

APRIL 29, 1952

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Representatives was held on April 29, 1952 at Burdick Junior High School. The meeting was called to order by Robert Shepherd at 8:15 P.M.

Roll call was taken with 36 present and 4 absent. The absent members were William Kaminski, Joseph Mancusi, Joseph Zdanowicz and Karl Young, Jr. George Connors arrived late.

Robert Shepherd read the call:

Pursuant to Sec. 202 of the Stamford Charter, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Board of Representatives for April 29th, 8 p.m., in the Burdick Jr. High School, for the purpose of receiving the resignation of Robert G. Shepherd, electing a successor and for any other elections or appointments required as a result thereof.

Robert G. Shepherd  
President, Board of Representatives

Robert Shepherd read his letter of resignation:

Fellow Members of the Board of Representatives:

It is with deep regret that I find it necessary to resign from the office of President on my doctor's urgent recommendation. It is imperative for me to devote myself entirely to the task of making my complete recovery certain to avoid a serious future health problem. With a board of such high caliber I do not consider myself indispensable and know that, whoever my successor is, an equally good and better job will be done.

I am deeply grateful for the cooperation given me by all of you and for the honor and privilege of serving as President of such a fine public spirited group of men and women.

Sincerely yours,

Robert G. Shepherd

Joseph Carlin MOVED that his resignation be accepted with regrets and that same be placed on file; also that all members stand and give a vote of thanks, seconded by James Mulreed and CARRIED.

John Cameron MOVED that Robert Shepherd be made temporary Chairman, seconded by Walter Seely and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

James Mulreed MOVED that since the President must act as Acting Mayor without compensation, we table this action or postpone this election of a President of the Board of Representatives and that at our next regular meeting we act as we acted in the past by appointing a temporary Chairman, which motion was duly seconded.

Helen Bromley stated that since this Special Meeting was called to elect a President, we should go along with the Call.

Edward Hogan MOVED a rising vote be taken. Mr. Mulreed's Motion was defeated by a vote of 15 in favor and 20 opposed.

Edward Hogan recommended to the Board the nomination of John Cameron as President of the Board of Representatives, seconded by Ralph Nau.

George Lockwood MOVED that nominations be closed, seconded and CARRIED.

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Catherine Cleary MOVED a voice vote, seconded by Helen Peatt.

Mrs. Cleary's MOTION was defeated.

George Connors MOVED TO MAKE IT UNANIMOUS, seconded by Edward Hogan.  
MOTION was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

John Cameron was elected President of the Board of Representatives by a UNANIMOUS vote.

John Cameron took the Chair and expressed his thanks for the appointment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Babette Ransohoff, Clerk