

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 1975
14th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

The first business meeting of the newly-elected 14th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Monday, December 1, 1975, in the Board Meeting Room, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting convened immediately after a meeting of the Appointments Committee and after adjournment of the ORGANIZATION MEETING, which was held this same evening in compliance with Section 304.5 of the Charter.

The meeting was called to order by the President, FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR., at 1:15 A.M. (actually December 2, 1975).

INVOCATION - None was given, as it had already been given earlier in the evening, at the Organization Meeting.

Also, there was no Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, as this was done earlier.

THE PRESIDENT, FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR., asked the CLERK, MRS. LINDA CLARK, to take the Roll.

ROLL CALL was taken by MRS. LINDA CLARK. There were 36 members present, and 4 absent.

The absent members were:

Theodore J. Boccuzzi	(D-9)	(111)
George V. Connors	(D-8)	
Barbara M. Forman	(R-19)	
Jeremiah Livingston	(D-5)	

The Chair stated that there were 36 present, 4 absent, and declared a quorum.

The PRESIDENT appointed MR. JOHN WAYNE FOX as PARLIAMENTARIAN of the Board.

MR. MILLER: "As the first Order of Business, I have a letter dated December 1, 1975 addressed to the President of the Board:

"Dear Mr. President:

"It is with deep regret that I submit my resignation from the Board of Representatives effective December 1, 1975. It has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had to have served on the Board these past four years, and to have worked so closely with some of the most conscientious and public-spirited citizens who are our fellow Board members.

"I would like to extend a special note of appreciation to the wonderful people of the 19th District for their overwhelming confidence in my candidacy. I have always tried to serve both my District and the entire City of Stamford to the best of my ability.

"As you know, my reason for resigning is to take the position of Executive Aide to Mayor Clapes. Despite my deep regret at leaving the Board, I am filled with anticipation for the opportunity to be able to serve

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Stamford even more intensively, and to be able to do so working for a man who is a great human of great administrative capability, Lou Clapes.

"My sincerest appreciation and good wishes to you and to all the members of the Board. I am delighted that we will still be in touch with one another.

(Signed Barbara M. Forman)."

"It would now be in order for a motion to be made accepting this resignation."

MR. BLOIS: "Mr. Chairman, I move we accept the resignation of MRS. FORMAN."

MR. MILLER: "MOVED AND SECONDED. I am sure that we all regret that Bobbie is leaving the Board. She's been I think an excellent member of the Board, but I am sure we all wish her the best of luck in her new, very responsible position. We have a motion on the floor accepting the resignation. The question before us is accepting MRS. FORMAN's resignation. All those in favor say 'AYE', all those opposed 'NO'. MOTION CARRIED. We will send a letter to Bobbie wishing her luck in the future and expressing our regret that she had to leave the Board. Nominations are now in order to fill this vacancy in the 19th District on this Board of Representatives. MR. LOOMIS?"

MR. LOOMIS: "I would like to place in nomination the name of BILL FLANAGAN. I don't think it necessary to recite in any detail Bill's biography. You all know him. But let me tell you why I'm putting his name in nomination. First of all, he's been involved. Involved as an officer, as a director, or a member of the Long Ridge Association, Jobs, Inc., the Interfaith Council, Stamford Museum, SACIA, the Ambulance Corps, and no less than five PTAs as his family was brought up in this town, and many other organizations.

"Secondly, he's experienced. He's served as you know for two terms on the Board of Representatives. In those terms he's been Chairman of the Urban Renewal Committee; Vice-Chairman of the Legislative & Rules Committee; Assistant Minority Leader; and a member of seven committees. And I might say that in all that time, four years, Bill has had perfect attendance to this Board.

"Third of all, and I think most importantly, he has the solid support of his District, and he has the support of the Town Committee members of the Republican Party; Audrey Maihock, A. Milton George, both of whom are here. He has the support of myself. He has the support of Bobbie Forman. And perhaps most significantly, he has had the support of the voters of the 19th District in 1971, in 1973, and now in 1975 by a large majority who voted for him for the Board of Finance. In short, Bill is involved, he's experienced and he clearly has the support of our district. I urge you all to vote for him."

MR. MILLER: "The name of WILLIAM FLANAGAN has been placed in nomination to fill the vacancy in the 19th District. Are there any other nominations? MR. LOBOZZA?"

MR. LOBOZZA: "Mr. Chairman, I have here the resume of Mr. William A. Howe, Jr., who lives on 10 Fox Ridge Road. He called and expressed a desire that he would like to serve on the Board. He states everything here in his letter that I gave out to every Board member, and I think it speaks for itself. The man would like to get involved and would like to serve his community, and he asks just that."

MR. MILLER: "The name of WILLIAM HOWE has been placed in nomination to fill the vacancy in the 19th District. Are there any other nominations? If there is no objection, the CHAIR declares nominations closed. We would have to vote, of course, using paper ballots and I would at this time call forward both the Tellers and the Alternate Tellers.

"You may vote by writing the name of the candidate you choose to vote for, on the ballot. Simply write the name of the candidate on the ballot, and there should not be on the ballot any initials or anything else. In other words, it is a secret ballot.

"There are twenty-eight (28) votes for MR. FLANAGAN, and eight (8) votes for MR. HOWE. WILLIAM FLANAGAN has been elected to fill the vacancy in the 19th District. (applause) MR. FLANAGAN, please come forward."

"Do you, WILLIAM FLANAGAN, having been chosen a member of the Board of Representatives from the 19th District of Stamford, solemnly swear that you will faithfully discharge the duties of said office according to law, so help you God?"

MR. FLANAGAN: "I do."

MR. MILLER: "The Chair now wishes to fill two vacancies which exist. The Chair appoints WILLIAM FLANAGAN, an Alternate Member of the Personnel Board of Appeals, and the Chair also appoints WILLIAM FLANAGAN a member of the Urban Renewal Committee. We will now move on... MR. SIGNORE?"

MR. SIGNORE asked wasn't there a vacancy on the Health & Protection Committee.

MR. MILLER: "That's right, and at this time, the Chair will appoint WILLIAM FLANAGAN also a member of the Health & Protection Committee. We will now proceed to a report from MR. DIXON, Co-Chairman of the Appointments Committee. Because we have no agenda for this portion of the meeting, it will be necessary to vote on Suspension of the Rules in order to consider each of the appointments given to us by Mayor Clapes. MR. DIXON?"

MR. DIXON: "Mr. President, I would MOVE for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to present the name of Mr. Robert Wise to this Board for confirmation as Corporation Counsel.

MR. MILLER: "Seconded by MR. BLOIS and by MR. RAVALLESE. The question is on Suspension of the Rules to consider confirmation of Robert Wise. All those in favor say "AYE; all those opposed say "NO". The MOTION is CARRIED.

MR. DIXON: "Mr. President. Mr. Robert B. Wise is seeking approval of this Board for the position of Corporation Counsel. Mr. Wise, age 48, resides at Partridge Road, Stamford, Conn. He is a Republican. Mr. Wise is also an attorney having 23 years of legal practice in Stamford, including litigation in the court system; partner in Wise, Simon, Melzer & Wise, 322 Main St., Stamford, Conn., experienced in tax appeals, negligence, and condemnation cases involving the City. Mr. Wise attended Stamford public schools, graduated from Stamford High School in 1944. He received a BA degree from Yale University in 1949; LLB, at New York Law School in 1952; post graduate tax course at New York University.

"Mr. President, Mr. Wise has demonstrated to this Appointments Committee that he has a very wide range of experience and he has a terrific amount of expertise that he will carry to the Office of Corporation Counsel which I am sure is desired by this

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Board and will be appreciated. I would like to say that the Committee, having just met, with the full complement of the Committee, with the exception of MR. THEODORE BOCCUZZI, has voted unanimously for the confirmation of Mr. Wise, and I would so MOVE at this time."

MR. MILLER: "MOVED and SECONDED."

MR. RYBNICK: "I would like to second the confirmation of Mr. Wise."

MRS. COSENTINI: "I would like to second, and to also say just one thing about Mr. Wise. I think there's one word that sums him up very well. The man has class."

SECONDED also by MATTHEW ROSE.

MR. SHERER: "Mr. President, I'd just like to say as the junior member of the Stamford Bar, I'd like to report to the members of this Board of Representatives that Mr. Wise shares the highest esteem of the members of the Stamford Bar, and he would be a tremendous addition to the cabinet of the City of Stamford."

MR. MILLER: "We can proceed to vote then. We will have to use paper ballots because we haven't yet assigned voting numbers for the machine. Will the Tellers and Alternate tellers please come forward? You will receive a ballot. We are voting on the confirmation of Robert Wise. You will mark the ballot either 'YES' or 'NO'."

"The record will indicate that with the election of MR. WILLIAM FLANAGAN we now have 37 members of the Board present, so 37 members are participating in this vote."

Mr. Wise was confirmed by a vote of 33 YES; 4 NO. The vote is recorded below.

<u>CORPORATION COUNSEL:</u>	TERM EXPIRING 11/30/77
ROBERT B. WISE	VOTE: 33 YES
Partridge Road	4 NO

MR. DIXON: "I would MOVE for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES for the consideration of the name of Mr. J. Dwight Hadley as Commissioner of Finance."

MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED to SUSPEND THE RULES.

MR. DIXON: "Mr. President, Mr. Hadley seeks approval of this Board for the position of Commissioner of Finance for the City of Stamford. Mr. Hadley is 39 years of age. He lives at 40 Rolling Wood Road, Stamford. Mr. Hadley is a Republican. He is presently a Certified Public Accountant. Mr. Hadley has demonstrated that he has a very broad range of experience in accounting and he feels well qualified to fill the position of Commissioner of Finance.

"Mr. Hadley is a member of the American Management Association, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, Connecticut State Society of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Hadley participates in the Stamford Area Commerce and Industry Association, Municipal and Governmental Affairs; Connecticut Business and Industrial Association, Chairman of Cub Pack #701, Boy Scouts; former treasurer, vice-president and president of his homeowners' association. Mr. Hadley is married. He is a graduate of Crane Music School, Boston State Teachers College in 1961. He has children ages 13, 12, and 8. Mr. Hadley attended also Clarkston College of Technology, with a BBA degree in Accounting in 1961. Also Williams College American Studies for Executives in 1968. His military

service is that he served in the United States Army in 1955-1957 holding the rank of Staff Sergeant. He received an Honorable Discharge from the Army.

"As I said, Mr. President, Mr. Hadley expressed a very strong interest in this position, and he answered all of the questions of the Committee very satisfactorily and the Committee feels that he does in fact have the quality and expertise that is needed to fill this position. The Committee voted 8 in favor, and 1 to hold in Committee, so I SO MOVE for confirmation.

MR. MILLER: "MOVED and SECONDED. The question before us is on the confirmation of J. Dwight Hadley as Commissioner of Finance. Will the Tellers and the Alternates please come forward?"

Mr. Hadley has been confirmed by a vote of 31 YES; 6 NO." Vote is recorded below:

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE:

J. DWIGHT HADLEY
40 Rolling Wood Road

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VOTE: 31 YES
6 NO

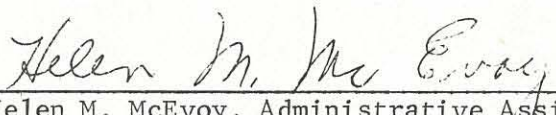
MR. MILLER: "Before we adjourn this meeting, I would like to remind everyone that if you have any problem with seats, if you want your seat changed, tell MR. RYBNICK before you leave tonight, or forever hold your peace, because we do have to assign numbers for the voting machines, so it is important that we are settled on the seating arrangements this evening. Also, it is our intention to adjourn this meeting to next Monday night, December 8, 1975, at 8:00 p.m., so the Chair would advise the members of the Board that some of the committees, and I know definitely the Fiscal Committee, and the Legislative and Rules Committee, will have to meet this week. So there will be some committee meetings this week on short notice, and it is difficult, but we have to do it. We have a rather short agenda for next Monday night, but we do have some matters to attend to on the 8th of December.

"The Chair will now entertain a MOTION by the MAJORITY LEADER."

MR. DeROSE: "Mr. President, I would at this time make a MOTION that we ADJOURN this meeting until December 8, 1975."

MOVED and SECONDED. The Chair declared the meeting ADJOURNED to December 8, 1975 at 8:00 p.m. ADJOURNMENT TIME was 1:50 a.m. (December 2nd, actually).

THE PRESIDENT announced that the Steering Committee would at this time meet in the Democratic Caucus Room, commencing at 1:50 a.m.


Helen M. McEvoy, Administrative Assistant
and Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Frederick E. Miller, Jr., President
14th Board of Representatives