

Special Meeting of 9th Board of Representatives  
Stamford, Connecticut

A Special Meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, May 9, 1966, pursuant to a "Call" from the President, George E. Russell, in the meeting rooms of the Board, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Mrs. Hilda Clarke, at 8:25 P.M. after a Caucus.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 26 present and 14 absent at the calling of the roll. However, Mr. Dombroski and Mr. Fusaro arrived shortly thereafter, changing the roll to 28 present and 12 absent.

The absent members were: Vincent Caporizzo (D) 5th District  
Robert Durso (D) 5th District  
Patsy Arruzza (D) 9th District  
Jonathan Bennett (R) 11th District  
Leon Zebroski (R) 13th District  
Joseph Bitetto (R) 14th District  
Howard Kaplan (D) 14th District  
William Caporizzo (R) 15th District  
Edwin Iacovo, Sr. (R) 16th District  
George Russell (R) 17th District  
Booth Hemingway (R) 19th District  
Frances Lilliendahl (R) 19th District

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN (By majority vote - See Rule #7,  
page 2, Rules of Order)

MRS. CLARKE called for nominations for the election of a Temporary Chairman.

MR. BUCHANAN nominated Thomas A. Morris to act as Temporary Chairman. Seconded.

MR. NATHANSON MOVED the nominations be closed. Seconded and CARRIED.

MRS. CLARKE declared Mr. Morris elected as Temporary Chairman, and requested that he step forward and take the Chair, which he did at this time.

MR. KUCZO rose on a point of personal privilege. He said he has traced this Budget since it was before the Planning Board and he and Mr. Connors made the 16th person to appear on behalf of an \$84,000,000 ten year Budget and out of a potential 12 only 3 department heads showed up. He said this is apathy.

He said later, at the Joint Public Hearing on the Budget, held by this Board and the Board of Finance, they saw the meeting over by 8:30 P.M. with only a handful of people in attendance. He said he arrived within a half hour of the time the hearing started and it was over. Again, he said, very few department heads spoke.

He said he would like to ask one question. First, that this Budget is a very "fat" Budget and will have to be sliced. Second, he said he would ask the Chairman of the Fiscal Committee to release his binding on the members of the Fiscal Committee, so that each and every one of them can vote on this Budget

in good conscience, instead of being bound by what the Committee says. He said it is his understanding that the Fiscal Committee is going to report out what they are going to do and what they are not going to do and these men must go along with it and can't speak as individuals on the Budget. He asked that "common decency" be shown in the name of fiscal responsibility that these men be released from their bind.

"CALL" OF THE MEETING:

The President Pro Tempore read the following "Call" of the meeting:

May 2, 1966

TO: All members of 9th Board of Representatives  
 FROM: President George E. Russell  
 SUBJECT: To consider and act upon the OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS for the fiscal year 1966-1967.

I, GEORGE E. RUSSELL, President of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of said Board of Representatives, for

MONDAY, MAY 9, 1966

At the Municipal Office Building,  
 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut,

At 8:00 P.M.

for the following purpose:

To consider and act upon the OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS for the fiscal year 1966-1967, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on Wednesday, April 20, 1966.

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George E. Russell, President  
 Board of Representatives

MR. MORRIS explained that the Board is proceeding under Sec. 614 of the Charter and also under Sec. 202.2 concerning method of voting upon an appropriation resolution, which requires a majority vote, but when acting on individual items in the Budget, just a majority vote of those present. He cautioned the members that although the Board may reduce an appropriation, they cannot reinstate one that has been denied, or increase an appropriation that has been reduced by the Board of Finance.

MR. MORRIS called upon the Vice Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, Mr. John Rich.

MR. KELLY asked that a privilege be granted him at this time, before the meeting gets under way. HE MOVED for a moment of silence and that the Board stand for one minute in silent prayer in memory of the following. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously:

IN MEMORY OF DORIS M. ZUCKERT, former Board member,  
recently deceased.

IN MEMORY OF MADELINE WEIR, recently deceased, also a former Board member.

MR. KELLY requested that letters of condolence be sent to the families of the bereaved. He said that both these women will be greatly missed in the community and replacements will be hard to find.

MR. CONNORS asked the Chairman a question. He wanted to know how many are present here tonight. Mr. Morris replied that 26 were present (2 arrived later).

MR. MORRIS said that anyone who wishes to leave must be recognized as we must have 21 present when the meeting ends and the Resolution adopting the Budget is approved.

MR. CONNORS said that it seems very funny that there are only 26 members present at this, one of the most important meetings of the year. He said this is the annual Budget of the City of Stamford and we only vote on this once a year. He said he feels that this is one meeting at which all members should be present, even if we do not attain a full membership at other meetings and he said he feels that this is an insult to the people of the City of Stamford for these members from the different Districts to be absent. He said if he and the other members that are here can find time to attend, so should those that are absent from the meeting. He said for members of this Board to stay away at a time like this, when our action affects the entire City, it is wrong. He said they were able to find time to attend other meetings that were not as important as this one.

MR. DOMBROSKI arrived at this time, changing the roll call to 27 present.

MR. MORRIS said we are late getting started and therefore would turn the meeting over to Mr. Rich, Vice Chairman of the Fiscal Committee.

MR. KUCZO asked, through the Chair, if Mr. Rich would please release his binder upon the members of the Fiscal Committee.

MR. RICH said it is not within his power to release anybody from this agreement which the Committee had made for many years running, which he understands is within the history of this Board and was made willingly within the Committee.

MR. RICH said the first Budget to be acted upon will be the Capital Projects Budget:

CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

1966 - 1967

Page 3 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTSANITARY SEWERS:

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 1. <u>Extension of Sanitary Sewers South of Parkway and Sewage Treatment Plant Addition</u> ----- | \$2,000,000.00 |
| 2. Wardwell Street -----  | 14,000.00      |
| 3. Selleck Street & Brown House Road-----   | 75,000.00      |
| TOTAL APPROVED FOR SANITARY SEWERS -----  | \$2,089,000.00 |

Page 5 - STORM DRAINS:

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. City-Wide Storm Drains-----        | \$ 50,000.00 |
| 2. Euclid Avenue-----                 | 30,000.00    |
| TOTAL APPROVED FOR STORM DRAINS ----- | \$ 80,000.00 |

Page 7 - HIGHWAYS:

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| 1. City-Wide Resurfacing & Reconstruction-----     | 25,000.00    |
| 2. City-Wide Raise Manholes-----                   | 5,000.00     |
| 3. Washington Avenue Extension to Bull's Head----- | 225,000.00   |
| TOTAL APPROVED FOR HIGHWAYS-----                   | \$255,000.00 |

Page 9 - SIDEWALKS AND/OR CURBING:

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| 1. Curbing - City-Wide -----                     | 10,000.00   |
| 2. Sidewalks - City-Wide -----                   | 10,000.00   |
| 3. Sidewalks-Board of Education -----            | 5,000.00    |
| TOTAL APPROVED FOR SIDEWALKS AND/OR CURBING----- | \$25,000.00 |

Page 11 - NEW CONSTRUCTION:

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| 1. Incinerator Unit-----                 | 100,000.00   |
| 2. Sewage Treatment Plant Addition-----  | 100,000.00   |
| TOTAL APPROVED FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION----- | \$200,000.00 |

Page 13 - NEW EQUIPMENT:

1. New Equipment----- \$152,000.00

MR. KUCZO MOVED the above be reduced to \$100,000.00. No seconder. He said if the City is that short, we should come in with an emergency appropriation instead of ordering large sums of money like this.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR NEW EQUIPMENT----- \$152,000.00

Page 15 - FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL:

- 1. Hurricane Protection - Total Cost: \$11,000.00)
  - Federal Share: 6,620.00)
  - State: 1,278,000.00)
  - City: 3,102,000.00)

1,032,000.00
- 2. Cove Island Beach Improvement) ----- 3,687.00
  - City's Share: \$46,672.82 )
  - 3% Interest: \$12,600.70 )
- 3. Cummings Park Beach Improvement) ----- 1,300.00
  - City's Share: \$19,316.00 )
  - 3.25% Interest: \$1,860.00 )

TOTAL APPROVED FOR FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL--- 1,036,987.00

Page 17 - PARK DEPARTMENT:

- 1. Cummings Park  
General Improvement ----- 20,000.00
- 2. Cove Island Park  
General Improvement ----- 25,000.00
- 3. City-Wide Construction  
Repairs & Replacement ----- 10,000.00
- 6. Floodlighting----- 10,000.00
- 7. Game Areas ----- 10,000.00
- 8. Marinas----- 10,000.00
- 11. Southfield Park  
General Improvement ----- 10,000.00
- 13. Rosa Hartman Park----- 10,000.00

Note: Items Nos. 4, 5, 9, 10 and 12 were eliminated from the Budget this year.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR PARK DEPARTMENT ----- \$105,000.00

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Page 19 - BOARD OF RECREATION:

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| 2. Wading Pools -----        | 3,000.00 |
| 3. Shuffleboard Courts ----- | 1,500.00 |

Note: Item No. 1 eliminated from the Budget this year.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR BOARD OF RECREATION----- \$4,500.00

Page 21 - POLICE DEPARTMENT:

3. Traffic Lights - no action (denied by Board of Finance)

Page 23 - FIRE DEPARTMENT: (Nothing on this page - eliminated)

Page 25 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE - SMITH HOUSE (Nothing on this page)

Page 27 - DEPARTMENT SUNSET HOME (Nothing on this page - eliminated)

Page 29 - THE FERGUSON LIBRARY:

Initial Book Collection----- 82,000.00

TOTAL APPROVED FOR FERGUSON LIBRARY----- 82,000.00

Page 31 - HUBBARD HEIGHTS: (Nothing on this page - eliminated)

Page 33- BOARD OF EDUCATION:

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| 1. Cloonan Jr. High Replacement -----  | 430,000.00   |
| 2. Athletic Fields for Cloonan Jr. High (Scalzi Park) DENIED BY BOARD OF FINANCE |              |
| 3. Rice School Replacement -----   | 1,250,000.00 |
| 4. Addition to Urban Elementary School:  |              |

MR. NATHANSON MOVED to REDUCE the total amount by \$225,000.00 by deleting the requested appropriation for the above. He said this is, as everyone in this room knows, for an addition to Westover School. He said he feels that an eight room addition to a school with the little bit of information that has been passed along to this Board, does not warrant us approving \$225,000.00. By adding eight rooms to a school, he said he thinks many problems will be created, such as overloading the Cafeteria, the bathrooms in which we have already run into problems. Seconded by Mr. Kuczo.

MR. KUCZO said he feels the same way as does Mr. Nathanson, which is a rare occasion. He said he thinks this is poor planning to place an eight room addition. He said he thinks the paramount thing right now is for the Board of Education to find a location for Rice School - never mind putting on additions to other schools.

MR. MOSCA said he also wishes to second the motion and said he feels that we have a responsibility not only to ourselves, but to the land owners and people in the 9th District that are so much against this - they have all his sentiments and he is sure that if the new Superintendent of Schools doesn't feel that this is a necessary thing he'll go along with the fact that it should be denied.

MR. KELLY said he also wants to second that and one of his reasons is that we may run into another Cloonan School debacle if we do approve the money for this.

MR. FUSARO, who arrived during the debate (changing the roll call to 28 present) said he also would like to second the motion, because there is a growing problem in the Westover area in regard to the safety of the children and we have received numerous complaints in regard to the hazardous conditions there. He said an increase in the student body there would certainly add to the hazards and since the Superintendent of Schools is basically against this and stated this publicly, and he certainly knows his business, he thinks we should abide by his feelings in this matter.

MR. LOCKHART said, by this time, his sentiments have also been expressed, but he would like to second the motion.

MR. RICH said in order to make what we are doing clear, he believes the Board should delete this item before voting on the total.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he realizes this is somewhat redundant, but he would also like to speak against this, because, being from the 9th District, he has received many phone calls against this.

VOTE taken on DELETING the \$225,000.00 for item No. 4 "Addition to Urban Elementary School". CARRIED.

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| 5. Stamford High School Modernization & Addition | ----- | \$2,429,000.00 |
| 6. Elementary School North of Parkway            | ----- | 25,000.00      |
| TOTAL APPROVED FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION            | ----- | \$4,134,000.00 |

Page 35 - URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

City Funds - TOTAL APPROVED-----\$1,000,000.00

MR. KUCZO MOVED to DELETE the above item from the Budget. He said he notes that the interest alone on the Urban Redevelopment is now up to \$109,000 plus, so far, and yet we see nothing developing downtown. He said he does not think we should continue investing in this until we see something being constructed down there. Based on that alone, he said he would ask to have this item deleted until we see concrete evidence that the "show is on the road." Seconded by Mr. Lockhart.

VOTE taken on Mr. Kuczo's motion to delete the above. LOST, with two voting in favor of deleting.

TOTALS FOR 1966-1967 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET:PUBLIC WORKS:

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Sanitary Sewers-----                                     | \$2,089,000.00          |
| 2. Storm Drains-----  | 80,000.00               |
| 3. Highways-----  | 255,000.00              |
| 4. Sidewalks and/or Curbing-----                            | 25,000.00               |
| 5. New Construction-----                                    | 200,000.00              |
| 6. New Equipment-----                                       | 158,000.00              |
| 7. Bridges-----   |                         |
| 8. Flood & Erosion Control-----                             | <u>1,036,987.00</u>     |
| <br>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS-----                                 | <br>\$3,843,987.00      |
| <br>PARK COMMISSION-----                                    | <br>105,000.00          |
| <br>BOARD OF RECREATION-----                                | <br>4,500.00            |
| <br>POLICE DEPARTMENT (no appropriation this year)-----     |                         |
| <br>FIRE DEPARTMENT (no appropriation this year)-----       |                         |
| <br>WELFARE - SMITH HOUSE (no appropriation this year)----- |                         |
| <br>WELFARE - SUNSET HOME (no appropriation this year)----- |                         |
| <br>HUBBARD HEIGHTS (no appropriation this year)-----       |                         |
| <br>FERGUSON LIBRARY-----                                   | <br>82,000.00           |
| <br>BOARD OF EDUCATION-----                                 | <br>4,134,000.00        |
| <br>URBAN REDEVELOPMENT-----                                | <br><u>1,000,000.00</u> |
| <br>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROVED-----                    | <br>\$9,169,487.00      |

OPERATING BUDGET --- 1966-1967

NOTE: The total amounts for each department will be given, and only in the case of items voted upon will any specific item be mentioned in that particular department budget.

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Page 3 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS:

TOTAL APPROVED FOR REGISTRARS OF VOTERS-----\$ 41,900.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

3-45 Code 104.0101, Salaries

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MR. KUCZO said he noted that the Mayor approved \$1,950.00 for this and the Board of Finance reduced it to \$1,500.00.

MR. RICH said the Board of Finance had cut the salary increase for the Board of Selectmen from an increase of \$250 per Selectman down to \$100 per Selectman.

MR. KUCZO MOVED that the total sum for Salaries be REDUCED to \$1,200. Seconded by Mr. Murphy.

MR. LINDSTROM spoke in favor of the motion.

MR. NATHANSON said for the second time tonight he finds himself agreeing with Mr. Kuczo. He said there are many Boards in this City who serve without pay and thinks this pay is adequate.

MR. MORRIS, Chairman, called for a VOTE ON THE MOTION to reduce the Salary account for the Board of Selectmen to \$1,200.00 from \$1,500.00 (previously approved by the Board of Finance). CARRIED with several "no" votes.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN-----\$1,500.00

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Code 106.2201, New Equipment - \$300.00 for Addition to electronic system for mechanical voting.

MR. KUCZO said it is his understanding the President of this Board, Mr. Russell, took exception to this appropriation. He asked for an explanation as to why the Fiscal Committee accepted this.

MR. RICH said the Fiscal Committee accepted this, as approved by the Board of Finance for the reason that they felt it was proper for the Board's efficient operation.

MR. CONNORS said as a member of the Fiscal Committee, he was not able to attend all of their meetings on the Budget, but frankly, he can't see why the Board of Representatives needs mechanical voting. He said we have survived since 1949 without it and he has been told if they watch your hands they can tell which way you vote. He said he does not see why we need this additional mechanical voting deal. He said he is not talking against the recommendations of the Fiscal Committee but unfortunately he was not able to attend all of their meetings, due to illness in his family, but thinks it is wrong for us to spend this additional money.

MR. KUCZO said he thinks if we intend to do a good job on paring this Budget, that we should start in our own backyard. HE MOVED to delete the item of \$300 for the mechanical voting equipment, Code 106.2201 so this would now be reduced to \$216.30. Seconded.

MR. NATHANSON spoke against Mr. Kuczo's amendment, and said there are much more important matters waiting to be voted on while we sit here and haggle over small items in the Budget.

MR. RICH said he thinks it should be pointed out at this time that this is not for all voting - it is not the "show of hands" kind of vote or a voice vote, but it is where secret ballots are cast and a great deal of time is wasted in passing around a ballot box, etc. He said that is what is so time-consuming and that is what this voting equipment is supposed to eliminate.

11:1.

MR. CONNORS said the thing he is opposed to, if you're in politics long enough, you can watch a person's hands and know which side he is voting on. He said he wants to go along with the old system, where if he wants to write "yes" or "no" on his ballot and thinks it is his own business. He said it's bad enough right now, where it is at the point where most of the Tellers know how you have voted, anyway. He said he agrees with Mr. Kuczo that this is an unnecessary expense and if we're going to start cutting other people's budgets, we had better start cutting our own first. He said no one has ever given us a good explanation as to how this system works - and he'd like to hear that.

THE CHAIRMAN called for a vote on the motion to reduce by \$800 the item under Code 106.2201, New Equipment. LOST, with 3 votes in favor of the motion.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES-----\$15,735.88

Page 5 - MAYOR'S OFFICE:

Code 108.2201, New Equipment----- 3,500.00

MR. RICH said the Fiscal Committee recommends the above item, being a new car for the Mayor, be REDUCED from \$4,200.00 to \$3,500.00. He said they thought it wasn't necessary for the Mayor's official car to be a Cadillac, Chrysler, but could be a Buick, Oldsmobile, or whatever middle priced car might be purchased for this amount. Seconded.

MR. KUCZO said he would MOVE TO AMEND the motion that this sum of \$3,500 be reduced to \$200.00, for the reason that he does not believe the Mayor should be furnished with a new car, because he has the Police Department, or the Public Works Commissioner who can transport him to where he wants to go. He said he believes that perhaps less cutting of ribbons, etc., would give him more time in the office to answer more letters and do some of the work that's supposed to be done. He said he thinks there is absolutely no need for a car - we have plenty of cars in the City of Stamford. Seconded.

MR. MORRIS called for a VOTE on Mr. Kuczo's motion to amend by reducing this amount still further - to \$200.00.

MR. NATHANSON said this seems a little nonsensical to him to cut an item of \$4,200 down to \$200 for the Mayor of a City of 105,000 population, and it is ridiculous for the Mayor to have to call the Police Department for a car when he needs one, so that it will end up, instead of paying \$4,200 for a car for him to drive himself, we will be providing him not only with a car, but a chauffeur to drive it and instead of reducing the load on the taxpayer, we will be increasing it. He said the Mayor does represent the City of Stamford at many functions and should be able to go to these functions in an automobile provided by the City of Stamford in keeping with his position as the Mayor of a City of this size.

MR. KUCZO said he would like to point out that we gave the Mayor a raise.....

THE CHAIRMAN reminded Mr. Kuczo that he cannot interrupt this way, but will have to first be acknowledged by the Chair before he can speak. He said he does not want to get into a cross debate here.

THE CLERK said no one else wishes to speak, so the Chairman allowed him to continue.

MR. KUCZO said the Mayor received a raise, and many of those on the Board receive less than half of what he is receiving.....

MR. NATHANSON rose on a point of order. He said we are supposed to be discussing a appropriation of \$4,200 for equipment and not a raise for the Mayor.

THE CHAIRMAN asked the speaker to confine his remarks to the motion on the floor.

MR. KUCZO replied he could buy a Honda with the \$200.

THE CHAIRMAN called for a vote on Mr. Kuczo's motion to reduce the appropriation for a car from the original motion recommended by the Fiscal Committee in the amount of \$3,500 to \$200.

A VOICE VOTE was taken on the motion to amend Mr. Rich's motion. LOST.

THE CHAIRMAN said the vote will now be taken on the motion to reduce this amount from the \$4,200 requested to the \$3,500 recommended by the Fiscal Committee.

MR. RICH read his proposed amendment again - that the \$4,200 be reduced to \$3,500.

MR. FUSARO said he does not want to reduce this item to \$200, but wishes to AMEND the motion to delete this entirely. Seconded Mr. Dombroski, Mr. Boccuzzi and Mr. Kuczo.

THE CHAIRMAN called for a show of hands on the vote. LOST by a vote of 11 in favor and 14 opposed.

THE CHAIRMAN said the vote will now be taken on Mr. Rich's motion to REDUCE this amount from \$4,200 to \$3,500. CARRIED, with several no votes.

Code 108.0101. Salaries - New Personnel (Executive Aide to Mayor) \$10,000

MR. MOSCA said he notices the above item in the Mayor's Budget and MOVED to DELETE this item. He said we have never had an Aide to the Mayor up to now and have been trying to cut the Budget and is wondering if it is a good idea at this time, especially with such a high Budget and going higher and higher every year, to allow this. Seconded by Mr. Kuczo.

MR. RICH said it should be noted that the Board of Finance, in passing on the Mayor's proposals and on this one in particular, indicated its unanimous agreement that the Mayor did need an Executive Aide. He said in the last six years or so this City has grown considerably and the complexity of this job of Chief Executive is growing at even a faster rate than the increase in the population, due to many things with which this Board is familiar, such as governmental programs and the problems of the City. He said the Mayor has requested this item so that he can dispatch someone on his own personal staff to look into matters, to investigate, to check down, to run down to get figures together, to look into citizens' complaints which otherwise he has to do - a staff investigation, so to speak - research, analysis, etc. He said in the words of our present Mayor, (who incidentally is spending a great deal of time at this job of being Mayor) instead of spending 12 and 14 hours, six days a week, an Assistant who would spend a reasonably full work day at this job would allow the Mayor to get to things that don't and should get done. He said it also should be noted that this Mayor and his predecessor, had unpaid volunteer Assistants and these are no longer available to do the kind of work that is necessary. He said this will be an appointive job, not subject to Civil Service,

and the incumbent will have to be approved by this Board and he will go out of office the same as does the Commissioner of Finance, Public Works Commissioner and Corporation Counsel, at the same time as the Mayor.

MR. KUCZO said he thinks Mr. Mosca has certainly shown wise thought on this and he must agree with him. He said he thinks that an Executive Aide is not necessary, any more than is the publicity agents they hired for \$10,000 for Urban Renewal. He said there is too much excess baggage here and there.

THE CHAIRMAN asked Mr. Kuczo to confine his remarks to the subject.

MR. FUSARO said he thinks this should be deferred until and if the Mayor states that he is not campaigning for Lt. Governor.

THE CHAIRMAN asked Mr. Fusaro to confine his remarks to the subject. He said we are supposed to be discussing an Aide for the Mayor and not Lt. Governor.

MR. FUSARO said he wants to bring out the reasons why the Mayor wants an Executive Aide and he thinks it is germane. He said rather than have this Board held up to ridicule by showing that they are sponsoring his campaign for Lt. Governor by giving him an Executive Aide. He said if the Mayor feels that he needs this assistant, let him come back for it and request it at a time he is not campaigning for Lt. Governor and at that time he would be in favor of an Executive Aide, but until then, he would defer this.

MR. BUCHANAN said he would like to ask a question (voice is inaudible on recording; apparently did not turn his microphone on). He asked a question as to what are the duties of an Administrative Assistant and does not the Mayor's Administrative Assistant do the work of an Executive Aide. He asked for a definition.

MR. RICH said this is, to coin a phrase, a "high-powered Secretary".

MR. BUCHANAN said he would like to call attention to the recommendations of the Board of Finance in their letter transmitting the Budget, in which they state they are in full agreement "that such kind of assistance is necessary and are of the opinion that the adequacy of the amount requested will depend on the individual who occupies the position." He said we are being told this, and again in the same breath to "watch it - next year it's going to go up". He said he thinks it will have to go up if you take a man on in that capacity. In the first place, he said he does not think you will get a man to do this job for \$10,000 and in the second place, if he accepts, right after he does, you are going to find a \$5,000 increase. He said he questions what we are letting ourselves in for, approving \$10,000 for now, when we know that very likely it will be before us again in the form of a request for an emergency appropriation to increase this salary, or perhaps in future budgets the salary will be increased.

MR. FARMEN spoke in favor of leaving this in. He said for a city of this size it does not appear that we pay the Mayor too much money as it is, considering the job we expect him to do, and all of this talk about cutting the rates, is running against the grain. He said we could easily run into a situation in the future of not finding the right kind of a man who would even want to be Mayor of this City. He said it is up to us to make the job the kind of a job that can be done properly. He said he thinks this Assistant is needed very much.

MR. CONNORS said he would like to ask the Chairman a question. He said this Board happens to have a President who is also the Acting Mayor and we also happen to have a Deputy Mayor. He said he would like to know what their functions will be after this Executive Aide is appointed to his position.

THE CHAIRMAN said he has no way of knowing the answer to that question.

MR. RICH said he would assume there would be no change in their function.

MR. CONNORS said the way it now stands is if the Mayor cannot attend a function, the President of the Board, as Acting Mayor, or the Deputy Mayor attends the function in his place. He said what would an Executive Aide do who happens to be Assistant to the Mayor?

MR. RICH said this would have nothing to do with ceremonial functions, but would be the kind of work that would go on regardless of whatever "ribbon cutting" or attendance at various functions that would be needed.

MR. CONNORS said he wants to know how the Mayors in the past managed to survive, and that is what bothers him.

MR. LINDSTROM said he can't answer that question, except to say there are many places a Mayor has to be in attendance, and that it is usually a Saturday or a Sunday or an evening.

MR. CONNORS said every Mayor in the past did the same thing and never had an Assistant to do it for him.

MR. NATHANSON said that in the past there have been Mayors who used the President of the Board to take some of the burden of office and perhaps a great deal more than does our present Mayor. He said he thinks that what is desired by the Mayor is rather an Administrative Assistant rather than a ceremonial Assistant. He said he personally would rather see this \$10,000 left in the Budget to take care of things such as what Mr. Kuczo was complaining about before - that he never gets anybody to talk to up there and perhaps now we can have somebody for him to talk to.

MR. RICH said he does not think the Mayor has in mind someone to entertain Mr. Kuczo, but perhaps would like to pay more attention to Mr. Kuczo's problems and to have someone who can dig into the facts, which would leave the Mayor more time to devote to talking to people who wish to see him.

MR. KELLY said he does not think at this time that there is enough work to warrant hiring a \$10,000 a year man. He said we just raised the salary of the Acting Mayor up to \$40 a day - so that would probably equal about \$10,000 and he thinks he is fully capable of doing the work that the Mayor would require.

THE CHAIRMAN called for a VOTE on the motion to delete \$10,000 from the Salary Account. VOTE taken by a show of hands. CARRIED by a vote of 16 in favor and 11 opposed.

MR. CHIRIMBES said he would like to say something about this appropriation. He said everyone feels that the Mayor should have an Aide, but at this time the office does not require it, because of the fact of a tax increase and different problems.

Code 108.0501. Telephone & Telegraph-----\$1,000.00

MR. KUCZO MOVED to reduce the above appropriation to \$800.00. His motion failed to carry, as there was no seconder. He said he wished to go on record as being opposed to any increases in the Telephone & Telegraph Account.

Code 108.2301. Annual Report-----\$2,500.00

MR. MURPHY MOVED to reduce the above appropriation to \$2,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Boccuzzi.

MR. RICH said he thinks this should be pointed out - that this report appears in the newspaper as a supplement in the fall and our books indicate the additional cost is needed because the cost of publication has risen, and the size of the supplement increases as the City grows in size.

VOTE taken on the motion to reduce. LOST.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR MAYOR'S OFFICE-----\$47,457.08

Page 5 - DEPARTMENT OF LAW:

TOTAL APPROVED FOR DEPARTMENT OF LAW-----\$92,863.58

Page 7 - TOWN AND CITY CLERK:

TOTAL APPROVED FOR TOWN AND CITY CLERK-----\$92,528.77

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE:

TOTAL APPROVED FOR COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE-----\$21,167.00

Page 9 - BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS & RECORDS:

GENERAL ACCOUNTING

Code 116.2101, Conventions, Dues & Conferences-----\$250.00

MR. KUCZO MOVED the above request be reduced to \$200.00 from \$250.00. LOST - no seconder.

MR. KUCZO asked why there is an increase all through the Budget for the item of Conventions, Dues and Conferences.

MR. RICH said this item is not picked out of the air, but is based on seminars, training sessions, such as Municipal Finance Officers Association meetings, which are scheduled and planned for people to attend.

MR. KUCZO said this does not answer his question - that it was \$187.50 last year and now it is up to \$250.00.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR GENERAL ACCOUNTING-----\$54,559.16

Page 9 - BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS & RECORDS:

DATA PROCESSING SECTION-----TOTAL APPROVED-----\$107,949.00

TOTAL APPROVED FOR BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS & RECORDS-----\$162,508.33

BUREAU OF PURCHASES:

TOTAL APPROVED FOR BUREAU OF PURCHASES----- 37,124.00

Page 11 - STAMFORD MUSEUM -----TOTAL APPROVED----- 105,000.00

FERGUSON LIBRARY-----TOTAL APPROVED----- 607,660.00

Page 13 - VETERANS' SERVICE -----No appropriation - DENIED BY BOARD OF FINANCE

CENTRAL SERVICES:

MR. LINDSTROM asked why they have in the budget a request for Overtime and also for part-time help and at the same time are requesting \$4,452.00 for new personnel. He said this does not add up - either they have the overtime and the part-time, or new personnel, but you don't have both. HE MOVED to delete the \$1,000 for overtime (Code 126.0103) and leave the part-time factor in and DELETE THE \$4,452.00 for new personnel (Offset Machine Operator 1).

MR. RICH explained that they operate on somewhat of a cyclical kind of base, where sometimes someone, perhaps Mrs. Farrell, gives them a great load of work on say a Friday night to be ready in time for a Monday night meeting, or something of the sort. He said this is predicated on including the new Offset Machine Operator.

MR. LINDSTROM said this may be true, but he notices that last year they had an expenditure of \$700 for Part-time Help and \$500 for Overtime, without the new personnel and now they are not only asking for new personnel and are still increasing the amount requested for the other two accounts.

MR. MORRIS reminded Mr. Lindstrom that our report for the Special Water Conservation Committee was done over the weekend, which required overtime.

MR. BUCHANAN asked how many machines they had. Mr. Rich said he believes they have two Offset machines under service contract.

MR. BUCHANAN said he cannot understand if they only have two machines, why they need another Offset Machine Operator. He asked what they did to need an extra operator when they already have two for the two machines.

MR. RICH said perhaps they have other things that need to be done at the same time.

MR. BUCHANAN said he still does not see why the extra personnel is needed - three people to operate two machines seems unnecessary.

MR. MURPHY said he wants to ask a question. He said it seems to him that only a month or two ago this Board had before them a request for an additional appropriation of around \$14,000 for a new Offset Machine (Minutes of 4/1/66, page 4638).

MR. CONNORS said this Board has been more critical of this department than any other in the City of Stamford. He said when we don't get what we want, we "holler" and as far as the overtime is concerned, there are probably many things that make this a necessity - such as preparing the annual budget, annual reports, etc. He said he thinks we should not reduce this item.

MR. NATHANSON said he has a question to ask of the Fiscal Committee Chairman. He said he would like to know if all the work done by the Central Services is for the City, or whether, from time to time, they might take in other work to do.

MR. RICH said this question was not asked. He said this is being cut down and they are taking in more and more of the work that was previously "farmed out" by various City departments, and is the reason for the increased load - that they are either things that don't get done, or get done outside the City's reproduction facilities, and are now supposed to be done by our own people.

MR. NATHANSON said, then, would he say that they are reducing the amount of outside work that they have been doing, or have they stopped doing outside work.

MR. RICH said Mr. Nathanson has not heard him correctly. He said they are reducing the amount of work sent outside - to be done outside.

MR. NATHANSON said, then he would understand that he does not know if they are doing work other than that of the City - he said he means by "City" the City government.

MR. RICH said this question was not raised.

MR. CASALE said he would like to go along with what Mr. Lindstrom said - that we have two Offset Machines in their service contract and yet they are asking for three Offset Machine Operators. He said there is something here that doesn't jibe. He asked Mr. Rich to explain this.

MR. RICH said he has told all he knows and can say nothing further.

MR. CONNORS said he wondered when Mr. Nathanson asked that question if he meant that they had been working for the Republicans during election time, because he knows they don't work for the Democrats.

MR. BOCCUZZI said he would like to ask what Code 126.1401, Rental of Equipment stands for. He said he would like to know just what equipment they rent.

MR. RICH said he does not know which items they rent, but they do rent certain items of office machinery- Xerox machine, for instance, which has been mentioned, which is on a lease basis, rather than on a purchase basis.

MR. BUCHANAN said he wants to know how the Central Services bills out their Xerox charges. He said this is part of the charges that we are approving a budget on here-- rental of equipment - \$1,850.00. He said that theoretically this is for the rate that is charged by the Xerox Corporation to the City for the Xerox machine. He said he wants to know if they bill it out at the rate they are charged by the Xerox Corporation, or do they add labor charges to it.

MR. RICH said there is no labor charge added into this.

MR. BUCHANAN said what he objects to in this case - they have a #913 machine, with a large output and ought to be getting these things out for about a penny a sheet and he has noticed that the Board is being charged on the Water Committee Report, at the rate of four cents a page. He said he does not understand why these charges should be so high and how do they account for the charges on the Xerox copying machine, which is obviously contained in the item called "Rental of Equipment". He asked if anyone knows anything about this. He said when you go up into the thousands of copies a month, you get a large reduction in the cost per sheet.

MR. LINDSTROM said in lieu of the fact that we have two machines here and at the same time are looking for an extra Operator and still have requests for part-time and overtime pay, which is higher than last year, HE MOVED TO DELETE the request for New Personnel in the amount of \$4,452.00, for a third Offset Machine Operator 1.

Seconded by Mr. Casale.

THE CHAIRMAN called for a vote on the question.

MR. RICH said he would like to point out that although there are two Offset Machines in that office, there are other things that machine operators can do besides run Offset Machines and there is other equipment and other activities - for instance, part of the New Equipment requested is for a Collator and a Hand Electric Cutter, but someone has to operate these and the Offset Machine Operator 1 can be doing some of those things as well as running the Offset Machine.

MR. NATHANSON said this may be true, but there certainly is a certain amount of "downtime" involved and he doubts if these machines run a full eight hour day, every day.

MR. KARL said while it is true that we do not have a documented report as to just what each person does, we do know that much of the copy is generated by multilith rather than the Xerox 914 equipment, and it is well known that multilith copy is undoubtedly cheaper. He said he was present as also were other members of the Fiscal Committee, at the Board of Finance hearings on the Budget, this department presented a very fine detailed analysis for their expenditures and very much as has been explained by Mr. Rich. He said these people do operate various pieces of equipment, which is necessary in order to keep up with the increased load on this department and to take in work that has been previously "farmed out" at higher cost. He said in the interests of responsibility, we should grant the amount requested.

MR. CONNORS said we can't just go by titles here and even though they are designated as machine operators - is that all they do? He said they do other things besides just operate a machine and when the machine is not operating - do they just sit down alongside of it? He said this doesn't make sense and probably they are doing other things besides just operating the machine. He said this is getting ridiculous. He said he thinks the department is being well run, that they are doing a good job and the people who "hollered" the loudest was the Board of Representatives when they don't get their Minutes. He said go ahead and eliminate some of these things and when you don't get the work that you want out of this department, then you can "holler" louder because then you may have to wait.

MR. LINDSTROM said he did not say they are only Offset Machine Operators - that he was talking about extra personnel and what he claims is that with only two machines to operate, they are asking for a third Offset Machine Operator and this is the way it was presented to us. He said not only is there part time help, but overtime -- that there are two machines and they are looking for a third Operator and mathematically it does not add up.

MR. CASALE MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED.

THE CHAIRMAN said the question now before this Board is the question of elimination of New Personnel, for an Offset Machine Operator at a salary of \$4,452.00. He said the motion is to DELETE this item from the budget.

MR. RICH explained this will eliminate \$4,452.00 from Code 126.0101, Salaries, reducing this account to \$25,788.52. VOTE taken by a show of hands. LOST.

MR. RICH said the motion to DELETE was lost; therefore the salary account stays as it was.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR CENTRAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT-----\$38,971.52

Page 13 - PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES COMMISSION:

Code 128.5705, U. N. & Other Observances-----DENIED

MR. RICH MOVED to DELETE the \$500.00 which the Board of Finance has approved for this item. Seconded, and CARRIED.

MR. LINDSTROM asked if any serious consideration has been given to doing away with the fireworks.

MR. RICH said he does not know.

MR. LINDSTROM said there was an accident last year caused by the fireworks and there are a couple of lawsuits pending. He said he has nothing against Independence Day, but he notices that little by little these fireworks displays are being deleted throughout the country and this is why he brought it up.

MR. MURPHY said he wants to ask the same question.

MR. CONNORS said we have observed the 4th of July for many, many years and it is unfortunate that we had an accident, but accidents can happen any time. He said he sees no reason to eliminate these things because there may be an accident. He said the people of this City really enjoy fireworks.

MR. RICH reminded Mr. Connors that no one has made a motion to delete this from the Budget.

MR. KUCZO said he would like to see this \$500.00 retained for U. N. and other Observances.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES COMMISSION-----\$ 6,125.00

Page 13 - VETERANS GRAVES COMMISSION:

TOTAL APPROVED FOR VETERANS' GRAVES COMMISSION----- 3,000.00

Page 15 - GENERAL INSURANCE - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 52,500.00

EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL & HOSPITAL - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 10,000.00

PLANNING BOARD:

Code 134.2101 Conventions, Dues & Conferences  
Code 134.2102 Dues & Subscriptions

MR. KUCZO MOVED that both of the above requests be reduced by \$100. There being no seconder, the motion was declared LOST.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR PLANNING BOARD-----\$50,425.50

SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY:

MR. KUCZO MOVED that this item be reduced to \$1.00 from \$4,746.25. Seconded by Mr. Longo. LOST, with two voting in favor of Mr. Kuczo's motion.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR SOUTHWESTERN  
REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY ----- \$ 4,746.25

Page 15 - BOARD OF TAX REVIEW - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 300.00

Page 17 - ZONING BOARD - TOTAL APPROVED----- 7,813.54

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

Code 140.0401. Advertising & Printing----- 2,000.00

MR. RICH MOVED the above be reduced to \$2,000.00 from \$2,500.00. Seconded by Mr. Lindstrom. CARRIED by a show of hands, with 19 in favor, 8 opposed.

MR. MURPHY said he notices that everything seems to be going up, bit by bit, each year, with an increase of \$25.00 here and \$50.00 there. He said he wants an explanation.

MR. RICH said in the particular item on which the Board just voted, he can see that they have reduced the request by \$500.00.

MR. KUCZO said he is glad that Mr. Murphy has also noticed this, and for instance, in Janitor Service. He said we've never spent money on that before and now they originally requested \$150.00 which was reduced to \$25.00 by the Board of Finance. He said he'd like to know what janitor service they need.

MR. RICH explained that this is for the use of school Cafeterias and Auditoriums for the Zoning Board of Appeals during their public hearings.

MR. KUCZO said he wants to know what they have done in the past, because it has never been in the Budget before.

MR. RICH said it must be a new accounting.

MR. LINDSTROM said he could explain this. He said last year the Board of Finance wanted them to use the Board's meeting room and this Board denied the use of the room for public hearings. He said they then came in and requested extra funds because they had to use the schools for janitorial service and now apparently they expect to go back to using our meeting room.

MR. KUCZO said he has another question regarding "Dues and Subscriptions" and wanted to know what dues and subscriptions could the Zoning Board of Appeals use.

MR. MORRIS said he would imagine periodicals or something of that sort, and would just guess this.

Code 140.2102 - Dues and Subscriptions-----\$ 50.00

MR. KUCZO said he is not playing guessing games and MOVED to reduce the above request from \$50.00 to \$25.00.

MR. CONNORS said if you will read at the bottom of page 17 and page 16 where it reads: "Note: Attention is called to the fact that this department also produces revenue. Please refer to 'Estimated Revenues - Sources Other Than Taxation'." He said here we are haggling over a small item to save \$25.00, when they probably bring in most of the money themselves.

No vote taken on Mr. Kuczo's motion, because it was not seconded.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS -----\$8,615.00

MR. LINDSTROM said he wants to ask one question before we go on to the next item of business. He said we approved \$39,000 for Central Services and he has noticed throughout the Budget we have items for "Advertising and Printing". He said he would like to know if all the printing is done by the Central Services Department, and do they, in turn, bill the various departments for this service.

MR. RICH said as far as this item is concerned, it should just read "Advertising", but the accounting system refers to it as "Advertising and Printing".

MR. LINDSTROM said then the same holds true every place they see it referred to as "Advertising and Printing".

MR. RICH said generally speaking, but to remember that there still is a lot of printing being done outside the City's Central Services Department.

MR. LINDSTROM said then there shouldn't be any from now on.

MR. RICH said there probably will be much less of it.

MR. RYENICK asked if this does not refer to outside advertising in the local newspapers by the department in question.

MR. RICH said this is true.

Page 17 - TAXATION BOARD - DENIED BY BOARD OF FINANCE - No appropriation.

Page 19 - ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:

Code 144.0403, Printing Tax Books-----\$ 3,000.00

MR. RICH MOVED the above request be reduced to \$3,000.00 from \$4,400.00 which was approved by the Board of Finance. Mr. Rich said this is done with the understanding that there will be a Charter revision which will remove the present provisions that the Assessor's Office distribute the Grand List books free, as they are now. He said they feel that next year we can cut this item down and hopefully that in another year or so there will even be a revenue item for these grand list books, instead of costing the City money to print these tax books. Seconded and CARRIED to reduce this amount to \$3,000.00.

Code 144.0101, Salaries - New Personnel: Inspector, at \$6,227.00

MR. NATHANSON said he would like some light shed on the reason for another Inspector.

MR. RICH said if you are familiar with the amount of new construction in the City, you would then know why they need another Inspector - because there is more work to be done - more houses and buildings being constructed which require assessment.

MR. NATHANSON MOVED to reduce the salary item, by removing the appropriation for New Personnel, making a total for the salaries of \$66,473.83 instead of \$72,700.83. Seconded.

MR. FUSARO spoke, but did not turn on his microphone, so his voice was inaudible.

MR. CONNORS said he would have to agree with Mr. Fusaro that this job will pay for itself - and that it is money in the bank as far as the City of Stamford is concerned, because of the inability of the present help to get out and look over this new construction, we do carry them over and in other words, they get a "free ride" for another year. He said he, for one, feels this new Inspector is very much needed.

MR. CASALE said we have an Assessor, a Deputy Assessor, and Inspector and an Appraiser - four personnel and he does not believe that the backlog is that great.

MR. NATHANSON said he wants to know if there is any indication from this department that these houses are not being done. He said he believes one man should be able to inspect approximately 40 houses a week.

MR. FUSARO spoke, but again his voice was inaudible as his microphone was shut off.

MR. LE BEAU said he believes one of the reasons for this new Inspector is that it goes a bit beyond the construction of merely new homes, and as we know, as building permits are taken out for additions and other changes on existing property, this should, after the construction has been performed, affect the value of the property. And, the backlog is rather substantial in this area, if the Inspectors have not been able to get out and quickly re-evaluate property where changes have been made, and this is one of the primary reasons for the request for this additional man.

MR. CONNORS said he agrees with Mr. Le Beau that they are not able to cover sufficient territory in the City. He said all you have to do is take a look at your Grand List and ask how much has it gone up during the last year and there is your proof. He said all you have to do is ask the Building Inspector how many permits has he issued. He said the new Inspector is well justified.

MR. BUCHANAN said the point has been made that the building season is only six months long and you are hiring a full-time Inspector for this full-time salary. He said why not hire a part-time man during the building construction period, rather than hire a full-time man with a full-time salary. He said he is asking this as a question and doesn't this make more sense than having a full-time salaried man, when he is only going to work on these inspections for six months or so out of the year.

MR. FUSARO said there is some carry-over here and it goes beyond buildings alone, because property also is involved - such as personal property which is also taxable.

MR. LINDSTROM said as far as seasonal help is concerned, they already have in their budget a request for \$6,200.00 for part-time help and have kept it in and yet they are still looking for a new man. He said we have to have it one way or the other - on one hand they are asking for new personnel at \$6,227.00 and have also a request in for part-time help at \$6,200.00. He said that in order for a man to find enough homes to inspect, he would have to find approximately in the neighborhood of \$140,000 to \$150,000 worth of taxable income in the 40 mill rate to pay his salary. He said you are saying that we are losing tax revenue, but there again, does it add up? He said he wonders if the \$6,200 part time will not take care of the work that the new Inspector would do.

After considerable further debate, a VOTE was taken on Mr. Nathanson's motion to REDUCE the salary item by eliminating the New Inspector. LOST.

TOTAL APPROVE FOR ASSESSOR'S OFFICE -----\$93,501.83

Page 21 - TAX COLLECTOR:

TOTAL APPROVED FOR TAX COLLECTOR ----- \$81,368.19

Page 21 - RESERVE FOR TAX REFUNDS----- \$ 5,000.00

Page 22 - STAMFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT PENSION PAYMENTS-----124,061.06

Page 22A - STAMFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT PENSION PAYMENTS -----246,574.67

Page 23 BOARD OF FINANCE - TOTAL APPROVED----- 15,340.00

PENSION AND INSURANCE - TOTAL APPROVED-----1,312,144.84

MR. RICH said the above represents pension payments for Classified Employees, Police Pension Deficit(which is a big item) Firemen's Pension Deficit, Hospitalization, and miscellaneous fixed expenses.

MR. BUCHANAN asked if by any chance the Police and Fire Department Pensions are included in Code 153. (Classified Employees Pensions).

MR. RICH said they are separate from the item called "Police Pension Deficit" and "Firemen's Pension Deficit" and the reason being that we are not on a sound actuarial up-to-date basis.

Page 25 - CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT - TOTAL APPROVED-----\$38,755.24

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND - TOTAL APPROVED-----<sup>6,516.00</sup>~~6,471.00~~

PROBATE COURT - TOTAL APPROVED----- 7,850.00

Page 27 - SEWER COMMISSION - TOTAL APPROVED----- 7,513.00

PRINTING LEGISLATIVE BILLS----- 25.00

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:

Code 192,2101, Conventions & Conferences----- \$ 300.00

MR. RICH said the Fiscal Committee recommends this be reduced to \$150.00 from the \$300.00 requested. Seconded.

MR. KUCZO asked why the Committee decided to cut this particular item.

MR. RICH said it was because they have been in existence such a short time, the Committee believed until they have more experience, the \$150.00 would be enough, based on what they spent last year, namely \$112.50.

MR. NATHANSON said the fact has been brought out that this Department is inexperienced which he would think would be the best reason for leaving it in - so that they can attend these conferences and learn something.

MR. WALDEN said he agrees with Mr. Nathanson on this.

MR. RICH said he wants to comment on what Mr. Nathanson said about this increasing the experience of the Commission's staff. He said it was not the intention of the Fiscal Committee to hamper their getting experience, but that there wasn't any "fiscal experience" or accounting or cost experience as to how much this item ought to be.

MR. FUSARO asked what they would do if this item is cut and it turns out that they need more money.

THE CHAIRMAN said they would have to ask for a special appropriation.

MR. LOCKHART MOVED that this \$300.00 stay in and not be reduced.

There was some discussion at this point that a motion was already on the floor, and all anyone has to do to defeat it is to vote against Mr. Rich's motion to reduce.

VOTE taken on Mr. Rich's motion to reduce this request to \$150.00 from the \$300.00 requested. LOST.

MR. RICH said it then goes back to what was requested, namely \$300.00.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - TOTAL APPROVED-----\$16,767.47

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROVED ----- \$ 2,993,053.75

MR. CONNORS said in the past this Board has erred a few times and he thinks it should be up to Mrs. Farrell to check these figures and make sure they are correct, because we could be in error on some of these figures and if we vote a certain figure, that's the figure we have to stand by, and he therefore believes we should leave it up to the Administrative Assistant to make whatever corrections are necessary. It was agreed to do this.

Page 29 - DEBT SERVICE APPROVED-----\$ 3,790,291.00

Page 35 - BOARD OF EDUCATION:-----\$12,350,000.00

MR. RICH said the Fiscal Committee did not recommend any reduction in this request of \$12,350,000.00 and suggests approval of the amount requested and SO MOVED. Seconded.

MR. LINDSTROM said it is very hard to act on something on which you have no full knowledge. He said every year this comes to us and all we get is the total amount. He said last year they came in for \$11,400,000.00. He said his children go to public school and he is not against education, but this year it has been upped to another million dollars. He said we have to consider the over all problem and not just any one claim on our tax money. He said he thinks the Board, if they see fit, should make a small cut in this large appropriation, which would be a big help to the rest of the City in their other Projects which are also very necessary.

MR. LINDSTROM MOVED this be REDUCED to \$12,000,000.00 from the \$12,350,000.00 requested, which is a million dollars more than they had last year. Seconded.

MR. RICH said he thinks he should point out that the Board of Finance has already cut approximately one million dollars from this Budget - in fact, it is \$1,011,000.00 to be exact. He said this is a pretty severe cut and when the Fiscal Committee met with the Board of Finance and the Board of Education, at that time they were hard put to know where they could make that cut without seriously endangering the level of education for the City of Stamford.

MR. CASALE said it seems that the Board of Education can spend as much as we give them and he doesn't think the \$350,000.00 cut will hurt the educational system of our City. He said we have a very fine educational system.

MR. WALDEN said he feels that the Board of Education can use every penny of this and believes we should make no further cuts.

MR. FARMEN said he goes along with this 100% and if we feel we are approving a budget without having any details and are asked to make a cut without having any details, neither way makes any sense.

MR. KEGGI said it was pointed out in the Board of Finance report that they have cut very deeply into what they consider possibly optional increases in the budget and there is a bedrock below which you cannot cut. He said the optional features already have been very deeply cut.

MR. CHIRIMBES said he feels that the Board of Education has been getting quite a bit of money - they are entitled to it - but they should still take into consideration the taxpayer. He said we all need education, and we all want our children to get a good education, but you are not going to have any children to go to school if you keep raising the taxes in this City, with the major part of the tax dollar going to the Board of Education - over 49¢ of each dollar.

MR. MURPHY asked to be excused at this time (10:45 P.M.) which left 27 members.

MR. FUSARO spoke (voice inaudible).

MR. LINDSTROM said he takes exception to what Mr. Fusaro says - that he had another meeting to go to that night, for the Board of Representatives and unfortunately he could not attend that meeting and he thinks this IS the time to discuss it. He said he is asking for a \$350,000 cut and as he stated before, he is not against education; his children attend public schools and he thinks they are getting a fine education; previous to this he had them in private school, and took them out of private school because they were not getting a good education, which they are now getting - in a public school. He said he is thinking about people who are living in this City and trying to get along on a fixed income, and every time the taxes go up it takes too big a bite out of their fixed income. A cut of \$350,000 represents half a mill raise in taxes. He said we also have before us - something we received tonight - somewhere around half a million dollars appropriation that has not been included here, for the increase in wages for City employees because of collective bargaining. He said he thinks it is about time that we start pulling our belts in a little bit, because we are taxing ourselves out of the City. He said he thinks a million dollar increase over last year is a tremendous increase and this is what we should bear in mind - the increase, and not the decrease.

MR. MOSCA said he heard this evening over TV via CBS the fact that Wall Street is moving a portion of its operation to Jersey. He said we all know that the Mayor tried desperately to get them to come to Stamford and could it be that the reason they decided to go to Jersey was because of a lower tax situation there?

MR. NATHANSON said one thing that troubles him with a cut like this and he is in favor of cutting, is that it has been the past history of the Board of Education that once they've had a cut like this, is to go ahead and spend the money and then come back to the Board of Representatives and tell them that we have got to have the money anyway, because we just went ahead and spent it last month.

MR. LINDSTROM said then let them come back.

MR. NATHANSON said this is the crux of the matter to him - that it's all right to go ahead and cut this money out of here, but if this cut is made, he hopes that we stick by our guns.

MR. WALDEN said he wants to point out that some children go to school under very undersirable conditions and this is the most important project before Stamford today the educational system.

MR. KUCZO said he cannot agree to arbitrarily cut the budget of the Board of Education, but he would like to point out to Mr. Lindstrom that even had he gone over to the Budget hearing he would not have seen the Board of Education, because the meeting was over before anyone from the Board of Education arrived on the scene.

He said he thinks there should be better liaison between this Board and the Board of Education and this Board should see where this money is being spent. He said he knows, for a fact, that there were many times when the teachers were short of paper, because they didn't have funds for it and window shades could not be replaced, because there was no money for it. He said he can't see the teachers having to do without the tools of their trade. He said this Board should know where this money goes and it is up to the Board of Education to furnish them with this information.

MR. LINDSTROM said he has to arbitrarily cut, because he has nothing to use as a guide. For three years he said he has sat on this Board and only once was he given a copy of their Budget and how he got that he does not know, because other members didn't have copies. He said he does not know where the Board of Education can economize, without having the information to guide him. He said he is not trying to tell them to "cut" but to economize, for the betterment of the City of Stamford.

MR. CHIRIMBES said he and Mr. Walden were at a meeting where the Board of Education was also, and he and some of the Board members got rather upset, because they did ask questions of the Board of Education and did not get any answers to their questions. He said this meeting was held for the members of the Board of Representatives and about six showed up. He said they failed to get any kind of an answer to their questions, except that they had a nice million dollar spending program up there which looked very good. He said this all boils down to a tax increase which the people of Stamford cannot take and it reflects on this Board right now.

MR. CASALE said we are giving them a million dollars more this year than last year, which is a lot of money and thinks it is about time that the Board of Education learns to tighten up its belt and learn to live within their income. He said we certainly have no desire to deprive our children of a good education, but there is a lot of "fat" in there that could be trimmed and perhaps it would be a good idea to cut down our "Country Club" type of schools down to more modern and efficient buildings. He said if we cut this and as Ben Nathanson said, then they do come back, they'll have to know that they will be turned down and it's about time that they started to learn to live within what we give them. He said the tax rates continues to go up and the people who pay these taxes keep moving out because they cannot afford to live here any more, and industry is moving out for the same reason and we have GOT to do something and the Board of Education is the biggest spender in Stamford. He said if this rise in taxes continues, we will find ourselves legislators of a Ghost Town.

MR. CONNORS said unfortunately we are in a bind where our hands are tied with the Board of Education, but if we could pass legislation where we could force them to explain their Budgets that every other City department has to do, then perhaps we could get taxes down. He said we are giving them a blank check and how they spend it is none of our business. He said if we cut their budget, they are going to economize on the things that are felt - like maintenance. He said he feels that we don't gain enough by cutting their budget, because we have no control over how they spend the money anyway. He said every time the Board of Education goes ahead and spends their appropriation, and then comes back and asks for more and they never have any trouble getting what they want out of the Board of Finance or the Board of Representatives.

MR. MORRIS called attention to the members that there is a motion before the Board to cut \$350,000.00 out of the Board of Education's budget. He called for a VOTE

on the motion as offered by Mr. Lindstrom. LOST by a vote of 9 in favor and 17 opposed.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION-----\$12,350,000.00

Page 37 - WELFARE DEPARTMENT:

Code 410.5505, Burials-----\$2,500.00

MR. RICH MOVED this appropriation be reduced to \$2,500.00 from \$3,600.00. Seconded and CARRIED.

Code 410.5508, Soldiers Burials & Markers \$1,000.00

MR. RICH MOVED this appropriation be reduced to \$1,000.00 from \$1,500.00. Seconded.

MR. CHIRIMBES said he would like to know the reason for this cut.

MR. RICH said it was the same reason they cut the Burial item - because they are not sure of the exact amount that will be needed or how many indigent veterans die.

MR. CHIRIMBES said they are dying faster because they're getting older.

MR. FUSARO spoke but his voice was inaudible - he failed to turn on his microphone.

VOTE taken on Mr. Rich's motion to reduce Code 410.5508. CARRIED.

Code 410.5510, Transportation for Investigators-----\$400.00

MR. RICH MOVED this appropriation be reduced to \$400.00 from \$500.00. Seconded and CARRIED.

Code 410.5509 Transportation of Clients-----\$150.00

MR. RICH said he should have taken up this before the one that was just voted on. HE MOVED this appropriation be reduced to \$150.00 from \$200.00. Seconded and CARRIED.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR WELFARE DEPARTMENT-----\$ 339,345.72

Page 39 - HOSPITALS - TOTAL APPROVED----- 102,000.00

SUNSET HOME - TOTAL APPROVED----- 79,799.89

SMITH HOUSE - TOTAL APPROVED----- 412,270.37

TOTAL WELFARE AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS APPROVED ----- \$933,415.98

Page 41 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Code 510.0101, Salaries ----- \$ 124,698.34

MR. RICH said the Fiscal Committee recommends several cuts in the Health Department. He said they recommend a reduction in the salary for the proposed Director of Health from the suggested \$19,000.00 to \$17,500.00, representing a cut of \$1,500.00 in the salary schedule. HE MOVED for approval of this cut, which will reduce the salary appropriation to \$124,698.34 from 126,198.34. Seconded.

The question was asked how the Health Commission arrived at a figure of \$19,000.00.

MR. RICH replied that it was arrived at by a process of "by guess and by golly" as a result of a quick study of the towns around here and what they are paying for this kind of job, and \$19,000.00 was not the average - it was a little high, but apparently the Health Commission figured that we are a bigger town than some others. He said the Committee felt that to set the sights as high as \$19,000.00 when that was about the highest figure that was noted, was not fair, because when you are recruiting for a job and a man is hired at \$19,000.00, he will naturally expect to go higher. He said the Committee thought it would be a little more reasonable to set the sights a little lower and decided on \$17,500.00 as a starting salary. He said at present the search has not started, so no one is sure.

THE CHAIRMAN called for a vote on the motion, as presented by Mr. Rich - that this salary for a Director of Health be reduced to \$17,500.00. CARRIED.

Code 510.2101. Conventions, Dues and Conferences-----\$300.00

MR. RICH MOVED the above be reduced to \$300.00 from \$500.00. He said the rationale here was that a good bit of it might be accounted for by the Health Director, and it was uncertain when the Health Director would "come on board" and they do not know what conventions he might want to attend or need to attend. Seconded.

MR. NATHANSON spoke against the proposed reduction. He said he feels it is a vital part of education for any City department and in many cases is the only chance for these men to get out and see what's going on.

THE CHAIRMAN called for a vote on the motion. CARRIED with one "no" vote.

TOTAL APPROVED FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT-----\$139,225.34

Page 41 - CODE ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE - TOTAL APPROVED----- 32,644.06

DOG WARDEN - TOTAL APPROVED----- 4,741.00

MR. BUCHANAN said he would like to ask a question at this point. He said he would like to know where do the general funds go to when a dog is picked up.

MR. RICH replied that all revenues coming into the City from any direction go into the General Fund.

Because the hour was getting late, some of the members called for a recess.

THE CHAIRMAN suggested that, instead, they try to "step things up" a little faster.

Page 43-45 - POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Code 530.2210. New Equipment (1960 Chrysler 4-door sedan for Chief)  
(Replacement)

MR. RICH said the Committee recommends the reduction for "New Equipment - Automobiles" to be reduced to \$26,622.00 from \$27,002.00. He said they had planned to replace the Chief's 1960 Chrysler by another, and the Committee felt that \$3,000.00 would be adequate, thus putting the Chief's car at the same level they recommended for the Mayor. He said they saw no reason why the Chief should drive around in a Cadillac or Chrysler and the Mayor drive around in a Buick or Oldsmobile.

MR. RICH MOVED this be reduced to \$26,622.00 from \$27,002.00. Seconded.

MR. LINDSTROM spoke against the motion. He said the Chief's car is a 1960, and there is a lot of equipment on it and we've had it for six years and we've gotten six good years use out of it. From a financial standpoint, he said he feels it would not be sound to buy a lesser car, because it is used not only for the Police but also can be used for the Mayor, etc. and has many miles on it. He said for the \$500.00 involved, he does not feel it would be sound to buy a cheaper make of automobile.

MR. NATHANSON said he agrees with Mr. Lindstrom.

THE CHAIRMAN called for a vote on the motion to reduce this item. CARRIED by a show of hands, 12 voting against and 14 in favor.

Page 45 - POLICE DEPARTMENT - TOTAL APPROVED-----\$1,833,335.23

Page 47-49 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - TOTAL APPROVED-----\$1,367,857.22

Page 51 - HYDRANTS & WATER SUPPLY - TOTAL APPROVED----- 194,231.61

CIVILIAN DEFENSE:

Code 560.2101, Conventions, Dues & Conferences-----DENIED

MR. RICH said the Fiscal Committee denied the above request and SO MOVED. He said this is an amateur, volunteer operation, as opposed to some of the professional departments of the City where we have been arguing about education, etc., for a full time staff. Seconded.

MR. LINDSTROM objected to this being denied. He said to knock this out of the budget is ridiculous. He said because it is done on a strictly voluntary basis, and they don't even get paid, and are willing to take time off in order to learn more about it, it should not be denied for the reason that they are operating on a voluntary basis, because this is more reason why they should not be cut in this item.

MR. NATHANSON said he also wishes to speak against this proposed reduction - that the only way people are going to learn anything is for them to go to conventions and conferences. He said we will be sorry if we reduce this and some day we find them ready to drop a bomb over our heads.

MR. BUCHANAN said he also wishes to oppose cutting this particular item - that it doesn't make sense.

MR. RICH said the Fiscal Committee bore all of this in mind when they made their decision.

MR. LINDSTROM said he'd like to point out that there are many times when the Civil Defense has to take over - they do patrol work and are very much needed. He said he is very much opposed to denying them anything because they are doing a tremendous job on a strictly voluntary basis and it's little enough they get.

THE CHAIRMAN called for a vote on the motion to delete. CARRIED.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE - TOTAL APPROVED-----\$27,559.00

Page 53 - VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

BELLTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT ----- \$30,983.26

NEW HOPE FIRE DEPARTMENT ----- 50,000.00

LONG RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT----- 41,070.00

Page 55 - TURN-OF-RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT----- 54,654.00

SPRINGDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT----- 41,175.00

Code 576. Convention Expense (Annual State Firemen)---No appropriation this year

Code 578. Investigation of Fires ----- 75.00

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS - TOTAL APPROVED---217,957.26

HARBOR MASTER (Part-time help) - TOTAL APPROVED----- 300.00

TOTAL PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY APPROVED-----\$3,817,850.72

Page 57 - PUBLIC WORKS:

ADMINISTRATION - TOTAL APPROVED-----\$120,118.70

WEIGHTS & MEASURES:

Code 604.0101. Salaries----- 5,556.00

MR. RICH said the Fiscal Committee recommends a reduction in the above account, to \$5,556.00 from \$6,471.00 because a new Sealer of Weights and Measures is starting at the beginning of the salary scale for this job, and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES - TOTAL APPROVED ----- \$8,430.00

Page 59 - BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS & MAINTENANCE -  
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS:

Code 606.0101. Salaries----- 481,209.00

MR. RICH said the Fiscal Committee recommends a reduction in the salary account. He said the Board of Finance cut out the salary for Assistant Supervisor, Highways in the amount of \$7,867.00. He said by so doing, this left the job still in there of Superintendent of Highways & Maintenance, at a salary of \$9,607.00. He said we

can't eliminate a job, but we can eliminate the money for the job, so they felt that as long as there is no Superintendent of Highways now, and we have gotten along without him for two years, that if more supervision is needed there, it could be done at the Assistant Supervisor level, at a lower salary. Therefore, he said, they have adjusted the salary account to leave money in there for a \$7,867.00 man and not a \$9,607.00 man. He MOVED for approval of this item for salaries, giving a total figure of \$489,076.00.

MR. RICH explained that his motion is to approve the money for an Assistant Supervisor of Highways in the amount of \$7,867.00 and to "knock out" the salary for the Superintendent of Highways & Maintenance at \$9,607.00. Mr. Rich said, in the opinion of the Public Works Department, there needs to be greater supervision of work crews all over town and this is a way to do it and is why this job is in the Budget. He said if you don't believe they need supervision, then eliminate this amount.

MR. KUCZO asked if a simpler way would be to just reduce the total figure.

MR. CONNORS said the Chairman has to bring in the Committee's recommendations, and you must vote on the first motion and if you don't like it, then defeat it and make a new motion for two jobs.

MR. MOSCA said he is rather impressed that we can just calmly sit here and cut out both jobs. He said certainly some supervision is needed there, somehow and for us to sit here and just calmly suggest that neither one is needed, amazes him. He said it doesn't make any sense to him.

MR. RICH explained his motion. He said as it now stands, he MOVED to approve the item of \$489,076.00. Seconded.

THE CHAIRMAN explained the motion as it now stands means that if this is approved, you will have an Assistant Supervisor of Highways at a salary of \$7,867.00. He called for a vote on the motion. LOST.

MR. MOSCA said he wishes to MOVE that the appropriation for BOTH jobs be eliminated, thereby approving a total amount for \$481,209.00. Seconded.

THE CHAIRMAN explained that all those who vote in favor of this motion will thereby eliminate the appropriation for Superintendent of Highways & Maintenance and Assistant Supervisor of Highways - BOTH jobs.

MR. RYBNICK said he is opposed to eliminating this from the budget and believes we should have some kind of supervision. He pointed out that we have over 300 miles of roadway and do need supervision - either one or the other.

MR. CASALE said he doesn't think it rests with supervision, but with the men themselves. He said you don't have to have a boss on your back to be able to produce, or a foreman to tell you to keep moving. He said a man is expected to do a day's work, whether his boss is there or he's not there. He said he thinks it's about time these men who work for the Public Works Department learn that they have to give a day's work for a day's pay.

MR. KARL said he would like to endorse what Mr. Rybnick previously stated. He said with groups of men working all over the City and not providing adequate supervision is "penny-wise and pound-foolish" and we should have a Superintendent of Highways or an Assistant -- one or the other, to provide adequate supervision to accomplish an efficient job.

MR. LINDSTROM said there appears to be some misunderstanding here. He said they are misinformed if they think there are no Foremen up in the Town Yard. He said it is his understanding that neither one of these jobs are filled, or have been filled for quite some time and the City will run just as well tomorrow as it did yesterday without these two jobs, because the Foremen still run the Yard.

MR. CHIRIMBES said he wants to reiterate what Mr. Lindstrom just said and there are six Foremen up there and have been doing the job for quite awhile and he thinks it's fortunate that we have them saving us this money and this will help us cut taxes a little.

THE CHAIRMAN called for a VOTE on the motion now before the Board, as offered by Mr. Mosca, which eliminates the money for the Highway Superintendent and the Assistant, or a total for salaries of \$481,209.00. CARRIED by a show of hands.

MR. CASALE said he has a question. He wanted to know what the classification of "Tradesworker" means.

THE CHAIRMAN said he knows the answer to this. He said there were some men they hired who were skilled masons and at that time they didn't have a rate for them, so what they do is to bring them in as a Laborer and when they do masonry work, they pay them a little more.

MR. LINDSTROM called attention to Code 606.2801 "Repair & Replace Street & Traffic Signs". He asked if this does not belong to the Police Department. He was informed it probably means street signs and not traffic signs.

DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS - TOTAL APPROVED-----\$589,373.00

Page 59 - DIVISION OF EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE - TOTAL APPROVED-----73,852.00

Page 61 - CROSBY STREET PUMPING STATION

Code 610.1502. Light & Power----- 2,300.00

MR. RICH MOVED this be reduced to \$2,300.00 from \$2,800.00, having in mind that last year approximately \$1,900.00 was spent. Seconded and CARRIED.

CROSBY STREET PUMPING STATION -TOTAL APPROVED----- 4,000.00

DIVISION OF STREET CLEANING: -

Code 614.0601 General Materials & Supplies

MR. KUCZO MOVED to reduce this to \$2,500.00 from \$3,000.00. No seconder. LOST.

DIVISION OF STREET CLEANING - TOTAL APPROVED-----153,518.00

STREET LIGHTING - TOTAL APPROVED-----370,000.00

BUREAU OF SANITATION - TOTAL APPROVED----- 33,226.00

Page 63 - MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY SEWERS - TOTAL APPROVED----- 40,484.00

BUREAU OF SANITATION - INCINERATOR AND  
SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT - TOTAL APPROVED----- 459,086.00

Page 65 - MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY SEWERS - TOTAL APPROVED----- 40,484.00

BUREAU OF SANITATION - INCINERATOR AND  
SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT - TOTAL APPROVED----- 459,086.00

Page 65 - BUREAU OF SANITATION - PUMPING STATIONS  
#2,3,4,5,6,7 & 8 - TOTAL APPROVED----- 31,942.00

BUREAU OF SANITATION - DIVISION OF  
GARBAGE COLLECTION - TOTAL APPROVED----- 601,724.00

Page 67 - BUREAU OF ENGINEERING:

Code 626.0107, Seasonal-----\$2,000.00

MR. RICH said the Fiscal Committee recommends a reduction here to \$2,000.00 from \$2,500.00. Seconded.

MR. NATHANSON spoke against the motion. He said this money is used for summer help, such as college boys. He said he thinks that for \$500.00 the City can afford to leave this in.

MR. CASALE said he does not think it's incumbent upon the City of Stamford to be baby sitters for college students.

MR. BUCHANAN said he would like to know what the need for overtime is in this department.

MR. KELLY said some of the seasonal help is often third and fourth year college students and they often come from poor families and are not in need of anyone "baby sitting" for them. He said this work gives them an opportunity to earn money for an education and at the same time helps the City.

MR. RYBNICK said he would like to clarify this. He said it is his understanding that these jobs are Engineering Aides throughout the summer and also may be some clerical help used in the Engineering Department.

THE CHAIRMAN said there is a motion on the floor to reduce this from \$2,500.00 to \$2,000.00.

VOTE taken on the motion by a show of hands. CARRIED.

BUREAU OF ENGINEERING - TOTAL APPROVED----- \$297,794.00

Page 69 - BUREAU OF ENGINEERING:  
DIVISION OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Code 628.0101, Salaries----- 98,744.00

MR. RICH said the Fiscal Committee recommends certain reduction in the Salary Account, for the reason that certain changes have taken place - such as the Chief Building Inspector retiring and the Deputy Building Inspector moving up to Chief. He said the salaries are in the budget at the incumbent's level, and not at the salary the new man would start in at. He said the Fiscal Committee did a little investigating to find out the exact salary the new man would come in at and they found that out, which adds up to certain reductions in the Salary Account. HE MOVED for approval of the new reduced figure of \$98,744.00. Seconded.

MR. BUCHANAN requested a salary breakdown of what these new men will start in at.

MR. RICH said the Building Inspector would come in at a starting salary of \$9,228.00; the Chief Building Inspector would come in at a starting salary of \$7,867.00 and one of the Deputies, instead of receiving \$6,993.00 would start at \$6,471.00 for a total reduction of \$2,709.00.

VOTE taken on reduction in Salary Account as moved by Mr. Rich. CARRIED.

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|           | <u>DIVISION OF BUILDING INSPECTOR - TOTAL APPROVED</u> -----   | \$105,924.00               |
| Page 69 - | <u>DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE -</u><br><u>TOTAL APPROVED</u> -----                                    | 63,693.00                  |
|           | <u>DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE -</u><br><u>TOWN HALL - TOTAL APPROVED</u> -----                        | 53,319.00                  |
| Page 71 - | <u>DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE -</u><br><u>MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING - TOTAL APPROVED</u> -----        | 71,055.00                  |
|           | <u>DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE -</u><br><u>YARD #2 - TOTAL APPROVED</u> -----                          | 2,900.00                   |
|           | <u>DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE -</u><br><u>CIRCUIT COURTHOUSE - TOTAL APPROVED</u> -----               | 27,636.00                  |
|           | <u>DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE -</u><br><u>YARD #1 - TOTAL APPROVED</u> -----                          | 4,550.00                   |
| Page 73 - | <u>DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE -</u><br><u>CIVIL DEFENSE BUILDING (LOCKWOOD AVENUE)</u> -----          | 1,010.00                   |
|           | <u>DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE -</u><br><u>BUILDING MAINTENANCE (CLOONAN SCHOOL)</u> -----             | DENIED BY BOARD OF FINANCE |
|           | <u>DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE -</u><br><u>BUILDING MAINTENANCE (CIVIL DEFENSE, HAIG AVENUE)</u> ----- | 4,140.00                   |
|           | <u>DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE -</u><br><u>POLICE BUILDING</u> -----                                   | 23,863.00                  |
| Page 75 - | <u>DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE -</u><br><u>HEALTH BUILDING</u> -----                                   | 11,276.00                  |
|           | <u>DIVISION OF LAND AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE -</u><br><u>WELFARE BUILDING</u> -----                                  | 8,980.00                   |

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| <u>FLOOD &amp; EROSION</u> -----                           | 1,550.00       |
| <u>GAS, OIL &amp; REPAIRS</u> -----                        | 86,000.00      |
| <u>TOTAL APPROVED FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</u> ----- | \$3,249,443.70 |

Page 77 - PARK DEPARTMENT:

MR. RICH said the Fiscal Committee had considerable debate on the Seasonal Salary Account (Code 710.0107) but came to no resolution of the item, which amounts to \$135,000.00.

MR. BUCHANAN said he, for one, would like to know why there is not a bit of back-scratching on this.

MR. LINDSTROM asked him what he meant. He said that's all their help.

MR. BUCHANAN said he wants to know more about it - what are the mathematics of it? How many people were on the payroll?

THE CHAIRMAN explained that there are not many people on their payroll all year round.

MR. LINDSTROM said that during the summer they have the college boys in there, cutting grass, trimming hedges, bushes, etc.

MR. CHIRIMBES said he feels the same as Mr. Buchanan - we have the snow removal, which we pay for later, but this way, we are handing them \$135,000 which they are going to spend, whether they need it or not. He said he thinks we should do it the same way we handle the snow removal.

MR. CONNORS pointed out that during the summer there are various activities, and this is more than just hiring young college boys - you have to hire special policemen to take care of the various comfort stations, all of which is done during the summer months year after year. He said all of this, plus the part-time college boys, cleaning the beaches and getting things ready for the summer, when you stop to figure it out, it is not too much money, because there are a lot of employees involved in it.

MR. LINDSTROM pointed out there are also life-guards hired during the summer.

MR. RYENICK also called attention to the seasonal park gardeners that work throughout the parks in the entire city.

MR. RICH called attention to the fact that this is not for the Board of Recreation and the life guards aren't in here - this is for the park workers and gardeners, etc.

MR. BUCHANAN said he would like to make one observation, and that is, so far this evening, the Board has knocked out only about \$17,000 from a multi-million dollar Budget - that's all, and then we come to one of the largest amounts of money - \$135,000, and just railroad the thing through, without even finding out how many people are involved. He said he thinks this Board should know more about it. He said how many are actually needed - how many are actually required? He said if we were paying for it ourselves, we would be very careful to total up the number of people needed in each area, and be very painstaking about it. He said the thing that amazes him the most is the fact that no one here seems to have any idea of the breakdown of this item.

MR. KEGGI said that's what we have a Park Department for.

MR. RICH said in all fairness, this has been a very level item for some three years, and if there had been abuses, you would have known them by this time.

Page 77 - PARK DEPARTMENT - TOTAL APPROVED-----\$365,835.14

Page 79 - BOARD OF RECREATION - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 234,462.04

Page 81 - HUBBARD HEIGHTS - TOTAL APPROVED----- 90,955.58

TOTAL FOR PARKS AND RECREATION----- 691,252.76

Page 81 - OTHERS:

Sundries ----- 1,000.00

Salary Adjustment (No appropriation in Budget this year)-----

OTHERS - TOTAL 1,000.00

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET APPROVED ----- \$27,826,307.91

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| <u>FLOOD &amp; EROSION</u> -----                           | 1,550.00       |
| <u>GAS, OIL &amp; REPAIRS</u> -----                        | 86,000.00      |
| <u>TOTAL APPROVED FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</u> ----- | \$3,249,443.70 |

Page 77 - PARK DEPARTMENT:

MR. RICH said the Fiscal Committee had considerable debate on the Seasonal Salary Account (Code 710.0107) but came to no resolution of the item, which amounts to \$135,000.00.

MR. BUCHANAN said he, for one, would like to know why there is not a bit of back-pour on this.

MR. LINDSTROM asked him what he meant. He said that's all their help.

MR. BUCHANAN said he wants to know more about it - what are the mathematics of it? How many people were on the payroll?

THE CHAIRMAN explained that there are not many people on their payroll all year round.

MR. LINDSTROM said that during the summer they have the college boys in there, cutting grass, trimming hedges, bushes, etc.

MR. CHIRIMBES said he feels the same as Mr. Buchanan - we have the snow removal, which we pay for later, but this way, we are handing them \$135,000 which they are going to spend, whether they need it or not. He said he thinks we should do it the same way we handle the snow removal.

MR. CONNORS pointed out that during the summer there are various activities, and this is more than just hiring young college boys - you have to hire special policemen to take care of the various comfort stations, all of which is done during the summer months after year. He said all of this, plus the part-time college boys, cleaning the beaches and getting things ready for the summer, when you stop to figure it out, it is not too much money, because there are a lot of employees involved in it.

MR. LINDSTROM pointed out there are also life-guards hired during the summer.

MR. RYENICK also called attention to the seasonal park gardeners that work throughout the parks in the entire city.

MR. RICH called attention to the fact that this is not for the Board of Recreation and the life guards aren't in here - this is for the park workers and gardeners, etc.

MR. BUCHANAN said he would like to make one observation, and that is, so far this evening, the Board has knocked out only about \$17,000 from a multi-million dollar Budget - that's all, and then we come to one of the largest amounts of money - \$135,000, and just railroad the thing through, without even finding out how many people are involved. He said he thinks this Board should know more about it. He said how many are actually needed - how many are actually required? He said if we were paying for it ourselves, we would be very careful to total up the number of people needed in each area, and be very painstaking about it. He said the thing that amazes him the most is the fact that no one here seems to have any idea of the breakdown of this item.

MR. KEGGI said that's what we have a Park Department for.

MR. RICH said in all fairness, this has been a very level item for some three years, and if there had been abuses, you would have known them by this time.

Page 77 - PARK DEPARTMENT - TOTAL APPROVED-----\$365,835.14

Page 79 - BOARD OF RECREATION - TOTAL APPROVED ----- 234,462.04

Page 81 - HUBBARD HEIGHTS - TOTAL APPROVED----- 90,955.58

TOTAL FOR PARKS AND RECREATION----- 691,252.76

Page 81 - OTHERS:

Sundries ----- 1,000.00

Salary Adjustment (No appropriation in Budget this year)-----

OTHERS - TOTAL 1,000.00

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THE CHAIRMAN called the meeting to order at 12:30 A.M. He asked Mr. Rich if he is now ready to present the resolution, adopting the Budget.

MR. RICH asked if a quorum was present and the Chairman replied in the affirmative.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Rich, Acting Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, who MOVED for its adoption, subject to the correction of any mistakes, as previously approved. Seconded by Mr. Lindstrom and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 491

ADOPTION OF THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS  
FROM JULY 1, 1966 TO JUNE 30, 1967

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance has transmitted to the Board of Representatives its recommended budget for the ensuing fiscal year, commencing July 1, 1966 and ending June 30, 1967, for the final action thereon by the Board of Representatives;

BE IT RESOLVED BY STAMFORD, that the itemized estimate of receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year 1966-1967 in the Budgets as submitted by the Mayor, and as acted upon by the Board of Representatives, in the amounts of:

\$ 9,169,487.00 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

\$ 27,826,307.91 OPERATING BUDGET

BE AND IT IS HEREBY accepted, adopted and approved, and specific appropriations are hereby made for each of the several items in the amounts appearing in the columns of budgets under the heading of "Board of Representatives" recording the approval, or other action of this Board.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 A.M., on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED.

*Velma Farrell*

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Administrative Assistant  
(Recording Secretary)

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APPROVED:

*Thomas A. Morris*

Thomas A. Morris, Chairman Pro Tempore  
Board of Representatives

Note: The above meeting was not broadcast over the local Radio Station.

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