

21st October, 1940.

A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks, Etc. Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: James McMahon, Thomas Walsh, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: James Sinnott, Thomas Byrne, Stephen McMahon, James Murphy, Thomas Hayes, Patrick Hawkins, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, and Nicholas Connolly.

Alderman Coffey referred to a rumour prevalent in the Town that a quantity of tools had been lost recently in the Reservoir, but the Borough Surveyor denied this and explained that on the Saturday before the rain came three wheelbarrows full of the excavated material had been left approximately 70 yards away from the water lines. The rain over the particular week-end had been very heavy as a result of which the level of the water in the reservoir had suddenly risen to the position where the barrows were.

The barrows had been removed a few days later and there was no truth whatever in the rumour that they had been lost. This explanation was accepted as satisfactory.

GRANT - RESEVOIR

The Town Clerk intimated that under date of the 16th instant by letter No. L.24913 the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had allocated a further grant of £180 towards the additional work estimated to cost £300 on the cleansing of the Reservoir. The Town Clerk also pointed out that as a result of the cleansing the amount necessary for Relief Grant work by the Corporation during the current year was £410 more than had been estimated for, and pointed out that this sum would require to be raised in the rates for the coming Financial Year. This was agreed to.

TENDERS - GREEN ST. HOUSING SCHEME.

With reference to minutes of Corporation on the 14th instant when six Tenders had been submitted for the erection of 34 Bungalows at Green Street and it had been decided to refer them to the Borough Surveyor for a report which it was intended should be presented to a Special Meeting of the Council on this night, the Town Clerk reported that Mr. McNally on examining the lowest tender had found certain items not priced, as a result of which he had communicated with the intending Contractor, Messrs. J. & P. Conlon, Carlow. The Surveyor's letter was written on the 15th instant and as no reply had been received it had been deemed advisable to defer the Special Meeting until the 28th instant. In this connection it was decided to get into telegraphic communication with Messrs. Conlon on the 22nd instant and to hold a Special Meeting of the Council on Friday the 25th to consider his reply.

In this connection it was pointed out that/Messrs. Conlon were not prepared to carry out the contract on the terms submitted that the next lowest tender would provide for mass concrete walls with steel sashes. This type of construction, however, did not appeal to the members, and it was decided that Mr. McNally should make a report on the next lowest tender for block walls and wooden sashes.

MAIN ROADS

A letter was read from the County Surveyor addressed to the Borough Surveyor stating that he would shortly be preparing the Provisional Road Works Scheme for 1941, and asked for a list of any special works which the

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Council wished to have included. It was decided the Borough Surveyor should inform Mr. Barry that he wished to have the footpath at Distillery Road completed and have a new footpath laid at Newtown Road and portion of the footpath at William Street relaid.

CLAIMS - WATERWORKS SCHEME

The Corporation Solicitor intimated that he had received a number of claims from persons affected by the proposed Waterworks Scheme, and asked if the Corporation intended to make any offer to the claims, but it was decided to inform the Solicitor that no offer should be made and the entire question of compensation left in the hands of the Arbitrator who would sit on the 29th instant to hear these claims.

The Corporation Solicitor also asked for permission to employ a timber expert to value the timber at Edenvale as it was thought that one part of Mrs. Lennon's claim would be based on the assumption that she proposed to start a sawmill there. The Solicitor also asked for permission to employ the service of an auctioneer to value the entire place and give evidence thereon. Both these requests were unanimously agreed to.

HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

With reference to previous discussions on the amount due by Mrs. Ellen Gordon, Parnell Street, for the installation of a water closet at William Street in the house owned by her and occupied by Miss Margaret Johnson, which work had been carried out by the Council following the failure of Mrs. Gordon to comply with a notice served on her under the Public Health Acts, Mrs. Gordon now wrote stating that she was prepared to pay the account with the exception of an item of £2. 15. 10 for supervision, and as this work had been carried out by a public official she held that she should not be asked to pay for it.

It was explained to the meeting that the £2. 15. 10 referred to was claimed by the Borough Surveyor for preparing the necessary Specification and supervising the work. The Borough Surveyor's view of this matter as expressed to the meeting was that Mrs. Gordon should have done the work herself and if she had would have been obliged to pay some person to supervise it. After some discussion the meeting could not decide whether the Borough Surveyor was entitled to be paid for this work, and decided to ask for a ruling from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the matter.

RATE COLLECTOR'S REMUNERATION

Mr. Patrick Curran, Town Rate Collector, applied for the sum of £100 on foot of the commission due to him for collecting the Town Rates in the current Financial Year. The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Curran had collected £7,312 up to the 16th instant, which was 43% of his warrant. The commission on the above at 2½% amounted to £182. 16. 0, and the Town Clerk further recommended that this amount be paid to Mr. Curran. The meeting unanimously decided that Mr. Curran should be paid £100 on account subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

A further advocacy for £80 on foot of the commission due to him was submitted from the Poor Rate Collector, Mr. John J. O'Leary. In this case the Town Clerk reported that Mr. O'Leary had collected up to the 16th instant £4,181, which was approximately 32% of his warrant, and that the commission due to him was £104. 10. 6. In this case the Town Clerk would only recommend the granting of £60 as he was not satisfied that Mr. O'Leary was sufficiently energetic in the discharge of his duties. The £60 would be approximately 54% of the sum due and would be on the same basis as the payment proposed to be made to Mr. Curran. The Committee also decided to pay Mr. O'Leary £60 on foot of his commission subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

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Arising out of the Rate Collectors applications reference was made by Alderman Walsh to applications which had been made some time ago on behalf of these men and other officials of the Corporation for increases in their remuneration. These applications had been referred to the Special Rates Committee but up to the present the Committee had not met, and it was agreed that if a Special Meeting of the Council was held on Friday night that the Rates Committee should meet immediately afterwards.

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS

The Town Clerk submitted a list of the attendance of the members at meetings of the Council for the past six months. From this it would appear that three members namely, Alderman Flusk, Councillors. Buckland and Martin were disqualified for non-attendance under Article 12 (9) of the Application of Enactments Order 1898, but in the case of Councillor Buckland it was well known that his absence was through illness which was a question of fact, and did not disqualify him. As well, the Town Clerk reported that a further seat on the Council was vacant through the death of Councillor James Billington, and he requested the Committee to recommend the Corporation to declare the three seats vacant, which he thought should be done in view of the terms of the Order, but it was unanimously decided to only recommend the Council to declare the seat of Councillor James Billington vacant and to take no action on the seats of Alderman Flusk and Councillor Martin.

RATES - T. KEHOE, SELSKAR.

A Mr. Thomas Kehoe, Selskar Street, wrote that he was being pressed for rates by the Town Rate Collector, which he was unable to meet. Most of the arrears of rates had occurred during the period when the premises had been occupied by his father and as he was unable to meet the full amount he offered £40 in full settlement of the sum due to 31st March next. The Town Clerk reported that the total amount due by Mr. Kehoe in respect of Town and Poor Rates was £65. 1. 2. He further intimated that he had discussed Mr. Kehoe's letter with the Rate Collectors who strongly recommended its acceptance.

The meeting, on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Connolly, unanimously agreed to the recommendation of the two Collectors in this case and in view of the fact that Mr. Kehoe would possibly only be liable for two years rates on the premises as a subsequent occupier to accept his offer of £40 in full discharge of all Rates due to the 31st March next on condition that he undertook to pay the current rates each year as they became due.

HOUSES - CORNMARKE

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the question of the condition of two houses at Cornmarket was under consideration and had been adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to try and discuss the difficulty with an Official of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, the Town Clerk intimated that he had tried to see the official in question on Friday last but was unable to do so, so it was now decided to write to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health setting out the full facts of the case and request him to advise the Corporation on the matter.

PETROLEUM LICENCE

A Licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871 in respect of the premises of the Great Southern Railways at Custom House Quay was signed on behalf of the Corporation.

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A letter was read from Colonel J. L. Bradish, Strandfield, stating that during the dry period he had been supplying a great number of people with spring water, and suggested that by way of compensation he be exempt from paying water rates for the current year. It was decided to inform Colonel Bradish that while the Corporation appreciated the splendid manner in which he had acted during the emergency they were precluded by law from remitting the Water Charge Assessments on him.

EXTRA REMUNERATION

With reference to minutes of the Council on the 7th instant when it had been decided on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to grant extra remuneration to Mr. Henry F. Doyle and Miss K. Lacey of the Town Clerk's Office for discharging the duties of the Town Clerk while absent on holidays, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 16th instant by letter No. G.5556/6/40, intimated that he had nothing to add to the refusal contained in previous correspondence to sanction this proposal.

No further action was taken in this matter.

With reference to Minutes of the 7th instant when the Town Clerk reported that owing to the illness of Miss K. Lacey, Typist, he had employed Miss E. M. Phillips, as temporary typist, for the two weeks ending on the 19th instant, he now reported that Miss Lacey would be unable to resume duty for a further two weeks, and it was unanimously agreed to extend the temporary appointment of Miss Phillips to the second prox.

STORE - WILLIAM ST.

Councillor Moran referred to the condition of the store at William Street and asked the Borough Surveyor to have it cleaned up. In this connection the Borough Surveyor pointed out that it was very difficult in the absence of a store-keeper to keep a proper check on materials and equipment in this store, so it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should make a report on this matter as soon as possible when the Committee would consider the advisability of recommending the Corporation to appoint a store-keeper.

Reference was made to carts being left on the public roadway at Wolfe Tone Villas and Duke Street during the night-time, and it was agreed that the Town Sergeant should inspect these areas at night and if he found carts on the roadway that the Town Clerk be authorised to prosecute the offenders without further reference to the Corporation.

INQUIRY

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the Town Clerk read a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimating that a Sworn Inquiry would be held into the letting of certain houses by the Corporation he further reported that the Department had been in telephonic communication with him on the subject of the date of the Inquiry and suggested Tuesday November 5th. As this date appeared to the Town Clerk to be suitable for all concerned he had agreed to it, so it was now unanimously decided to send a copy of the Minister's letter to the Corporation Solicitor instructing him to appear at the Inquiry on behalf of the Corporation and to intimate what evidence it would be necessary to prepare having regard to the terms of reference.

In reply to Councillor Byrne it was stated that the cost of carrying out alterations to the Avenue at Cromwell's Fort under the Relief Grant Scheme was £118.

The meeting then terminated.

28th October, 1940.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past eight o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: James McMahon, Thomas Walsh, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Patrick Hawkins, Thomas Byrne, Stephen McMahon, Phillip McGuire, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, James Gaul, Thomas Buckland and James Murphy.

TENDERS - GREEN ST. BUNGALOWS.

With reference to Minutes of the 14th instant when tenders were received for the erection of 34 Bungalows at Green Street, and had been referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report, the Surveyor reported that on examining the tender of Messrs. J. & P. Conlon, Carlow, which was the lowest submitted, he had found an item in the development not priced. He had therefore, taken the matter up with these people and under date of the 25th instant they had informed him that their tender covered all the work as outlined in his letter and according to the Specification. He, therefore, recommended the acceptance of Messrs. Conlon's tender and pointed out that as their credit of £1 per house for the use of steel sashes did not reflect the real difference between steel and wooden sashes this credit should not be accepted.

Councillor Byrne thereupon moved the acceptance of Messrs. J. & P. Conlon's tender for the erection of 34 Bungalows in concrete blocks with wooden sashes. Councillor Dunne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to. The total estimated cost of this scheme would amount to £16,305 made up as follows:-

Lowest Tender -----	£12,885. 0. 0.
Sum already provided by the Corporation for purchase of land and development -----	3,000. 0. 0.
Clerk of Works -----	220. 0. 0.
Law Costs (including Mortgage and actions re Distillery Lane) estimated -----	200. 0. 0.
TOTAL -----	<u>£16,305. 0. 0.</u>

This would be an average all-in-cost per house of, approximately, £480. An analysis of the tenders received is attached to these minutes.

TENDER - WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

With reference to minutes of the 7th instant when the tender of Messrs. R. J. Campbell & Co., Ltd., for the Wexford Waterworks Improvement Scheme at £29,801. 14. 6, plus 5%, making a total of £31,291. 16. 3 was accepted, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 24th instant by letter No. L.5554/40, intimated that he would raise no objection to the acceptance by the Corporation of the tender of Messrs. Campbell & Co., Ltd., for £29,801. 14. 6 on the terms indicated in the first paragraph of the report to the Corporation made by the Consulting Engineers. It was explained to the meeting that the Minister's suggestion was that Messrs. Campbell's tender should be accepted on the original basis at which it was submitted namely, for £29,801. 14. 6, the Corporation to be responsible for any increases in the cost of labour and materials after the date of the tender.

The meeting thereupon unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor

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Byrne, seconded by Councillor Dunne, to accept Messrs. ~~Byrne's~~ tender on the terms outlined, but they at the same time advised the Town Clerk to 'phone the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the following day and make certain that the interpretation he had placed on the Minister's letter was correct.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS SCHEME

The next business on the Agenda was to consider an outline scheme of Air Raid Precautions submitted by the Department of Defence following conversations between the representatives of the Department and officials of the Corporation on the 2nd and 3rd ultimo.

A copy of this outline scheme had been furnished to each of the members, and it was now decided to refer it to the Air Raid Precautions Committee for consideration.

The meeting then terminated.

*R. Corish TD
Mayor*

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A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at seven O'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Aldermen: James McMahon, Thomas Walsh, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Patrick Hawkins, Thomas Byrne, Stephen McMahon, Phillip McGuire, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, James Gaul, Thomas Buckland and James Murphy.

On the motion of Councillor Hawkins, seconded by Councillor Byrne, Alderman Walsh was moved to the Chair in the absence of the Mayor.

A number of Old Age Pensions Claims having been disposed of, (details of which would be found in the Old Age Pensions Register) Councillor Sinnott referred to a claim which had been before the meeting for an increased pension by a man named Patrick Sinnott, of St. Ibar's Villas, and pointed out because this man was receiving a superannuation allowance from the Typographical Association, to which he had contributed during the years he was able to work, he was now being subject to a means test and was not in receipt of the full pension.

The Town Clerk pointed out that this was a matter of law which the Committee could not alter, and Councillor Sinnott gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the Corporation call on the Government to abolish the means test entirely for Old Age and Blind Pensions.

REPORT - TOWN SERGEANT

The Town Sergeant reported that he had inspected the Theatre Royal on the previous Friday and found it overcrowded. He spoke to the Manager who admitted that the building was overcrowded, but took no steps to stop it. After some discussion Alderman Coffey moved that the management be prosecuted for a breach of the Public Health Acts and Councillor Hayes seconded. On a poll being taken eight members voted for prosecution and six against, and the motion was declared carried.

The Borough Surveyor submitted an account for £4. 5. 0. in respect of travelling expenses to and from the Reservoir during the period when it was being cleaned. The account was for 5/- in respect of each visit and had been included in the estimate for the Scheme, which had been submitted to the Department of Local Government and Public Health. It was decided to pay it.

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TENDERS

Three tenders were submitted for the supply of manhole covers and frames and gully traps. They were from Mr. Jessop Davis, Enniscorthy, who quoted £95. 5. 4. for the total; Messrs. Philip Pierce & Co., Ltd., Wexford, whose net tender was £95. 6. 0 and Messrs. Steele & Co., Ltd., New Ross, whose tender was £96. 6. 0. It was seen that of the total amount of the tenders Mr. Jessop Davis was 8d. less than the local Firm, Messrs. Pierce & Co. Ltd., and members took strong exception to the work being sent out of the Town. It was pointed out, however, that if the tenders were divided and give the manhole covers to Messrs. Pierce & Co., Ltd., at £36. 0. 2 net for which they were the cheapest, and to give the road gulleys to Mr. Davis at £57. 0. 0. net for which he was the cheapest, the Corporation would save the sum of £2. 5. 2. on the entire tenders. The meeting would not agree to this either and Councillor Hayes moved that the Corporation be recommended to accept Messrs. Pierce & Co. Ltd. tender for both manhole covers and gully traps, and Councillor Bunne seconded. The Town Clerk, however, pointed out that if they done this the members would be liable to a surcharge, nevertheless it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to grant the contract to Messrs. Pierce & Co.

RATES - HOUSE NORTH MAIN ST.

Under date of the 25th instant Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, acting for the representatives of the late Christina Kirwan, Main Street, pointed out that the Bank of Ireland as Mortgagees were selling the premises at North Main Street on which there was a considerable amount of rates due. They presumed that the Corporation would be satisfied to accept two years arrears of rates in full discharge of all arrears due in the event of a sale of the premises and pointed out that the Bank as the persons not primarily liable would not in any case be liable for more than two years arrears of Poor Rate.

The Town Clerk reported that there was £107. 11. 7 arrears of Poor Rate due in respect of the two premises owned by Mrs. Kehoe and 86. 9. 11 Town Rates, making a total of £194. 1. 6. He further reported that in his opinion the Bank would not appear to be subsequent occupiers within the meaning of Section 71 of the Poor Relief Ireland Act, 1838, and in this case the Bank were selling the premises and administering the estate of the deceased. Such estate would appear to be liable for the full amount of the rates which were preferential charge.

He (Town Clerk) further recommended that the Corporation at this stage should not agree to accept two years rates in discharge of the total sum due.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The Town Clerk was authorised to apply for overdraft accommodation up to £8,000 on the Ordinary Account of the Corporation up to 31st January next, as the half-yearly instalments of loans charged fall due to be met this month.

Messrs. Pierce & Co. Ltd., asked for a certificate that the Corporation had no objection as regards the site of Air Raid Shelters which they had recently erected for their employees, and it was agreed that the Surveyor or the Town Clerk should issue the necessary certificate if they were satisfied that the Regulations had been complied with.

A letter was read from John Martin, Juliamount, asking the Corporation to provide a light on the road from Windmill's Lane to Summerhill, and it was decided to procure an estimate from the Electricity Supply Board for the supply of such a light, and if it was reasonable that it be accepted.

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REPORT - M.O.H.

The Town Clerk submitted a report from Dr. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, on a number of children who did not appear to have been vaccinated and this was referred at the request of Alderman Coffey to the November Meeting of the Corporation.

At this stage the Mayor attended and occupied the Chair.

SEWER - PATRICK SQUARE

There was submitted a letter from Messrs. Little & Elgee, Solicitors, on behalf of the Select Vestry of the Parish of Wexford complaining that they had been put to the expense of £6 odd for repairing the sewer running from the yard of the school premises at Patrick Square, which they believed was a public sewer, and should consequently be maintained by the Corporation. They asked for a refund of the expenses incurred by them. The Town Clerk intimated that he had asked the Borough Surveyor for a report on the matter and the Surveyor's report was now submitted, which stated, as a result of his investigation he found that at one time an open drain existed in the property immediately above the school, which served as a drain to gardens adjoining some houses in School Street, and emptied into the built drain at the School premises. More recently the owners of this property laid down a 9" pipe drain instead of the open drain to serve as a sewer to the houses. It would be of interest, said Mr. McNally, to learn if this was done without the consent of the then Borough Surveyor or the Select Vestry. He further stated he was informed by the Corporation Foreman that during his time of office he or the men under his control had never been called on to do any maintenance or other work in this sewer. It would cost between £50 and £60 to relay this sewer on the School premises. This matter was adjourned to enable the Borough Surveyor to ascertain if there were any reports in the Surveyor's office regarding this matter.

REPORT - SANITARY INSPECTOR

A report was submitted by the Sanitary Inspector relating to four houses at Barrack Street, from which liquid filth was perculating into premises at Parnell Street. The Town Clerk reported that this matter had been before the Corporation as far back as December 1938, when notices had been served on the owner requiring him to provide water closets for a number of houses at Barrack Street. The owner had written to his Solicitors, Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, enclosing a letter from the Corporation in June, 1934, intimating that they would be satisfied with the erection of privies and ashpits in these premises, and as well, the Town Clerk reported that a Committee of the Corporation had inspected the houses in question last year. As a result of their investigations the Committee had asked the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Sinnott, to report on the general condition of the houses with the object of deciding whether or not they would be fit for human habitation even if W.C.'s were provided, and on the 24th October, 1939 Dr. Sinnott had been asked for such reports. He had been written to on the 20th October, 1939, 9th April, 1940 and the 10th September, 1940, for these reports, but so far they had not come to hand, and the Town Clerk was again requested to ask the Doctor to submit these reports without any further delay.

The Town Clerk was also asked to have a report made on the sanitary condition of the house at Francis Street occupied by Miss Mythen.

REPORT - M.O.H.

A number of reports were submitted from Dr. Sinnott on houses at Clifford Street who recommended that the owner be required to provide water closets,

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and it was decided to serve notice requiring these conveniences to be installed within one month.

HOUSE - FISHER'S ROW

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of arrears of instalments due in respect of a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts by Mrs. Mary Bolger, Fisher's Row, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, under date of the 21st instant stated Mrs. Bolger was unable to pay 15/- per week. She would however, pay 12/6d per week, and they thought that in all the circumstances of the case that the Corporation should accept this offer. The meeting seemed to favour the acceptance of the Solicitor's offer but the Town Clerk pointed out that 12/6d per week would barely cover the present annual charges on the loan which amounted to £31. 7. 4, and in the opinion of the Town Clerk Mrs. Bolger would not pay this for any length of time. He therefore again warned the Committee that they should execute the Decree obtained for possession in this case without any further delay or the Local Government Auditor might take a serious view of the matter if the arrears were allowed to accrue any further. It was decided however, to accept the offer and to point out to Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey that it was only for the lifetime of Mrs. Bolger that the offer was being accepted and it was not to be taken as covering the payment of Rates.

The Rent Collectors were to be asked for a report on the number of houses at Wolfe Tone Villas and other Corporation Schemes that were being sub-let.

The following Committee were appointed to examine reports submitted by the Town Clerk on Part 6 of the Shops Act, namely, Alderman Walsh, Coffey, with Councillors. Byrne, Hayes and the Mayor.

PETROLEUM LICENCE

A Licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, was signed in respect of the premises of Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty, Custom House Quay.

The Meeting then terminated.

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A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, Robert Coffey, and James McMahon.

Councillors: Patrick Hawkins, James Crosbie, James Gaul, James Murphy, James Sinnott, Thomas Byrne, Stephen McMahon, Philip McGuire, Robert Moran, John Billington, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Dunne, Nicholas Connolly.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and approval:- Minutes of Corporation on the 7th, 14th and 28th ultimo; Finance & Works, Etc., Committees on 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th ultimo.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the minutes were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

Arising out of Minutes of the Finance & Works Committee on the 28th ultimo when a report was submitted from the Town Sergeant to the effect that he had inspected the Theatre Royal Cinema on the previous week and had found overcrowding, and when it was decided by the Committee that proceedings be instituted against the Management for a breach of Section 36 of the Public Health Acts, Amendment Act, 1890, Alderman Coffey asked if the prosecution had yet been issued, and the Town Clerk in reply said that he had been very busy during the past week in connection with an Inquiry and would issue the necessary summons as soon as possible.

The Alderman also referred to the fact that midnight matinees had been held in the Theatre during the week in question and thought that they should not be allowed.

In reply to Alderman Walsh the Town Clerk stated that as far as he knew the Corporation had no power to regulate the hours at which stage shows should be held. It would be an entirely different matter if it was a Cinematograph Exhibition. He further informed the Alderman that he understood these midnight matinees would not be held in the future and that a guarantee to this effect had been given by the Management to the Administrator.

Some members thought that the publicity given to this matter was sufficient steps for the Corporation to take and appealed for the prosecution to be withdrawn although it was pointed out that overcrowding of public buildings such as this and the use of chairs in the passages could lead to very serious consequences and loss of life if a fire broke out.

The Town Clerk in reply to a further query stated that at the Finance Committee meeting when the prosecution had been ordered eight members voted for it and six against.

The Mayor now ruled that unless some members gave notice of motion to rescind the decision of the Finance Committee that the prosecution would be proceeded with, and the matter dropped.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Rev. G. J. Murphy, R.C.A., returned sincere thanks for the resolution of sympathy adopted with him at last meeting.

PAYMENTS

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate, to £9,990. 15. 1 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

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Arising out of the Accounts Alderman Coffey referred to a payment for Analyst's fees, and it was explained to him that this was for water submitted for examination during the scarcity. The samples had been taken from various springs and wells in the Town and notices had been placed on each of them warning the public that the water should be boiled before being used for human consumption.

FRANCISCAN ANNIVERSARY

The Mayor referred to the fact that early in December would be the 700th Anniversary of the Coming of the Franciscans to Wexford and moved that the Corporation extend their congratulations to the Community on the attainment of this Anniversary.

During the course of his remarks he reminded the public that religious celebrations would be held in the Franciscan Church on the 8th, 9th and 10th proximo and appealed to the public through the medium of the Press, to do some decorations on the streets to show their appreciation of what the Friars had done for Wexford.

Alderman Coffey seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and unanimously adopted.

FIRE BRIGADES ACT, 1940.

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of an Order made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health bringing into operation in the Borough of Wexford the Fire Brigades Act, 1940. This Order was noted.

There was also submitted to the meeting for re-adoption a scale of charges for the attendance of the Fire Brigade at fires outside the Borough Boundary. This scale of charges had been adopted by the Corporation on the 2nd October, 1939, but as Section 4 (3) of the Act of 1940 laid it down that every Fire Brigade Authority, which authorised the sending of their Fire Brigade to fires outside their district should prepare a scale of fees to be charged and paid for services rendered by the Brigade, and as the scale of charges adopted in 1939 did not appear to have any Statutory Authority it was thought advisable to have it re-adopted now in accordance with the Act.

It was pointed out to the meeting by the Town Clerk that the only change he desired in the scale was to clarify the minimum fee for a call so as to provide that it would not operate when the Brigade was engaged for more than one hour and when the higher scale of fees became payable. The scale of charges and regulations are as follows:-

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| 1. | Minimum Fee for Call ----- | £5. 5. 0. |
| 2. | Where the Brigade is engaged for more than one hour, and not more than four hours ----- | 15. 0. 0. |
| 3. | For every hour or part of an hour in excess of the first four hours mentioned at 2 above - | 4. 0. 0. |
| 4. | In addition, travelling expenses for every mile, or part of a mile, from Station to fire, and return to Station ----- | 2. 0. |
| 5. | In any case where the fees set out at 2 and 3 above become chargeable, then the fee set out at 1 above will not be charged. | |

Time will be reckoned from the hour Brigade leaves Station until the hour it arrives back to Station.

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The Brigade will not be permitted to leave the Borough -

- (a) Without the permission of an Executive Officer of the Corporation.
- (b) Unless the Fire is extensive, or likely to become extensive.
- (c) Unless there is a sufficient supply of water available to enable the Brigade to be of utility.

The Brigade may, at the discretion of the Officials of the Corporation, be recalled from a fire outside the Borough Boundary.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the scale of charges submitted was unanimously agreed to.

Arising out of this matter of the Fire Brigade, Alderman Coffey referred to a complaint some time ago that the firemen were short of equipment at a fire, and it was explained that the equipment which was alleged to be short on that occasion was actually there, and any other equipment necessary for the Brigade was on order.

The next business was to approve, if thought desirable, a draft agreement with the County Wexford Board of Health for the attendance of the Wexford Brigade at fires in the Wexford Rural District.

It was explained to the meeting that by direction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health the Secretary to the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance had convened a meeting of local Sanitary Authorities for the County Wexford in Enniscorthy on the 4th September last, at which the Mayor and Town Clerk attended on behalf of the Corporation.

At this meeting they had agreed that the Corporation would co-operate with the Board of Health in fire-fighting in the Wexford Rural District and the Town Clerk had submitted to the Board of Health a suggestion for the financial provisions of this agreement whereby the Board would pay the Corporation a retaining fee of £50 per annum, and that each attendance at a fire outside the Borough would be charged for at 50% of the scale of fees already fixed by the Corporation for such attendance. Where the amount of such fees exceeded the retaining fee of £50 the Board of Health would only pay the Corporation such excess in addition to the retaining fee.

The proposals of the Town Clerk had been considered by the Finance Committee on the 16th September last when the meeting decided that as an outline scheme they would be prepared to approve of it and authorised the Town Clerk to carry on negotiations with the Board of Health on this basis. The following was the arrangement suggested by the Town Clerk:-

1. The Board to pay the Corporation a retaining fee of FIFTY POUNDS per annum.
2. Each attendance at fires outside the Borough of Wexford to be charged for at Fifty per cent. of the following Scale of Fees fixed by the Corporation for the attendance of the Brigade at fires outside the Borough of Wexford.

S C A L E

(a)	Minimum Fee for Call	-----	£5.	5.	0.
(b)	Where the Brigade is engaged for more than one hour and not more than 4 hours -		15.	0.	0.
(c)	For every hour or part of an hour in excess of the first four hours mentioned at (b) above	-----	4.	0.	0.

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- (d) In addition, travelling expenses for every mile or part of a mile from Station to Fire and return to Station ----- s. d.
2. 0.
- (e) In any case where the fees set out at (b) and (c) above become chargeable, then the fee set out at (a) above will not be charged.

Time will be reckoned from the hour the Brigade leaves Station until the hour it arrives back at Station.

- (3) If in any one year, the sum for attendances at fires (calculated on the basis of (2) above) exceeds the retaining fee set out at (1) above, the Board of Health will pay the Corporation such excess in addition to the retaining fee.
- (4) The Brigade will only attend fires in the Rural Area when
- (a) There is sufficient water available to enable the Brigade to be of utility.
- (b) The Brigade is not, or likely to be, required in the Borough of Wexford.
- (5) The Brigade may be recalled from a fire outside the Borough at the discretion of the Officials of the Wexford Corporation.
- (6) If the Fire Brigade is requested by the Board of Health to attend a fire outside the area contemplated by this Agreement, and the Brigade attends at such Fire, then the full scale of fees fixed by the Corporation and set out at (2) above will be payable by the Board without any deduction whatsoever.
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The Board of Health under date of the 1st ultimo requested the reconsideration of Paragraph 6 of these charges and pointed out that the Corporation Fire Brigade would not be asked to attend a fire outside the Wexford Rural District except under conditions of grave emergency.

To this letter the Town Clerk had replied that a grave emergency would be assumed to be an act of war or an event similar to that which recently occurred in the South of the County. In such an event the Corporation would certainly act in the best interests of the community as a whole at the smallest possible cost and render such assistance as might be in their power, due regard being had to the extent such emergency affected, or was likely to affect, the Borough, which must at all times be their first consideration. He, therefore, suggested that the addition of the following works to paragraph 6 would meet the objection of the Board of Health - "provided always that if the Brigade attends a call to a fire in an area outside the area contemplated by this agreement and in the opinion of the Corporation such a call was necessitated by a grave emergency such as an act of war, then the charges for such attendance will only be reduced charges as set out at Paragraph 2."

The Town Clerk reported to the present meeting that he understood the Board of Health had agreed to the proposals outlined above, so on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the proposals were agreed to on the part of the Corporation.

VACANT SEAT

The next business was a Finance Committee recommendation to declare vacant the seat formerly held by the late Councillor James Billington.

The Town Clerk explained that at a meeting of the Finance Committee on the 21st ultimo he had reported that Councillor James Billington was dead,

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and that Alderman Michael Flusk, Councillors. Michael Martin and Thomas Buckland had not attended meetings for the previous six months. In the case of Councillor Buckland his absence was due to illness and did not appear to come within the terms of Article 12 (9) of the Application of Enactments Order, 1898, and he requested the Committee to recommend the Corporation to declare the other three seats vacant. The Committee, however, would only agree to recommend the Corporation to declare the seat formerly held by the late Councillor James Billington vacant and would take no action on the other two seats. Thereupon Alderman Coffey moved that the seat formerly held by the late Councillor James Billington be declared vacant, and the following declaration was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation:-

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898.

DECLARATION OF VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP OF WEXFORD CORPORATION.

APPLICATION OF ENACTMENTS ORDER, 1898.

WHEREAS on the 26th day of June, 1934, James Billington was elected as Councillor for St. Mary's Ward of the Borough of Wexford.
AND WHEREAS since the date of said Election James Billington has died.
NOW THEREFORE, We, the said Corporation of Wexford, in pursuance of Article 12 (10) of the aforesaid Order hereby declare the office of Councillor for St. Mary's Ward, formerly held by James Billington, to be vacant.
And we further declare that a Declaration to this effect at, on or near the outer door of the Town Hall, Wexford, shall be deemed to be sufficient notice of the said vacancy for all purposes.

Given under our hands and Corporate Seal this 4th day of November, 1940.

	RICHARD CORISH.	Mayor.
	ROBERT COFFEY,)	
	Thomas Byrne,)	Three Members of
SIGNED	Thomas Walsh.)	the said Corporation.

COUNTERSIGNED JOHN J. BYRNE,
Town Clerk.

PLOT OF GROUND - WILLIAM ST.

The Finance Committee recommended the leasing of a plot of ground at St. Brendan's Road, William Street, to Mr. Thomas O'Connor, for a period of 31 years at an annual rent of £1. 10. 0.
The Mayor said that Mr. O'Connor wished to acquire one of the houses there on the Tenant-Purchase System and desired the plot alongside to start a shop. The plan submitted by him had been approved by the Borough Surveyor and Finance Committee.

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On the motion of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Committee recommendation was unanimously adopted.

REPORT - BOROUGH ANALYST

The report of the Borough Analyst for the Quarter ended 30th September last, which was submitted, showed that he had examined five samples of milk, three of margarine, two of cheese, and one each of butter and sherry, making a total of twelve articles analysed during the quarter, all of which had been found genuine. This report was noted.

WATERWORKS TENDER

With reference to Minutes of the Corporation on the 28th ultimo when the tender of Messrs. R. J. Campbell & Co., Ltd., for the Wexford Waterworks Improvement Scheme for the sum of £29,801. 14. 6 had been accepted, the Town Clerk informed the meeting that on the 29th ultimo he had written to Messrs. Campbell informing them of the acceptance of their tender and on the 21st ultimo he had received a reply to the effect that in Messrs. Campbell's letter of the 2nd October last addressed to the Consulting Engineers they informed them that they would be obliged to withdraw their tender if the Corporation could not agree to the proposal set out in that letter, and they regretted that owing to existing circumstances they must adhere to that decision. The letter of the 2nd October referred to was to the effect that unless the Corporation agreed to an increase of 5% on their tendered sum they would withdraw the estimate.

The Town Clerk further explained that immediately on receipt of that letter he had written to the Department of Local Government and Public Health informing them of the position and enclosing copies of the relevant correspondence. Under date of the 1st instant, by letter No. L.5554/18/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health noted that Messrs. Campbell had withdrawn the tender submitted by them for the carrying out of the work and intimated that the matter should be submitted to the Corporation at their next meeting.

The Mayor then reviewed the whole position of this matter of the Contract for the carrying out of the Waterworks Improvement Scheme and pointed out to the Corporation that three courses were open to them in the circumstances. One was to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction Messrs. Campbell's tender with 5% added; the second was to re-advertise the scheme; and the third to accept the next lowest tender. Neither of the first two courses appeared practicable and after some discussion the next tender was examined. This was from Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll, Limerick, who quoted £32,475, but in a covering letter intimated that in the event of reduction or increase in the cost of pipes, etc. occurring after the 5th ultimo the matter was to be adjusted in the mutual interests of the Corporation and themselves.

The Mayor mentioned that both the Town Clerk and himself had been in constant touch with the Consulting Engineers on this matter and after examining the situation and been in touch with Messrs. Campbell's the Engineers were of opinion that there was nothing for the Corporation to do but to accept the tender of Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll. The Mayor further intimated that as far as he could ascertain there had been no appreciable increase in the price of materials, but that would be easily ascertainable and he presumed that before the contract was signed they would be aware if there was any increase. Thereupon it was proposed by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, that the tender of Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick, for the sum of £32,475 be accepted. This motion was unanimously adopted.

MEANS TEST - PENSIONS

The next business was a motion by Councillor Sinnott calling on the Government to abolish the means test in the case of applicants for Blind and Old Age Pensions.

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In moving the motion Councillor Sinnott said his reason for doing so was that at a meeting of the Old Age Pensions Committee last week one particular applicant was receiving superannuation benefit for which he had paid, during the period he was able to work, to his Association, and he (Mr. Sinnott) was sorry to say that the Ministry of Pensions were taking advantage of that. He considered it a tax on thrift if a man who had paid into an Association was debarred from getting a full pension. Alderman McMahon seconded the motion.

This motion gave rise to a lengthy discussion on the law dealing with Old Age Pensions both in Ireland and in England together with the increased cost of living and the need for increased pensions for the aged.

The motion was generally supported by all the members present with the exception of Councillor Murphy, who thought that the complete abolition of the means test would lead to abuses.

Eventually, the motion was unanimously adopted but with Councillor Murphy dissenting, and the Town Clerk was asked as soon as he had an opportunity to circulate the resolution amongst other Urban Councils in Eire requesting them to adopt it.

TENDERS

The next business was a Finance Committee recommendation that the tender of Messrs. PhilipPierce & Co. Ltd., Wexford, be accepted for the supply of 12 manhole covers and frames, and 24 road gulley traps.

It was explained to the meeting that tenders had been invited for the supply of these articles from Messrs. Pierce & Co. Ltd.; Messrs. Steele & Co. Ltd. New Ross, and Mr. Jessop Davis, Enniscorthy.

The net quotation of Messrs. Pierce & Co. was £95. 6. 0; that of Mr. Davis £95. 5. 4 and that of Messrs. Steele & Co. Ltd., New Ross, £96. 6. 0. It had been pointed out to the Finance Committee and was again pointed out to the present meeting, that the tender of Mr. Davis was the lowest by 8d. but if the two articles were divided and the manhole covers at £36. 0. 2 given to Messrs. Pierce and the gully traps at £57. 0. 0. given to Mr. Davis, the Corporation would save a total of £2. 5. 2.

At the Finance Meeting strenuous objection was raised to this work being sent out of the town even though Messrs. Pierce & Co. was dearer, and the Committee had decided subject to the approval of the Corporation to give the entire contract to Messrs. Pierce.

When the recommendation came before the present meeting and the full facts explained the members were still of the same opinion that the tender should be given to Messrs. Pierce & Co. Ltd.

Councillor Hayes thereupon moved that Messrs. Pierce & Co. Ltd. be given the contract for both articles at £95. 6. 0 and Councillor Byrne seconded.

Before the motion was put to the meeting the Town Clerk pointed out that the articles were required for Grant Work and that the Department of Local Government and Public Health would have a big say, and of course the Auditor when he came along to audit the accounts of the Corporation would surcharge the £2. 5. 2. Nevertheless, the meeting unanimously decided to accept the tender of Messrs. Philip Pierce & Co; Ltd.

VACCINATION

There was submitted to the meeting Form P. which showed children born in the District of Wexford and over three months old who did not appear to have been vaccinated.

The Town Clerk explained that this was Dr. Pierse's regular Report Form and Alderman Walsh moved that the matter be adjourned until after the War. After some discussion on the disease of small pox and on the law in England relating to the matter, Councillor Byrne proposed that the matter be adjourned for a more favourable opportunity and Councillor Sinnott seconded. Alderman Coffey, however, proposed that the Act be enforced but there was no seconder for this proposition, and Councillor Byrne's proposal was carried.

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PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY

Arising out of this matter of vaccination the Mayor referred to refugees coming into this country and the possibility of their carrying disease. He thought there should be a Port Sanitary Authority and that they should ask the Board of Health for their co-operation in this matter. The Town Clerk explained that the matter of a Port Sanitary Authority for Wexford and Rosslare Harbour had been raised between the Corporation and the Board of Health some years ago but nothing had been done. It was decided that the Town Clerk should get in touch with the County Medical Officer of Health on this matter.

The Meeting then terminated.

R. Cairns T.D.
2. 12. 40

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A meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting the members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Town Clerk was requested to call meetings of the Air Raid Precautions, Rates, and Shops Committees as soon as possible.

A/C. - T. J. MILLAR.

There was submitted to the meeting an account from Mr. T. J. Millar, for £3. 3. 0. in respect of three days work finishing the Plans and Specification for proposed bungalows at Green Street.

It was explained to the meeting that when Mr. Millar commenced this work he was employed as Acting Borough Surveyor during Mr. McNally's absence on annual leave, and the work was not completed before his period of employment ended. He had, therefore, been obliged to work on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th September finishing the Plans and Specification. It was unanimously decided that Mr. Millar should be paid this amount on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Hayes.

LICENCE

A Licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, was signed in respect of the premises of Messrs. Philip Pierce & Co., Ltd., Mill Road Ironworks.

SEWER - PATRICK SQ.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when a discussion took place regarding the responsibility for the maintenance of a sewer at Patrick Square, the Borough Surveyor now reported that he had made further inquiries regarding this sewer and had also examined the monthly reports drawn up by the late Mr. Hanrahan, Borough Surveyor over the period 1906-27, and could find no reference to the sewer in such reports although practically every sewer in the Town was mentioned therein from time to time. He had been informed that about 30 years ago a man named Michael Redmond laid a pipe sewer, referred to in his report of the 25th ultimo, and that this work was carried out for the late Mrs. Redmond, School Street, and he could not find any reference to this work in Mr. Hanrahan's reports either.

It was decided that the Corporation should accept no responsibility whatever for the maintenance of this sewer. The Meeting then terminated.

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A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m. the members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Walsh, Coffey.

Councillors. Hawkins, Hayes, Moran, McMahon, Gaul, Crosbie, McGuire and Sinnott.

The Borough Surveyor, Town Clerk, and his Clerical Assistant were also in attendance.

THEATRE ROYAL

With reference to minutes of meeting of the 28th ultimo when it was decided to institute proceedings against the management of the Theatre Royal Cinema for a breach of the Public Health Acts by overcrowding, the Manager under even date wrote that he had before him a report of a discussion which took place at a recent meeting of the Corporation on the alleged overcrowding, and stated that he wished to place certain facts before the Corporation in connection with the case which were not in their possession when it was decided to institute proceedings.

On the date of the alleged offence he had given orders that the Booking Office be closed and no more people allowed into the building. Subsequently a number of people collected and demanded admission, and as far as he could gather were admitted by a member of the Company who were performing there.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed to withdraw the prosecution and to issue a warning to all the Cinemas in Town that overcrowding would not be permitted under any circumstances whatever for the future, and if such overcrowding took place proceedings would be instituted and it would be taken into account when next their Cinematograph Licence would be up for renewal.

It was also decided that the Borough Surveyor should examine the seating accommodation in the Palace Cinema.

ILLNESS - MISS K. LACEY

The Town Clerk submitted a medical certificate signed by Dr. James A. Pierse, for Miss K. Lacey, intimating that she was under his care suffering from acute rheumatism and would not be able to resume her occupation for four weeks, so it was unanimously decided to authorise, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, the retention of the services of Miss E. M. Phillips as temporary typist during the period of Miss Lacey's illness.

DISTILLERY LANE C.P.O.

Under date of the 7th instant by letter No. H.23756/2/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that having considered the objection made and the report of the Inspector who held the Local Inquiry in the matter he had decided not to confirm the Distillery Lane Compulsory Purchase Order.

DUMP AT FARNOGUE

Under date of the 5th instant by letter No. L.2565/5/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that he considered the proposed site of dumping ground at Farnogue unsuitable for the purpose, as it would not be possible to seal dumped material completely in places

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which were under tidal action. Debris would consequently float and an unsightly condition would result, in addition to which debris would in all probability be carried into the river.

In this connection, the Borough Surveyor was asked to report on the advisability of using a swamp at Ferrycarrig Railway Bridge for this purpose, and to give his observations on the Minister's letter.

COURT PROCEEDINGS

The Corporation Solicitor under date of the 6th instant stated that he had made inquiries and had been informed by the District Court Clerk that no proceedings had been entered for hearing at the District Court in the matter of Berry and Cullen of Wolfe Tone Villas, who had been responsible for damage to Corporate property there, and he presumed the matter had been settled between the persons in question. It was decided to take no further action in this matter.

WATERWORKS ARBITRATION

Under date of the 9th instant the Corporation Solicitor forwarded a copy of a letter received from Mr. James J. McAuley, stating that the award in connection with the Arbitration proceedings under the Wexford Borough (Improvement of Water Supply) Order, 1939, was now ready for delivery and on receipt of payment of £23. 12. 0 to cover the prescribed fees and stamp duty the award would be forwarded. The Town Clerk pointed out that the Corporation Finance Meeting would not be held until the 2nd prox and in the meantime, he was authorised to issue a cheque for the amount drawn on the Petty Cash Account.

TENDERS FOR WATERWORKS

Under date of the 8th instant by letter No. L.5554/17/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health acknowledged receipt of the Town Clerk's letter of the 5th idem in connection with the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll, for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme at £32,475, and stated that no objection would be raised to the acceptance of the tender for this sum provided the Consulting Engineers were satisfied that it was in order. The Corporation should also be advised by their legal adviser as to the adequacy of the surities offered for the due performance of the Contract. As regards the proposed adjustment it was considered that the Contract should be made on the basis of the Conditions of Contract approved for the Scheme and that the proviso submitted that the tender in respect of the cost of pipes should not arise having regard to the Clause in the Conditions of Contract that all increases in the cost of materials in excess of 5% as from the date of the tender would be borne by the Local Authority. In this connection, a letter was also read from Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll, Contractors, under date of the 6th instant intimating that they were prepared to accept the contract on the basis agreed to by the Corporation and that they proposed to have a Conference with the Consulting Engineers on the 12th instant to settle the details of any increase since the date of their tender. It was decided to leave this matter over until next meeting to ascertain what the result of the Conference between the proposed Contractor and the Consulting Engineers would be.

REPORT - MEAT INSPECTOR

The Report of the Meat Inspector for the month of October showed that he had examined 138 cattle, 366 sheep and 60 swine. Of the cattle, 14 were diseased and parts of them had to be destroyed for tuberculosis and other diseases. Of the sheep, 100 livers were destroyed for diseases other than tuberculosis; all the swine were found to be in order.

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REPORT - MILK INSPECTION

A number of reports were also submitted from the Veterinary Inspector on inspections made under the Milk & Dairies Act, 1935, and the premises inspected were found to be in order.

PROVISION OF NEW POUND

The Town Clerk reported to the meeting that an Inspector from the Department of Justice had called on him during the previous week in connection with the provision of a pound for Wexford. The Inspector had pointed out to him that the present pound was entirely unsuitable and asked him to request the Corporation to provide a proper premises after consultation with the local Garda Authorities and the County Registrar. The Committee refused to take any action on this matter and adjourned it sine die.

PROVISION OF W.C. AT WILLIAM ST.

With reference to minutes of the 21st ultimo when the question of the charge of £2. 15. 10 for the supervision of the erection of a W.C. at William Street under the Public Health Acts on behalf of Mrs. Gordon, Parnell Street, was under consideration, the Town Clerk reported that he had submitted all the facts of the case to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and asked him if the Borough Surveyor was entitled to charge a fee for preparing a specification and supervising work of this nature. Under date of the 4th instant by letter No. P.H.276143/40, the Minister stated he was advised that the Corporation was not entitled to charge the owner the cost of preparing the specification and supervision of the work in question. In these circumstances it was unanimously decided to remit the £2. 15. 10 and to request Mrs. Gordon to pay the balance together with any costs incurred to date.

FOLLY SPRING

The Borough Surveyor was asked to make a report on the pipe feeding the spring at Folly and he was also requested to have an opening in the concrete sewer at Temperance Row repaired.

The meeting then terminated.

R. Barish TD
2-12-40

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A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Robert Coffey and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Thomas Byrne, John Billington, Phillip McGuire, James Gaul, Patrick Hawkins, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, and Thomas Hayes.

The Borough Surveyor, Town Clerk and his Clerical Assistant were also in attendance.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The first business was to consider correspondence relative to the Waterworks Improvement Scheme, and the Mayor reviewed the entire position from the date of the last meeting until the present date, and the Town Clerk read for the meeting the following correspondence which had passed since the date of last meeting.

Under date of the 5th instant he had written to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health informing him of the decision of the Corporation on the 4th idem to accept the tender of Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll for the sum of £32,475, and to adjust the Contract price in respect of any increase or reduction in the price of materials as from the 5th October until the date of the acceptance. He had also written to Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll informing them of the decision of the Corporation. Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll had replied under date of the 6th instant intimating that they were going into the question of the cost of materials and had arranged to meet the Consulting Engineers on the 12th idem, so that any adjustment necessary could be made before the work was put in hands.

Under date of the 8th instant, by letter No. L.5554/17/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that no objection would be raised to the proposed acceptance of the tender of Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll for £32,475, provided the Consulting Engineers were satisfied that it was in order. The Minister however, considered that the contract should be made on the basis of the conditions approved for the Scheme and that the proviso submitted with the tender in respect of the cost of pipes should not arise, having regard to the Clause in the Conditions of Contract that all increases in the cost of materials in excess of 5% as from the date of the tender would be borne by the Local Authority.

Under date of the 12th instant, Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, intimated that they had had a Conference with Mr. McCaffrey who informed them that he had ascertained the rise in the price of cast iron pipes, joints and valves, which had amounted to approximately, £560. The Engineers had informed Mr. McCaffrey that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health would only sanction the acceptance of his tender provided the Contractor concurred with what was laid down in the General Conditions when calling for tender with regard to price, rises, etc., and Mr. McCaffrey had informed them he was not prepared to do this. After several further conferences between the Consulting Engineers and the Contractor, together with the Mayor and Town Clerk, Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll had agreed to accept the contract on the basis of the original conditions, namely, that they would bear any increases in the cost of materials up to 5%.

Under date of the 15th instant, the Consulting Engineers intimated the Contractor's acceptance of the original conditions and stated they had been in touch with the Department of Local Government and Public Health

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who had informed them that all items marked "provisional" in the Bill of Quantities should be deleted. After deducting from the estimate for the items marked "provisional" the nett amount of Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll's tender was £26,526. 18. 11.

In reply to Alderman Walsh as to the elimination of the Water Tower the Town Clerk informed him that with the booster it would be quite possible to deliver water to the high levels and that the Water Tower was more in the nature of a reserve.

Councillor Byrne thereupon moved that Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll's tender for the sum of £26,526. 18. 11, which was arrived at after deducting the items marked "provisional" in the Bill of Quantities, be accepted, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. Councillor Crosbie seconded this motion which was unanimously adopted.

There was also submitted to the meeting a copy of the Award made by James J. McAuley, Esq., the Arbitrator appointed by the Land Values Reference Committee to deal with the Claims for Compensation in respect of lands and water-rights proposed to be acquired in connection with the Scheme: the award was as follows:-

Mrs. Anna Lennon	-----£415.	0.	0.
John Kehoe	-----	10.	0. 0.
Mrs. Elizabeth Brennan	-----	10.	0. 0.
William Roche	-----	1.	0.
Laurence Crahan	-----	20.	0. 0.
James Roche	-----	2.	0. 0.
John Shortle	-----	10.	0. 0.
Michael Culleton	-----	10.	0. 0.
Patrick Murphy	-----	10.	0. 0.
Mrs. Margaret Peare	-----	15.	0. 0.
M. Shiggins	-----	1.	0.
Phil. Stafford	-----	5.	0. 0.
Co. Wexford Board of Health & Public Assistance	-----	1.	0.
M. Murphy	-----	1.	0.
Mrs. Anne Culleton	-----	30.	0. 0.
Irish Land Commission	-----	1.	0.

34 BUNGALOWS AT GREEN STREET

With reference to the decision of the Corporation on the 28th ~~instant~~ ultimo to accept the tender of Messrs. J. & P. Conlon, Carlow, for the erection of 34 Bungalows at Green Street, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 16th instant by letter No. H.2529/12/40, intimated that the question of the approval of the tender could not be considered until sanction had been given to the necessary loan. It was reported that the total cost of this scheme would amount to £16,305, made up as follows:-

Tender of Messrs. J. & P. Conlon	-----	£12,885.
Sum already provided by the Corporation for the purchase of land and development	--	3,000.
Clerk of Works	-----	220.
Law Costs (including Mortgage and actions re Distillery Lane) estimated	-----	<u>200</u>
TOTAL estimated cost of Scheme	-----	<u>£16, 305.</u>

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It was thereupon proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hayes, and unanimously agreed that application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to the raising of a loan of £16,305, and the necessary Form of Application was signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk on behalf of the Corporation.

ACT OF VANDALISM

At this stage Alderman Coffey referred to what he considered an act of vandalism at the Redmond Memorial Park when the statue erected in memory of the late Major William Redmond had been disfigured with paint and insulting references made to Mr. Redmond and the present head of the State, Mr. De Valera. The meeting agreed with Alderman Coffey that the act was pure vandalism and strongly condemned the action of the perpetrators.

GRANTS - EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE

In reply to a query the Mayor stated he had been informed in the Local Government Department during the past week that the Grants from the Employment Schemes Vote would be released during the coming week and the Borough Surveyor was asked to make the necessary arrangements with the Employment Exchange so that the men could start work on Monday the 25th instant.

Alderman Walsh referred to a hole in the concrete roadway at Temperance Row, a matter he had raised at a meeting of the Finance & Works Committee a week previously, and inquired from the Borough Surveyor why the necessary repairs had not been carried out. The Borough Surveyor stated that he would have had the work done only for the storm which had dislodged a number of slates and tiles on Corporate property and the mason had been engaged all the week in repairing this damage. He would have the street repaired during the present week.

A. Corbett TD
Mayor of Wexford
2.12.40

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A meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Special Meeting.

DEPOSITS - WATERWORKS SCHEME

Under date of the 7th instant, Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, attached a list of the persons who had applied for plans for the Waterworks and asked for instructions as to the return of the deposits. This matter was adjourned until next meeting to enable the Town Clerk to make a report on the matter.

ARREARS OF RENT

Rent Collector Roche reported that Laurence Breen residing in one of the Fire Brigade houses at Davitt Road North, was in arrear with his weekly rent in the sum of £1. 6. 0, and as well, that he had two persons lodging with him.

It was decided to inform Mr. Breen that the arrears of rent should be cleared off within the next two weeks and the sub-tenants should be removed within seven days, otherwise Notice to Quit would be served and possession of the dwelling sought.

LICENCE

A Licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, was signed in respect of the premises of the Irish-American Oil Company, Redmond Place.

APPLICATION FOR BOOTS

An application from the Caretaker of the Reservoir for a pair of working boots and rain coat was agreed to.

TENANCY - HOUSE WILLIAM ST.

A Mr. M. Conlon of 21 Parnell Avenue, Enniscorthy, applied for the tenancy of No. 7, William Street, as a weekly tenant. He understood that the Council was not willing to let houses in this block to weekly tenants but he took the liberty of asking the Council to consider his application as it would not be suitable for him to acquire the house on the Tenant-Purchase System. It was unanimously agreed to let Mr. Conlon have the tenancy of the house asked for.

Under date of the 9th instant by letter No. H.7256/14/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health referred to the application of the Corporation for a contribution towards the annual loan charges in respect of the William Street houses, and pointed out that the scheme was originally rejected owing to the apparently small demand for the type of house proposed. The Corporation, however, stated that the type in question was the best suited for the site and that there would be a sufficient number of applicants for the houses from persons who would be in a position to pay the economic rent. In the circumstances the scheme was sanctioned but it was clearly stated that no contribution towards the loan charges would be paid. The Minister accordingly could not make any contribution towards the annual loan charges on the Scheme. This letter was referred to the Housing Committee and it was agreed that they should meet after the ordinary meeting on the 25th instant.

SHOPS ACT

It was also agreed that a meeting of the Special Committee appointed to consider the work of Part 6 of the Shops (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1938, should meet on Thursday next at 3.0. p.m.

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ILLNESS OF TURNCOCK

Under date of the 14th instant Dr. P. J. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, certified that John Molloy, Turncock, was suffering from phebittis and would be unable to work for a few weeks. The question arose as to whether or not Molloy should be paid wages during the period of his illness, and it was pointed out that he had worked a considerable amount of overtime all the summer during the water shortage for which he received no extra remuneration, so it was unanimously decided to pay Molloy his full wages less whatever National Health Insurance Benefit he was entitled to receive.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Under date of the 11th instant by Circular letter No. P.H.103/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarded a copy of an Order made by the Government entitled the Emergency Powers (No. 46) Order, 1940, which provided powers for preventing the spread of infectious disease and he requested the Sanitary Authority to obtain a report from the County Medical Officer of Health indicating the hospital or other place of detention and isolation to which (a) patients and carriers, and (b) contacts, may be removed in connection with any outbreak or threatened outbreak or infectious disease in the Sanitary District. He further requested that a copy of that report should be transmitted to the office as soon as possible with any observations which the Sanitary Authority might desire to offer in regard thereto. It was agreed to ask the Co. Medical Officer of Health for the report requested by the Minister.

HOUSES - BARRACK ST.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the sanitary condition of five houses at Barrack Street, the Town Clerk reported that he had interviewed Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, who informed him that if W.C.'s were provided that the houses would be in a sanitary condition. In this connection it was decided to renew service of the notice issued in December 1938 requiring the provision of water closets against next meeting, and the Borough Surveyor should report as to whether or not these houses would be fit for human habitation having regard to their structural condition even with the provision of W.C.'s.

REPORTS - BORO' SURVEYOR

A lengthy report from the Borough Surveyor on the Trinity Street Store was submitted but was adjourned until the 25th instant. The Surveyor further reported that the chlorination plant at Coolree Reservoir had again broken down and that he had sent the part to London for repairs, although this part had been portion of the equipment recently repaired in London. Obviously a full examination and test had not been carried out at the works, but to all appearances it was in order when it was returned to Wexford. The Borough Surveyor was directed to urge the manufacturers to carry out the repairs as expeditiously as possible.

REPORT - SANITARY INSPECTOR

The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the piggery at the premises of Mr. Lambert, Anne Street, about which a complaint was made by Mr. Patrick Whelan. The Inspector stated there were two piggeries each measuring about 16' x 8', the number of pigs in both being 17. Each piggery was drained from a gully trap and connected with the main sewer. The yard and pens were in a fairly clean condition at the time of inspection and little smell was noticeable. He was aware that this piggery gave rise to nuisance during

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warm weather and other periods probably when dung was being removed. He would endeavour to make a further inspection when the nuisance arose again.

No action was taken on this report pending a further inspection by Mr. O'Loughlin at a later date.

BOOKING OF TOWN HALL

Councillor Byrne raised the question as to the manner in which the Town Hall was being booked for dances, etc. and the Town Clerk stated that ever since the need for a licence for dances arose, which licence was in the name of the Mayor, the Mayor had complete control over the letting of the Hall. In this connection the Mayor stated that he did his best to please everybody and the matter was left in his hands.

The meeting then terminated.

*R. Curly TD
Mayor of Wexford*

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A meeting of the Air Raid Precautions Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being:

The Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Coffey, Walsh, together with Councillors. Hawkins, Moran and Crosbie.
The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the leaders of Group "B" of the Local Security Force had met him on Saturday last requesting an interview with the Corporation with a view to ascertaining if they could be of any assistance in the matter of Air Raid Precautions.

He (Town Clerk) had informed the Group Leaders that in his opinion the Corporation would be only too happy for any assistance the Group might be able to provide and he had arranged for a deputation to come to the present meeting. The present meeting unanimously agreed that any assistance the Local Security Force would be able to give would be very welcome and agreed to hear the deputation.

The deputation which consisted of Messrs. Scanlon, and O'Brien, Group Leaders, Messrs. A. & G. Hadden, Leahy, Whelan, and Killeens then came before the meeting. A very frank and open discussion took place on the danger in which the town stood in the event of an Air Raid, and the deputation considered that co-operation between them and the Corporation would lead to a better Air Raid Precautions Service. On behalf of the Corporation it was pointed out that their principal difficulty at the moment was to man the Warden Service, and despite repeated advertisements in the public Press they had only received about 50 names in all, which was only less than half of the number of wardens required. After some further discussion it was agreed that four members of the Local Security Force should be appointed to co-ordinate this work with the A. R. P. Committee of the Corporation, and this was unanimously agreed to. The question of the provision of Air Raid Shelters was then taken up and it was agreed that plans should be submitted to the Department of Defence for the provision of shelters at -

Cornmarket	to hold	150	people.
" - Selskar Ave.	"	100	"
" - Crescent Quay	"	150	"
" - Oyster Lane	"	100	"
" - Anne Street	"	100	"
" - St. Peter's Sq.	"	200	"

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As regards St. Peter's Square it was pointed out that the officers of the Department of Defence when in Wexford did not look with favour on this site but in the opinion of the Committee, and it was also the opinion of the Local Security Force, that an air raid shelter would be of much benefit there having regard to the large number of people using the adjoining Churches at various times in the day and night. After some further discussion on the general administration of the Air Raid Precautions Scheme the members of the deputation promised to ascertain how many members of the Local Security Force which would be possible to second the Air Raid Precautions Service and they would meet the Committee again on Friday the 22nd instant at 7.30. p.m.

The Meeting then terminated.

*R. Connors T.D.
Mayor of Wexford*

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A meeting of the Special Committee appointed to consider reports under Part 6 of the Shops (Conditions of Employment Act) 1938 met this day at the Town Clerk's Office at three o'clock p.m.

The members present being:

The Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Coffey, Walsh, and Councillor Byrne.

The Town Clerk submitted some 50 reports drawn up by the Town Sergeant on the various matters prescribed by Part 6 of the Act, and it was seen that with a few exceptions most of the shops complied with the conditions laid down. As regards the exceptions mentioned it was decided that the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. O'Loughlin, should submit a report on these, and as soon as these reports were available a further meeting of the committee should be held to consider what action was necessary to ensure compliance with the Act.

The meeting then terminated.

*R. Connors T.D.
Mayor of Wexford*

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A meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Coffey, and Walsh.

Councillors: Hayes, Dunne, Byrne, John Billington, Hawkins, Crosbie, Connolly, Gaul, Sinnott and Moran.

The Borough Surveyor, Town Clerk and Clerical Assistant were also in attendance.

REPORTS - BORO' SURVEYOR

The Town Clerk submitted a report he had received from the Borough Surveyor to the effect that the Relief Grants for 1940-41 had commenced on that day and the following sections of the scheme were in operation: Green Street, Thomas Street, Rowe Street (Lower), Summerhill Road, St. John's Road and George's Street. The staff employed consisted of one foreman, one foreman mason, four gangers, two masons, 105 labourers, ten carters, and fifteen watchmen, making a total of 138 men, of whom 130 were receiving Unemployment Assistance at the time of being employed. Before the end of the week the Borough Surveyor intimated that he would employ six additional masons, two of whom were in receipt of Unemployment Assistance.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a lengthy report had been submitted from the Borough Surveyor on the Trinity Street Store, the Town Clerk as directed at last meeting brought this report before the members in the early stages of this meeting, but consideration of it was again adjourned to a later date.

TENDERS

Two tenders were submitted for the supply of wire nails and tarred gaskin. They were from the Wexford Timber Company and Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty. For the wire nails both firms quoted the same price namely, 5/6d per stone, and for the gaskin Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty quoted 6/6d per stone and the Wexford Timber Company 10/- per stone, so it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to accept the tender of Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty for both articles.

Tenders were also submitted from these two firms for the supply of a sewer pipe, junctions, and vent pipe, and as the tender of the Wexford Timber Company was the lower of the two submitted it was also unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to accept it.

STORE - A.R.P. EQUIPMENT

The Town Clerk raised the question as to the provision of a proper store for Air Raid Precautions equipment and pointed out that he had received approximately 12,000 gas masks which were at present stored for him by Messrs. J. J. Stafford & Sons. The Corporation themselves had no place to store any of this equipment and it would be necessary to provide some premises in which these articles could be stored pending their distribution to the public.

This matter was adjourned and the Town Clerk directed to write the Department of Defence and inquire if they would be prepared to allow the Corporation to purchase or hire a store for the purpose.

ARREARS OF RATES

A letter was read from Mr. Peter Hanton, North Main Street, in respect of

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arrears of rates due on his premises there. The Town Clerk reported that the entire sum due was £52. 0. 5 Poor Rate and £38. 8. 6 Town Rates, making a total of £90. 8. 11. Mr. Hanton stated that he was unable to meet these and pointed out that some of the arrears accrued before he took possession. He offered however, to make a payment of £50 in settlement of the entire sum and undertook to pay £25 early in January and the balance of the £50 before the 31st March next. The Town Clerk further reported that he had asked Rate Collector Curran for his observations on his offer. Mr. Curran stated in his opinion that the offer of £50 should be provisionally accepted and if paid before the 31st March next the balance should be written off as irrecoverable. So far as he could ascertain Mr. Hanton was entirely without means and to distrain would prove abortive. As well, the Collector stated a considerable amount of these arrears accrued due prior to his occupation. On the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Dunne, it was unanimously decided to accept Mr. Hanton's offer and if the £50 was paid before the 31st March next that the balance should be written off as irrecoverable.

A further letter on the subject of rates was submitted from Mrs. Christina McKnight in respect of two holdings owned by her at Abbey Street. In this case it was reported that a total of £96. 7. 1 was due and Mrs. McKnight offered the sum of £40 in full settlement. In this case Collector Curran reported he was aware that an attempt to sell these premises proved abortive owing to the large amount of rates outstanding, and he was of opinion that the offer of £40 should be accepted as he did not believe that as much would be recovered if proceedings were instituted. The house was not a "small dwelling" and proceedings would have to be taken against the tenant. In this case the members saw it would be absolutely impossible to recover off the tenants and that in the circumstances it would be advisable to accept Mrs. McKnight's offer, so on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously decided to accept the offer of £40 in settlement.

RATES - MISS KIRWAN

With reference to minutes of the 28th ultimo when a letter had been submitted from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, relative to the rates due out of the estate of the late Christina Kirwan, Main Street. At that meeting the Committee had decided on the advice of the Town Clerk not to agree to accept two years Rates in discharge of the total sum due for the moment. A further letter was now read from Messrs. Kirwan stating they had been in communication with the Law Agent of the Bank of Ireland who were selling the premises to discharge a mortgage and he contended and they agreed with him there was no preferential charge for rates. Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan stated that they believed the Bank would be willing to pay two years on all the rates, if accepted, in full settlement, but if the Corporation adhered to their former decision the Bank required to be furnished with detailed particulars of the claim showing how much was claimed for Poor Rate, Borough Rate, Rate in lieu of Co. Cess, and Water Rates for all the periods. It was again decided to insist on full settlement of all the rates due in this case, and in the meantime to consult the Corporation Solicitor and ask his opinion as to whether or not the Corporation could legally recover from the estate of Miss Kirwan, as in their opinion the rates were a preferential charge on the estate.

The Town Clerk reported that a dispute had been going on for some time past between the Collector of Water Charges and Mr. William E. Godfrey, Carcur, Wexford, on the subject of the charges for the years 1938-1939. Mr. Godfrey complained about the consumption in the quarters ending January and July 1939 and January 1940, which he stated were absolutely abnormal and that he could not have used the amount of water recorded by the meter. From the investigations of the Borough Surveyor it would

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appear that the consumption of 6,000 gallons in January 1940 was due to burst pipes caused by frost. The consumptions of 17,000 and 37,000 gallons in January and July 1939 appeared to be abnormal and as there was some doubt as to whether or not the meter was accurate the Committee unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Hayes, to take the consumption for the corresponding quarters of the previous year and to adjust the account accordingly. The Borough Surveyor also indicated that the consumption shown for the quarter ended April 1940, which was 11,000 gallons, also appeared to be abnormal, and it was agreed to adjust this in the same manner as above when the account was being rendered in January next.

Mr. Godfrey was to be informed however that the meter now installed at his premises was in perfect working order and that he should take steps to see that his service pipes were not leaking, as for the future the Corporation would be obliged to accept the reading of the meter as absolutely correct until the contrary was proved.

DEPOSITS - WATERWORKS SCHEME

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the question of a return of deposits to persons who had submitted tenders for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme was adjourned, the Town Clerk now reported that the advertisement provided for a return of the deposit on receipt of a bona fide tender not subsequently withdrawn. Five of the tenderers had clearly complied with all the conditions and should have their deposits returned. Four had complied with the conditions except to return the plans, etc. and on receipt of the plans they should also have their deposits returned. One person submitted a tender which was a day late and another firm had withdrawn their tender. These two firms should forfeit their deposits. Three firms did not submit tenders and should also be obliged to forfeit their deposits. In the case of Messrs. Thornbury who submitted a tender for £78,798, which was close on three times the amount of the lowest tender, the Town Clerk reported that in his opinion this firm had not submitted a bona fide tender and their deposit should not be returned.

It was unanimously agreed to inform the Consulting Engineers that on the lines indicated in the Town Clerk's report to instruct them to return the deposits only to those people who had complied with the terms of the advertisement.

The Town Clerk further reported that on the 21st instant he had received letters from the Consulting Engineers and the Contractor on the subject of the financing of the Contract. The Contractor wished to have Clause 50 of the Specification amended so as to permit payments to be made to him within ten days of the issue of the certificate. The Specification provided that payment would be made within 28 days of the issue of the certificate but the Contractor pointed out that it was very difficult to secure the necessary materials and he had to give an undertaking to the Manufacturers to pay for the goods within 10 days of their arrival at Wexford. The Engineers pointed out the cost of the various materials and advised the Corporation to have credit made available up to £10,000 within the next three weeks.

The Town Clerk further reported that on receipt of this correspondence he had consulted with the Mayor and they were both satisfied that the Corporation would raise no objection, and he had consequently applied to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to the alteration of the specification and for sanction to overdraft accommodation up to £10,000. The Minister under date of the 23rd instant by letter No. L.5554/23/40, stated that he would raise no objection to the modification of the specification to provide for payment being made to the Contractor within ten days of the issue of the certificate, but so far as overdraft accommodation was concerned he would only be prepared to sanction this on receipt of an application from the Corporation concurrently with the Engineers Certificate. It was pointed out to the meeting that it

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would be absolutely impossible to arrange overdraft accommodation within ten days and it was unanimously decided to request the Minister to reconsider his letter of the 23rd instant and to issue sanction for overdraft accommodation so that all the financial arrangements could be made before the issue of the Certificates.

LORRY DRIVER'S WAGES

The Town Clerk reported that John Rossiter, Lorry Driver, was not at present driving a lorry except on temporary occasions as his own lorry had completely broken down and the new Scavenging lorry would not be delivered until next month. He asked for instructions as to the payment of Rossiter's wages, He was at present being paid his wages as lorry driver whilst he was only doing the work of a labourer, but it was unanimously decided that as Rossiter was employed as a lorry driver to continue paying him his full wages for the present.

A letter was read from Mr. Wm. McGrath, John Street, regarding water flowing down a laneway at the back of his house and the Borough Surveyor was asked to make a report on this.

LIGHT - WATERLOO RD.

Councillor Connolly referred to the need for an all-night light at Waterloo Road and the members agreed that this was a necessity and instructed the Town Clerk to have the light at Paradise Row converted into an all-night light as soon as possible.

LIGHT - KEYSER'S LANE

It was also decided to have the light at Keyser's Lane changed back to its old position in the centre.

The Town Clerk had on the Agenda that a meeting of the Housing Committee would be held at the close of the present Finance & Works Committee meeting to deal with the question of the vacant houses at William Street, but it was decided to adjourn this meeting to a later date. The meeting then terminated.

Richard Connolly TD
Mayor

25th November, 1940.

A meeting of the Rates Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being:

The Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Walsh, Coffey, and Councillor Hayes.

The meeting had been convened at the request of Alderman Walsh to consider an application made some time ago by the two Rate Collectors for an increase in their remuneration, and as well, there was submitted correspondence from the Irish Local Government Officials Union asking for a cost of living bonus for all their members. The meeting considered that they could not grant any increase or any cost of living bonus at the present time, but asked the Town Clerk to prepare as soon as possible, a scheme for the payment of part of their poundage to the Rate Collectors monthly.

Applications were submitted from Mrs. Eileen Goodall and Daniel F. Cronin, William Street, to have the deposits of £30 made by them on their houses there changed to a £10 deposit, but the meeting would not agree to this.

The meeting then terminated.

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Richard Connolly TD
Mayor

2nd December, 1940.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, Robert Coffey, Patrick Tobin, and James McMahon.

Councillors: Thomas Hayes, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Atkins, Thomas Buckland, John Billington, Stephen McMahon, James Gaul, Patrick Hawkins, Nicholas Connolly, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, and James Sinnott.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and approval:-
Minutes of Corporation on the 4th and 18th ultimo; Finance & Works, Water-works and Public Health Committees on 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th ultimo; Air Raid Precautions Committee on the 18th ultimo.
On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

PAYMENTS

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate, to £1,421. 18. 11 were submitted. Arising out of the Accounts Councillor Hayes referred to an item of £12. 15. 4, which included expenditure for buckets, and asked if it was not possible to procure them in hardware shops in the Town, but it was pointed out by the Mayor that they were purchased under the Local Authorities Combined Purchasing Act. A number of other members also objected to these articles being purchased outside the town and the Town Clerk stated that they were 12", 38lbs galvanised buckets, rivetted, at 1/6d each, and if they could get him a similar galvanised bucket in Wexford at 1/5³/₄d or even 1/6d he would be prepared to buy it. Some members urged that buckets purchased locally might be slightly dearer and that they could take a chance and purchase them. In reply to a further query the Town Clerk stated that the buckets purchased amounted to less than £2 and that all the other items in the account were for navy's shovels and picks. Arising out of this reply questions were asked as to the necessity for purchasing picks and shovels and if the Corporation had no old stock, and it was pointed out that the Corporation certainly had but the number of men at present employed on Grant Work was greatly in excess of the number employed last year. It was further pointed out that these articles were being purchased for use on Works, the financing of which was largely borne by the State, and if there was any departure from the General Regulations or the Law in force it was possible that the Grants would be held up and 138 men thrown out of work.

In reply to Alderman McMahon the Town Clerk stated that there was an old resolution on the Corporation Books to purchase goods from local traders, but that the law over-ruled local resolutions. After some further discussion it was decided that for the future tenders should be invited from local traders for such articles as were the subject of the present discussion. The remainder of the accounts having been examined and found correct, an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

REPORT - L.G.D. AUDITOR

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of the report of John J. Flood, Esq., Local Government Auditor, on his audit of the Accounts of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the three years ended 31st March, 1940, together with

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The report stated that a special account should be kept showing expenditure on, and income from, the garden. Duplicate receipts should be issued to all purchasers of garden produce, while all monies received should be lodged monthly. Bills for class materials sent by traders should be certified correct, by the Teachers who take the goods in charge, before payment is made. The Insurance of the Committee appeared to be in order and all premiums had been duly paid to date. This report was noted.

VACANT SEAT

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the seat formerly held by the late Councillor James Billington was declared vacant it was agreed at the request of Alderman Coffey to adjourn, until next meeting, the co-option of a person to fill this seat.

TENDERS

Tenders were submitted for the supply of sewer pipes, etc., wire nails, tarred gaskin, and native timber in connection with the works at present in course of progress. They were from the Wexford Timber Company and Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty, and on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the lower tender in each case was accepted.

RESOLUTION

The next item on the Agenda was a resolution from the Youghal Urban District Council on the subject of neutrality, and the Mayor stated he was ruling it out of order, as if they wanted to have neutrality they were not going to get it by discussing it at a Corporation meeting. He never saw the resolution, but did not think it was a time or place for discussing such. In reply to Councillor Sinnott the Town Clerk stated that the Mayor had power under Standing Orders to rule out of order such resolutions.

SPECIAL MEETING

At this stage Councillor Connolly asked that a Special Meeting of the Corporation be held to consider the cost of living in the Town and the different commodities required by householders in Wexford, particularly the poor, and the Mayor agreed that it was possible a Special Meeting of the Corporation would have to be convened for the 9th instant and that the matter could be discussed then.

LORRIES & GRANT WORK

Councillor Sinnott asked if lorries were drawing away material from any part of the town where work was being carried out under the Employment Schemes Vote, and the Borough Surveyor replied that they were, but not hired lorries and that they were not interfering with carters as all the carters available were employed except one and he would be working on the following day.

It was explained to the meeting that various people came and asked if they could have a few loads of the material being excavated from the roads and the Corporation always gave it. These people provided their own lorries and any saving to the Corporation on carting work would be available for other work of which labourers and carters would get their share.

AIR RAID SHELTERS

A lengthy discussion took place on the provision of Air Raid Shelters which was under consideration by the Air Raid Precautions Committee. ¹ —

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Objection was taken to some of the sites suggested by the Committee and other sites were now advocated. It was pointed out to the meeting that it was the policy of the Government to provide shelters only for what could be termed the "moving population," i.e. people caught in the streets on business in the event of an air raid. It would be absolutely impossible to provide air raid shelters for the entire population of the town, and the number aimed at was for, approximately, 850. These would be situated as near as circumstances permitted to the business portion of the town where large numbers of people would be moving about on business. It was thought however, by the Air Raid Precautions Committee, members of the Local Security Force who had been in consultation with the Committee, and by the present meeting, that shelters should be provided at St. Peter's Square, which was in close proximity to the three Churches and to the Main Street. Officers of the Department of Defence, who had visited Wexford in September last, however, were not favourably disposed to this site, but the Committee proposed to send it up to them for consideration. After some discussion it was eventually agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Hawkins, that plans for shelters at Cornmarket, New Market, Selskar Avenue, Redmond Monument, Crescent Quay, Upper King Street, and St. Peter's Square be prepared and submitted to the Department of Defence for approval.

CLERK OF WORKS

The Town Clerk stated that he had this morning received a recommendation from the Consulting Engineers for the appointment of a Clerk of Works in connection with the Waterworks Improvement Scheme, and as this matter did not appear on the Agenda it was decided to consider it in Committee. The Corporation thereupon went into committee and the following letter from the Consulting Engineers was read:-

Dear Sir,

Wexford Waterworks Improvement Scheme 1940-Clerk of Works.

In accordance with your E.7 of the 18th October, 1940, we examined all the applications for the above post, made a number of inquiries, and selected three candidates for interview.

Our usual custom is to submit the names of two or three candidates to the Council in order of seniority or extent of suitable experience, any one of whom should be capable of filling the post satisfactorily.

Unfortunately, No. 14, Mr. Johnson, who headed our list subsequently withdrew his application in anticipation of another job in his own locality.

No. 3, Mr. Owens, our second choice, left suddenly for Colonial Service in Nigeria shortly after the interview.

This left only one selected candidate No. 16, Mr. Greene. He had satisfactory references of the right type and we therefore, recommend his appointment.

Another applicant No. 19, Mr. Millar, has suitable experience but his qualifications are not in accordance with the Specification.

We return your File E.7. herewith.

Yours faithfully,

DELAP & WALLER.

The meeting unanimously expressed disappointment that Mr. Millar had not been selected for this post, as in the opinion of the members he would make an excellent Clerk of Works, having had considerable experience of

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such works. As well, he had been employed by the Council for some years past as Clerk of Works in connection with various Housing Schemes and as temporary Borough Surveyor.

After some discussion it was decided to inform the Consulting Engineers that the Corporation were of opinion that when two of the men selected by them for the post dropped out two other names should have been substituted, and that they were further of opinion that one of the two names should be Mr. T. J. Millar.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Cochrane TD
Mayor

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A meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

REPORTS - TOWN SERGEANT

The Town Clerk submitted a report from the Town Sergeant, which stated that he had visited the Theatre Royal on the 25th ultimo and found it overcrowded. The gallery was overcrowded to such an extent that the people were standing out on the landing leading to it. The passage-way in the pit was obstructed by having seats placed in same and immediately inside the doorway there were chairs with people seated thereon. The exit doorway leading into the Boxes was also obstructed by having people standing in same. The members were reminded that at their meeting on the 11th ultimo they had withdrawn proceedings against the Theatre Royal for a similar breach of Section 36 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890, so it was unanimously decided to institute proceedings forthwith for the breach now reported.

The Town Sergeant further reported having visited the Capitol Cinema and the Palace Cinema on the 30th ultimo and 1st instant, and found them satisfactory.

The Town Sergeant further reported that he had visited Duke Street on Saturday night, November 30th, and found the street free from obstruction at about 10. 10. p.m.

The Inspector was to be given instructions to carefully watch the two cinemas and see if there were any obstructions in the passages, and the Town Clerk was asked to report on a convenient occasion on what powers the Corporation had to regulate the number of seats which would be allowed in any of these places of public resort.

LICENCE

A Licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, was signed in respect of the premises at Stonebridge, Wexford, occupied by Messrs. McMullan Brothers, Dublin.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

With reference to minutes of the 18th ultimo when an Order dealing with infectious disease was submitted, and the County Medical Officer of Health had been asked to report the hospital or other place of detention and isolation to which patients, carriers and contacts might be removed in connection with any outbreak or threatened outbreak of infectious disease in the Sanitary District, the County Medical Officer of Health now reported:-

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- (1) In connection with any outbreak or threatened outbreak of infectious disease in the Sanitary District he advised that patients and carriers may be removed for detention and isolation to the New County Fever Hospital, New Ross.
- (2) That contacts may be removed for detention and isolation to the Old County Fever Hospital, New Ross.

With regard to the old County Fever Hospital the County Medical Officer of Health stated that it was not at present suitable for the admission of contacts, but he was advising the Board of Health that steps should be taken to have same put in repair and suitably equipped for such a purpose. The meeting was reminded that in the Minister's letter, which was read on the 18th ultimo, that a copy of the report should be transmitted to him as soon as possible with any observations which the Sanitary Authority might desire to offer in regard thereto, and the Minister was to be informed that in the opinion of the Corporation, provision should be made in or near the town of Wexford for dealing with persons suffering from infectious disease.

PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY

With reference to minutes of the Corporation on the 4th ultimo when the advisability of establishing a Port Sanitary Authority for Wexford and Rosslare Harbour was discussed, the Town Clerk reported that he had had conversations with the County Medical Officer of Health and the Secretary of the Board of Health. The latter had already discussed it with his Board and they requested the appointment of three members of the Corporation to discuss the matter with them on the 9th instant, so it was unanimously decided that the Mayor, with Alderman Walsh and Councillor Buckland should represent the Corporation.

TRANSFER

A letter was read from James Booth, Wolfe Tone Villas, asking to have the name of the tenancy of this house transferred from Mrs. Annie Furlong to his name. It appeared that Mrs. Furlong, who died some time ago, was Mr. Booth's mother-in-law, and they had been transferred from a condemned house at Whitemill together some years ago, so it was unanimously agreed to transfer the tenancy to the name of Mr. Booth.

TREES

A letter was read from Messrs. Calvin Brothers Nurserymen stating that they were not in a position to send out men to prune the trees in various parts of the Town during the present year, but that they had a certain amount of new trees ready for planting in lieu of those destroyed, and if the Corporation would let them know when they had the holes made and the numbers required they could supply immediately. It was left in the hands of the Borough Surveyor to get some person capable of pruning trees and sowing new ones to carry out this work.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Under date of the 26th ultimo the Electricity Supply Board stated that the decision to extend the operation of summer time throughout the winter had the effect of reducing by one hour daily the period from dusk to midnight, and as an offset to this reduction in lighting hours, the Board offered to Public Authorities an additional hour's lighting, without extra charge, either from midnight to 1 a.m. or in the morning for an hour before daybreak, and the meeting unanimously decided to inform the Board that they would prefer the extra hour's lighting from 6.45 a.m. to 7.45 a.m. It was also decided to have the light at Waterloo Road, at the head of Paradise Row, converted into an all-night pilot light.

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Reference was made to the present system of cowlings the public lights, as a result of which the efficiency of such lighting was drastically reduced but the Town Clerk explained that this had been done by order of the Minister for Defence and could not be changed without his permission, so it was unanimously decided to request the Minister to give permission to have these cowls removed, as in the opinion of the Corporation they served no useful purpose.

TEMPORARY TYPIST

The Town Clerk reported that as the Grant Work had now commenced he would require the services of Miss E. M. Phillips as temporary typist from the present date for the duration of such grant work, and it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to retain the services of Miss Phillips while the Grants were in operation.

A.R.P. EQUIPMENT

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of accommodation for Air Raid Precautions Equipment, the Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Department of Defence on the subject and he was now asked to furnish details of the storage accommodation required and the amount of rent that would be involved. He pointed out that he would require storage for some 14,000 Gas Masks and as well, that the present accommodation for the Auxiliary Fire Pumps was not at all suitable, so it was unanimously decided that as the Fire Pumps would be required at the south end and centre of the Town to inquire from Mr. R. P. O'Keeffe of the Faythe if he would be in a position to provide a suitable place to store a pump and the necessary hose, and to Messrs. Nunn & Co., Crescent Quay as well. As to the storage of gas masks the meeting thought that the building in the Main Street known as the Forester's Hall, which was at present vacant, would be ideally suited for this purpose, and the Town Clerk was directed to inquire from the Foresters if they would be prepared to let the hall and if so, at what rent.

HOUSING SURVEY

A lengthy letter from Dr. Daly, County Medical Officer of Health, on the subject of the Housing Survey 1938-44 was submitted, and this was referred to the Housing Committee for consideration.

TRINITY ST. STORE

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the report from the Borough Surveyor regarding the Trinity Street Store was submitted, the Town Clerk again submitted this report and it was now referred to the Special Rates Committee for consideration and report.

RATES COMMITTEE

As there were vacancies on the Rates Committee the Town Clerk was requested to report to next meeting the names of those originally on the Committee and those at present attending.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Quinn
Mayor

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A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m., to consider a motion by Councillor Connolly to discuss the cost of living in the Town.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh and James McMahon.

Councillors: Thomas Hayes, Thomas Byrne, James Sinnott, Thomas Dunne, John Billington, Nicholas Connolly, Stephen McMahon, James Gaul, Patrick Hawkins, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, and Thomas Buckland.

SYMPATHY

Before the meeting commenced Councillor Sinnott moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Corish family, Talbot Street, on the death of their mother, and to His Worship the Mayor on the death of his aunt. Councillor Connolly seconded the motion, which was adopted in the usual way, and for which the Mayor returned thanks.

COST OF LIVING

In speaking to his motion for the consideration of the cost of living in the town Councillor Connolly said it was his intention to ask the Corporation to endeavour to bring some pressure to bear on the proper quarters with a view to having the prices of the necessities of life controlled, or some steps taken to prevent the alarming increase day after day. Practically every day they saw new prices for the different commodities in the shops of the Town. That was hitting the poor and unemployed most severely and he thought that the matter was becoming more serious day by day. Many people in the town, particularly the poor, looked to the Corporation to do something for them. He was aware the Corporation had no power in this matter but he thought it was up to them to do everything possible to see if some remedy could not be found. The Councillor then reviewed the prices charged for milk, buttermilk, bacon, coal, beef, fish, bread, vegetables, sugar and tea, and pointed out how the price of these commodities had all increased in recent months.

The tendency was for further increases he stated, and it was the duty of the people in power to see that the rising generation did not grow up in want, or they would be mere wrecks for the want of nourishment. This motion gave rise to a very lengthy discussion at the end of which Councillor Connolly moved "that we ask the Minister for Supplies to inquire into the cost of living, wholesale and retail."

The motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously adopted.

OPENING OF SCHOOLS

Councillor Sinnott asked if it would be in order to request the Managers of Schools to open the schools an hour later each day as children were, in the present severe weather, getting up and some days going to school in the dark.

It was unanimously agreed to approach the Managers of the Schools and request them to open the schools an hour later.

The meeting then terminated.

R. Connolly TD
Mayor

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A meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Special Meeting.

CARTING - ROAD MATERIAL

A question was raised about the haulage of road material from streets at present being reconstructed out of the Grants from the Employment Schemes Vote 1940-41, and if this had anything to do with the dismissal of carters during the past week. It was pointed out however, that there was not sufficient work to keep the carters constantly employed and that the men who had been allowed to go were not in receipt of Unemployment Assistance. It was further explained that any lorries drawing material were not hired lorries and they belonged to people who required the road material for their own use and they were only drawing away in the evening time what the carters were unable to draw away during the day. After a very lengthy discussion an order was made that no more road material be given to any person until further notice.

LIGHT - BACK ST.

It was decided to obtain an estimate from the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of a light in the centre of Back Street.

REPORT RE COLLEGE WALL

Under date of the 6th instant Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, wrote:-

"We are instructed by the Very Revd. James Doran, President of St. Peter's College, that a considerable portion of the boundary wall of the College property above the main entrance of the College collapsed last night. This collapse was due to the undermining of the foundations of the wall by the servants or officials of the Corporation in making excavations under it and of course, the College Authorities must hold the Corporation liable for the damage and for the re-erection of the wall. Pending re-erection, a temporary structure will need to be put up so as to afford adequate protection to the College property. We shall be glad to know if liability is admitted and if the work of the re-erection of the temporary structure referred to will be proceeded with without delay. Please let us hear.

Yours faithfully,

KIRWAN & KIRWAN."

The Town Clerk stated that on receipt of this letter he had asked the Borough Surveyor for a report which was as follows:-

"On receipt of a report from the Foreman in charge of the Relief Scheme, I made an inspection at Summerhill Road sewerage work this morning, and I wish to report as follows:-

As you are aware we are at present laying a 9" pipe sewer to replace the existing built sewer. The line of the existing sewer is in the footpath which is along side the boundary wall to St. Peter's College. I intended as far as practicable to lay the new sewer in the same line as the old one, in accordance with the discussion which took place at a recent meeting of the Corporation. During the night of the 5th - 6th a portion of the boundary wall about 30 lin. yards collapsed into the pipe trench which was immediately outside the wall. The wall had been shored up with strong timber along the full length where the

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collapse took place, but unfortunately a strong gale from the North West was blowing during the night and I expect this was a strong factor in causing the collapse, as the force of the gale was at right angles to the inner face of the wall, and particularly as there are trees growing immediately inside the wall. I estimate the cost of rebuilding this portion of the wall at £20.

In view of the above I purpose changing the line of the new sewer to the other side of the roadway, this will entail closing the roadway to all vehicular traffic.

Mise, le meas,

P. C. MAC AN FAILGIG. "

A lengthy discussion took place on this matter during which members held that if the wall had been shored by proper tradesmen and not by labourers it was most unlikely that it would have collapsed. The members also denied that they ever directed the Surveyor to put the sewer in the footpath, their recollection being that they asked him to put down a new footpath and he intimated that there was an old box sewer in the footpath which would have to be renewed, but they gave no directions as to the particular line of the sewer.

It was eventually seen however, that the Corporation had no option but to admit liability and to so inform Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan. In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that he did not think the Corporation Public Liability Insurance Policy would cover this, as damage to the foundation of any building or structure adjoining the works was excluded. He would, however, take up the matter with the Insurance Company, and, if at all possible, would recover the cost of repairs.

CLERK OF WORKS

With reference to minutes of Corporation on the 2nd instant when a letter was read from Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, recommending a Mr. Greene for the post of Clerk of Works on the Waterworks Improvement Scheme, the Engineers under date of the 7th instant intimated they had again looked over their notes on each applicant and confirmed in their opinion, for sufficient reasons, they did not find themselves in a position to put forward the names of more than two applicants from the list apart from those who retired. The two they considered recommendable as capable of carrying out the work were Mr. Millar and Mr. Greene. They had to point out that Mr. Millar was not qualified in the manner intended by the Specification, having taken out no degree in Engineering; they were, however, quite satisfied that by experience he was fully capable of filling the post and had a considerable longer experience than Mr. Greene, and a thorough knowledge of local conditions. This letter was considered satisfactory and it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to appoint Mr. Millar to the post.

TAXATION PROCEEDINGS

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Dunne, a requisition was signed to enable the Corporation Solicitor's Bill of Costs to be entered in the High Court for taxation. The Town Clerk then intimated to the meeting that it would be necessary to appoint a Solicitor to attend at the Taxation Proceedings on behalf of the Corporation, and Councillor Sinnott proposed that Mr. Byrne, who had represented the Corporation at these proceedings for a number of years, be appointed. Alderman Walsh seconded this motion, and Councillor Byrne proposed that Mr. Laurence Kirwan be appointed, but it was decided to leave the appointment of a Solicitor to the next Statutory Meeting of the Corporation.

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L.S.F. - PARADE

The Town Clerk stated that he had received a request from the Local Security Force to have the Air Raid Precautions Organisation take part at a parade in the Town on the 15th instant, and it was decided that as far as possible they should co-operate with them at the parade.

FORESTER'S HALL

With reference to minutes of last meeting when it was decided to ask the Irish National Forester's if they would be prepared to rent their premises at North Main Street, a letter was read from the Secretary of the Society stating that they would be prepared to let the premises at a rent of £40 per year, the Corporation to be liable for all rates, taxes and lighting, and the tenancy to be terminable by either party on giving to the other one month's notice.

It was decided to communicate with the Department of Defence on this matter to see if they would be prepared to sanction the renting of these premises for the purpose.

PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY

A report was submitted from the Committee who had consulted with the Board of Health on the establishment of a Port Sanitary Authority for Wexford and Rosslare Harbour, and it was decided to recommend the Corporation to take steps in conjunction with the Board of Health to have such an Authority established.

HOUSES - CORNMARKE

With reference to minutes of the 21st October last when a discussion took place on the condition of two houses at Cornmarket, and when it was decided to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for a ruling as to the liability of the Corporation, the Minister under date of the 2nd instant by letter No. H. 27702/40, stated he was advised that Section 75 of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, was mandatory and required the Corporation in default of the owner of the premises which were de facto dangerous to take steps to remove the danger. In regard to the liability of the Corporation for repairs to houses adjoining those demolished by them under Section 26 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, the Minister referred to his letter of the 18th March, 1938, No. H.7928/38 in the matter.

The Town Clerk reported that the letter of the 18th March, 1938, referred to stated that the Corporation should be guided by their Legal Adviser in the matter. In this connection legal advice had been taken as well as the opinion of Senior Counsel on the particular case, when Counsel had decided that the Corporation were liable for any damage done to adjoining houses if they demolished a house under the Act of 1931.

It was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor for a report as to the condition of the two houses condemned and if in his opinion it would be a serious liability for the Corporation to have them demolished.

COST OF LIVING BONUS

Reference was made to the delay in sanctioning the cost of living bonus granted to Patrick Sutton, Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery, and it was decided to again request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for a reply to previous correspondence on the matter.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Card TD
Mayor

16th December, 1940.

A meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen: McMahon and Walsh.

Councillors: Hayes, Atkins, Byrne, Connolly, Crosbie, Hawkins, Stephen McMahon, Moran and Sinnott.

MORTGAGE DEEDS

There was submitted to the meeting for execution on the part of the Corporation the Deeds of Mortgage in respect of four houses at William Street, being sold on the Tenant-Purchase System to - Mrs. Eileen Goodall, Messrs. John Lynn, William Devereux, and Daniel F. Cronin, and the Corporation Seal was affixed thereto and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

M. BOLGER - FISHER'S ROW

With reference to the decision of the Committee to accept the arrears of instalments due by Mrs. Mary Bolger, Fisher's Row, in respect of an advance made under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, the Town Clerk reported that although the first instalment was due to be paid on the 18th ultimo, he had so far not received any money. As on a previous occasion he again pointed out to the Committee that the decree in this case should have been executed immediately it was granted, and that the longer Mrs. Bolger was allowed to remain in this house the worse the position would be in so far as her instalments were concerned, so the present meeting decided to inform the Solicitors that as Mrs. Bolger had not paid the instalments that the decree for possession should be handed to the Sheriff for execution.

HOUSES - CLIFFORD ST.

With reference to minutes of the 28th October last, when it was decided to serve notice on the owner of a number of houses at Clifford Street, requiring the erection of water closets, Mr. T. J. O'Brien, Agent for the owner stated, he was asked to point out that there were very efficient privies in the yards, the ashpits of which were roofed. He also pointed out that about twelve months ago the owner of these houses had erected 17 W.C.'s at King Street and Joseph Street at a cost of £200, and asked that in view of this recent heavy expenditure, and also in view of the scarcity of materials and the increased cost of same that the order to erect the W.C.'s at Clifford Street be adjourned until a later date.

In this connection it was decided to inform the Agent that according to the reports of the Medical Officer and Sanitary Inspector that the privies were defective.

THEATRE ROYAL CINEMA

With reference to minutes of the 2nd instant, when it was decided to institute proceedings against the Management of the Theatre Royal for a breach of Section 36 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, in respect of overcrowding on the 25th ultimo, the Town Clerk intimated that this prosecution would come before the District Justice on the 18th instant, and he read a letter from the local representative of Irish Pharmaceuticals Limited, who had organised the entertainment on the night in question. The representative stated that the competition was entirely for local talent and appealed very strongly to members of the public. He felt sure the Corporation would appreciate that it was always very difficult for the

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Management of the Theatre and all those concerned with the presentation of local shows to observe adequately the Regulations relating to overcrowding. He asked that the Corporation reconsider all the circumstances and trusted they would come to a decision to withdraw the pending prosecution. It was pointed out, however, that it was only on the 11th ultimo that the Corporation had decided to withdraw proceedings against the Theatre Royal in respect of a similar offence, and they had a complaint again within a fortnight afterwards.

This matter gave rise to a very lengthy discussion during which it was pointed out by the Town Clerk and by some of the members that it was most inadvisable to withdraw this prosecution. If an accident occurred at the Theatre Royal which caused panic and the passages and exits were obstructed, there would be a very serious loss of life the blame for which would fall on the Corporation. Nevertheless, it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman McMahon, to withdraw the proceedings on the following conditions:-

- (1) the Management of the Theatre Royal to pay all expenses incurred to date;
- (2) the Management of the Theatre Royal to give a written undertaking
 - (a) that the offence will not be repeated,
 - (b) that the back and side passages of the pit will be kept clear and unobstructed on all future occasions when the Theatre is being used by the public, and that the seats attached to the side walls of the pit be removed forthwith;
 - (c) that the back passage and exits in the Boxes be kept clear and unobstructed at all times when the building is being used by the public;
 - (d) that the exits and passages in the Gallery be also kept completely unobstructed.

REPORTS - TOWN SERGEANT

A report was read from the Town Sergeant to the effect that he had visited the Palace Cinema on the 3rd, 7th and 8th instant and found it satisfactory.

He further reported, however, that he had visited the Capitol Cinema on Sunday, 8th December at 8.25 p.m., and found the passage-way in the pit obstructed by having seats in same and people seated thereon. He spoke to the Manager about it and he maintained that the passage-way was not obstructed owing to its width. In this case it was pointed out that the seats referred to were a fixture to the wall, and it was unanimously decided that the Management of the Capitol Cinema be informed that these seats must be removed forthwith, and that if the passages are found to have persons seated or standing in them on a future occasion proceedings will be instituted for a breach of the Acts.

TENDERS

It was intimated to the meeting that it had been found necessary to procure a tender on the 4th instant for rubber boots for the use of the men working on the Summerhill Road sewerage. Five tenders had been received from:-

Messrs. Healy & Collins	@ 11/11d	per pair.
Mr. Patrick Kelly,	@ 14/6d	" "
Mr. Herbert Coffey,	@ 15/11d	" "
Messrs. W. & G. Hadden,	@ 15/11d	" "
Mr. A. Morrissey,	@ 14/11d	" "

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As the tender of Messrs. Healy & Collins was the lowest submitted, it had been accepted by the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk, and this action was now unanimously approved of.

ALLOTMENTS 1941.

The Town Clerk submitted the Allotment Scheme for the Season 1941, and in reply to a query stated that he had approximately 120 applicants for allotments, but that he had only land sufficient to provide 64, so it was unanimously decided to adjourn this matter and he was to issue further advertisement to see if more land could be obtained.

COMPLAINT - WM. MCGRATH

With reference to minutes of the 25th ultimo, when a complaint was read from Mr. Wm. McGrath, John Street, and referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report, the Surveyor stated he had visited the premises and was speaking to Mrs. McGrath. He learned that the complaint arose from flooding of Mr. McGrath's premises in times of heavy rain, and as far as he could judge could only be stopped by having the flood water turned into its former course, viz.- across the properties of the people living at the lower or North-East side of St. John's Avenue. In his opinion the Corporation could not in any way be held liable for this flooding, as it was purely a matter for settlement between the various owners of the properties adjoining, and that the flood water did not come from any property of the Corporation and had no connection whatever with the John Street Reservoir. It was decided to inform Mr. McGrath that the Corporation had no responsibility in the matter. In this connection it was pointed out that this flood water came down a laneway at John Street from property owned by Mr. James Boyle, to whom the Corporation paid a rent of £4 per annum for a right of way over the laneway, so it was decided to point out to Mr. Boyle that it was impossible to traverse this laneway in times of heavy rain and consequently he would have to take steps to see that the laneway was made passable, otherwise, the Corporation would be obliged to refuse to pay rent.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

With reference to a recent discussion on the question of the cowling of public lights, the Minister for Defence intimated that he was not prepared at present to grant exemption from his requirements under Article 3 of the Air Raid Precautions Scheme (Prescribed Provisions) Order, 1939, as regards lighting restrictions.

The meeting held, however, that the cowling as at present carried out by the Electricity Supply Board, was not at all satisfactory, and it was unanimously decided to request the Board to send down an Inspector to discuss this matter with the Corporation.

It was decided to urge the Electricity Supply Board to have the extra hours lighting in the morning provided as soon as possible.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to take up with the Board the question of the proper reinstatement of the footpath at Rowe Street where a new pole had recently been erected.

Under date of the 12th instant Messrs. Delap & Waller, Engineers for the Waterworks Scheme stated they had been informed by the Manufacturers of pipes, etc., that no further orders would be accepted which reached them later than Saturday the 4th instant; they confirmed having been in telephonic communication with the Town Clerk when they pointed out to him the crux that had arisen. He informed them that he saw no objection to Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll being given instructions to order the pipes immediately, but at the same time he had asked the Engineers to get in

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touch with the Mayor at Leinster House, and if he agreed, that Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll should be given immediate instructions to put the order for the pipes in hand.

The Mayor confirmed that he had been in touch with the Engineers and had agreed with the Town Clerk, consequently, instructions had been given to order the pipes on the 12th instant. This action was approved of by the present meeting.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 6th instant by letter No. L.5554/25/40, intimated that he was not in a position to sanction overdraft accommodation in respect of this scheme in advance of the submission of certificates by the Consulting Engineers.

DEPOSITS

A letter was read from Messrs. Delap & Waller, enclosing copy of a letter from Messrs. Murray & Sons, Youghal, with regard to their deposit of £10. 10. 0 and asked the Corporation to reconsider their refusal to return this. This matter was adjourned until the question of all the deposits was finally disposed of.

FEEES

A lengthy letter was read from Messrs. Delap & Waller, asking for a substantial sum on foot of their fees but it was decided to point out that this could not be paid until the loan for the Waterworks Scheme was made available.

FIRE ALARMS

The Wexford Parish Council asked the Corporation to have erected at suitable places throughout the Town a sufficient number of fire alarms which should form part of the Air Raid Precautions Scheme. The Town Clerk further pointed out to the meeting that in his opinion, the provision of such fire alarms was not necessary at the present time, but in any case he thought that would be regarded by the Department of Defence as normal fire-fighting equipment, and consequently, would not rank for recoupment under the Air Raid Precautions Scheme, so it was decided to inform the Parish Council that in the opinion of the Committee there was no necessity for the provision of these alarms at the moment, and as well, that the Post Office Authorities were at present considering the erection of further telephone kiosks at different parts of the Town.

REPORT - MEAT INSPECTOR

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of November showed that he had examined 106 cattle, 312 sheep and 39 swine. Of the cattle, seven organs were destroyed for tuberculosis; of the sheep 100 organs were destroyed for diseases other than tuberculosis, and of the swine, 2 whole carcasses were destroyed for diseases other than tuberculosis.

HOUSE AND PLOT - WILLIAM ST.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas O'Connor, 22, William Street, to whom the Corporation had recently decided to lease a plot of ground there for the erection of a shop, Mr. O'Connor stated that he had been informed by the Corporation Solicitor that the total costs of transferring this plot of ground to him and of acquiring a house there on the Tenant-Purchase System would amount to £40. 19. 0.

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It was pointed out to the Committee that Mr. O'Connor was well aware that the cost of transferring the house to him would be £26. 1. 0 and the balance of £14. 8. 0 was apparently in respect of the lease of the adjoining land on which he proposed to erect a shop. It was decided to request the observations of the Corporation Solicitor on this communication.

RATES

A very lengthy letter was read from Mr. James Devereux, South Main Street, regarding the rates on his premises there which were being paid by the Agent of the L. & N. Tea Company, who were tenants of Mr. Devereux. The gist of Mr. Devereux's communication was that the Corporation should not accept the rates from the tenants but should leave them to be paid by him. The Town Clerk pointed out that if Devereux's suggestion was agreed to, in his opinion the rates would never be paid, as there was a considerable amount of old arrears of rates prior to his letting to Messrs. Torry, which the Corporation had agreed to accept at the rate of £5 per annum, so it was decided to inform Mr. Devereux that the Corporation could not interfere in the collection of rates.

MEETING

It was decided to hold no meeting of the Committee on Monday the 23rd instant and that as the January Statutory Meeting fell on the 6th, which was a holiday, that the Finance business of the Council for the month of January should be transacted at a Special Meeting to be convened for Monday, 30th December.

RATES COMMITTEE

It was decided to add the names of Councillor Moran and Alderman Coffey to the Rates Committee, and to hold a meeting of the Committee on Saturday the 28th December.

HOUSE - ALLEN ST.

Reports were submitted from the Medical Officer of Health and the Sanitary Inspector regarding the condition of a house at Allen Street, occupied by James Gorman. Both officers considered the house to be unfit for human habitation, and it was decided to serve notice on the owner as to a day and place for the consideration of any offer with regard to the future user of the house.

MAIN ROADS

A report from the Borough Surveyor on the allowance for the maintenance of Main Roads during the coming year was adjourned to enable the Mayor to consult with the County Surveyor on the matter, as the Mayor was under the impression that the allowance was the same as for the current year.

A letter was read from Laurance Breen, Davitt Road, North, pointing out that the range in his house was most unsatisfactory and smoked with practically all winds, and asked to have it replaced by an open fire. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been speaking to Mr. Breen about this matter and he was under the impression that Breen would supply a fire grate if the Corporation fitted it and removed the present range. He (Surveyor) was quite satisfied with this as he had a tenant at the present time requiring a range, so it was unanimously agreed that if Mr. Breen provided the fire place himself that the Corporation would fit it and remove the present range.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Card TD
Chairman

28th December, 1940.

A meeting of the Special Rates Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at 3. 0. o'clock p.m.
The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman Thomas Walsh and Councillor Thomas Buckland.

With reference to minutes of last meeting of the Committee when the Town Clerk had been asked to prepare a scheme for the payment of Rate Collectors monthly during the period of their collection, he submitted the following proposals for the consideration of the Committee:-

1. At each of the Finance Meetings of the Corporation held in the months of September, October and November, each rate collector shall be paid a sum on foot of the commission due to him not exceeding TWELVE POUNDS, provided that at no Monthly Finance Meeting shall any Collector be entitled to be paid any sum which together with the sums previously paid him will exceed FIFTY PER CENTUM of the entire commission due to him.
2. At the Finance Meeting of the Corporation held in the month of December each Collector shall be entitled to be paid such sum as with the payments previously made to him will not exceed FIFTY PER CENTUM of the entire Commission due to him.
3. At the Finance Meetings of the Corporation held in the months of January, February, March and April, each collector shall be paid a sum not exceeding TWELVE POUNDS on foot of the Commission due to him, provided that at no Finance Meeting in either of these months shall any collector be paid any sum which together with the sums previously paid him will exceed FIFTY PER CENTUM of the entire commission due to him.
4. No collector shall be entitled to be paid any sum on foot of the Commission due to him if the Town Clerk certifies that in his opinion the collection of any particular collector is not sufficiently far advanced to warrant any payment.
5. The balance of the Commission due to each collector shall be paid as soon as the Warrant for each Financial Year is closed and when the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to such final payment is received.
6. This scheme will not come into operation until the year 1941/42, and until the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health is received thereto.

The members examined this scheme very carefully and thought that it would meet the position if adopted by the Corporation and approved by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, so it was unanimously decided to recommend it to the Corporation for adoption at their next meeting.

The present meeting had been called for this date at the request of Councillor Hayes, who had stated at a recent meeting of the Finance Committee that he had a few matters he wished to bring before the Committee, but as the Councillor was not in attendance nothing could be done in the matter and the meeting terminated.

Richard Corish TD

30th December, 1940.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq. Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh.

Councillors: Patrick Hawkins, Thomas Dunne, James Gaul, Thomas Byrne, James Crosbie, Stephen McMahon, James Sinnott, and Robert Moran.

ACCOUNTS

The meeting had been called in accordance with a recent decision of the Finance Committee so that Accounts due for payment on the 1st prox. could be passed, and liabilities which had accrued due amounting in the aggregate, to £3,240. 10. 10, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable the Treasurer to discharge them on and after the 1st prox.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor thereupon moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Councillor James Murphy, who had just died, and that the meeting adjourn as a mark of respect to his memory. Councillor Dunne seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present and by the Town Clerk on behalf of the staff.

The Mayor further moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Alderman Robert Coffey on the death of his only daughter, which had occurred suddenly in Dublin during the Xmas Holidays. Alderman Walsh seconded this motion which was also supported by the members present, and by the Town Clerk on behalf of the Staff. Both resolutions were passed in respectful silence, and the meeting then terminated.

8th January, 1941.

A Meeting of the Joint Air Raid Precautions Committee of the Corporation and Local Security Force was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman Thomas Walsh, Councillors Robert Moran and James Crosbie with Messrs. A. B. Hadden and Thomas J. O'Brien.

The Town Clerk reported that since the last meeting of the Committee the following activities had taken place.

The training of approximately 60 Air Raid Wardens was proceeding; plans for 14 Air Raid Shelters had been submitted to the Department of Defence for approval to the sites; Census Forms for the preparation of a Census of the occupants of each household in Wexford in connection with the issue of respirators had been prepared, and with the co-operation of the "B" Group of the Local Security Force the compilation of the census had just commenced; discussions regarding plans for Casualty Clearing Stations were proceeding with the Borough Surveyor and the Chief Executive Officer of the Vocational Education Committee. The Local Security Force Group "B" had agreed in consultation with the Town Clerk to hold Area Meetings in the five areas of the Town for the purpose of recruiting members as auxiliary firemen and for rescue and demolition squads.

In connection with the meetings being promoted by the Local Security Force it was stated that at a meeting held on the previous night in No. 1. area that some 60 persons had enrolled, and it was decided that the Town Clerk should interview Mr. William Underwood, John St., for permission to use his premises as a fire post, and if such permission was granted that steps be taken immediately to have the post equipped.

It was thought that at least two more fire posts would be required in the area, but as the Town Clerk pointed out he had only equipment at the moment for 6 fire posts, it was agreed that 1. should be established in each area for a beginning.

It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr. L. O'Mahoney of the Local Security Force on the Committee.

The Town Clerk was also asked to ascertain the number of stand pipes for fire hydrants available in the Town.

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on Friday the 17th instant.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor

13th January, 1941.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh and James McMahon.

Councillors: Robert Moran, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Dunne, Nicholas Connolly, John Billington, Stephen McMahon, James Gaul, Patrick Hawkins, Thomas Hayes, and Patrick Atkins.

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on 2nd, 9th and 30th ultimo; Finance and Works, Etc. Committees on 2nd, 9th and 16th ultimo; Special Rates Committee on 28th ultimo; and Air Raid Precautions Committee on the 8th instant. Councillor Gaul moved that the Minutes as submitted be taken as read, approved and signed; Councillor Hayes seconded.

Arising out of Minutes of the 30th ultimo, when the liabilities of the Corporation to date had been discharged, Councillor Dunne referred to an item then paid for repairs to the Fire Engine, and asked that a man named William Edwards, who, he stated, was a competent mechanic, be given an opportunity of doing this work.

In reply to Alderman Walsh, who asked what was wrong with the Fire Engine, the Town Clerk replied that there was nothing wrong with it, but it was advisable to have it looked after regularly and kept tuned up in the event of any emergency which might necessitate its leaving the town on a journey.

As regards Councillor Dunne's reference to Mr. Edwards, it was pointed out that repair work to the various motors owned by the Corporation was distributed amongst the different Garages in the town, and if Mr. Edwards had a Garage and the necessary equipment to carry out repairs he would be given a turn.

Also with reference to Minutes of the 30th ultimo, Alderman Walsh referred to an account paid for legal costs in an action taken by Mr. John Kirwan in connection with the Distillery Lane. The Alderman asked to be informed what the entire cost of the litigation and repairing the wall there amounted to. He also questioned the cost of altering the level of Cromwell's Fort Avenue to suit the altered level of the road at Mulgannon laid last year, and complained that the Corporation were not aware of what the various jobs undertaken would cost.

The Town Clerk pointed out, however, and was supported by a number of members present in his contention that he had given to a meeting of the Corporation, at the request of Councillor Byrne, the total cost of the Cromwell's Fort Avenue job. He also pointed out that the estimated cost of the various schemes for relief works were approved by the Corporation before he sent them to the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

After some further discussion on the question of the cost of various jobs it was decided on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to appoint a small Committee to supervise all Grant Works and to investigate their costs. The Committee appointed consisted of Alderman Walsh, Councillors Sinnott, Connolly, Dunne, Byrne, Hawkins, and the Mayor.

SYMPATHY.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, and Mrs. Sinnott, on the tragic death of her sister which occurred during an Air Raid on London. The motion was seconded by Councillor Sinnott and adopted in respectful

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silence.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the Shannon family, Knockroe, Co. Carlow, on the tragic disaster which had recently befallen them.

Councillor Moran seconded this motion, which was also adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Alderman Coffey, and the relatives of the late Councillor James Murphy, returned thanks for the sympathy extended to them in their recent bereavements.

COST OF LIVING.

Under date of the 14th ultimo, the Minister for Supplies acknowledged receipt of the Corporation's Resolution dealing with the cost of living, and the Town Clerk was directed to again write to the Minister and ask him what action he proposed to take to deal with their complaint about the rising costs of food stuffs.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - CONTRACT.

There was submitted to the meeting for execution on the part of the Corporation the Contract and Bond with Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll of Limerick, for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme, and on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Corporate Seal was affixed to the document and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

It was pointed out that the Contractor proposed to make a start with the excavation for the filtration plant pending some information as to what order the pipes and machinery for the remainder of the works would arrive from England. The site for the filtration plant required to be purchased from Colonel French, of Newbay, who had offered it for the sum of £50, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Connolly, it was agreed to accept Colonel French's offer, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

CLERK OF WORKS.

The next business was to appoint a Clerk of Works for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme.

This matter had been before the Corporation on the 2nd ultimo, when the Consulting Engineers submitted the names of three candidates from the list of 22 applicants. Two of the persons selected by the Consulting Engineers had withdrawn, and in the opinion of the Meeting on the 2nd ultimo, the Engineers should have submitted two other names in lieu of the two persons who retired, and it was further their opinion that one of the names should be that of Mr. T. J. Millar, who had considerable experience of such works and had been employed by the Council for some years past as Clerk of Works and temporary Borough Surveyor. This Meeting had decided to refer the matter back to the Consulting Engineers for consideration.

Under date of the 7th instant, Messrs. Delap & Waller stated they had again looked over their notes on each applicant and confirmed, in their opinion for sufficient reasons, they did not find themselves in a position to put forward the names of more than two applicants from the list, apart from those who retired. The two they considered recommendable, as capable of carrying out the work, were Mr. Thomas J. Millar and Mr. Greene. They had to point out that Mr. Millar was not qualified in the manner intended by the Specification, having taken out no degree in Engineering. They were quite satisfied, however,

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that by experience he was fully capable of filling the post and had considerably longer experience than Mr. Greene and a thorough knowledge of local conditions.

It was therefore, unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Connolly, to appoint Mr. Millar to the post at a salary of £5. 5. 0 per week, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

SCHEME - RATE COLLECTORS

The Special Rates Committee recommended that the following scheme for the payment of Rate Collectors be adopted:-

1. At each of the Finance Meetings of the Corporation held in the months of September, October and November, each rate collector shall be paid a sum on foot of the commission due to him not exceeding TWELVE POUNDS, provided that at no Monthly Finance Meeting shall any Collector be entitled to be paid any sum which together with the sums previously paid him will exceed FIFTY PER CENTUM of the entire commission due to him.
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5. The balance of the Commission due to each collector shall be paid as soon as the Warrant for each Financial Year is closed and when the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to such final payment is received.
6. This scheme will not come into operation until the year 1941/42, and until the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health is received thereto.

Councillor Dunne proposed the adoption of the recommendation which was seconded by Alderman McMahon. All the members thought the scheme a good one, and Councillor Connolly wanted it put into operation immediately. It was pointed out, however, that the Scheme could not operate until it had received the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and as the Rate Collection for the current year would finish at the end of March it was thought advisable that the scheme should not operate until the ensuing year.

The recommendation was unanimously agreed to.

TENDERS

Two tenders for printing work required during the coming year were submitted from the Wexford "People" and Wexford "Free Press", and it was unanimously agreed to accept the lower tender in respect of each item.

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VACANCY IN COUNCIL

The next business was to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of the late Councillor James Billington, but owing to the absence of Alderman Coffey who had intended to nominate a person to fill the vacancy the matter was again adjourned until next meeting.

INTEREST ON LOANS

Under date of the 17th ultimo, by letter No. H.5937/2/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that the Minister for Finance had fixed the rate of interest on loans from the Local Loans Fund on and after the 1st idem at the rate of 5%. This was considered satisfactory.

There was also submitted to the meeting a copy of the Unemployment (Relief Works) Act, 1940, together with the Unemployment (Relief Works) (Acquisition of Lands) Regulations, 1940, and an explanatory letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

It was pointed out that the Act would greatly facilitate the Acquisition of Lands required for Relief Works, and the Town Clerk was asked to consider if it would be advisable to apply the Act in connection with the acquisition of land at the Folly, which the Corporation had been endeavouring for some time past to secure in order to remove a dangerous corner there and in respect of which an application had already been made for a Provisional Order.

PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY

The Finance & Works Committee recommended that the Corporation take part in a scheme, in conjunction with the County Board of Health, for the establishment of a Port Sanitary Authority for the ports of Wexford and Rosslare Harbour;

On the 9th ultimo a conference had been held at the office of the Secretary to the Board of Health between representatives of the Board and the Corporation, when Dr. Daly, Co. Medical Officer of Health, submitted a scheme for such an authority. A copy of the scheme submitted by the Doctor is attached to these minutes.

The members of the Corporation considered that at the present time there was an urgent need for a Port Sanitary Authority to control the ports of Wexford and Rosslare Harbour, and it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to adopt the scheme and when it was adopted by the Board of Health that the necessary steps should be taken to apply for a Provisional Order constituting such an Authority.

TAXATION PROCEEDINGS

The next business was to appoint a Solicitor to attend at the Taxation of the Corporation Solicitor's Bill of Costs. Councillor Byrne moved that M. L. Kirwan of Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, be appointed, and Councillor Hayes seconded. Councillor Sinnott however, proposed that Mr. James G. Byrne, Solicitor, who had carried out the work for a number of years past be appointed. Councillor Atkins seconded. On a show of hands being taken, four members voted for Mr. Kirwan and eight for Mr. Byrne, and Mr. Byrne was accordingly declared appointed.

HOLIDAYS

On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Dunne, the following holidays for the year 1941 were fixed under the Holidays (Employees) Act, 1939:-

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St. Patrick's Day. Ascension Thursday (in lieu of Easter Monday).
Corpus Christi (in lieu of Whit Monday). August 15th (in lieu of
August Monday). Xmas Day. 1st January, 1942 (in lieu of St.
Stephen's Day, 1941).

TREATMENT OF INTERNEES

The next business on the Agenda was a motion in the name of Councillor Byrne to move a resolution of protest against the treatment of internees at No. 1, Internment Camp, Curragh, and to ask the Government to inquire into the position pertaining therein.

Before Councillor Byrne spoke to the motion the Mayor asked that any discussion which might take place on the motion should be confined purely to humanitarian grounds and that no vestige of politics whatever should be brought into the debate.

Councillor Byrne in moving the adoption of the motion stated he understood that international prisoners in the various countries at present at war were allowed to communicate with their relatives and to receive visits from such independent Organisations as the Red Cross, etc to see that they were properly treated. In the Curragh Camp he stated no such facilities were granted; the internees were not allowed to communicate with their relatives nor were they allowed to receive visits from any such Society as the Red Cross.

He thought this very unfair and gave rise to a certain amount of talk some of which might be unfounded as to the treatment the prisoners received. He therefore, moved that the Corporation call on the Government to allow the internees to communicate with their relatives and that an independent body should be permitted to visit the Camp with a view to ascertaining the conditions under which these persons were interned. The motion was seconded by Councillor Hayes, supported by all the members present, and unanimously agreed to.

DANCE

Councillor Sinnott referred to a dance which was held in the Town Hall on Xmas Night and stated that he did not wish to be very critical, but it was an old custom in this country that people stayed at home on Xmas night. The Mayor in reply stated that when he gave the Hall he was under the impression that it was for a Xmas Party and as far as he was concerned if he was in Office next Xmas the Hall would not be given on Xmas Night.

GREEN ST. HOUSING SCHEME

In reply to a query by Councillor Dunne regarding the proposed Housing Scheme at Green Street, the Town Clerk stated that he had received a request from the Department of Local Government and Public Health for copies of the reports received on the houses occupied by people whom it was proposed to re-house at Green Street. This information was in course of preparation and would be forwarded to the Department during the coming week.

RELAYING FOOTPATHS

Councillor Atkins asked if it was a fact that masons were doing plasterer's work in relaying footpaths in various parts of the Town, but it was pointed out that it was a very doubtful point as to which of the tradesmen should do this work, and it was agreed that the Special Committee appointed to supervise the Relief Grants should investigate the matter.

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VACANT HOUSES

Alderman Walsh asked if there was a Corporation house vacant, and the Town Clerk replied that two had become vacant during the past week. In one case acting on an instruction given by the Corporation some time ago he had transferred a person from a condemned house at Green Street into one of the vacant houses which was at Wolfe Tone Villas. He further pointed out that whilst the Corporation had people living in houses which had been condemned by them as unfit for human habitation they had to get first preference, and no other person could be allocated one of these houses. In reply to a further query by Alderman Walsh the Town Clerk stated that the area in which the person resided or the area in which the house was situated did not matter in the least, a person in a condemned house had to be re-housed before any other person. The second vacant house was in Maudlintown. He had been unable to get one of the persons occupying a condemned house at Green Street to go to Maudlintown, but he had an application for the house from a person living in a condemned house at the Faythe, which was quite close to Maudlintown. There were four families living in this house, and he proposed with the consent of the Corporation to give the house to this applicant, a man named Murphy, provided he could get an undertaking from the occupier of the house that she would not re-let the rooms occupied by him until such time as the Corporation were in a position to re-house the other families there, and the house was demolished. The action taken by the Town Clerk in connection with the house at Wolfe Tone Villas and in connection with the house at Maudlintown was unanimously approved of on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Dunne.

COST OF LIVING BONUS

In reply to a query by Councillor Connolly regarding the proposal of the Corporation made in March last to grant a cost of living bonus to Mr. P. Sutton, Caretaker of St. Ibar's Cemetery, Crosstown, the Town Clerk read a letter under date of the 13th ultimo, No. P.H.11547/4/40, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stating that he was not prepared to approve of the proposal. In reply to a further query as to why the sanction of the Minister was required in the case of Sutton and not in the case of the outdoor staff who had received this cost of living bonus, the Town Clerk stated that as the Caretaker kept the Register of Burials it had been decided some time ago that he was a clerical officer, and consequently came within the ambit of the Local Offices and Employments Order, which meant that his appointment, original salary and any increases had to receive the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. The meeting considered it very unfair that Mr. Sutton should not be given this bonus, and it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor McMahon to refer the matter back to the Minister for re-consideration.

The meeting then terminated.

R. Curish TD
Mayor of Wexford

WEXFORD PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

AREA:- The area included under the jurisdiction of the Wexford Port Sanitary Authority should be Wexford and Rosslare harbours and any other river, harbour or other water within the District of the Local Authority which is not already under the control of another Port Sanitary Authority.

CONSTITUTION:- As the area involved lies within districts controlled by the Sanitary Authorities of Wexford Board of Health and Wexford Corporation, it is suggested that the proposed Port Sanitary Authority should be a combined Board with four representatives from the Board of Health and three representatives of the Wexford Corporation. It would be a wise provision to have one of these members a member also of the Wexford Harbour Board.

The members of the Port Sanitary Authority would be chosen by the two Sanitary Authorities after each election of the said Sanitary Authority.

Duties:- The Port Sanitary Authority exercises its power under the -

- (1) Public Health Act, 1878, under which any ship or vessel lying in any river, harbour or other water within the District of the Local Authority is subject to the same treatment with regard to nuisances as premises or land.
- (2) The Public Health (Ships) Act, 1885, which extends to ships the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1878, which apply to Hospitals and infectious diseases.
- (3) The provisions of the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889, which are applicable to ships.
- (4) The Public Health Act, 1896, which repealed the Acts relating to quarantine and defined the powers of the Local Government Board to make regulations. These

apply to ships which are infected with Cholera, Yellow Fever or Plague, or are under suspicion of being so infected. Such Regulations require that the Port Medical Officer shall examine any person on board ship who is suspected to be verminous or suffering from an infectious disease, and do all necessary disinfection or isolation of the individual, detaining him on board, or in Hospital on shore, as required. The Master of the ship must notify the Medical Officer of any infection of humans or of rats during the voyage and give all assistance necessary to the M.O.H. Every person on Board must supply all desired information as to his name, destination and address before being allowed to proceed. The M.O.H. then communicates with the M.O.H. of each person's place of destination, so that he may be kept under observation.

On ships infected with Plague the rats must be destroyed either before or after the discharge of cargo within a maximum period of forty eight hours; where the infection is Yellow Fever, ^{for} appropriate measures must be taken for the destruction of mosquitoes and their larvae.

Other duties include the sanitary inspection of merchant ships; inspection of food-stuffs brought to the Port and their seizure when unwholesome or unfit for the food of man; checking the spread of infectious disease abroad and preventing its importation; also subsequent disinfection.

Bye-laws relating to infectious disease will have to be made by the Port Sanitary Authority.

A Port Sanitary Hospital will need to be provided for the reception of infected or suspicious cases. This should be well isolated and at a convenient distance from the mooring station. For Wexford, a Hospital half-way between Wexford and Rosslare would be suitable.

OFFICES: For the administration of these duties it will be necessary for the Port Sanitary Authority to appoint:-

- (1) An executive for clerical duties;
- (2) A Port Medical Officer;
- (3) A Sanitary Inspector: -

N.B. Instead of two part-time Officers for the two main ports concerned, I suggest that one part-time, well qualified S.I. should be employed.

- (4) A caretaker for the Isolation Hospital;
- (5) A Fever Nurse to be employed when necessary.

The suggested salaries for these officials would be:-

- (1) £52 per annum, plus travelling expenses;
- (2) £75 per annum;
- (3) £30 per annum, plus travelling expenses;
- (4) 30/- per week.

COST: The estimated costs of the fixed expenses would be ordinarily £235 per annum.

EXPENSES: The expenses incurred by the Port Sanitary Authority according to the Public Health (Ireland) Act of 1896 shall be defrayed out of a common fund to be contributed by the Sanitary Authorities concerned. In this case they are the Wexford Board of Health and the Wexford Corporation, and the suggested bases of contribution might be 60% from the Board of Health and 40% from the Wexford Corporation.

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A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks & Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting, with the addition of Councillor Crosbie who attended at this stage.

Questions regarding the number of men, foremen, timekeepers, and gangers employed on the Relief Grant Works were referred to the Special Committee appointed this night to supervise them.

A.R.P. & RED CROSS

The Town Clerk reported that he had now taken over the building known as the Forester's Hall for the storage of Air Raid Precautions Equipment, and he had been asked by the Red Cross Society if the Corporation would be good enough to give them a room or two there to set up a First-Aid Station. It was unanimously decided that the request of the Red Cross Society should be acceded to if at all possible if a room was available, but a nominal rent to be charged, and it was left to the Town Clerk to fix this.

HOUSE - W. T. VILLAS

The Town Clerk read a report from the Sanitary Officer regarding the condition of a house at Wolfe Tone Villas, occupied by Gregory Browne, and he was directed to write to the occupier pointing out that if the house was not kept in a better condition the Corporation would be obliged to seek possession of it.

RATES

With reference to previous discussion on the subject of the rates due by the late Christina Kirwan out of the property at the Main Street, the Town Clerk reported that he had had a couple of conversations with Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, and the Law Agent for the Bank of Ireland. As a result of these conversations they had offered the sum of £100 in discharge of all rates due to 31st March next, less those sums which had been paid in the previous two years, and they had sent him cheques amounting to £84. 4. 8.

The total amount of rates due was £194. 1. 6 and the members considered that the settlement was a very good one, it being extremely doubtful if as much would be recovered if litigation were resorted to, as the Banks Solicitors held that they were only liable for 2 year's rates as subsequent occupiers, so it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Connolly, to accept the offer made.

TRANSFER OF HOUSE

It was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Dunne to consent to the transfer of the house at Newtown Road, Wexford, from Mr. John B. Hickey to Mr. John O'Sullivan, in respect of which the Corporation held a deed of charge for £720 in respect of a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, the members being satisfied that Mr. O'Sullivan was a person who would pay the instalments as they became due.

It was unanimously decided to accept the tender of the Electricity Supply Board in the sum of £10. 7. 0 for the provision of a public light at Summerhill Road on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

ALLOTMENTS

In connection with the provision of allotments for unemployed persons the Town Clerk reported that he had advertised for more land but up to the present had been unable to procure it. The members mentioned a number of places where land might be secured for this purpose and it was agreed to

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adjourn further consideration of the scheme until next meeting, to enable the Town Clerk to see the people named, and if at all possible to get them to agree to rent the lands in question. It was decided, however, that persons who had plots last year and who were eligible to receive them this year should be informed that their applications would be granted.

COST OF LIVING BONUS

Under date of the 24th ultimo the Secretary of the Transport Union pointed out that the cost of living index figure had reached 214 in mid-November and asked that the necessary adjustment should be made in the wages of the Corporation Employees as from the Pay Day November 22nd. The Town Clerk pointed out that under the Local Authorities Cost of Living Act, 1940, the payment of cost of living bonus was fixed at the figure in operation prior to the 1st July last and could not be exceeded.

HOUSE - DUKE ST.

A letter was read from the Borough Surveyor to the effect that his attention had been drawn to the condition of the house in Duke Street, occupied by Nathl. Harris. He had examined it and found it in a state of collapse and liable to crash inwards, in fact a small portion of the roof had broken away. He also noticed that the chimney stack of both Harris and the tenant in the adjoining house was in a state of collapse, and constituted a public danger. He pointed out, however, that neither house, in his opinion, was fit for human habitation and it would constitute a hardship on the landlord to compel her to repair this chimney stack seeing that it may be the duty of the Corporation to make a Clearance or Demolition Order in respect of these and other houses in the area. The Surveyor asked for a direction as to what action should be taken. It was pointed out that at the present time the Corporation could not re-house the people in Duke Street if they made a Clearance or Demolition Order and the Surveyor was directed to take whatever steps he deemed necessary under the Towns Improvement Act to safeguard the public.

ACCIDENT AT FAYTHE

The Town Clerk reported that he had had correspondence with Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, on the subject of an accident at Faythe to a Mrs. O'Donnell of Antelope Road, which he had referred to the Insurance Company to deal with.

DISTILLERY LANE C.P.O.

The Town Clerk further reported that Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, had asked him what action had been taken by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the Distillery Lane Compulsory Purchase Order. He had replied to the effect that the Minister had refused to confirm the order and under date of the 19th instant Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey stated that in view of the decision of the Minister they considered their client was entitled to his costs of the Inquiry. It was decided to ask Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey what costs they required without prejudice.

WATER AT JOHN ST.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of water flowing on to John Street from a field at the back of the street owned by Mr. James Boyle, lengthy correspondence was read from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, pointing out that the cause of the water flowing into John Street was the stoppage of a drain at the rear of some houses at St. John's Avenue, which the Corporation had erected in 1927 and disposed of to the occupiers. Messrs. Kirwan also submitted copies of correspondence which had passed between their agent and one of the tenants at St. John's Avenue

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who emphatically refused to allow the drain to be re-opened unless it was piped.

It was decided to inform Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan that the Corporation had no responsibility whatever for these houses as they sold them to the tenants in 1927 and that they were only concerned with the prevention of the water flowing on the street at John Street.

TIME CLOCK

An offer of £10 from Mr. A. B. Hadden for a time clock was adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to ascertain what the clock cost the Corporation.

FOOTPATHS

A complaint was made regarding the condition of the footpaths at the Faythe, and Technical Schools, Spawell Road, and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked for a report on them by next meeting.

PLOT - WM. ST.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a Mr. Thomas O'Connor, William Street, who had been leased a plot of ground there raised questions as to the amount of the costs of the Corporation Solicitor for preparing the deed, Mr. O'Connor wrote setting out how the amount of £14. 18. 0 was made up. From this it would appear that the total amount to be received from Mr. O'Connor for the work would be £7. 10. 0 and the balance was made up for stamp duty and other outlays. It was decided to forward a copy of the Solicitor's letter to Mr. O'Connor.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

It was decided to hold a meeting of the Housing Committee on Wednesday next the 22nd instant.

WILLIAM ST. HOUSES

A complaint was made that damage was being done to the vacant houses at William Street and the Town Clerk was directed to ask the Garda to keep an eye on the premises until they were let.

RENT COLLECTOR'S COMMISSION

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the remuneration of the Rent Collectors which had been sanctioned for a period of 6 months. He had written to the Department giving particulars of the arrears at the time the increase was sanctioned and at the end of November last the arrears showed a reduction and he had asked the Department to sanction the increase permanently. This action was approved.

WALL - ST. PETER'S COLLEGE

Correspondence from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, on the subject of the wall at St. Peter's College which had collapsed during excavations for a new sewer was referred to the Special Committee dealing with the Relief Grants.

RATES REFUND

An application from Messrs. David Allen & Sons Ltd., for a refund of rates on their advertising sites was refused.

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HOUSE - BATT ST.

Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, reported on the house at Batt Street occupied by Patrick Murphy, and stated that it was unfit for human habitation, and it was decided to serve notice on the owner intimating when any offer would be considered regarding the carrying out of repairs or the future user of the house.

HOUSE - ALLEN ST.

The Town Clerk further reported that notice had been served on the agent for the owner of the house at Allen Street occupied by James Gorman, intimating that any offer with regard to the future user of the house would be considered at the present meeting. No offer was received and it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to make a Demolition Order.

HOUSE - FRANCIS ST.

Dr. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, reported that he had visited a house at Francis Street occupied by Mrs. Mythen and found privy in a dilapidated and filthy condition and unfit for use and causing a menace to public health, and he recommended that the owner be required to provide a proper privy or W.C. It was decided to serve notice on the owner requiring the provision of a W.C. within one month.

CLIFFORD ST. HOUSES

The Town Clerk was directed to request a reply to his letter of the 18th ultimo from the owner of house at Clifford Street who had been asked to instal W.C.'s.

SINGER'S PREMISES

The Town Clerk reported that the premises of The Singer Sewing Machine Co. Main Street, did not comply with the Conditions of Part 6 of the Shops (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1938, as there was no sanitary conditions provided, or no washing facilities provided, and he was directed to communicate with the Company asking to have these facilities provided for the staff.

WATCHMAN AT GREEN ST.

A complaint was made by Councillor Hawkins that the Corporation watchman at Green Street was looking after the tools for the Gas Company's employees, who were engaged laying a new gas main there, thereby depriving some other person of employment as watchman for the Company, and the Town Clerk was asked to obtain a report from the Borough Surveyor on the matter against next meeting.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Cant TD
Mayor of Wexford

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A Meeting of the Special Committee, appointed to supervise the administration of Relief Grants, was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh, Councillors Byrne, Connolly, Hawkins, Dunne, and Sinnott.

PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS.

The Town Clerk submitted to each member a copy of the Relief Grant proposals and Estimates for the current year, but on examination it was seen that one proposal originally adopted had been amended in the month of July by the Corporation while the Town Clerk was on holidays, and he was not aware of this amendment in drafting the statement submitted. As well, due to the cleansing of Coolree Reservoir during the Summer, certain further alterations had been made in the Relief Grant proposals, and the Town Clerk was asked to submit a comprehensive statement on the exact position to each member of the Committee.

NEW SEWER AT SUMMERHILL.

A discussion took place regarding the new sewer at Summerhill, and the collapse of the College wall due to excavation in the footpath for this sewer.

The Borough Surveyor stated that it would cost approximately £130 to re-erect the wall, and held that it was a pure accident which could not have been foreseen.

A number of the members entirely disagreed with the Surveyor, and held that if the wall had been properly shored up by tradesmen and not labourers prior to the excavation, it would not have collapsed. In this connection it was ordered that a detailed account be kept by the Surveyor of the cost of repairing this wall.

Correspondence was submitted to the meeting from Messrs. Kirwan and Kirwan, Solicitors, on behalf of the College Authorities, intimating that the wall would have to be re-built in rubble masonry with concrete foundation and the re-built portion dashed on the outside so as to conform with the remainder of the wall; the work to be carried out to the satisfaction of their client's engineer. In addition, they claimed legal and engineering expenses.

Arising out of this claim for expenses, the Town Clerk pointed out that immediately he had heard from Messrs. Kirwan and Kirwan on the collapse of the wall, he had written them admitting liability and stating that the Corporation would rebuild it, and having regard to this communication the meeting decided to inform the Solicitors that they were not liable for legal or engineering expenses.

Arising out of a further discussion on Summerhill Sewer, the Borough Surveyor intimated that due to the alteration of the line of the sewer to the opposite side of the roadway as a result of the collapse of the College Wall, and to the fact that the workmen supplied to him by the Labour Exchange at the present time were very young and inexperienced in this type of work, he estimated that the Labour cost of re-laying this sewer would be 100 per cent. or £250 over his estimate.

It was then seen that some of the proposals for the current year's Relief Works could not be carried out, and it was agreed to re-examine the whole position at the next meeting when the statement promised by the Town Clerk would be in the hands of each member.

CROMWELL'S FORT AVENUE.

In reply to Alderman Walsh, the Town Clerk stated that the cost of readjusting Cromwell's Fort Avenue arising out of an alteration in the level of the new road there in last year's Relief Grant Work, had amounted to £20, and the Borough Surveyor stated that this was

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approximately £80 more than he had allowed for alterations. In reply to a further query the Town Clerk stated that this expenditure had been met from the Relief Grants for 1939/40, and that the total expenditure on all the proposals last year had only exceeded the Estimates by some £10 or £15.

This alteration to Cromwell's Fort Avenue was another matter to which strong exception was taken by a number of members who allowed that this should have been clearly foreseen before the road was put in and arrangements made with Mr. Stafford prior to the work being commenced. This would have avoided all the trouble caused and the legal costs of ascertaining the exact liability of the Corporation in the matter.

LEGAL COSTS RE DISTILLERY LANE.

Another matter raised by the members was the litigation in connection with Distillery Lane last year, when a boundary wall, the property of Mr. John Kirwan, had been demolished, as a result of which a legal action was taken.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that the entire legal costs of this action would be approximately £200, and the Borough Surveyor stated that the cost of re-building the wall would be £30. All of this money would, of course, have to be charged to the Housing Scheme, and further consideration of this matter was adjourned to the next meeting to enable the Town Clerk to look up the various correspondence and Minutes in the matter.

SUPERVISION ON RELIEF SCHEMES.

Another matter which was raised by the members was the cost of supervision on the various Relief Grant Works.

It was stated that this amounted to approximately £15 per week or 8% of the total wages.

Some members held that there were too many timekeepers and gangers employed and that there was no need whatsoever for a General Foreman in charge of all the work, but before coming to a decision on this matter it was decided to ascertain from a few other Towns similar in size to Wexford what staff was engaged in supervising Relief Grants in these towns.

The Meeting then terminated.

*J. Burns, TD
Mayor of Wexford*

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A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held at the close of the above meeting; the members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh, Councillors Hayes, Crosbie, Moran, Connolly, Dunne, Byrne and Sinnott.

WILLIAM STREET HOUSES.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of 9th November, 1940, No. H.7256/14/40, stating that the Minister could not make any contribution towards the annual Loan Charges on the William Street Housing Scheme.

This communication had been referred by the Corporation to the Housing Committee some time back, and this was the first occasion on which the Committee had met to consider it.

They carefully considered the entire position regarding the William Street houses and saw that it was impossible to let them on the

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terms originally decided upon, so it was now unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to let the balance of the houses to weekly tenants at a rent of 12/6d. each plus rates.

A letter was read from Mr. D. F. Cronin, who had purchased one of these houses on the basis of a £30 deposit, asking to have the deposit reduced to £10, which was a scheme adopted subsequent to the £30 deposit scheme, but it was decided to inform Mr. Cronin that as the necessary legal Documents had been prepared to transfer the house to him, the Corporation could not agree to reduce the deposit and refund him the difference.

DERELICT SITES ACT, 1940.

There was submitted to the Meeting a copy of the Derelict Sites Act, 1940, together with Orders and Regulations made thereunder, and a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 15th instant, No. 5/41, requesting to be informed what action had been taken by the Corporation in the matter.

At the request of the meeting the Town Clerk produced the Register of houses which had been condemned as unfit for human habitation, and the members carefully perused this list. They picked out a number of sites and asked the Borough Surveyor to examine these and to report on the advisability of acquiring them under the Act.

VACANT HOUSE AT MAUDLINTOWN.

The Town Clerk reported that there was a house vacant at Maudlinton, and that the only applicant for it who was residing in a condemned house, was John Kearney, who was at present living with Miss Kate Cullen, Faythe, so it was unanimously decided that he should be given the vacant house as Miss Cullen had undertaken, in writing, not to re-let any of the rooms occupied by her sub-tenants if they were re-housed by the Corporation.

APPLICATION FOR GRATE.

An application was submitted from Mr. Walter Furlong, of 8, O'Connell Avenue, to have a small fireplace put in the kitchen of his house instead of the open range which was not much use at present, and if there were any extra cost involved, he was willing to pay it weekly until the debt was discharged.

The Meeting, however, decided that if Mr. Furlong provided the grate himself, they would put it in and remove the old range.

HOUSING SURVEY, 1938.

The Town Clerk again drew the attention of the meeting to the fact that the Housing Survey of 1938 had not yet been completed except in so far as houses unfit for human habitation were concerned, and he now had reports on some 105 houses which could be condemned as unfit. He was directed to again get in touch with the Medical Officers and arrange for the completion of the survey.

GATEWAY AT DISTILLERY ROAD.

It was decided to build up an old gateway at the end of Distillery Road houses and to put a wicket gate in instead of the present large gate which was in a dilapidated condition.

REPAIRS TO STREETS.

Councillor Hayes strongly complained about the condition of the following streets, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine them and have the necessary repairs carried out, namely, Grogan's Road, Old Pound, Coffey's Hill (Main Street) Keyser's Lane, Patrick Square, and the Cross at Summerhill Road and Waterloo Road.

The Meeting then terminated.

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Chairman

Wexford T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

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A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh and James McMahon.

Councillors: Thomas Hayes, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, Stephen McMahon, James Gaul, Patrick Hawkins, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, and Timothy Cashman.

EAVE SHOOTS

A complaint was made about the condition of the eave shoots on various houses on the Main Street, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to direct the Turncock to make a report thereon.

REPORT - BORO' SURVEYOR

There was submitted to the meeting a lengthy report from the Borough Surveyor on the supplies of sewer pipes and water pipes in stock at the present time and detailing the amounts which would be required to deal with any serious emergency. In the opinion of the Borough Surveyor at least 5% of the total should be kept in reserve for an emergency and to purchase these would cost, approximately, £700.

There was also submitted a letter from the Chief Roads Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, who had received a copy of this report, requesting to be informed what action the Corporation proposed to take on it, and it was decided to inform Mr. Courtney that the Corporation were prepared to purchase the stocks provided they could be got at the present time and that the Department of Local Government and Public Health would be prepared to sanction the necessary loan for the purpose.

AUXILIARY WATER SUPPLY

In this connection reference was made to the question of an auxiliary water supply in the event of a serious breakdown in the Coolree Supply and the Officials were asked to see what arrangements they would be able to make to deal with such an emergency if it arose.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONER'S ACCOUNT

The Town Clerk reported that the Wexford Harbour Commissioners owed a sum of £52. 10. 0 for the maintenance of the streets leading from the Quays for the year 1939, and £20 for the lighting of these streets, together with a sum of £17. 10. 0 for water sold to ships during the year ended 31st March last. This made a total of £90 which he (Town Clerk) had furnished on various occasions, and on the 5th December last had written to the Board pointing out that the account was now long overdue, and requesting payment.

Under date of the 21st instant, the Secretary of the Board stated that owing to the decline of port traffic through the dislocation of shipping the Board's finances were unable at present to meet the demand for maintenance, etc. He enclosed a cheque for £17. 10. 0 in settlement of the account for water sold to ships, and requested the indulgence of the Corporation to allow the payment for maintenance and lighting until the trade of the port returned to normal.

In this connection the Town Clerk also pointed out that there was due for the year 1940 a further sum of £72. 10. 0, which left the indebtedness of the Board to the Corporation at £145, but it was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter until the rates for the coming financial year were being made.

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TIME CLOCK

With reference to minutes of last meeting when an offer had been submitted by Mr. Addison B. Hadden, for the purchase of a time clock the property of the Corporation at £10 and the matter had been referred to the Town Clerk to ascertain the original cost of the clock, he now reported that the Corporation had purchased it in 1932 for the sum of £32, and it was now decided to inform Mr. Hadden that the Corporation were not disposed to part with it for the moment.

REPORTS RE GREEN ST. HOUSES

With reference to minutes of the Corporation on the 13th instant when the Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had been requested to submit copies of the Medical Reports regarding the houses which the Corporation proposed to condemn in connection with the Housing Scheme at Green Street, a letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 24th instant, No. H.984/2/1941, acknowledging receipt of reports from the Medical Officers of Health and Borough Surveyor on twenty-five houses in Duke Street and Breen's Lane, and inquiring what action the Wexford Corporation proposed to take in the matter. In this connection it was decided to inform the Department that the Corporation would make the necessary Clearance or Demolition Orders when they had houses available to re-house the persons affected.

SUPPLY OF WATER - IRISH LIGHTS COMMISSIONERS

The Commissioners of Irish Lights asked to be quoted a price for the supply of approximately, 600 gallons of water per month to the Blackwater Light-vessel, and it was decided to inform them that the supply of 600 gallons would be given for the sum of £2. 10. 0, pro rata for any extra quantity required.

WM. ST. HOUSES

Under date of the 23rd instant, by letter No. H.2422/41, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health inquired as to the present position in regard to the unoccupied houses erected under the Corporation's 14-house scheme at William Street. He also inquired what action was being taken in view of the substantial increase in arrears of Rents of Artizan's Dwellings as shown by the Return submitted for the month of December. As regards the first query, it was explained that the Housing Committee had certain proposals to place before the Corporation at next meeting to deal with the vacant houses at William Street, and these proposals had already been submitted to the Department for their approval. As regards the rents, it was pointed out that an increase of rent in the month of December each year was usual and that the increase usually rectified itself by the end of January. The Department was to be so informed and as well, that the Corporation would consider the matter afresh if the increase for the month of December was not appreciably reduced by the end of January.

HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

An application for the house at No. 3, William Street, on a weekly rent basis was submitted from Mr. Sean Hennessey, School Street, and whilst the members were disposed to grant his application for this house it was thought advisable to come to no final decision pending consideration of the Housing Committee's recommendation on the matter of these houses at next months meeting of the Corporation.

REPORTS - M.O.H.

The Co. Medical Officer of Health submitted five reports on the inspection of animals under the Milk & Dairies Act, 1935. Two of the reports were

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satisfactory and three required that the udders and flanks of the cows should be clipped, and the Town Clerk reported that he had written to the persons concerned requesting them to carry out the recommendations of the Veterinary Inspector.

THEATRE ROYAL LICENCE

An application was submitted from the Proprietor of the Theatre Royal for the renewal of the Licence under the Cinematograph Act, but after some discussion it was decided to adjourn consideration of this and to request the proprietor to meet the Borough Surveyor on a convenient occasion to examine the building.

It was decided, however, that on all future occasions for licences under this Act that a clause should be embodied prohibiting the use of any seats in the passages.

SINGER'S PREMISES

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the question of a breach of Part 6 of the Shops Act, 1938, by the Singer Sewing Machine Co. was reported, a letter was read from the Company requesting exemption under Section 55 of the Act, but before coming to a decision in the matter it was decided to request the Sanitary Inspector and the Borough Surveyor to report as to whether or not it was possible at a reasonable expense for the Company to comply with the provisions of the statute.

REPORT - MEAT INSPECTOR

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of December showed that he had examined 127 cattle, 310 sheep and 67 swine. Of the cattle, 11 organs were destroyed for diseases other than tuberculosis and 40 for other diseases. Of the sheep, 115 organs were destroyed for diseases other than tuberculosis, and of the swine, one head was destroyed for tuberculosis.

HOUSES - CLIFFORD ST.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the question of the provision of W.C.'s for houses at Clifford Street, owned by Mr. W. V. Stafford, was under consideration, a letter was read from the Agent for the owner pointing out the very great hardship which insistence on W.C.'s would entail. He stated that Mr. Stafford was prepared to do whatever repairs that were necessary to the privies and when times became normal to convert them into W.C.'s. The meeting would not accept this offer and insisted that the W.C.'s be installed.

EXTRA CLERICAL ASSISTANCE

The Town Clerk referred to the abnormal amount of extra work which was being placed on his staff as a result of the Air Raid Precautions Scheme which was in course of preparation, and pointed out that the ordinary Corporation work was getting into considerable arrear. The Mayor strongly supported the Town Clerk's report in this case and stated that he was personally aware of the considerable amount of time both during and after office hours which the Town Clerk and some of his staff had to work in order to cope with the Air Raid Precautions Scheme, and it was unanimously decided that the Town Clerk should approach the Department of Defence and ask them if they would be prepared to allow him clerical assistance whilst the necessity for an Air Raid Precautions Scheme existed.

A complaint was made by Alderman McMahon that the men employed on the Relief Grants were only allowed a half-hour for their dinner, but it was pointed out that they could not work before 8.30 in the morning owing to the continuance of summertime. The Alderman however, stated that the men

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were prepared to continue working until 6 o'clock, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to instruct the Timekeepers to see what the views of the men were in the matter, and if they were prepared to work until 6.0. o'clock in the evening to allow them an hour for their dinner.

RANGE

An application from Mrs. Murphy, Distillery Road, Wexford, for a new range was referred to the Borough Surveyor to have it installed.

The meeting then terminated.

*R. O'Brien, TD
Mayor of Wexford*

3rd February, 1941.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Moran, Byrne, Hawkins, Crosbie, Connolly, Sinnott and McMahon.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:-

Minutes of Corporation on the 13th ultimo; Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees on 13th and 27th ultimo; Housing Committee on 23rd ultimo and Special Grants Committee on 22nd ultimo.

Councillor Crosbie moved that the minutes as submitted be taken as having been read, approved and signed; Councillor Hawkins seconded.

Arising out of minutes of the Special Grants Committee on the 22nd ultimo a question was raised regarding the statement of the Borough Surveyor at that meeting that the labour costs of the provision of a new sewer at Summerhill would be practically 100% over his estimate. This was due (the Surveyor said) to the alteration of the line of the sewer to the opposite side of the roadway as a result of the collapse of the wall at St. Peter's College and to the fact that the workmen supplied to him by the Labour Exchange at the time were very young and inexperienced in this type of work.

Some of the members thought that the entire increase estimated by the Borough Surveyor could not be due to the inexperience of the workmen, but it was decided to defer discussion on this matter until the entire job was finished and particulars of the actual costs ascertained.

The Minutes as submitted were thereupon signed by the Mayor.

PAYMENTS

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £3,459. 9. 2. were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

Arising out of an item in the Accounts in respect of public lighting for the month of January, Councillors Connolly and Byrne made strong references to the fact that lights at different points in the town were out for lengthy periods before being renewed by the Electricity Supply Board, and suggested that strong representation should be made to the Board on this subject.

The Town Clerk intimated that this matter had been raised by members on several occasions but in very general terms. On no occasion had he been given a specific instance of a lamp being out for seven nights, and if the members could give him such an instance he would be in a better position to deal with the Board, as up to the present he had been only writing to them in general terms, and had never been able to point out to them a single case where a light had been out for such a period as seven nights. Councillor Byrne then intimated that he was personally aware that the light near his own residence at Columba Villas had been out for seven nights and the Town Clerk promised to write a strong letter to the Board on this matter.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Thomas Hayes on the death of his sister, the late Mrs. Cullen. The motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne, supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

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INTERNEES AT CURRAGH CAMP

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a motion had been adopted regarding the treatment of internees at the Curragh Camp, a letter was read from the Minister for Defence stating that the terms of the motion had been noted.

FIRE FIGHTING EXAMINATION

Under date of the 20th ultimo the Minister for Defence forwarded a copy of the result of the examination held at the end of the Fire-fighting Instruction Course from the 28th October to 16th November last, which showed that Mr. Thomas Crosbie, Captain of the Fire Brigade, had obtained a 2nd Class Certificate.

CO-OPTION

The co-option of a member to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of the late Councillor James Billington was further adjourned until next meeting.

DEMOLITION ORDER

The Finance & Works Committee recommended that a Demolition Order be made in respect of a house at Allen Street, Wexford, occupied by James Gorman. On the 20th December last a notice had been served on Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, who were the agents for the owner of the property, intimating that any offer with regard to the future user of the house would be considered by the Corporation on the 13th ultimo. No offer however, had been submitted and the Committee recommended the Corporation to make a Demolition Order in respect of the house. The Order was now submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Corporate Seal was affixed thereto, and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

WILLIAM ST. HOUSES

The Housing Committee recommended that the rents of the vacant houses at William Street be reduced from 18/- to 12/6d per week. Three schemes had been adopted for the disposal of these houses, namely,

1. A deposit of £30 and 15/6d per week for a period of 35 years, after which the house would be the property of the owner, subject to an annual rent in perpetuity of 10/-.
2. A deposit of £10 with a weekly rent charge of 16/- for a period of 35 years at the end of which the occupier would become the owner of the property, subject to a ground rent of 10/- per year in perpetuity.
3. A letting to weekly tenants at a rent of 18/- per week, exclusive of rates.

It was explained to the meeting that four houses had been disposed of on the £30 deposit basis, one on the £10 deposit basis, and there was a possibility of disposing of another on the latter basis. In addition, one house had been let on the weekly tenant system. This left seven houses still undisposed of and despite every effort made by the Housing Committee it had not been possible to procure tenants on the terms fixed. The Housing Committee gave the matter very careful consideration at a recent meeting, and unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to let the houses to weekly tenants at a rent of 12/6d each plus rates, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

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The present meeting saw that there did not appear to be any other option but to let the houses at the rents recommended by the Committee, and on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Connolly, the recommendation was unanimously agreed to.

It was also agreed that an advertisement should be placed in the window of one of these houses setting out the revised terms and consideration of 4 applications for the houses was adjourned to the Finance & Works Committee who would meet on the 10th instant and they were authorised to let the houses subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

REPORT - BORO' ANALYST

The report of the Borough Analyst for the Quarter ended 31st December last showed that he had examined four samples of milk, three of butter, two each of margarine, cheese and whiskey and one each of buttermilk, port wine, and cocoa. This made a total of sixteen samples, all of which had been found genuine. This report was noted.

RESOLUTION

The following resolution submitted by the Bray Urban District Council on the dispute between the Irish Banks and their Officials was adopted on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Byrne:-

"This Council condemns in the strongest terms the action of the Directors of the Irish Banks in giving notice of dismissal to all their Officials - obviously as a means to overthrow the basic agreement for collective bargaining arrived at 21 years ago; the Council further, considering this action of the Banks to be most reactionary, unjust, inconsistent with all modern thought and ideas, and wantonly provocative, assures the Irish Bank Officials' Associations, whose foundation this is an attempt to undermine, of the sympathy and support of all truly democratic bodies in the fight they are putting up for the right of Collective Bargaining.

That copies of this resolution be sent to the Irish Banks Standing Committee, The Irish Bank Officials' Association and to each local authority in Eire."

At this stage the Mayor referred to the very poor response which had been made by the citizens of the Town to the appeal of the Corporation for volunteers for the Air Raid Precautions Services, and pointed out that approximately 300 volunteers were required to operate the scheme and up to the present only about 75 had come forward. He pointed out that Wexford had suffered from at least two bombing attacks from the air and this should have shown the people the absolute necessity for an active Air Raid Precautions Organisation in the town. He made this appeal he stated, through the medium of the press to the citizens to come forward and take part in this organisation which might be vital to the safety of the town, and trusted that it would not be necessary for the Corporation to make any further appeal for volunteers.

The Town Clerk in supporting the appeal made by the Mayor stated it was very discouraging to the authorities charged with the administration of the scheme to find such a lack of interest by responsible citizens. Officers of the Corporation and outsiders were giving their spare time preparing and delivering lectures on the various aspects of the work, and it was disheartening to them after preparing a lecture to have to deliver it to a very small number of people.

He (Town Clerk) regretted very much to say that property owners in the town who were the very first he expected would have joined the organisation had

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not done so. He added his voice to that of the Mayor in pointing out the need for an active organisation in the town to deal with any emergency which might arise and trusted that as a result of the appeal now made they would soon have the Air Raid Precautions Organisation up to full strength.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Cogan T.D.
Mayor of Wexford
3.-3.41

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A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting the members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

SINGER'S PREMISES

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a letter had been read from the Singer Sewing Machine Company asking for exemption from the provisions of Part 6 of the Shops (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1938, a report was submitted from the Sanitary Inspector stating he again inspected the premises and found that at no point could a W.C. be installed in compliance with the Public Health Acts. On the Mayor's suggestion he then interviewed Mr. Jenkins, who occupied the adjoining premises, with a view to the girl employed by the Singer Sewing Machine Co. being provided with convenient accommodation there. Mr. Jenkins intimated that should the Singer Co. make representations to him he would be willing to permit the girl to make use of the W.C. on his ground floor as soon as he had completed the work of making a new passage from his hallway. On Messrs. Singer's part it would be necessary to re-open the door leading from their shop to Mr. Jenkins hallway. The meeting considered that this report was satisfactory and it was decided to suggest to the Singer Sewing Machine Co. that they should make the necessary representations to Mr. Jenkins.

PAYMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS

With reference to minutes of the Corporation on the 13th ultimo when a scheme for the monthly payment of Rate Collectors was adopted, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 27th ultimo by letter No. G.2063/41, intimated that he was not prepared to sanction the proposed departure from the method of poundage payments prescribed by the Public Bodies Order, 1925. It was decided to request the Minister to reconsider his decision in this matter and to point out that the proposed scheme would be an incentive to the Collectors to press forward their collections in the earlier parts of the year.

HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

The Corporation Solicitor wrote regarding the house at No. 6, St. Brendan's Road, William Street, which the Corporation had agreed to sell to Mr. Ml. Devereux and in respect of which he had paid his deposit and costs, and stating that his wife, Mrs. Mary Devereux, had informed him that her husband had not been heard of since October last and she does not know whether he is alive or dead. She had asked that the deed be put into her name and he asked for the permission of the Corporation to this course. Before consenting to this change it was decided to ask the Corporation Solicitor if there was any legal objection thereto having regard to the fact that Mr. Devereux himself had applied for the house and had paid the deposit and costs.

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HOUSE - BATT ST.

With reference to minutes of the 13th ultimo when it was decided to serve notice on the owner of a house at Batt Street intimating that any offer with regard to the future user would be considered at the present meeting, the agent for the owner stated that he had communicated with him but as he was living in Bristol he did not expect to hear from him in time for the present meeting owing to the delay in mails and in the circumstances, asked to have the matter adjourned until he heard from him. It was agreed to adjourn the matter for two weeks and to so inform the Agent.

HOUSE - ANTELOPE RD.

The Town Clerk reported that there was a 4-roomed house at present vacant at No. 3, Antelope Road and he proposed with the consent of the Committee to give the house to a man named O'Leary who was residing in a condemned house at the Faythe with a Miss K. Cullen, but as he had only a small family the members thought it would be better to give the house to James Gorman, Allen Street, who had a large family and whose house had been condemned by the Corporation this night provided an undertaking was received from the Agents to the effect that the house would not be re-let pending the coming into operation of the order, and O'Leary was to be given the first vacant 3-roomed house.

TRINITY PLACE

The Sanitary Inspector and the Borough Surveyor were to be asked to make a report on the drainage leading from the houses at Trinity Place by next meeting.

DUMPING

The Sanitary Inspector was also to be asked to make an effort to catch people who were dumping rubbish on the streets during the night.

DISMISSAL OF CARTERS

The Borough Surveyor was asked if there was any reason for the dismissal of two carters named Browne and Grace employed on Relief Grant Works, and he replied that as far as he was concerned there was no reason beyond the fact that the work in which they were engaged was finished, but he intimated that they did not give of their best while in the employment of the Corporation. Some of the members stated that these two men had been informed by the foreman that they had been dismissed for not giving a sufficient return, and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to bring both men and the foreman before the next meeting of the Corporation so that the matter could be investigated.

The meeting then proceeded to deal with Old Age Pensions Claims, the contents of which will be found in the Register of Claims and Questions.

Richard Card TD
Mayor of Wexford
3.3.41

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A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m. to consider a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimating that the appointment of Mr. T. J. Millar, as Clerk of Works in connection with the Waterworks Improvement Scheme could not be sanctioned.

The members present being:

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, James McMahon, and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Connolly, Stephen McMahon, James Gaul, Patrick Hawkins, Thomas Hayes, Robert Moran, Patrick Atkins, Timothy Cashman, James Sinnott, Thomas Dunne and James Crosbie.

At the outset the Mayor moved that the Corporation consider the letter in committee for the reason that he thought it would not be advisable to have a discussion in public on Mr. Millar's qualifications. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion.

A number of members, however, objected and on a show of hands being taken 6 voted for the motion and 9 against. It was accordingly declared lost. The Town Clerk thereupon read a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 6th instant No. L.1122/2/41, intimating that the Minister had had before him his letter of the 14th ultimo in connection with the appointment of a Clerk of Works for the Wexford Waterworks Improvement Scheme, and he desired to point out that the advertisement issued for candidates invited applications for the position from qualified engineers. As Mr. Millar, whom the Corporation proposed to appoint, had no degree in engineering he did not comply with the conditions laid down by the Corporation themselves in the advertisement, and his appointment could not be sanctioned. In the circumstances the Corporation must proceed to a fresh appointment.

At the request of the members the Town Clerk also read a copy of the advertisement issued as well as a letter from Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, under date of the 7th December last intimating that of the applicants, only two remained whom they could recommend for appointment. They were Mr. Millar and Mr. Greene. They pointed out, however, that Mr. Millar was not qualified in the manner intended by the Specification having taken out no degree in Engineering, but they were however, quite satisfied that by experience he was fully capable of filling the post and had considerably longer experience than Mr. Greene and a thorough knowledge of local conditions.

Strong dissatisfaction was expressed by all the members present at the refusal of the Minister to sanction Mr. Millar's appointment, as in their opinion, he was thoroughly qualified by practical experience to carry out the duties of the post. As well, he had acted as Clerk of Works and Borough Surveyor for the Corporation on a number of occasions during which he gave entire satisfaction in the discharge of his duties.

After some further discussion it was unanimously agreed to request the Minister to reconsider his decision and to sanction Mr. Millar's appointment.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor of Wexford
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A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Special Meeting.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

With reference to a discussion at a meeting of the Corporation on the 3rd instant regarding the public lighting in Wexford, the Electricity Supply Board regretted that the Corporation had found occasion to complain of the maintainance of the service. They were communicating with the Board's District Engineer and anticipated that as a result the necessity for further complaints on the part of the Corporation would be obviated.

REPORTS - SANITARY INSPECTOR

A lengthy report was submitted from the Sanitary Inspector on the drainage of houses at Trinity Place, Wexford, and it was decided to send a copy of the report to the Agent asking to be informed what steps he proposed to take to abate the nuisance complained of, and as well, to send a further copy to the Medical Officer of Health for his observations on the report. A report was read from the Sanitary Inspector stating that he had inspected Oyster Lane and found no nuisance or anything likely to give rise to a nuisance.

HOUSES - WILLIAM ST.

Eight applications were submitted for the vacant houses at William Street but it was decided to adjourn consideration of these until next meeting and to issue an advertisement in the public press stating that the Corporation were prepared to consider applications on the 17th instant.

SHOPS ACT

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the question of compliance with the Shops Act by the Singer Sewing Machine Company was under consideration the Town Clerk stated that he had written to the Company stating that Mr. Jenkins would be prepared to facilitate them on request. He had received a letter stating that they were taking up the matter with Mr. Jenkins, but representatives of the firm called on him during the day and pointed out that there was only one lavatory which had to be used by males and females, but as there was another female employee with Mr. Jenkins the Corporation considered that having regard to all circumstances that the one would do.

RATES

The Town Clerk reminded the members that as far back as the end of 1939 they had agreed to accept the sum of £100 from a Mrs. M. K. Lennon, South Main Street, in complete discharge of all the rates due out of her premises there up to the 31st March last. A considerable amount of delay had occurred, however, in Mrs. Lennon raising this £100 and she now wrote offering £120 in settlement of all rates due to the 31st March next. As the members were aware that Mrs. Lennon was not in good circumstances, they thought it well to accept the offer as, in their opinion, this amount would not be recovered by distraint or other proceedings.

Under date of the 1st instant Mrs. C. McKnight, of Henrietta Street, stated that as she was anxious for all rates due on the estates of the late John and James Browne and her own to be cleared to the 31st March next she would be glad to know if the Corporation would accept £225 in full settlement. In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that there was no less than £840. 15. 7 due on the three estates made up of £596. 12. 11 arrears, and £244. 2. 8 current rates.

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The Town Clerk pointed out that in his opinion the Corporation could not accept this offer as it was entirely inadequate, so it was decided to inform Mrs. McKnight that as her offer was little more than 25% of the total sum due it could not be accepted.

A question was raised regarding the payment of rates by instalments, and a suggestion was made that an office should be provided for the Rate Collectors but before coming to a decision on this it was agreed that the matter be adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to discuss it with the Collectors.

The Town Clerk reported that a dispute had arisen between the Management of the Wexford People Newspapers and himself regarding the charge for water for the period ended 30th September last. According to the report of the turncock the meter was out of order for that period and he Town Clerk had charged the same charge as for the corresponding quarter of last year. The company however, had intimated to him that having regard to the scarcity of water during the period in question they had tied up the ball cock and had conserved to the greatest extent possible the water supply in their tank. They therefore, objected to the charge being based on the corresponding quarter of last year, and it was now unanimously decided after some discussion that an average of the three remaining quarters of the current year be taken and such average be charged for the quarter in dispute.

RATES

Councillor Connolly asked if a letter had been received from a Mrs. Sinnott, of St. Ibar's, regarding a summons for non-payment of rates, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had received such a letter but he considered it most inadvisable for the Corporation to be interfering in these matters which were for the Collectors to deal with. The letter in question merely stated that she had no way of paying off the arrears and complained that she did not get the 6 days notice referred to in the summons. It was decided that this matter be discussed at the Special Rates Committee at their next meeting.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to take steps to repair the footpath outside of O'Keefe's, the Faythe, and the Turncock was asked to make an examination of the eave shoots on the Main Street the next wet day.

A complaint was made regarding the damage to footpaths by the Electricity Supply Board during the renewal of poles recently, and the Town Clerk was asked to communicate with the Board and have the matter dealt with as soon as possible.

HOUSE - O'CONNELL AVE.

A lengthy discussion arose on the condition of the house at O'Connell Avenue occupied by John Gethings, and it was unanimously decided that the Borough Surveyor take immediate steps to have the complaint of Mr. Gethings made right, but only on condition that all the rent accrued due to date had been paid.

The Borough Surveyor was also asked to examine the house at No. 1, St. Magdalen's Terrace, occupied by a man named Whelan, who complained that water was coming up through the floor in one of the rooms.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a discussion took place regarding the dismissal of carters Browne and Grace, these men came before the meeting and gave an account of the work done by them. Subsequently, Foreman Rossiter came before the meeting and gave his account which did not agree with the account given by the two men, and after some lengthy discussion it was agreed that the two men should get their share of any carting work which might be available in the future.

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ALLOTMENTS

The Town Clerk submitted the allotment scheme for the year 1941. He reported that he had acquired 5 acres of land from Mr. Thomas Hamilton of Whitemill which would provide 36 allotments at a cost of £26. 5. 0; 5½ acres from the Christian Brothers which would provide 38 allotments at a cost of £26. 5. 0; 6 acres from Mr. George Rogers, Mulgannon, which would provide 42 allotments at a cost of £27, and 1½ acres from Mr. James Boyle, John Street, which would provide 12 allotments at a cost of £8. This meant that 128 allotments could be provided out of the 17½ acres of land which would cost £87. 10. 0 for the year. In addition to the cost of the land advertising was estimated at £10, fencing £20, Engineers fees at 2/6d per plot, £16, Town Clerk's fees at 2/6d per plot, £16, making the total expenditure on the scheme £149. 10. 0. This would require an economic rent of £1. 3. 4 per plot, but the Corporation were empowered under the Act to reduce this rent to a nominal rent of 1/- which would leave the loss at £1. 2. 4 per plot. The Scheme was carefully examined and it was unanimously decided that it should be adopted and submitted for approval to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Connolly. As regards the fees to be paid to the Town Clerk it was pointed out that by the terms of his appointment he was required to lodge all fees received to the credit of the Corporation, but as the administration of this scheme was undoubtedly extra work since that agreement was entered into it was felt he should be allowed to retain them for his own use, and as a similar decision had been come to regarding the fees for the 1940 scheme it was also unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Hawkins, that the Town Clerk be not required to lodge these fees to the credit of the Corporation. *Not*

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Connolly TD
Mayor of Wexford
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17th February, 1941.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: James McMahon and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Hayes, James Gaul, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, James Crosbie, Timothy Cashman, and James Sinnott.

RAILINGS AT COLUMBA VILLAS.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the railings dividing the gardens of the Columba Villa houses, and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to have them repaired immediately.

LETTING OF WILLIAM STREET HOUSES.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when a discussion took place regarding the letting of eight houses at William Street, the Town Clerk reported that he had received nine applications for the eight houses, and after the applications had been examined, the following were selected as tenants subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the proposed rent of 12/6 per week:- Sean Hennessy, School Street, Wexford; Nicholas Cash, Paul Quay, Wexford; Francis Gray, 96, North Main Street, Wexford; Michael Sullivan, Lower John Street; William Brennan, Folly, Wexford; Edward Wickham, North Main Street; Edward Mulhall, John Street; and Thomas Dunne, Clifford Street.

A.R.P. SCHEME AND CLERICAL STAFF.

With reference to a previous discussion on the question of the amount of work thrown on the clerical staff in connection with the administration of the Air Raid Precautions Scheme, the Town Clerk stated he had been in telephone conversation with the Department of Defence who asked him to submit his proposals for the employment of extra assistance. He had suggested to the Department that some of the routine executive work at present carried out by himself should be delegated to Mr. Doyle and Miss Lacey, and that each be paid an allowance of £26 per annum, and that a Junior Clerical Officer be employed at a salary of £78 per annum.

The Department had now agreed to these proposals, except in the case of Miss Lacey, who was to be paid £13 per annum, and he asked the Committee to approve of them and to decide what method should be adopted to recruit a clerical assistant.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Crosbie that the above proposals of the Town Clerk be approved and that a list of suitable boys, whose age should not exceed twenty years at next birthday, should be obtained from the Chief Executive Officer of the Town or Wexford Vocational Education Committee. These boys should be interviewed by the Town Clerk, who would report the result to the Committee.

ATTENDANCE OF FIRE BRIGADE IN RURAL AREAS.

With reference to Minutes of Corporation on 4th November last, when an Agreement proposed to be entered into between the Board of Health and the Corporation for the use of the Fire Brigade at fires in the

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Rural District of Wexford was under consideration, the Town Clerk reported that he had been asked by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to forward him a copy of the proposed Agreement. He had done so, and under date of the 13th instant, by letter No. L.4668/41, the Minister stated he desired to point out that Heads 4, 5 and 7 of the proposed Agreement appeared to be at variance with the requirements of the latter portion of Sub-section 3 (a) of Section 2 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1940. This particular portion of the Section stated that the Fire Brigade would be available and give its services as fully as if the area to which an Agreement relates were part of the Sanitary District of the Brigade. The Minister also stated that the proposal dealt with in Head 6 of the Agreement should be omitted, and the case of fires occurring outside the portion of the County Health District to which the proposed agreement is confined, should be dealt with by the first Scale of Fees under Section 4 of the Agreement.

The Town Clerk explained that Heads 4 and 5 of the proposed agreement provided that the brigade would only attend fires in the rural area when there was sufficient water available to enable the brigade to be of utility, and the Brigade was not, or likely to be, required in the Borough of Wexford. Clause 5 of the Agreement provided that the Brigade could be recalled from a fire outside the Borough at the discretion of the officials of Wexford Corporation. Clause 7 of the Agreement provided that calls for the Brigade should be made by a responsible officer of the Board of Health or by an officer in charge of a Civic Guard Station.

It was seen by the members that clause 4 was put in the agreement to prevent the Brigade being sent to fires where no water was available and where they would be purely wasting their time, and to ensure that the Brigade would not be out of Wexford when it was required, as the safeguarding of the property of the citizens of the Borough was the first consideration of the Corporation.

Clause 7 of the Agreement was provided to prevent unauthorised and frivolous calls for the Brigade.

The Meeting considered this matter at length, and decided to inform the Minister that they could not agree to any alterations in the proposed agreement, and the Town Clerk was directed to write and explain the views of the Corporation to the Minister.

PAYMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS.

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 10th instant, No. G.2063/2/40, again refusing to sanction the proposal of the Corporation to pay the Rate Collectors monthly, was submitted and referred to the next Statutory Meeting for consideration.

HOUSE AT FISHERS' ROW - MARY BOLGER.

The Town Clerk reported that he had now obtained possession of the house at Fishers' Row occupied by Mary Bolger, in respect of which the Corporation had made an advance of £500 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and in respect of which it had been necessary to obtain a Decree for possession owing to non-payment of the instalments, and he now asked for instructions as to what was to be done to dispose of the dwelling.

It was decided that offers for the purchase of the house be invited by advertising in the public press, and the Borough Surveyor was requested to report on the condition of the house to next meeting.

LICENCE FOR THEATRE ROYAL.

A lengthy report was submitted from the Borough Surveyor on the condition of the Theatre Royal Cinema, in which he made certain recommendations

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regarding seating accommodation which should be carried out before a Licence was granted under the Cinematograph Act, so it was decided to forward a copy of the report to the proprietor and inform him that a Licence would be granted as soon as the necessary alterations had been made.

WASTE PAPER.

The Town Clerk reported that he understood the Red Cross were collecting waste paper and as he had a certain amount of waste paper on the premises it was agreed that it should be given to this Society.

DUKE STREET AND RIELLY'S LANE.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 10th instant, by letter No. H.984/3/1941, intimated that the Corporation should proceed to make Clearance or Demolition Orders in the case of twenty-five houses at Duke Street and Rielly's Lane but the necessary Demolition could be deferred until houses were available to re-house the persons who would be affected thereby.

In this connection it was decided to point out to the Minister that the Corporation were not disposed to make Demolition or Clearance Orders until such time as they had houses in view to re-house the persons who would be affected because it was invariably their experience that when houses were condemned the tenants immediately refused to pay rent and the Corporation found it difficult, if not impossible, to collect rates on these dwellings.

HOUSE AT BATT STREET - P. MURPHY.

With reference to Minutes of 3rd instant, when consideration of a report on a house at Batt Street, occupied by Patrick Murphy, was adjourned to the present meeting, the matter was again adjourned for a further week.

HOUSE AT FRANCIS STREET - MYTHEN.

It was reported that a notice had been served on the owner of a house at Francis Street, occupied by Mrs. Mythen, requiring the provision of a Water Closet, the period for the installation of which expired this day, and it was decided to communicate with the owner enquiring when he proposed to instal the convenience.

WATER CLOSETS AT CLIFFORD STREET.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the provision of Water Closets for twelve houses at Clifford Street, but the matter was adjourned until next meeting to enable the Mayor and Town Clerk to interview the owner and see if it was possible to come to an arrangement with him to instal the Water Closets without having recourse to legal proceedings.

HOUSE AT ALLEN STREET - DOYLE.

A report was submitted from the Medical Officer of Health on the condition of a house at Allen Street, occupied by James Doyle, and it was decided to serve the usual notice fixing a time and place for the consideration of any offer with regard to its future user or the carrying out of repairs.

TRESPASS AT BALLINAGRE.

A complaint was submitted from Mr. L. Kirwan, Ballinagee, regarding

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trespass on his lands from the dumping ground at Summerhill, and the Borough Surveyor was directed to have the gateway to the dumping ground fixed so that it could be closed at night and the trespass of animals thereby prevented.

DUMPING GROUND AT FERRYCARRIG.

The Borough Surveyor was also directed to make a report to next meeting on the use of the swamp at Ferrycarrig as a dumping ground.

Richard Cairns TD
Mayor of Wexford
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A Meeting of the Special Rates Committee was held at the close of the Finance and Works, Etc. Committees Meeting; the following members being in attendance:-

The Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh and Councillors Hayes and Moran.

DECREE FOR RATES.

With reference to Minutes of Finance Committee on 10th instant, when a letter was read from Mrs. Mary Sinnott, St. Ibar's Villas, regarding rates due on her premises, the Town Clerk intimated to the Meeting that there was approximately £38. in all owing.

In reply to a query, he stated that the amount of Rates due for the year 1939/40 was £5. 11. 11, and for the year 1940/41 £7. 19. 10. The Meeting gave this matter careful consideration and decided to request the Rate Collectors to adjourn the legal proceedings in the matter on condition that Mrs. Sinnott paid the balance of the rates for 1939/40, namely, £3. 11. 11, plus the costs incurred to date, immediately, and half the current rate before the 31st March next; the balance of the current rate to be paid, together with the rate for 1941/42, during the latter year.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Cairns TD
Mayor of Wexford
 3. 3. 41

24th February, 1941.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, Robert Coffey, and James McMahon.

Councillors: Thomas Hayes, James Sinnott, Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Connolly, John Billington, James Crosbie, Stephen McMahon, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Dunne, Robert Moran, and Patrick Atkins.

TENDERS FOR AIR RAID SHELTERS.

Eight tenders were submitted for the erection of fourteen Air Raid Shelters in the town, and on being opened they were found to be from the following:-

Messrs. M. O'Connor & Co., Wexford, who quoted-----	£2338.	0.	0.
Messrs. Fanning & O'Neill, Killiney, Co. Dublin,			
who quoted-----	2368.	1.	11.
Messrs. Collins & Rooney, Blackrock, Co. Dublin,			
who quoted-----	2615.	15.	2.
Mr. R. B. Nolan, Waterford, who quoted-----	2685.	0.	0.
Messrs. George Squire & Co., Dublin, who quoted-----	2847.	15.	0.
James Beckett, Ltd., Dublin, who quoted-----	3347.	0.	0.
Irish Piling Co., Dublin, who quoted-----	3438.	14.	0.
Messrs. McCaffery & O'Carroll, Limerick, who quoted----	3743.	15.	0.

It was seen that the tender of Messrs. M. O'Connor & Co., Wexford, was the lowest submitted, but all the tenders were referred to the Borough Surveyor for examination and report, and if he found the tender of Messrs. O'Connor & Co. in order, it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to accept it, subject to the approval of the Minister for Defence.

ERECTION OF HOUSES AT GREEN ST.

Under date of the 18th instant, by letter No. H.3529/12/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health sanctioned the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. J. & P. Conlon for the erection of thirty-four bungalows at Green Street.

On receipt of this communication, the Town Clerk intimated that he had communicated with Messrs. Conlon requesting them to enter into the necessary Contract, but under date of the 20th instant they had written to say that owing to the present difficulty in obtaining petrol supplies it would be impossible for them to do the work as they were at present held up with another housing contract.

In this connection it was decided that, having regard to the keen competition for the work of the Air Raid Shelters, it would be advisable to re-advertise the houses for fresh tenders without delay, and this course was unanimously adopted.

CLERK OF WORKS FOR WATERWORKS SCHEME.

With reference to Minutes of Corporation on 10th instant, when the question of the Clerk of Works for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme was under consideration, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 18th instant, by letter No. L.1122/4/41, again pointed out that the advertisement issued by the Corporation invited

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applications for the position of Clerk of Works from qualified Engineers and the Minister was unable to approve of the appointment of a person who did not possess the qualifications laid down in the advertisement.

This matter was discussed at length, and it was eventually agreed on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Hayes, that having regard to the fact that in the opinion of the Consulting Engineers only two persons amongst the list of applicants were qualified to carry out the work (including Mr. Millar) that a fresh advertisement should be issued for a person qualified to act as Clerk of Works. It was pointed out to the meeting, however, that such an advertisement would appear to be at variance with the conditions laid down in the specification, but, nevertheless, it was decided that the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be sought to the issue of such a fresh advertisement.

GRANT FOR WATERWORKS SCHEME.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health also intimated that a Grant of £14,000 had been made available towards the cost of this scheme.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

With reference to previous discussions on the question of Public Lighting, the Electricity Supply Board now intimated that they had a report from the District Engineer on the matter. The District Engineer pointed out that patrols of public lighting were made regularly three nights per week, and any replacements found necessary were promptly attended to. It was understood that during week ended 25th ultimo, seventeen replacements were carried out due to damage caused by snowstorm. While the Board did not expect any member of the Corporation to notify "lamp-outages" to the Board's staff, it would, nevertheless, appreciate such reports as corrections could more expeditiously be made.

In this connection, complaint was made by Councillor Hayes that a gas light at Wolfe Tone Villas was out for the past twelve months and no complaint had been made about it, but another member intimated that this lamp had now been repaired, and that the person responsible for looking after it had been dismissed from the service of the Gas Co. As regards inspections of the Electric Lights, it was stated that the Waterford Corporation had insisted on the Board's putting a man on to this work alone, but in Wexford the regular staff of the Board had to carry out inspections at night after finishing their day's work.

CARETAKER'S WAGES - CEMETERY.

Under date of 20th instant, by letter No. P.H.2286/41, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health again stated that he was not prepared to alter his decision refusing to grant a Cost of Living bonus to the Caretaker of St. Ibar's cemetery.

Strong dissatisfaction was again expressed at this refusal and it was decided to request the Minister to be so good as to intimate to the Corporation his reason for such refusal.

S.D.A. ACTS - INSTALMENTS.

Under date of the 15th instant, by letter No. H.4432/41, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health requested to be informed what action was being taken by the Corporation in regard to arrears of instalments on foot of Loans advanced under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The Town Clerk intimated that a number of persons were in arrear and he was directed to inform them that unless the arrears were cleared off the Corporation would be obliged to institute proceedings for possession of the house.

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TIMBER IN OYSTER LANE.

The Town Clerk reported to the Meeting that he had received strong reports from Mrs. McTaminey, Paul Quay, regarding storage of timber in Oyster Lane, and it was decided that this was a matter for the Harbour Commissioners to deal with, and the Secretary should be written to and informed of the lady's complaints.

PETROLEUM LICENCE.

A Licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, in respect of the premises of Messrs. Bell and Murphy, Custom House Quay, Wexford, was signed on the part of the Corporation.

HOUSE AT ST. MAGDALEN'S TERRACE.

A report was submitted from the Borough Surveyor on the condition of a house at St. Magdalen's Terrace regarding dampness, and stated he would have a further examination carried out as soon as weather conditions permitted.

GETHING'S HOUSE - O'CONNELL AVE.

A further discussion arose on the house at O'Connell Avenue occupied by a man named Gathings, and the Borough Surveyor reported that he was having repairs carried out this week.

HOUSES AT WOLFE TONE VILLAS & WHITEROCK VIEW.

The Surveyor was also asked to examine the houses at Wolfe Tone Villas occupied by Murphy and Martin, and at Whiterock View occupied by McMahon.

HOUSES UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION.

With reference to Minutes of 3rd instant, when the question of the house at Batt Street occupied by Patrick Murphy was under consideration, a letter was read from the owner protesting against the proposal of the Corporation to condemn this house as unfit for human habitation, and it was decided to write to him and give him an opportunity of submitting any offer he would like to make with regard to the carrying out of repairs or the future user of the house.

A report was submitted from Dr. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, on a house at Allen Street occupied by William Whitmore, showing that it was unfit for human habitation, and it was decided to serve the usual notice on the owners fixing a time and place for the receipt of any representations regarding its future user.

VACCINATION.

No action was taken on the report of Dr. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, on children born in the District and over three months of age, who did not appear to have been vaccinated.

PAYMENT OF RATES.

A letter from Mrs. Moran, Commercial Quay, on the subject of rates due by her, as well as a letter from a Mrs. Devereux of Roserock, was referred to the Rate Collectors for a report.

EMPLOYMENT OF MASON.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Masons' Society pointing out that Mark Roche, a mason employed at Green Street was heavily in arrear, and asking the Corporation to do something in the matter.

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It was decided to ask the Society whether or not Roche was still considered a member of the Union.

SALE OF WATER.

A complaint was made by Mr. Herbert Coffey, Odessa Cottage, about the charge for water supplied to his premises in the quarter ended April, 1940, which showed a consumption of 18,000 gallons, and as this appeared to be above normal, it was decided to adjust the account to the same as the corresponding Quarter of the previous year.

HOUSES AT DISTILLERY ROAD.

The Sanitary Inspector was to be asked to examine the houses at Distillery Road occupied by Sparrow, and the houses at Green Street, occupied by Mr. Bailey.

TRESPASS ON ALLOTMENTS.

Complaint was made regarding the trespass of cattle on the ground provided for allotments at Mulgannon last week, but the Town Clerk pointed out that legally these people had no right to till these plots after the end of November, but he promised to write a strong letter to the person whose cattle were responsible for the damage and request him to take steps to see that there would not be a recurrence of the trespass.

TENDERS FOR SEEDS FOR ALLOTMENTS.

The Town Clerk reported that he had only received one tender for the supply of seeds, etc. for allotments during the present year, which was from Messrs. Traynor, Ltd. This tender was unanimously accepted on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

WASTE GROUND AT TRINITY PLACE.

The Sanitary Inspector was also to be asked for a report on the condition of a piece of waste ground fronting houses at Trinity Place.

Richard A. Connolly TD
Mayor of Wexford
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3rd March, 1941.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, Robert Coffey, and James McMahon.

Councillors: Thomas Hayes, James Sinnott, Thomas Byrne, John Billington, Stephen McMahon, James Gaul, Nicholas Connolly, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, James Crosbie, Patrick Atkins and Timothy Cashman.

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on 3rd and 10th ultimo; Finance and Works, Etc. Committees on 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th ultimo; and Special Rates Committee on 17th ultimo.

On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Alderman McMahon, the Minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

LIABILITIES.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £3409. 11. 5. were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

SYMPATHY.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the widow and relatives of the late T.F. McGahon, of Dundalk, who was one of the founders of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities. In moving the motion, the Mayor paid tribute to the excellent work done by the late Mr. McGahon, through the Association, in the interests of Municipal Authorities all over the country.

The motion was supported by a number of members, and adopted in respectful silence.

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy passed at recent meetings were read from Councillor Hayes and Doctor and Mrs. Sinnott.

TENDERS FOR AIR RAID SHELTERS.

The first business was to consider a recommendation from the Finance Committee that the tender of Messrs. M. O'Connor & Co., Wexford, for the erection of Fourteen Surface Air Raid Shelters, in the sum of £2338, be accepted.

Tenders for the erection of these Shelters had been invited by public advertisement, and eight had been received. The tenders had been opened by the Finance Committee on the 24th ultimo, when the following prices were shown:-

Messrs. M. O'Connor & Co., Wexford-----	£2338. 0. 0.
Messrs. Fanning & O'Neill, Killiney, Co. Dublin-----	2368. 1.11.
Messrs. Collins & Rooney, Blackrock, Dublin-----	2615.15. 2.
Mr. R. B. Nolan, Waterford-----	2685. 0. 0.
Messrs. George Squire & Co., Dublin-----	2847.15. 0.
James Beckett, Ltd., Dublin-----	3347. 0. 0.
Irish Piling Co., Dublin-----	3438.14. 0.
Messrs. McCaffery & O'Carroll, Limerick-----	3743.15. 0.

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It was seen by the Committee that the tender of Messrs. M. O'Connor & Co., Wexford, was the lowest, and they decided to recommend the Corporation to accept it, subject to its being in order after examination by the Borough Surveyor.

Mr. McNally now reported that he had examined the eight tenders received, and practically all of them embodied the War Emergency Clause and in the quotation of Mr. R.B. Nolan, personal sureties were set out instead of a nominated Insurance Company.

The tender of Messrs. O'Connor & Co., however, was the lowest, and as this Firm did satisfactory work he recommended the acceptance of the tender. He considered the sum quoted as reasonable, particularly as there was no War Emergency Clause embodied in the tender. The price per Shelter worked out at £167 or £3. 6. 9. per person.

It was also explained to the Meeting that Messrs. O'Connor's tender was under the estimate for this work, so it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Hayes, to accept it, subject to the approval of the Minister for Defence.

AIR RAID SHELTERS FOR FAYTHE, ETC.

Arising out of this matter, Councillor Sinnott referred to the need for a Shelter in the Faythe, and pointed out that there was a large moving population passing through this street to and from Messrs. Pierce & Co., Messrs. Brockhouse & Co., and the Celtic Laundry. In addition there was a school there accommodating some hundreds of children.

It was pointed out to the meeting, however, that the Faythe had been one of the places originally selected by the Corporation for an Air Raid Shelter, but the officials of the Department of Defence had pointed out on various occasions the intention was only to provide shelters for what was termed the moving population, or people caught on the streets on business. The normal place where these people would likely be in the event of an Air Raid was a shopping centre. Consequently, the Fourteen shelters proposed were adjacent to these areas.

Other members stressed the need for shelters at John Street and at the junction of Green Street and Talbot Street, and after a lengthy discussion it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott seconded by Councillor Connolly, that the Department of Defence be requested to permit the erection of shelters at the Faythe, bottom of St. John's Road, and at the junction of Talbot Street and Green Street.

REGISTRATION OF DAIRY PREMISES.

On the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Alderman Coffey, and on the recommendation of the County Medical Officer of Health, the application of Mr. Joseph Nolan, Ardavan, Wexford, for registration in the Register of Dairymen under the Milk and Dairies Act, 1935, was granted.

CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE - THEATRE ROYAL.

An application for a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of the Theatre Royal Cinema, Wexford, was adjourned until next meeting pending the carrying out of recommendations made by the Borough Surveyor in respect of the premises.

NATIONAL HOLIDAY.

A resolution from the 1916 Veterans Association calling on the Government to proclaim April 24th a National Holiday to perpetuate the memory of the commencement of the final phase of Ireland's struggle for independence, was adopted on the motion of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Moran.

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PAYMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS.

With reference to Minutes of the Corporation on 13th January last when a scheme had been adopted for the payment of Rate Collectors monthly, correspondence was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health refusing to sanction the necessary departure from the Public Bodies Order, 1925, which would permit this scheme to be put into operation.

The matter had been discussed by the Finance and Works Committee on a couple of occasions, and had been referred back to the Minister for reconsideration but without effect, and at a meeting of the Committee on 17th ultimo, it had been decided to refer the matter to the Corporation again.

Strong dissatisfaction was expressed by the members at the refusal of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to recognise the necessity at the present time to pay these men more regularly than once or twice a year, as by this method of payment they could not live as economically as was necessary, and, as well, they found it difficult to procure extended credit.

After some discussion, Alderman Walsh proposed that all Public Bodies in Ireland be circularised and asked to adopt a similar scheme of payment for their Rate Collectors, as in his opinion if a number of other Public Bodies adopted it, the Local Government Department would be obliged to take notice of the Resolutions. Councillor Sinnott seconded the proposition.

Councillor Byrne, however, moved the following resolution:- "That having regard to the great increase in the cost of foodstuffs and the difficulty of obtaining credit, we are of the opinion that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health should vary the Public Bodies Order, 1925, to such an extent as will permit of the recent Resolution passed by Wexford Corporation being put into effect, keeping in mind that the operation of this resolution provides safeguards equally as great as those provided by the Public Bodies Order."

This was seconded by Councillor Dunne, and after some further discussion Alderman Walsh withdrew his motion, and the resolution, as moved by Councillor Byrne, was unanimously adopted.

ANNUAL MEETING IRISH P.B. MUTUAL INSURANCES.

On the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Alderman McMahon, Councillor Moran was appointed to represent the Corporation at the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.

FILLING OF VACANT SEATS.

The question of the co-option of a member in room of the late Councillor James Billington was raised by the Town Clerk, as was also the question of declaring vacant the seat held by the late Councillor James Murphy, but it was decided to take no action on either seat for the present.

COST OF LIVING.

At the request of Alderman Walsh, it was decided to convene a Special Meeting of the Corporation for Monday next, 10th instant, to discuss the cost of living in the town.

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the Statutory Meeting; the same members being in attendance.

CLERK OF WORKS ON WATERWORKS SCHEME.

With reference to Minutes of Committee on 24th ultimo, when it was decided to readvertise inviting applications for the position of Clerk of Works on the Waterworks Improvement Scheme from qualified persons, the Town Clerk reported that he had submitted a copy of the proposed advertisement to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for approval.

Under date of the 1st instant, by letter No.L.1122/7/41, the Minister stated that the Corporation were already aware of the conditions laid down by his Department in regard to the employment of Clerks of Works on schemes of this nature. the magnitude of the work required that only those people fully qualified could be considered for the position and applications should accordingly be invited from qualified engineers. Subject to the draft being amended in this respect, no objection would be raised to the advertisement as proposed.

In this connection it was pointed out by members that the advertisement as amended by the Minister would debar Mr. Millar from being appointed, and as it was necessary that a Clerk of Works should be employed on the scheme with as little delay as possible, it was unanimously decided to ascertain if the other person (Mr. Green) recommended by the Consulting Engineers as being capable of carrying out the work, was available, and if so to recommend the Corporation at their meeting on the 10th instant to appoint him; if he was not available an advertisement for a qualified engineer for the job should be issued forthwith. unanimously

In this connection it was decided to write to the Department of Local Government and Public Health and enquire how they reconciled their attitude regarding the Clerk of Works with their attitude deleting from the specification a clause inserted by the Corporation that the water pipes should only be laid by qualified plumbers.

In connection with the appointment of a Clerk of Works, a lengthy letter was read from the Engineers' Association objecting to the proposal of the Corporation to appoint a non-qualified person to this job, and it was decided to point out to the Association that the Corporation intended to appoint a qualified engineer, but to ask them to be good enough to instruct their members not to be employing "handy-men" on the various works on which they were engaged throughout the country.

LAYING WATER PIPES.

A lengthy discussion took place in connection with the laying of water pipes. The Mayor explained to the Meeting that he had been in touch with the Consulting Engineers who admitted that as far back as April, 1940, and up to August, 1940, they had a clause in the contract by direction of the Corporation that the pipes should be laid by qualified plumbers, but on looking back on their notes and drafts it was annotated as struck out with certain other items on head of a Conference with the Department.

This meant, the Mayor explained, that the water pipes need not be laid by qualified plumbers, but he had been in touch with the Contractors and he believed they would agree to employ qualified plumbers to do the necessary renewals in the town.

REFUND OF RATES.

It was agreed to make a refund to Messrs. J. J. Stafford & Sons, Ltd. of a sum of £21. 16. 8. being rates paid in error in respect of a derelict premises at Trinity Street.

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W.C's AT CLIFFORD STREET.

It was decided to write to Messrs. J. J. Stafford & Sons on the subject of the provision of Water Closets at Clifford Street.

LETTING OF WILLIAM STREET HOUSES.

With reference to the proposal of the Corporation to let eight of the houses at William Street at a rent of 12/6d. each plus rates, the Town Clerk explained that since then the Corporation had accepted eight tenants at this rent. He had submitted copies of their applications to the Department of Local Government and Public Health. These applications contained all the information asked for in the letter of the Department under date of the 4th ultimo, No. H.3807/41. Under date of the 25th ultimo, however, by letter No. H.3801/2/1941, the Minister enquired what steps the Corporation had taken to satisfy themselves that a rent higher than 12/6 per week (other than that of 18/- per week already advertised) was not obtainable.

It was pointed out, however, to the meeting by members that the Corporation had advertised these houses on the tenant-purchase system at 15/6 and 16/- each per week but that sufficient tenants could not be found to take them, and it was now decided that the Mayor and Town Clerk should interview the eight persons to whom it was proposed to let the houses and ascertain if they were prepared to pay a higher rent than 12/6d. plus rates.

DUMPING GROUND.

A report was submitted from the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk intimating that they were negotiating for a site for a dumping ground at Farnogue, which they hoped to be able to rent at approximately £10 per year. It contained two to three acres of ground suitable for dumping and would last about four years, so it was unanimously decided that the Town Clerk be authorised to negotiate for its rental subject to the approval of the site by the County Medical Officer of Health.

FIRE SERVICE FOR RURAL AREAS.

With reference to previous discussions on the Agreement between the Corporation and the Board of Health for fire fighting in the former Wexford Rural District, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 25th ultimo by letter No. L.4668/2/41, intimated that the Section of the Act which authorised the Sanitary Authority, with the sanction of the Minister, to make an agreement with a Fire Brigade Authority whereby the Fire Brigade of such Authority would be available and would give their services in relation to fires occurring in the Sanitary District or any portion of such district, that such service should be rendered as fully as if such sanitary district were part of the sanitary district of the Fire Brigade authority.

It was pointed out to the meeting that the reference by the Minister to Section 2 of the Act would mean that if the Corporation Fire Brigade was at a fire in the rural area and was required in Wexford, it could not be recalled from the rural area.

It was decided to point out to the Minister that if the clauses in the agreement which he suggested should be deleted, it would be against the best interests of Wexford, and as well, that the Corporation did not feel that they would be able to give to the rural district a service similar to that rendered to the town. Consequently the entire proposal to take over the fire fighting in the former Wexford rural area would have to be abandoned.

PURCHASE OF WATERMAINS, ETC.

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had made a report on the need for a reserve of watermains and sewer pipes in the event of an emergency and the Corporation had decided to purchase these provided the Department of Local Government and Public Health could assure them that they were available and that they would sanction a Loan to finance their purchase. Under date of the 24th ultimo, the Minister enclosed an Application Form for sanction to the necessary Loan and stated that if difficulties were experienced by the suppliers in the importation of the necessary materials that full particulars of the transaction should be sent to his Department.

The Town Clerk reported to the meeting that the Borough Surveyor had sent out requests for quotations for the necessary pipes and as soon as these were available they would deal with the matter further.

WEXFORD PARISH COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Wexford Parish Council requesting the Corporation to appoint two of its members who had connection with the Air Raid Precaution Service to represent the Corporation on the Council.

It was pointed out, however, that the original intention was that these members should be co-opted on the Co-ordinating Committee of the Parish Council, and as there appeared to be some misunderstanding about the whole matter, it was adjourned until next Meeting to enable it to be cleared up.

Richard Curran T.D.

A Meeting of the Special Rates Committee was held at the close of the above Meeting. The members present being His Worship the Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh and Councillor Moran.

PAYMENT OF RATES - MRS MCKNIGHT.

With reference to Minutes of Finance and Works Committee on 10th instant, when a letter was read from Mrs. McKnight offering a sum of £225 in discharge of all rates due by herself and her late brothers John and James Browne, the Town Clerk read a letter which he had been directed to forward to Mrs. McKnight in reply to the offer. It was to the effect that from a report submitted by the Rate Collectors it appeared that there was due to 31st March next a sum of £840.15.7, made up of arrears of £596.12.11 and current year's rates of £244. 2. 8. As her offer of £225 in full discharge of the total sum due was very little more than 25 per cent. of the total of one year that it could not be accepted. He now read a letter from Mrs. McKnight acknowledging receipt of his and appealing to the Corporation to reconsider her offer of £225 in full settlement to the 31st March, 1941, as the Collectors were pressing for payment. Rate Collector Curran was sent for and came before the meeting. He explained to the members that in his opinion it would be extremely difficult to obtain £225 from Mrs. McKnight by the ordinary process of law. He was also aware that the sum of £225 was being advanced to her by the Bank, and if these old arrears were wiped out she would undertake to pay the current year's rates promptly as they became due. In this connection, however, the Town Clerk pointed out that £225 was less than the current year's rate, and under no circumstances could he agree to accept less than the current year's rate in full settlement.

After some further discussion the matter was adjourned until next meeting to see if Mrs. McKnight would pay £225 immediately, and a further £75, together with the rates for 1941/42, before 31st March, 1942. If she was agreeable to this, the Committee were prepared to

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recommend the Corporation to strike off the balance as irrecoverable, more especially having regard to the fact that a lot of these rates had accrued due when the landlord had no legal liability to pay them.

PAYMENT OF RATES - MRS. MORAN.

With reference to Minutes of Finance and Works Committee on 24th ultimo, when an offer of £20 in settlement of rates due by Mrs. Moran, Paul Quay, was submitted, the Rate Collectors recommended its acceptance, but the Committee decided that two years' rates should be paid in settlement of the outstanding sum of £62. 10. 0. due to the 31st March, 1941.

PAYMENT OF RATES- MRS. DEVEREUX.

With reference to the letter read at last meeting of the Finance and Works Committee regarding proceedings for rates against Mrs. Mary Devereux, Rose Rock, the Town Clerk read a report from Rate Collector Curran intimating that in his opinion Mrs. Devereux was in a position to pay and that she had signed a Decree by consent. He, therefore, proposed to apply for an Examination Order, and as there were costs of a Civil Bill against her, he did not wish the Corporation to interfere in the execution of his Warrant in this case.

Richard Cord T D

10th March, 1941.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, James McMahon and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: John Billington, James Crosbie, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Hayes, Stephen McMahon, Nicholas Connolly, Timothy Cashman, James Sinnott, and Robert Moran.

CLERK OF WORKS FOR WATERWORKS SCHEME.

The first business on the agenda was the appointment of a Clerk of Works for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme. This matter had been carefully considered by the Corporation on the 10th ultimo, when it had been decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider his decision refusing to sanction the appointment of Mr. Thomas J. Millar to this post.

The Minister, however, had again refused to sanction Mr. Millar's appointment, and at a meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 3rd instant it was considered that the Corporation appeared to have no option but to make a fresh appointment, and the meeting decided that if the other person recommended by the Engineers, namely Mr. Greene, were available, the matter should be put on the agenda for the present meeting so that he could be appointed to the post, and if he were not available a fresh advertisement should be issued inviting applications for it.

The Town Clerk now reported that he had been in touch with the Consulting Engineers, who informed him that Mr. Greene was available and ready to commence work immediately he was notified.

Councillor Hayes complained that the attitude of the Department in refusing to sanction Mr. Millar was disgraceful, and that everyone was aware of the splendid service he had given to the Corporation for years past. He (Councillor Hayes) intimated that he intended to leave the meeting as a protest against the action of the Department in turning down Mr. Millar.

Councillor Connolly agreed that they should take this opportunity of making a strong protest against the attitude taken up by the Department on this appointment, and asked if there was any prospect of plumbers being employed on the work.

Councillor Byrne, and other members, also protested against the attitude of the Department, but on the other hand it was seen that the Corporation had no option but to make a fresh appointment, so after some further discussion Alderman Coffey moved that Mr. Michael Greene, B.E., of Corbalton, Tara, Co. Meath, be appointed to the post, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. The motion was seconded by His Worship the Mayor, and on a show of hands being taken, nine members voted for the motion and no vote was recorded against it.

Mr. Greene was accordingly declared appointed to the post, and Councillor Hayes retired from the meeting as a protest.

COST OF LIVING.

The next business was to consider a motion, notice of which had been given by Alderman Walsh, to deal with the rising cost of living in the country.

In opening the debate Alderman Walsh said he had a fairly good knowledge of the cost of living in the town to-day, and he ~~found~~ ^{believed} that

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Wexford was more costly than any other town in the State as far as he could find out.

The things most needed by the poor or working-class people were potatoes and flour. Potatoes were being sold at 1/4d per stone over the counter and he knew that they could be bought at tenpence per stone, which meant sixpence a stone profit.

In regard to flour the profit being made by either the millers or the bakers - he could not say which - was something like 5/- per bag. Councillor Byrne, Councillor Sinnott, Alderman Coffey, Alderman McMahon, Councillor Connolly and Councillor Moran also referred to the rising cost of living, and His Worship the Mayor in winding up the debate described the position as being undoubtedly a very serious one. One wondered, he stated, how the poor were able to live at all. In his opinion they should bring the Committee they formed some time ago into operation again and get the price that prevailed for every article which a family must consume, and ask the Minister to send down a representative to confer with whatever Committee they set up. He had a question down to ask the Minister about this matter in the Dail on Tuesday next, but he could not say what answer he would receive. He thought the Government would do well to take notice of the rumblings of discontent heard at the present time.

Eventually, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That we protest against the present high cost of living and call on the Government to recognise Committees to be set up by Local Authorities as competent to deal with complaints regarding over-charging, and with supplies available."

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Connolly

A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting; the same members being in attendance with the exception of Councillor Hayes.

FREE MILK SUPPLY - TENDERS.

Six tenders were submitted for the supply of milk under the National Free Milk Supply Scheme for the year ended 31st March, 1942. The following Table shows the prices quoted and the amount each tenderer was prepared to supply:-

Name and address of persons tendering.	Price per gallon for milk sold without a special designation.	No. of Gallons proposed to be supplied daily.
John Kinsella, Killeens	1/6d.	8
John Quirke, Hayestown	1/8d.	8
John Hayes, Do.	1/8d.	12.
Mrs. E. Cullimore, Stonebridge, Wexford	1/8d.	8
Mrs. K. Clare, Whiterock	1/8d.	3
Mr. Denis Shannon, Killeens	1/8d.	10.

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With the exception of one tender all the prices were 1/8d. per gallon, which was twopence higher than what was being paid in the current year. the Committee, however, believed that having regard to the difficulty of procuring foodstuffs, etc. at the present time it would not be possible to secure any reduction in the prices quoted, so it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to accept all the six tenders submitted subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The tender of Mr. James Barry Walker for the supply of milk to a depot at Cornmarket, under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme, at 1/6d per gallon was also accepted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Coffey.

TENDERS FOR GREEN STREET HOUSES.

A letter was read from the Director of the Federation of Builders and Contractors enquiring if there was any reason why the Corporation did not approach the second lowest tender for the 34 houses at Green Street when Messrs. Conlan refused to undertake the work, and it was decided to inform the Federation that the only reason for readvertising the scheme without approaching the second lowest tender was the very lengthy delay over the acceptance of the first tender (October 1940) and the date of sanction by the Department of Local Government and Public Health (February, 1941). The Corporation believed that having regard to the circumstances prevailing at present it would only be wasting time to ask a Contractor to accept a scheme tendered for five months before.

HOUSE AT FISHER'S ROW - MRS. BOLGER.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of house at Fishers' Row owned and occupied by Mary Bolger, and in respect of which the Corporation had made an advance of £500 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, the Town Clerk reported that having obtained possession of this house he had invited offers for the purchase of it either outright or by instalments. Only one offer had been made and that was from Mrs. Alicia Donohoe, of South Main Street, who was prepared to take over the house as it stood and to give the Corporation a Mortgage for the original amount advanced to Mrs. Bolger, namely £500, to be repaid on the same terms and conditions as Mrs. Bolger had intended to repay. The meeting considered this a very good offer, and it was unanimously decided to accept it subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

REPRESENTATION ON PARISH COUNCIL.

A letter from the Parish Council, requesting the appointment of two members to act on the Co-ordinating Committee, was adjourned to the next Statutory Meeting.

REPORT OF MEAT INSPECTOR.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of February showed that he had examined 108 cattle, 293 sheep and 44 swine. Of the cattle, eight organs were destroyed for Tuberculosis and 43 for other diseases. Of the sheep, one organ was destroyed for Tuberculosis and 95 for other diseases, and of the swine two heads were destroyed for Tuberculosis.

BOAT AT BATHING PLACE.

An application from John Dwyer of Thomas Clarke Street, for permission to keep a small boat at the Bathing Place, was refused.

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ACQUISITION OF DERELICT SITES.

A lengthy report from the Borough Surveyor on the question of the acquisition of derelict sites was referred to the Housing Committee for consideration.

PURCHASE OF TYPEWRITER.

The Town Clerk reported that as soon as the Local Government Department sanctioned the appointment of extra Clerical Assistance in connection with Air Raid Precautions work, he would require a third typewriter in the office, and as these articles were extremely difficult to purchase at the present time, he proposed, with the consent of the Committee, to purchase a second-hand machine. He was in a position to purchase a good machine for the sum of £13, together with an old Underwood machine that was in the place for a number of years and would require to be completely rebuilt to be of any use. It was unanimously decided that the Town Clerk should be authorised to purchase the machine for use in his office.

A Meeting of the Special Rates Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being His Worship the Mayor with Alderman Walsh and Councillor Moran.

PAYMENT OF RATES - MRS. MCKNIGHT.

A letter was read from Mrs. C. McKnight intimating that she was prepared to make an offer of £250 in full discharge of all the rates due out of the estates of the late John and James Browne and her own estates up to the 31st March, 1941.

This matter had been carefully considered by the Rate Collectors, and Collector Curran, who was in attendance, gave it as his considered opinion that the Committee and the Corporation would be well advised to accept Mrs. McKnight's offer. He was aware that this sum was being raised in the Bank, and the only other means of recovery the Corporation had would be to collect the rents on these dwellings. This would not be a very easy task at the present time, ~~and~~ as he (Collector Curran) was also aware that Mrs. McKnight found it extremely difficult to collect rents from a number of her holdings. The present Committee carefully considered the whole matter, and unanimously decided on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Moran, to accept Mrs. McKnight's offer, and agreed to wipe off as irrecoverable the balance of these rates when they were dealing with the Collectors' accounts at the close of the present Financial Year.

Richard Curran T.D.

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A Meeting of the Special Rates Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen. Robert Coffey, and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Thomas Hayes and Robert Moran.

The meeting had been called to consider preliminary matters in connection with the preparation of the Rate Estimates for the year 1941-42.

The items to be considered were the abnormal expenditure incurred last year for Air Raid Precautions purposes, the purchase of equipment in connection with an emergency and the cost of providing a new sewer at Summerhill.

After considering the nature of this expenditure the meeting was of opinion that it would not be equitable to charge it against the Revenue Account of the Corporation, and so they unanimously decided that all these items should be raised by way of loan.

The Town Clerk raised a question regarding the employment of Thomas Hore, Carter. He pointed out that according to the Borough Surveyor there was not sufficient work to keep Hore employed and as he was being paid a sum of £4. 7. 6. per week it would have to be included in the estimates for the coming year. This had not been done last year as the Officials were of opinion that the Corporation would take steps to dispense with the services of an unwanted employee, but as this had not been done, if the Corporation decided to continue the services of Hore, his wages amounting to approximately, £230 in the year would have to be included.

This matter was discussed at length but no decision was arrived at until the next meeting of the Committee.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish T D

24th March, 1941.

A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven O'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: James McMahon, Robert Coffey and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors. Hayes, Byrne, Atkins, Billington, Gaul, Crosbie, Connolly, Moran, Sinnott, and Cashman.

EMPLOYMENT OF MASON

A letter was read from the Masons' Society intimating that Marks Roche, a mason in the employment of the Corporation, was no longer a member of the Union and it was unanimously decided on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor John Billington, that his services be dispensed with in view of a resolution on the books of the Corporation for some years past that all employees must be members of their appropriate Trade Unions.

TENDERS - GREEN ST. HOUSES

Six tenders were received for the erection of 34 Bungalows at Green Street. On the tenders being opened it was seen that there were alternatives which would require to be examined before a final decision could be reached, and it was unanimously decided to refer them to the Borough Surveyor who could report to a Special Meeting of the Corporation, which was due to be held on the 26th instant.

BOND - WATERWORKS CONTRACT

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation the Bond with Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll for the execution of the Waterworks Contract, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Walsh, this document was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

AGREEMENT - ALLOTMENTS

There was also submitted to the meeting an agreement with the Christian Brothers for the renting of a field at Joseph Street for the provision of Allotments for unemployed persons, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly seconded by Alderman Walsh, this document was also sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

ESTIMATE

The Town Clerk submitted the Estimate of Poor Rate expenses for the coming Financial Year.

This showed that the County Council demand had increased by £564. In addition administrative expenses were up £25 and the sum of £450 had to be provided in respect of refund of rates to the Great Southern Railways Company as a result of a Valuation appeal.

This brought the total increase in the amount of the Poor Rate over last year to over £1,000, and to raise the net amount required a Poor Rate of 10/- in the pound would be necessary, which would mean an increase of 1/- in the pound over last year's Estimate. It was seen that nothing could be done to reduce this estimate, so on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was decided to recommend the Corporation at their next meeting to agree on a Poor Rate of 10/- in the pound for the year 1941-42.

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HOUSES - ALLEN ST.

It was reported that notice had been served on the owner of two houses at Allen Street intimating that any offer with regard to the future user of the house would be considered at the present meeting. No such offer was received and it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Alderman Walsh, to recommend the Corporation to make Demolition Orders in respect of the two houses.

PREMISES - WESTGATE

An application was submitted on behalf of the Wexford Branch of the Irish Red Cross Society stating that the National Bank were prepared to allow them the use of the vacant premises at Westgate, formerly in the occupation of Patrick McCabe, if the Corporation would guarantee that they would not be held liable for rates, and it was decided on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Moran, that so long as the premises were being used purely for the purpose of the Red Cross Society and that the Red Cross were not paying a rent to the National Bank no rates would be charged on the premises.

TIMBER - OYSTER LANE

A further complaint was made on behalf of Mrs. McTaminey, Paul Quay, regarding the storage of timber in Oyster Lane, and the Town Clerk was directed to again communicate with the Secretary of the Harbour Commissioners requesting him to have it removed.

RATES

A letter was read from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of Mrs. Farrell, Monck Street, who was indebted to the Corporation in the sum of approximately, £95 on foot of Town and Poor Rates on her premises there.

She asked what sum the Corporation would be prepared to accept in settlement of the entire amount due and suggested a sum of £25 might be taken in full discharge of her liability. It was pointed out that several abortive attempts had been made to sell these premises and Mrs. O'Farrell herself was absolutely destitute and there was no possibility of recovering the rates from her. A sum of money had now been offered for the premises which was not sufficient to discharge all the liabilities on it, but if the Corporation would accept some reduction in the rates due the sale might come off.

This matter was considered at length and it was seen that if the sale came off and Mrs. O'Farrell did not pay the Corporation they could only proceed against the subsequent occupier for two year's rates, and after some discussion it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Coffey, to inform the Solicitor that the Corporation would be prepared to accept £70 in full discharge of all the rates due to the 31st March next.

HOUSE - FRANCIS ST.

It was reported that some time ago notice had been served on the owner of a house at Francis Street occupied by Mrs. Mythen requiring the provision of a W.C. and under date of the 13th instant Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, acting on behalf of the Munster & Leinster Bank, who held these premises as Mortgagees, pointed out that the profit rent from the house for the past two years did not exceed £2 per annum, the Bank however, would be disposed to consider the provision of a W.C. if the Corporation gave them an undertaking that no clearance or demolition order in respect of the house would be made in the near future.

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It was decided that this matter be referred to a Committee to visit the premises on Wednesday next and the following were appointed for the purpose:- Alderman Walsh, Councillors. John Billington, Thomas Hayes, the Mayor, and Borough Surveyor.

HOUSE - FISHER'S ROW

A letter from Mrs. Mary Bolger, Fisher's Row, addressed to the Mayor on the subject of her house there which was recently taken over by the Corporation on a Court Order was adjourned until next meeting.

COLUMBA VILLAS

A memorial from the tenants of Columba Villas was read requesting the Corporation to provide fencing round their houses was agreed to on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor that a paling of posts and galvanised wire be erected on the inner side of the wall at an approximate cost of £7. 10. 0.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

The following Committee were appointed to consult with a representative of the Electricity Supply Board on the question of the public lighting in Wexford, namely, Alderman Walsh, Alderman Coffey, Councillors. Hayes, Sinnott, Byrne, Connolly, and the Mayor.

TENDER

The tender of Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty for the supply of Posts and fencing wire in connection with the plots provided under the Allotments Act was accepted at £5. 8. 0., the only other tender being that of the Wexford Timber Company for the sum of £5. 16. 5. for the same material.

PLOT - WILLIAM ST.

An application to rent or sell a plot of ground at William Street for Mr. Michael Hogan, Batt Street, was submitted, but before coming to a decision on the application the Town Clerk was directed to inquire from Hogan what he required the ground for.

WATER SUPPLY - CORCORAN

It was explained that a dispute had arisen with Mr. Wm. Corcoran, Riversfield, regarding the consumption of water on his premises during the Quarters ended July and October last. An examination of the meter books showed that his average consumption for the July Quarter some years back was 9,000 gallons, and as there was very little water available during the October Quarter in the past year the members thought 8,000 was an abnormal consumption and the meter could not be properly recording, so it was decided to reduce the consumption for the July Quarter to 9,000 gallons and for the October Quarter to 4,000 gallons.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

The Town Clerk reported that in connection with his records for Air Raid Precautions, Etc., he was required to buy some Card Index Cabinets, and he was authorised to purchase whatever equipment of this nature he required for the office.

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REPORT - BOROUGH SURVEYOR

The Town Clerk read the following letter which he had just received from the Borough Surveyor relating to William Byrne, Foreman, --

"As a result of investigations I have made, I find that Mr. William Byrne, Foreman to Wexford Corporation, has made false Returns to me of gravel and sand purporting to have been delivered to him by Patrick Malone.

These Returns are in part, if not in the whole, false, and involve a sum of £10. 4. 0. for 68 tons of sand and gravel over the period 18th January, 1941 to 8th March, 1941. I have investigated the Returns over the period 1st February to 8th March, 1941, inclusive, involving a sum of £7. 16. 0. for 52 tons of gravel and sand, and find that neither of the carters employed by the Corporation took delivery of this material, except two half loads of about nine or ten twts. each which were drawn by one of the carters.

I have written to Mr. Byrne suspending his services as from to-day, and unless he can prove to me that this material was received by him and used on Corporation work under his charge, I will be reluctantly compelled to refuse to remove the suspension. I am also stopping his wages as from to-day."

He also read the following letter which he received from William Byrne:-

"I was somewhat surprised lying in my sick bed and under the care of Doctor Sinnott to receive a letter from Mr. P. K. McNally suspending me as foreman of the Wexford Corporation and ordering me to hand over to Mr. T. Crosbie all books, etc. in my possession belonging to the Corporation. This is on account of gravel which is unaccounted for and which I can give a satisfactory answer to when I get on my feet again.

Mr. McNally states that £10. 4. 0. worth of gravel is unaccounted for but has he not already deducted £5. 8. 0. from P. Malone leaving a balance of £4. 12. 0.

The £5. 8. 0. was stopped as the gravel was removed by some one else besides the Corporation."

He further placed before the meeting a Medical Certificate dated 11/3/41 sent by Dr. Sinnott stating that Byrne was suffering from rheumatic fever. When this correspondence had been read several members thought that it was most unfortunate that the Borough Surveyor had issued that suspension at the time he did, because Byrne was very seriously ill and the shock of it had had a very adverse effect on his health. Whilst the members did not in any way purpose at the present meeting to investigate the charge made by the Borough Surveyor or to decide whether Byrne was guilty or otherwise, they thought it would have been better if the Surveyor had waited until Byrne was able to come out himself and to answer the charges made. The Surveyor stated however, that one of the principal reasons which caused him to issue the notice was the certification of Byrne's wages; whilst sick he was entitled to full pay and of course having regard to the charges he had against him he did not feel justified in certifying the mans wages. The Committee however, thought that the Surveyor should withdraw the suspension in deference to their wishes until an opportunity was available to investigate the matter and Byrne would be able to be present. After some discussion Mr. McNally agreed to suspend the operation of his letter of the 24th instant to Byrne until he was in a sufficient state of convalescence to permit his coming before a meeting of the Finance & Works or any other committee of the Corporation that might decide to hear. Mr.

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McNally also pointed out that as the man was not now working for the Corporation it was not necessary for him to certify his sick pay as the Doctor's Certificate each week continued to show whether he was fit or not. As regards the sick pay it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Connolly, that in accordance with the usual practise Byrne should be paid his normal rate of pay less National Health Insurance Benefit as long as he was certified unfit for work by the Doctor and the wages could be paid him on the medical certificate from the Doctor in attendance. ✓

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish T D

26th March, 1941.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen. Thomas Walsh and Robert Coffey.

Councillors. Thomas Hayes, Robert Moran, Patrick Atkins, Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Dunne, Stephen McMahon, Thomas Buckland, and James Crosbie.

The first business on the Agenda was to make payments in respect of the Waterworks Improvement Scheme to date so that the necessary grants of portion of the cost could be received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health before the close of the current Financial Year. The total amount of the Accounts was £1,695. 5. 10, and having been examined an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to discharge them.

TENDERS

The next business was to consider tenders for the erection of 34 Bungalows at Green Street. In response to a public advertisement six tenders were received and they were from:- Messrs. John Kenny & Sons, Ltd., Dublin, Joseph O'Reilly & Partners, Dublin; Thomas Thornbury & Co., Ltd., Tullamore; William O'Brien & Sons, Bray; Joseph Healy, Drogheda, and Mr. R. B. Nolan, Waterford. An analysis of the tenders received is attached to these minutes.

The Borough Surveyor also submitted the following report on the tenders:-

"I have examined the six tenders received for the erection of 34 bungalows at Green Street Site. I attach analysis of Tenders which sets out the Tenders in two tables.

A rather surprising feature is the fact that these tenders show a reduction in practically every case as compared with the previous tenders received. ✓

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I find that the Tender of Messrs. John Kenny & Sons, is in order and I recommend the acceptance of same. I advise the Corporation to carefully consider the alternative price shown in Table B which would effect a saving per house as follows:-

For Mass Concrete	-----£5.17. 5.
For Asbestos Cement Slating	----- 4. 0. 0 ✓
For Steel Sashes	----- 1. 5. 0.

Amounting in all to -----£11. 2. 5. per house, or £378. 2. 2. on the Scheme. Further it will be noted that the cost per house is £350. 10. 5. which will bring you down to the maximum figure on which the full 2/3rds subsidy is payable. I do not press the matter of the steel sashes as the credit under this head does not in my opinion represent the actual saving in cost to the Contractors. With regard to the credit for Asbestos Cement Slating, this appears rather unusual and I would like if possible, to have this point confirmed at an early date in order to prevent any possible withdrawal on the part of the Contractors on the grounds that this figure should be an extra not a credit.

The Contract period is nine months which is reasonable. I am, however, doubtful that the Contractors have allowed themselves enough money for the development costs, particularly the sum for additional excavation, filling and underbuilding, which includes the clearing of all old buildings, fences, etc. on site. This tender is subject to the usual war emergency clause."

The members however, considered that in order to divide the work amongst all the trades as much as possible that the houses should be constructed of concrete blocks with asbestos slates and wooden sashes, which would make Messrs. Kenny's price £357. 12. 10 per house, although it was pointed out that if mass concrete were used a further £5. 17. 5 per house would be saved, nevertheless, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Dunne, that the tender of Messrs John Kenny & Sons, Ltd., be accepted for the erection of 34 Bungalows in concrete block walls with asbestos slates and wooden sashes be accepted for the sum of £12,159. 15. 3, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction this tender with as little delay as possible.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Cairns T D

26th March, 1941.

A Committee Meeting of the Corporation was held at the close of the above Special Meeting the same members being in attendance.

A letter was submitted from Messrs. M. O'Connor & Co., Builders and Contractors, acknowledging receipt of a letter from the Town Clerk accepting their tender for the construction of 14 Air Raid Shelters in the Town, and requesting the Corporation to permit them to substitute two solvent sureties in lieu of an Insurance Bond.

This matter was considered very carefully and it was pointed out that an Insurance Bond had been provided for in the Specification and that it was not good business to amend this specification once a tender had been accepted; as well, it was pointed out that it was very doubtful if the Department would agree to the substitution of sureties in lieu of a Guarantee Bond and to try and get such permission even if the Corporation agreed would result in a certain amount of delay, so it was agreed to inform Messrs. M. O'Connor & Co., that having regard to the circumstances the Corporation could not see their way to accept personal sureties.

HOUSE - FISHER'S ROW.

With reference to previous discussions on the house at Fisher's Row, formerly occupied by Mrs. Mary Bilger, a letter was read from her son, John Bolger, stating that he would be responsible for the rent of the house formerly occupied by Mrs. Bolger, but it was pointed out that it had been necessary to evict Mrs. Bolger by means of an Order in the Court and that an agreement had been arrived at with another person to take over the house and to give the Corporation a Mortgage of £500 in respect of it, and it would be very unfair to now reject this lady's offer, so it was unanimously decided that the Town Clerk should write to Mr. Bolger pointing out all the circumstances leading up to this case and tell him that it was not possible to allow him to take over the house.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Curtis TD

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A Meeting of the Special Rates Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Walsh and Coffey. Councillors. Buckland, Moran, and Hayes.

ESTIMATES

The Town Clerk submitted his Estimates for the Financial Year commencing on 1st April next which showed that the Town Rates would need to be increased by a sum of 2/- in the pound.

The principal causes of the increase were:-

Houses of the Working Classes which showed an increase of £781 over last year's loss and was made up of increased loan charges due to supplementary loans being charged during the past year in respect of the William Street and Davitt Road Schemes; increased maintenance of Artisans Dwellings and increase in the Poor Rate.

The Scavenging of the Streets also showed an increase as did the General Administration and the cost of living bonus granted to the Corporation employees last year which showed an increase from £80 to £250; as well, a sum of £450 had to be provided as Refund of Rates to the Great Southern Railways.

All these items contributed towards the increase.

The members carefully scrutinised the figures as submitted by the Town Clerk and unanimously decided to reduce the amount allowed by the Town Clerk for the repairs of Corporation houses from £1,000 to £800 and to increase the rents of the Artisans Dwellings by 1d. each per week, although the Town Clerk pointed out that this sum would not more than represent an average of about one-third of what the increased rates represented. This 1d. would bring in approximately an extra £100 in the rents. It was also decided to reduce the allowance for the maintenance of streets and footpaths by £50, and that Thomas Hore, Carter, whose wages appeared in the Estimate for Scavenging be placed on the scavenging staff as there was no work for his horse, and this would reduce the scavenging estimate by £87, making the total reduction proposed by the Committee at £437, and the Town Clerk promised that he would again scrutinise the estimates very carefully and see if he could further reduce them so that a reduction of 6d. in the pound on his estimate would be possible. In connection with the scavenging it was unanimously decided on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor that a "beat" system be adopted for cleansing the streets that is, that each man be given a certain number of streets to clean which could be done each day and that small hand-carts be provided to enable them to do this.

STOREKEEPER

A lengthy report from the Borough Surveyor on the need for the provision of a storekeeper was next submitted. This report had been before the Finance & Works Committee on a few occasions and had eventually been referred to the present committee for consideration, but after carefully considering the recommendation made by the Surveyor it was thought that having regard to the very high rates necessary for the coming year that the time was inopportune to employ a storekeeper and that for the present the foreman should be made responsible for all the stocks.

The Town Clerk reported to the meeting that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had written requesting to be informed what action the Corporation intended to take to deal with the increasing arrears in the Rents of Artisans Dwellings. He (Town Clerk) had during the past few weeks again looked over the books

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with the Collectors and he was satisfied that with a few exceptions most of the people in arrear could not help it owing to unemployment. There were a number of people however, who paid their rents monthly and who did not pay until the 1st of the month, consequently being shown in the accounts as being in arrear at the end of each month. He had written to these people pointing out that the rent was payable weekly but that the Corporation was prepared to facilitate the monthly payment of rent provided that it was paid before the end of the month in respect of which it was due, otherwise they would have to take steps to enforce weekly payment. The Town Clerk also reported that he had instructed the Collectors to serve a number of notices to quit and to issue a warning to a number of other persons who were in arrear.

The Mayor and other members also examined the Rent Books and agreed that having regard to the state of unemployment in the Town not much could be done to reduce the arrears at present, but the Collectors should be warned to keep a vigilant watch and see that persons able to pay rent paid it punctually and regularly.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Condry T D

31st March, 1941.

A Special Meeting of the Finance Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past eight o'clock p.m. to consider the Rate Estimates for 1941-42 together with certain recommendations which the Special Rates Committee proposed to put before the Corporation on the 7th proximo.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Coffey and Walsh,

Councillors: Hayes, Gaul, Byrne, Atkins, Cashman, McMahon, Crosbie, Moran, Buckland and Sinnott.

It was seen from the Estimates submitted by the Town Clerk that the Town Rates for 1941-42 would show an increase of One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound and that the Poor Rate would show an increase of One Shilling in the Pound. The Special Rates Committee were recommending that 1d per week be placed on the rents of Artisans Dwellings and that the services of Thomas Hore as a carter be dispensed with but that he be retained himself as an ordinary employee on the Corporation Scavenging Staff. The Special Rates Committee also proposed to recommend that the cost of providing a new sewer at Summerhill during 1940-41 and the amount of money required for Air Raid Precautions purposes be raised by way of loan from the Treasurer.

A very lengthy discussion took place on these two recommendations. As regards the 1d. on Artisans Dwellings a number of members thought that this should not be done and that the people living in these houses at the present time were not in a position to pay a higher rent, although the Town Clerk pointed out that if the full amount of the increase in rates was put on it would be considerably more than 1d and that the Corporation were bound under the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928, to fix a basic rent, exclusive of rates, for their houses and to add the amount of rates properly chargeable to such rent each year. This recommendation was agreed to by the present meeting.

The next recommendation regarding Thomas Hore, carter, also entailed a very lengthy discussion, but it was pointed out that the services of Hore as a carter were no longer required, but that he could be used as a scavenger or on the dustbin cart, so it was seen that as there was no work for this man's horse that its services should no longer be retained. The recommendation regarding the raising of money by loan was also agreed to. During the discussion on the general question of the rate in the pound it was pointed out that One Shilling of the increase was in respect of refund of rates to the Great Southern Railways Company and a suggestion was made that permission to borrow half this amount in the current year should be sought which would make a reduction of Sixpence in the Pound. The Town Clerk strenuously opposed borrowing for such a purpose as this and intimated that he did not think the Department of Local Government and Public Health would ever agree to it, nevertheless, it was decided that the Town Clerk should approach the Department and ask them if they would be prepared to sanction borrowing for half this amount during the current year, and if so, to adjust his Rate Estimates accordingly. It was unanimously decided to write off the following sums as irrecoverable in the rents of Artisans Dwellings -

George Curran, Wolfe Tone Villas	--	£4. 0. 8.	✓
Elizabeth Browne, do.	--	5. 1. 8.	✓
P. Griffen, do.	--	1. 5. 10.	✓
Mrs. Bailey O'Connell Avenue		5 13 - 0.	✓

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The above three were dead. It was also agreed to write off as irrecoverable the following owed by Phil. Morris, Dolphin Road, £1. 15. 0. and Walter Whitmore, Antelope Road, £2. 15. 10. both of these persons had left their houses leaving the above sums due and gone to reside in England.

A sum of Four Shillings due by John Kearns out of a Stall in the Market was also written off as it was there since Kearns first took possession of the stall a number of years ago and had since been in dispute.

With reference to previous discussions on the proposal to employ a Clerk to assist in the office in connection with Air Raid Precautions Work, the Town Clerk reported that he had communicated with the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee who had recommended three persons for appointment, namely, James J. Moloney, Grattan Terrace, Michael O'Brien, Whiterock, and Arthur Bernard Whelan, Ballygoman, Barntown. On the recommendation of the Town Clerk it was unanimously decided to select James J. Moloney for appointment to the temporary post.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corbett T D

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A Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Walsh, McMahon and Coffey.

Councillors: Hayes, Sinnott, Byrne, Cashman, Atkins, Connolly, Dunne, McMahon, Gaul, Crosbie, and Moran.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 3rd, 10th and 26th ultimo; Finance & Works, Etc., Committees on 3rd, 10th, 24th, 26th and 31st ultimo; Special Rates Committee on 3rd, 10th, 18th and 26th ultimo.

Arising out of the minutes, Alderman Coffey asked that copies of the Minutes of all the meetings be circulated amongst the members instead of the present practise of only circulating those minutes of committees not composed of the entire Corporation, but the Mayor intimated to the Alderman that at the present time it was very difficult to procure paper and that it was necessary to practise economy with the stocks at present available. In view of this the Alderman did not press his request. The minutes as submitted were thereupon taken as read and signed by the Mayor on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Gaul.

PAYMENTS

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate, to £4,034. 12. 4. were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

Arising out of the payment of the salary of the Clerk of Works on the Waterworks Improvement Scheme, Councillor Connolly asked was it a fact that only three men were employed at present, and the Town Clerk in reply stated that the Return he had received from the Clerk of Works for the week ending 7th instant was that twelve men were employed.

He should not be surprised however, if the position was as stated by Councillor Connolly to-day. This gave rise to a discussion as to the advisability of keeping a Clerk of Works, and it was pointed out, however, that it did not matter if only one man were employed the Clerk of Works would be necessary, and if he was dispensed with it would be also necessary to completely close down the Scheme. Actually, the position was owing to the delay in securing the transport of pipes it was not possible to employ large numbers of men on this scheme at present and the only work which could go ahead was the construction of the foundations for the filtration plant. Everything possible was being done both by the Contractors and the Corporation Officials to secure the delivery of the necessary pipes and it was hoped that they would be here in a very short time. Eventually, it was decided that nothing could be done at the moment to increase the number of men employed on the Scheme, and it was also agreed that the Corporation should be kept in touch with the position by the submission of the weekly returns of the Clerk of Works.

Councillor Byrne raised a question regarding the payment for haulage charges and suggested that boy labour was being used for this work. It was pointed out however, that some time ago tenders had been accepted for the supply of sand and gravel delivered on the site and this arrangement was still being carried out in respect of the pit gravel, but with river gravel the person who had arranged with the cot men to deliver the gravel for them had gone off on other work and as a result the arrangement in so far as the supply of river gravel was concerned had broken down. The

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Corporation Officials were therefore obliged to make alternative arrangements for the haulage of sand and gravel so that the employment of men on Relief Schemes would not be interrupted, but it was not costing the Corporation any more money during the present year.

In this connection it was decided that when the next grants were starting that tenders should again be asked for the delivery of sand and gravel on the sites.

Alderman Coffey stated that at a recent meeting of the Rates Committee it had been mentioned that a key of the Trinity Street Store was left in one of the neighbouring houses, but the Town Clerk in reply stated that he had investigated this complaint and found it to be wrong. It did apply some years ago when the key was left in a house for the benefit of one or two members of the staff. He understood however, that it was not done now and only the foreman had a key of the store.

Councillor Byrne asked on whose authority the rents of the Artisans Dwellings had been raised by 1d that day, and the Town Clerk in reply stated that he was to blame for that to a certain extent. The Collectors had asked him what they were to do and of course as there had been an agreement at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, which was composed of the entire Corporation, that this 1d should go on he told the Collectors that if the increase was paid to take it but not to press unduly for it. The amount collected for one Monday would not appreciably affect the finance of the Corporation but if the 1d went into arrear it would have an effect on their accounts and cause a considerable amount of trouble. This matter dropped.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Acknowledgements of resolutions passed at previous meetings were read from the Irish Banks Official's Association, Wexford Branch, and the relatives of the late T. F. McGahon, Dundalk.

QUARTERLY MEETING

The next business was to fix the day and hour of a Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held between the 23rd June and the 1st July next, and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk Monday 30th June, 1941, was unanimously agreed to on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

RATE ESTIMATES

The next business was to consider

- (1) The Town Clerk's Estimate as revised by the Special Rates Committee of the sums required to be raised by Town Rates in the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1942.
- (2) To agree on the rate in the pound of the Borough Rate, rate in lieu of County Cess and Water Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1942.
- (3) A recommendation from the Special Rates Committee that the rents of all Artisans Dwellings (in respect of which the rates are included in the rent) be increased by 1d each per week.
- (4) A recommendation from the Special Rates Committee that the services of Thomas Hore, carter, be only retained as an ordinary employee without horse and cart.
- (5) Recommendation by the Special Rates Committee that loans of

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- (a) £220 in respect of cost of providing materials for a new sewer at Summerhill during the past year be raised, and
- (b) £2,400 in respect of actual and prospective liabilities in connection with the Air Raid Precautions Scheme.

The Town Clerk's Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure and Estimates of Town Rates required to be raised in the Financial Year 1941-42 together with an explanatory memorandum was circulated amongst the members with a notice convening the meeting and a copy of these documents is attached to these minutes.

In opening the meeting the Mayor said there was an inevitable increase in the rates owing to the fact that there had been abnormal expenditure during the past year. He then reviewed in detail the causes of the various increases.

The first motion taken was to increase the rents of the Artisans Dwellings by 1d per week and this recommendation was strenuously opposed by members despite the fact that it had been agreed to at a meeting of the Finance Committee last week. Councillor Cashman in opposing the increase said he saw no reason why they should aggravate the position of the poor even with a 1d per week and other members also spoke against the recommendation. It was pointed out however, by the Town Clerk that the increase of 1d proposed did not meet in full the increase in rates and that the Corporation were bound by the provision of the Rates on Small Dwellings Act, 1928 to adjust their rates each year in accordance with the upward or downward movement of rates.

It was seen however, that members would not agree to the increase of 1d per week being placed on the Artisans Dwellings, and each item in the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure was carefully scrutinised with the object of seeing where the sum of £100 could be cut out in order to counteract the loss which would be suffered by not increasing the rents of Artisans Dwellings by the 1d proposed and which had already been included in the Estimated Receipts.

Eventually, it was decided on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Atkins, to reduce the sum allowed for the maintenance of the Artisans Dwellings from £800 to £700, although the Rates Committee had already reduced the Town Clerk's estimate under this head from £1,000 to £800. In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out that £700 was not sufficient to maintain the Corporation house property and unless it was very carefully watched it would be overspent before the close of the Financial Year. He further emphasised that it would be absolutely impossible to have any painting work carried out. The recommendation of the Special Rates Committee was accordingly not moved.

The next recommendation was that the services of Thomas Hore as a carter be dispensed with but that he be retained as an ordinary employee without horse. This recommendation also caused strenuous opposition by members on the grounds that Hore had been in the employment of the Corporation as a carter for the past 40 years and his father before him, but it was pointed out that the Corporation had not sufficient carting work to keep Hore employed all the year round and that he would get first preference for any such work which might arise, so after a lengthy discussion the adoption of the Committee recommendation was moved by Alderman Coffey and seconded by Alderman Walsh. On a show of hands being taken 11 members voted for it and 4 against. The resolution was accordingly declared carried.

A recommendation that loans be raised for defraying the cost of a new sewer at Summerhill and for A.R.P. purposes was accordingly adopted on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Dunne.

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The Rate Estimates were then taken up and the following three resolutions unanimously adopted:-

"On the motion of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Cashman, that a Borough Rate of Ten Shillings in the Pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Nine Shillings for General Sanitary Purposes) be agreed to."

"On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Connolly, that a Rate in lieu of County Cess of Three Shillings and Sixpence in the Pound be agreed to."

"On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, that a Domestic Water Rate of One Shilling and fourpence in the Pound and a Public Water Rate of Sixpence in the Pound be agreed to."

The next business was a recommendation from the Finance Committee that a Poor Rate of Ten Shillings in the Pound be laid on in respect of the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1942.

In this connection it was explained that the County Council Demand had increased by £564 and that provision had to be made for the repayment of £450 to the Great Southern Railways Co. which accounted for the increase of One Shilling in the Pound in this Rate. The Estimate had been carefully considered by the Finance Committee in detail on the 24th ultimo, and the Committee's recommendation was now unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Moran seconded by Councillor Byrne. A copy of the estimate and recommendation is attached to these minutes.

DEMOLITION ORDERS.

The next business was to make Demolition Orders in respect of two houses at Allen Street occupied by William Whitmore and James Doyle. It was explained that the necessary notice had been served on the owner under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, but that no offer had been made with respect to the carrying out of the works or the future user of the houses, so on the motion of Councillor Cashman, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Demolition Orders were sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

TENDERS

The next business was to ratify the acceptance of tenders for milk, bread and cocoa. The first was for the supply of milk under the National Free Milk Supply Scheme in respect of the year ending on 31st March, 1942. Tenders had been invited by public advertisement for this milk and six tenders were received. The following is a summary:--

Name and Address of persons tendering.	Price per gallon for milk sold without a special designation.	No. of gallons proposed to be supplied daily.
John Kinsella, Killeens.	1/6d.	8
John Quirke, Hayestown.	1/8d.	8
John Hayes, do.	1/8d.	12
Mrs. E. Cullimore, Stonebridge, Wexford.	1/8d.	8
Mrs. K. Clare, Whiterock.	1/8d.	3
Mr. Denis Shannon, Killeens.	1/8d.	10

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The six tenders had been considered by the Public Health Committee of the Corporation on the 10th ultimo when they had been accepted. The Department of Local Government and Public Health however, had refused to sanction the payment of 1/8d per gallon for milk and had directed the Town Clerk to approach the tenderers with a view to having a reduction made. The Town Clerk now reported that he had done so but that the tenderers had refused to reduce the price. Consequently, he had informed them that their tenders could not be accepted and that the Corporation were obliged to make alternative arrangements to secure a supply of milk for the poor. Shortly after the issue of this communication four of the five tenderers affected had approached him and offered to supply the milk at 1/6d per gallon. As this was the same price as last year he had accepted their tenders and the Milk Scheme was being carried out in the same manner as last year. Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the tenders of Messrs. Kinsella, Quirke, Hayes, Clare and Shannon for the supply of milk at 1/6d per gallon for the year ending 31st March, 1942, were approved, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. The tender of James B. Walker, of Latimerstown, Wexford, for the supply of milk to a depot at Cornmarket under the Maternity & Child Welfare Scheme for the sum of One Shilling and Fourpence per gallon was also accepted.

The School Meals Committee recommended that the tender of Mr. Nicholas Lambert for the supply of cocoa at One Shilling per lb and the tender of Mrs. Murphy, Faythe, for the supply of bread at 5d per 2lb loaf and buns at 10d per dozen 4oz. buns. be accepted. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the acceptance of these tenders was also approved.

DEED OF MORTGAGE

There was submitted to the meeting a Deed of Mortgage from Mrs. Alicia Donohue, to Wexford Corporation. This was for a house in respect of which the Corporation had made an advance of £500 a few years ago under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mrs. Mary Bolger, Fisher's Row. Mrs. Bolger had failed to pay the instalments on foot of the loan and the Corporation had been obliged to institute proceedings for possession of the dwelling. Even after a decree had been granted by the Circuit Judge the Corporation had given Mrs. Bolger every opportunity of coming to an arrangement to pay the sum due but she had failed to do so. They had eventually to hand the decree to the sheriff for execution and possession of the house had been obtained. They had then advertised for offers but the only one received was from Mrs. O'Donohoe, who was prepared to take over the dwelling and to give the Corporation a mortgage for the original amount advanced by them to Mrs. Bolger, namely, £500. This offer had been carefully considered by the Finance Committee of the Corporation on a couple of occasions and they had seen that having regard to all the circumstances of the case that it was more than likely the best that could be obtained and they had agreed to give the house to Mrs. O'Donohoe. Thereupon the Mortgage Deed was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

FUEL SUPPLIES

There was submitted to the meeting a lengthy letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 26th ultimo No. 36/1941, pointing out that the position with regard to fuel supplies had become very serious and that turf production on a large scale had now become necessary in order to avoid the possibility of a shortage next winter. Each Urban Authority in Turf Producing Counties should consider as soon as possible whether there would be sufficient fuel available for

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the Town next winter. In many towns a scheme could be worked out by the Urban Council in conjunction with the Parish Council by which adequate supplies could be procured and stored before the winter set in. In case there was a failure of voluntary effort Urban Authorities could acquire turf banks and arrange directly for the production of turf and its sale. It was pointed out, however, that Wexford was not a turf producing county but that there was likely to be a very serious shortage of fuel, especially for the poor, during the winter, and as a preliminary step the Corporation asked the Town Clerk to get in touch with the Coal Merchants and see what the position regarding the supply of coal was likely to be during the coming winter. As well, the Special Rates Committee was asked to meet as soon as possible and to consider the entire position regarding the fuel supplies to the Town, and the Mayor promised to get in touch with the owners of wooded lands near the Town and ask them for timber which could be cut by the unemployed during the summer and stored for fuel next winter.

DAIRY REGISTRATIONS

The Co. Medical Officer of Health recommended that the applications of John Jones, Seaview, and Mrs. Annie Roche, Staplestown, Murrintown, for registration in the Register of Dairymen be granted, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was agreed to register both these persons.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution from the Irish Labour Party was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Byrne:-

"That this meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, the National Executive of the Trade Union Congress and the Administrative Council of the Labour Party having reviewed the economic position in the light of present and probable future circumstances, is of opinion that the problems which have arisen and which will arise from the emergency situation cannot be solved by reliance on the outworn methods of the past, and demands that in the interests of the people the Government shall:

- (1) organise the provision of employment for the unemployed on schemes of national utility to be financed by credits issued by the State;
- (2) insist upon the utilisation by landowners of a greater area of land to avoid famine conditions this year and next;
- (3) exploit to the fullest extent the coal and mineral deposits to compensate for the falling off in imports;
- (4) plan large-scale development of the bogs by the Turf Development Board;
- (5) prohibit the export of non-surplus foodstuffs and institute a scheme of rationing to ensure equitable distribution of commodities;
- (6) establish effective control over prices and institute drastic punishment for profiteers;
- (7) as compensation for the increase in prices to raise the scales of benefits paid under the Old Age Pensions Acts,

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the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Acts, Unemployment Insurance Acts, Unemployment Assistance Acts, and the National Health Insurance Acts, and

- (8) impose drastic taxation on all unreasonable profits during the emergency."

The following resolution from the Bray Old Age Pensions Committee regarding the assessing of means under the Old Age Pensions Act was also unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Hayes:-

"That we, the members of the Bray Old Age Pensions (Sub) Committee, consider that the method as set out in the Old Age Pensions Act of assessing the means of an applicant for an Old Age Pension in relation to the possession of capital or property, is grossly unfair and inequitable. We are of opinion that the just and equitable method of assessment should be on the basis of the actual net revenue received by the applicant for the year previous to the date of application instead of assuming a revenue which has invariably no foundation in fact, and we direct that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Minister for Local Government, the County Wicklow Pensions Committee, the Wicklow County Council and the Bray Urban District Council."

INVITATION - EASTER COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

A letter was read from the Secretary, Easter Commemoration Committee inviting the Corporation to be present at the 11.0. Mass in Rowe Street Church on Sunday next and to participate in the procession to Crosstown Cemetery in the afternoon, and it was agreed as in previous years that the Corporation should attend the 11.0. Mass on Sunday morning.

In connection with the fitting of gas and electricity to the William Street houses both the Gas Company and the Contractor for the Electrical Fittings pointed out that it was about two years ago since they had submitted their tender and that since then the cost of materials had considerably increased and that they could not carry out the remainder of the Contract for the price then quoted. The Gas Co. asked for an extra 1d per house and the Electrical Contractor, Mr. Hayes, for 18.4d. per house.

The Borough Surveyor reported that both these increases appeared to be reasonable and it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Connolly, that they should be granted.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Quinn TD

URBAN DISTRICT OF WEXFORD.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES to be raised by means of a Poor Rate in the Urban District of Wexford for the Service of the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1942.

To County Council Demand :—	£	s	d	£	s	d
In respect of Roads	1164	12	8			
In respect of County Services	2578	16	2			
In respect of Library Service	61	6	8			
In respect of Poor Relief	4727	3	6			
In respect of Board of Health Charges	306	17	7			
In respect of Separate Charges	25	4	6			
				8864	1	1
To Rate Collectors' Poundage	250	0	0			
Printing, Advertising, etc.	50	0	0			
Preparation of Rate Book, Receipt and Demand Notes, etc.	25	0	0			
To Contribution under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933	890	0	0			
Irrecoverable Rates from previous years (part of)	230	0	0			
				1445	0	0
				10309	1	1
Refund of Rates to Great Southern Railways				450	0	0
Total Amount to be raised by means of Poor Rate for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1942				10759	1	1
Less Amount collected in Rents of Artizans' Dwellings				1200	0	0
Net Amount to be raised by Poor Rate				9559	1	1

Which will require a rate of Ten Shillings (10/-) in the Pound.

On Monday, March 24th, 1941, the Finance Committee recommended that a Poor Rate of Ten Shillings (10/-) in the Pound be laid on in respect of Financial Year 1941/42.

RICHARD CORISH,
Mayor.

JOHN J. BYRNE,
Town Clerk.

The Free Press, Wexford.

Rents from Corporate Estate	200	0	0			
	£315	0	0	£625	0	0

Rate Chargeable with--Borough.

No. 4.—VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
	£ s d	£ s d
Repayment of Loans for Extension Grants		435 0 0
Contribution in aid, 1941/42		527 0 0
Recoupment of part Loan Charges	200 0 0	
	£200 0 0	£962 0 0
Rate Chargeable with--Borough.		

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BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

A

Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure

AND

B

ESTIMATE OF TOWN RATES (OTHER THAN POOR RATE) TO BE RAISED

IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON 31st MARCH, 1942.

A.

Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure

No. 1.—HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES.

	Receipts. £ s d	Expenditure. £ s d
Repayment and Interest on Loans	...	9947 0 0
Maintenance and Repair of Houses	...	200 0 0
Ground Rents	...	25 0 0
Rent Collectors' Commission	...	325 0 0
Fire Insurance	...	150 0 0
Rates—Town, £1840; Poor, £1200	...	3040 0 0
Rents (including Rates)	...	8000 0 0
Grant under Housing Act, 1908	...	40 0 0
" " " " 1932	...	3820 0 0

Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

~~£11868 0 0~~ ~~£14267 0 0~~
~~4760 0 0~~ ~~14187 0 0~~

No. 2.—GRAVEYARDS.

Repayment and Interest on Loans	...	30 0 0
Wages of Caretaker	...	117 0 0
" " Gravedigger	...	45 0 0
Cost of Grave openings	...	100 0 0
General Maintenance	...	50 0 0
Rates and Taxes	...	7 0 0
Telephone Service	...	8 0 0
Cleansing of Old Graveyards	...	20 0 0
Sale of Grave Spaces and Burial Fees	...	150 0 0
	£150 0 0	£377 0 0

Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

No. 3.—MARKETS AND OTHER CORPORATE PROPERTY.

	Receipts. £ s d	Expenditure. £ s d
Repayment and Interest on Loan—New		
Town Hall preliminary expenses	...	430 0 0
Fee for Performing Rights Society	...	5 0 0
Toll Collector (part of Town Sergeant's Salary)	...	31 0 0
Rent Collector (Corporate Estate)	...	10 0 0
Insurance	...	35 0 0
Rent of Market Site	...	50 0 0
Rent of Town Hall (Cornmarket) Site	...	14 0 0
Repairs to Corporate Buildings	...	50 0 0
Market Tolls and Stalls	...	
Fees from Town Hall	...	
Rents from Corporate Estate	...	
	£315 0 0	£625 0 0

Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

No. 4.—VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

	Receipts. £ s d	Expenditure. £ s d
Repayment of Loans for Extension		
Grants	...	435 0 0
Contribution in aid, 1941/42	...	527 0 0
Recoupment of part Loan Charges	...	
	200 0 0	

Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

~~£200 0 0~~ ~~£962 0 0~~

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No. 5.—SCAVENGING—DOMESTIC & PUBLIC.

DOMESTIC :—Labour.

	Receipts. £ s d	Expenditure. £ s d
1 Lorry Driver		
2 Helpers		
Man at Dump half time	...	567 0 0
Supervision		
Depreciation and Interest on New Lorry	...	300 0 0
Fuel	...	50 0 0
Insurance of Lorry	...	15 0 0
Insurance of Workmen	...	25 0 0
Miscellaneous Equipment, etc.	...	25 0 0

PUBLIC :—Labour.

1 Lorry Driver			
5 Labourers			
Man at Dump half time	...	1014 0 0	
Supervision			
Petrol	...	150 0 0	
Insurance of Lorry	...	15 0 0	
Repairs, Oil, Grease, Tyres, etc.	...	80 0 0	
Brushes, Equipment, etc.	...	60 0 0	
Insurance of Workmen	...	40 0 0	
Wages of Thomas Hore	...	143 0 0	
Scavenging—Main Roads	...	£50 0 0	
		£50 0 0	£2484 0 0

Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

No. 6.—MAINTENANCE OF STREETS, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

(exclusive of Main Roads Upkeep).

	Receipts. £ s d	Expenditure. £ s d
Repayment of Loans	...	1470 0 0
Repairs to Streets and Footpaths	...	400 0 0
Insurance (National Health and Unemployment)	...	40 0 0
Do. (Employers' Liability)	...	30 0 0
Rent of Stone Depot at Faythe	...	10 0 0
To supplement Unemployment Grants	...	1000 0 0
		£2950 0 0

Rate Chargeable with —Rate in lieu of Co. Cess.

No. 7.—PUBLIC HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES.

	Receipts. £ s d	Expenditure. £ s d
Repayment of Loans (Sewers)	...	418 0 0
Repairing and Cleansing Sewers	...	150 0 0
Vaccination Acts Expenses	...	20 0 0
Food and Drugs Acts Expenses	...	50 0 0
Salary of Sanitary Inspector	...	180 0 0
Superannuation of Ed. Byrne, S.S.O.	...	95 0 0
Salary of Medical Officers of Health	...	75 0 0
Do. Veterinary Inspector	...	150 0 0
Do. Health Visitor	97 0 0	195 0 0
Do. Inspector of Milk Shops (Town Sergeant)	...	31 0 0
Do. Executive Sanitary Officer	...	20 0 0
Administration of National Free Milk Scheme	...	50 0 0
Bathing Place	...	80 0 0
Milk (Maternity & Child Welfare)	83 0 0	165 0 0
Feeding of Necessitous School Children	125 0 0	250 0 0
Immunisation against Diphtheria	...	40 0 0
Public Lighting	...	725 0 0
Recoupment of Part of Sanitary Officers' Salaries	35 0 0	
	£340 0 0	£2894 0 0

Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

No. 8.—FIRE BRIGADE.

Repayment and Interest on Loans	...	285 0 0
General Maintenance (including Men's Stipend and Subsidy towards Rents)	...	100 0 0
Telephone Service	...	16 0 0
Insurance of Fire Engine	...	20 0 0

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Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

£421 0 0

B O R O U G H O F W E X F O R D .

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Town Clerk's Office,

Town Hall,

W E X F O R D .

1st April, 1941.

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I attach hereto (A) Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure for, and (B) the Estimates of Borough Rate, Rate in lieu of County Cess and Water Rates required to be raised in the Financial Year from 1st April, 1941, to 31st March, 1942, and do not believe it will come as a surprise to the members of the Corporation to learn that it has become necessary to increase the total rate in the pound of the Town Rates from Thirteen Shillings and tenpence in the year just ending to Fifteen Shillings and fourpence for the coming year - an increase of One Shilling and sixpence in the Pound.

Actually, the draft Estimates as submitted for the consideration of the Special Rates Committee showed a very much larger increase. The Committee, however, gave a considerable amount of time to examining the Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure and scrutinized each item with the object of seeing what reductions could be made without impairing the Municipal Services.

The reductions and adjustments made by the Committee, which will be dealt with in detail in the review of the various Services, are such as will enable all the services to be efficiently administered only with the wholehearted co-operation of every member and official, and the Rates Committee has agreed that all expenditure must be kept strictly within the Estimates and that no expenditure not absolutely essential can be incurred in the coming year.

The year 1940-41 has been a very difficult one for Public Bodies and the Corporation were only just able to carry on with the rate levied. The coming year may also prove to be a very difficult one, and the financial arrangements now proposed may not plan out as anticipated. Consequently, every proposal involving expenditure - whether estimated for or not - must be carefully examined before being put in hands with a view to ascertaining if it is absolutely essential and not possible of adjournment. Every saving that can be made will be required, as owing to fluctuations in prices due to the War it is very difficult to submit accurate estimates. and some essential services may require more than is estimated for.

The total Estimated Revenue Expenditure for the coming year is £31,118 and estimated Receipts £14,923, leaving £16,195 to be raised by Rates. Of this latter sum, £1,840 is chargeable to Artizans Dwellings and the balance of £14,355 requires to be raised from the other ratepayers for which a total rate of 15/4d is needed. This is an increase of 1/6d in the Pound on the total Town Rates for 1940-41.

In addition to the expenditure shown in the Revenue Estimates the Corporation must make provision for the materials provided last year for the laying of a new sewer at Summerhill under the Employment Grants. These materials cost £220. Provision has also to be made for actual and prospective liabilities in connection with the Air Raid Precautions Scheme, estimated at approximately £4,000, of which sixty per cent. or £2,400 will be recouped by the Central Government, leaving £1,600 to be provided by the Corporation.

The Rates Committee are recommending the Corporation to raise the sums for the Summerhill Sewer and for Air Raid Precautions by way of Loan.

The following is a comparative Table of the Rate in the Pound for

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ensuing Financial Years. The various increases or decreases and the cause of such alterations will be dealt with after the Table.

SERVICE.	RATE FOR 1940-41 PENCE IN THE £.	RATE FOR 1941-42 PENCE IN THE £
1. Housing	21.76	26.91
2. Graveyards	2.44	2.48
3. Markets, Etc.,	3.02	3.41
4. Vocational Education	8.21	8.41
5. Scavenging	23.91	27.00
6. Streets, Etc.	34.18	32.70
7. Public Health, Etc.,	24.90	26.09
8. Fire Brigade	4.44	4.62
9. Waterworks	18.00	22.00
10. General Administration	21.18	22.38
11. Miscellaneous	3.96	8.00
TOTALS	166.00	184.00

NO. 1. HOUSING:

The estimated loss on the provision of Working Class Dwellings for the year 1941-42 is £2,427 as against £1,966 for the present year - an increase of £461 which represents an increased rate for this Service of just over fivepence in the Pound, making the total cost for the ensuing year 26.91 pence in the Pound.

The estimated expenditure is up from £13,781 to £14,287 - an increase of £506, and the estimated receipts are up from £11,815 to £11,860 - an increase of £45 which makes the net increase of £461 in the cost of the service.

As to the increased expenditure:-

Loan repayment charges are increased by £149 due to the Supplementary Loans borrowed in respect of the Davitt Road and William Street Housing Schemes. The Collectors' Commission is up by £25 due to new houses and increased Rents. The provision for Fire Insurance has had to be increased by £25 to cover increased insurance of all houses. Ground rents are slightly increased to cover Land Commission Annuity on the Green Street site.

The Rates increase of £300 is under two heads, viz.:- Town Rates £180 and Poor Rate £120. The first figure, of course, makes no difference to the total Rate in the Pound of the Town Rates and is only included here to show the total cost of the Service.

The allowance for maintenance and repair has again been reduced by the Rates Committee from £1,000 to £800. This latter figure represents an average of £1.45 per house and is the same as last year. At the present time the Corporation have 558 houses let to weekly tenants the repair of which is their liability; 47 sold on the tenant-purchase system, in addition to 20 sold out-and-out, making a total of 625 houses provided - 491 of which have been erected since 1922. The allowance of £800 now made for maintenance will require strict watching in order to keep the houses in repair, and repairs not absolutely essential cannot be undertaken as £800 was not sufficient for the year 1940-41. No painting will be possible.

The increase in the Receipts is as follows:-

Rents are up by £100 and subsidy under the 1932 Housing Act down by £55, leaving the net increase £45. The £100 increased Rents is from a recommendation by the Special Rates Committee that the rents be increased by one penny per house per week.

The average valuation of the Corporation dwellings on which rates are not paid direct by the occupiers is approximately £4. 10. 0. and the one penny now proposed does not meet fully the increased rates which will be required. The Corporation require an increase of threepence; nor does the combined increases for past

years and the proposed increase of one penny for 1941-42 meet the Rate increases in the past five years.

I, therefore, must again direct your attention to the provisions of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928; and to point out that a basic rent exclusive of rates should be fixed in respect of every house let to weekly tenants. The rent payable (inclusive of Rates) could then be fixed each year in accordance with the movement of Rates. If this were done it would greatly facilitate the making of Statistical Returns, Etc. The failure of the Corporation to carry out the provisions of this Statute has been commented on from time to time by various Local Government Auditors and by the writer, and I again respectfully suggest that the time is now overdue to examine the entire question of the rents charged for Artisans Dwellings, and, if possible, to adopt a scheme of graded rents based on the incomes of the tenants. It does seem unfair to charge a man receiving, say, 15/- per week Unemployment Assistance the same rent as his next door neighbour with an income of, perhaps, £5 or £6. There are a great many difficulties, I admit, in the way of such a proposal as this, but with the goodwill and co-operation of the members I do not think they are insurmountable. As well, it is unfair that the occupiers of Working Class houses not owned by the Corporation should be called on to subsidise Corporation tenants.

The Subsidy to be received under the Housing Act, 1932, is reduced by £55 due to over-estimation last year.

NO. 2. GRAVEYARDS:

Estimated Receipts and Expenditure under this head are the same as last year. I am arranging with the Col M.O.H. to go into the question of extending St. Ibar's Cemetery this year, and will make a report to you as soon as possible.

No. 3. MARKETS AND OTHER CORPORATE PROPERTY

The sum required for this Service shows a slight increase over the current year's figure due to increased Insurance. The Receipts side shows a decrease of £20 due to a reduction of the Market Rents after the estimates for 1940-41 were adopted.

NO. 4. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION: Remains practically the same as last year and the slight increase in the poundage rate is due to the increase in the demand of the Vocational Education Committee.

NO. 5. SCAVENGING:

The net cost of Scavenging for 1941-42 is estimated at £2,434 which is £253 in excess of the amount estimated for last year. The increase is caused by Loan Charges on new lorry (delivery of which is expected any day) £150 £143 for an extra man on Scavenging work; and other minor adjustments.

It is proposed to operate for the future a "beat" system of Street Scavenging whereby each man will be given a certain number of streets per day to keep clean. This it is hoped will lead to greater efficiency and prevent overlapping.

NO. 6. MAINTENANCE OF STREETS, ETC.:

Maintenance of Streets shows a decrease of practically 1.48 pence in the Pound. Loans are down by £55 and the amount allowed to supplement Grants is the same at £1,000.

The Rates Committee has reduced the sum allowed for the maintenance of streets, etc. from £450 to £400. This sum is comparatively small having regard to the maintenance necessary to enable roads to stand up to modern traffic. The total road mileage in the Town is 10.75, composed of Main Roads (maintained under contract with the County Council) 2.50, concrete 4.50, other 3.75. These figures relate to the position at 31st March, 1940, and slight variations may take place when the figures at the end of this year are available. On the basis therefore, of allowing only for the maintenance of macadam roads the sum now included is approximately £400 per mile.

The reduction in loan charges is due to a reduction of interest charges on instalment loans.

NO. 7. PUBLIC HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES show a loss of £2,354 as against £2,266 last year, an increase of £88. Expenditure is up by £43 and Receipts are down by £45.

Repayment and Interest on Loans for new sewers is down slightly due to a reduction in interest charges. The cost of maintaining the Bathing Place and the cost of the public lighting show slight increases.

NO. 9. WATERWORKS:

This Estimate shows an expected increase of Fourpence in the Pound and is due to provision being made for the Improvement Scheme being carried out at present the cost of last years emergency and the refund of Rates to the Great Southern Railways Co., otherwise there is little material change in the estimate.

NO. 10. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION: Is increased £125 due to normal salary increments and to increased provision having to be made for the rising cost of printing, stationery, collection and Public Liability Insurance.

NO. 11. MISCELLANEOUS shows a very big increase. This is due to a sum of £400 having to be provided as a refund of Rates overpaid by the Great Southern Railways Co., and an extra £170 in respect of the Employees cost of living bonus.

Last year no provision was made to repay any part of the demand of the G. S. Rlys., and the entire sum due must be paid this year. The Finance Committee had this matter under consideration on the 31st instant when a suggestion was made, which I disapproved of, that half the amount should be raised by borrowing this year and I was directed to approach the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to whether or not they would sanction borrowing for this purpose. I did so with the result, I expected, that such a proposal could not be

entertained. Consequently, the full amount must be met by rate this year.

From a perusal of the foregoing, together with the Statement and Estimates appended hereto, it will be seen that practically all the Services show some increase. I should like again to emphasise that the Estimated Expenditure has been reduced to the very minimum that will allow of the Municipal Services being efficiently administered during the next Twelve Months, and estimated receipts have been placed at the highest possible figure. Only Expenditure actually estimated for can be incurred during the ensuing year and the various services must be kept within the limits now set forth. If any member has any works in mind which he considers should be carried out in the Financial Period ensuing, and which are not embodied in the Estimates now presented, he should bring them forward immediately, as, after these rates are agreed on, no proposals not included therein can be carried out.

I should like, however, at this stage to suggest that a small Committee should be set up to examine all questions of Municipal Receipts and expenditure with a view to ascertaining how the former could be increased and the latter reduced. Such a Committee should consist of, say, three members with the Mayor and should be composed of members who would be in a position to meet during the day and at short notice if the need arose. All questions of abnormal expenditure could be carefully examined by such a Committee and the members would then be in a position to advise the Corporation as to whether or not it should be incurred.

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No. 9.—WATERWORKS.

	Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Repayment and Interest on Loans	1182	0	0
Loan for Improvement Scheme	...	...	...	200	0	0
Emergency Measures, 1940	...	...	...	75	0	0
Salary of Superintendent	...	...	...	200	0	0
Wages of Turncock	...	...	...	200	0	0
" Caretaker	...	...	...	78	0	0
Refund Rates, G. S. Railways	...	...	...	50	0	0
Collectors' Commission	...	...	...	75	0	0
Printing and Advertising	...	...	...	50	0	0
Insurance (Employers' Liability)	...	...	...	10	0	0
Do. (National Health and Un-	...	...	...	10	0	0
employment)	...	...	...	4	0	0
Right of Way, John Street Reservoir	...	...	...	10	0	0
Audit Fee	...	...	...	9	0	0
Preparation of Rate Books	...	...	...	100	0	0
General Maintenance	...	...	...
Sale of Water by Meter	600	0	0			
Special Charges	65	0	0			
Special Agreements	65	0	0			
Government Rates	5	0	0			
Sale of Water to Ships	15	0	0			
Miscellaneous Receipts	25	0	0			
	£775	0	0	£2553	0	0

Rate Chargeable with—Water Rate.

No. 10.—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

	Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Salaries :—The Mayor	100	0	0
Town Clerk	440	0	0
Clerical Assistant	200	0	0
Town Surveyor (part of)	200	0	0
Typist	115	0	0
Town Sergeant (part of)	94	0	0
Office Cleaner	13	0	0
Printing and Advertising	250	0	0
Telephone Rents	50	0	0
Fuel and Light	60	0	0
Law Costs	120	0	0
Stationery and Office Equipment	60	0	0
Preparation of Rate Books	19	0	0
Travelling Expenses	40	0	0
Uniform and Boots for Town Sergeant	10	0	0
Reports—Association Municipal			
Authorities	5	0	0
Audit Fee	20	0	0
Rate Collector's Commission	275	0	0
Public Liability Insurance	35	0	0
Fees Returned by Town Clerk —			
Franchise	70	0	0	
Old Age Pensions	18	0	0	
	£88	0	0	£2106	0	0

Rate Chargeable with :—

	Receipts.	Expend.
Borough	£88	£1597 0 0
Co. Cess	—	509 0 0

No. 11.—MISCELLANEOUS.

	Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	610	0	0	595	0	0
Insurance (Employers' Liability)	...	...	...	35	0	0
Do. (National Health and Un-	...	...	...	12	0	0
employment)	...	...	...	2	0	0
Tithe Rent Charge	...	...	...	20	0	0
Irish Tourist Association	...	...	...	95	0	0
Repayment of Loan for Concrete Mixer	...	...	...	400	0	0
Repayment of Rates to G.S. Railways	...	...	...	250	0	0
Cost of Living Bonus	...	...	...
Government Rates	65	0	0			
	£675	0	0	£1409	0	0

Rate Chargeable with :—

	Receipts.	Expend.
Borough	£66	£1174 0 0
Co. Cess	15	230 0 0

ESTIMATE OF RATES TO BE RAISED.

BOROUGH RATE.

SERVICE.		Receipts.			Expenditure.		
		£	s	d	£	s	d
No. 1.	Housing of the Working Classes ...	11860	0	0	11860	0	0
" 2.	Burial Grounds ...	150	0	0	577	0	0
" 3.	Market and other Corporate Property ...	315	0	0	625	0	0
" 4.	Vocational Education ...	200	0	0	962	0	0
" 5.	Scavenging—Domestic & Public ...	50	0	0	2484	0	0
" 7.	Public Health & Social Services ...	340	0	0	2694	0	0
" 8.	Fire Brigade ...				421	0	0
" 10.	General Administration ...	88	0	0	1597	0	0
" 11.	Miscellaneous ...	660	0	0	1179	0	0
	Contingencies ...				150	0	0
	Collectible Rates outstanding at 31 3 41 ...	300	0	0			
	Excess of Estimated Expenditure over Receipts and amount to be Raised by means of a Borough Rate ...	10813	0	0			
		£24776 0 0			£24776 0 0		
		24676 0 0			24676 0 0		
	Amount to be raised by Borough Rate ...	£10813	0	0			
	Less amounts raised in rents of Artisans' Dwellings ...	1200	0	0			
					£9613	0	0
	A Borough Rate of 10/- in the £ will produce :—						
	For General Town Purposes at 1/- in the £ ...	£960	0	0			
	For General Sanitary Purposes at 9/- in the £ ...	8640	0	0			
					£9600	0	0

RATE IN LIEU OF CO. CESS.

No. 6.	Maintenance of Streets, Roads, and Footpaths ...				2950	0	0
" 10.	General Administration ...				509	0	0
" 11.	Miscellaneous ...	15	0	0	230	0	0
	Contingencies ...				100	0	0
	Collectible Rates outstanding at 31st March, 1941 ...	120	0	0			
	Excess of Expenditure over Receipts and amount to be raised by means of a Rate in lieu of County Cess ...	3654	0	0			
		£3789	0	0	£3789	0	0
	Amount to be raised by Rate in lieu of County Cess ...	£3654	0	0			
	Less amount collected in rents of Artisans' Dwellings ...	420	0	0	£3234	0	0
	A Rate of 3.6 in the £ will produce about ...				£3234	0	0

WATER RATES.

No. 9.	Waterworks ...	775	0	0	2553	0	0
	Collectible Rates outstanding at 31st March, 1941 ...	50	0	0			
	Excess of Estimated Expenditure over Receipts and amount to be raised by Water Rates ...	1728	0	0			
		£2553	0	0	£2553	0	0
	Amount to be raised by Water Rates ...	£1728	0	0			
	Less amounts collected in Rents of Artisans' Dwellings ...	220	0	0	£1508	0	0
	A Domestic Rate of 1.4 in the £ will produce ...	£1040	0	0			
	A Public Rate of 6d. in the £ will produce ...	462	0	0			
					£1502	0	0

SUMMARY OF TOWN RATES FOR 1941/42.

Borough Rate	s. d.
County Cess	10 0 in the £
Water	3 6 " " "
	1 10 " " "

Total 15 4 " " "

The Total of the Town Rates for 1940/41 was 13/10d. in the £.

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JOHN J. BYRNE,
Town Clerk.

21st April, 1941.

A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Thomas Byrne, Stephen McMahon, Timothy Cashman, Nicholas Connolly, James Crosbie, James Gaul, Patrick Atkins, Robert Moran, Thomas Hayes and Thomas Dunne.

TOWN SERGEANT'S HOLIDAYS

The Town Sergeant applied for and was granted his usual annual holidays of two weeks.

BAKER'S STRIKE

Reference was made by members to the strike of bakers which was at present on in the Town and stated that it was not being handled diplomatically by the Gardai, so without discussing the merits or demerits of the case the Mayor and Town Clerk were asked to interview the Superintendent of the Gardai on the matter.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

A letter was read from the Electricity Supply Board pointing out the need for economy in the use of electricity, a large quantity of which was generated by coal, and requesting the Council to consider what economies could be made in the Public Lighting System. The Town Clerk stated he had gone into this matter very carefully and recommended to discontinue all public lights after midnight and to reduce the wattage of all lamps in the system to 100 watts. By this he estimated that a saving of £165 per annum would be made. It was unanimously decided to adopt the Town Clerk's recommendation in this matter.

REDUCTION IN RENT

Mr. M. Conlon, a tenant of 7, Upper William Street, drew attention to the fact that he was paying 18/- per week for his house while the other tenants who had recently been allocated were only paying 12/6d and he requested a reduction in his rent of 18/- to operate as from the week commencing 31st March last.

The members thought that Mr. Conlon's request was reasonable having regard to the fact that the other tenants were only paying 12/6d, and unanimously decided to reduce the rent to 12/6d as from the 31st March last, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

COST OF LIVING BONUS

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the proposal of the Corporation to grant a cost of living bonus to Mr. Patrick Sutton, Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 9th instant by letter No. P.H.2286/2/41, stated that as already intimated he was not prepared to approve of the proposal. The Mayor was asked to again interview the Minister on this matter.

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TENDERS

The Town Clerk reported that two tenders had been invited by the Borough Surveyor for the supply of the necessary equipment for the conversion of the basement of the Town Hall into an A.R.P. Control Centre. The two tenders were from the Wexford Timber Co. and Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty who quoted £48. 1. 11. and @44. 16. 4. respectively. As the tender of the latter was the lower the Town Clerk had accepted it, and this action was approved on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

VACANT HOUSE - MAUDLINTOWN

The Town Clerk reported that a house was vacant at Maudlintown. He had two tenants in condemned houses and both of them had a lodger and he did not wish to take the responsibility of deciding which of them should get the house. The man with the larger family was James Doyle of Allen Street. He had a man named James Creane residing with him, so it was decided to inform Doyle that if he removed Creane from his present residence that the Corporation would give him the house at Maudlintown.

BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S REPORT - THEATRE ROYAL

With reference to an application for a Licence under the Cinematograph Act in respect of the Theatre Royal Cinema, the Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected these premises accompanied by the Town Sergeant and the owner. The re-arrangement of seating had been carried out but there were some repairs necessary to the stairs which he pointed out to Mr. Barnett, who instructed a man named Roche to carry them out immediately. He (Borough Surveyor) was informed that Roche was not a tradesman and was therefore doubtful if he was capable of carrying out the work properly. It was decided to inform Mr. Barnett that the Corporation would issue a licence for the premises when the repairs indicated by the Surveyor were carried out by competent tradesmen.

In this connection the Sanitary Inspector was to be asked to report on the sanitary accommodation in the three Cinemas in Wexford.

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 29th instant, No. H.9241/41, stating that representations had been received from Mr. Michael Farrell of 5, Gulbar Road, Maudlintown, in regard to his need for alternative housing accommodation. Mr. Farrell stated that he was lodging with a married daughter, that he had a family of seven children with ages ranging from 12 to 28 years; that he was suffering from tuberculosis and that he formerly occupied a condemned house. The Minister requested the observations of the Corporation in the matter.

The Town Clerk reported that he had investigated this matter and found that Farrell formerly resided in a house at Charlotte Street from which he had been dispossessed for non-payment of rent. This house was unfit for human habitation but on an undertaking being given by the owner that the house would not be again let for human habitation the Corporation had not made a Demolition Order. He further stated that he had informed the Minister that in November last notice had been served on the occupier of 5, Gulbar Road requesting him to remove the sub-tenant or proceedings would be taken for possession. Owing to pressure of work in other directions an application had not yet been made to the Courts for possession but would be done in the near future. The action of the Town Clerk in the matter was approved.

No action was taken on a letter from Dr. Daly, County Medical Officer of Health, complaining of the amount of papers blowing around the streets.

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PROPOSED DUMPING GROUND

The Town Clerk reported that he had come to an agreement with Mr. James Galvin of Park, whereby he would grant the Corporation a licence to dump refuse on his lands at Stonybatter for one year for the sum of £10, with an option to dump on other lands there at the end of 12 months if the Corporation so desired; the Corporation, of course, to be responsible for the legal costs of the preparation of the licence by Mr. Galvin's Solicitors. This matter was approved of.

ACQUISITION OF LAND

The Corporation Solicitor reported that in connection with the proposal to acquire a piece of land from Colonel French, of Newbay, in connection with the provision of the filtration plant, the Consulting Engineers had informed him that the area now to be acquired was 3 roods 6 perches instead of 2 roods 15 perches, and that Colonel French was asking for a further £15 in addition to the £50 already offered for the land, so it was agreed that the Colonel should be paid in proportion for the extra piece of land proposed to be acquired.

PLOT - WILLIAM ST.

With reference to minutes of the 21st ultimo, when an application for a plot of ground at William Street had been received from Mr. Michael Hogan, Batt Street, Mr. Hogan now stated that if building materials had come back to normal or anyway reasonable he would build a house on this site, but it was decided to inform him that the Corporation did not propose to dispose of the ground at the moment and would let him know if and when they were doing so.

RE MR. DEVEREUX, ST. BRENDAN'S RD.

The Town Clerk reported that up to the 31st March last a sum of £20. 3. 0. was due on foot of rent-charge by Mr. Mr. Devereux, of St. Brendan's Road. Mr. Devereux had been missing from his home since October last and no trace of him could be found. Mrs. Devereux had intimated that she was trying to get money which was on deposit in his name in the Bank with which to pay the rent, so it was decided to adjourn this matter to see what Mrs. Devereux's efforts would come to.

WATERWORKS SCHEME

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that the number of men on the Waterworks Improvement Scheme during the week ended 19th instant was eight, and it was decided to request the Consulting Engineers, Messrs. Delap & Waller, to attend the next meeting of the Corporation to consider if it would be advisable to close down the job until such times as pipes were available rather than be paying a Clerk of Works £5. 5. 0. per week for supervising the work of eight men.

In connection with the provision of pipe stocks in the event of an emergency the Borough Surveyor reported that these would cost £380 and that the necessary material to by-pass the main at Farnogue Bridge in the event of an emergency would cost £120, making a total of £500 which it was proposed to borrow for the purpose, and it was decided to accept the quotations submitted by the Surveyor and to request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the raising of the necessary loan to purchase these stocks.

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REPORTS - CO. M.O.H.

Reports from the Co. Medical Officer of Health on the inspection of the Meat Supplies and Milk Supplies in the Town were submitted and considered satisfactory.

Reports were submitted from the Co. Medical Officer of Health regarding the lack of sanitary accommodation in three houses at Temperance Row, occupied by Thomas Crowe, William McEvoy, and Mary Connors, and at Selskar Street occupied by Michael Murray and Timothy McCarthy, and it was decided to serve notices on the owner requiring W.C.'s to be provided within one month.

Arising out of this matter the Town Clerk was directed to again write to Messrs. J. J. Stafford & Sons regarding the provision of W.C.'s for houses at Clifford Street.

HOUSE - TRINITY PLACE.

The Sanitary Inspector was to be asked to make a report on the sanitary condition of a house at Trinity Place.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Connors TD

21st April, 1941

A meeting of the Special Rates Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., (Mayor) in the Chair,

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Thomas Hayes and Robert Moran.

FUEL SUPPLIES

With reference to minubes of the Corporation on the 8th instant when a letter was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health regarding the provision of fuel supplies during the coming winter and which letter had been referred to the Special Rates Committee for consideration, the Town Clerk reported that as directed he had written to the various coal merchants in the Town requesting them to store as much coal as possible for next winter. He had also asked them what percentage of their normal winter requirements they would be able to store and what were the prospects at the present time of purchasing the quantity of coal they would require. To this letter he had received a reply from Messrs. J. J. Stafford & Sons, Ltd., that they were providing extra storage accommodation with a view to storing 100% of their 1938-39 winter supply. Mr. Harry Wilson, Commercial Quay, stated he was in a position to stock about 8,000 tons, and was also in a position to purchase that at the present time, but pointed out that it would cost approximately, £20,000 to purchase this quantity of coal. Mr. William Kinsella stated that he had storage for 18,00 tons and that a prospect of procuring coal at the present time was quite good, the only difficulty was to secure ships to transport it from South Wales. His Worship the Mayor intimated that he had been promised trees by Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, of Johnstown Castle, and by Colonel French, of Newbay. He was also making inquiries from the owners of other properties near the Town on which there was timber, and he hoped to be able to procure further supplies of same. In this connection it was decided to point out the position regarding the entire fuel supply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health as soon as possible, and to request him to state if the Corporation would be permitted to expend money on the cutting of trees and transporting them into the Town where they could be stored for winter fuel.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish T.D.

28th April, 1941.

A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, Robert Coffey, and James McMahon.

Councillors: Stephen McMahon, James Gaul, James Crosbie, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes, Robert Moran, Timothy Cashman, Patrick Atkins, and James Sinnott.

AIR RAID SHELTERS - BOND

In connection with the erection of Air Raid Shelters by Messrs. M. O'Connor & Co., Builders & Contractors, the Town Clerk reported that the Insurance Co. had refused to issue a Guarantee Bond unless a War Clause was inserted in the Contract. A representative of the Company had interviewed both the Borough Surveyor and himself on a few occasions urging them to agree to the insertion of a War Clause, but as the tender had been submitted without such a clause they would not under any circumstances consider the Insurance Company's proposal. Messrs. O'Connor & Co. now submitted the names of two personal sureties who would enter into a Joint and Several Bond with them for the due performance of the Contract. The sureties named were Messrs. J. F. Kehoe, Draper, North Main Street, Wexford, and William Gaynor, Publican, Selskar Street, Wexford. The meeting considered that having regard to all the circumstances it would be best to accept two sureties than to hold up the work waiting for a Bond, and as they considered the two persons nominated as good sureties they unanimously decided to substitute personal sureties for a Guarantee Bond, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly.

WATERWORKS SCHEME

In connection with the Waterworks Improvement Scheme, Mr. Maconchy of the Firm of Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, attended the meeting at the request of the Council.

It was explained to Mr. Maconchy that the Corporation felt that so little progress was being made that it appeared to be a waste of money paying a Clerk of Works £5. 5. 0. per week, when only some 8 to 10 men were employed each week.

Mr. Maconchy explained to the meeting that the principal reason for the slow progress of the work was the difficulty owing to the war of procuring the necessary pipes. He explained that a certain amount of the concrete asbestos pipes had been dispatched from the Manufacturers and were at present at Liverpool awaiting transshipment to Ireland. Having regard, however, to the present position in the shipping world it was not possible to state when these pipes would arrive in Wexford. He hoped, however, that they would be here in the near future.

As regards the cast iron and spun pipes, he stated that negotiations were at present proceeding between the Governments of Eire and Great Britain for a licence to export these pipes from England. Up to the present these negotiations had not resulted in anything tangible and he agreed to interview the Minister for Supplies with the Mayor during the coming week to see if the matter could be expedited.

Another cause of delay was the difficulty of procuring adequate supplies of Slaney River sand and gravel which was essential for the construction of the filtration plant. This was due to the inability of the men

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owning the river boats to procure sufficient supplies of fuel oil to enable them to operate the boats during the entire week. He understood, however, that a slight improvement had taken place in regard to the supply of this fuel and he hoped that the sand and gravel would be delivered in larger quantities for the future. Generally speaking, Mr. Maconchy stated that he would not advise the Corporation to close down the works and assured them that everything possible was being done to expedite the scheme and that during the coming week a start would be made on the Edenvale end.

The meeting carefully considered this whole matter and decided not to take any step for the present but if conditions did not improve materially during the next few weeks they would again consider the advisability of closing down the works. Before leaving the meeting Mr. Maconchy referred to the very large amount of outstanding fees and expenses due to them in connection with this scheme, and it was unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk should pass for payment at the next meeting a sum approximating to £1,000 on account of fees and expenses due to them.

It was also agreed that the amount of the Compensation Award payable to Mrs. Lennon should be discharged at the next Finance Meeting for lodgement in the Bank of Ireland in the names of the Corporation Solicitor and Mrs. Lennon's Solicitor, pending completion of Mrs. Lennon's title authorising payment of the money.

DUMPING GROUND

The Town Clerk now reported that negotiations had been completed with Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. James Galvin, Park, for a licence permitting the Corporation to dump refuse on his lands there for which licence the Corporation would pay Mr. Galvin the sum of £10 per annum. The licence was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation and on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Connolly, the document was sealed and signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk further pointed out that the Corporation were liable for the expenses of Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, in carrying out the negotiations and preparing the necessary licence. For this work the Solicitors claimed a fee of £5. 5. 0. and as the members considered this sum reasonable having regard to the number of interviews they had had with officials of the Corporation on this matter, it was also unanimously decided on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Connolly, to pay Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey the sum of £5. 5. 0.

HOUSE - ALLEN ST.

The Town Clerk reported that he had interviewed Mr. Doyle, who was the occupier of a condemned house at Allen Street, regarding the lodger who was living with him and it appeared that the lodger (Crane) was a nephew of Mrs. Doyle and was not quite normal mentally.

Some members intimated that they knew the circumstances of this case and agreed that they were such as had just been reported by the Town Clerk. The meeting thereupon agreed that it would be hardship not to allow Crane to reside in the house at Antelope Road which was being provided for Doyle and his family, and unanimously agreed that Crane should be allowed to reside there with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle.

REPORTS - SANITARY INSPECTOR

A report from the Sanitary Inspector regarding the sanitary condition of the three cinemas in Town was adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to look up the law on this matter.

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A report from the Sanitary Inspector regarding the dumping at Trinity Place was adjourned for the attendance of Councillor Byrne who was interested in the matter.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES 1941-42.

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimating that schemes should be submitted for works under the Employment Schemes Vote 1941-42.

It was decided that each member should consider what works he suggested should be done and that as soon as these were received by the Town Clerk a meeting of the Special Committee appointed to consider Relief Grants should be held.

CHURCH LANE

A complaint was made regarding the condition of the surface of Church Lane and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to have some chippings put on it as soon as possible.

HOUSE - BATT ST.

With reference to previous correspondence regarding the condition of a house at Batt Street, occupied by a man named Murphy and owned by Laurence O'Leary, Mr. T. J. O'Brien, Agent for the owner stated that Mr. O'Leary intended to return to Wexford and desired to take up residence in this house. The tenant had intimated his intention of leaving as soon as he could get alternative accommodation, but in view of the fact that his wife was now seriously ill and in hospital Mr. O'Leary did not desire to hurry him unduly. It was Mr. O'Leary's intention when he returned home to put the house into a proper state of repair. It was decided to adjourn this matter sine die.

M.O.H. RETURN

The usual Return of Vaccination Defaulters was submitted by the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Pierse, and no action was taken thereon.

AUDIT

The Town Clerk reported that the Audit of the Accounts of the Corporation for the two years ended 31st March, 1940, was at present in progress by J. J. Flood, Esq., Local Government Auditor.

TENDER - TOWN SERGEANT'S UNIFORM

Only one tender was submitted for the Town Sergeant's Uniform. It was from Messrs. Healy & Collins, of North Main Street, Wexford, who quoted £4. 19. 6; £5. 5. 0; and £5. 12. 6. for uniform and cap complete. After examining the samples of materials it was unanimously agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Connolly, to accept the quotation at £5. 5. 0. as the best material. For the boots Messrs. Healy & Collins quoted 16/6d per pair; Mr. Patk. Kelly, Cornmarket, 16/6d. and Messrs. Tylers quoted 14/9d, 16/9d, 18/9d and 21/-. Messrs. Healy & Collins and Mr. Kelly both quoted 16/6d but as the boot submitted by Healy & Collins was far superior to that submitted by Mr. Kelly it was also unanimously agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Connolly, to accept the tender of Messrs. Healy & Collins for the Town Sergeant's boots.

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FURNITURE

The Town Clerk was authorised to purchase a typist's desk from the Slaney Furniture Company for the sum of £4. 15. 0.

FUEL SUPPLIES

Regarding the provision of emergency fuel supplies for the coming winter it was unanimously decided that the matter should be put on the Agenda for discussion at the meeting of the Corporation due to be held on the 5th prox.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corns TD

2nd May, 1941.

A meeting of the Joint Air Raid Precautions Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at 8.0. o'clock p.m.

The members present being:- .

Alderman Thomas Walsh, (in the Chair) with Councillors. Cashman and Crosbie, and Messrs. A. Hadden, J. Scallan, T. J. O'Brien, and R. O'Connor representing the Parish Council and the Local Security Force. T. D. Sinnott, Esq., Co. Commissioner, also attended the meeting.

The Town Clerk as Chief Air Raid Precautions Officer and Chief Air Warden submitted a report on the progress made in the organisation of the Scheme. The following parts of the scheme gave rise to discussion:-

(1) Sirens.

The Town Clerk reported that two sirens had been received and that one was at present erected over the Town Hall. It now appeared that the Electricity Supply Board had intimated that the wiring of the siren should be carried out in screwed tubing, and as this was difficult to procure he was afraid it would be some time before he would be in a position to test the siren. He did not propose to erect the second siren until he had made tests of the first and see over what area it could be distinctly heard. In this connection the members of the Committee thought it was ridiculous to insist on the wiring being done in tubing and asked the Town Clerk to request the Electricity Supply Board to dispense with this regulation.

As regards the First Aid Service the Town Clerk reported that all the necessary drugs and dressings had been made available at the Technical School, and that in an emergency the school could be used for that purpose. He also reported that the Department of Defence had refused to sanction the purchase of four Portable Ambulances to be used in lieu of converted bread vans which the medical authorities considered most unsuitable for the purpose. As well, if these vans were suddenly required they might not be available in the town, so it was decided to again request the Department to sanction the proposal to purchase these portable ambulances which would cost approximately £25 each and could be easily handled in Wexford.

As regards the provision of Air Raid Shelters it was decided to request the Borough Surveyor to speed up the work of completion immediately. A lengthy discussion took place on fire-fighting and it was agreed that a joint effort should be made by the Air Raid Wardens and by the members of the Local Security Force to induce the public to provide some fire-fighting apparatus such as a stirrup pump and buckets of sand to deal with minor fires in the event of an air raid.

It was unanimously decided that the next meeting of the Committee should be held on the 16th instant.

At the close of the meeting the County Commissioner asked the Corporation to deal with the question of the storage of fuel at their meeting on Monday next.

The meeting then terminated.

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A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: James Crosbie, James Gaul, Timothy Cashman, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Atkins, Thomas Byrne, James Sinnott, Thomas Hayes, Robert Moran, Thomas Buckland and Thomas Dunne.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:-

Minutes of Corporation on the 7th ultimo; Finance & Works Committee on 21st and 28th ultimo; Special Rates Committee on 21st ultimo and Air Raid Precautions Committee on 2nd instant.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the Minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

PAYMENTS

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £10,485. 19. 9. were submitted. Arising out of the Accounts Alderman Coffey referred to the sum payable in respect of petrol and the Town Clerk replied that there was a special item for 600 gallons which was being stocked for A.R.P. purposes in the event of an emergency and the account was being paid this month. The Alderman also stated that during the 12 months ending December last £203 was expended on motor spirit and the Town Clerk again pointed out that each of the two lorries consumed approximately 25 gallons per week, and as well, a number of concrete mixers were in operation during the year as well as fire engines. The Alderman also referred to the payments on foot of loans to the Board of Works and the Treasurer and inquired how much interest was included in the payments. Alderman Coffey also referred to an item in the Accounts for coke, and it was explained that this was required for the watchmen on the streets at night, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that each brazier would burn approximately 1 cwt. of coke each night.

The Alderman also referred to an account for coal and it was pointed out that it covered practically the whole of the winter. Three anthracite stoves were used in the Town Hall, two in the Office, and one in the A.R.P. Control Centre, which was in the basement. Another anthracite stove was kept burning in the Fire Station and one was also provided at the chlorination house at Coolree Reservoir. In addition, fires were constantly being used in the Town Hall where distribution of respirators to the civilian population was taking place, and coal had also to be supplied to the Office of the Inspector of Food and Drugs.

Alderman Coffey also referred to the amount of wages for the month which was £867, and asked how much was in respect of the cleansing of streets. The Town Clerk replied that the amount expended on this service was £115. Arising out of the item for the purchase of shovels the Borough Surveyor was asked how many shovels he had in stock and he replied that as the Grants were now finishing up stock would be taken of the amount of shovels returned. He was aware of the amount issued. A lengthy discussion took place on the question of the stocks of various materials in the hands of the Corporation and the Borough Surveyor stated that at present stocktaking was being carried out. He pointed out, however, that the present Corporation store at Trinity Street was only constructed of timber sides and it was quite possible for the sides to be forced open and unauthorised

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persons enter the store. In view of this he had already removed all his tools, etc., to other stores and the only things at present in Trinity Street were quantities of planks, scaffolding materials, and other heavy machinery.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor stated that it would cost hundreds of pounds to put the store in proper order, and he was asked to make an estimate for making the store safe.

The Accounts as submitted having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Dr. McDonald, Assistant Co. Medical Officer of Health, and Mrs. McDonald, on the death of their son. Councillor Cashman seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present; the Town Clerk on behalf of the staff, and was adopted in respectful silence.

RESOLUTIONS

Councillor Sinnott asked if there was any correspondence in connection with Resolutions they had sent away some time ago on the subject of Food Prices and the release of political prisoners. The Town Clerk replied that formal acknowledgements had come and had been produced at a meeting some time ago. As regards food supplies, it was decided to again ask the Minister for Supplies if he was disposed to consider the request of the Corporation that local Committees should be set up to watch for profiteering during the present emergency.

RATE COLLECTOR'S REMUNERATION

A question was also raised regarding the payment of Rate Collectors monthly, and the Town Clerk replied that the last resolution they had submitted to the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the subject had neither been turned down nor approved up to the present, so it was decided to again communicate with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on this matter.

TRAIN SERVICE

Reference was also made to the need for a Sunday train to Rosslare, and it was decided to request the Great Southern Railways to put on a train if at all possible on Sundays during the summer months.

LICENCES

Applications for licences under the Cinematograph Act were submitted from the Capitol and Palance Cinemas, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the licences were sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

ANALYST'S REPORT

The report of the Borough Analyst for the Quarter ended 31st March last showed that he had examined four samples of milk and one each of margarine, cheese, and jam. All the samples submitted for analysis had been found genuine, and the report was noted.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Minister for Defence stating he desired that householders be encouraged to purchase small fire-fighting

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equipment such as stirrup pumps for use by themselves and their neighbours in an emergency. He considered that action of this kind would be a substantial contribution to the efforts of the Local Authority and the Department to provide adequate fire-fighting measures to meet an emergency arising from air raids. The Town Clerk pointed out that each person in Town should at least be able to provide themselves with a bucket of sand and it should be possible for every 5 or 6 householders in residential areas to provide a stirrup pump, which would cost approximately 35/-. As far as the poor were concerned he (Town Clerk) was dealing with the matter and had already applied to the Department of Defence for a number of stirrup pumps which would be issued to the Air Wardens Posts in the poorer districts, and he made it perfectly clear that free stirrup pumps were not going to be supplied all over the Town. Alderman Walsh pointed out that a stirrup pump could only be used on one house and that one in the Warden's Post or one amongst 5 or 6 residents would not be sufficient but the Town Clerk pointed out that if incendiary bombs were dropped in such huge numbers as were visualised by Alderman Walsh that they would require a Fire Brigade in every street, and that the idea of a stirrup pump was to control small fires in their initial stages. Alderman Walsh then stated that if raiders came here there would be acres of ground on fire, and the Mayor pointed out that if he had a stirrup pump in every house it would not be able to stop that. The Alderman replied that in that case he did not see the use of talking about it at all. At this stage the Town Clerk pointed out to the members that it appeared to him they were making a scare which was not right for men in their position but should be advising the public to keep calm. He (Town Clerk) had only asked them at the request of the Minister for Defence to appeal to people to provide stirrup pumps, and if they were not able to provide one each then to provide one amongst a number on a co-operative basis. He felt that everyone of the large Firms in the Town should have an auxiliary Fire Brigade of their own, and that the business houses, especially those stocking inflammable material, should provide themselves with the necessary pumps and sand to deal with fires in their initial stages.

MORTGAGE DEED

The next business was to execute a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of a Loan of £16,305 for the erection of 34 Houses at Green Street, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred and Five Pounds (£16,305) proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts."

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation, and on the motion of Councillor Cashman, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the following further resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That inasmuch as this Corporation does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Corporation but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require IT IS RESOLVED that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Corporation for the time being, countersigned by the Town Clerk. And that each such requisition

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shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to OUR Account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

FUEL SUPPLIES

The next business was to consider the question of fuel supplies in the Town during the emergency. It was pointed out that the Department had sent a letter to the Corporation asking them to make an effort to secure and store turf for the coming winter. Whilst some turf was at present being cut in the County it was only in very small quantities and consequently, the Corporation had to direct their efforts to an alternative supply of fuel. The local Coal Merchants had been asked to store as much coal as possible for next winter. They had also been asked:-

- (1) what percentage of their normal winter requirements they would be able to store; and
- (2) what were the prospects at the present time of purchasing the quantity of coal required for the coming winter.

Replies had been received from some of the Merchants and from them it would appear that the prospects of purchasing large quantities of coal at present were good, but the difficulty was the financing of large purchases to hold over until next winter, and the Corporation had already placed this matter before the Minister for Local Government and Public Health who had transferred it to the Department of Supplies.

In addition offers had been received from persons near the town to place a certain number of trees at the disposal of the Corporation and to have them cut into firewood and stored for the winter and it was thought that more trees could possibly be secured. The Department had also been asked if the Corporation had any authority to expend money on the cutting of such trees as were offered and on their haulage and storage in Wexford. The Mayor referred to the fact that some time ago turf had been cut in the Castlebridge District and stated he understood the County Surveyor and his Assistant were to examine this place on the next day. If there was any quantity of turf available there it might be possible for the Corporation to arrange with the County Surveyor for them to take over the bog and have it worked.

It was also pointed out to the meeting that the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Wexford Parish Council were also interested in this matter, so it was eventually decided on the motion of Councillor Cashman, seconded

by Councillor Byrne to set up a Joint Committee consisting of nine members of the Corporation and four members from each of the other two bodies.

The following were appointed to represent the Corporation namely, Aldermen Coffey, Walsh, Councillors Connolly, Buckland, Hayes, Dunne, Sinnott, Byrne and Moran.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT - WATER SUPPLY

The question of the Water Supply to the Town next came up for consideration and the Borough Surveyor reported that he would like to bring to the notice of the public through the medium of the meeting that a shortage of water was imminent, and that during recent inspections he found that there was a large wastage of water in certain portions of the Borough. There was at present an average consumption of from 80 to 100 thousand gallons of water per day. The water level in the reservoir was practically 12 inches under high water level and he suggested that curtailment of the hours of supply should be made at once as he would like, if at all possible, to balance the outflow with the inflow as long as possible so as to provide against a long spell of drought such as happened during 1940.

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The Mayor and other members appealed to the public for co-operation in the prevention of waste, and it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk should be authorised to prosecute any person found wasting water and to cut off the supply immediately. It was further agreed that the water supply to the Town should be shut off on and from Thursday next from 9.0.p.m. to 6.0.a.m. each night. Arising out of this matter it was agreed that as soon as chlorination could be made available that the John Street water should again be allowed to be used.

WATERWORKS SCHEME

As regards the new Waterworks Scheme the Mayor reported that the Consulting Engineers and himself had been in touch with the Department of Supplies and an effort was being made to secure a licence for the exportation from Britain of the necessary cast iron and spun pipes. As regards the cement asbestos pipes it was stated that 45 tons of same would be shipped by the Clyde Boat to Waterford during the present week.

REPORT - CLERK OF WORKS

The report of the Clerk of Works showed that eight men were employed at Edenvale and two at Coolree during the past week.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Connors TD
9-6-41

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A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting the members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

TRANSFER

Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, pointed out that Miss Margaret Stafford, the owner of No. 6, St. Ibar's Villas, had some time ago paid to the Corporation the entire amount of the purchase price outstanding on her house there, and she now proposed to sell it to Mr. John O'Leary, Faythe, but the Land Registry had asked them to furnish the consent of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Wexford to the transfer, and it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Buckland, to issue the necessary authorisation for the transfer.

REPORTS - SHOPS (C.E.A.) ACT, 1938

A number of reports under Part (6) of the Shops (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1938, were submitted by the Sanitary Inspector, and the Town Clerk was directed to draw the attention of the proprietors in any case where defects were found.

A letter was read from the Minister for Defence requesting the Corporation to dispose on behalf of his Department the waste packing materials in connection with the issue of respirators to the public, but it was decided to take no action on this matter until all the respirators had been issued.

REDUCTION OF RENT

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 30th ultimo, by letter No. H.3807/5/41, agreed to the reduction in the rent of the house at William Street occupied by a man named Condon from 18/- to 12/6d per week.

HOUSE - PATRICK SQ.

The Sanitary Inspector was to be asked to report on the house at Patrick Square occupied by a man named Connors, and Dr. Sinnott was to be asked to report on the house at Distillery Road occupied by a man named Sparrow and on the house at Bride Place occupied by a man named Davis.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Connors TD
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A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Hayes, Byrne, Crosbie, Cashman, Moran and Dunne.

The Clerk of Works on the Waterworks Improvement Scheme attended this meeting by arrangement and a lengthy discussion took place on the working of the scheme, at the end of which Mr. Greene was given instructions to secure that the labour employed on the Works should be definitely in accordance with the Specification in so far as the allocation between rural and urban labour was concerned, and if at any stage he saw an undue number of the Contractor's keymen being employed he should approach the Corporation on the matter.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

With reference to Minutes of the 21st ultimo when certain recommendations made by the Town Clerk regarding economies in the Public Lighting System were agreed to, the Town Clerk now reported that the Electricity Supply Board had pointed out to him certain difficulties regarding the carrying out of his proposals.

The first of these difficulties was that for some time past the Corporation had been complaining regarding the defects in the cowlings of the 100 watt lamps and if the suggestion of the Town Clerk to replace all the 200 watt lamps by 100 watt were put into operation this complaint would be accentuated. As well, if all the 200 watt lamps were taken out of the holders it was certain there would be a considerable amount of breakages in storing them, and further, the Board pointed out that whilst they would be in a position to carry out the Corporation's original instructions it was doubtful if they would be able to continue to replace 100 watt lamps as they became broken or worn out.

As a result of this the Town Clerk further reported that he had had a conference with the Board's Assistant District Engineer, their Local Representative and the Borough Surveyor on a recent occasion and they had examined this situation very fully. It was at first suggested at this conference that each alternate 200 watt lamp in the Town should be eliminated, but an examination of the lighting map of the Town showed that a number of these were in such a position that the suggestion would be very difficult to carry out, so it was eventually agreed to recommend the Corporation to cut out all lights except the pilot lights from now until the 31st August next, and it was felt that during the summer months the pilot lights, which would be lighting from sunset to dawn, would be ample light.

It was further agreed that before the end of August the entire position should be re-examined in the light of the circumstances existing then to see what economies could be made during the winter months.

The Town Clerk now recommended this suggestion to the Corporation and it was unanimously agreed to.

TRAIN SERVICE

With reference to minutes of the Corporation on the 5th instant when it was decided to request the Traffic Manager of the Great Southern Railways to provide a train service to Rosslare on Sundays during the summer months

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a letter was read from Mr. Floyd intimating that this matter was receiving his very careful attention.

JOHN ST. IMPROVEMENT

The Borough Surveyor was asked when he intended to commence work on the improvement of John Street in respect of which a grant had been allocated from the Roads Fund, but he intimated that no official sanction had yet been received for the commencement of this work, and the Mayor undertook to take this matter up with the Housing Department to see if sanction could be expedited.

An application from the Feis Committee for the loan of planks for use in erecting temporary platforms in connection with the Feis was granted on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Connolly, on condition that the planks supplied would not be cut.

A further application from the Feis Committee for the Corporation to advertise their A.R.P. Scheme in the Programme was submitted, but the Town Clerk intimated that all the advertising necessary in this Scheme had now been carried out.

REFUND

A lengthy letter from Mr. J. G. Byrne, Solicitor, applying for a refund of the deposit made by Mr. Michael Devereux in respect of his house at William Street was adjourned to enable the Borough Surveyor to make a report on certain improvements which Mrs. Devereux alleged had been carried out.

The Borough Surveyor was instructed to procure tenders for the completion of the gates and railings at William Street houses which the Contractor, Mr. Thomas Malone, had failed to erect.

RE GREEN ST. HOUSING

A lengthy letter from Messrs. John Kenny & Sons, Contractors for the Green Street Housing Scheme, applying to have the joinery made in local Joinery Works was submitted, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed to inform the Contractors that the Corporation could not agree to any alteration in the Specification.

MEAT INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of April showed that he had examined 123 cattle, 317 sheep and 85 swine. Of the cattle, 3 partial carcasses to the extent of 418 lbs weight were destroyed for tuberculosis. 14 heads and 24 offals were destroyed for similar disease. Of the sheep 120 organs were destroyed for diseases other than tuberculosis, and of the swine, 2 heads were destroyed for tuberculosis.

RE DERELICT SITES

The Town Clerk intimated that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was pressing for action to be taken on the Borough Surveyor's report regarding derelict sites, and as this matter had been referred to the Housing Committee to deal with it was agreed that the Committee should meet on the 19th instant at 7.30.p.m. and that no meeting of the Finance and Works Committee be held on that date.

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REPORTS

Reports were submitted from the Co. Medical Officer of Health regarding houses at Bride Street occupied by Mrs. Davis, at Bishopswater occupied by Thomas Sparrow, and at Furlong's Lane, Bride Street, occupied by Stephen Dunne. In the case of Davis's house the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to report on it and in the other two notice was to be served fixing a day and hour when any offer regarding the future user of the house would be considered.

GRAVEYARDS

It was agreed to have the various graveyards in the Town limewashed as soon as possible.

BATHING PLACE

The Borough Surveyor was to be asked to make a report on the condition of the Bathing Place against next meeting.

EXTRA WORK - TOWN SERGEANT

Reference was made to the considerable amount of extra work which the Town Sergeant had to do in connection with the various meetings held from time to time in the Town Hall regarding Air Raid Precautions Work, the distribution of respirators to the civilian population, etc. In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that the Town Sergeant as caretaker of the Town Hall had to get the room ready for each meeting and clean it up afterwards. If the Hall was being used by a private individual for a meeting the Town Sergeant was entitled to a fee of 2/6d, so it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walsh, that the Town Sergeant should be paid a fee of 2/6d for each meeting held in the Town Hall in respect of Air Raid Precautions lectures, the distribution of respirators, etc.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Connolly R.D.
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16th May, 1941.

A Meeting of the Joint Air Raid Precautions Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Alderman Thomas Walsh (in the Chair) with Councillors. Byrne, Moran, Cashman, and Crosbie, Messrs. J. J. Scallen, T. J. O'Brien, and R. O'Connor.

The Town Clerk reported as follows regarding the progress of the A.R.P. Scheme. He had arranged with the Electricity Supply Board to supply the necessary steel tubing to enable the siren over the Town Hall to be connected and an order had been placed with the Board for the materials. He further intimated that he proposed to put a second siren at the Military Barracks, Wexford, subject to the permission of the Army Authorities. As regards the provision of ambulances, he had communicated with the Department of Defence but they were not disposed to agree to the purchase of a portable ambulance. The Officers from the Department would be visiting Wexford on the 19th instant when he would discuss this matter further with them and see if he could get them to agree to the Committee's proposal.

As regards the distribution of respirators to the civilian population he reported that approximately 10,000 had now been distributed and that the general distribution would finish during the coming week.

As regards the erection of Air Raid Shelters, he reported that Messrs. O'Connor & Co. were under contract to erect these shelters within a specified time, and it would be injudicious as well as practically impossible, to try and expedite their erection.

As regards the Warden Service, the Town Clerk intimated that there were a few districts in which he had not sufficient, and he was asked to make a report on these at the next meeting.

After a lengthy discussion on fire-fighting it was agreed that a letter should be sent to the various shopkeepers in the Town urging on them the need for providing themselves with small fire-fighting equipment to deal with fires in their initial stages.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard O'Connor T.D.
9. 6. 41

19th May, 1941.

A Meeting of the Joint Committee composed of members of the Corporation, Parish Council, and St. Vincent de Paul Society to consider the question of Fuel Supplies during the coming winter was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at nine o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Sinnott, Byrne, Moran, Dunne, representing the Corporation.

T. D. Sinnott, Co. Commissioner, J.J. Scallan, and T. J. O'Brien, representing the Parish Council. J. Cunningham, P. Breen, L. Kirwan, and L. Kelly representing the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Correspondence which had passed between the Corporation and the Coal Merchants on the storage of coal for the coming winter was read and this showed that at the present time the prospects of purchasing coal were good but that the great difficulty was finance. This difficulty had been pointed out to the Department of Local Government and Public Health who had referred the matter to the Minister for Supplies, and under date of the 15th instant the Minister suggested that any Coal Merchant who was in a position to secure large stocks of coal for reserve purposes should approach his Banker in the matter and it was understood that sympathetic consideration would be given to applications for banking accommodation for this purpose.

The question of the purchase of turf was also considered, and it was stated that the County Surveyor together with a representative of the Turf Board, and the County Commissioner were to visit the turf bog at Castlebridge on the following day to see what were the prospects of winning turf in large quantities from this bog, and it was decided that the Borough Surveyor should accompany these gentlemen. If it was possible to win a sufficient quantity of turf from the Castlebridge bog it was pointed out that the Corporation were empowered to take it over from the Co. Surveyor once he had made a vesting order, and it was also stated that the Co. Surveyor was willing to hand this bog over to the Corporation.

Reference was also made to the large deposits of turf at Mount Leinster, and it was stated that the County Surveyor had been asked to make a report on this deposit to the Department of Local Government and Public Health immediately. The big difficulty in so far as Wexford was concerned regarding the Mount Leinster deposit was that of transport, and it was suggested that the Coal Merchants should be asked to co-operate with the Committee in working this deposit.

Arising out of this suggestion it was agreed that the Coal Merchants should be asked to meet the Committee to discuss the question of supplies generally on Monday next the 26th instant at 8.30 p.m.

The question of the supply of fuel to the poorer members of the community also gave rise to a discussion, during which it was pointed out that even if coal were available during the coming winter numbers of them would not be in a position to purchase it, and a further suggestion was made that persons at present employed in the Town should be asked to contribute a weekly sum towards the building up of a Fuel Fund for the winter months, and it was decided that as a first step this question should be ventilated at the next Monthly Meeting of the Corporation.

The Meeting then terminated.

26th May, 1941.

A meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Thomas Byrne, James Crosbie, Timothy Cashman, Robert Moran, Stephen McMahon, Patrick Atkins, James Sinnott, Thomas Dunne, and Thomas Hayes.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Byrne, Alderman Walsh was moved to the Chair in the absence of His Worship the Mayor.

The Town Clerk reminded the members that they had not yet submitted to him their proposals for the Employment Schemes Vote for the current year, and requested them to do so at once so that he could have them examined and estimates made of the cost of carrying them out.

WATERWORKS SCHEME

The Town Clerk reported that in the week ending 24th instant 19 men were employed on the Waterworks Improvement Scheme. He further reported that approximately 1 mile of the cement asbestos pipes had arrived together with the necessary valves and that work on the laying of these would be commenced during the coming week. As regards concrete line steel pipes he reported that extreme difficulty was being experienced in procuring an export licence to have these exported from England, and that diplomatic conversations were going on between the Irish and British Governments to see if a licence could be procured. The Contractor, however, had discussed the matter with the Town Clerk this afternoon when he had suggested that if it was impossible to procure the steel pipes that he could procure a 9" cement asbestos pipe in lieu therefor. He (Town Clerk) had informed the Contractor, however, that this was a matter he should first discuss with the Consulting Engineers and he had arranged for such discussion to take place during the present week with the Contractor, the Engineers and the Mayor of Wexford. As soon as the Engineer's report was available the Corporation would be in a position to deal with the matter.

PLAN

There was submitted to the meeting the plan of a bungalow proposed to be erected at St. John's Road by the Misses J. & M. Carty. The Borough Surveyor reported that owing to the restricted nature of the site and to the fact that they wished to erect a bungalow in preference to a 2 storey building the Misses Carty asked to be allowed to advance their building line nearer to the road. He had inspected the site accompanied by their Engineer and after taking the various features into consideration he had advanced their building line 6' nearer to the roadway, subject to the approval of the Corporation. The amended building line would be 18' inside the boundary wall of the site, the footpath was 12' wide and the roadway 24' wide at this point.

Mr. McNally explained to the meeting that there was no objection to the new building line, so it was unanimously agreed to grant permission for the erection of the house on the lines suggested in the report.

With reference to minutes of previous meetings when it was decided to ask the Minister for Supplies to authorise the appointment of local committees to deal with the question of profiteering in food supplies, the Minister

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under date of the 12th instant by letter No. OA.1091/40, intimated that he did not consider it desirable that powers to undertake investigations into prices should be given to local committees and that investigations of this nature were undertaken by his Inspectors following the receipt of complaints.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

There was submitted to the meeting an intimation that the Annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities would be held in Cavan in September next, and it was agreed to recommend the Corporation to send the usual delegates.

CONTRACT - A.R.P. SHELTERS

On the motion of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Contract and Bond with Messrs. M. O'Connor & Co., for the erection of Air Raid Shelters in the Town was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

WATER SUPPLY

The Borough Surveyor reported that during the past week owing to the rainfall that the Reservoir was holding its own and that as a result of the cutting off of the supply to the Town at night a saving of 160,000 gallons per day was being affected, and it was agreed to continue the cutting off at night for the present.

REPAIRS

The Borough Surveyor was asked to have the W.C. cistern in the house occupied by Patrick Browne, Distillery Road, examined and to have repairs carried out to the eave gutters on the Corporation Store at Gibson Street.

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Contractor for the Green Street houses intimating that owing to the increase in the price of petrol that deliveries of gravel had increased by 3d per ton and that he would be claiming this increase from the Corporation under the terms of his Contract. He further reported that he would also be claiming for the increased cost of petrol used in the concrete mixers. It was seen that nothing could be done regarding this matter at the moment as the Contractor would have to submit evidence in due course that the increase was in accordance with the terms of the contract.

The Borough Surveyor was instructed to have repairs carried out to the kerb of the footpath outside the premises occupied by Miss O'Keefe, Faythe House, to enable the water to drain off the footpath there.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Cunniff T.D.
9. 6. 41

26th May, 1941.

A meeting of the Special Committee appointed to deal with Fuel Supplies was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past eight o'clock p.m.

The members present being as follows:-

Representing the Corporation - Aldermen Walsh, Coffey. Councillors. Moran, Dunne, Sinnott, Byrne, Hayes, and Buckland.

Representing the St. Vincent de Paul Society - Messrs. P. Breen, L. Kelly, and L. Kirwan.

Representing the Wexford Parish Council:- Messrs. T. D. Sinnott, County Commissioner, Thomas J. O'Brien, and J. J. Scallan.

On the motion of Mr. T. D. Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Dunne, Alderman Walsh was moved to the Chair.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when it was decided to request the Coal Merchants of the Town to meet the Committee at the present meeting to discuss -

- (1) the normal needs of the Town from October to May;
- (2) if the merchants were in a position to carry from now sufficient stocks to meet (1);
- (3) if it was possible for the merchants and the committee to engage in a Joint Scheme for the winning of turf;
- (4) the possibility of using slack with mud turf to provide briquettes.

The Merchants were represented at the meeting by Messrs. J. J. Stafford, W. French, and P. Kinsella. The first item discussed was the normal needs of the Town from October to May and the Merchants agreed that 5,000 tons would be a safe estimate of the needs of the Town for the winter months for ordinary domestic consumption only. If gas coal were not available and the Gas Works were obliged to close or restrict their output in any way the consumption of coal for domestic purposes would increase.

As regards No. 2, if the merchants were in a position to carry from now sufficient stocks to meet No. 1 Mr. Stafford stated that he would have at least 3,000 tons of coal to commence the winter period with. This was considered satisfactory and it was estimated that if Messrs. Stafford had 3,000 tons the remainder of the merchants would have anything from 1,000 to 2,000 between them, so that the position of the town would be comparatively good for the winter. At the same time it was considered that every effort should be made to procure a quantity of turf and as regards the Castlebridge Bog which was under consideration at last meeting, the County Commissioner reported that the bog had been inspected on Tuesday last by the County Surveyor, accompanied by a representative from the Turf Board, the Borough Surveyor and himself. The turf there was definitely of a good quality but would have to be made, and the Co. Surveyor had made a vesting order which would operate on the 27th instant. The merchants intimated that they were prepared to co-operate in every way with the Committee in the working of the Castlebridge Bog, and Mr. Stafford suggested that if a load of turf was brought into his premises he would be prepared to have it made as a test with a 300 lbs pressure hydraulic press, and if this worked out satisfactorily the press could be moved to Castlebridge and the turf manufactured on the site there.

In this connection a deputation was appointed to wait on the Co. Surveyor to see what the position was regarding the turf bog at Castlebridge, and if it would be possible for the Committee to take over a portion of it.

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The deputation was to consist of Mr. Sinnott, Mr. Scallan, Alderman Walsh, the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk. As regards No. 4 on the Agenda the proposal to make briquettes with slack and mud turf, the merchants pointed out that owing to the present price of slack it would be absolutely uneconomical.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Cord TD
9. 6. 41

2nd June, 1941.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman Robert Coffey,

Councillors. Thomas Byrne, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Hayes, and Thomas Buckland.

PAYMENTS

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £4,776. 2. 9. were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged. In reply to Alderman Coffey, the Town Clerk stated that he had not yet received any report from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the Housing Inquiry held in Wexford last year. The Alderman also asked the Town Clerk to supply him with the cost per month of scavenging on streets and the number of men employed thereon.

RATE COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNTS

The first business was to close the accounts of the Collector of Town and Poor Rates for the year ended 31st March, 1940.

The following is a summary of the Town Rate Collection:-

FOR COLLECTION -- CURRENT AND ARREARS

	BOROUGH	CO. CESS	WATER	TOTALS
Current	9088. 5. 5.	3310. 1. 6.	1470. 2. 0.	13868. 8. 11.
Arrears	1941. 6. 6.	821. 8. 6.	371. 4. 6½.	3133. 19. 6½.
TOTALS	11029. 11. 11.	4131. 10. 0.	1841. 6. 6½.	17002. 8. 5½.

COLLECTION

Collected:	8348. 5. 5½.	3057. 7. 3.	1364. 2. 2½.	12769. 14. 11.
Discount	103. 1. 4.	41. 14. 0.	20. 16. 11.	165. 12. 3.
Arrears	2578. 5. 1½.	1032. 8. 9.	456. 7. 5.	4067. 1. 3½.
TOTALS	11029. 11. 11.	4131. 10. 0.	1841. 6. 6½.	17002. 8. 5½.

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The Collector's Accounts on Form 53 had been carefully examined by the Special Rates Committee and they recommended that they be dealt with as follows:-

WRITTEN OFF AS IRRECOVERABLE.				CARRIED FORWARD INTO 1941-42 WARRANT			
Borough	£868.	5.	0.	:	1710.	0.	1½.
Co. Cess	335.	6.	0.	:	697.	2.	9.
Water	167.	4.	2.	:	289.	3.	3.
TOTALS	1370.	15.	2.	:	2696.	6.	1½.

Councillor Cashman moved the adoption of the Committee recommendation which was seconded by Alderman Coffey, and the sheets were thereupon signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

The accounts of the Collector of Poor Rate were then taken up.

The Total of his Warrant, including Arrears amounted to .. £12875. 7. 8.

Of this he collected and lodged £8532. 19. 2.

He allowed Discount of 100. 4. 0.

Leaving outstanding at 31st March

last 4242. 4. 6. 12875. 7. 8.

The Special Rates Committee had also examined Mr. O'Leary's list of outstanding rates on Form 53, and recommended that £1,529. 4. 11½. be written off as irrecoverable and that £2,712. 19. 6½. be carried forward into the warrant for 1941-42. The adoption of the Committee recommendation in this case was also moved by Councillor Cashman and seconded by Alderman Coffey. It was unanimously agreed to, and Form 53 signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

TOWN RATES 1941-42.

The next business was to formally make Town Rates for the year 1941-42 as already agreed to, and the following three Resolutions relating to the Town Rates were unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Cashman, seconded by Councillor Buckland:--

1. "That a Borough Rate of Ten Shillings in the pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Nine Shillings for General Sanitary Purposes) be made on the net assessible value of property within the Borough of Wexford to supply the deficiency in the Borough Fund as shown in an estimate of expenses required to permit the Municipal Administration of said Borough to be carried out in the year ending 31st March, 1942, as considered and adopted on 7th April, 1941."

2. "That an assessment of Three Shillings and Sixpence in the pound be made in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1942, pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Wexford) Confirmation Act, 1873, and the Acts incorporated with and amending or extending same as per an estimate duly considered and adopted on the 7th April, 1941."

3. "That an assessment of One Shilling and Tenpence in the pound, viz:- a Domestic Water Rate of One Shilling and Fourpence and a Public Water Rate of sixpence in the pound on the rateable value of property within the Town of Wexford be laid on in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1942, pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Dalkey, Etc.) Confirmation Act, 1876; the Public Health (Ireland) Act,

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1878, and Acts incorporated with and amending or extending same as per an estimate duly considered and adopted on the 7th April, 1941."

As regards the Poor Rate the following resolution was also unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hayes:-

"That a Poor Rate of Ten Shillings in the pound for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1942, be made on the net assessable valuation of property within the Borough of Wexford as per an estimate duly considered and adopted on the 7th April, 1941."

The Rate Book containing the foregoing rates together with arrears carried forward from previous years was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hayes, the necessary Warrants authorising the collection of the Town and Poor Rates together with arrears of previous years Rates carried forward was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Cunniff TD

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9th June, 1941.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Walsh, McMahon, and Coffey.

Councillors: Sinnott, Atkins, Dunne, Connolly, Gaul, Cashman, Byrne, Hayes, McGuire, Crosbie, and Moran.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on 5th May, 2nd June; Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees on 5th, 12th and 26th May; Air Raid Precautions Committee on 16th May; Joint Committee to consider the question of fuel supplies on 19th and 26th May. On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

PAYMENTS

Alderman Coffey referred to the payments passed at the meeting of the Corporation on the 2nd instant and pointed out that the total amount passed was more than the amount on the list submitted to the members with the Agenda for the meeting, and the Town Clerk replied that other accounts had come in after the issue of the Agenda, and as it was necessary that they should be paid they had been included in the Advice Note which had been examined by the members before the Accounts were passed.

INQUIRY

With reference to the inquiry held last year under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts Alderman Coffey stated he was informed that the Inspector had made a report, but the Town Clerk replied that so far the report of the Inspector had not reached him. Some members objected to the manner of Alderman Coffey's question and seemed to think he was insinuating that the report had been sent to the Town Clerk and had not been presented to the Corporation, but the Alderman explained that he did not mean any such a thing and he only asked a question which he was perfectly entitled to do.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A letter was read from Dr. and Mrs. McDonald acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with them at a recent meeting. A letter was also read from the Minister for Defence on the subject of the treatment of internees at the Curragh No. 1 Camp. The letter pointed out that internees were allowed to write one letter per week and there was no limitation to the number of letters they might receive. In addition, they were allowed one visit per month from relatives. The Minister further stated that having regard to the privileges enjoyed by the internees he considered that visits by the Irish Red Cross Society would serve no useful purpose.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to Councillor John Billington on the death of his father-in-law. The motion was

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seconded by Councillor Sinnott, supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence. Councillor Byrne proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Stepehn McMahon on the death of his sister-in-law. This motion was seconded by Councillor Dunne and adopted in the usual way.

AIR RAID SHELTERS

Councillor Hayes referred to the Air Raid Shelters at present being constructed at St. Peter's Square and asked that one of the shelters which was opposite the premises of Messrs. Cousins & Co. be not proceeded with. He pointed out that Messrs. Cousins had to carry on business and the shelter was being put in a place where it would block the road. The Borough Surveyor stated that the shelter referred to would be 40 feet from the front wall of the house. He agreed it would be fairly tight getting in and out lorries. It was pointed out to the meeting by both the Mayor and Town Clerk that the provision of Air Raid Shelters was primarily intended to cater for the moving population. When Air Raid Shelters had first been mooted in Wexford Officials of the Corporation had met Officials of the Department of Defence in Wexford and had intimated to them places where they considered air raid shelters should be erected. The Officials of the Department of Defence, however, pointed out that it was not and could not be the policy of the Government to provide shelters for everybody and that provision could only be made for what might be termed the moving population. That would mean people who would be caught during an air raid in a place like the Main Street doing business. Consequently, it was necessary that the shelters should be erected in close proximity to where the moving population might reasonably be expected to be and in Wexford this was undoubtedly the Main Street. It had therefore, been decided to erect the shelters as close as possible to the Main Street and the various sites suggested by the Officials had been approved by the Corporation.

The question of the provision of Air Raid Shelters in the Faythe and John Street had also been strongly advocated by members of the Council. In the Faythe for the reason that large number of workers were passing through it each day to the Works of Messrs. Pierce & Co. and Messrs. Brockhouse & Co. and as well, there was a large school situated there. For the John Street area similar arguments were put forward in support of the suggestion. These suggested sites had been put before the Minister for Defence who would not approve of them.

As regards St. Peter's Square, four shelters were being erected there and it was now considered that three would be sufficient and that one of them should be erected on another site.

It was eventually proposed by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne that permission be sought from the Department of Defence to change the fourth shelter from St. Peter's Square to Swan View, Faythe, and failing that that it should be erected at Bride Place, although the Town Clerk pointed out that the Minister had already refused to sanction the erection of a shelter in the Faythe. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

FIRE FIGHTING CERTIFICATE

The next business was to receive a First Class Certificate of qualification obtained by Mr. T. Crosbie, Captain of the Fire Brigade as a result of a course of instruction in fire-fighting held in Dublin last year. His Worship the Mayor in making the presentation said he wished to convey to Mr. Crosbie the congratulations of the Corporation on his being able to secure a First Class Certificate. They all knew his capabilities in so far as his work in Wexford was concerned, and as he had only been in Dublin for a short time he thought that the certificate showed that he had paid strict attention to the instructions given to him.

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Mr. Crosbie returned his thanks for the certificate and said he had done his best up to now and would continue doing so with the men he was at present training.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne, an agreement was sealed and signed between the Corporation and the Irish Tourist Association for the payment to the latter body during the Financial Year 1941-42 of a local contribution of £20.

DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE

The next business was to appoint delegates to attend the annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities to be held in September next. In this connection the necessary notice required by Article 2 (2) of the Local Conferences Order, 1928, had been served on each member prior to the meeting. It was explained that as both Councillor Hayes and the Mayor were members of the Executive Committee of the Association that the Corporation would be entitled to appoint three delegates if one of them was either Councillor Hayes or the Mayor, and the expenses of that delegate would be paid by the Executive of the Association. Councillor Byrne proposed that Councillor Hayes be one of the delegates and Alderman Walsh seconded. Councillor Crosbie proposed that Councillor Gaul be one of the delegates and Councillor Atkins seconded. Councillor McGuire proposed that Alderman Walsh be one of the delegates and Alderman Coffey seconded. Councillor Byrne proposed that Councillor Connolly be one of the delegates and Councillor Atkins seconded. Councillor Gaul moved that the Mayor be one of the delegates and Councillor Crosbie seconded. Both Councillors Gaul and Connolly intimated that they did not wish to attend the Conference and withdrew their names, so it was then unanimously agreed that the delegates should be, the Mayor, Alderman Walsh, and Councillor Hayes, and that if either of these gentlemen were elected on the Executive Committee of the Association that they be authorised to attend the number of meetings of the executive permitted by the Local Conferences Order.

EMERGENCY POWERS ORDER

The next business was a motion by Councillor Byrne protesting against the Emergency Powers Order restricting the upward movement of wages and calling on the Government to rescind same. In moving the motion he stated that to his mind it was the most tyrannical order ever made in this country; there was nothing facing the country but increased cost of living and he would appeal to the Minister to be guided by the ~~wise~~ wise council of public opinion and rescind the order immediately. Alderman McMahon seconded the motion which was supported by a number of members and gave rise to a lengthy debate. Eventually it was unanimously decided that the Government be requested to rescind the order.

VACANT SEATS

A further motion by Councillor Byrne that steps be taken to fill seats on the Corporation vacant by non attendance, etc. was adjourned until next meeting.

TRAINS TO ROSSLARE

In reply to Councillor Byrne it was stated that so far no definite reply had been received from the Great Southern Railways regarding the train service to Rosslare on Sundays during the summer, but the Mayor intimated that he was in touch with the Traffic Manager of the Great Southern Rail-

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ways and the matter was receiving his careful attention.

WATERWORKS SCHEME

With reference to the employment of men on the Wexford Waterworks Scheme it was reported that in the week ending 7th instant 48 men were employed, 39 of which were from the Town and 9 from the rural district. In this connection Councillor Connolly complained he understood that the Contractor took on 3 men that had been employed up to a couple of days before by a farmer, one of them had been employed for practically 6 years and the others for 2 or 3 years. The men walked out of their employment and turned in on the following day on the Waterworks Scheme. He thought that this matter should be brought to the notice of the authorities responsible, and it was agreed that the Town Clerk should see the Contractor about the matter.

PUBLIC PARK

Reference was made to the proposal of Councillor Sinnott which had been before the Corporation for some time to establish a public park in the southern end of the town and a suggestion was made that this should be carried out through the medium of the Relief Schemes Vote during the current year, and it was decided that a meeting of the Relief Grants Committee should be convened as soon as possible to consider this and other proposals for the expenditure of the Grant during the current year.

N. H. INSURANCE BENEFITS

Councillor Sinnott referred to the question of benefits under the National Health Insurance Acts and stated he understood there was £5,000,000 in the accumulated funds and asked the delegates appointed to the Annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities to raise this matter at the conference, so it was agreed that the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorised to draft a resolution on this subject for submission to the Conference.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corbett TD

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A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Special Meeting.

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the Borough Surveyor enclosing copy of a letter from the Contractors for the Green Street Housing Scheme, Messrs. John Kenny & Sons, Ltd., who intimated that it was impossible to procure red deal and asked for permission to use either white deal or steel sashes.

The Borough Surveyor reported that in his opinion the white deal available would not last more than a few years when total replacements of both sashes and frames would be necessary at a cost of practically £20 per house. As well, he stated, the price of white deal had increased by over £20 per standard since Messrs. Kenny's tender was submitted, and as each house would require about a standard of timber it would mean that the cost of the houses would be considerably increased above the accepted tender. In this connection it was decided that a Committee composed of Alderman Walsh, Councillors. Dunne, Hayes and the Borough Surveyor should inspect what stocks of timber were available in the Town and if they were satisfied that sufficient stocks of good quality white deal were available that the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the using of white deal for window frames and sashes should be sought as soon as possible.

The Borough Surveyor also reported that the Contractors were finding it very difficult to obtain the necessary materials for fencing without paying cash or having the account guaranteed by the Corporation, so it was agreed that the Town Clerk should consult with the Corporation Solicitor to see if it were possible for the Corporation to legally guarantee an account to supply the Contractor, and if so, he should make the necessary arrangements to do so as soon as possible.

GATES - WILLIAM STREET

The Town Clerk was directed to write to Mr. T. Malone, Newtown, and inform him that unless the balance of the railings and gates for the William Street houses were delivered within 7 days the Corporation would be obliged to accept the tender which had been submitted by Hogan & Sons, Smiths, to supply the gates and charge the amount to Mr. Malone.

A.R.P.

The Town Clerk submitted a report from the Department of Defence on the result of conversations which had recently taken place between Officials of the Department of Defence and Officials of the Corporation on the progress of the A.R.P. Scheme in the Town. From the report it would appear that in the opinion of the visiting Officials the discussions disclosed a very unsatisfactory state of affairs, which in part could be caused by the absence of delegated duties and that the Town Clerk was endeavouring to look after all aspects himself.

It was decided to refer this correspondence to a meeting of the A.R.P. Committee to be held on Friday next 13th instant and to add the names of Councillors Byrne and Sinnott to this Committee.

BATHING PLACE

The Borough Surveyor submitted a report on the condition of the bathing place and stated that some damage had been done by storms which could be made good at a cost of approximately £10, so it was decided to have these repairs carried out and to open the bathing place as soon as possible.

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NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that owing to the Forty Hours Adoration in Rowe Street Church that no meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees be held on Monday next 16th instant unless it was absolutely essential.

FILING CABINETS

The Town Clerk reported to the meeting that filing cabinets were required in his, the Mayors and Borough Surveyor's offices; so it was unanimously agreed that he be authorised to purchase three.

It was also agreed on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Hayes to pay the usual bonus of 5% on the administration of the National Free Milk Supply Scheme to Miss Lacey and Nurse F. M. Daly.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Cross TD

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A Meeting of the Air Raid Precautions Committee of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh, Councillors. Crosbie, Byrne, Cashman and Sinnott.

A lengthy report under date of the 30th ultimo, No. A.R.P./155 was submitted from the Department of Defence on the result of a visit by Officers of that Department on the 19th idem when the Scheme was discussed with the Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and County Medical Officer of Health. According to the report the discussion disclosed what was considered to be a very unsatisfactory state of affairs. Generally, the lack of progress could in part be caused by the absence of any delegation of duties and that in effect the Town Clerk was endeavouring to look after all aspects himself.

The Town Clerk pointed out to the present meeting that no delegation of duties had been made by the Corporation and that responsibility for the whole scheme had been left to him, and he asked that responsibility for Rescue Work, Casualty Service, Fire-fighting, Decontamination, Transport and Communications be delegated to various Officers of the Council. As well, he pointed out that a Chief Air Warden would have to be appointed who would take responsibility for the organisation and control of the Warden Service. The members agreed that this delegation of duties should be made forthwith, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Borough Surveyor was made responsible for the Rescue Service. On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, the County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. M. F. Daly, was made responsible for the Casualty Service. On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Cashman, responsibility for the Fire-fighting was placed on the Captain of the Fire Brigade, Mr. T. Crosbie. On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Alderman Walsh, responsibility for the Decontamination Service was placed on Mr. Henry F. Doyle, of the Town Clerk's Office. For Transport and Emergency Communications a Mr. Gerard Byrne of St. Peter's Square was placed in charge of this service on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh.

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Cashman, the Town Clerk was formally appointed Chief A.R.P. Officer for the co-ordination of all the Services.

The next business was to appoint a person to act as Chief Air Warden and this appointment presented considerable difficulties. The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that the person appointed to this post should be a person capable of organising work and one who would have the confidence of the public. A very lengthy consideration of this position took place and a number of names were suggested both from the A.R.P. Organisation and outsiders but they were rejected for various reasons until the list was down to two persons, so before making a formal appointment it was decided that the Town Clerk should inquire from the two persons named if they would be prepared to act and report to a further meeting of the Committee to be held on the 23rd instant.

The meeting then terminated.



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A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Hayes, Byrne, McMahon, Crosbie, McGuire, Cashman, Dunne, Atkins, Moran, and Sinnott.

CLEANING STORES

Councillor Byrne asked to be informed at next meeting what the cost of cleaning the Trinity Street and other stores had amounted to.

HOUSE - DISTILLERY RD.

Mr. James Browne of Bishopswater appeared before the meeting in connection with a notice served on him under Section 23 of the Housing (Financial & Miscellaneous) Provisions Act, 1932, in connection with a house at Distillery Road occupied by Thomas Sparrow. Mr. Browne intimated that he was willing to carry out reasonable repairs in order to make the house fit for human habitation, and pointed out that this house was not in the same position as one in a congested area of the Town, it being on the borders of the Borough and practically in the rural area. Mr. Browne then withdrew from the meeting and after a lengthy discussion, during which a number of members did not appear to think that the house should be condemned as unfit for human habitation, it was decided to refer the matter to the Borough Surveyor for a report as to what repairs he considered necessary to make the house fit for human habitation.

HOUSE - FURLONG'S LANE

It was reported that a notice under the Act of 1931 had also been served on a Mr. Edward Carr, Bride Street, in respect of a house at Furlong's Lane, Bride Street, occupied by Stephen Dunne. In this case no representations had been made by or on behalf of the owner, and it was unanimously agreed that having regard to the report that the Corporation be recommended to make a Demolition Order in respect of the dwelling.

GREEN ST. HOUSING

With reference to minutes of the 9th instant when a letter had been read from the Contractor for the Green Street Housing Scheme pointing out that it was impossible to procure red deal and when a committee had been appointed to inspect the white deal available in the town to see if it were suitable for window frames and sashes, the Town Clerk reported that the Committee, accompanied by the Borough Surveyor, had inspected the stocks of timber at the Wexford Timber Company and considered that it was quite satisfactory for the purpose although the Borough Surveyor and the Contractor had not agreed. The Town Clerk now reported that in accordance with the decision of the Committee he had communicated with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the matter and laid all the facts before him. Under date of the 20th instant by letter No. H.984/12/41, the Minister stated he saw no reason to disagree with the views expressed by the Engineer and Contractor that white deal was unsuitable. The responsibility he stated, for the satisfactory completion of the Scheme devolved on the Engineer, and in the circumstances steel window frames should be substituted.

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This letter gave rise to a lengthy debate, practically all the members were teetotally opposed to the use of steel sashes but it was pointed out to them that as red deal was not available that a decision regarding the use of steel sashes must be come to that night. If the Corporation refused to agree to the use of steel sashes the Contractor would be obliged to close down the works as he had reached a stage when he would commence building in for the window frames.

It was eventually decided that the use of steel sashes be agreed to only under pressure and without prejudice to any future Housing Schemes which might be undertaken by the Corporation.

RATE COLLECTOR'S REMUNERATION

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the payment of Rate Collectors monthly, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 18th instant by letter No. G.2063/4/41, stated that on the understanding that the proposal was limited to the current Financial Year he would raise no further objection to the scheme under which interim payments might be made to the Rate Collectors. The matter was one, however, to which the approval of personal sureties and Insurance Companies should be obtained by the Corporation before the arrangement in question was brought into practice. This communication was considered satisfactory and the Town Clerk was directed to make the necessary application to the sureties and the Insurance Companies for permission.

OFFICE FOR RATE COLLECTORS

Arising out of this matter reference was made to a recent decision of the Rates Committee to convert the present office of the Inspector of Food and Drugs into a Rates Office, and it was pointed out that up to the present date alternative accommodation had not been secured for the Inspector of Food and Drugs, but the Borough Surveyor stated that he had had a conversation with the Inspector that evening when they had agreed that a vacant stall in the Market at the Bull Ring could be converted into an office for him, so it was unanimously agreed that this should be done and that the present office of the Inspector of Food and Drugs should be converted into a Rates Office.

DEFECTIVE DRAIN

The Town Clerk reported that for some days past the Sanitary Inspector experienced considerable trouble in getting the owners of four houses at Rowe Street to abate a nuisance arising from a defective drain and he had just served a notice on the four owners requesting them to have the drain d/opened, and repaired within 24 hours. This action was approved and he was further authorised to issue legal proceedings if the drain was not repaired in the time specified by him.

HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

With reference to a previous discussion on the subject of the house at St. Brendan's Road, William Street, which was being disposed of on the Tenant Purchase System to a Mr. Michael Devereux who was missing ~~since~~ from his home for some months past and whom the authorities had been unable to trace, the Town Clerk pointed out that the arrears of rent in this case were now over £30, and as requested at a previous meeting he had obtained a report from the Borough Surveyor on the addition made to this dwelling by Mr. Devereux. Mr. James G. Byrne, Solicitor, on behalf of Mrs. Devereux had asked the Corporation to refund the deposit of £30 together with the £26 costs paid by Mr. Devereux to his wife and to treat the existing contract for sale as rescinded. This matter gave rise to a

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big discussion during which it was pointed out that the application for the house and the deposit of £30 had been made by Mr. Michael Devereux himself and the Corporation could not legally refund to his wife this amount even if they felt inclined to do so, so it was decided to write to Mrs. Devereux's Solicitor and inform him that the Corporation could not take back the house and suggest that she should try and let herself or dispose of her interest therein.

RE WATER CHARGES

The Town Clerk reported that some time ago the Committee had written off as irrecoverable some items of Water Charges but through some oversight the matter had not been entered on the Minutes. As the audit of the Corporation Accounts was now about to close he asked for a resolution authorising them to be declared irrecoverable. The items were as follows:-

Simon Lambert	...	£1. 13. 10.
Richard Breen	...	13. 4.
John Breen	...	1. 0. 0.
Department of Posts and Telegraphs	...	1. 0. 0.
Bernard McGuire	...	9. 4. 4.
Michael Hanlon	...	19. 3.

The first three persons were dead; the Department of Posts and Telegraphs had paid a former defaulting Collector; Mr. McGuire had left the country and Mr. Hanlon had no means.

He (Town Clerk) now asked the Committee to write off the sums and it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Coffey, that the amounts above mentioned be written off as irrecoverable.

RE FENCE - WATERWORKS SCHEME

Under date of the 11th instant the Consulting Engineers for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme intimated that the Contractors had asked if a fence was to be erected along the top of the bank to Edenvale to prevent anyone falling into the tail race, which would be three feet wide and five feet deep. They had not included for such a fence, which would be 33 yards long, as they considered that any persons using the pathway would run considerably less risk in traversing many of the other paths alongside the falls which were narrow and slippery and overhanging the river. There were also no fences (parapets) to the bridge on the drive leading to Edenvale House. The Contractor, however, felt that during his period of maintenance it added to his responsibility should anyone slip into the tail race and it was therefore, incumbent on them to bring the matter to the notice of the Corporation and ask for a decision. A concrete post and wire fence would cost approximately, £10 to £12. It was decided to write to the Engineers asking them if they considered the provision of such a fence to be essential.

DEPOSIT - WATERWORKS SCHEME

A letter was read from Messrs. R. J. Campbell & Co., Ltd., whose tender was first accepted for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme but was withdrawn after it had been accepted, asking the Corporation not to insist on forfeiting their deposit of £10. 10. 0., but it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation could not return this deposit.

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HILL ST. SEWER

Under date of the 20th instant by letter No. L.16228/41, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stated that he considered the cost of the materials in connection with the laying of a new sewer at Hill Street might be defrayed out of revenue, but it was decided to point out to the Minister that the Rates for the current year had already been made and that a sum of £220 would mean 3d. in the pound on the rates, which the Corporation considered they could not stand at the present time having regard to the very heavy poundage which it was necessary to levy in the current Financial Year.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES

With reference to the Employment Schemes Grant for 1941-42 it was reported that the Town Planning Adviser, Mr. Donnelly, was preparing a report which would be submitted shortly to the Corporation on the subject of the provision of a Public Park in the Town, and it was decided to inform the Minister for Local Government and Public Health that the matter of a Scheme for the provision of a Public Park was at present under consideration and that plans would be submitted as soon as possible.

ANALYST'S REMUNERATION

A letter was read from Mr. B. G. Fagan, Borough Analyst, on the subject of his application for extra remuneration. Mr. Fagan's application had been before the Corporation as far back as April, 1939, and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had been asked in June of that year if he would be prepared to sanction the new scale of charges prepared by the Analyst's Association. Up to the present no reply had been received and Mr. Fagan under date of the 14th instant again wrote about the matter. It was now decided to point out to the Department that the Corporation were being pestered by the Analyst's Association for a decision on this matter and ask them for a reply to their letter of June 1939 on the subject.

TENDERS

Two tenders were submitted for the supply of blankets and pillows required for Air Raid Precautions Services. Messrs. Healy & Collins quoted 13/11d for 90 woollen blankets and Messrs. W. & G. Hadden 25/-. Messrs. Healy & Collins quoted 2/9d each for 60 pillows and Messrs. Hadden 3/6d each. As this stuff was urgently required the Town Clerk had accepted the quotation on his own and this acceptance was now unanimously ratified.

TURF

A resolution was submitted from the Castlebridge Unemployed requesting the Corporation to send out an expert to inspect the bog there with a view to working turf. In connection with this matter the Mayor telephoned the County Commissioner, Mr. T. D. Sinnott, who informed him that he was bringing an expert from the Turf Board to Castlebridge in the course of the present week, so it was decided to inform the Castlebridge Unemployed that an expert was being brought down and the action of the Wexford Corporation must depend on the report received.

LAND - GREEN ST.

A letter was read from Philip Hall, Carrigeen Street, regarding the piece of land at Green Street, his property. The Corporation were anxious to purchase this ground in connection with the Green Street Housing Scheme but Mr. Hall's Deed showed no boundaries and it was impossible to ascertain so far what he was offering for sale, so it was decided to appoint a Committee to meet Mr. Hall at Green Street on Thursday next at 3.0. p.m..

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The Committee was constituted of Alderman Walsh, Alderman Coffey, Councillors. Hayes, Byrne, Cashman, and Dunne together with the Borough Surveyor.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had hired a concrete mixer to Messrs. Kenny & Sons, Building Contractors, for the sum of £1 per week and that he had also given him a block-making machine on approbation, which he thought Mr. Kenny would make an offer for, and it was agreed that the Surveyor should inform Mr. Kenny that unless he made an offer forthwith ~~that if~~ for the block-making machine they would be obliged to charge him for it.

FOLLY

It was decided that the surface of the road at the Folly should be covered with metal as soon as possible.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD

A meeting of the Air Raid Precautions Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh.

Councillors: Byrne, Cashman, Sinnott and Moran.

The Town Clerk reported that the two gentlemen who had been named at last meeting as possible Chief Air Raid Wardens for the Town would both be residing outside the Borough during the summer months and as at present was the time to have the necessary organising work done neither of them would be suitable for the post. The meeting then carefully examined the list of wardens at present training by the Corporation staff and unanimously decided that Mr. J. Furlong, St. Peter's Square, who had experience of warden service in London, would be the most suitable person for the post, and that a Mr. Patrick Curran, Abbey Street, should be appointed as Assistant Chief Air Raid Warden, so it was unanimously decided on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that Mr. Furlong be appointed as Chief Air Warden and Mr. Curran, Assistant Warden.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD

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A Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: James Gaul, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Hayes, Phillip McGuire, Timothy Cashman, Stephen McMahon, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, Thomas Dunne, Patrick Atkins, and Nicholas Connolly.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of the Corporation on 2nd and 9th instant; Finance & Works, etc., Committees on 9th and 23rd instant; Air Raid Precautions Committee on 13th and 23rd instant.

On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read and signed by the Mayor.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business was to elect a Mayor who would hold office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held between 23rd June and 1st July, 1942, and until his successor had been appointed and made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

As had been the practice for some years past Alderman Corish vacated the Chair during the election, and on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Hayes, it was agreed that Alderman Walsh preside.

Alderman Walsh then occupied the Mayoral Chair and invited nominations for the Office of Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor Cashman in an eulogistic speech proposed that Alderman Richard Corish be elected Mayor of Wexford for the 22nd year in succession to hold office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held between 23rd June and 1st July, 1942, and until his successor had been appointed and made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Councillor Byrne seconded the proposal which was supported by a number of members.

Councillor Atkins, however, proposed that Alderman Walsh be elected Mayor, but the Alderman declined to accept nomination and the proposal was not seconded.

As there was no other nomination for the Office of Mayor the Chairman declared Alderman Corish re-elected amidst applause.

The re-elected Mayor thereupon made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, which Declaration was witnessed by Councillors Sinnott and McMahon.

Alderman Corish then re-occupied the Mayoral Chair and returned thanks to the members for the honour they had bestowed upon him.

The Mayor then reviewed the various services of the Corporation and dealt with the questions of food, fuel, profiteering and unemployment as well as the present rates in the Town.

He further referred to the question of the establishment of a public park and stated that such a project would be permitted under the Employment Schemes Vote for 1941-42. A couple of sites had been suggested and a preliminary examination was at present being carried out by the Corporation Town Planning Advisor, and as soon as his report was available the matter would be put before the Corporation for consideration.

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The next business was to fix the days and hours of three Quarterly Meetings of the Corporation to be held prior to the 23rd June, 1942, and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was agreed, on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the three Quarterly Meetings be fixed for Monday October 6th, 1941, at half-past seven o'clock p.m., Monday January 12th, 1942, at half-past seven o'clock p.m., and Monday April 6th, 1942, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The appointment of Standing Committees of the Council as well as an Old Age Pensions Committee for the Borough was the next item on the Agenda, and Alderman Walsh proposed that the existing Committees be re-appointed; the Public Health Committee to be empowered to deal with all sanitary matters arising in the Borough in pursuance of Section 5 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to and the Committees were constituted as follows: Finance and Works, Waterworks, Public Health and Old Age Pensions Committees to be composed of the entire Corporation, the remaining Committees as under:-

HOUSING COMMITTEE:	Councillors Moran, Sinnott, Crosbie, Dunne, Hayes, Buckland, John Billington, Atkins, Connolly, Byrne, Alderman Walsh, and the Mayor. <i>+ McMahon</i>
FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE:	Councillors Connolly, Buckland, Moran, McGuire, Alderman Walsh, and the Mayor.
CEMETERY COMMITTEE:	Councillors Cashman, Dunne, Sinnott, Buckland, McGuire, Alderman Tobin, and the Mayor.
SCHOOL MEALS COMMITTEE:	Councillors Crosbie, Connolly, McMahon, Alderman Walsh, Mrs. McTamney, Miss Alice Fennell, Mrs. English, Mrs. O'Connor, and Mr. Myles Bergin.
MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE:	Councillors Moran, Hayes, Alderman Walsh, Mrs. Dowse, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. McTamney, Mrs. English, Mrs. Kavanagh, and Miss Furlong.
AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS COMMITTEE:	Councillors Moran, Hawkins, Cashman, Crosbie, Byrne, Sinnott, Alderman Walsh, Coffey, the Mayor, Messrs. A. Hadden, T. J. O'Brien, J. Scallan, and R. O'Connor.
RELIEF GRANTS COMMITTEE:	Councillors Byrne, Connolly, ^{Hayes} Hawkins , Dunne, Sinnott, Alderman Walsh, and the Mayor.

ACCOUNTS

Liabilities which had accrued due to date amounting in the aggregate to £6,564. 6. 5. were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged. Arising out of a payment to Messrs. John Kenny & Sons for the erection of houses at Green Street, a question was raised regarding a recent decision to permit the use of steel sashes, and it was suggested that if the sashes were made in one of the local joinery works instead of on the site that sufficient suitable timber might be available, and a small committee which had some time ago inspected the stocks of timber in the local yards was delegated to ascertain if this were possible. Arising out of the payment to the Irish Tourist Association Councillor

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Byrne raised a question regarding the conditions under which the staffs of some of the hotels were working and the Mayor promised to raise the matter at the next meeting of the Association.

HOUSING SCHEME

On the motion of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott the following scheme for the provision of 34 Houses at Green Street was unanimously adopted and a copy sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

HOUSING (LOAN CHARGES CONTRIBUTIONS) REGULATIONS, 1932 and 1931.

Scheme for the provision of houses, made by the Wexford Corporation at their meeting held on 30th June, 1941.

In pursuance of the Housing (Loan Charges Contributions) Regulations, 1932 and 1938, we, the Wexford Corporation do hereby make the following scheme for the erection of houses under Part III of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, that is to say:-

1. This scheme may be cited as the Wexford Borough (Green Street) Housing Scheme, 1941.
2. The number of houses to be erected shall be 34.
3. The site on which the houses shall be erected shall be the lands at Green Street consisting of five acres one rood one perch, which are proposed to be acquired by agreement.
4. The houses shall be erected in accordance with the plans and specifications to be submitted for approval to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health marked Wexford Borough (Green Street) Housing Scheme, 1941.
5. The total cost of the scheme is estimated not to exceed £16,305 as set out on the attached estimate marked Wexford Borough (Green Street) Housing Scheme, 1941, to be defrayed by borrowing, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

And we declare that of the above mentioned number of houses 34 houses are proposed to be provided for the purpose of accommodating persons who will be displaced by the following operations under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1931, viz., Demolition Orders.

And we further direct that the scheme be submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his approval.

Sealed with the common seal of the Wexford Corporation this 30th day of June, 1941, in the presence of

Richard Corish, T.D. Chairman.

John J. Byrne, Town Clerk.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations, 1941, the contents of which were noted.

LOCAL OFFICES AND EMPLOYMENTS ORDER

There was also submitted to the meeting a letter from the Minister for

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Local Government and Public Health under date of the 23rd ultimo, reference C.L. No. 74/41, intimating that he had amended the Local Offices and Employments Order by a new Order entitled the Local Offices and Employments (Amendment) Order, 1941, the general effect of which was that the remuneration of all officers and employees of Local Authorities including officers and employees whose remuneration had not hitherto been subject to sanction would as from the date of the Order namely, 17th May, 1941, be so subject and no increase in remuneration could be granted after that date without the approval of the Minister.

Councillor Byrne moved that the Corporation do not accept this Order in view of the increasing cost of foodstuffs and other necessities of life. Councillor Cashman seconded this motion which was adopted.

Arising out of this matter reference was made to the refusal of the Minister to sanction a cost of living bonus granted to Patrick Sutton, Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery in March, 1940, and it was again decided to ask the Minister to reconsider his decision in this matter and to point out that Sutton was on duty for the seven days of the week until 10.0. p.m. especially during the summer months.

VACANT SEATS

A motion on the Agenda in the name of Councillor Byrne to declare certain seats on the Corporation vacant for non-attendance was withdrawn owing to the fact that it was possible local elections would be held during the current year.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. William Byrne, Foreman, on the death of his wife, a member of a very old Wexford family. Councillor Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by a number of members present; by the Town Clerk on behalf of the staff and adopted in respectful silence.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Captain Faraday and a member of his crew named Brennan, who had lost their lives in the S.S. St. Patrick recently. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was also supported by the members present and by the Town Clerk on behalf of the staff, and adopted in respectful silence.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Mayor then referred with regret to the departure of the Reverend John Sinnott, who had been Administrator in Wexford for a long number of years to the Lady's Island where he had been appointed as Parish Priest. They knew very well that Father Sinnott was getting well deserved promotion but at the same time they regretted he had to leave them. During his period of office as Administrator he had many dealings with the Corporation and they had always found him a thorough gentleman. He was always anxious to help on behalf of the people of the town generally, especially the poor.

He proposed that they congratulate him on his appointment as Parish Priest to the Lady's Island but that they record their regret that it was necessary for him to leave Wexford.

The Mayor also proposed that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Rev. George Murphy, who had been appointed to succeed Father Sinnott, and would like to assure him that he could expect the same loyalty from the Corporation and the people of Wexford as had been given to his predecessor. Alderman Coffey seconded the motions which were supported by every member present and by the Town Clerk.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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Councillor McMahon returned thanks to the Corporation for the vote of sympathy recently passed with him.

JOHN STREET WATER

Councillor Connolly asked if it would be possible to make available the water from the John Street Reservoir, and it was pointed out that if it was possible to procure sufficient chlorine to sterilise the water it would be made available for the use of the public.

R. Borish T.D. X
mayor

A meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting the members present being the same as at the Quarterly Meeting.

The Borough Surveyor was instructed to have St. Michael's Churchyard cleaned up as soon as possible.

TENDERS - SCRAP IRON

It was reported that tenders had been invited for the purchase of a quantity of scrap iron situate at the Corporation Stores in Trinity Street, and two tenders were received. They were from Michael Donovan, Batt Street, who offered 61/- per ton and P. Donovan, High Street, who offered 58/6d per ton. Tenders had also been invited for the purchase of an old Ford Lorry, and three offers were submitted for this. They were from P. Donovan, who quoted £11. 11. 0., Christopher Hopkins who quoted £11. 15. 0. Michael O'Hanlon who quoted £11. 10. 0., and John Parle, of Ballyhote, Kilrane, who quoted £10. 0. 0.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was agreed to accept the highest offer in each case.

WATER SUPPLY

On the advice of the Borough Surveyor it was agreed that the water supply to the Town should be cut off each night from 7.0. p.m. to 7.0. a.m.

MEMORIAL

A memorial was submitted from the residents of St. Peter's Square protesting against the erection of an Air Raid Shelter in front of their houses there and requesting the Corporation not to proceed further with its erection. It was pointed out, however, that the foundation and base for the shelter had already been constructed and that the proposal of the Corporation to erect shelters in the Square had received wide publicity in the local Press long before the work had begun and it was then that the residents should have raised their objection. It was decided to inform the memorialists that nothing could be done at this stage to have the shelter changed to another site.

HOLIDAYS

The Town Clerk and Sanitary Inspector applied for and were granted their annual holidays.

The meeting then terminated.

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A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Walsh, Coffey, and McMahon.

Councillors: Gashman, Byrne, Stephen McMahon, and Moran.

CONTRACT & BOND HOUSING SCHEME

7th July, 1941.

A Meeting of the Relief Grants Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh.

Councillors Byrne, Connolly, Dunne, Sinnott, and Hayes.

The Mayor explained the position regarding the coming Relief Grants and pointed out that owing to the high cost of materials the labour content on any works such as footpaths, roads, etc., would be out of all proportion to the cost of such works and so it was thought on account of its high labour content the making of a public park, besides being a much needed amenity in Town, would be the most feasible plan to adopt for the coming Relief Grants.

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 2nd July, 1941, asking for a sketch plan of the site or sites together with a copy of the preliminary report from the Town Planning Adviser on the matter, so it was unanimously decided to have this done immediately, and in the meantime, the various titles to both sites should be looked up and examined.

The meeting then terminated.

R. Corish T.D.
Mayor

14th July, 1941.

A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Walsh, Coffey, and McMahon.

Councillors: Cashman, Byrne, Stephen McMahon, and Moran.

CONTRACT & BOND - HOUSING SCHEME

The Contract and Bond of Messrs. John Kenny & Sons, Ltd., in connection with the Housing Scheme at Green Street, Wexford, was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation. Arising out of this some members were of opinion that there was not a sufficient number of carpenters working on the scheme, and the Clerk was directed to inform the Clerk of Works, Mr. Millar, that it would be desirable for more carpenters to be employed on the Scheme.

WATERWORKS SCHEME

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the subject of the recruitment of men for work on the Waterworks Improvement Scheme in progress in the Borough, and it was decided that a copy of this communication should be sent to the Contractors for their observations.

TENDER FOR SCRAP

Arising out of the tender for scrap iron at the last meeting, the successful tenderer, Mr. Ml. Donovan, Batt Street, now wrote stating that the Borough Surveyor had refused to let him take any more scrap as he was not prepared to pay the same price, viz: £3. 1. 0. per ton for the iron and steel contained therein. It was explained to the members that the advertisement asked for tenders for miscellaneous scrap iron which could be seen at the store any time during the week preceding the closing date for tendering.

After some discussion the meeting was of opinion that the Borough Surveyor should sell the remainder of the scrap metal (approximately 4 tons) to some of the foundries in Town for the best price procurable.

REPORT - HEALTH VISITOR

The Health Visitor, Miss F. M. Daly, complained of the insulting attitude of Michael Mahoney of Emmet Place on the occasion of her visiting his house to dress one of his children. This case was adjourned until allegations made by some of the Councillors could be looked into and examined regarding the carrying out by Nurse Daly of her duties under the National Free Milk Supply Scheme.

KEYSER'S LANE

A memorial was received from some residents of South Main Street about the condition of a wall in Keyser's Lane, which was in a most unsatisfactory state and had become a nuisance, and suggested that if the doors and windows were built up it would be some protection to them, so the Clerk was directed to find out the owner or owners of this property and send their names to the signatories of the memorial under review.

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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A letter was read from Mr. P. Hickey, Chief Executive Officer, Vocational Education Committee, formally bringing before the Corporation the fact that there was a vacancy on the Committee due to the resignation of Father Sinnott as a result of his transfer to the Lady's Island as Parish Priest. After some discussion Father G. J. Murphy, A.D.M. was suggested to fill this vacancy and Councillor Sinnott was suggested to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Councillor Billington, so it was decided as these gentlemen had not been already approached it would be better to adjourn generally pending a decision on their willingness to act.

REPORT - BOROUGH SURVEYOR

A report from the Borough Surveyor on the condition of the Horse River and the fact that he had commenced cleansing operations there was read, and after some discussion the action taken by the Borough Surveyor was confirmed.

Complaints about dumping in this river were made by some of the members and it was decided to inform the Sanitary Inspector to inspect this with a view to a prosecution in the case of anyone being found dumping there.

CUTTING OF GRASS

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Caretaker of the Cemetery had suggested to him it was time to cut the grass there, so on the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was decided to pay Patrick English £5 for the cutting of it. This work should be done by the end of August, 1941, and to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, the resultant hay to be the property of English.

The Clerk also reported that there was a deputation with him from the Allotment holders at Whitemill regarding the pilfering of foodstuffs from the allotments held by them at Whitemill, and it was decided to inform the Garda Authorities of this and to ask for their co-operation in putting a stop to this nuisance.

Councillor Moran raised a question of dumping in a vacant plot, the property of the Corporation, on the site of the 14 Houses at William Street recently built, and a similar order was given to the Sanitary Inspector as above, and as well, the Borough Surveyor was directed to have the usual notice regarding the prosecution of people found dumping there erected on the spot.

Adverting to minutes of the Corporation on the 23rd ultimo when a report was read from Dr. Sinnott on the condition of a house at Bishopswater occupied by Thomas Sparrow, the report of the Borough Surveyor was now read and it was decided that a copy of this report should be sent to the owners for their observations.

The Clerk informed the meeting that they had no Sanitary Inspector at the moment as he was on holidays, so it was decided that if any urgent cases of disinfection occurred they should be carried out by the Town Sergeant during the Sanitary Inspector's absence.

REPORT - MEAT INSPECTOR

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of June showed that he had examined 87 cattle, 330 sheep and 45 swine. Of the cattle there were 3 heads, 5 plucks and one offal destroyed for tuberculosis, and 23 organs for diseases other than tuberculosis. Of the sheep there were 45 livers

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destroyed for diseases other than tuberculosis, and of the swine, there was one head and one pluck destroyed for tuberculosis.

Alderman Walsh raised a question of Air Raid Shelters in the Town being constructed for the Corporation by Messrs. O'Connor & Co., and asked what was the position at the moment. The Borough Surveyor informed the meeting that five of the shelters were finished and the remainder were in the last stages of completion, so he was directed to write to O'Connors reminding them of the time limit set for the finishing of these shelters and requesting their observations on the matter.

DEPOSIT

Messrs. Butler Brothers of 319 Crumlin Road, Dublin, wrote asking for the Corporation to reconsider its previous decision in regard to the £10. 10.0. lodged by Butler Brothers in connection with the Wexford Waterworks Scheme but the Committee, after a short discussion, decided they had nothing to add to their previous decision on the matter.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 8th July, 1941, by letter No. L.16228/2/41, intimated that he would raise no objection to the spreading over two years by means of an overdraft on current account of the expenditure on the cost of materials for a new sewer at Summerhill Road. The Council considered this reply very satisfactory and the meeting then terminated.

R. Bond TD
mayor.

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A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Coffey and Walsh.

Councillors: Atkins, Connolly, Gaul, Crosbie, McMahon, Byrne, Hayes, Cashman, and Dunne.

Arising out of the reading of the expenses of the Corporation for the week ending 23rd instant, Councillor Byrne referred to an item of £5. 8. 0. for the repairs to streets and paths and asked where this money had been spent. The Borough Surveyor replied that the money had not been spent on repairs but was in connection with the cartage of chippings from the Railway Station to the Quarry, which would be used during the year for such repairs.

This gave rise to a lengthy discussion on the condition of streets and footpaths in the Town and to the fact that a number of street openings had been made by the Wexford Gas Consumer's Company which had not been repaired, and it was eventually decided that the Town Clerk should communicate with the Manager of the Gas Company pointing out to him that some time ago a verbal agreement had been made between the Borough Surveyor and the Assistant Manager of the Gas Works whereby the Corporation would repair and maintain all openings made by the Company at their expense, and requesting the authority of the Company to repair any street openings which had not up to the present been repaired by the Company.

The Clerk was also instructed to arrange, if possible, for the making of a formal agreement between the Gas Company and the Corporation whereby the latter would carry out repairs to streets which were opened by the Company at their expense.

It was also decided that the Report Books of all Officers of the Corporation including the Foreman should be placed on the table before every meeting.

FOOTPATHS

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the footpaths at Talbot Street and Green Street, and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to have them repaired forthwith.

RATE COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Arising out of a recent decision of the Rates Committee to provide an office for the Rate Collectors in the present office of the Inspector of Food and Drugs at Cornmarket, the Town Clerk reported that he had been in touch with the Inspector of Food and Drugs with the object of having him take up accommodation with the Inspector of Weights and Measures at the County Hall, but the Inspector of Food and Drugs had pointed out to him that no accommodation was available with the Inspector of Weights and Measures, and as well, this office was too far removed from the centre of the Town to be of utility in dealing with food and drugs, so it was unanimously decided that one of the vacant stalls in the Market at Bull Ring should be converted into an office and store for the Inspector of Food and Drugs and that the present office of the Inspector should be converted into an office for the two Rate Collectors.

Complaint was also made regarding a decision of the Corporation some time ago to put a railing on top of the wall in front of the houses at Columba Villas, but it was pointed out by the Borough Surveyor that suitable wire

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could not be procured at the moment from the local providers for this work, but as it was thought that the County Wexford Board of Health had considerable stocks of galvanised link wire the Mayor undertook to procure sufficient from the Board to enable the Corporation to carry out the work at Columba Villas.

HOLIDAYS

The Caretaker of the Cemetery applied for his annual two weeks holidays which was granted, and it was also agreed that as in previous years, the Caretaker's wages, whilst on holidays, should be divided between John McDonald, Gravedigger, and Mrs. Sutton; the former to receive £1. 5. 0. per week for looking after the outside work, and the latter £1 per week for looking after the records, etc.

Mr. Doyle of the Town Clerk's Office, also applied for his annual holidays and was granted three weeks to be taken at the convenience of the Town Clerk. The Borough Surveyor also applied for his annual holidays of one month which was granted, and it was agreed that his work should be carried out by Mr. Millar, Clerk of Works on the Green Street Housing Scheme, Mr. Millar to be paid the difference between his present salary and that of the Borough Surveyor.

Miss K. Lacey, Clerk in the Town Clerk's Office, also applied for her annual holidays and she was granted three weeks to be taken at the convenience of the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk reported that owing to pressure of work he had been obliged to retain the services of Miss E. M. Phillips as temporary typist up to the 30th ultimo and that the Local Government Department had sanctioned this employment on the existing terms. He further pointed out that as he had been on holidays for the past month that Miss Phillips services were essential in the office during that period and as the remainder of his staff would be taking holidays between now and the end of August he wished to retain her services until the 31st proximo, so it was unanimously agreed that the employment of Miss Phillips up to the 30th June be approved, and that her further employment until the 31st proximo be also agreed to, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Arising out of the application of these officers for their holidays and to the necessity of providing substitutes while they were away, it was unanimously decided that all officers for the future should give at least one month's notice to the Council prior to taking their annual holidays.

With reference to the holidays of the Borough Surveyor and the employment of Mr. Millar, Clerk of Works on the Green Street Housing Scheme, to act as Borough Surveyor for the month of August, it was decided that as soon as sanction was received to Mr. Millar's temporary employment as Borough Surveyor that application should be made to the Local Government Department for the employment of a person to act as temporary Clerk of Works on the Green Street Housing Scheme.

The Town Clerk reported that some time ago Mr. P. Meyler, North End Garage, had pointed out to him that he had three petrol pumps at Redmond Place. Of these owing to the present restriction of petrol supplies he was only in a position to keep one of them in use and he had asked him if the licence duty of £3. 3. 0. in respect of each pump could be waived until such times as normal supplies of petrol were available when he could use the three tanks. He (Town Clerk) had written to the Local Government Department who had replied that no objection would be raised to the remission of the duty provided that the tanks were not in use and that the keys were kept in the possession of the Town Clerk. He had now taken possession of the keys of two of Mr. Meyler's pumps, so it was unanimously agreed that the annual licence fee of £3. 3. 0. should be remitted.

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HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the house at William Street which had been disposed of on the Tenant-Purchase System to Mr. Michael Devereux, who had been missing from his home since last year and whose existence could not be traced by the authorities up to the present time, and in respect of which house the arrears of rent-charge had now reached over £30, the Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Solicitors acting for Mrs. Devereux and informed him that the Corporation could not agree to treat the existing contract as rescinded and to refund to her the deposit of £30 made by her husband. He had further suggested that Mrs. Devereux should endeavour to let or dispose of the dwelling and if she succeeded the Corporation would facilitate either transaction as much as possible. Mr. Byrne replied that neither of the two suggestions made by the Town Clerk were practical and he could not see any difficulty in the way of the Corporation refunding the deposit and stressed that his suggestion afforded a practical and satisfactory solution to the problem. The Town Clerk further pointed out that in the absence of evidence that Mr. Devereux was not alive that the Corporation could not carry out the Solicitor's suggestion, especially in view of the fact that Mr. Devereux himself had personally made the deposit and paid the legal costs of acquiring the house. He (Town Clerk) further suggested that the only practical course that he could see was to make application to the Circuit Court for possession of the dwelling if Mrs. Devereux was not in a position to pay the arrears of the Rent Charge and to keep the charge paid as it became due.

The course suggested by the Town Clerk was unanimously agreed to.

REPAIRS

Complaint was made regarding repairs being at present carried out to the Morris Lorry by the North End Garage, and it was decided that for the future all work on the Corporation motors should be divided between all the garages in the Town.

Complaint was also made regarding the reconstruction of a hand-cart for use by the Corporation employees and it was pointed out that by the use of this hand-cart it was hoped that considerable time and money would be saved in the transport of various small quantities of goods required for the repairs of houses, etc.

WATERWORKS SCHEME

With reference to minutes of the Corporation on the 9th instant when Councillor Connolly complained that men had been employed on the Waterworks Improvement Scheme who had left their work with farmers for such employment, and the Town Clerk stated that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had asked him for an immediate report on this matter. He had sent a copy of the Minister's letter to the Clerk of Works who intimated that he was not aware that any farm labourers had been employed on the Scheme, but if the member of the Corporation who had raised the matter in the first instance would furnish the names of the men concerned he would ascertain definitely if the complaint was correct. The Town Clerk now asked Councillor Connolly if he was in a position to give the names of the persons concerned and the Councillor promised that he would procure them and give them to the Town Clerk in the course of the next few days. The Town Clerk reported that in connection with the Wexford Waterworks Scheme at Edenvale it was reported it now appeared that a small portion of the river bank on one side was owned by Mrs. Murphy of Ballyboggan, whereas when the original survey was made by the Engineers the owner of all the land on both sides of the river was given to the Engineer as Mrs. Lennon,

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consequently, Mrs. Murphy had not been served with notice of intention to acquire her water rights and was not dealt with by the Arbitrator. The Town Clerk further reported that accompanied by the Corporation Solicitor and the Solicitor for Mrs. Murphy he had visited Edenvale on the 23rd instant when it had been established that the weir would encroach on Mrs. Murphy's portion of the river to the extent of a few perches. The Corporation Solicitor had interviewed Mrs. Murphy and her Solicitor and it was suggested that the matter could be settled for approximately, £20, and in view of the danger of Mrs. Murphy seeking an injunction against the Corporation it was considered advisable to settle for this sum, so it was unanimously decided on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, that the Corporation Solicitor be authorised to settle the case with Mrs. Murphy, subject of course to the production of proper title, for this amount.

RE FOREMAN

With reference to minutes of the 24th March last when a report had been submitted from the Borough Surveyor to the effect that he had suspended William Byrne, Foreman, owing to wrong returns having been made regarding the purchase of 68 tons of gravel to the value of £10. 4. 0. and when owing to the serious illness of Byrne at the time the Surveyor had agreed to suspend the operation of his letter to Byrne until he was in a sufficient state of health to permit him coming before a meeting of the Committee, Byrne now appeared before the present meeting to defend the charge which had been brought against him.

An examination of the certificates submitted by the Borough Surveyor to the Town Clerk each week for payment to the vendors of the sand showed that the following were the amounts in dispute:-

18th January, 1941.	16 tons	£2. 8. 0.
1st February, "	8 "	1. 4. 0.
8th February, "	6 "	18. 0.
15th February, "	7 "	1. 1. 0.
22nd February, "	6 "	18. 0.
1st March, "	16 "	2. 8. 0.
8th March, "	9 "	1. 7. 0.
TOTAL		£10. 4. 0.

As regards the 16 tons purchased on the week ending 18th January, Byrne stated that it was on the Quay on the 18th and on the night of the 19th and 20th a great storm occurred which caused considerable damage to the Quay and had washed all this sand away. This explanation was accepted both by the members and the Borough Surveyor all who were aware of the severity of the storm. As regards the 8 tons on the 1st and the 6 tons on the 8th February, the Foreman stated that most of this was used putting on the footpaths during the period of heavy frost. As regards the 7 tons on the 15th and the 6 tons on the 22nd February, he explained that carter Tierney drew some of this from the Quay to repair streets at John Street, Old Pound, Keyser's Lane, and Main Street, and that Thomas Hore, carter, had drawn some more of it for a similar purpose, whatever sand of this lot that was left on the Quay had been drawn by the men employed on Grant Work. As regards the 16 tons on the 1st March and the 9 tons on the 8th March, the foreman alleged he was positive that the 9 tons was drawn by the Grant Workers but of the 16 tons on the 1st he had no clear recollection. It was pointed out by some members however, that for a week or more prior to his being confined to bed with rheumatic fever that the foreman had not been in good health and it was quite possible that he had inadvertently made a wrong return to the Borough Surveyor of what this 16 tons of gravel was for. This matter was sifted at length by the members and up to 11.0.

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p.m. no decision was arrived at and it was decided to adjourn the meeting until Wednesday 30th instant at 7.30.p.m. to enable Thomas Hore, carter, to be present so that he could give evidence of having drawn some of the sand from the Quay.

The following were appointed as a Special Committee to inspect the Water-works Improvement Scheme at present being carried out and they proposed to visit Edenvale on Thursday next 7th proximo to ascertain how the work was proceeding there:- Alderman Walsh, Councillors Hayes, Connolly, Dunne, Byrne and the Mayor.

A. Corish TD
Mayor

30th July, 1941.

A Special Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Walsh, Coffey.

Councillors: Hayes, McMahon, Byrne, Cashman, Atkins, Connolly, Gaul, and Crosbie.

The meeting was convened to deal with the adjourned question from the 28th instant of suspension of William Byrne, Foreman, and at the outset a resume of the position as discussed on the 28th was made. The foreman was then called before the meeting and Thomas Hore, carter, who stated that he delivered sand at the Old Pound, Main Street, John Street, and King Street, and Gibson Street. Some of this sand he drew from the Town Hall site and a few loads of it from the Quay. Once again this matter was discussed at length when every aspect of the case was thoroughly examined. The Borough Surveyor's attitude of the whole matter was that he could not trace the carters who had drawn all the sand that Byrne had returned to him and in view of that he did not altogether accept Byrne's explanation. The meeting then asked the Borough Surveyor and the foreman to withdraw whilst they discussed the matter themselves and most of the members were of the opinion that Byrne had given a pretty satisfactory explanation of the whole matter. They were all aware that the leaving of sand and gravel on the Quays to be drawn by carters left it open to loss and it was quite possible in their opinion that some of the sand had been drawn by the Grant men in error, but they considered that Byrne should have immediately reported such an occurrence to the Borough Surveyor. All things considered however, they thought that the evidence in the whole case was too conflicting to sustain any charge against Byrne and they thought that he should be reinstated. It was then decided that the Mayor and Town Clerk should interview the Borough Surveyor and ascertain what his views were on the suggestion that Byrne should be reinstated, and also to ascertain if he meant when he made the charge against Byrne that it was a criminal one, as some of the members seemed to be under that opinion. The Mayor and Town Clerk then left and interviewed the Borough Surveyor, and on their return stated that Mr. McNally had emphatically assured them that at no time had he in mind that Byrne was guilty of a criminal offence, otherwise he would have taken a much more serious action and would have obtained

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signed statements from the various carters employed at the time with a view to enabling the Corporation to institute proceedings. The only view he held of the charge was that Byrne was guilty of negligence in making his returns.

As regards his reinstatement the Borough Surveyor stated that in view of this negligence he could not have confidence in Byrne as Foreman for the future but he would be prepared to take him on in any position other than foreman which the Corporation might decide.

It was then suggested that if the Corporation agreed to a proposal made by the Borough Surveyor some time ago that a storekeeper should be appointed that Mr. McNally would take him on in that position. He had then agreed to reinstate Byrne in his position as foreman until such times as the Corporation made arrangements for the setting up of a store through which all the Corporation materials could be handled and Byrne could then be put in charge of it.

The majority of the members considered that this was very satisfactory as in their opinion having regard to what had happened it would not be pleasant for either Byrne or Mr. McNally if the former was foreman for the future, and as well, Byrne was advancing in years, and as a result of the death of his wife during the period of his own illness recently he was not enjoying very robust health, and it was decided on the motion of Councillor Cashman, seconded by Councillor Hayes, that the suggestions to reinstate Byrne for the present and to appoint him as Storekeeper as soon as possible which had been agreed to by the Borough Surveyor, should be adopted; Councillor Byrne however, dissented to this in so far as it related to the proposed transfer of the foreman to the position of Storekeeper.

In connection with the assurance of Mr. McNally that he had not in his mind that Byrne had committed a criminal offence at any time some members thought that as the charge against Byrne had been made in writing that it should be withdrawn in writing, and that the Town Clerk inquire from Mr. McNally if he was prepared to do this and give an assurance that he would make it clear in writing that he never thought Byrne had committed a criminal offence. The meeting considered that the matter had been satisfactorily disposed of, and as it was now after 11.0. p.m. it terminated.

R. Lundy T.D.
Mayor

5th August, 1941.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Robert Coffey and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Stephen McMahon, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Atkins, James Crosbie, and Timothy Cashman.

Mr. T. J. Millar, Acting Borough Surveyor, and Mr. H. F. Doyle, acting for the Town Clerk, were also in attendance.

The Meeting had been convened to pass for payment accounts accrued due to date, and to sign the Financial Statement and Bank Books.

SYMPATHY.

At the outset, the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Rev. Canon Hazley, Protestant Rector, on the death of his mother. Ald. Coffey seconded the motion, which was supported by Ald. Walsh, Councillors Hayes, Connolly and Byrne, and adopted in respectful silence.

ACCOUNTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due to date, amounting, in the aggregate, to £5312. 9. 5. were submitted for approval.

Arising out of the Accounts, the following matters were raised:-

Alderman Coffey stated that he had recently asked the Town Clerk the number of dances held in the Town Hall, and he had been informed that a record was only kept of those that were paid for, and that no account was kept of those dances for which the Hall was given free. He thought that a book should be kept showing all the dances held whether the Hall was given free or not, and it was agreed that this should be done. Councillor Byrne referred to an item in the Accounts of £3. 10. 0. for an axle and pair of wheels which were purchased to make a Hand Cart. He (Councillor Byrne) suggested that neither the Borough Surveyor nor Town Clerk had any right to purchase these articles or to have the Hand Cart put in use without the authority of the Corporation, and in the absence of such authority they should repudiate the debt.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to pass the payment but not to issue the Paying Order until after the next meeting, when the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk would be present.

Mr. Byrne also referred to a payment to Messrs. John Kenny & Sons on foot of the Contract for the erection of houses at Green Street, and complained that the Contractors were not employing a week-end Watchman but compelling a workman to do this work, and the Acting Borough Surveyor undertook to look into the matter.

Mr. Byrne also complained that some Corporation Plant was being used on the Housing Scheme and asked what charge, if any, was being made for its use, but this was adjourned for the attention of the Borough Surveyor.

Councillor Connolly asked where the cement was used which was charged for in the Wexford Timber Company's account of £35. 0. 7. It was pointed out, however, that the account referred to was Cement, Etc. and the amount included for cement was £10. 4. 0.

Councillor Byrne asked where the cement was used, and said he had commented very strongly at a recent meeting of the Finance and Works

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Committee about no repairs being carried out. As the Borough Surveyor, however, was absent on holidays, and the Acting Borough Surveyor was not in a position to state where this material was used, no further action was taken in the matter.

Councillor Byrne also questioned the account of the Electricity Supply Board for the Public Lighting for the month of July, and pointed out that although only twenty-five per cent. of the lights were now being used, the monthly cost of the public lighting was only reduced by approximately £2. 15. 0. per month. This matter was left over for the attendance of the Town Clerk to explain how the figures were arrived at.

Arising out of an item on foot of the contract for the erection of Air Raid Shelters, Councillor Byrne asked if the Corporation had taken over the shelters from the Contractors and the Mayor informed him that they had not. The Councillor then stated he noticed the Corporation Carpenter erecting protection doors on each of these shelters, and asked if it was the duty of the Contractor or the Corporation to erect these. The Acting Borough Surveyor replied that it was the duty of the Contractor to maintain the Shelters until they were taken over by the Corporation.

This matter was also referred to the Borough Surveyor for his observations.

Following the disposal of the foregoing queries, the accounts as submitted were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

The Financial Statement Book and Bank Books were also signed by the Mayor.

HOUSING SITES.

Councillor Connolly suggested that it would be well for the Corporation to look out for some building sites in view of the House to House survey at present being made by the County Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor, and it was agreed that a meeting of the Housing Committee should be held as soon as possible to go into this matter.

FUEL SUPPLY.

Alderman Walsh asked what steps had been taken by any Public Body to arrange for firewood and coal, or whatever fuel could be got, for the poor during the coming Winter. Some months ago the Corporation discussed arrangements for getting a supply of timber but apparently they fell through and turf could not be got because its cost would be too high for the poor people. He suggested it was time for the Corporation to take some steps to make provision for a fuel supply before the Winter set in, and he thought there were some people in town with plenty of money who would make arrangements, as in other towns, to supply poor people with hot meals.

It was pointed out, however, that arrangements to supply meals were only made in one particular section of the City of Dublin by a group of men and that the scheme was not financed by any public monies. A lengthy discussion took place on this matter during which it was pointed out that everything possible was being done to secure that Wexford would have a comparatively good supply of fuel during the coming Winter, and the Mayor stated he had been discussing with certain people in the town the necessity of procuring money to provide fuel for the poor during the Winter, and with that object in view he was convening a meeting of those people for the following Friday night.

R. Connolly T.D.
Mayor

11th August, 1941.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Thomas Hayes, Thomas Byrne, Stephen McMahon, James Gaul, James Crosbie, Patrick Atkins, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Dunne, Robert Moran, and Nicholas Connolly.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Corporation on 30th June and 5th instant; Finance and Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees on 30th June, 14th July, 28th July and 30th July; Relief Grants Committee on 7th July, *was submitted* Alderman Coffey moved that the Minutes as submitted be taken as read and signed and asked the Corporation if a record of the Minutes went to the Department and the Town Clerk replied that copies of all minutes of the Corporation went to the Department. Copies of minutes of Committees did not go to the Department but the recommendations of the Committees as they came before the Corporation were embodied in the Minutes of the Corporation. Councillor Crosbie seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to, and the Minutes as submitted were signed by the Mayor.

EMPLOYMENT OF WATCHMAN

Councillor Byrne referred to a question he had raised at last meeting regarding the employment of a watchman on the Green Street Housing Scheme, and the Acting Borough Surveyor stated that he had conveyed to the Contractor's Representative the feelings of the Corporation on this matter, and as a result a new watchman who would not be one of the men working on the scheme would be put on next week.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from the widow and family of the late Commodore Captain Faraday; Mr. William Byrne and Councillor John Billington.

DEED OF MORTGAGE

There was submitted to the meeting a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of a Loan of Twenty-two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds (£22,500) for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Connolly, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Twenty-two Thousand Five Hundred (£22,500) proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Health Acts 1878-1931."

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation, and the following further resolution as proposed by Alderman

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Walsh and seconded by Councillor Dunne was also unanimously adopted:-

"That inasmuch as this Corporation does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Corporation but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require IT IS RESOLVED that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Corporation for time being counter-signed by the Town Clerk, and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to our Account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had issued a Certificate under Section 6 of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act, 1921, as extended to the effect that the Loan of £22,500 would not be reckoned against the borrowing powers of the Corporation. In this connection Alderman Coffey asked if the borrowing powers of the Corporation were nearly exhausted, and the Town Clerk replied no, but that if this loan had been charged against them the Corporation would be getting within reasonable distance of the limit.

WATERWORKS SCHEME

In connection with the Waterworks Scheme Councillor Dunne asked how many men were employed, and it was stated that the Works were closed down for the past week for holidays but that a start had again being made this morning when 21 men were engaged.

ELECTION OF HARBOUR COMMISSIONER

The next business was to appoint a member to act as a Harbour Commissioner for the ensuing twelve months. It was reported that in accordance with the provisions of the Wexford Harbour Act, 1874, only one member had been nominated namely, Councillor Robert Moran. In reply to Councillor Byrne the Town Clerk reported that the Harbour Commissioners had not honoured their commitments to the Corporation but he (Town Clerk) would have something to say later about that. Councillor Byrne then stated that if the Harbour Commissioners were to be excused their commitments to the Corporation they should do something about the diversion of shipping from Wexford Port to Rosslare, but the Town Clerk pointed out that the matter before the meeting was merely the appointment of one Harbour Commissioner and that last week he had presided at a public meeting convened by public notice for the purpose of effecting two Harbour Commissioners and only two persons turned up. Councillor Hayes thereupon proposed that Councillor Moran be re-elected to represent the Corporation on the Harbour Commissioners and Alderman Coffey seconded. This motion was unanimously agreed to. In connection with the complaint regarding the diversion of traffic from the port of Wexford to Rosslare it was pointed out that there were three members of the Corporation on the Harbour Board and they promised to raise the matter at the next meeting, and Councillor Byrne undertook to submit a list to the next meeting of boats that should have come into Wexford and were unloaded at Rosslare Harbour.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A letter was submitted from the Chief Executive Officer, Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, asking the Corporation to fill two vacancies on the Committee caused by the resignation of the Very Reverend John Sinnott, P.P., and the death of the late Councillor James Billington. On the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Coffey, the Reverend G. J. Murphy, Administrator, Wexford, was appointed to the seat

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rendered vacant by the resignation of Father Sinnott, and the filling of the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor James Billington was adjourned until next meeting.

HOUSING INQUIRY

Alderman Coffey asked if the report of the Sworn Inquiry into the Corporation Housing Scheme had yet come to hand, and the Town Clerk replied, that he had got no report yet. In reply to the Alderman who asked if he had made application for the report the Town Clerk stated that every time the Alderman had raised the matter it had been recorded on the Minutes which had been sent to the Department, and he (Town Clerk) was sure the Department would sent out the report as soon as it was ready; he did not think that anything he could do would hurry it.

PROPOSED PUBLIC PARK

The Mayor stated that he wanted a meeting of the Committee set up to deal with the proposal to have a Public Park. He would have dealt with the matter the last night only that Councillor Sinnott who had raised the matter in the first instance was on holidays. Some members considered that the report should be dealt with at the present meeting but eventually it was decided that a meeting of the Committee be convened for Tuesday the 12th instant.

ANALYST'S REPORT

The report of the Borough Analyst for the Quarter ended 30th June last showed that he had examined ten samples of milk, five of butter, three of margarine, two of sausages and one each of buttermilk, lard, sherry, marmalade, pudding, sugar, cheese and whiskey. All the samples submitted were found to be genuine and the contents of the report were noted.

RESOLUTION

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Connolly, the following resolution relating to benefits under the National Health Insurance Acts was unanimously adopted, and the Town Clerk was directed to forward a copy of it to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health:-

"That we the Municipal Council of Wexford, are of the opinion, that the benefits paid to insured persons under the National Health Insurance Acts are inadequate and should be extended to include dental and optical treatment, increased maternity benefit treatment during convalescence, supply of medical and surgical appliances and hospital treatment.

Accordingly we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to expedite the passing of legislation enabling insured persons to participate when necessary in these additional benefits which might be provided out of the five million pounds reserve, built up out of their own and their employers joint contribution."

SYMPATHY

Councillor Connolly moved that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to Mr. Edward Byrne, former Sanitary Sub Officer on the death of his brother. The motion was seconded by Councillor Gaul, supported by all the members present and adopted in silence.

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Councillor Dunne proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Moran on the death of Reverend Father Moran. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was also adopted in respectful silence.

ALLOTMENT PRIZES

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the thanks of the Corporation were extended to Messrs. Patrick Lambert and Thomas Traynor who had kindly provided prizes for the best allotment during the current year.

EXPORT OF BUTTER

Councillor Connolly stated that huge quantities of butter were being exported from the country. He was informed by a trader that butter was to be rationed/in a short time that they would have a butter famine. Last year butter was rationed from November to April. This year the situation would be worse owing to the number of cows killed under the Foot and Mouth Regulations. The Government either did not know of this export or they were keeping the blind eye to it. Councillor Hayes and other members also raised this matter and referred to the ration of sugar and stated that some shopkeepers were not in a position to supply the amount of sugar allowed under the Rationing Order. After some discussion the Mayor suggested that traders who were not receiving sufficient sugar to permit them to give their customers the full ration should communicate with him and he would get in touch with the Department of Supplies immediately.

The meeting then terminated.

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A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the Special Meeting, the same members being in attendance.

TENDERS

Three tenders were submitted for the supply of sand and gravel in connection with the laying of a footpath at Distillery Road. They were from William Doyle, M. O'Hanlon and Patrick Malone. Doyle quoted 4/- per ton and Messrs. O'Hanlon and Malone 4/3d per ton. As Mr. Doyle's tender was the lowest it was accepted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh.

Two tenders were submitted for the supply of cement for this job. The Wexford Timber Company quoted £3. 6. 7. per ton and Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty £3. 6. 6½d per ton. The quotation of the latter was for cement ex station but if it was delivered ex store the price would be 1/6d per ton extra. As there was no condition whatever attached to the tender of the Wexford Timber Company it was unanimously agreed that their tender would be the lower of the two and it was accepted on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Two tenders were submitted from the Wexford Timber Company and Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty for the supply of a gross of 5" iron fascia brackets. The Timber Company quoted £6. 12. 0. and Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty £9. 12. 0. The former tender being the lower of the two was accepted on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Gaul.

PIPES - WATERWORKS SCHEME

In connection with the Wexford Waterworks Improvement Scheme Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, intimated that it was impossible to procure spun iron pipes for this job and asked the Corporation to agree to a substitution of cement asbestos pipes, which could be procured in a reasonable time. This matter was discussed at length and some members thought that an assurance should be given by the Consulting Engineers that cement asbestos pipes substituted for spun pipes would last a reasonable length of time, and it was eventually decided that as a Committee of the Corporation would be inspecting the Waterworks at Edenvale on Thursday next and as the Consulting Engineer and the Contractor would be present that the Committee should be authorised to deal with the matter and, if the Consulting Engineer was able to give them satisfactory assurances regarding the stability of the pipes they should authorise the substitution, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

RANGES

Applications for a fire grate and a range from Mrs. Furlong of O'Connell Avenue and Mrs. Alyward, Hill Street, were referred to the Acting Borough Surveyor to deal with.

SUMMERHILL SEWER

With reference to the decision come to at a meeting of the Corporation when the Rates for 1941-42 were being agreed upon to borrow the sum expended on the provision of a new sewer at Summerhill last year, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 8th ultimo by letter No. L.16221/2/41, stated that no objection would be raised to the expenses being spread over a period of two years by means of an overdraft on current account, the full amount of which should be extinguished not later than 31st March, 1943.

The meeting further considered that this was too short a period and decided to ask the Ministry to sanction the loan for five years.

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VACCINATION DEFAULTERS

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 11th ultimo forwarded an extract from the Return Form L. showing the number of vaccination defaulters in the Urban Area, and it was decided to refer this to the next meeting of the Corporation.

HOUSE - CARRIGEEN ST.

Rent Collector Lacey reported that the tenant of a house at Carrigeen Street named Lawlor had recently died. For the past eight years a man named Warren and his wife had been residing with Lawlor in this house, so it was unanimously decided that as they would be good tenants to give them possession of this dwelling.

HOUSE - DOLPHIN RD.

With reference to a meeting of the Committee in June last when it was reported that a woman named Margaret Kehoe, tenant of a house at Dolphin Road had been removed to the County Home and when the Town Clerk was directed to get in touch with the Secretary, Board of Health, and inquire if this lady would ever be able to leave the home, he now reported that he had received a communication from Mr. Sinnott who informed him that the Matron of the County Home reported that Mrs. Kehoe would never be fit to leave the Home. As the keys of the house were in the possession of the Town Clerk it was decided that the tenancy of the house should be given to the most deserving case living in a condemned house and as regards the small bit of furniture which was in the house, it was decided that a sister-in-law of hers named Mrs. Hynes of Mary Street, should be given possession of it.

WATERMAINS AND CHLORINATOR

The Town Clerk reported that some time ago the Department of Local Government and Public Health had advised that stocks of spare watermains and a portable chlorinator should be purchased for use in the event of an emergency. The pipes had already been procured and tenders had now been received for a chlorinator from Messrs. Wallace and Tiernan, who supplied the equipment at present at the Reservoir. The portable chlorinator would cost £132, and it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Crosbie seconded by Councillor Dunne that it be purchased and that a loan for five years be obtained to finance it and the emergency stocks of pipes.

RETENTION MONEY - J. KENNY & SONS

A letter was read from Messrs. John Kenny & Sons, Ltd., Contractors for the Green Street Housing Scheme, asking that the existing rate of 20% retention money be reduced as they felt it was too high having regard to the present conditions of trading, but no action was taken on this communication pending the return of the Borough Surveyor from holidays to whom it was to be referred for a report.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 25th June, which had been before the Finance Committee at that time, was again brought forward by the Town Clerk. This letter asked that a survey should be made as early as possible of suitable public works which could be undertaken in the event of unemployment becoming widespread at any time. The communication was referred to the Grants Committee so that they could consider what works could be suitably carried out.

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HOUSE - FRANCIS ST.

In connection with the provision of a W.C. for house at Francis Street occupied by Miss Mythen, it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor and Co. Medical Officer of Health for an interim report on what they considered should be done with Duke Street where they had recently carried out a Housing Survey, as Francis Street was contiguous to Duke Street and it was thought that it might be necessary to include it in a Clearance Order with Duke Street.

HOUSES - CLIFFORD ST.

With reference to the decision ordering the provision of water closets for houses at Clifford Street, the property of Mr. W. V. Stafford, it was decided to again write to Mr. Stafford requesting him to carry out this work and pointing out that his refusal to comply with the notice was placing the Corporation in a very peculiar position as they had already compelled several landlords in the Town to provide these conveniences.

REPORT - DERELICT SITES

Correspondence relative to a report of the Borough Surveyor under the Derelict Sites Act was submitted by the Town Clerk, but as the hour was now getting very late it was decided to convene a meeting of the Housing Committee as soon as possible to deal with it.

HOUSE - PATRICK SQ.

A report from Dr. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, on the condition of a house at Patrick Square occupied by William O'Connor was referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report.

HOUSE - DISTILLERY RD.

The Borough Surveyor submitted a report regarding the condition of a house at Distillery Road occupied by Thomas Sparrow and owned by James Browne, Bishopswater. The report of the Surveyor showed that the house required considerable repairs and that, in his opinion, they could not be carried out at a reasonable expense. It was decided to serve a copy of this report on the owner.

PROPOSED HOUSING SCHEME

There was submitted to the meeting a sketch plan prepared by Mr. Millar, Acting Borough Surveyor, of a Housing Scheme suggested for Whitemill Road on fields owned by Mr. L. Kirwan, and the Town Clerk was asked to communicate with Mr. Kirwan and ascertain if he was prepared to dispose of the fields in question.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor of Wexford
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