause, oil stove.

Saturday, June 12, 6 p. m., telephone; Water Street; cause, bonfire.

Thursday, June 17, 8:30 a. m., telephone; Meriden Road; owner and occupant, P. Wells; residence; cause, chimney fire.

Thursday, June 17, 1:15 p. m., telephone; Meriden Road; owner, City of Middletown; open lot; cause, brush fire.

Saturday, June 19, 6:10 p. m., verbal; Main Street; owners and occupant, J. Poliner & Sons; garage; cause, cigarette.

Wednesday, June 30, 3 p. m., telephone; North Main Street; city dump; cause, dump fire.

Thursday, July 2, 10 p. m., telephone; Green Street; cause, bonfire.

Monday, July 5, 4:30 p. m., telephone; Ferry Street; cause, bonfire.

Monday, July 5, 7:15 p. m., telephone; Union Street; owner, City of Middletown; bridge; cause, bridge fire.

Thursday, July 8, 10 a. m., telephone; 150 Grand Street; owner and occupant, L. B. Ellis; dwelling; cause, waste paper basket.

Saturday, July 10, 11:45 a. m., telephone; North Main Street; city dump; cause, dump fire.

Monday, July 12, 3 p. m., telephone; 41 Court Street; owner and occupant, N. Lentini; tenements; cause, smoke from stove.

Wednesday, July 14, verbal; Newfield Road, Second taxing district; automobile; cause, backfire.

Wednesday, July 21, 3:30 p. m., telephone; Bank Street; owner and occupant, The Middletown Coal Co.; shed; rubbish fire.

Monday, July 25, 11:30 a. m., telephone; East Main Street; city dump; cause, dump fire.

Wednesday, July 28, 3:30 p. m., telephone; 19 Bretton Road; owner and occupant, J. & A. Dampkowski; dwelling; cause, overheated stove.

Saturday, July 31, 8:30 a. m., box 24; 268 Main Street; owner, P. J. Stueck; occupant, Handy Lunch; store room; cause, unknown.

Monday, August 2, 11:20 p. m., box 49; Cross Street; cause, false alarm.

Tuesday, August 10, 7:30 p. m., telephone; South Main Street; trolley car; cause, short circuit.

Friday, August 20, 3 p. m., telephone; North Main Street; city dump; cause, dump fire.

Saturday, August 21, 7 a. m., telephone; Water Street; owners, Middletown Coal Co.; cause, soft coal.

Wednesday, September 1, 4:15 p. m., telephone; Babcock Street; owners, State of Connecticut; occupant, Long Lane Farm; cause, sparks from chimney.

Saturday, September 4, 10:30 a. m., telephone; South Main Street; South Main Street; owners and occupant, Wilcox, Crittenden Co.; blacksmith shop; cause, oil from furnace.

Saturday, September 4, 2:30 p. m., telephone; Cromwell; false alarm.

Sunday, September 5, 2 a. m., box 27; 5 William Place; owner and occupant, Marino Luigi; tenement; cause, fire place.

Monday, September 13, 6 p. m., telephone; North Main Street; city dump; cause, dump fire.

Thursday, September 23, 8:15 a. m., telephone; East Main Street; automobile; cause, back fire.

Tuesday, October 5, 10:15 a. m., telephone; 169 South Main Street; owner and occupant, O. B. Welker; dwelling; cause, painter's torch.

Wednesday, October 6, 10:30 a. m., telephone; Rapello Avenue; automobile; cause, back fire.

Thursday, October 7, 10:50 p. m., box 37; 114 Church Street; owners and occupant, Goodyear Rubber Co.; factory; cause, overheated steam pipe.

Sunday, October 10, 6:30 a. m., telephone; 169 High Street; owners, Wesleyan University; occupant, H. L. Connelly; dwelling; cause, oil stove.

Wednesday, October 13, 5:45 a. m., sprinklers; North Main Street; owners and occupants, Meech and Stoddard Co.; grain elevator; cause, sprinklers out of order.

Tuesday, October 19, 10:30 a. m., telephone; 49 Union Street; owners, Field Bros.; tenement; cause, gas leak.

Wednesday, October 21, 9:30 a. m., box 36; 60 Sumner Street; owner and occupant, H. L. Battlen; drug store and tenements; cause, lighting fire with gasolene.

Wednesday, October 21, 10:20 p. m., box 24; Center Street; owners, F. & R. Siena; tenements; cause, chimney fire.

Sunday, October 25, 2:30 p. m., telephone; 17 Pleasant Street; owner, Mrs. C. D. Young; dwelling; cause, smoke from furnace.

Monday, October 26, 12:45 a. m., telephone; 30 Main Street; owner, R. Maher; occupant, Hall Motor Co.; garage; cause, short circuit automobile.

Tuesday, October 27, 5:50 p. m., box 37; William Street; owner, Goodyear Rubber Co.; tenement; cause, rubbish fire.

Thursday, October 28, 10 a. m., telephone; 12 Main Street; owner and occupant, Standard Vulcanizing Co.; store and tenement; cause, overheated motor.

Thursday, October 28, 3 p. m., telephone; 27 Silver Street; owner and occupant, M. Wrubel; tenements; cause, overheated stove.

Sunday, October 31, 10:10 a. m., telephone; St. John's Street; owner, J. and A. Acerbonies; tenement; cause, smoke from chimney.

Thursday, November 4, 7:45 a. m., telephone; Highland Avenue; occupant, Watch Case Mfrs.; owner, S. Babcock; cause, overheated boiler.

Tuesday, November 9, 5:50 p. m., telephone; South Main Street; owners and occupants, Wilcox Crittenden Co.; blacksmith shop; cause, overheated pulley.

Sunday, November 21, 10:55 a. m., box 45; 60 Park Place; owner, Est. James Boylan; occupant, R. Greely; dwelling; cause, sparks from chimney.

Wednesday, November 24, 2:30 p. m., box 12; 114 Prospect Street; owner and occupant, R. Perrucci; tenements; cause, smoke from stove.

Thursday, November 25, 1:30 a. m., telephone; Water Street; owner, Middletown Coal Co.; cause, grass fire.

Tuesday, November 30, 2:30 p. m., telephone; South Street; owner, Mr. Field; tenement; cause, overheated stove.

Wednesday, December 1, 7 a. m., telephone; Highland Avenue; owner, S. Babcock; occupant, The Elder Watch Case Mfrs.; cause, overheated boiler.

Wednesday, December 1, 6:30 p. m., box 34; William Street; cause, false alarm.

Thursday, December 9, 2:55 a. m., box 24; 181 Main Street; owners, D. & D. Corporation; occupants, Conn. River Valley Theatre Co.; Middlesex Theatre; cause unknown.

Thursday, December 9, 6 a. m., box 35; cause, false alarm.

Friday, December 17, 4:50 a. m., box 41; 11 College Place; owner, Wesleyan University; occupant, Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity club; cause, fire place.

Sunday, December 19, 12:55 a. m., box 36; 54 to 60 Sumner Street; owner, H. L. Battlen; occupants, Carl Guida and others; pool room and tenements; cause unknown.

Sunday, December 19, 3 p. m., telephone; 37 Park Place; owner, Mary Roccapriore; occupant, Frank Fosa; tenements; cause, chimney.

Tuesday, December 21, 4 p. m., box 34; William Street; owner and occupant, S. Rebesa; tenement; cause, children with matches.

Sunday, December 26, 2 p. m., box 29; 196 Court Street; owner, Rich and Mitchel; occupant, F. M. Jacobs; tenement; cause, clothes closet.

Sunday, January 2, 2:15 p. m., box 47; Cross Street; owner and occupant, H. Wales Lines Co.; shed; cause, overheated stove.

Saturday, January 22, 9:45 p. m., box 26; 63 Court Street; owner, S. Marino; occupant, General Importing Co. Macironi Factory; cause, gas plate.

Saturday, January 22, 8 p. m., telephone, Cromwell; dwelling; owner, Mrs. L. Hayes; occupant, J. J. Myers; cause unknown.

Monday, January 24, 11 a. m., telephone; 32 Grand Street; owner and occupant, F. Amara; tenement; cause, gas stove.

Thursday, January 27, 6:15 p. m., telephone; Long Hill; owner and occupant, Frank Hubbard; dwelling; cause, overheated smoke pipe.

Saturday, February 5, 6:30 p. m., telephone; East Main Street; cause, city dump.

Wednesday, February 9, 6:15 a. m., telephone; Center Street; owners and occupants, Welker Hoops Co.; factory; cause, sprinklers out of order.

Friday, February 11, 1 a. m., telephone; 82 Berlin Street; owners and occupants, G. Loewenthal Co.; cause, sprinklers out of order.

Wednesday, February 16, 6:30 p. m., telephone; Court Street; owners and occupant, L. D. Mills Co.; automobile; cause, short circuit.

Monday, February 28, 12:15 p. m., telephone; Ridge Road; owners, Farm Hill School District School; cause, sparks on roof.

Thursday, March 3, 11 a. m., telephone; East Main Street; cause, city dump.

Friday, March 4, 4:30 p. m., telephone; North Main Street; cause, city dump.

Saturday, March 5, 11:30 a. m., telephone; North Main Street; cause, grass fire.

Saturday, March 5, 7:15 p. m., box 18; North Main Street; cause, city dump.

Monday, March 7, 2:15 p. m., box 18; cause, false alarm.

Tuesday, March 8, 1:45 p. m., telephone; Washington Street; cause, tar kettle.

Thursday, March 10, 5:20 p. m., telephone; North Main Street; cause, grass fire.

Tuesday, March 15, 11:45 p. m., box 21; Main Street; cause, false alarm.

Wednesday, March 16, 12:30 p. m., telephone; North Main Street; cause, grass fire.

Wednesday, March 16, 12:35 p. m., telephone; Prospect Street; cause, grass fire.

Thursday, March 16, 6:30 p. m., box 18; North Main Street; cause, city dump.

Sunday, March 20, 3:50 a. m., telephone; Newfield Street; owner and occupant, A. D. Ewald; grocery; cause unknown.

Wednesday, March 23, 5:20 p. m., telephone; North Main Street; cause, grass fire.

Friday, March 25, 5:50 p. m., box 24; Center Street; cause, rubbish fire.

Friday, March 25, 9 p. m., telephone; William Street; owner, Thomas Murphy; occupant, Wilcox Lace Co.; cause, oil burner.

Saturday, March 26, 12:10 p. m., telephone; North Main Street; cause, grass fire.

Saturday, March 26, 5:15 p. m., telephone; North Main Street; cause, grass fire.

Monday, March 28, 7:45 p. m., box 39; cause, false alarm.

Friday, April 8, 1 p. m., telephone; North Main Street; cause, grass fire.

Friday, April 8, 7:15 p. m., telephone; North Main Street; cause, grass fire.

Tuesday, April 12, 1:40 a. m., telephone; Court Street; owner, Middletown Savings Bank; cause, rubbish.

Tuesday, April 12, 4 p. m., telephone; Court Street; owner, L. D. Mills Co.; cause, chimney.

Thursday, April 14, 2 p. m., telephone; 107 College Street; owner and occupant, Lyman Payne; cause, short circuit.

Sunday, April 17, 5 a. m., box 25; false alarm.

Tuesday, April 19, 12:15 p. m., telephone; 22 Maple Street; owner, G. Kalesz; garage; cause, bonfire.

Tuesday, April 19, 11:30 a. m., telephone; Baldwin Street; cause, grass fire.

Tuesday, April 19, 12:15 p. m., telephone; 22 Maple; owner and occupant, G. Kalesz; storage shed; cause unknown.

Tuesday, April 19, 2:15 p. m., telephone; North Main Street; cause, bonfire.

Tuesday, April 19, 3 p. m., telephone; North Main Street; cause, city dump.

CONCLUSION

I wish to extend my thanks to His Honor the Mayor and the members of the City Council and especially to the members of the Fire Commission for their coöperation and interest in the welfare of the department. The officers and members of the department have my commendation and sincere thanks for the efficient and faithful manner in which they have performed their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. PITT,

Chief Engineer.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF CHARITIES

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

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my report as Superintendent of Charities for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1927.

Total appropriation for the department was:	\$35,023.46
Gross expense for the year was:	\$35,570.86
Received from various sources,	3,013.74 32,557.12
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Leaving an unexpended balance of,	\$2,466.34

Following is a summary of the expense,

Outside poor:	
Food, Rent, supplies, etc.,	\$9,855.82
Widow's aid,	2,228.30
Burials,	309.00
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	\$12,393.12
Almshouse,	7,305.45
Hospitals:	
State Hospital for Insane,	\$9,192.95
Children in institutions,	1,890.36
Tuberculosis Sanitoriums,	1,117.32
Feeble minded,	818.59
Middlesex Hospital,	1,852.02
St. Luke's Home,	375.00
Misc. expense, board, clothing, ambulances, etc.,	626.05
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	15,872.29
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	\$35,570.86
Credits:	
Outside Poor,	\$1,562.78
Almshouse,	1,238.69
Hospitals,	212.27
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	\$3,013.74
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Net expense,	\$32,557.12

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD S. PECK,

Superintendent of Charities.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS FOR YEAR

APRIL 30, 1926 TO APRIL 30, 1927

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Department of Parks and Playgrounds has the honor to submit the annual report of all work done for the year ending April 30th, 1927.

Union Park: Park cleaned and kept clean. Bare spots returned. Shrubby trimmed, pruned, and moved to places of better advantage. Dead trees removed. Permanent Christmas Tree (which died) removed and replaced. Trees sprayed. Broken sidewalk removed and replaced. Caretaker in charge of park from April 1st to November 1st. Sidewalks kept clear of snow during the winter months.

Washington Green: Park cleaned and kept clean. Bare spots returned. Shrubby trimmed, pruned, and moved to places of better advantage. Trees sprayed. Broken sidewalk removed and replaced. Caretaker in charge of Park from April 1st to November 1st. Sidewalks kept clear of snow during winter months.

Henry Clay Work Memorial: Cleaned and kept clean. Bare spots seeded. Shrubby trimmed and dead shrubs removed and replaced. Caretaker from Union Park also cared for this park. Sidewalk kept clear of snow during the winter months.

Stone Site: (on Hartford Avenue) cleaned and kept clean by caretaker from Washington Green.

Municipal Athletic Field: Field graded, baseball playing field resurfaced. Football goal posts put up and taken down at close of season. Baseball diamond laid out in exact pro-

portions with aid of surveyors of the Department of Public Works. Concession rights awarded Carl Hermann, Jr., in return for which he will act as caretaker at the field.

Wilcox Island Park: Nothing done with this Park. Inspected regularly by the Superintendent of Parks and Playgrounds.

Otis Playground: All apparatus painted; fieldhouse painted on the inside and all necessary repairs made. Grounds given a thorough cleaning. This playground was used by approximately 799 children weekly. Grounds being put into shape for opening this season. Playground being kept open after school during month of April, May and June prior to regular season.

Wadsworth Playground: All apparatus painted and repaired. Grounds given a thorough cleaning. This playground was used by approximately 967 children weekly during the summer season. Grounds being put into shape for opening this season. Playground kept open after school during months of April, May, and June prior to regular season.

North End Playground: As stated in last report, this playground was removed from Rome Avenue to the Macdonough School ground. All apparatus painted and repaired. This playground was used by approximately 1,085 children weekly during the summer season, and was used during the school year under the supervision of the teachers of Macdonough School.

Goodyear Playground: Apparatus painted and repaired. Grounds given a thorough cleaning and put into shape for opening this season. This playground was used by approximately 583 children during the summer season.

Russell Playground: Apparatus painted and repaired, grounds given a thorough cleaning and put into shape for opening this season. This playground was used by approximately 946 children weekly during the summer season.

General: Average weekly attendance on the five City Playgrounds for Summer season 1926:

North End	1,085
Wadsworth	967
Russell	946
Otis	799
Goodyear	583
Total	4,380

Total cost of operation of the five City Playgrounds for Summer season 1926:

Printing, etc.	\$ 15.65
Instructors' salaries	1,760.00
Repairs, Otis	700.00
Repairs, others	247.24
New Equipment	766.08
Miscellaneous	25.00
Total	\$3,513.97

Average cost per child \$0.079

Events held during Playground Season 1926:

Event	Date	Sponsorer
1. Roller Skating Contest	July 7th	Odd Fellows Catholic Daughters of America
2. Doll Exhibit	July 14th	
3. Pushcart Race	July 21st	Barton Clothing Co.
4. Scrapbook Exhibit	July 28th	Midd. Women's Club
5. Harmonica Contest	Aug. 4th	Red Men
6. Field and Swimming Meet	Aug. 7th	
7. Boys' Hike	Aug. 9th	
8. Hammonassett Trip	Aug. 17th	
9. Midd.-Meriden Relay Race	Aug. 19th	
10. Doll Exhibit	Sept. 3rd	4H Fair
11. Field Day	Sept. 4th	
12. Treasure Hunt	Sept. 4th	A. J. Horton Memorial
13. Kite Flying Contest	Sept. 4th	
14. Volley Ball Contest	Sept. 4th	4H Fair, K. of C.
15. Harmonica Concert	Sept. 4th	4H Fair
16. Prize Essay Contest		Chamber of Commerce

Parents' Visiting Nights:

Otis	August 3rd	Supervised Play
Wadsworth	August 5th	Vaudeville
North End	August 10th	Group Games
Russell	August 12th	Group and Singing Games
Goodyear	August 19th	Americanization Pageant

Hikes for girls were held every other Monday afternoon throughout the playground season.

Basketry and wood work clubs were formed and turned out their projects at the Junior Achievement Rooms on Main Street. This work was done under the supervision of the special instructors.

These figures and notes are taken from the instructors' weekly report cards and we are looking forward to an even better season in 1927.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

D. J. MCCARTHY, Chairman

MARK F. DUNN

HELEN K. HUBBARD

HARRIET A. HUBBARD

FRED B. FOUNTAIN

P. M. KIDNEY

Superintendent Parks and Playgrounds.

HEALTH REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT

ENDING APRIL 30, 1927

Following cases reported:

Broncho Pneumonia	12 cases
Lobar Pneumonia	14 cases
Measles	18 cases
Whooping Cough	21 cases
Chicken Pox	45 cases
Scarlet Fever	3 cases
Diphtheria	1 case

Forty-seven complaints were received and the same investigated. The Town District Schools are in the best sanitary condition in the history of the town. The health conditions of the town districts are very good.

THOMAS P. WALSH, M. D.

Health Officer

BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

MAY 1, 1926 TO APRIL 30, 1927

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit the report of the Middletown Department of Health Laboratory for the year beginning May 1, 1926 and ending April 30, 1927.

A total of 3,408 examinations were made by this department, an average of 284 per month which is $3\frac{1}{8}\%$ per month less than the previous report.

There were one hundred and eighty-nine (189) examinations made for pulmonary tuberculosis, of this number twenty-six (26) were positive, eighteen (18) of which were new cases.

There were seven hundred and sixty-five (765) Blood Wasserman tests, six hundred and ninety—(690) were for diagnosis, nineteen (19) or 2.8% of which showed the presence of syphilis.

Seventy-five (75) Wassermans were made to show the results of treatment, forty-six (46) or 61.3% were still positive.

There were three hundred and thirty-one (331) examinations made for the diagnosis of gonorrhoea, seventeen (17) or 5.1% were positive.

Thirteen (13) specimens were examined to determine results of treatment, two (2) or 15% showed no improvement.

There were seventeen (17) or 2.4% of the six hundred and ninety (690) suspected cases of Diphtheria which proved to be true Diphtheria.

One of the two hundred and sixty (260) contact cases proved to be positive for Diphtheria bacilli.

There was only one case of Typhoid during the year.

This is very commendable, showing, demonstrating the value of modern methods in prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of infectious disease.

Middletown has added to the laboratory equipment a new Bausch & Lomb binocular microscope to supplement the one which has been in use some ten years. This instrument has excellent lenses and is in every way up-to-date. In addition

a Dark Field Condenser has been added to facilitate the early diagnosis of syphilis.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE W. FISHER.

May 1, 1926 to April 30, 1927

Diphtheria, 1st culture examined	690
Diphtheria, 1st culture, positive	17
Diphtheria, 2nd culture examined	89
Diphtheria, 2nd culture, positive	3
Diphtheria, contact cases	260
Diphtheria, contact case positive	1
Smears, Throat for Vincent's	18
Smears, Throat, Positive for Vincent's	12
Tuberculosis:	
Sputum	186
Chest fluid	1
Pus from gland	1
Pus from wound	1
Sputum, positive for Tuberculosis	25
Chest fluid, positive for Tuberculosis	1
Typhoid:	
Widal	29
Urine	19
Feces	20
Positive Widal, Typhoid	1
Widal, Para A & B	56
Blood, Malaria	916
Smears, Gonorrhoea	344
Positive smears, Gonorrhoea	19
Wassermans	765
Positive Wassermans	65
Milk Samples Examined	20
Total examinations made	3408

June 1927

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL

WARD PATIENTS

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Autopsy	2
Blood, chemical, N. P. N.	10
Blood, chemical, Creatinine	10
Blood, chemical, Sugar	5
Blood, routine, haemoglobin	38
Blood, routine, reds	14

Blood, routine, differential	37
Blood, routine, leucocytes	39
Blood, routine, malaria	39
Blood, Wassermans	13
Blood, Typhoid	1
Blood, Para A & B	2
Cultures	39
Feces	1
Gastric Contents	1
Renal function	2
Smears, abscess, etc.	6
Smears, gonorrhoea	2
Sputum	5
Tissues	37
Urine, routine, chemical	202
Urine, routine, microscopical	129
Urine, quantitative, sugar,	2
Total	636

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Blood, routine, reds	3
Blood, routine, leucocytes	3
Blood, routine, differential	2
Blood, routine, haemoglobin	3
Blood, Wassermans	1
Blood Sugar	3
Culture	1
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTOR

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

In submitting report on Meat and Food Inspection for your consideration for Fiscal Year ending April 30, 1927, I wish to state there were 3,268 inspections made during that period covering Beef, Veal, Pork, Poultry, Fish, Fruit, etc. Only 3 cases of generalized Tuberculosis was found and condemned. Tuberculosis was found in 16 sets of lungs of cattle with slight infection. Forty-six calves were weighed to determine standard.

The glands and muscles of 16 pigs were incised to determine the presence of trichinae. One dead cyster cercus bovis was found in the intestinal tract of one cow.

The total fees collected were \$1,211.50, a little under estimation of receipts.

E. M. BRIGOOD.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR

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

During the year ending April 30, 1927, I visited and inspected 427 Dairies and left at each place recommendations for improvement. Late in June Middletown was included in one of the Towns declared by the Commissioner on Domestic Animals to be an area free from tuberculosis. Each and every cow that could be located was tested except several single ones that were at pasture and 206 reactors removed. Possibly at the next test there will not be a single case of Tuberculosis existing in Bovines in the Township of Middletown, Conn.

E. M. BITGOOD.