

ANNUAL
MESSAGE OF THE MAYOR

OF THE

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

AND

REPORTS OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD

MAY 1, 1927 TO APRIL 30, 1928

MIDDLETOWN, CONN.
PELTON & KING, INC., PRINTERS AND BOOKBINDERS.
1928

CITY GOVERNMENT

October 1, 1927 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

Insurance and Surety Bonds

Charles A. Chafee
Michael A. Brown
Frank M. Dunn

Park Commissioners

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

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—Walter N. Bridge

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 Freemen of the City of Middletown:

Pursuant to charter provisions, which requires a general statement of the city's finances and of the condition of the city in relation to its government, I have the honor to present to you the following report for the year ending May 1, 1928. Detailed reports of the various departments, together with the expenditures, a financial report prepared by the treasurer and also a complete financial statement showing all known assets and liabilities, are shown under their proper headings.

FINANCES

At the time of consolidation the Council caused a system of accounting to be installed which was considered adequate to correctly reflect all transactions of the various departments and that at all times the true condition of the city's finances would be recorded. These books were under the care and control of the city clerk, but due to the lack of supervision the books were not properly kept nor did the records fully advise the council of the true state of the city's finances. In an endeavor to more accurately control the accounts on the general ledger, the council placed the books in charge of a part time clerk, but due to lack of time, a large part of the system was entirely abandoned and only a bare record of expenditures and receipts were kept. For a corporation handling nearly a million of dollars yearly, this was a wholly unsatisfactory state of affairs. In this connection it is well to call your attention to the fact that at one time somewhere about \$10,000 that should have been credited to the Town Consolidated School District, was shown as a city balance, and acting on charter requirements this sum was used for the purpose of purchasing Airline Bonds. When the error was discovered it was necessary to replace the monies so used from the city treasury. Last year there was another mix up and the

balance shown as a city surplus, in fact belonged to the schools in part. This matter has now been properly recorded and with proper accounting, further confusion in the jumbling of accounts should be avoided. A competent accountant has been engaged and now proper records have been prepared, the assets of the city have been recorded, the purchase order system is being used and a set of books used to record all transactions in their proper relation to the budget items, in order that the books may at all times reflect the exact condition of each separate department. In no other way can a true and intelligent record of the city's finances be obtained. The books were kept open long enough after May first to pay every known bill against the city, so that the report this year should reflect the exact state of the city's condition and be free of holdover bills and camouflage so often resorted to in order to make a good showing. A complete inventory of all the lands, buildings, equipment and effects of every kind has been made in all departments in order that the books have a record of all the city's property and all assets duly recorded. If this administration has accomplished the final placing of the financial affairs on a real business basis, I feel well repaid for the time and thought I have given this problem. For a detailed account of the finances you are referred to the treasurer's report and also the report of the city auditor, a report more complete than any made heretofore, showing all known bills paid, the city's bonded indebtedness reduced \$72,000.00 and a small surplus on hand.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The program for the betterment of the public streets begun last year is beginning to show results. Main Street was repaired and put in perfect condition, Washington Street rebuilt and resurfaced with rock asphalt, a portion of Court Street was likewise treated as was also a portion of South Main Street and Sumner Street. North Main Street is in process of reconstruction, also Johnson Street, Berlin Street, College Street, Church Street, Miles Avenue, Knowles Avenue, Summit Place, Bacon Avenue, Rome Avenue, Highland Avenue and a portion of Water Street. General repairs

will be carried out as far as money is available. If the street program that has been inaugurated is carried out and continued for five or six more years, the first taxing district will have streets of which it can well be proud, built to adequately care for heavy trucks and traffic of present day demands. Many of our present streets, save those built recently, were constructed for the traffic of two decades ago and will not stand up under modern conditions, pot-holes and depressions constantly appearing, making patching an endless and wasteful method, owing to the fact that proper foundation is lacking. They must be rebuilt of stone foundation, sufficiently solid to withstand motor traffic. Dirt roads are obsolete. The public demands a more modern type. No demand for false economy should again permit street conditions to revert to the deplorable neglect we have lately experienced. Main Street has been flushed and swept each day and were it not for the disregard of our city ordinances relating to the placing of paper and rubbish in open receptacles or placed loose on the curb for collection, it would at all times be tidy and sightly. In the water department nearly 13,000 feet of pipe was laid during the year, all necessary repairs and replacements taken care of and the water supply at all times kept pure and satisfactory for drinking purposes. The work on the water-shed has been continued. Some 7,000 red pine trees were planted and the regular cleaning and inspection carried on so as to keep the water at all times healthy, sanitary and satisfactory.

HEALTH

Happily can I report that at present health conditions are above the average. A serious condition existed in the early part of the year due to an epidemic of smallpox introduced by an out of town family, which spread throughout the city owing to lack of proper vaccination precautions. Prompt and energetic measures taken by our city health officer, working in harmony with the state health department, wholesale vaccination and careful quarantine precautions, served to stamp out the pest without fatal result. Too much praise cannot be given our police, which under the direction of Chief Anderson, served tirelessly in the early stages, visiting the sick,

enforcing the quarantine regulations and in many ways assisting in stamping out the disease, without regard to hours or personal danger. Especially valuable was the service of the Social Service League, which, through its director and her assistants, went among the sick every day, reporting conditions to the officials, supervising the distribution of food and other necessities to those under quarantine. Miss Godwin and her helpers deserve no small credit for the part they played in this trying time. Our local physicians and district nurses also rendered invaluable aid, giving their services gratuitously at public clinics where hundreds were vaccinated free of charge. It is with profound sorrow I have to report the death of your health officer, Dr. Thomas P. Walsh, who for nearly twenty-five years had served in this important position, giving faithful, untiring and intelligent service to the duties of his office. Not in the best of health when the smallpox invaded our city, he gave of his energy far beyond his strength, working oftentimes far into the night in the battle to conserve the health of our community and stamp out the dread invader. Not only has the city lost an official who was faithful unto death, but also a skillful physician whose kindly ministrations to those who looked to him for aid endeared him to those he was ever ready to serve.

PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS

The work among the children of our city on the playgrounds is producing results far beyond the cost to the taxpayers. To say nothing of the value in teaching better morals and providing conditions to prevent delinquency, our boys and girls are given an opportunity for healthful play, physical instruction, musical education, all of which cannot fail to make better citizens for the morrow. The parks have been carefully cared for, walks repaired, trees pruned and sprayed and the shrubbery properly cared for. At the north end, on Hartford Avenue, the unsightly bank has been graded and grass and shrubs planted, thereby beautifying the entrance to the city. On Washington Green there has been placed an imposing Memorial Shaft, made possible by the generosity of our citizens. This shaft was dedicated last Armistice Day to

the memory of those who gave their life to the country in the World War.

POLICE

This department has demonstrated its ability, not only to maintain order, but to give valuable service at a time when every agency was needed to protect the city's health. One new patrolman was added to the force, in order that added police protection could be given in the second taxing district. About one third his time is given doing duty at the Russell Mfg. Co., for which service the Russell Mfg. Co. pays the city \$700.00 a year. Another new man was appointed to fill a vacancy caused by the suspension of Max O. Christensen. For a detailed account I refer you to the report submitted by Chief of Police, Charles A. Anderson.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

As an organization for service and efficiency, I question whether, for personnel and equipment, our department has a peer. All this is due largely to the experience and skill of its chief, together with the loyal coöperation of the Middletown firemen. Prompt to answer every call, coupled with rapid and intelligent use of apparatus, every fire has been extinguished before great damage had been done. As the report of the fire commissioners shows, the losses have been very small and no fire has been permitted to get out of bounds.

With the placing of cables underground the Main Street fire boxes and wiring must be renewed. In order that as much as possible of the work may be done by the department, Mr. Hoar, one of the permanent firemen and experienced electrician, has been designated as Superintendent of Fire Alarm. In order to further increase the efficiency of the department, and to relieve the chief of some of his responsibilities, Mr. Lawton has been designated as Deputy Chief. I believe that the council has shown good judgment in its selections and given the chief some relief from the constant strain placed upon him.

CHARITIES

No department in our city calls for more constant care and exercise of good judgment than in caring for the needs of the unfortunate. Added responsibilities due to the epidemic were placed upon this department. Here again Miss Godwin of the Social Service League proved herself a valuable assistant, not only during the smallpox epidemic and in connection with relief to victims of the flood, but in giving aid in the investigation of those applying for aid and assisting in the task of helping them to self-support and a retention of self-respect. In spite of the extra demands this department was forced to meet, careful management enabled your superintendent to meet all demands. For a detailed statement, I refer you to the report of the Supt. of Charities.

In closing this report, I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the members of the Common Council, who have given me such splendid support and coöperation, who, without compensation, have given freely of their time and experience, all of which has contributed so largely to the successful administration of our city's business.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK J. BIELEFIELD,

Mayor.

JAMES P. STOW, *City Treasurer, in account with
the City of Middletown, Conn.*

FIRST AND SECOND TAXING DISTRICTS

From May 1, 1927 to April 30, 1928

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

Collector on account of taxes, First and Second Districts, ...	\$747,303.66	
Collector on account of Special Assessments, ...	6,557.65	
Collector on account of Water Dept., ...	60,464.80	
Collector on account of Personal Tax, ...	17,676.00	
Collector on account of commission from City School District, ...	970.16	
		\$832,972.27
Supt. Water Works, accounts receivable, sundry, ...	\$912.27	
Supt. Water Works, account contributions for extensions, ...	2,400.00	
Supt. Water Works, account sale of wood, ...	737.00	
Supt. Water Works, account sale of material and supplies, ...	22.65	
Supt. Water Works, account frozen meters, ...	19.50	
Supt. Water Works, account repairs on meters, ...	1.00	
Supt. Water Works, account testing meters, ...	2.00	
Supt. Water Works, account water for circus, ...	12.00	
Supt. Water Works, account damage to hydrants, ...	50.00	
Supt. Water Works, account sale of junk, ...	14.00	
Supt. Water Works, account water service excavation, ...	15.00	
Supt. Water Works, account water services, ...	10.00	
Supt. Water Works, account water service renewal, ...	5.00	
Supt. Water Works, account water services, ...	15.00	
Supt. Water Works, account toll line call, ...	.35	
		4,215.77
Supt. Public Works, account building permits, 1st District, ...	\$4,465.00	
Supt. Public Works, account building permits, 2nd District, ...	206.00	
Supt. Public Works, account electrician licenses, ...	265.00	
Supt. Public Works, account plumbing fees, ...	153.50	

Supt. Public Works, account excavation fees, ...	75.00	
Supt. Public Works, account A. N. Pierson, Inc., account manure, ...	90.00	
Supt. Public Works, account Highway Tax, 2nd District, ...	7,000.00	
Supt. Public Works, account material for Highway Dept., 2nd District	806.16	
Supt. Public Works, account junk, ...	8.00	
Supt. Public Works, account Center St. driveway, John Moore, ...	10.00	
Supt. Public Works, account lumberman's insurance, ...	21.80	
Supt. Public Works, account paving assessment, Conn. Power Co., ...	3,994.81	
Supt. Public Works, account 2 tons cold patch, Axel Larson, ...	16.00	
Supt. Public Works, account Conn. Light and Power Co., expense, ...	15.00	
Supt. Public Works, account light stand, Travelers Ins. Co., ...	5.52	
Supt. Public Works, account bond for sign fees, ...	4.00	
Supt. Public Works, account broken leg, N. Y. Casualty Co., ...	33.13	
Supt. Public Works, account rent land from M. Ruderman, ...	25.00	
Supt. Public Works, account ground rent from United Adv. Co., ...	275.00	
Supt. Public Works, account moving light standard, ...	140.50	
Supt. Public Works, account fee for moving building, ...	15.00	
Supt. Public Works, account sale of maps, ...	12.00	
Supt. Public Works, account stone for Water Dept., ...	231.63	
Supt. Public Works, account sale of wagon, ...	5.00	
		17,873.05
Chief of Police, account special police service, ...	\$1,409.50	
Chief of Police, account junk dealers' permits, ...	22.00	
Chief of Police, account revolver permits, ...	43.00	
Chief of Police, account toll line calls, ...	10.48	
Chief of Police, account pool room licenses, ...	90.00	
Chief of Police, account painting signs for Chamber of Commerce, ...	40.00	
Chief of Police, account return insurance premium by A. J. Horton Co., ...	10.20	
Chief of Police, account compensation Harry Haling, ...	38.50	

Chief of Police, account Russell Mfg. Co., one-third payment for officer May 1, 1927 to May 1, 1928, ...	700.00	
		2,363.68
E. M. Bitgood, Meat and Food Inspector, ...		1,281.00
Clerk City Court—Total receipts \$13,709.20 less total expenses \$7,187.39, balance, ...		6,521.81
Central National Bank, interest on daily bank balance, ...	\$1,172.51	
First National Bank, interest on bank balance, ...	1,345.03	
		2,517.54
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Outside Poor, ...	\$1,442.77	
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Alms- house, ...	1,220.79	
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Hospi- tals, ...	34.86	
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account High- ways, ...	247.38	
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Schools, ...	1,097.25	
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Mis- cellaneous, ...	126.50	
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Law and Legal, ...	13.74	
Howard S. Peck, Selectman, account Dogs and Sheep, ...	93.00	
		4,276.29
Valley Oil Co., account rent town land Bridge Street, ...		62.50
Town Clerk, account record fees, ...	\$2,655.00	
Town Clerk, account vital statistics, ...	334.00	
Town Clerk, account dog licenses, ...	2,004.00	
Town Clerk, account kennel licenses, ...	131.25	
Town Clerk, account dog tags, ...	4.60	
Town Clerk, account resident angling licenses, ...	67.75	
Town Clerk, account combination angling and hunting licenses, ...	34.25	
Town Clerk, account alien licenses, ...	2.75	
Town Clerk, account vendors' licenses, ...	111.00	
Town Clerk, account carnival license, ...	50.00	
Town Clerk, account resident hunting license, ...	106.00	
Town Clerk, account non-resident angling license, ...	1.50	
Town Clerk, account bee license, ...	1.00	
Town Clerk, account fireworks permits, ...	34.00	
Town Clerk, account circus permit, ...	25.00	
Town Clerk, account auctioneer's license, ...	2.00	
		5,564.10

P. M. Kidney, Supt. Parks, account baseball and football games, ...		325.21
State of Connecticut, account tax on State property, ...	\$1,378.37	
State of Connecticut, account enumeration of town school children, ...	4,500.00	
State of Connecticut, account distribution of dog license fund pro rata balance re- turned unexpended July 1, 1927, ...	1,250.74	
State of Connecticut, account claim for damages by dogs, ...	182.50	
State of Connecticut, account State Penalty Tax distribution, ...	567.08	
State of Connecticut, account Stock Tax di- tribution 1928:		
1st District, ...	\$4,124.18	
2nd District, ...	8,216.65	
		12,340.83
State of Connecticut, account physical exami- nation of town school children, ...	91.00	
State of Connecticut, account School Library Grant, Town District, account library and apparatus, ...	75.00	
State of Connecticut, account trade schools, ...	39.93	
		20,425.45
Central National Bank on account Farm Hill 4% School Bonds, dated Sept. 1, 1928, ...	\$55,000.00	
Premium received, ...	55.00	
		55,055.00
First National Bank, City Depository, on account Farm Hill loan balance on account loan transferred to Central National Bank Oct. 1, 1927, ...		2,837.76
Guy & Rice, account fire loss March 5, 1928, Durant District School:		
Continental Insurance Co., ...	\$1,998.98	
Security Insurance Co., ...	1,841.04	
Ætna Insurance Co., ...	1,998.98	
		5,839.00
Maryland Casualty Co., compensation account injury, ...		94.77
Wesleyan University, account Municipal Build- ing damages, ...	5.00	
Travelers Insurance Co., account Edna H. Wilder at Conn. State Hospital, ...		8.14
Applications for gasoline stations, ...		120.00

Gasolene stations, account expense of advertising applications, ...	36.60
Total Receipts, First and Second Taxing Districts, 1927-28, ...	\$962,394.94
Balance as of April 30, 1927, ...	21,115.89
	\$983,510.83
Total Disbursements, 1927-28, ...	972,941.17
Balance as of April 30, 1928, ...	\$10,569.66

James P. Stow, Treasurer Reserve Fund of Police Department
1928

April 30, Balance in Middletown National Bank for checking purposes, ...	\$61.35
April 30, On deposit in Middletown Savings Bank, ...	\$2,395.94
April 30, On deposit in Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank, ...	3,192.51
April 30, On deposit in City Savings Bank, ...	2,763.42
April 30, On deposit in Central National Bank Savings Dept., ...	2,047.14
	10,399.01
	\$10,460.36

Liability Insurance Fund—James P. Stow, Treasurer

1928	
April 30, On deposit in City Savings Bank, ...	\$2,490.59

Washington Park Fund Account—James P. Stow, Treasurer

1928	
April 30, On deposit in Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank, ...	\$22.02

Town Deposit Fund—James P. Stow, Treasurer

1927	
May 1, Amount of fund \$13,574.17—Income at 6 per cent, ...	\$814.45
August 30, Paid Middletown City School District, ...	\$532.18
1928	
April 30, Paid Middletown Town School District, ...	282.27
	\$814.45

First Taxing District—Redemption Fund—City of Middletown, Conn.
1927

May 1, Balance on deposit in Middletown Savings Bank, ...	\$721.23
May 1, Dividend, ...	\$19.04
1928	
February 1, Dividend, ...	25.23
March 13, Deposited in Middletown Savings Bank (see vote Common Council March 5, 1928), ...	5,108.28
	5,152.55
Total amount of deposits, ...	\$5,873.78

March 13, Purchased of Middletown Savings Bank City 4% Funding Bonds No. 151 to No. 156 inclusive due April 1, 1934 (see vote of Common Council March 5, 1928), ...	\$5,000.00
March 13, Paid interest on the five bonds purchased of Middletown Savings Bank, ...	90.55
	\$5,090.55

May 1, Balance on deposit, ...	\$783.23
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Second Taxing District—Redemption Fund—City of Middletown, Conn.
1927

May 1, Balance on deposit in Middletown Savings Bank, ...	\$941.34
May 1, Dividend, ...	\$24.86
1928	
February 1, Dividend, ...	32.95
March 13, Deposit in Middletown Savings Bank (see vote Common Council March 5, 1928), ...	12,132.07
March 13, Deposit in Middletown Savings Bank to purchase Town Air Line 4% Refunding Bonds (see vote of Common Council March 5, 1928), ...	20,000.00
March 13, Deposit on account balance of interest due to purchase the 33 Town Air Line 4% Refunding Bonds due August 1, 1930, ...	26.44
	32,216.32

Total of amounts deposited, ...	\$33,157.66
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March 13, Purchased 33 Town Air Line 4% Refunding Bonds due Aug. 1, 1930 from Middletown Savings Bank, No. 341 to No. 370 inclusive and No. 431 to No. 433 inclusive, ...	\$33,000.00	
March 13, Paid interest on the 33 Town Air Line 4% Refunding Bonds purchased of Middletown Savings Bank, ...	157.66	
		33,157.66
April 30, Account balanced, ...		\$00,000.00

First National Bank, Middletown, Conn., City Depository

1927

May 1, Balance on deposit in First National Bank, ...		\$2,837.76
June 6, From deposit by Frederick L. Phelps, Collector, account taxes, 1st and 2nd District, ...	\$93,767.13	
June 6, From deposit by Frederick L. Phelps, Collector, account Water Works Dept., ...	26,967.46	
June 10, Interest on daily bank balances \$73.50	37.70	
		111.20
June 30, Interest on daily bank balance, ...	172.55	
August 1, Interest on daily bank balance, ...	213.31	
September 1, Interest on daily bank balance, ...	206.97	
September 30, Interest on daily bank balance, ...	5.89	
December 1, Interest at 2% on F. L. Phelps, Tax Collector's account from November 16 to 30, 1927, ...	44.54	
December 12, Transferred from city account at Central National Bank, vote of Common Council, ...	90,000.00	
December 31, Interest on daily bank balance, December 1 to January 1, 1928, ...	141.20	
1928		
February 1, Interest on daily bank balance for month January, ...	155.32	
March 1, Interest on daily bank balance for month February, ...	145.55	
April 2, Interest on daily bank balance for month March, ...	113.62	
April 30, Interest on daily bank balance for month April, ...	34.88	
		212,079.62

Total of amounts deposited, ... \$214,917.38

1927

August 30, Transferred to city account at Central National Bank, ...	\$120,734.59	
October 1, Transferred to city account at Central National Bank, ...	3,547.68	
March 13, Transferred to city account at Central National Bank, ...	40,000.00	
April 2, Transferred to city account at Central National Bank, ...	30,000.00	
April 30, Transferred to city account at Central National Bank, ...	20,000.00	
April 30, Transferred to city account at Central National Bank, ...	635.11	
		\$214,917.38
April 30, Account balanced, ...		\$000,000.00

Amount paid for City Bonds, Town Air Line Bonds and Miller's Farms School Bonds from May 1, 1927 to April 30, 1928

1927

May 1, City 1st Taxing District Funding Bonds due May 1, 1927, ...	\$10,000.00	
June 1, City 1st Taxing District Funding Bonds due June 1, 1927, ...	3,000.00	
1928		
March 13, City 1st Taxing District Funding Bonds due April 1, 1934 redeemed, purchased of Middletown Savings Bank, ...	5,000.00	
April 1, City 1st Taxing District Funding Bonds due April 1, 1928, ...	20,000.00	
		\$38,000.00

1928

March 13, Town Air Line Refunding Bonds due August 1, 1930 redeemed, purchased of Middletown Savings Bank, ...	33,000.00	
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1927

August 1, Miller's Farms School District Bond No. 18 due August 1, 1927 paid Middletown Savings Bank, ...	1,000.00	
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Paid City Bonds, Town Air Line Bonds and Miller's Farms School, ... \$72,000.00

*Bonded Debt of City 1st Taxing District, Town 2nd Taxing District
and Town School Districts, April 30, 1928*

City Bonded Debt, 1st Taxing Districts, ...	\$418,000.00
Town Bonded Debt, 2nd Taxing District, Air Line Refunding Bonds, ...	505,000.00
Total City and Town Bonded Debt, ...	\$923,000.00
Miller's Farms Town School District, 2nd District, ...	\$17,000.00
Farm Hill School District, 2nd District, ...	55,000.00
Total Miller's Farms and Farm Hill School Districts, ...	72,000.00
Total Bonded Debt City, Town, and Town Schools, April 30, 1928	\$995,000.00

*Grand List and Bonded Debt of Consolidated Town and City
of Middletown, Conn.*

Grand List 1927, First and Second Taxing Districts of City of Middletown, also a statement of Bonded Indebtedness including the Town School Districts.

Grand List 1927 Feb. 15, 1928, First Tax- ing Districts, ...	\$22,832,921.00
Grand List 1927 Feb. 15, 1928, Second Taxing District (outside First Dis- trict), ...	9,992,995.00
Grand List 1927 Feb. 15, 1928, Total of First and Second Taxing Districts, Real estate exempt from taxation (at a fair market value) which may be in- cluded in "Grand List" for figuring Bond Debt limit, ...	\$32,825,916.00 2,436,347.00
	\$35,262,263.00

*Bonded Indebtedness (including all Subdivisions such as First Taxing
District, Second Taxing District and Town School Districts)*

Bonded Debt of former City of Middletown, April 30, 1928

First Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds Second Series, Serial, mature May 1, 1928-55, ...	\$280,000.00
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First Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds Serial, mature June 1, 1928-35, ...	\$24,000.00
First Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds Serial, mature June 1, 1936, ...	4,000.00
	28,000.00
First Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds Second Series, Serial, mature April 1, 1929-33, ...	\$100,000.00
First Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds Second Series, Serial, mature April 1, 1934, ...	10,000.00
	110,000.00
	\$418,000.00

Bonded Debt of former Town of Middletown, April 30, 1928

Second Taxing District Air Line R. R. 4% Refunding Bonds, mature June 1, 1929, ...	\$294,000.00
Second Taxing District Air Line R. R. 4% Refunding Bonds, mature August 1, 1930, ...	211,000.00
	505,000.00

Total bonded debt of former City and Town of Middletown, ...	\$923,000.00
Bonded Debt of Miller's Farms Town School District, 4% Funding Bonds Serial, mature Aug. 1, 1928-38, ...	\$11,000.00
Bonded Debt of Miller's Farms Town School District, 4% Funding Bonds Serial, mature Aug. 1, 1939, ...	6,000.00
	\$17,000.00
Bonded Debt of Farm Hill Town School District, 4% Funding Bonds Serial, mature Sept. 1, 1928-34, ...	\$49,000.00
Bonded Debt of Farm Hill Town School District, 4% Funding Bonds Serial, mature Sept. 1, 1935, ...	6,000.00
	55,000.00
	72,000.00

Total bonded debt of First and Second Taxing Districts, Miller's Farms, Town School and Farm Hill Town School Districts, ...	\$995,000.00
First Taxing District Redemption Fund April 30, 1928, ...	\$783.23

Amounts payable on account Bonds, Coupon Interest and the Registered Interest of the City, the Town and the Town School Bonds due on the following dates from May 1, 1928 to April 30, 1929

1928	Bonds due	Coupon interest due	Registered interest due
May 1, City 1st Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds, payable at Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, ...	\$10,000.00		
May 1, City 1st Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds, coupon interest payable Old Colony Trust Co., ...		\$5,240.00	
May 1, City 1st Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds, No. 173 to No. 177 incl., registered interest payable to Georgianna Lawton, Plainfield, Conn., ...			\$100.00
May 1, City 1st Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds, No. 211, No. 212, No. 213, registered interest payable to Edward P. Eastwick, Jr., Greenwich, Conn., ...			60.00
May 1, City 1st Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds, No. 216 to No. 220 incl. and No. 231 to No. 235 incl., registered interest payable to Teachers' Retirement Fund, New Haven, Conn., ...			200.00
June 1, City 1st Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds, payable at Central National Bank, Middletown, Conn., ...	3,000.00		
June 1, City 1st Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds, coupon interest payable at Central National Bank, ...		560.00	
June 1, Town Air Line Refunding 4% Bonds, coupon interest payable Central National Bank, ...		5,480.00	
June 1, Town Air Line Refunding 4% Bonds, No. 101 to No. 110 incl., registered interest payable to G. Fox & Co., Inc., Hartford, Conn., ...			200.00
June 1, Town Air Line Refunding 4% Bonds, No. 176 to No. 185 incl., registered interest payable to May W. White, Fifth Ave. Bank, New York, N. Y., ...			200.00
August 1, Town Air Line Refunding 4% Bonds, coupon interest payable Central National Bank, ...		4,220.00	
August 1, Miller's Farms School District 4% Bond, No. 19, payable to Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank, Middletown, Conn., ...	1,000.00		

August 1, Miller's Farms School District 4% Bonds, registered interest payable to Middletown Savings Bank, Middletown, ...	160.00
August 1, Miller's Farms School District 4% Bonds, registered interest payable to Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank, Middletown, ...	180.00
September 1, Farm Hill School District 4% Bonds, payable at Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, ...	7,000.00
September 1, Farm Hill School District 4% Bonds, coupon interest payable Old Colony Trust Co., ...	1,100.00
October 1, City 1st Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds, coupon interest payable Old Colony Trust Co., ...	2,200.00
November 1, City 1st Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds, coupon interest payable Old Colony Trust Co., ...	5,040.00
November 1, City 1st Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds, No. 173 to No. 177 incl., registered interest payable to Georgianna Lawton, Plainfield, Conn., ...	100.00
November 1, City 1st Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds, No. 211, No. 212, No. 213, registered interest payable to Edward P. Eastwick, Jr., Greenwich, Conn., ...	60.00
November 1, City 1st Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds, No. 216 to No. 220 incl. and No. 231 to No. 235 incl., registered interest payable to Teachers' Retirement Fund, New Haven, Conn., ...	200.00
December 1, City 1st Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds, coupon interest payable at Central National Bank, ...	500.00
December 1, Town Air Line Refunding 4% Bonds, coupon interest payable Central National Bank, ...	5,480.00
December 1, Town Air Line Refunding 4% Bonds, No. 101 to No. 110 incl., registered interest payable to G. Fox & Co., Inc., Hartford, Conn., ...	200.00
December 1, Town Air Line Refunding 4% Bonds, No. 176 to No. 185 incl., registered interest payable to May W. White, Fifth Ave. Bank, New York, N. Y., ...	200.00

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February 1, Town Air Line Refunding 4% Bonds, coupon interest payable at Central National Bank, ...	4,220.00		
February 1, Miller's Farms School District 4% Bonds, registered interest payable to Middletown Savings Bank, Middletown, ...	160.00		
February 1, Miller's Farms School District 4% Bonds, registered interest payable at Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank, Middletown, ...	160.00		
March 1, Farm Hill School District 4% Bonds, coupon interest payable at Old Colony Trust Co., ...	960.00		
April 1, City 1st Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds, payable at Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, ...	20,000.00		
April 1, City 1st Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds, coupon interest payable at Old Colony Trust Co., ...	2,200.00		
	\$41,000.00	\$37,200.00	\$2,180.00
Summary of amount due on account of payment of bonds from May 1, 1928 to April 30, 1929, ...		\$41,000.00	
Summary of amount due on account of payment of coupon interest, ...		\$37,200.00	
Summary of amount due on account of payment of registered interest, ...		2,180.00	
		39,380.00	
Total amount to be paid on account bonds, coupon and registered interest, ...			\$80,380.00

I have examined the books and records of the City Treasurer, James P. Stow, for the year ended April 30th, 1928, and hereby certify that all funds of which he is custodian have been properly accounted for.

GUY CAMBRIA, C.P.A.

City Auditor.

Middletown, Ct., July 12, 1928.

REPORT OF TOWN AND CITY CLERK

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

GENTLEMEN:—The following is the report of the activities of the City of Middletown covering the period from May 1, 1927 to April 30, 1928. For detailed information reference is made to the various schedules marked "B", "C", "D" and "E" of the Auditor's report. Am also submitting the budgets for the First and Second Taxing Districts together with the estimated receipts for the year May 1, 1928 to April 30, 1929.

Yours very truly,

ALBERT A. HURD,

Town and City Clerk.

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

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	Appro. for 1927-28	Estimated Receipts for 1927-28	Total Receipts for 1927-28	Expend. for 1927-28	Balance	Appro. for 1928-29	Estimated Receipts for 1928-29
First Taxing District	\$373,786.44	\$373,786.44	\$390,716.71	\$393,405.78	\$2,689.07	\$376,922.50	\$376,922.50
Second Taxing District	453,285.45	453,285.45	474,555.93	471,462.63	3,093.30	479,019.19	479,019.19
Town Consolidated School District	—	—	84,773.87	76,207.45	8,566.42	—	—
City Schools, Acct. H. S. Tuition	—	—	26,942.51	25,343.50	1,599.01	—	—
	\$827,071.89	\$827,071.89	\$976,989.02	\$966,418.76	\$13,258.73	\$855,941.69	\$855,941.69
Less Deficit First Taxing District					2,689.07		
Net Balance Apr. 30, 1928					\$10,569.66		

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

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FIRST TAXING DISTRICT

BUDGET FOR 1928-29

Account	Appropriation for 1928-29	Estimated Receipts for 1928-29
Salaries	\$25,022.00	—
Street Department	151,730.00	9,400.00
Sewers Department		
Street Lighting	23,133.68	—
Water Department	45,575.00	63,000.00
Fire Department	32,118.04	—
Police Department	29,242.94	1,500.00
Park Department	6,370.00	—
Municipal Building	4,000.00	—
Funding Bonds (June 1)	3,000.00	—
City Bonds (May 1)	10,000.00	—
City Bonds (April 1)	20,000.00	—
City Bonds Interest	16,660.00	—
Redemption Fund Account	—	—
City Court	1,250.00	—
Liability Insurance	1,459.41	—
Bacteriological Laboratory	315.00	—
Tax Collector's Office	600.00	450.00
City Treasurer's Office	300.00	—
City Clerk's Office	1,275.00	—
Corporation Counsel	1,000.00	—
Compensation Insurance	893.93	—
Surety Bonds	152.50	—
Telephones	225.00	—
Meat and Food Inspection	1,500.00	1,400.00
Bank and Insurance Stock	—	4,000.00
Tax Refunds	1,000.00	—
Miscellaneous	100.00	—
Property Taxes	—	297,172.50
	<u>\$376,922.50</u>	<u>\$376,922.50</u>

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

SECOND TAXING DISTRICT

BUDGET FOR 1928-29

Account	Appropriation for 1928-29	Estimated Receipts for 1928-29
Salaries	\$27,477.00	—
Highways	45,750.00	—
Bridges	8,000.00	—
Charities Department	39,960.00	—
Schools, Town	82,870.00	4,500.00
Police Department	6,308.22	700.00
Town Clerk's Office	1,900.00	3,600.00
Tax Commissioner's Office	4,093.00	—
Tax Collector's Office	600.00	450.00
Taxes—State	16,310.65	—
County	16,294.50	—
Military	3,711.41	—
Personal Taxes	1,500.00	16,000.00
City Highway Taxes	7,000.00	—
Bacteriological Laboratory	315.00	—
Park Department	980.00	300.00
City Court	1,250.00	—
Dogs and Sheep	1,200.00	500.00
Lighting Streets	6,376.56	—
Municipal Building	4,000.00	—
Russell Library	15,500.00	—
Vital Statistics	400.00	—
Telephones	375.00	—
Tree Warden	1,000.00	—
Cemeteries	250.00	—
Sinking Fund	20,000.00	—
Probate Court	1,425.00	—
Printing and Advertising	200.00	—
Surety Bonds	152.50	—
Town Deposit Fund Interest	814.45	—
Elections	3,200.00	—
G. A. R. and Celebrations	500.00	—
City Schools	133,283.24	—
Interest	21,520.00	—
Corporation Counsel	1,000.00	—
School Certificate Examination	200.00	100.00
Postage and Stationery	100.00	—

Compensation Insurance	1,176.66	—
Tax Refunds	200.00	—
Bank and Insurance Stock	—	7,000.00
Property Taxes	—	444,069.19
Catherine Markham	648.00	—
Watering Trough	3.00	—
Miscellaneous	300.00	—
Tax on State Property	—	1,800.00
Deficit Armistice Day 1927	475.00	—
American Legion Convention	400.00	—
	\$479,019.19	\$479,019.19

REPORT OF THE CITY AUDITOR

July 23, 1928.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit herewith Financial Report of the City of Middletown, Connecticut, for the year ended April 30, 1928.

Respectfully submitted,

GUY CAMBRIA,
City Auditor.

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COMMENTS

Bearing Upon Statements Submitted

In Exhibit "A", I have prepared a statement showing Assets, Liabilities and Surplus as at April 30, 1928. This statement does not include properties owned by the Middletown City School District, nor have I shown the bonded indebtedness of that corporation.

There is also omitted other properties owned by the City of Middletown, of which there is no available record, other than supported by the land records in the Town Clerk's office.

In connection with such other properties, it is suggested that a search or survey be made to determine all of the properties owned by the City of Middletown. It has come to my attention that the property on Hartford Avenue, now housing the plant of the Valley Oil Company, is city owned and has been leased to the above company for a term of years. There is no record of this property in the city's books and it is possible that other parcels of land are likewise rented or leased as in the above case, of which there is no record.

The land, buildings and equipment as shown in Exhibit "A" represent values established by the department heads.

The item of \$767,900.23 under the caption "Water Department" represents the book value of the entire plant. The figures are taken from a report of the department dated December 31, 1927 at which time it was necessary to submit a copy of the report to the Public Utilities Commission at Hartford.

In connection with the above, it is found that a reserve for depreciation is set aside each year to record the estimated decline in the value of the plant. This is not a cash reserve and in the event that new construction or extensive replacements are necessary, it will be incumbent upon the council to issue bonds or notes to take care of the expenditure. Possibly a cash reserve spread over a period of years would more equally distribute the cost of such replacements which are bound to occur in the future. Your honorable body is requested to consider this important matter seriously.

The current cash fund on deposit with the Central National Bank has been verified by inspection of the bank statement. The balance at April 30, 1928 in the amount of \$10,569.66 is comprised of balances of the several districts as disclosed in Exhibit "B".

Other funds under the supervision of the City Treasurer and duly designated Commissioners have been verified by direct confirmation.

Taxes in Arrears.

During the year, I have conducted periodic examinations of the Tax Collector's office, and find that at April 30th, 1928, all taxes had been properly collected or duly abated and that there were but \$1623.79 outstanding at the above date.

Bonded Indebtedness.

The bonded indebtedness at May 1st, 1927 amounted to \$1,012,000.00. During the year, there was issued a series of bonds for the Farm Hill Town School District amounting to \$55,000.00.

Payments on first and second district and school bonds amounted to \$72,000.00, leaving a bonded indebtedness at April 30th, 1928 of \$995,000.

Town School District, Inc.

Of the total cash balance of \$10,569.66 on hand at April 30th, 1928, I find that \$10,165.43 is applicable and available for school purposes only. This surplus is the result of special tax levies, collected and deposited in the current fund.

Proper entries have been made in the records so that the town schools will have use of these funds to cover outlays for new construction and maintenance. The amount of \$5,839.00 represents the fire insurance proceeds, and will be used to liquidate the cost of a new building. The item of \$1,719.15 is carried forward from a previous year and the council should authorize the transfer of this amount to the Town Consolidated School Fund.

The special high school tax exceeded the expenditures by \$1,599.01 so that this amount will be available for high school tuition taxes only.

The balance of \$1,008.27 represents the amount available for town school maintenance and may be used during the year 1928-29.

State of Connecticut Town Deposit Fund, \$13,574.17.

Your honorable body will be pleased to know, that from 1869, the Town Deposit Fund has not actually existed and that the income from this fund to be used for school purposes, has been raised directly by taxation. The correctness of the above amount has been confirmed by the State Treasurer's Office at Hartford. This amount is a direct liability, payable to the State of Connecticut, and I have so recorded it in the books of account. It is suggested that action be taken as to whether or not this fund should be restored.

Surplus—General Fund.

The general fund surplus is comprised of the following:

Cash in Bank	\$404.23
Taxes in Arrears	1,623.79
Total	\$2,028.02

Surplus—Capital Fund.

Capital Fund Surplus of \$211,554.95 represents the difference between the value of land, buildings and equipment, and the total bonded indebtedness and other liabilities as shown in the Balance Sheet.

COMMENTS

General

At the consolidation of the city and town of Middletown in October, 1924, the Common Council authorized the installation of a system of accounting that would more nearly represent present day methods of keeping municipal accounts.

A complete double entry system was installed beginning May 1, 1925, together with a system of purchase orders, necessary to control the appropriation accounts. Assets and Liabilities, the estimates of revenue, and expenditures were likewise set up in the books of account and by the use of monthly departmental reports, it was expected that all transactions in all departments would be recorded in the general books of account kept by the city clerk.

Through lack of proper supervision, together with anything but coöperation between departments' heads, the system in a greater part has been abandoned.

The purchase order system, it appeared, placed upon the departments' heads too great a burden, so that the only practical method (strictly adhered to by the State of Connecticut) of controlling appropriation accounts was also discarded.

Office of Chief Accountant.

Evidently your honorable body has appreciated the circumstances regarding the matter of proper accounting and as a result has appointed a capable person in charge of the office of "Chief Accountant". The figures contained in my Balance Sheet have been spread in the journal from which record they will be posted to the general ledger.

It is my understanding that the purchase order system will be restored and that no bills will be paid unless they are supported by a duly authorized purchase order.

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT APRIL 30, 1928

ASSETS

Land and Buildings:

Municipal Building	\$117,852.00
Fire Department	48,795.94
Street Department	5,850.00
Parks Department	18,000.00
Schools—Town	127,460.00
Charity Department	21,000.00

Total Land and Buildings \$338,957.94

Equipment:

Fire Department	\$24,252.00
Street Department	20,250.00
Parks Department	3,750.50
Schools Department	32,822.08
Charity Department	1,700.00
Police Department	8,943.37
Highway Department (Second District)	5,784.00
Administrative Offices	15,769.00

Total Equipment 113,270.95

Water Department—Taken from Public Utilities Report December 31, 1927

767,900.23

Cash in Banks:

Second District	\$3,093.30
Less:—Deficit—First District	2,689.07

Balance Available for Second District	\$404.23
Town Schools Account	8,566.42
High School Tuition Account	1,599.01

Balance in City Account	\$10,569.66
Washington Park Fund	22.02
Police Reserve Fund	10,460.36
Liability Insurance Fund	2,490.59
Redemption Fund—First District	783.23
Redemption Fund—Second District	198.37
Town Consolidated School Fund	8,831.03

Total Cash in Banks 33,355.26

Taxes in Arrears:

List of 1923	\$215.44
List of 1926	1,408.35

Total Taxes in Arrears 1,623.79

Total Assets \$1,255,108.17

Exhibit "A"

NOTE: This does not include properties or bonded indebtedness of the City School District.
Grand Levy February 15, 1928—\$32,825,916.00.

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT APRIL 30, 1928

*Liabilities**Bonded Indebtedness:*

First District	\$418,000.00
Second District	505,000.00
Miller Farms Town School District	17,000.00
Farm Hill Town School District	55,000.00

Total Bonded Indebtedness \$995,000.00

Town School District, Inc.:

Durant School	\$5,839.00
Westfield School	1,719.15
High School Tuition Account	1,599.01
Town School District	1,008.27

Total Town School District, Inc. 10,165.43

State of Connecticut—Town Deposit Fund 13,574.17

Special Funds: (Contra)

Washington Park Fund	\$22.02
Police Reserve Fund	10,460.36
Liability Insurance Fund	2,490.59
Redemption Fund—First District	783.23
Redemption Fund—Second District	198.37
Town Consolidated School Fund	8,831.03

Total Special Funds 22,785.60

Surplus:

General Fund	\$2,028.02
Capital Fund	211,554.95

Total Surplus 213,582.97

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$1,255,108.17

Exhibit "A"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

SUMMARY OF GENERAL CASH FUND

Balance	Receipts	Total Cash	Disbursements	Deficit	Surplus	Net Cash
5/1/27	1927-28	Available	1927-28			
First District	\$5,108.28	\$385,608.43	\$390,716.71	\$2,689.07	—	—
Second District	13,898.08	460,657.85	474,555.93	—	\$3,093.30	—
Town Schools	444.55	84,329.32	84,773.87	—	8,566.42	—
High School Tuition	1,664.98	25,277.53	26,942.51	—	1,599.01	—
	\$21,115.89	\$955,873.13	\$976,988.02	\$2,689.07	\$13,258.73	\$10,569.66

Exhibit "B"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF BUDGET ESTIMATES AND RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

May 1st, 1927 to April 30th, 1928—First Taxing District

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	EXPENDITURES	RECEIPTS	DEPARTMENTAL
	Appropriation	Expenditures	Receipts	Deficit	Deficit
	1927-28	1927-28	1927-28	Surplus	Surplus
Salaries	\$23,340.00	\$23,294.84	—	\$45.16	\$45.16
Street Department	121,520.00	140,829.01	\$20,309.59	—	\$8,499.42
Sewer Department	11,082.17	14,556.91	4,121.11	3,474.74	2,744.77
Street Lighting	17,667.56	18,381.98	—	714.42	714.42
Water Department	69,755.00	60,573.26	64,680.57	9,179.74	11,860.31
Police Department	28,718.73	27,681.72	2,363.68	1,037.01	1,900.09
Fire Department	29,766.38	29,541.08	—	225.30	225.30
Park Department	6,520.00	—	325.21	—	304.93
City Treasurer's Office	51,280.00	51,219.55	—	60.45	60.45
City Clerk's Office	1,215.00	1,153.13	—	121.87	121.87
Bacteriological Lab.	315.00	303.63	—	9.35	9.35
Tax Collector's Office	765.00	591.66	485.08	173.34	208.42
Meat and Food Inspector	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,281.00	—	—
Municipal Building	5,000.00	5,009.84	—	—	—
Law and Legal	1,000.00	1,502.10	13.74	502.10	—
Compensation Insurance	893.93	893.93	—	—	—
Surety Bonds	100.00	17.50	—	—	—
Telephones	300.00	288.57	—	—	—
Liability Insurance	1,237.67	1,459.41	—	—	—
City Court	1,250.00	1,001.43	—	—	—
Tax Refunds	500.00	1,696.66	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	—	256.99	823.45	—	—
Redemption Fund	—	5,108.28	—	—	—
Bank and Insurance Stock	—	—	4,124.18	—	—
Property Taxes	—	5,000.00	256,116.45	—	—
Balance May 1, 1927	—	290,545.30	5,108.28	—	—
Interest on Balances	—	—	964.37	—	—
	\$373,786.44	\$393,405.78	\$390,716.71	\$11,194.72	\$19,298.88
			\$30,514.06	\$5,423.67	\$22,353.94
					\$16,609.81

Exhibit "C"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF BUDGET ESTIMATES AND RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

May 1, 1927 to April 30, 1928—Second Taxing District

	BUDGET		ACTUAL		EXPENDITURES		RECEIPTS		DEPARTMENTAL	
	1927-28	1927-28	1927-28	1927-28	Deficit	Surplus	Deficit	Surplus	Deficit	Surplus
Salaries	\$25,835.00	\$25,835.24	\$25,835.24	\$247.38	127.71	\$0.24	—	\$247.38	\$0.24	\$19.67
Highway Department	40,000.00	40,127.71	40,127.71	—	—	—	—	—	—	120.67
Bridges Department	6,000.00	5,879.33	5,879.33	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,564.99
Charities Department	34,795.00	35,936.57	35,936.57	2,706.56	1,141.57	\$700.00	—	2,706.56	—	607.10
Police Department	6,637.47	5,380.37	5,380.37	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,569.78
Town Clerk's Office	1,800.00	1,294.32	1,294.32	5,564.10	—	—	—	2,064.10	—	466.20
Tax Commissioner's Office	2,350.00	1,883.80	1,883.80	—	—	—	—	—	—	269.68
Tax Collector's Office	785.00	44,066.47	44,066.47	485.08	—	—	—	35.08	—	—
Taxes	42,143.42	16,000.00	16,000.00	17,676.00	1,923.05	—	—	1,676.00	247.05	—
Bacteriological Lab.	315.00	301.25	301.25	—	—	—	—	—	—	13.75
Treasurer's Office	22,620.00	22,175.85	22,175.85	—	—	—	—	—	—	444.15
Park Department	980.00	913.88	913.88	—	—	—	—	—	—	66.12
City Court	1,250.00	1,481.16	1,481.16	—	—	—	—	—	—	231.16
Compensation and Liability	1,065.79	1,176.66	1,176.66	—	—	—	—	—	—	110.87
Dogs and Sheep	1,000.00	2,699.61	2,699.61	—	—	—	—	—	—	673.37
Lighting	5,347.56	5,307.12	5,307.12	1,526.24	1,699.61	—	—	1,026.24	—	—
Municipal Building Expense	5,009.84	5,009.84	5,009.84	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Municipal Library	15,500.00	15,500.00	15,500.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.84
Vital Statistics	400.00	384.00	384.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Telephones	300.00	430.98	430.98	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.00
Tree Warden	1,000.00	1,143.74	1,143.74	—	—	—	—	—	—	130.98
Cemeteries	250.00	179.82	179.82	—	—	—	—	—	—	143.74
Sinking Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	70.18
Probate Court	350.00	395.34	395.34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Printing and Advertising	500.00	541.13	541.13	—	—	—	—	—	—	45.34
Surety Bonds	100.00	91.10	91.10	—	—	—	—	—	—	41.13
Town Deposit Fund	814.45	814.45	814.45	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.90
Elections	250.00	181.74	181.74	—	—	—	—	—	—	68.26
G. A. R. and Celebrations	600.00	600.00	600.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	100.00	2,005.53	2,005.53	1,567.37	1,905.53	—	—	1,567.37	338.16	—
Law and Legal	1,000.00	708.74	708.74	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stationery	200.00	170.42	170.42	—	—	—	—	—	—	291.26
Catherine Markham—Comp.	936.00	936.00	936.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	29.58
Examination & Working Cert.	200.00	217.00	217.00	91.00	17.00	—	—	91.00	—	—
Watering Troughs	3.00	3.00	3.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	74.00
Tax Refunds	200.00	635.33	635.33	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
V. F. W. Convention	400.00	1,935.22	1,935.22	—	—	—	—	—	—	455.33
Small Pox Epidemic	—	12,158.51	12,158.51	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,935.22
Redemption Fund	—	415,875.92	415,875.92	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Property Taxes	—	13,389.08	13,389.08	—	—	—	—	159.78	159.78	—
Balance May 1, 1927	—	1,400.47	1,400.47	—	—	—	—	13,898.08	1,739.57	—
Interest on Balance	—	8,216.65	8,216.65	—	—	—	—	1,400.47	1,783.35	—
Bank Stock Tax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,400.47
Town School (Instruction)	79,205.00	4,299.75	4,299.75	—	—	—	—	1,800.00	1,800.00	—
City Schools	133,022.76	133,022.76	133,022.76	5,301.08	—	—	—	1,001.33	—	1,218.09
	\$453,285.45	\$453,285.45	\$471,462.63	\$474,555.93	\$22,076.83	\$3,896.65	\$4,445.13	\$25,713.61	\$8,105.56	\$11,196.86

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CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

STATEMENT OF SPECIAL BUDGETS

May 1st, 1927 to April 30th, 1928

TOWN SCHOOLS (Maintenance)

Receipts from Sale of Bonds, Insurance Proceeds, etc.	\$64,142.86
Receipts—Town School Tax	20,118.66
Receipts from Interest on Bank Balance	67.80
Receipts—Balance May 1, 1927	444.55
	<u>\$84,773.87</u>

Disbursements:

Cost of New School House and Maintenance of Schools	76,207.45
Credit Balance April 30, 1928	<u>\$8,566.42</u>

Distribution of Balance:

To be transferred to Westfield Fund	\$1,719.15
Insurance proceeds on Durant School to be applied on cost of new building	5,839.00
Available for general purposes	1,008.27
Total	<u>\$8,566.42</u>

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION:

Receipts from Special Levy	\$25,192.63
Receipts from Interest on Bank Balance	84.90
Receipts from Surplus Balance May 1, 1927	1,664.98
	<u>\$26,942.51</u>
Disbursements	25,343.50
Balance April 30, 1928	<u>\$1,599.01</u>

Exhibit "E"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

SALARIES—FIRST DISTRICT

	Expenditures	Budget
100.1 Mayor ½	\$250.00	\$250.00
100.2 Treasurer ½	1,400.00	1,400.00
100.3 Tax Collector ½	1,750.00	1,750.00
100.4 Assistant Tax Collector ½	750.00	750.00
100.5 Milk Inspector	150.00	150.00
100.6 Health Officer	450.00	450.00
100.7 Bacteriologist	600.00	600.00
100.8 Auditor ½	400.00	400.00
100.9 Supt. of Public Works	2,750.00	2,750.00
100.10 Supt. of Water Works	1,250.00	1,250.00
100.11 Chief of Fire Department	2,899.52	2,900.00
100.12 Captain—Police Department	2,175.60	2,180.00
100.13 Sergeants—Police Department	3,859.72	3,900.00
100.14 Secretary—Water Works	1,560.00	1,560.00
100.15 City Stenographer	1,500.00	1,500.00
100.16 Assistant City Clerk	350.00	350.00
100.17 Supt. Park Department	1,200.00	1,200.00
	\$23,294.84	\$23,340.00

Exhibit "F"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

STREET DEPARTMENT—FIRST DISTRICT

	Expenditures	Budget
110.1 Miscellaneous Payroll and Supplies	\$1,734.52	\$2,000.00
110.2 Snow and Ice	2,788.99	5,000.00
110.3 Upkeep of Auto	940.78	1,000.00
110.4 Engineering Department	7,837.63	8,000.00
110.5 General Repairs	33,734.05	25,000.00
110.6 Street Cleaning	6,562.90	6,000.00
110.7 Miscellaneous Improvements	11,606.08	8,000.00
110.8 Garage	22,033.63	18,000.00
110.9 Mixer for Road Material	345.00	350.00
110.10 Shed for City Yard	2,000.00	2,000.00
110.11 Car for Engineering Dept.	921.00	1,500.00
110.12 New Tractor	2,245.03	2,300.00
110.13 Truck for Street Dept.	879.00	880.00
110.14 New Work	47,200.49	
Washington		20,000.00
Court		10,300.00
Macadam Roads		11,190.00
	\$140,829.10	\$121,520.00

Exhibit "G"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

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SEWER DEPARTMENT—FIRST DISTRICT

	Expenditures	Budget
120.1 Disposal Plant	\$600.36	\$700.00
120.2 New Work	2,127.89	2,000.00
120.3 Repairs	4,258.94	1,500.00
120.4 Johnson Street Sewer	5,882.17	5,882.17
120.5 Pine Street Sewer	1,687.55	1,000.00
	<u>\$14,556.91</u>	<u>\$11,082.17</u>

STREET LIGHTING

130.1 Main Street	\$4,807.12	\$4,752.00
130.2 Incandescent Lights	9,789.16	9,690.00
130.3 Traffic Lights	815.25	696.00
130.4 Flood Lights	74.46	52.56
130.5 Hartford Avenue and Court Street	2,000.04	2,000.00
130.6 Six New Incandescent Lights	68.18	102.00
130.7 Replacing Union Street Light	125.00	125.00
130.8 Reserve Fund	702.77	250.00
	<u>\$18,381.98</u>	<u>\$17,657.56</u>

POLICE DEPARTMENT

150.1 Regular Patrolmen	\$19,958.75	\$20,000.00
150.2 Sickness and Special Work	1,198.75	1,200.00
150.3 Special Traffic Work	600.00	600.00
150.4 Uniforms	840.00	840.00
150.5 Signal System	795.13	854.00
150.6 Vacations	1,423.25	1,820.00
150.7 Office Expense	297.29	363.63
150.8 Telephones	201.43	200.00
150.9 Ammunition	84.79	100.00
150.10 Auto and Motor Cycle	339.85	483.60
150.11 Equipment and Revolvers	65.02	100.00
150.12 Traffic System—Repairs	89.50	100.00
150.13 Supernumerary Work	1,130.75	1,500.00
150.14 Miscellaneous	91.61	100.00
150.15 Telephone Typewriter Service	274.65	307.50
150.16 New Motor Cycle	150.00	150.00
150.17 Police Pension Fund	140.95	
	<u>\$27,681.72</u>	<u>\$28,718.73</u>

Exhibit "H"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

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FIRE DEPARTMENT—FIRST DISTRICT

	Expenditures	Budget
160.1 Regular Men	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
160.2 Assistant Enginecrs	841.96	200.00
160.3 Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1	14.51	175.00
160.4 Hose Co. No. 1	14.51	175.00
160.5 Hose Co. No. 2	14.51	175.00
160.6 Hose Co. No. 3	14.51	175.00
160.7 Extra Service	74.00	200.00
160.8 Fire Alarm System	258.30	400.00
160.9 New Hose	940.80	960.00
160.10 Building Repairs	706.36	500.00
160.11 Fuel	874.23	900.00
160.12 Uniforms	598.50	600.00
160.13 Telephones	198.36	225.00
160.14 Apparatus	627.53	600.00
160.15 Sundries and Supplies	977.07	1,000.00
160.16 Gas and Electricity	394.18	400.00
160.17 Vacations	803.88	803.88
160.18 Insurance—Hose House No. 2	67.87	157.50
160.19 Fire Alarm Box—Bretton Road	120.00	120.00
	<u>\$29,541.08</u>	<u>\$29,766.38</u>

PARK DEPARTMENT

170.1 Clerical	\$300.00	\$300.00
170.2 Office Expense	100.00	100.00
170.3 Upkeep—Union Park		1,200.00
Henry Clay Memorial	2,320.48	200.00
Washington Green		900.00
170.4 Washington St. Playground		480.00
Wadsworth		480.00
North End	1,920.00	480.00
Goodyear		480.00
170.5 Otis Playground	650.00	650.00
170.6 Outings, etc.	250.00	250.00
170.7 New Apparatus	500.00	500.00
170.8 Pruning, Spraying, Repairs, Snow Removal	499.80	500.00
	<u>\$6,540.28</u>	<u>\$6,520.00</u>

Exhibit "I"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

FIRST DISTRICT

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE

	Expenditures	Budget
180.1 Printing and Postage	\$319.55	\$300.00
180.2 City Funding Bonds—Due May 1, 1927	10,000.00	10,000.00
180.3 City Funding Bonds—Due June 1, 1927	3,000.00	3,000.00
180.4 City Funding Bonds—Due Apr. 1, 1928	20,000.00	20,000.00
180.5 Interest on Reg. and Comp. Bonds due May 1, 1927	5,800.00	5,800.00
180.6 Interest on Reg. and Comp. Bonds due Nov. 1, 1927	5,600.00	5,600.00
180.7 Interest on Reg. and Comp. Bonds due June 1, 1927	620.00	620.00
180.8 Interest on Reg. and Comp. Bonds due Dec. 1, 1927	560.00	560.00
180.9 Interest on Reg. and Comp. Bonds due Oct. 1, 1927	2,720.00	2,700.00
180.10 Interest on Reg. and Comp Bonds due Apr. 1, 1928	2,600.00	2,700.00
	<u>\$51,219.55</u>	<u>\$51,280.00</u>

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

190.1 Advertising	\$235.85	\$200.00
190.2 Postage and Stationery	47.75	150.00
190.3 Printing	719.00	750.00
190.4 Office Supplies	94.58	75.00
190.5 Office Equipment	55.95	100.00
	<u>\$1,153.13</u>	<u>\$1,275.00</u>

BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

200.1 Rent	\$90.00	\$90.00
200.2 Supplies	148.02	150.00
200.3 Postage	25.00	25.00
200.5 New Equipment	42.63	50.00
	<u>\$305.65</u>	<u>\$315.00</u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

210.1 Postage	\$198.65	\$300.00
210.2 Printing	186.66	175.00
210.3 Advertising	10.85	17.50
210.4 Stencils	69.00	60.00
210.5 Extra Clerk Hire	18.00	75.00
210.6 Petty Cash	25.00	25.00
210.7 Miscellaneous	67.25	62.50
210.8 New Equipment	16.25	50.00
	<u>\$591.66</u>	<u>\$765.00</u>

Exhibit "J"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

SECOND TAXING DISTRICT

SALARIES

	Expenditures	Budget
300.1 Mayor ½	\$250.00	\$250.00
300.2 Treasurer ½	1,400.00	1,400.00
300.3 Tax Collector ½	1,750.00	1,750.00
300.4 Assistant Tax Collector	750.00	750.00
300.5 Milk Inspector	150.00	150.00
300.6 Health Officer	450.00	450.00
300.7 Bacteriologist	600.00	600.00
300.8 Auditor ½	400.00	400.00
300.9 Supt. Public Works	2,000.00	2,000.00
300.10 Supt. of Charities	800.00	800.00
300.11 Asst. Supt. of Charities	1,300.00	1,300.00
300.12 Tax Commissioner	3,499.90	3,500.00
300.13 Asst. Tax Commissioner	1,500.00	1,500.00
300.14 Capt. Police Department	224.40	220.00
300.15 Sergeants—Police Department	395.98	400.00
300.16 Superintendent of Parks	200.00	200.00
300.17 Town Clerk	4,000.00	4,000.00
300.18 Asst. Town Clerk	1,500.00	1,500.00
300.19 Registrar of Voters	1,200.00	1,200.00
300.20 Board of Relief	375.00	375.00
300.21 Charities' Physician	399.96	400.00
300.22 Asst. City Clerk ½	350.00	350.00
500.23 Almshouse Salaries	2,340.00	2,340.00
	<u>\$25,835.24</u>	<u>\$25,835.00</u>

HIGHWAYS ACCOUNT

310.1 General Repairs	\$22,308.22	\$22,000.00
310.2 Teams	621.60	850.00
310.3 Machinery	2,997.96	3,000.00
310.4 New Construction	12,231.60	12,000.00
310.5 Surface Drain at Frissell Fabric Co.	498.33	500.00
310.6 Truck	700.00	800.00
310.7 Automobile	770.00	625.00
310.8 Miscellaneous		225.00
	<u>\$40,127.71</u>	<u>\$40,000.00</u>

Exhibit "K"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

SECOND DISTRICT

CHARITIES DEPARTMENT

	Expenditures	Receipts	Budget
330.1 Outside Poor	\$11,220.08	\$1,442.77	\$9,760.00
330.2 Widow's Aid	1,651.66	—	2,800.00
330.3 Burials	355.00	—	400.00
330.4 Hospitals	15,785.91	43.00	15,860.00
330.5A Almshouse—Food, clothing, etc.	6,923.92	1,220.79	4,000.00
330.5B Almshouse—Auto Expense	—	—	150.00
330.5C Almshouse—Farm Expense	—	—	575.00
330.5D Almshouse—Labor	—	—	125.00
330.5E Almshouse—Lighting and Pumping	—	—	175.00
330.5F Almshouse—Miscellaneous	—	—	150.00
330.5G Almshouse—General Repairs	—	—	800.00
	<u>\$35,936.57</u>	<u>\$2,706.56</u>	<u>\$34,795.00</u>

POLICE DEPARTMENT

350.1 Regular Policemen	\$3,891.00	\$4,000.00
350.2 Sickness and Special Work	80.75	245.00
350.3 Special Traffic	29.25	150.00
350.4 Uniforms	119.25	120.00
350.5 Signal System	142.51	212.00
350.6 Vacations	229.50	247.00
350.7 Office Expense	35.61	36.37
350.8 Telephones	14.98	56.00
350.9 Ammunition	5.00	10.00
350.10 Automobile and Motor Cycle	355.52	483.60
350.11 Equipment	15.00	25.00
350.12 Miscellaneous	12.50	25.00
350.14 Telephone Typewriter Service	299.50	307.50
350.15 Motor Cycle—New	150.00	150.00
350.13 Captain of Police (1)	—	220.00
350.13A Sergeants (1)	—	400.00
	<u>\$5,380.37</u>	<u>\$6,687.47</u>

(1) This item also appropriated under salaries—second district.

Exhibit "L"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

SECOND DISTRICT

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

	Expenditures	Receipts	Budget
360.1 Land Records	\$12.00		\$300.00
360.2 Extra Clerk Hire	1,062.31		1,100.00
360.3 Office Supplies	30.29		50.00
360.4 Postage and Stationery	16.72		100.00
360.5 Advertising	2.00		50.00
360.6 Land Record Books	171.00		200.00
	<u>\$1,294.32</u>	<u>\$5,564.10</u>	<u>\$1,800.00</u>

TAX COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

370.1 Extra Clerk—Hire	\$315.66	\$700.00
370.2 Equipment	945.00	950.00
370.3 Printing and Advertising	380.20	400.00
370.4 Miscellaneous	242.94	300.00
	<u>\$1,833.80</u>	<u>\$2,350.00</u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

380.1 Postage and Envelopes	\$118.09	\$300.00
380.2 Printing	142.61	175.00
380.3 Advertising	7.85	17.50
380.4 Stencils	69.00	60.00
380.5 Extra Clerk Hire	78.40	75.00
380.6 Petty Cash	—	25.00
380.7 Miscellaneous	98.20	62.50
380.8 New Equipment	16.25	50.00
	<u>\$530.40</u>	<u>\$485.08</u>
		<u>\$765.00</u>

TAXES

390.1 Highway (To First District)	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
390.2 Personal Tax	1,586.45	1,190.00
390.3A State	16,310.65	15,869.64
390.3B County	15,457.96	14,871.46
390.3C Military	3,711.41	3,212.32
	<u>\$44,066.47</u>	<u>\$17,676.00</u>
		<u>\$42,143.42</u>

Exhibit "M"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

SECOND DISTRICT

BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

	Expenditures	Budget
400.1 Rent	\$90.00	\$90.00
400.2 Supplies	149.02	150.00
400.3 Postage	5.00	25.00
400.4 New Equipment	57.23	50.00
	<u>\$301.25</u>	<u>\$315.00</u>

CITY AND TOWN TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

410.A Interest on Overdraft	\$269.18	—
410.1 Interest on Airline Refd. Bonds due 6 1 27	6,046.67	\$6,080.00
410.2 Interest on Airline Refd. Bonds due 12 1 27	5,880.00	6,080.00
410.3 Interest on Airline Refd. Bonds due 8 1 27	4,880.00	4,880.00
410.4 Interest on Airline Refd. Bonds due 2 1 28	5,100.00	4,880.00
410.5A Interest on Millers Farms School due 8 1 27	—	360.00
410.5B Interest on Millers Farms School due 2 1 28	—	340.00
	<u>\$22,175.85</u>	<u>\$22,620.00</u>

PARK'S DEPARTMENT

420.1 Municipal Athletic Field	\$678.88	\$500.00
420.2 Russell Playground Instructors	235.00	480.00
	<u>\$913.88</u>	<u>\$980.00</u>

Exhibit "N"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Bonded debt of former City of Middletown, April 30, 1928:

First Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds Serial, mature June 1, 1928-35

First Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds Serial, mature June 1, 1936

First Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds Second Series Serial, mature May 1, 1928-35

First Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds Second Series Serial, mature April 1, 1929-33

First Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds Second Series Serial, mature April 1, 1934

Bonded debt of former Town of Middletown, April 30, 1928:

Second Taxing District Air Line R. R. 4% Refunding Bonds, mature June 1, 1929

Second Taxing District Air Line R. R. 4% Refunding Bonds, mature August 1, 1930

Total bonded debt former City and Town of Middletown

Bonded debt of Millers Farms Town School District, Second Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds Serial, mature August 1, 1928-38

Bonded debt of Millers Farms Town School District, Second Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds Serial, mature August 1, 1939

Bonded debt of Farm Hill Town School District, Second Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds Serial, mature September 1, 1929-34

Bonded debt of Farm Hill Town School District, Second Taxing District 4% Funding Bonds Serial, mature September 1, 1935

Total bonded debt of First and Second Taxing Districts, Millers Farms Town School and Farm Hill Town School Districts

Exhibit "O"

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

LIST OF INSURANCE POLICIES

FIRE

	Amount	
Office Fixtures—		
Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Hall, Town Clerk	\$1,500.00	
Recreation House	1,500.00	
Pine Street Fire House	2,500.00	
Pine Street Fire House	2,500.00	
Pine Street Fire House	2,500.00	
Main Street Fire House	4,000.00	
Main Street Fire House and Five Autos	6,000.00	
Main Street Fire House and Three Autos	7,000.00	
Autos—Various Departments	21,375.00	
Gamewell Police System	2,000.00	
Graham Truck—1926 Model	800.00	
Ford Runabout—1925	200.00	
Pumping Station and Equipment	2,000.00	
Pumping Station Equipment	2,000.00	
Frame Building—Middlefield	900.00	
Two Story Frame Building	}	1,800.00
One Story Frame Building		
Live Stock		
2½ Story Frame Building at Mt. Higby		1,500.00
Dwelling and Barn at Mt. Higby		2,800.00
Pontiac Truck 1927		700.00
Dodge Coupe		300.00
Horses, Barns, Vehicles, etc.		3,000.00
Barn—Rear 533 Main Street		2,500.00
Town Farm and Other Buildings		2,975.00
Town Farm and Other Buildings		2,975.00
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Fordson Tractor		350.00
Fordson Tractor		1,500.00
Two Door Pontiac Sedan		700.00

LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE

	Liability	Property Damage
Dodge Car	20-20,000	\$1,000.00
Cars in Several Departments		
Blanket Policy	10-20,000	1,000.00
Graham Truck—1926 Model	10-10,000	1,000.00
Ford Runabout—1925 Model	10-10,000	1,000.00
Federal Knight	5-10,000	1,000.00
Pontiac Truck—1927	10-20,000	1,000.00
Federal Truck—1926	10-10,000	1,000.00
White Truck—1924	5-10,000	1,000.00
Ford Truck—1925	5-10,000	1,000.00
Pontiac—1927	10-10,000	1,000.00
Dodge Coupe	5-10,000	1,000.00

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

LIST OF INSURANCE POLICIES—Continued

SURETY BONDS

	Amount
James Stow—Treasurer	\$25,000.00
Frederick Phelps—Tax Collector	25,000.00
G. Allen Schaefer—Supt. Public Works	1,500.00
C. A. Anderson—Chief of Police	1,000.00
H. S. Peck—First Selectman	1,000.00
A. A. Hurd—Town Clerk	1,000.00
W. F. Coughlin—City Court Clerk	1,000.00
M. A. Kinsella—Secretary Water Board	5,000.00
Harris Goldberg—Constable	1,000.00
Edward M. Mesick—Constable	1,000.00

MERCANTILE SAFE INSURANCE

Frederick Phelps—Tax Collector	\$1,000.00
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ROBBERY

Tax Collector—Money and Securities	\$5,000.00
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CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

LIST OF INSURANCE POLICIES

	Expires	Liability	Property Damage
<i>Contractors' Public Liability:</i>			
Employees, N. O. C. Garbage Collecting, Firemen, Policemen, Waterworks, Street and Road Construction	May 5, 1929	5-10,000	\$1,000.00 R. Brainard
<i>Teams' Public Liability:</i>			
Teams—Various Departments	May 6, 1929	5-10,000	1,000.00 R. Brainard
<i>Public Liability Policy:</i>			
Sidewalks and Streets, Athletic Field, Storage Lot, Playground, Island Park, Town Farm, Municipal Building and Schools	May 5, 1929	5-10,000	1,000.00 R. Brainard
<i>Workmen's Compensation and Employers' Liability:</i>			
Clerical, (N. O. C.) Garbage Collecting, Firemen, Policemen, Waterworks, Street and Road Construction	May 5, 1929	—	— R. Brainard

Exhibit "P"

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1928

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

LIST OF UNPAID TAXES

List of 1927—

Ferrace, Sebastian, bankrupt, ...	\$99.12	
Frisbie Motor Co., in receivership, ...	852.16	
Hall Motor Sales Co., out of business	240.50	
Kelsy-Umba Co., bankrupt, ...	113.10	
Kenneally, Mary E., in receivership, ...	77.86	Bal.
Murray, Edward, bankrupt, ...	21.99	
Rice, J. Lewis, address unknown	1.91	
Wright, G. L., address unknown	1.71	\$1,408.35

List of 1923—

Frisbie Motor Co., in receivership, ...	\$215.44	Bal.	215.44
Total		\$1,623.79	

TAX RECEIPTS AS PER CHECKS PAID TO CITY TREASURER

Property taxes, list of 1926, ...	\$745,597.80
Interest on property taxes, list of 1926, ...	1,325.63
Property taxes on all other lists, ...	352.70
Interest on property taxes on all other lists, also liens, ...	27.53
Water rents, May and November 1927, ...	60,184.97
Interest on water bills for May and November 1927, ...	225.33
Liens on water bills for May and November 1927, ...	90.00
Personal tax due February 1928, ...	17,676.00
City School Commission, ...	970.16
Special assessments, ...	6,543.86
Interest and liens on special assessments, ...	13.79

Total receipts, ... \$833,007.77

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK L. PHELPS,

Tax Collector.

I have had the books and records of the Tax Collector
under continuous audit for the year ended April 30th, 1928,

and hereby certify that all collections have been properly accounted for and the amounts collected have been paid over to the City Treasurer.

GUY CAMBRIA,
City Auditor.

Middletown, Conn., July 2nd, 1928.

OFFICE OF THE TAX COMMISSIONER

To His Honor the Mayor and the Common Council:

Following the annual procedure a report is herewith rendered by the Office of the Tax Commissioner, also recommendations which are suggested to maintain the maximum possible efficiency of this office.

This office is of the opinion that the present system of assessment is the most practical that can be had and its value is being daily approved by our citizens as well as by those from other cities throughout the country. Inquiries continue to come asking for information regarding the method used by our city. Many Connecticut cities and towns have followed our example and are setting up or have set up a similar system of assessment. It is possible through our system to keep the assessed value current with the market value of the property. The General Statutes make it necessary to revalue property every ten years, this will not be necessary here because a revaluation is always going on, and it is the expressed opinion of the State Tax Commissioner that a city having a system such as ours does carry out the intent of the General Statute.

During the last session of the Legislature a change was made in our charter making it necessary to publish a booklet showing the valuation of all real property and the abatements thereof every three years. This booklet will be published showing the assessed value of real property as of October first, 1928.

The following recommendations are suggested, in fact some of them are necessary to legalize taxes on property in certain locations, some of these can only be brought about through legislative enactments.

1. Change the school district boundaries of the Trench Hill section which was taken into the First Taxing District.
2. Support a bill which will change the present method of taxing automobiles.

3. Support a bill to change the present law calling for the "fair market value" as a basis of assessment, to one that will use "proportionate value" as a basis.
4. Propose a bill to permit the city to do away with the necessity of the taxpayer's signing a tax list every year if his property remains the same.
5. Re-number certain streets which will do away with the present confusion of having some streets with three sets of numbers.
6. An ordinance should be passed making it compulsory for developers of property to file a map of their property, with the tax office before the Council accepts the names of new streets.

In the 1927 report reference was made to the fact that this office was working on a plan whereby the operating expense of this office could be reduced to a minimum. This can be brought about through an act of the legislature permitting the Head of the Department's absence during certain months of the year, when conditions prevent him from carrying on the outside work. This absence would in no way cause any change in the present method, routine, or efficiency of the office. As it is now time is spent in the office without any productive return to the city.

Nothing brings success to a city department like coöperation and it is a pleasure to acknowledge that this department has been the recipient of good coöperation from those with whom we must come in contact.

Appreciation is expressed to our legislative body for its coöperation and acknowledgment is also made of the satisfactory work done by those who have worked with me during the past year.

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 1927-1928.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Statistics.

Area of first district

Land surface, ...	1,515 acres
Water surface, ...	535 acres
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
Total, ...	26,987 acres—42.02 sq. miles

Roads first district

Sheet asphalt, ...	1.00 miles
Rock asphalt, ...	0.92 "
Asphalt macadam, ...	2.88 "
Concrete, ...	1.38 "
Water bound macadam, ...	12.60 "
Unimproved roads, ...	3.08 "
Total, ...	21.86 miles

Roads second district—about 125 miles

Street Cleaning.

Main Street has been flushed or swept at least once a day. All other streets have been cleaned and the gutters swept as often as possible. Trouble has been experienced with papers blowing around the business section. This cannot be elimi-

nated until the merchants obey the ordinance and tie all loose papers in bundles so that persons will not pull them out of the barrels. It is hoped that the merchants will cooperate with the department and keep the streets in a sightly condition.

Street Repairs.

The streets about the city have been kept in as good condition as was possible. Patching of all waterbound macadam roads has been continued and has been a big and expensive problem. Automobile traffic tears these old roads to pieces and the only remedy is to resurface them with some kind of material that will withstand the heavy traffic. Dirt roads were scraped several times during the year. The open winter caused these roads to become impassable and there was no way to repair them. These roads should be stoned to at least a width of eighteen feet. Several of the streets were oiled with tar and asphalt.

Snow Removal.

The storms this year were very light and caused no trouble. The snow fall was the lightest in a good many years. Snow was removed from Main Street by the city equipment; this took time but with the small appropriation it was impossible to let it out on contract. The new tractor plow was used twice but the snow was not deep enough to give it a real trial.

Street Marking.

The stalls for cars were painted twice. Orange color paint was used and it seemed to last longer than others. The crosswalks were marked with Wamblu stripping. This stripping lasted the whole year. All this work was done by the Police Department and the labor and material was paid for by the Department of Public Works.

New Construction.

Parts of Washington Street and Court Street were resurfaced with rock asphalt. Parts of the concrete pavement on Sumner Street and South Main Street were also resurfaced with rock asphalt. Part of Pine Street and North Main Street

were stoned with trap rock and with old stone removed from Washington Street. 19,029 square yards of rock asphalt were laid.

Garbage Collection.

Collection of garbage has been continued on the twice a week basis. Some trouble has been experienced with the paper blowing about due to the failure of the public to tie loose papers in budles as called for in the ordinances. The North End Dump will last about one more year. The South End Dump will be available for many more years as will the Washington Street Dump. We have no trouble with rats and insects. The Birchard System of Hartford are still taking care of the dumps.

Total team loads collected May 1, 1927 to April 30, 1928	8,147
Total truck loads collected May 1, 1927 to April 30, 1928	350
Average loads per month (teams)	679
Estimated total cubic yards for year	17,768

City Yard.

A new steel building 30' x 50' was erected at the yard to house the roller and a repair shop for the trucks. The yard is shaping up and by next year it is hoped to have it straightened out so that it will not be hampered for room. The swamp at the rear of the yard is being filled in and a large area has already been reclaimed.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Statistics.

Tile sewers, ...	14.4 miles
Brick sewers, ...	2.0 miles
Cement sewers, ...	4.0 miles
Total, ...	20.4 miles
Disposal plants, ...	3

Sewer Cleaning.

The sewer disposal plants on Thomas Street and Catherine Street have been cleaned several times. The report of the State Board 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 catchbasins were cleaned with the eductor. The machine has worked fine and gave no trouble. A large number of inlets were rebuilt and old stone covers that broke were replaced with cast iron covers. On all streets that were paved with asphalt the inlets were rebuilt.

New Construction.

Several short stretches of pipe were laid as shown below.

	Length	Size
Broad Street, ...	250'	10"
Highland Terrace, ...	408'	8"
Pine Street, ...	500'	8"

Manholes built—4

WATER DEPARTMENT

Statistics.

Free service to Municipal Departments and others:

City Department, ...	\$112.00
Playgrounds, ...	5.00
10 sewer connections, ...	150.00
242 fire hydrants, ...	7,260.00
2 water troughs, ...	100.00

Total, ... \$7,627.00

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 571,797,000 gallons

Cost of supplying water per million gallons figured on total expenses, \$64.71.

Size of Pipe	Amt. in use in feet	Laid during year	Abandoned or taken up
20"	26,780	—	—
12"	51,513	—	—
10"	11,831	204	—
8"	31,852	3,380	—
6"	87,808	8,772	—
4"	32,115	—	1,357
3"	1,342	—	—
2"	9,576	555	784
	252,817	12,911	2,141

Number of service taps Dec. 31, 1927, ... 3,124

Number of meters set Dec. 31, 1927, ... 3,101

Repairs and Replacements.

All services that were worn out were replaced and several street mains were replaced as shown below. No large breaks occurred on the main pipe line. Several small leaks were repaired. The 10-inch pipe on North Main Street was lowered four feet for a distance of 300 feet.

New Construction.

The following is a list of mains installed during the year:

	Length	Size
Garden View, ...	1,769'	6"
Stack Street—Rome Avenue, ...	582'	6"
North Street, ...	2,102'	6"
Randolph Road, ...	481'	6"
	110'	6"
	125'	6"
Farm Hill Road, ...	3,380'	8"
	200'	10"
Highland Terrace, ...	437'	6"
Breton Road, ...	230'	6"
Gordon Place, ...	48'	6"
Fowler Avenue, ...	1,686'	6"
Fagan Avenue, ...	293'	6"
Miller Street, ...	640'	6"
Warren Street, ...	177'	6"
Middlefield Street, ...	1,600'	6"
Johnson Street, ...	568'	6"

New hydrants—10

Reservoirs.

At Mt. Higby reservoir seven thousand four year old red pine were planted. These were planted on the easterly side of the reservoir near the main entrance roadway. The State of Connecticut this past year built a new concrete road on the Middletown-Meriden highway that passes through the watershed. The city has deeded to the state land bordering on the road to give them a hundred foot right of way.

The monthly tests made by the State Board of Health show that the water is satisfactory for drinking purposes. No work was attempted in Adder Swamp reservoir basin except to continue the cutting of wood. The basin has been kept full of water during the spring months and the water let down into Mt. Higby as needed. Mt. Higby has been full since last September and has run over most of the time.

Laurel Brook has not been used except for those who are on the pipe line between the pumping station and the reservoir.

The Highland Avenue pumping station is tested every month and is ready to run when needed.

ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION

Engineering.

The engineering department have been very busy all year. The small staff has turned out a very large amount of work. Lines and grades were given for the Highland Terrace, Pine Street and Broad Street sewers and maps made of the layouts. All water mains laid were measured and maps made of them where possible. Street lines and grades were laid out and established on several streets. Grades for curb and sidewalk were given at various points throughout the city. The inspection of sidewalks during the spring and summer has been carried on by the engineering department. During the winter the inspection of icy sidewalks and failure to shovel walks after snow storms has been taken care of by the engineering department.

REPORT OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Middletown, Conn.

May 1, 1927 to April 30, 1928

New residential buildings

	Permits	Buildings	App. Cost
One family dwellings, ...	70	70	\$326,000.00
Two family dwellings, ...	7	7	61,400.00
Lodging houses (dormitory), ...	1	1	240,000.00
One and two family dwellings, stores, ...	1	1	15,000.00
Additions, alterations for extra families, ...	29	29	12,480.00
Additions, alterations to dwellings, ...	68	68	33,905.00
All other residential, ...	4	4	6,350.00
	—	—	—
Total residential buildings, ...	183	183	\$718,135.00

New non-residential buildings

Amusement buildings, ...	4	4	\$75,500.00
Factories and workshops, ...	1	1	700.00
Public garages, ...	3	3	17,500.00
Private garages, ...	144	144	43,255.00
Gasoline and service stations, ...	2	2	12,000.00
Institutions, ...	5	5	182,000.00
Office buildings, banks, etc., ...	1	1	104,000.00
Public buildings, ...	1	1	233,500.00
Schools and libraries, ...	1	1	200,000.00
Sheds, ...	39	39	8,944.00
Stables and barns, ...	5	5	5,175.00
Stores and warehouses, ...	11	11	6,100.00
Poultry and farm buildings, ...	50	50	5,706.00
Additions to factories and workshops, ...	7	7	6,430.00
Miscl. additions and alterations, ...	21	21	5,655.00
Buildings demolished, ...	13		
Buildings moved and re-located, ...	7		
	—	—	—
Total non-residential buildings, ...	315	295	\$906,465.00
Grand total, ...	498	478	\$1,624,600.00

Plumbing permits issued, 118; inspections, 236.

Electrical permits issued, 150; inspections, 300.

STREET LIGHTING

Lights now in use	First Dist.	Second Dist.
60 C. P. Lamps, ...	578	262
400 C. P. Lamps, ...	7	—
600 C. P. Lamps, ...	20	—
Main Street ornamental, ...	88	—
Traffic lights, ...	7	—
Flood lights, ...	3	1

Several new lights were installed during the year.

The Connecticut Power Company presented a new modern layout of street lighting for the city. Part of this layout affecting Main Street was accepted and the work will be done this year.

EXPENSES STREET DEPARTMENT FOR YEAR 1927-28

Miscellaneous payroll and supplies, ...	\$1,802.52
Snow and ice, ...	2,975.19
Upkeep of auto, ...	1,131.35
Engineering Department, ...	7,945.13
General repairs, ...	33,763.38
Miscellaneous improvements, ...	11,606.08
Street cleaning, ...	6,523.88
Miscellaneous improvements, ...	11,606.08
Garbage, ...	22,072.65
Mixer road material, ...	345.00
Shed for city yard, ...	2,000.00
Car for Engineering Department, ...	921.00
Tractor, ...	2,245.03
Truck, ...	879.00
New road work, ...	47,200.49
Total expenses, ...	\$141,410.60
Receipts Street Department, ...	\$20,309.59
Estimated receipts, ...	9,500.00
Balance receipts, ...	\$10,809.59
Appropriation, ...	\$121,520.00
Payroll should be in May 1928, ...	581.59
Total appropriations and credits, ...	\$132,911.18
Excess expenses over appropriation, ...	\$8,499.22

The excess was caused by repairing portions of Main Street caused by poor rail construction and state law covers amount trolley company

shall pay. The city's share was \$4,006.80. The wall and fence built on North Main Street cost considerable more than was estimated. It was necessary to put full time men on the dumps at the request of the State Board of Health. Extra road work ran \$3,512.13 over the appropriation.

EXPENSES SEWER DEPARTMENT 1927-1928

Disposal plants, ...	\$600.36
New work, ...	2,127.89
Repairs, ...	4,258.94
Johnson Street sewer, ...	5,882.17
Pine Street sewer, ...	1,687.55
Total expenses, ...	\$14,556.91
Receipts, ...	\$4,121.11
Estimated receipts, ...	3,391.14
Balance receipts, ...	\$729.97
Appropriation, ...	11,082.17
Appropriation plus balance receipts, ...	\$11,812.14
Excess expenses over appropriation, ...	\$2,744.77

EXPENSES WATER DEPARTMENT FOR YEAR 1927-1928

Water collecting system, ...	\$891.84
Purification system, ...	898.46
Distribution system, ...	10,777.16
General office equipment, ...	435.29
General shop equipment, ...	2,185.17
General store equipment, ...	25.30
General stable and garage equipment, ...	1,170.00
Taxes, ...	785.91
Collecting system, ...	4,883.87
Water supply maintenance, ...	6,284.21
Administration expenses, ...	7,101.22
Construction work in progress, ...	23,892.17
Wood, ...	664.19
Material and supplies, ...	580.47
Total expenses, ...	\$60,575.26
Total amount of appropriation, ...	\$69,755.00
Total amount of expenses, ...	60,575.26
Unexpended balance, ...	\$9,179.74

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

RECEIPTS OF WATER DEPARTMENT FOR 1927

Tax Collector's receipts:

On account of water rents, ...	\$60,144.19
interest, ...	228.61
liens, ...	92.00
	\$60,464.80

Sundry office receipts:

On account contributions for extensions, ...	\$2,400.00
water services, ...	45.00
testing meter, ...	2.00
frozen meters, ...	49.00
wood, ...	1,207.00
materials and supplies, ...	486.42
junk, ...	14.00
water for circus, ...	12.00
toll call, ...	.35
	4,215.77

Total receipts, ...	\$64,680.57
Estimated receipts, ...	62,000.00

Balance receipts, ...	\$2,680.57
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Unexpended balance, ...	9,179.74
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Total balance, ...	\$11,860.31
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EXPENSES STREET LIGHTING

Main Street, ...	\$4,807.12
Incandescent lights, ...	9,789.16
Traffic signals, ...	815.25
Hartford Avenue—Court Street, ...	2,000.04
New incandescent, ...	68.18
Replacing traffic signal, ...	125.00
Reserve fund, ...	702.77

Total, ...	\$18,381.98
Appropriation, ...	17,667.56

Excess over appropriation, ...	\$714.42
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STREET, SEWER AND ENGINEERING INVENTORY

1—16 ton Buffalo Pitt gas road roller, ...	\$4,000.00
1—3½ ton White truck, ...	500.00
1—1 ton Ford truck, ...	100.00

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

1—Dodge coupe, ...	250.00
1—Pontiac screen truck, ...	520.00
1—Pontiac two door coach, ...	550.00
5—Double dump wagons, ...	50.00
1—Single dump wagon, ...	5.00
1—Federal truck eductor, ...	9,000.00
10 Horses, ...	2,000.00
1—Tar heater, ...	200.00
1—Full crawler tractor, ...	1,600.00
2—Straight blade snow blows, ...	150.00
1—V-type tractor snow plow, ...	775.00
1—Steel building (30 x 60) no floor, ...	1,500.00
1—Steel building (30 x 50) concrete floor, ...	2,000.00
1—Brick barn and appurtenances, ...	3,000.00
Miscellaneous tools and equipment, ...	250.00
1—Concrete mixer, ...	300.00
Engineering Department equipment, ...	800.00

Total, ...	\$27,550.00
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STREET DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION FROM 1922

Item	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928
R. R. Bridges, ...	—	—	\$500.00	\$500.00	—	—	—
Park, ...	\$1,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous payroll, supplies and improvements, ...	3,300.00	\$3,500.00	3,500.00	3,400.00	\$3,800.00	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00
Snow, ...	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Maintenance of autos, ...	300.00	500.00	880.00	450.00	450.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Ordinary repairs, ...	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,500.00	20,000.00	20,500.00	25,000.00	27,000.00
Street cleaning, ...	2,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Garbage, ...	14,600.00	15,300.00	14,300.00	14,700.00	14,900.00	18,000.00	20,500.00
Equipment, ...	800.00	5,990.00	3,600.00	—	10,800.00	7,030.00	11,800.00
Engineering, ...	4,500.00	5,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
New work, ...	30,302.00	20,500.00	—	8,200.00	10,700.00	41,490.00	56,930.00
Bridge St. E. G. C., ...	—	—	20,000.00	20,000.00	—	—	—

Grand total, ... \$75,802.00 \$73,290.00 \$71,280.00 \$77,250.00 \$71,150.00 \$121,520.00 \$142,230.00

The above table shows the various appropriations in the Street Department from 1922.

Recommendations.

It is hoped that the street program started this year will be continued until all our streets are in a passable condition. Estimates show that it will take \$50,000.00 per year for at least five years to get the first district roads rebuilt to withstand the present automobile traffic. Extension of water mains in the second district has taken considerable money that should have been available for the first district. A rule passed in January provides that all mains laid in the second district shall be paid for by the petitioners, the cost being based on six inch pipe. In this way considerable money will be available for first district use.

A new twenty inch main from Mt. Higby's reservoir is needed to safeguard the city's water supply. The old main has been in use thirty-two years and the useful life is estimated at fifty years.

The sewers of the city are in good condition. The old inlets should be rebuilt as fast as possible with modern inlets.

It is hoped that the future councils will appropriate sufficient funds to carry on the needed work of the department and that street work and Water Department improvements will be carried on as fast as is possible.

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,

G. ALLEN SCHAEFER,

Superintendent of Public Works.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

Second District

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

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my report as Superintendent of highways, second district, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1928.

Total appropriations were, ...		\$40,000.00
Gross expense was, ...	\$40,127.71	
Received from various sources, ...	247.38	39,880.33

Leaving an unexpended balance of, ...		\$119.67
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Following is a summary of expenses:

General repairs, ...	\$22,308.22
Teams, ...	621.60
Machinery, ...	2,997.96
Silver St. water disposal, ...	498.33
New construction, ...	12,231.60
Truck, ...	700.00
Automobile, ...	770.00

	\$40,127.71
Credits, ...	247.38
	\$39,880.23

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

Russell St., tar penetration, ...	2,000 ft.
Higby Road, Telford, ...	625 "
Boston Rd., stone, ...	1,400 "
Middle St., Telford, ...	425 "
Bell St., stone, ...	500 "
Daniels St., Telford, ...	640 "
Laurel Grove Rd., stone, ...	310 "
Arbutus St., Telford, ...	350 "
Brush Hill Rd., Telford, ...	590 "
Chauncey Rd., Telford, ...	300 "
Paddock Rd., Telford, ...	230 "
Bartholomew Rd., Telford, ...	200 "
Frisbie St., Telford, ...	500 "

Hillside Ave., Telford, ...	320 "
Bear Hill Rd., Telford, ...	200 "
Brooks Rd., Telford, ...	250 "
Schuyler Ave., stone, ...	250 "
Linden St., stone, ...	300 "
North St., stone, ...	150 "
Tryon St., Telford, ...	816 "
Tryon St., stone, ...	720 "

Making a total of, ...	11,071 "
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The bridge appropriation was, ...	\$6,000.00
Total expenses, ...	5,879.33

Leaving an unexpended balance of, ...	\$120.67
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Besides general repairs the following new work was done:

Chauncey Rd., new concrete bridge.
 Starr Mill Rd., new iron bridge.
 Haddam swamp bridge, new timber.
 Roby's bridge, new timber.
 Johnson bridge, new timber.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD S. PECK,
Superintendent of Highways.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

MAY 1, 1927 TO MAY 1, 1928

*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 1, 1928.

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, ...	52
Arson, ...	2
Assault with a dangerous weapon, ...	3
Breach of peace, ...	71
Bastardy, ...	1
Breaking and entering, ...	5
Burglary, ...	2
Blackmail, ...	1
Common drunk, ...	3
Cohabitation, ...	2
Carrying concealed weapons, ...	2
Drunkenness, ...	199
Danger of falling into habits of vice, ...	2
Discharging fire crackers, ...	3
Destroying public property, ...	1
Disorderly conduct, ...	1
Disturbing a public gathering, ...	1
Embezzlement, ...	3
Escaped from Reform School, ...	2
Enticing minor female, ...	2
Escaped from County jail, ...	1
Evading personal tax, ...	1
Failing to obey officer, ...	1
Fraudulent issue of checks, ...	1
Frequenting disorderly house, ...	3
Held as material witness, ...	1
Insane, ...	6

Indecent exposure, ...	1
Intimidation, ...	1
Interfering with an officer, ...	1
Juvenile delinquency, ...	1
Keeping gambling device, ...	2
Keeping gaming house, ...	1
Manslaughter, ...	2
Manifest danger of falling into vice, ...	1
Non-support, ...	11
Obstructing traffic, ...	9
Obtaining money under false pretenses, ...	2
Poultry stealing, ...	3
Robbery, ...	4
Rape, ...	2
Receiving stolen goods, ...	3
Resistance, ...	2
Suspicion, ...	3
Sale of adulterated milk, ...	1
Theft of automobile, ...	1
Theft, ...	15
Violation of motor vehicle laws, ...	230
Violation of City Ordinance, ...	66
Violation of the humane law, ...	1
Violation of the liquor laws, ...	47
Violation of the dog law, ...	3
Violation of parole, ...	3
Violation of the game law, ...	2
Vagrancy, ...	8
	798

DISPOSITION OF CASES OF THOSE WHO WERE ARRESTED	
Discharged by the Chief, ...	34
Discharged by the Prosecutor, ...	45
Discharged by the Court, ...	31
Discharged by Nolle, ...	53
Fines imposed, ...	354
Jail imposed, ...	56
Placed on probation, ...	39
Bound over, ...	12
Appeals, ...	19
Turned over to out-of-town officers, ...	42
Judgment suspended, ...	68
Returned to Meriden School for boys, ...	1
Committed to Meriden School for boys, ...	1
Returned to the State Hospital, ...	2
Committed to the State Hospital, ...	6
Ordered out-of-town, ...	2

Not guilty, ...	2
Ordered to pay wife \$12.00 per week, ...	1
Committed to the Cheshire Reformatory, ...	3
Committed to the State Farm for women, ...	2
Committed to the Mansfield Training School, ...	1
Cases continued, ...	73

THOSE ARRESTED WERE

American born, ...	483
Foreign born, ...	315
Residents, ...	540
Non-residents, ...	258
Minors, ...	140
Married, ...	382
Single, ...	416
Males, ...	773
Females, ...	25

MISCELLANEOUS DUTIES

Accidents reported, (2 fatal) (1 coasting), ...	444
Bank burglar alarms, ...	24
Complaints investigated, ...	1,947
Defective highways reported, ...	55
Fire alarms given, ...	8
General reports, ...	76
Lost children found, ...	35
Lights reported out, ...	171
Money taken from prisoners, ...	\$1,122.44
Number of lodgers, ...	356
Permits to carry weapons, ...	102
Permits for sale of revolvers, ...	2
Store doors and windows open, ...	195
Sick persons taken care of, ...	49
Summoned to Headquarters for minor violations, ...	157
Value of property found, ...	\$6,685.79
Pay-rolls protected, ...	76
Junk dealer's license issued, ...	11
Permits to conduct pool rooms, ...	8
Missing persons reported, ...	5
Stolen automobiles recovered, ...	2
Drowned bodies recovered, ...	4
Automobiles reported stolen from other cities over the new telephone-typewriter, ...	782
Protection of life and property of 19 families during the flood period and 1 person saved from drowning.	
Personal tax summons served, ...	6

NUMBER OF ARRESTS MADE BY EACH OFFICER

Chief Charles A. Anderson, ...	37
Captain P. Joseph Dunn, ...	20
Sergt. John S. Ward, ...	84
Sergt. Michael J. McCarthy, ...	58
Officer Edward Hill, ...	136
" William Corell, ...	48
" Alois F. Petras, ...	41
" James Kidney, ...	36
" Charles Gibson, ...	31
" John Melin, ...	29
" Michael Cahill, ...	29
" Theodore Kowaleski, ...	29
" John Wiernasz, ...	27
" Thomas Rau, ...	22
" Martin Novak, ...	22
" Harry Haling, ...	19
" William Berry, ...	18
" Anthony Sarra, ...	16
" Louis Buckman, ...	14
" Charles McGuinness, ...	12
" Milton Hordinsky, ...	12
" Frank Post, ...	10
" Thomas Eastwood, ...	7
" Edward Dunn, ...	6
" Charles Sandri, ...	6
" Matthew White, ...	5
" Frederick L. Palmer, ...	4
" Timothy Coleman, ...	4
" Arthur J. Stannard, ...	4
" Stanley Connelly, ...	4
" James Spinney, ...	2
" Frank Johnson, ...	2
" Max O. Christensen, ...	2
" Edward Dooley, ...	1
" Eric Lundberg, ...	1

Total, ... 798

NUMBER OF ARRESTS MADE EACH MONTH

May 1927, ...	62
June 1927, ...	58
July 1927, ...	73
August 1927, ...	103
September 1927, ...	71
October 1927, ...	90
November 1927, ...	82

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December 1927, ...	64
January 1928, ...	50
February 1928, ...	53
March 1928, ...	33
April 1928, ...	59
Total, ...	798

MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Patrolmen

John Melin	Charles Gibson
Edward R. Dunn	Anthony Sarra
John Wiernasz	William Corell
Thomas P. Rau	Harry Haling
Edward J. Hill	Michael Cahill
James Kidney	Theodore Kowaleski

Supernumeraries

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

Retired

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

Timothy Coleman

Suspended

Max O. Christensen

During the year of 1927 and 1928 two regular men were appointed to fill the vacancy of the suspension of Max O. Christensen and one new man for the second taxing district to patrol Main Street South Farms during the daytime. The two new regular men appointed were Michael Cahill and Theodore Kowaleski.

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The newly appointed patrolman for the second taxing district spends about one third of his time doing duty in front of The Russell Mfg. Co. For this special service the Russell Mfg. Co. pays \$700.00 a year to the city.

Appropriation for year ending April

30th, 1928:

1st district, ...	\$28,718.73
2nd district, ...	6,687.47
	\$35,406.20

Receipts:

Special work, ...	\$1,449.50
Permits, ...	155.00
Miscellaneous receipts, ...	59.18
Russell Mfg. Co., ...	700.00

\$2,363.68

Less estimated receipts, ... 1,500.00

863.68

\$36,269.88

Total expense:

1st district, ...	\$27,681.72
2nd district, ...	5,380.37

33,061.09

Balance unexpended for year, ... \$3,208.79

Traffic.

Our traffic problems are increasing every day. During the year it was necessary to adopt an ordinance limiting parking to two hours on Main Street. This was due to the fact that certain people insisted on using Main Street for parking their cars and monopolizing spaces during the whole day.

This ordinance limiting parking space has caused other regulations to be made by this Department to relieve the congestion of parking on side streets, so that there is now in force, certain streets which have restrictions and after careful investigation has in our opinion relieved the congestion on Main Street.

This department has also regulated the marking of spaces and crosswalks in coöperation with the Department of Public Works.

The return to the standard traffic regulations used throughout the state has greatly improved the traffic conditions on our Main Street.

The same detail of traffic officers used for the protection of school children has been carried out as of previous years.

Juveniles.

A large number of juvenile cases have been handled by our Department during the year in coöperation with the Probation Officer and the Juvenile Court.

Liquor.

In regard to liquor law violators. Our department is continually working to suppress the manufacturing and sale of liquor. During the year several successful raids have been made and a large number of arrests and convictions have been secured.

Police Training School.

Our Department still maintains its training school under Sergt. McCarthy, and the benefits derived by the men is one of the most useful assets of the Department.

Equipment.

The motor equipment of the Department is the same as in my report of last year, consisting of a Dodge touring car and two Harley-Davidson motor-cycles. The Dodge car has been in use for four years and is practically useless. Provisions have been made for the purchase of a new car.

The continual increase of the automobile and auto accidents and with emergency cases, which cannot be handled in a proper manner with an ordinary car, confronts this Department with the facts, that it should in addition to the police car, be equipped with a police ambulance patrol car.

Our motor-cycle department, covering daily a period of 18 hours has proved its value not only in the regulation of traffic, but in many other contingencies arising within the department.

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

The regular members of the Department have been equipped with new regulation uniforms.

Discipline.

The discipline and conduct of the members of this Department together with the interest shown in their work is very gratifying.

Quarters.

The conditions of the police quarters has not changed during the past years and greatly handicaps the department doing police work in a proper manner. I earnestly request that this condition be taken under consideration by the Common Council and consider the question of a comfort station, because the department quarters are used as a public comfort station, not only for the citizens of this town but for all other persons who come to Middletown. And that the conditions from such use is a detriment to the health of the members of this department.

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. Bielefield, 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 THE 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, 1928.

FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MICHAEL A. BROWN DAYTON A. BALDWIN
CHARLES A. CHAFEE

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
Thomas Young	

Volunteers

James A. Eastwood, Jr.	 <i>Captain</i>
John D. Hoar	 <i>First Lieutenant</i>
Joseph J. Zawisza	 <i>Second Lieutenant</i>
James Kincaid	 <i>Secretary</i>
Henry P. Schaefer	 <i>Treasurer</i>

Ladder Men

Herbert W. Blynn	Daniel Manley
Henry P. Bliss	Alva B. Munson
John D. Cahill	Michael J. Cody
William F. McGrath	Clarence Raynor
James Conroy	William D. Starr
Lawrence Daley	Thomas F. Trehey
John Doherty	Raymond Stebbins

James A. Eastwood
Ludwig Krenz
Thomas E. Lawton
John J. Maguire
Dennis Manley
Charles J. Masin
Ernest Hanson
William F. Harney
William D. Hoar
William J. Hoar
Michael J. Holloran
Arthur Krenz
William E. Eastwood
John Cahill

Herbert Stebbins
Fenton Thompson
Thomas Eastwood
William A. Fortin
John E. Gannon
Neal A. Millane
William McCarthy
Fred G. Post
Robert English
William J. Ringwood
Thomas J. English
John Daley
Steve Zawisza

DOUGLAS HOSE COMPANY NO. 1

Permanent Men

Robert Risk Bruno Daigle

Volunteers

Augustus Barrett	 <i>Captain</i>
Louis C. Forant	 <i>First Lieutenant</i>
Harold Stebbins	 <i>Second Lieutenant</i>
Howard Case	 <i>Secretary and Treasurer</i>

Hosemen

Edward V. Kidney	Arthur Luby
Frank S. Skinner	William Daley
James Curran	Steve Zultonski
William J. Coughlin	James Wrang
Joseph P. Kinsella	William Losey
Edward Hill	Joseph Conroy
Jeremiah Geary	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. Stowe
Adelbert B. Lane	Frederick Hunt
Edward Dunn	William Coleman
John Coleman	Charles Patenaude

HOSE COMPANY NO. 2

Permanent Men

Hamilton Mann

William J. Hoar

Volunteers

Benford Hilliker *Captain*
 Francis Schultz *First Lieutenant*
 John Schultz *Second Lieutenant*
 William Rasche *Secretary and Treasurer*

Hosemen

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

HOTCHKISS HOSE CO. NO. 3

Permanent Men

Michael Lawton

Jairus Chafce

Volunteers

Raymond Markham *Captain*
 Clarence Doeber *First Lieutenant*
 Edward H. Short *Second Lieutenant*
 Frank H. Lehrman *Secretary*
 Carl Rapp *Treasurer*

Hosemen

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

Charles F. Doeber	Fred L. Palmer
Henry O'Rourke	George Pratt
Charles A. Doeber	Fred Ratcliff
William D. Doeber	Harry R. Schaub
Walter Dean	Ellsworth Burr
William J. Christopher	Earl Emmett
Perry J. Closson	Edwin Powers
Elbert Chalker	Herbert Sage
Eugene H. Mead	Fred Peryam
Willard Mathison	Ernest Umba
John Driscoll	John J. Whalen
Harry J. Sweeney	Arthur Heppenstall
Robert McDermott	

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 Co. No. 1, Hose Company No. 1, 531 Main Street.
 Hose Company No. 2, Pine Street.
 Hose Company No. 3, Hubbard Street.

MOTOR DRIVEN APPARATUS

One American LaFrance city service truck with Federal tractor with 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 14 miles of No. 10 copper weatherproof wire on poles of the Conn. Power Co. and S. N. E. Telephone Co., 27 public boxes and 5 private boxes, 66 cells storage battery, 3 combination indicators and gongs, one four circuit switch board, one four circuit fuse panel, one steel battery rack, one motor generator set for charging batteries, one compressed air equipment for alarm signal 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., Caulkins and Post Company, 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 105 alarms: 26 box, 69 telephone, 3 sprinkler. The department responded to 7 alarms from the second taxing district.

HOW FIRES WERE EXTINGUISHED

By chemicals 26, hydrant streams 11, chemicals and hydrant streams 9, out when department arrived 59.

HOSE LAID, CHEMICALS USED AND LADDER

Raised 2½ inch hose 12,106 feet, chemical hose 5,000 feet, 1,095 gallons chemicals used, 246 feet ladders raised.

VALUES, LOSSES, AND INSURANCE;
ALSO INSURANCE PAID

Value of buildings	\$263,525
Value of contents	54,950

Total at risk, buildings and contents	\$318,475
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Insurance on Property

Buildings	\$242,425
Contents	38,825

Total insurance on buildings and contents	\$281,250
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Fire Losses

Buildings	\$14,406.20
Contents	9,479.57

Total losses	\$23,885.77
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Insurance Loss

Buildings	\$14,256.20
Contents	9,154.57
	\$23,410.77
Loss over insurance	\$475.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries permanent men	\$22,000.00
Compensation Volunteers	974.00
Fire alarm telegraph	258.30
Hose	940.80
Fuel	874.23
Uniforms	598.50
Telephones	198.36
Apparatus	627.53
Sundries and supplies	977.07
Gas and electricity	394.18
Vacations	803.88
Insurance No. 2 House	67.87
Fire alarm box, ...	120.00
Repairs to stations	706.36
	\$29,541.08

Amount appropriated	\$29,766.38
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Total paid	29,541.08
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Unexpended balance	\$225.30
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CONCLUSION

I desire to express my appreciation of the interest taken in the fire department and the coöperation extended to me by the Mayor, the Council and members of the Fire Commission. To the officers and members of the Fire Department who have so faithfully performed their duties I extend my sincere thanks.

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 30, 1928.

Total appropriation for the department was:	\$34,795.00
Gross expense for the year was, ...	\$37,871.79
Received from various sources, ...	2,706.56
	\$35,165.23
Leaving a deficit of, ...	370.23
	\$35,165.23

Following is a summary of expense:

Outside poor:

Food, rent, supplies etc., ...	\$11,220.08
Widow's aid, ...	1,651.66
Burials, ...	355.00
Hospitals and institutions, ...	15,785.91
Almshouse, ...	6,923.92
Small-pox epidemic, ...	1,935.22

	\$37,871.79
Credits, ...	2,706.56
	\$35,165.23

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD S. PECK,
Superintendent of Charities.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

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

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my report as Superintendent of Parks and Playgrounds for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1928.

Parks: Regular work done on Union Park, Washington Green, Henry Clay Work Memorial, and the Stone Site on Hartford Avenue. They were taken care of by two men for seven months.

Municipal Field: Grading done to the amount of \$500. No work done on Wilcox Island.

Playgrounds: The apparatus on all playgrounds was repaired and painted.

The registration on all playgrounds was 2250. The average daily attendance was 1540.

The following special events were held:

- Roller Skating Contest—sponsored by Odd Fellows.
- Doll Exhibit—sponsored by Catholic Daughters.
- Pushcart Race—sponsored by Chamber of Commerce.
- Harmonica Contest—sponsored by Red Men.
- Doll Carriage Parade—sponsored by Women's Club.
- Pet Show—sponsored by Park Department.
- Treasure Hunt (Horton Memorial).
- Song Contest—sponsored by Park Department.

The daily program carried on was as follows:

- 1 P. M. Opening—putting up apparatus
- Games until 3 P. M.
- 3-4 P. M. Story Telling and Singing
- 4-5 P. M. Games
- 5-6 P. M. Lunch
- 6-8:30 Games

Each playground had a Parents' Night. Vaudeville and games were enjoyed. These events were very well attended.

Every Saturday swimming instructions were given at Lakeview Park.

Hikes for girls and boys were held every other week.

During the summer a Junior Orchestra, Senior Orchestra, and Glee Club were organized and carried on by this department during the playground season. These musical units were turned over to the music division of the Chamber of Commerce. They are now carrying this great work on.

The Playground Baseball League Pennant was won by Wadsworth Playground. Colonel Wadsworth invited the winning team to a hot dog roast at his estate.

Through the coöperation of the following firms, we were able to take 500 children to Hammonasset Beach:

New England Transportation Co.
J. W. Rogers
Cubeta Brothers
I. E. Palmer Co.
Meech and Stoddard Inc.
Goodyear Rubber Co.
A. N. Pierson Inc.
Gustav Loewenthal Co.

We had but two minor accidents during the entire playground season.

The Board of Park Commissioners and the Superintendent of Parks wish to thank the Mayor and the Common Council for their coöperation during the year.

We also wish to extend our thanks to the following:—

Colonel Wadsworth, the Middletown City School District, the Russell Manufacturing Co. for the use of their lands for playgrounds.

The various organizations and the playground directors for their wonderful coöperation in helping me to make this year the banner year for playground work in our city.

We are greatly indebted to the Playground Association of America for their weekly bulletin service and to the Middle-

town Press for the liberal space in their paper for playground news.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

D. J. McCARTHY, Chairman

HELEN K. HUBBARD

HARRIET A. HUBBARD

MARK F. DUNN

FRED B. FOUNTAIN

P. M. KIDNEY,

Superintendent Parks and Playgrounds.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1928

In looking back over 1927-28, we find it has been a very successful and interesting year in our library history. The most outstanding event was the opening of the new branch building in South Farms. Next in importance was the much-needed redecoration of the main library building. Another unusual event of the year was the meeting of the Connecticut Library Association held in Middletown this Spring. Our regular library activities were carried on as usual this year with increasing appreciation on the part of the public of the resources of the library. Over 13,000 more books were circulated than ever before, making a total of 115,000 volumes that were sent out this year from the library for home reading.

The new branch building at South Farms was formally opened on June 11th, 1927. It is one of the most attractive small library buildings in Connecticut, and a model library from several points of view. The fact that it was built by coöperative effort, that everyone had some share in raising the money for it and is vitally interested in it, makes it an A 1 library with which to work. A branch which belongs in this way to the community is bound to be a live branch. And that is exactly what South Farms Branch has proved itself to be. In the past year its book circulation has nearly doubled. The new building and larger book fund have certainly been appreciated.

In the Main Library several very necessary repairs have been made this year. The girders of the roof and ceiling were reinforced and strengthened; the windows were altered and caulked, and storm windows provided for the north side of the building. And for the first time in 19 years the whole interior of the library was redecorated. This work was done in December, at which time it was necessary to close the building to the public for a month. The lighting system was also repaired at this time, and linoleum was laid in the stacks

where the floor had never been covered, thereby increasing both the warmth of the building and the quietness of it as well. These changes, with others which have been made from time to time in the past few years, have done much toward making our public library a thoroughly workable and attractive one.

An inventory was completed this year, and we find that on May 1st, 1928 the library contains 25,906 volumes.

2,288 new borrowers registered at the library this year. 1,315 books were reserved, and 56 books which we did not have were borrowed from other libraries for our readers. Ten classes were held this year in which 223 boys and girls learned to use the library in connection with their school work. Many gifts of books, magazines, and flowers have shown us that the library has many friends.

In conclusion, let us see where our library stands at the beginning of this new year. One of our branches is well taken care of in a fine new building; our main library is in excellent working condition, but its children's room is far too small for its growing needs. Most libraries of the size of ours have a separate children's room and a children's librarian,—both of which we must consider seriously within the next few years. Our other branch at Westfield has long been hampered by lack of adequate funds for books. Moreover, there is a danger that the room in which it is housed in the Westfield School may be taken away from us, owing to crowded conditions in the school. With very little notice in which to prepare for the situation, we may have the problem on our hands of housing some 1100 books where they will meet the needs of the community of Westfield, and especially the school children who depend on us altogether for their reading. Another problem we are facing is that of supplying the Town Schools with sufficient books. The travelling libraries which we send them are very inadequate. In many rooms there is not even one book for each child. And of this small collection we lost 25 books in the Durant School fire this Spring. Children in these schools live too far from the library to come to us for their books; therefore, we must get the books—and enough of them to supply their needs—to these children.

In the coming year we pledge our best endeavor toward giving the city of Middletown, which has so loyally supported its public library, the very best possible library service.

The librarian wishes to express her appreciation of the faithful services of the Library Staff, and of the splendid coöperation of the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHALY E. NEWTON.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

Balance May 1, 1927	\$216.72
Russell Endowment Fund Income	2,739.60
City of Middletown, Main Library	11,300.00
City of Middletown, South Farms	1,950.00
City of Middletown, Westfield	250.00
City of Middletown, Spec. Repairs	2,000.00
Gifts, South Farms	200.00
Rebate Insurance, South Farms	21.80
Rebate Insurance, Main Library	39.00
	\$18,717.12

PAYMENTS

Salaries, including Janitor	\$8,286.92
Fuel	860.40
Light	323.12
Books	2,001.34
Periodicals	343.01
Bindery	455.93
Furniture, Equipment, and Repairs	447.22
Printing	118.25
Insurance	338.83
Telephone	86.20
Interest	00.00
Story Hour	46.00
Town Schools	125.50
Supplies	445.52
Miscellaneous	116.70
South Farms	1,845.48

South Farms, Special Funds	200.00
Westfield	249.95
Special Fund, Main Library	100.00
Special Repair Fund	2,000.00
Balance, May 1, 1928	326.75
	\$18,717.12

BOOK CIRCULATION

	1926-27	1927-28	Gain
Main Library	74,581	78,834	4,253
South Farms	13,650	20,343	6,693
Westfield	7,336	8,087	751
Town Schools	4,420	4,700	280
Rental Collection	1,824	3,049	1,225
	101,811	115,013	13,202

BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

MAY 1, 1927 TO APRIL 30, 1928

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit the following report of the Middletown Department of Health Laboratory for the year beginning May 1, 1927 and ending April 30, 1928.

A total of 3866 examinations were made by this department, an average of 322 per month which is 11.8% per month increase over the previous year.

There were one hundred and eighty-four (184) examinations made for pulmonary tuberculosis, of this number, twenty-four (24) were positive, fifteen (15) of which were new cases.

There were one thousand, six (1006) Wasserman tests, nine hundred and fifty-three (953) were for diagnosis, fifty (50) or 5.2% of which showed the presence of syphilis.

Fifty-three (53) Wassermans were made to show the results of treatment, twenty-nine (29) or 54.7% were still positive after varying amounts of treatment.

There were one hundred and eighty (180) Kahn tests made, one hundred and fifty-two (152) were for diagnosis, thirty-one (31) or 20.4% showed the presence of syphilis. The Kahn test is a newer and more delicate test than the Wasserman test for syphilis. Its clinical value is as a guide to amount of treatment necessary to establish a complete cure.

Twenty-eight (28) Kahns were for results of treatment, twenty-six (26) or 92.8% showed no improvement.

There were fourteen (14) or 2% of the seven hundred (700) suspected Diphtheria cases which proved to be true Diphtheria.

Seven (7) of the two hundred and sixty-three (263) contact cases proved to be positive for Diphtheria Bacilli.

There were three (3) cases of Typhoid fever during the year.

There were four hundred and twenty-three (423) smears for Gonorrhoea, three hundred and seventy-nine (379) were for diagnosis, forty-seven (47) or 12.1% showed the presence of the germs of Gonorrhoea.

Forty-three (43) Smears were made to show the results of treatment, seventeen (17) or 39.5% showed no improvement.

No new equipment has been necessary during the current year so that expenditures have been limited to replacements of glassware and chemicals.

A complete inventory of equipment has been submitted.

Yours respectfully,

JESSIE W. FISHER, M. D.

May 1, 1927 to April 30, 1928

Diphtheria, 1st culture examined	700
Diphtheria, 1st culture positive	14
Diphtheria, 2nd culture examined	88
Diphtheria, 2nd culture positive	15
Diphtheria, contact cases	263
Diphtheria, contact case, positive	7
Smears, Vincent's organisms	35
Smears, Vincent's Positive	6
Tuberculosis:	
Sputum	184
Urine	1
Positive Sputum, Tuberculosis	24
Virulence Test, Diphtheria	3
Typhoid:	
Widal	28
Urine	28
Feces	26
Blood Culture	1
Positive Widal, Typhoid	3
Positive Urine, Typhoid	3
Positive Feces, Typhoid	2
Widal, Para A & B	42
Blood, Malaria	834
Smears, Gonorrhoea	423
Positive Smears, Gonorrhoea	64

Wassermans	1006
Positive Wassermans	50
Kahn Tests (Syphilis)	180
Positive Kahn Tests	31
Milk Samples	24
Total examinations	3866
Average of 322 per month.	

JESSIE W. FISHER, M. D.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTOR

Middletown, Conn., July 19, 1928.

*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 30th, 1928 I wish to state there were 3,148 inspections made including Beef, Veal, Poultry, Fish, Pork and various other food products. Tuberculosis was found to exist in 14 sets of lungs. No generalized Tuberculosis was found. Two hundred and sixteen calves were weighed to determine standard. The lymphatic glands of 68 pigs were incised to present symptoms of septicaemia if present.

One carcass of beef was condemned for being terribly bruised and insufficient bleeding. The sum of \$1,281.00 was collected and turned over once each month to the City Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. E. M. BITGOOD,

Meat and Food Inspector.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR

Middletown, Conn., July 9, 1928.

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

During the period from May 1st, 1927 until April 30, 1928 I visited and inspected 336 dairies and in nearly each instance left recommendations for improvement.

Each case of mastitis that is present in a herd of dairy cows is isolated from the herd until recovery takes place and by our present method of inspection they are as a rule isolated before any of the milk from an infected quarter gets into the city supply. We have been fortunate up to date by not having any serious outbreak of septic sore throat although it has been in sections nearby. I am pleased with the results obtained in the dairy inspection for this period.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. E. M. BITGOOD,
Milk Inspector.