

From the Controller

October 26, 1942.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We submit for your approval the following statement covering extra day, time and a half and double time to be paid this week:

General Road Dept., date 10-10-42, straight \$7,469.85, time and half \$1,486.88, double \$285.83; total \$9,242.56.

Airport Dept., date 10-10-42, time and half \$9.38; total \$9.38.

Sidewalk Dept., date 10-10-42, straight \$5.50, time and half \$17.62, double \$11.65; total \$34.77.

Public Bldg. Dept., date 10-10-42, double \$115.20; total \$115.20.

Sewer Dept., date 10-10-42, straight \$48.80, time and half \$8.70; total \$57.50.

Incinerator Dept., date 10-10-42, straight \$766.15, time and half \$457.24; total \$1,223.39.

Motor Trans. Dept., date 10-10-42, straight \$422.74, time and half \$20.27, double \$33.60; total \$476.61.

General Road Dept., date 10-17-42, straight \$11,965.57, time and half \$1,727.91; double \$244; total \$13,937.48.

Sidewalk Dept., date 10-17-42, straight \$19.85, time and half \$16.28, double \$9.10; total \$45.23.

Public Bldg. Dept., date 10-17-42, straight \$38.44, time and half \$25.27; total \$63.71.

Airport Dept., date 10-17-42, straight \$38.58, time and half \$19.27; total \$57.85.

Sewer Dept., date 10-17-42, straight \$55.35, time and half \$1.46; total \$56.81.

Motor Trans. Dept., date 10-17-42, straight \$419.70, time and half \$43.80, total \$463.50.

Incinerator Dept., date 10-17-42, straight \$732.60, time and half \$429.76; total \$1,162.36.

Water Board Dept., date 10-14-42, straight \$293.40, time and half \$140.16, double \$54.07; total \$487.63.

Zoological Park Dept., date 10-20-42, time and half \$4.01; total \$4.01.

Lighting (Atwater) Dept., date 10-21-42, straight \$67.24, time and half \$33; Mistersky, straight \$40.40, time and half \$83.14; Traffic, straight \$20.60, time and half \$19.93; total \$264.31.

Fire Dept., date 10-21-42, time and half \$3.52; total \$3.52.

Election Dept., date 10-21-42, straight \$663.84, time and half \$2,616.19; total \$3,280.03.

Treasurer Dept., date 10-21-42, straight \$6.57; total \$6.57.

Housing Dept., date 10-21-42, time and half \$2.85; total \$2.85.

Corp. Counsel Dept., date 10-21-42, straight \$15.20; total \$15.20.

Very truly yours,
CHARLES G. OAKMAN,
Controller.

Received and placed on file.

From the Controller

October 22, 1942.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We are in receipt of a quit claim deed from the Board of Education to the City of Detroit covering land for the widening of Lakepointe between Roxbury and Farmbrook Avenues at the Will Carleton School site.

Your Honorable Body authorized this conveyance on September 29, 1942, J. C. C. No. 2626.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES G. OAKMAN,
Controller.

Received and placed on file.

From the Corporation Counsel

October 22, 1942.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We wish to give your Honorable Body a report with reference to the activity of this department in the matter of seeking a rate reduction in the rates and charges of The Detroit Edison Company. We have been engaged in the study and survey of the earnings of said Company, and Mr. Richard A. Sullivan, our Public Utility Rate Consultant, has made a detailed report thereon. As the result of such investigation, we have ascertained the following facts.

It appears that the net income of The Detroit Edison Company for the year 1942 will be approximately \$20,000,000 before Federal income tax and dividend requirement. Of this amount, if no effective reduction is made in 1942, approximately \$11,400,000 will be paid to the Federal government, and \$7,650,000 will be paid to the stockholders, leaving a net amount to be transferred to surplus of almost \$1,000,000.

Congress, under the tax bill just passed and signed by the President, has, under the terms and conditions of this Act, limited the normal earnings of The Detroit Edison Company before Federal taxes, to \$12,000,000 and are taxing everything that The Edison Company earns in excess of this amount, namely, \$8,000,000, at the rate of 90 per cent; so that it appears that of the \$8,000,000 that The Edison Company will collect from its ratepayers over the \$12,000,000 allowed as normal earnings, \$7,200,000 will have to go to the Federal