

MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1982 - SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

THE 17th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

Stamford, Connecticut

A SPECIAL MEETING of the 17th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, was held on Tuesday, May 11, 1982, pursuant to an AMENDED "CALL" issued by PRESIDENT JEANNE-LOIS SANTY, in the Legislative Chambers of the Board, 2nd Floor, Municipal Office Bldg., 429 Atlantic St., Stamford, Connecticut 06901.

The meeting was Called to Order at 8:15 P.M. by President Jeanne-Lois Santy.

INVOCATION was given by Brigadier General Kittle of the Salvation Army.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by President Jeanne-Lois Santy.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I would like to announce the appointment of GRACE GUROIAN as PARLIAMENTARIAN, and JOHN HOGAN as ASSISTANT PARLIAMENTARIAN. Working with us this evening we have our Administrative Assistant, Helen McEvoy; and to my right, Marion Huffman and Marilyn Walker.

CLERK OF THE BOARD ANNIE M. SUMMERVILLE took the Roll. There were 39 members present and 1 absent. The absent member was James Bonner (excused).

The PRESIDENT declared a QUORUM.

REPS. MARIE HAWE and ROBERT DeLUCA exchanged seats for the evening. The machine will reflect that and it will be changed on the Board.

"CALL" OF THE MEETING (as amended May 7, 1982)

PRESIDENT JEANNE-LOIS SANTY read the "CALL" of the Meeting :

I, JEANNE-LOIS SANTY, PRESIDENT of the 17th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby CALL a SPECIAL MEETING (or meetings) of said Board of Representatives at the following time(s) and place(s):

TUESDAY, May 11, 1982

WEDNESDAY, May 12, 1982

THURSDAY, May 13, 1982

at 7:30 P.M.

In the MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING, Second Floor, Legislative Chambers, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut

for the following purposes:

- (1) To consider and act upon the CAPITAL PROJECTS and OPERATING BUDGETS for the Fiscal Year 1982-1983 (7/1/82 - 6/30/83), as transmitted by the Board of Finance on Tuesday, April 20, 1982, pursuant to provisions of Chapter 613 of the Stamford Charter.
- (2) To consider adoption of a proposed ordinance supplemental providing for staged increases in certain real property tax assessments. This item to be before the Board on Thursday, May 13, 1982.

The CALL was signed by President Jeanne-Lois Santy, and the regular distribution was made to Mayor Louis Clapes, Town & City Clerk Lois PontBriant, and the regular mailing list of those receiving agendas on a regular basis.

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PRESIDENT SANTY: I would like to, at this time, announce the procedures under which the Budget Meetings traditionally operate, and will do so this evening. During this meeting, as is our usual practice at Budget Meetings, there will be a continuing motion made by the chairperson of Fiscal Committee. This is on behalf of the Fiscal Committee and their recommendations on the budget. As always, keep in mind that Fiscal's suggestion is just a recommendation and that the full Board, naturally, has final action on this budget. If, as we go along this evening, any member wishes to deny an item, reduce an item, or restore an item which is Fiscal Committee's recommendation, they are free to make a Motion at that time. Of course, we must keep in mind that we can never go in reverse of what the Board of Finance has given to us. We have accepted their appropriation. During this meeting, all votes taken will be passed by a majority of those present and voting. The final appropriation resolution must be by 21 affirmative votes. At this time I would like to thank the Fiscal Committee, Chairpersons Marie Hawe and Paul Esposito, Members Betty Conti, Burt Flounders, Joe Franchina, John Roos, John Hogan, Sandy Goldstein, and Jerry Livingston for their dedication. This dedication is evidenced by the hours they spent away from their homes and from their families, presenting this budget here this evening. Also, I think it's appropriate at this time to say thank you to all the other Representatives in this room who have investigated and scrutinized this budget. This is on behalf of the administration because this week I'm Deputy Mayor. I really want to say thank you to all of you. We have an arduous task ahead of us the next few evenings and at this time I would like to address the audience present and ask them not to show any type of emotional display or any clapping or any booing, or any type of emotion at all. We want this meeting to go as efficiently as possible and as quickly as possible. The only other item I will bring up at this time is if any Representative leaves the meeting, or leaves the floor for any reason, and this according to our rules, please let Clerk Anne Summerville know. This is important on keeping tabulation on the voting.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Madam Chairman, I would just like to add the names of Ms. Summerville and Ms. Grace Guroian for being fine help and great assets to the Fiscal Committee. Ms. Summerville prepared our lunch for us and Ms. Guroian handled our calculator.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Livingston. I thank them, also.

CHECK OF THE VOTING MACHINE:

The machine will not change Mrs. Hawe's and Mr. DeLuca's seats. They voted in opposite seats. It was changed on the computing sheet. The machine was found to be in good working order.

REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEE - MARIE HAWE

MRS. HAWE: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Before I begin, Paul and I would

like to thank the Committee for all the work they have done and the long hours they have put in these last few weeks. First of all, I would like to thank my Co-Chairperson, Dr. Paul Esposito, and Committee Members Betty Conti, Burt Flounders, Joe Franchina, Sandy Goldstein, John Hogan, Jerry Livingston, and John Roos. Thanks also to the other Board Members who have attended our hearing. We would like to give a special thank you to Representative Grace Guroian who came to our all-day deliberation session on Saturday and assisted in the tallying of the votes. Also to Annie Summerville who helped make our 14-hour meeting on Saturday bearable by providing us with refreshments. Also the Committee would like to thank Mr. Patrick Marra, and especially Mr. Frank Harrison, the Budget Director, who attended most of our sessions, and both were an enormous help to us. The book we will be working with tonight is the one that looks like this. It says revised on the front, revised April 30, 1982. This is the one we got last week. This is the one we will be working out of. At our meeting on Saturday, the Fiscal Committee voted to cut a total of \$1,061,595 from the Operating Budget. We voted to cut \$1,620,000 from the Board of Education for a total cut from the Operating Budgets of the city of \$2,681,595. We also voted to cut \$1,277,000 from the Capital Projects Budget which gives us a total number of cuts of \$3,958,595. The Fiscal Committee in its recommendations has tried to take into consideration the needs of the City, as well as the ability of the taxpayers to pay. For this reason we have recommended in various departments a cut in the Salary Account. We did this not to cut out any specific person from that department but as a way of making department heads look at their personnel, look at their organizational charts, plan and reorganize in a way to make their departments run effectively with the cuts. We feel in these times everyone should be asked to absorb a cut and to do with less. This kind of a cut-back is painful, but cuts in staff must be done if we are to realize any substantial reduction in this budget. Before I begin to go into the budget, I would like to give the floor at this time to Mr. Esposito.

MR. ESPOSITO: Thank you. What we are considering tonight is a budget that has been presented to us by the Board of Finance with the following totals:

Operating Budget	\$ 67,219,015
Board of Education	54,253,160
Debt Service	<u>14,508,750</u>

GRAND TOTAL OF ABOVE . . . . . \$135,980,925

That would require, at this point, a 112.5 million dollar tax levy. That is the basis on which a mill rate will be calculated. At this point in time, with no reductions from the Board of Reps as of yet, the 112.5 tax levy would have a mill rate of:

District A	26.9
District B	25.3
District C	23.1
District CS	24.7
Auto	25.5

This is if we do nothing here.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Esposito, I think it's important at this time to remind everyone that the Board of Finance sets the mill rate finally. These are just projected figures.

MR. ESPOSITO: That is correct. The tax levy this year of 112.5 million is 12.5% higher than the tax levy required last year of 100 million dollars. The reason for difference is not an increase in the Operating Expenses of the City but due to the following: A \$5,000,000 surplus that we had as an advantage last year that was applied to this year's budget, we do not have this year. There was an \$8,000,000 surplus from the 1980-1981 budget that went into the 1981-1982 budget. This year it's anticipated that there will only be a \$3,000,000 surplus, so that gives us \$5,000,000 that has to be made up right at this point before we even begin looking at any budget. So that's 5,000,000 of the 12.5. Another \$5,000,000 is for Board of Ed. A good portion of that due to the contract increases that we approved on this Board and another 2.5 million are being added to the tax levy in anticipation of bad debts. That is, the Finance Department is anticipating a 2.5 million collection problem. We will not collect as many taxes as we did before and therefore, they are adding that as a compensation. When you add that all together, you have a 12.5 million dollar tax levy that is required. I want to emphasize, if you look at the Operating Budget for this year's, opposed to last year's, there has been a very small increase. If you look at it after the Board of Representatives Fiscal Committee cuts, it's even smaller. Any increase that we do have in the mill rate or the taxes that are assessed to each homeowner, are not necessarily because of increases in the Operating Expenses, but because of declines of other revenues. At this point, Mrs. Hawe can begin the presentation.

MRS. HAWE: The Fiscal Committee has unanimously recommended that we proceed with the budget in the following order: Board of Education, Capital Projects, Public Works, Police, Fire, and at that point start at the beginning of the book with Code 101, Registrars Voters, and go through. I would make a Motion at this time to follow that order and to take the Board of Education first.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Fine. The Motion has been made in the order that Mrs. Hawe just read. It's been Seconded. Any discussion?

MR. STORK: Thank you, Madam President. I would like to speak against Mrs. Hawes' Motion. To go in the order that she has suggested is to say that the other departments of this City, which incorporates our government, are not as important. I don't believe that should be the case. Thank you.

MRS. CONTI: Thank you, Madam President. I, too, wish to speak against this. While I had no strong opinion one way or the other in fiscal, many Members of the Board have reminded me that two years ago we spent the better parts of two nights on the Board of Education budget considering it one night and reconsidering it the next night. So, for that reason, I think we should do it and do it once and do it at the end. Thank you.

MRS. HAWE: It certainly was not because we don't think the other departments are important that we chose to take the budget in the order we are. Our only consideration was that in the beginning of the budget deliberations we're always more alert and we felt that when we're talking about the amount of

money that we're talking about with the Board of Education, the Capital Projects, Public Works, ect..., that it's a lot wiser to spend our energies on that than on the smaller dollar amounts in some of the other departments. That was the reason behind that.

MR. ESPOSITO: Perhaps that gives the Board Members a little bit of background on this. This decision was not made on Saturday. It wasn't over the weekend. It was made in March. The Fiscal Committee had a subcommittee of itself look into the procedures and the budgeting process. We decided on a number of changes including having deliberations throughout the three week period, which we didn't have but anticipated and had hoped we would do so. In addition to that, on the request of Mrs. Conti, we decided we would change the order and we felt that it was a very good suggestion. She made the point that we waste a lot of time on the smaller budgets and that it's sometimes two or three o'clock in the morning when we go through the Capital Projects Budget or the Public Works Budget and that those budgets don't get the attention they should get. Not that one budget is more important than the other but some budgets are more complex than others. The bigger budgets are more complex and she made such a good case in Committee and Sub-committee, that the Committee unanimously approved that procedure. That's the reason we did this and this was decided in March, not over the weekend. I would therefore, want us all to support Mrs. Conti's original suggestion as the Committee has done.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Yes, Madam President, it was Mrs. Conti's recommendations that persuaded me to go along with taking up the Board of Education's Budget first. I don't believe that the fear of reconsideration is a one-way street. If something out of anyone's trains of thoughts were to happen, they, too, would have that same right. Thank you.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Thank you, Madam President. I, too, must commend Mrs. Conti for her fine idea. I think it's only proper that we discuss one of the most important budgets, such as the Education Budget, when we all have a clear head and when we can think right and properly. It's not proper to discuss one of the most important parts of our budget at two o'clock in the morning when most of us are little<sup>a</sup>fuzzy. I think she should be commended for this Motion and I urge my colleagues to approve it.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motions have been made and Seconded to move the question. All in favor of moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? I would ask the no votes to please raise their hand. Five no votes. Sufficient number. We are moving the question. We are voting on Mrs. Hawe's Motion in the order that she read. Mrs. Hawe, would you repeat that Motion in the order, please?

MRS. HAWE: Yes, the Motion is to take in the following order: Board of Educ., Capital Projects, Public Works, Police, Fire, and then start with Code 101 and go through the book, those we've missed.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe. We will proceed to a machine vote. All in favor of Mrs. Hawe's Motion, vote up for yes and down for no. You may now vote, the machine is ready. I'm sorry, ladies and gentlemen. We thought the machine was in good working order. We are going to have to revote on that. Just wait one more moment. I will now ask the Representatives to vote. In case you've forgotten, we are voting on Mrs. Hawe's Motion to take the Board of Education Budget first in the order which she gave.

I am ruling that a majority vote is necessary to pass this Motion. Majority of those present and voting. The Motion is lost by a tie vote. 19 yes, 19 no, and 1 abstention.

MRS. CONTI: Madam President, I would like to move that we take the budget in the order which I did recommend in fiscal and not the order that was attributed to me. My recommendation was the Capital Projects Budget first, followed by Public Works, Police, Fire, and then the smaller boards and commissions. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Hawe, will you continue with your report?

MRS. HAWE: Are we going to vote on that?

PRESIDENT SANTY: No. Did you make that Motion?

MRS. HAWE: It was the Motion that I made in fiscal the order of the budget. However, I am open to any order.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You're not making a Motion at this time?

MRS. HAWE: I would if the majority wants it. I'm open to whatever the majority wants, but I wanted to clarify the motion that I did state in fiscal.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's no Motion on the floor now. I would like to go back to Mrs. Hawe. Mrs. Hawe, what order are you going to take it in now since the Motion was Defeated?

MRS. HAWE: I'm going to start with Code 101, Registrar of Voters. That's on page 2.

MR. DELUCA: Can I get clarification? Now that we have already taken one vote, which was the first recommendation, that vote has been defeated. I trust that we will now continue this motion, going through the budget book from now until we complete this budgetary process. Hopefully in good conscience everyone will stick to this order.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Hawe, you already stated that we're going to start with Registrar of Voters, but do you want to give all the Representatives an idea of what we're going to be doing after this book?

MRS. HAWE: Yes, we're going to start on page 2 of the book that I showed you, and we'll go right through the book until it's finished.

MR. ESPOSITO: Just a Point of Information. All the Representatives should have this book as well. The rectangular book that opens from the right to the left because this is the only book that has the job positions in it. When talking about cutting positions or new positions or vacancies, this is the only book they're listed in. If you want to follow along with us, you have to have this book.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I want all the representatives to make sure they have the right books out now.

MRS. GUROIAN: I would just like to remind the Members of the Board that Fiscal Committee took 11 hours just to go through the book with only a handful of people compared to 40 people. Keeping that in mind, let's try and

keep our comments brief and not repetitive.

PRESIDENT SANTY: That's very well taken, Mrs. Guroian.

MR. ZELINSKI: Yes, thank you, Madam President. I just wanted to give a brief comment, if I may. I attended the joint budget meeting at Cloonan School and heard the voices, the cries, and yes, the shouts of the taxpayers of Stamford. Even last evening when I attended the public hearing on the phase-in, all I heard was cut the budget, cut the budget. They want us to make large cuts so the senior citizens, young families, middle income, and the poor families, who live in all parts of our city, can continue to live here. They live in homes, condominiums, co-ops and apartments. They want us to listen, let us listen and then take decisive action.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Zelinski, is this pertinent to the Registrar of Voters that we are beginning with at this point?

MR. ZELINSKI: Yes, it is, because after that I will make a Motion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Why don't we get on to what Mrs. Hawe wants to say. She hasn't even begun her report yet.

MR. ZELINSKI: Madam President, in all respect, I did check over the minutes of our past budget meetings and comments were allowed after the chairperson of fiscal started to make the first recommendation.

MRS. HAWE: I think it would be proper if I at least made the continuing Motion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Zelinski, that's right. The continuing Motion hasn't even been made yet. Why you don't you just wait. Mrs. Hawe, do you want to continue with your report?

MRS. HAWE: O.K. at this time I would like to have a running Motion to approve the budget as recommended by the Fiscal Committee.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you. There is a Second. The first department that we will consider is Code 101, Registrar of Voters and that's on page two of the smaller book. Mr. Zelinski, if it pertains to the Registrar of Voters, any time you wish to speak, it can be on anything we're discussing at this point. We are now 101, Registrar of Voters. If it pertains to this item, then you may speak, all right?

MR. ZELINSKI: Yes, Madam President, as I said, I looked over the budget books of prior years and I would remind my fellow colleagues who seem to be distressed at my comments that it has been done in the past. I'm not reading a speech, I just have some comments and then I will make a Motion. It pertains to the beginning regarding all the various departments and it would be very silly to say it after, rather than before. All this time wasted debating this, I could have been finished with my comments.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Zelinski, I will let you have one moment. Would you just take one moment and be brief, and then Mrs. Hawe will go right into her report. Let Mr. Zelinski make his statement.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you, very much. As I was saying, however, if tonight we do not take steps to lower the budget, to reduce the tax burden of our taxpayers, I question my colleagues, yes I warn them that there would be a taxpayers' uprising. Yes, a tax revolution the likes of which Stamford has never seen. There will be a Proposition 13 proposed and <sup>it</sup> will be passed.

MR. ESPOSITO: Point of Order. Point of Order. Is Mr. Zelinski going to make a Motion?

MR. ZELINSKI: Yes, Mr. Esposito, if you'll give me the opportunity to do it.

PRESIDENT SANTY: First of all, you're both going to go through the Chair. Both of you. Nothing is going to come to this floor unless you go through the Chair and I'm starting right now.

MR. BOCCUZZI: <sup>talk</sup> Madam President, I would ask you to use your position not to allow this cross between Representatives. I think that although Mr. Zelinski has a point, I don't think the point should be made at this time. We have nothing on the floor and I wish Mr. Zelinski would realize that no way could you make a Motion if there's nothing on the floor. Why don't we wait until the first Motion is on the floor. I would ask all Democrats to please speak only through the Chair, don't interrupt, and let's try to get the job done before 5 o'clock tomorrow morning.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Boccuzzi. Mr. Zelinski, I think that's appropriate. Although Mrs. Hawe made the continuing Motion and it was Seconded, nothing has really been proposed at this time. Just save your remarks and you will certainly have an opportunity to speak later.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

MRS. HAWE: Thank you. Might I say that I think this would make it easier if we do what's been done in the past and that is for the person giving the report to give the recommendations of the Fiscal Committee on that particular department and then the other people can go into their Motions. I think they should know what was recommended any way first. Code 101, Registrar of Voters. The Fiscal Committee has recommended a cut in the Salary Account of \$6,000. The purpose of this, as I mentioned in my opening remark, that we've done this in various departments and you will see them as we come across them going through the book. If we feel in these times, it is not unrealistic to ask various department to look at ways to cut back, to reorganize, and to affix some savings. We did not pick out any specific position but we felt that \$6,000 was a reasonable amount to cut to enable the department heads, in this case the Registrars, to begin a process of reorganization, and planning as a means to put this cut into affect. Then that salary line would be \$66,727 and that's our recommendation for the Registrar of Voters.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mrs. Hawe. I think it's an excellent idea. Go a little slower with the total. After you make your recommendation and your Motion, just give us the total and go a little bit slower because the Representatives are putting this in their books.

MRS. HAWE: The recommended cuts from the Salary Line, that's the first line, 1011110. We recommended a cut of \$6,000 and that would leave that line now at \$66,727.00.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Madam President, could Mrs. Hawe just give us the total like that and we'll know what that bottom line is and then we can adjust.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, I think that's an excellent idea.

MRS. HAWE: You want the bottom line?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes. Is that the only cut you made in the Registrar of Voters?

MRS. HAWE: Yes, that's the only cut in Registrar.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Then I think as each item comes up, give us your cut and give us the total of the line and then the total of the whole number.

MRS. HAWE: O.K. Well, that's the only cut in this department so that would leave the bottom line, down at the bottom of the page where it says total, at \$165,090.

MRS. CONTI: Thank you, Madam President. On Sunday morning, after we had our all-day deliberations, I received a call from Nancy Tatano. I must admit I was laboring under an illusion when we made this cut in fiscal. Actually, the Registrars and the Deputy Registrars are full-time Deputies and Registrars are required by the State Statutes. Therefore, there is no way that this department could reorganize, but I did speak at length with both Registrars and there is also a change in the primary laws or election laws. It is no longer required that we have two machine tenders at the polls. Therefore, they told me that we can deduct \$7,000 from their Primary Expense Account. So I would move first that we reinstate this amount to the Salary Account, the \$6,000. Then I would like to be recognized to make the other Motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All right, Mrs. Conti has made a Motion to restore the \$6,000 to the Salary Account at Registrar of Voters and it's been Seconded. Any discussion? We will move right to a vote and we will use the machine. If you are in favor of restoring \$6,000 Registrar of Voters, please vote up for yes and if you are against it, vote down for no. The Motion to restore \$6,000 has been Passed. 36 yes, and 3 no. Mrs. Conti, I will recognize you.

MRS. CONTI: Thank you Madam President. I now wish to move a cut of \$7,000 from line 1013140, Primary Expense, which would leave the amount in that line item of \$18,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There has been a Motion made and Seconded to delete \$7,000 from line 1013140, Primary Expenses, leaving a total of \$18,000. Any discussion on this Motion?

MR. BLAIS: Thank you Madam President. I would like to ask Mrs. Conti how the \$7,000 was arrived at.

MRS. CONTI: After the Registrars called me, I asked them if there was any other place in the budget we could possibly cut. I spoke to Nancy Tatano on Sunday and I spoke to Vinnie McCauley this morning. They both agreed that they could run a primary with the \$18,000 because of the new law

that no longer requires two machine tenders at a polling place. They only require one machine tender now, so that they could live without this \$7,000.

MR. BLAIS: Mrs. Conti, did they back that up with specific figures, a detail of what they need and don't need for an election?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Conti, you can answer through the Chair, but I insist that you go through the Chair?

MRS. CONTI: They both assured me, Mrs. McCauley and Mrs. Tatano, because I told them that there is going to be a very small contingency, there was no chance of additional appropriation and were they sure they could live with this. They both assured me that they could.

MR. BLAIS: Thank you, Mrs. Conti. The only thing I would like us to observe is that we cut an extra \$1,000 without specific figures or projections to how that would affect the mandate and carrying out of the mandate.

MR. DeLUCA: If we can't depend on the recommendations of a department head who has had about 25 years to 40 years' experience between the two of them, as far as the figures on what they agreed at, they would live within the \$18,000. I don't see why we have to sit here and hassle over an item like this.

MR. GAIPA: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion to move the question and seconded. All in favor say AYE Opposed? We will proceed right to a vote. If you are in favor of Mrs. Conti's Motion, we will use the machine, vote up for yes. The Motion is Passed. 36 yes and 3 not voting. Mrs. Hawe, do you want to give us a total for this item?

MRS. HAWE: O.K. The total for that line is now \$18,000 and the final total on the Registrar of Voters at this point is \$164,090.

MRS. McINERNEY: Yes, Mrs. Hawe, could I have a summary of item 101.2657 for 3401, please?

MRS. HAWE: O.K. That's for Equipment Rental. The Registrar of Voters has gone to a computerized list and that's for a modum adaptor for the rental of it which includes three phone lines and that is the amount for that.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you Madam President. Through you, I would like to ask some questions on some other items on that particular account. Number one, Account 2730 the Water Account, was there any reason why not only this but all the other accounts have been increased in that particular area?

MRS. HAWE: That's because the cost of the water you buy for the water cooler has gone up.

MR. ZELINSKI: O.K. Also the Telephone Account. Why there was an increase in that as well."

MRS. HAWE: That's because with this computerization of the voting list, there's three phone lines involved with this that's reflected in that Phone Account.

MR. ZELINSKI: Thank you, and the last one is the question <sup>on</sup> item 2942 Travel Expenses. What is incurred in that, please?

MRS. HAWE: I believe that it's travel to Hartford for the Registrars; if they have to go to a seminar or if they have to learn the new rulings.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Hawe, before you continue, may I remind the Representatives that are standing that if you leave the floor, you are to let the clerk know at all times and I please ask you, we have a lot of business to do tonight, so please let the clerk know if you are leaving.

MRS. HAWE: Regarding the new Equipment Accounts, they pertain here and it also pertains to other various places in the budget. The committee felt that one place that we should look very carefully this year is at new equipment. New equipment might be something that could be put off until the following year. It might be necessary to buy this year. In many accounts we reduced the new Equipment Account by a certain figure and the reason we did that was to let the department heads make the decisions as to what they felt were the priorities. If we cut a quarter or half out of it, we decided to leave it up to them, they could decide which was their priority, but we felt the savings should be effected in those accounts this year.

#### BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

WE are an Bd. of Reps. Code 102 which is on page three and these are Fiscal's recommendations. The Fiscal Committee recommended a cut from the Salary Account of \$12,868. This a cut to reflect the vacancy that has been in the office for quite a while and it is also hoped that this department, as well as others could effect a reorganization and accomplish some of this reduction that way. So that would leave that line, which is 102.1110, Salaries at \$39,253. Fiscal also recommended a cut in the General Material and Supplies Building. That's 102.2230. They recommended a cut of \$500, which would bring that line to \$2,500. They recommended a cut in New Equipment, that's the line right underneath that 102.2630 of \$1,500, which would bring that line down to \$500. That leaves at this point the total number of cuts recommended in this department is \$14,868, which would leave the bottom line now at \$79,153.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe. Would you repeat that figure?

MRS. HAWE: The total number of cuts in the Board of Representatives account is \$14,868, which would leave the total amount approved in this department at \$79,153.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mrs. Hawe. There are many speakers.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Thank you, Madam President. As a member of the Fiscal Committee, I would to direct the attention of our Board to the Salaries Account of all the departments and it was stated very clearly that because of our feelings, that all departments should have a chance to reorganize downwards that we took a number of dollars from each account in all departments in the Salaries Account. However, and I most certainly did bring this to the attention of the committee at that time. However, when we handled our own board, and we all heard Mrs. Hawe say it tonight,

we eliminated a vacancy. I would like to make a Motion to amend Mrs. Hawe's Motion to reflect an \$18,000 cut with the hope that we can reorganize our Board. I have strong feelings that our Board should be reorganized, and one of the things I should add is that we're currently being served with minutes that are way, way outdated. Perhaps, if we take a look at our own house first, before we decide how other departments should be handled, perhaps we will be in a position to set a fine example for the entire City. I am hoping that this Board will join me in cutting from our Salaries Account, \$18,000. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Livingston, you mentioned a deletion of \$18,000, bringing the total to what, Mr. Livingston?

MR. LIVINGSTON: \$34,121.

PRESIDENT SANTY: A Motion has been made to delete \$18,000 in total from our Salaries Account.

MR. LIVINGSTON: It would be \$18,000 from the \$52,121.

PRESIDENT SANTY: They already moved to delete \$12,868. What is the total that you are deleting, matching the Fiscal Committee, Mr. Livingston?

MRS. HAWE: Madam Chairman, he's recommending an additional cut of \$5,132.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that? There is a Second to that, to delete for the \$5,132. Discussion?

MR. DeLUCA: I agree with some of the comments being made that we must reorganize our department and set the example. I find it difficult to conceive how we can reorganize an overworked staff of only two people. Especially two people that are constantly handling the wishes of 40 members of the Board, plus requests from other departments. We are behind on minutes because of illness and other problems, and to try to reorganize only two people I find it very difficult to understand. A Motion was also made to reduce the Salaries Account by an extra \$5,000. That means that our Administrative Assistant or the executive secretary is going to get a cut of \$5,000 based on what I see over here. I find it difficult to see how this can be done. I could see if you wanted to reduce the part-time Account by \$5,000, but someone on our staff is going to get a salary cut.

MR. WIDER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I would be the first to agree that we have some problems and we do have some late minutes but I don't see how we expect to correct it by cutting out a complete staff member and also eliminating a position that is much needed. I think our office needs bringing up to date and we can't do it with a shorter staff. We'll only make it worse. I would rather move that the \$18,000 made in his Motion, the \$18,000 be reinserted and that management be tightened up.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Are you making an amendment to Mr. Livingston? Mr. Livingston's amendment was to bring a total of Fiscal Committee's recommendation to a total of \$18,000. You are amending his Motion to restore the total \$18,000?

MR. WIDER: The total \$18,000 now.

MRS. HAWE: He can't do that. That's in excess of the line item budgeted.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mr. Wider, you can speak to that, but that's difficult at this time to conceive.

MR. BLUM: Well, I'm against the entire cut from the Salary Account in the Board of Representatives. For the simple reason, as Mr. DeLuca has stated. We are cutting the salary of our Administrative Aide-Assistant, and our executive secretary. We're not doing away with their positions but we're making a wage cut. If that's what you want, fine, but I don't see that. They're entitled, contractually, for their wages. I therefore, am going to vote against the amendment and I'm going to vote against the \$14,000 as proposed by the Fiscal Committee.

MR. ESPOSITO: Thank you. I am surprised, Mr. DeLuca's in Mrs. Howe's seat only an hour, and already he doesn't want to have any cuts. I would just like to be serious. I would like to explain my feeling about the general issue of reorganization. As we go through this budget, and you will see in a number of other departments, where we made cuts in excess of any one single Salary Account. For example, we'll turn the page and we'll see another department where the lowest salary is \$12,000 and we cut 15, or 18, or 20. not reflecting any specific vacancy or any specific position Our goal was not to eliminate any specific job.

Our goal was to say to the people who are in charge of that department, here's how much money you have to work with. Reorganize. Reorganize does not mean getting rid of a single position, or adding a position, or whatever. It means reorganize: That is from top to bottom - restructure your department. If that means reclassifying some of the positions, who says we have to have an Executive Secretary? We don't have to have an Executive Secretary.

We could reorganize the job titles to reflect the present needs of the department, and that was our goal here.

The original Motion of \$12,686 does reflect the secretary's position. What Mr. Livingston is suggesting that we take a percentage of the cut and have the department heads restructure the entire office. Maybe they'll still have three people with new job titles, new job classifications, and new salaries. Maybe there will only be two. We're not telling any department that they have to cut a particular position. We're saying to them, look at your jobs, look at the requirements of your department, and make the appropriate moves.

The second point is that we're on the second budget already, our own, and we don't want to make any cuts. How can we turn the page to the Board of Finance and then turn the page after that to the Planning Board and turn the page after that to the Human Rights Commission and say reorganize, Human Rights Commission; reorganize, Planning Board; reorganize, Board of Finance, and we refuse to do it ourselves. Let us set the example for the entire City. People are chanting outside. They don't want to lose their jobs. Other people are chanting they don't want to have to pay higher taxes. What better place to start than in our own budget? Let us start with our own budget and set the example for the night.

MRS. GUROLIAN: That was a fine speech by Mr. Esposito, but I don't know how a department of two people reorganizes itself unless one goes part-time. Second of all, I think the \$12,868 represents a cut of 25% in the salary line item. To increase the cut to \$18,000 would be a cut of 35% in that line item.

MRS. GUROIAN (continuing): I would try to find three other departments where they have recommended such a big cut. Nowhere near that have they recommended in any of the other departments.

I can appreciate us setting a fine example. I can appreciate us ending up with a bottom total of an appreciable cut, but to take the whole thing out of salaries, on the basis that we have to show an example, is to deny the fact that there are other line items on that page.

Perhaps we can cut in other places and show an example as well. I don't know how you cut a department of two people and tell them to reorganize. I really don't, and I have been in an office thirty years. I haven't figured that one out yet.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Pass.

MR. FRANCHINA: I move the question, please.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The question is being moved on the Motion made by Mr. Livingston to delete a total of \$18,000 from the Salary Account on 102.1110. Is there a Second to moving the question? All in favor of moving the question say Aye. Opposed? One opposed to moving the question. We will move the question. We will use the machine, but just wait until the machine is ready.

MRS. GUROIAN: Madam President, could we have the Motion read, please?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mr. Livingston would you repeat your Motion, please?

MR. LIVINGSTON: My Motion is to remove \$18,000 from the Salaries Account of the Board of Representatives.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you. We will now use the machine. If you agree with that Motion, vote up for yes; if you disagree, down for no. The Motion is Defeated. 29 no, 9 yes, and 1 no.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I make a Motion that we cut \$1,000 out of Account 102.1130, part-time.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We will work on that Motion now.

MRS. McINERNEY: I would like to amend that we cut \$2,500 from the Part-Time Account, please.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There has been a Motion to delete \$2,500, Mrs. McInerney?

MRS. McINERNEY: Excuse me, I would withdraw that. I didn't realize that that was for our researcher as well, excuse me.

PRESIDENT SANTY: If you have any questions regarding these line items, please ask the Co-Chairpersons of Fiscal, so that we understand what we're doing here tonight and go line by line. Now Mrs. Maihock has made a Motion to delete \$1,000 from the Part-Time Salary Account bringing that total to \$6,500. Is that true, Mrs. Maihock? Do you still want that Motion on the floor? There is a Motion to delete \$1,000 from that account. Is there a second? Is there a second to that Motion? I'm sorry, Mrs. Maihock, there's no Second.

MR. GAIPA: Should we not be voting on the salary item first and take care of that?

PRESIDENT SANTY: No, we can go down to all the other Members and we'll go back to Mrs. Hawe's Motion.

MR. GAIPA: On the salaries?

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are going to take all the Members' recommendations first. We are now on item 102....

MR. STORK: Madam President, the Motion was defeated on the \$18,000 from salaries. Shouldn't we go back to the \$12,868 right now?

PRESIDENT SANTY: We're going back to the item of the fiscal recommendation after we discuss anything anyone else wants to discuss on this page. That's what we're doing now and Mrs. Maihock has a Motion. We still have fiscal's recommendation and we have all those numbers before us.

MRS. HAWE: Could I say something on that point? I think maybe what we want to do and I think this really is what you were saying is that we defeated that amendment, so therefore, the recommendation of fiscal stands. If anyone else on the board has a further Motion in regards to the Salary Account, now would be the time to make it before we go on to over-time.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, there is no other one to speak on the Salary Account. Mr. Blum, you want to speak on item number one?

MR. BLUM: I would like to make a Motion to restore the \$12,686 back to the Salary Account so it will read \$52,121.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion has been made and Seconded to restore fiscal's recommendation to delete that amount. We are now discussing Mr. Blum's Motion.

MRS. McINERNEY: Yes, I would like to speak against that Motion. Based on the fact that all that was eliminated by the Fiscal Committee is the vacancy which has existed in this department for over a year. I feel that if we, as people who are fiscally responsible in this City, intend to ask every department to tighten their belts and take cuts. It is up to us to show our good faith in credibility by looking to our home, our house, our office, and act accordingly. I certainly would not vote for this particular restoration.

MR. WHITE: I would support Mr. Blum's amendment, on the grounds that I think the Board of Representatives staff has been under-funded and under-manned for a long time. I don't think we should have guilt complexes about asking some of these other boards to cut. After all, some of them have been rather bloated for some time and I think our basic problem is I don't think we have enough staff support.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I would just like to say, Madam Chairman, fiscal cut out every other vacancy and a vacancy that has been on the books one year, I truly believe in these tight fiscal times should be cut. Every department should, can, and must live with those vacancy cuts.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are now speaking to Mr. Blums' Motion to restore the amount that the Fiscal Committee recommended be deleted. Mr. Zelinski is next to speak.

MR. ZELINSKI: I agree with the Motion to restore the funds. I think that our office has been under-staffed and the work load has increased tremendously with all the different appeals pertaining to zoning matters, the increased meetings of other committees, and work load from items coming up on the Board. At this particular point in time, I think it would be very disastrous for us to cut here because this is not the place to cut.

MR. WIDER: Mr. Zelinski said what I was going to say but one of the things I'm concerned with; what's wrong so we don't have our minutes in our hands within four and five months? If we are going to cut out a staff person, which I feel is one of the causes, is it management or what is it? Somewhere along the line I'm asking a question. What is happening?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Flounders is next to speak.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion has been made and Seconded to move the question. All in favor of moving the question please say Aye. Opposed? We are voting on Mr. Blums' Motion to restore \$12,868 to the Salary Account of the Board of Representatives that has been recommended deleted by the Fiscal Committee. We will use the machine. The machine is ready. Has everyone voted? The Motion is defeated 29 no, 8 yes, and 2 non-voters.

MR. RYBNICK: I just want to let the Board know, that when they cut the supplies 102.2230, you're cutting all the supplies so you won't have enough to last you the rest of the year. What we're doing is cutting out our own coffee, which we won't have by the end of the year.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Rybnick, but we're going to go line by line. Have we finished the Salary Account now? Mrs. Hawe, do you want to continue?

MRS. HAWE: The recommendation of the Fiscal Committee stands which is reduction of \$12,868. I gave the other recommendations of the committee. I guess there are other Motions on this budget.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I make a Motion that we cut \$1,000 from 102.1202, over-time, which will make that \$1,500 instead of 2,500.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion has been made and Seconded to delete \$1,000 from over-time, bringing the total to \$1,500. Any discussion?

MRS. CONTI: I do believe since we cut the vacancy, and we will only have two people, I think it would be unwise to cut the over-time because the department will need that in order to function and keep things up to date.

MR. BLAIS: Madam President, through you, I would like to ask Mr. Esposito what the use, need, and necessity of this Over-time Account is?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Could Mrs. Hawe answer Mr. Blais?

MRS. HAWE: The Over-time Account pays for over-time incurred for the staff, and attending Steering Committee meetings, Board meetings, and any other over-time necessary to perform the duties of the staff office.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: As you know, I was not allowed to participate in the preparation of this Board of Representatives budget for this year. The reason, I don't know. I wish to participate in this discussion here tonight. I've listened to all of the experts as to what goes on into our office, and I'm really wondering where you're coming from because that's not what I'm hearing out of both the years on other days. I will go along with that, but I would say that I highly recommend that Mrs. Maihock's recommendation be considered, and believe me, with all the things that you're giving this office now, there's no reason that the over-time should be what they're asking for. I recommend the cut.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: We are going to ask, no doubt, many of the departments tonight to cut out part-time, over-time, etc. We must take the lead and tighten our belts. If we don't take the lead and tighten our belts, it's purely hypocritical on our part to tell all the other departments that they have to tighten up. I think that the cut of \$1,000 out of the Over-time Account is absolutely justified. We must look for better productivity out of our department, so we can say to the other departments yes, we've achieved more productivity, now you must do the same.

MR. DUDLEY: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion made and Seconded to move the question. All in favor say Aye. Opposed? We are going to move the question. We will use the machine. We are voting on Mrs. Maihock's Motion to delete \$1,000 from the Over-time Account 102.1201. The machine is ready. The Motion is Carried, 25 yes, 12 no, and 2 non-voters. Is there any other line item that anyone would like to discuss?

MRS. GERSHMAN: On looking over this budget, I feel that there is a lot of excess in such things as printing, official notices, record books, and postage. I find that I have many things coming to the house which are duplicates of things already sent, duplicates are found on my desk at the Board meetings and I think some of this could be cut. I recommend that in Account 102.2910, I move that \$1,500 be cut.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Gershman, would you please give us the line total on that?

MRS. GERSHMAN: Yes, that would bring it down to \$4,500.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to Mrs. Gershman's Motion to delete \$1,500 on that line item official notices would bring that down to \$4,500? There's no Second. I'm sorry, Mrs. Gershman. Do you want to go on with your next Motion?

MRS. GERSHMAN: On record books, line 102.2911, I move that we delete \$1,000 bringing it down to \$3,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion? I'm sorry, Mrs. Gershman, there's no Second. Do you want to continue with your next Motion?

MRS. GERSHMAN: On 102.2921, Printing, we delete \$1,000 bringing it down to \$3,500.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There is a Motion, and you all heard Mrs. Gershman. Is there a Second to that Motion? I'm sorry, Mrs. Gershman, there's no Second. Do you have any further Motions?

MRS. GERSHMAN: I have one last one. 102.2922, Postage, \$500 deleted, bringing it down to \$4,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion? There is a Second to that Motion.

MRS. GERSHMAN: To delete from Postage \$500, 102.2922.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Bringing that total to \$4,000. We are now discussing that.

MRS. deGAETANI: I would like to move to amend that \$1,000 be cut off of that account.

PRESIDENT SANTY: It has been moved to amend the deletion from \$500 to \$1,000 in the Postage Account. We are now speaking to that.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Could anybody tell me how much postage we actually spent last year?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Wiederlight, could Mrs. Hawe tell you the amount?

MRS. HAWE: That amount, \$4,000, does not tell you what's been spent. Paul is looking for the print-out and what that will tell us is, as of the end April, how much has been spent in that account. We use that book when we're having our deliberations to see how much these lines contain. All that \$4,000 figure will tell you is how much was totally appropriated to that account this year. It doesn't tell you whether any of it has been used. We are going to try to find the print-out.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I can't give the exact figures, but I can tell you what the cost of postage is. I imagine, from previous expenditures that we've used and with postage going up, I wouldn't doubt it if we have over \$300 in that account.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I think that we could restructure our postage system. I know that most of us are here many, many evenings, between the different meetings, and I think it would be a good idea if we tried to see how much of this mail we could deliver personally when the Representatives come here. With the postage so high, we could save a considerable amount of money. We all are here for different meetings so I don't think it would be an imposition on anyone.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You are now speaking to the Motion Seconded to delete \$1,000 from the Postage Account.

MRS. HAWE: I would like to make a suggestion regarding this. It's something that other departments throughout the City do. I know when we have things delivered by hand, some of us think and get upset because they think of how expensive it is to mail things. What's done in some other departments, I know specifically in the Board of Education, is that all the mail that comes to each Member during that week, whether it's mail coming from their own board or mail that comes from outside and is going to be forwarded to them, it's all collected and one day a week it's hand-delivered to their homes. It might be interesting to see how much postage we spend in a week, sending mail to each of the Board Members and how much the other City departments spend sending mail to us.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Those are good points, Mrs. Hawe, but we are speaking to the Motion.

MRS. HAWE: Well, I was speaking to the Motion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Are you in favor of the Motion?

MRS. HAWE: No.

MR. STORK: I think Ms. deGaetani's Motion to delete \$1,000 makes good logical sense to me. Periodically we'll come here for committee meetings and we'll have some mail here some times, but on those very same days, we might get two or three pieces at home. I would think that there is a good chance that this mail could be consolidated and condensed and not sent out in so many separate pieces. I think it's a good Motion and I support it.

MR. ZELINSKI: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There has been a Motion to move the question and it has been Seconded. All in favor, please say Aye. Opposed? We will move the question. We are now voting on the deletion of \$1,000 in the Postage Account. We will use the machine. The machine is ready. I remind those Representatives that are in the Caucus Room to let the clerk know when you leave the floor. The Motion has Carried 19 yes, 13 no, 6 non-voters, and one abstention. Any further action on this item? Mrs. Hawe can you give us some totals?

MR. ZELINSKI: Madam President, I have another question on this page. I thought you had just taken this item.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I asked, any other questions on this whole page.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Can somebody explain what the Car Allowance is?

MRS. HAWE: The Car Allowance is an MAA contractual item. Municipal Administrators get \$100 a month car allowance and in the case of our Administrative Assistant, it's used to do things like going to court to testify, pick up supplies for meetings, take things to the Board Members' houses, taking things to the Advocate, transportation to and from evening meetings. It's a contractual thing, this Car Allowance and it's \$100 flat a month.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Hawe, I think Ms. Summerville will bring a little bit more light to that, too.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I wouldn't want anybody in the listening audience to think that I'm disputing Mrs. Marie Hawe. I don't know who presented that to you. The Administrative Assistant never in my life on this Board delivered anything to my house. So I would like that taken from the records. There are other things that she should do and I would expect that to be in your back-up.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Hawe, and I think it's pertinent because we just had a meeting last night and I think I don't want to address, but you can certainly mention what happened when you planned the meeting what had to be done. Tell them what had to be hand-delivered to the various departments. Mrs. McEvoy also delivers to Board members' places of employment.

MRS. HAWE: When we had to arrange for Cloonan School to be reserved for the public hearing last night, I believe our Administrative Assistant had to take a form to the Police and the Board of Ed to have it signed. It also had to go to the Fire Department and the paper. Also Cloonan School.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Any further discussion?

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: Am I correct in assuming then that this is a contractual obligation and there's nothing we can do about it?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mr. Wiederlight, you can assume that.

MR. BLAIS: I would like to ask why the \$200 increase in the Telephone Account?

MRS. HAWE: The telephone rates have increased twice in the last year and a potential increase in the future. That's in essence why the increase.

MR. BLAIS: Madam Chairman, I would like to make an amendment to decrease the \$200 off of the telephone bill because I think with the consolidations of phones and less use of the phone, we can save that amount of money. As a measure of good faith to the taxpayers of the City, it's a small price to pay.

PRESIDENT SANTY: It's been moved to delete \$200 from the Telephone Account. Is there a Second? There's a Second. Discussion?

MR. ESPOSITO: Mr. Harrison has brought me the computer print-outs of the latest expenditures of all departments and I would just like to point out on the Telephone Account at \$1,000 for this year, we are projected in deficit in that account. I think the Members should take that into consideration before they vote on this cut.

MR. BOCCUZZI: I don't even think we should take the time for \$200. Take \$200 from that account. With telephone rates going up you pay X amount of dollars a month for the telephone; we do have out-of-town calls and to suggest a \$200 reduction is ridiculous.

MRS. McINERNEY: I think I would disagree with Mr. Boccuzzi's assumption that \$200 is ridiculous because it appears to be if we're operating in deficit in that account, it might be a good idea for us to get a handle on what kind of calls are going in and out of the office and how many calls are made to Hartford, how many calls are made to other cities. I think based on the fact that it appears that there is over-spending in the Telephone Account, I would support and back up Mr. Blais Motion.

MR. FLOUNDERS: I move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Question has been moved and Seconded. All in favor of moving the question, please say Aye. Opposed? We are now going to vote on the deletion of \$200 from the Telephone Account. We will use the machine. You may vote. The Motion is Defeated. 28 no, 7 yes, and 4 non-voters. Is there any discussion on anything else on this page?

MRS. SIGMORE: I would like to make a statement. We've been here now for an hour and 15 minutes, we're on page 3 of a 174-page budget. I wish that the Board Members would seriously get to the big cuts that we can possibly make in this budget, rather than nickel-and-dime it.

MRS. SAXE: I've just inquired about line 102.2910 and this year there is a surplus in that account and therefore, I move, as Mrs. deGaetani did, to remove \$1,500 from that account. This is a Reconsideration for Official Notices.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion was made and there was no Second to Mrs. Gershman's Motion.

MRS. SAXE: I know and I've just inquired about whether there were surpluses in that particular account, the answer was yes. Therefore, I do move that we do delete \$1,500 from the Official Notice Account.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There has been a Motion made and Seconded to delete \$1,500 from the Official Notice Account.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Point of Information. I would like to know what is left in the account? Can we have that information?

MR. ESPOSITO: Out of a \$5,500 appropriation we have \$4,214 left, and it is projected that there will be a \$4,000 surplus in that account.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I would like to ask Mr. Esposito, do you know how many bills we have that have not been paid?

MR. ESPOSITO: No, I do not.

MS. SUMMERVILLE: I would suggest to you that there is over that amount that has not paid. We might be going to court or something.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion has been made and Seconded. We are now voting on that Motion.

MR. DeLUCA: I was just going to ask the same question. How many bills are outstanding? The official notice that we just published the other day is going to be part of our deficit or part of our expenses? This surplus or print-out that you have, Mr. Esposito, as of what date is that?

MR. ESPOSITO: April 30.

MR. DeLUCA: April 30? That shows that the Accounting Department is really progressing.

MRS. GUROIAN: Unless he got a newer one than I saw at the Fiscal Committee meeting, we were projecting three months' expenditures that aren't recorded on that thing, in addition to all the bills that are outstanding that we don't know about. I would like to bring to attention of the Members that in 1980-81 \$9,180 was spent from that account. We're only budgeting for \$6,000. That gets spent for official notices that we are obliged by law to have printed in the papers.

MRS. HAWE: This is really an account that we can't predict that closely from year to year. We don't really know what public meetings, ordinances, for instance if we have something to print in the paper regarding Charter revision, that would take a large amount of that. Mrs. Guroian just said the year before this there was almost \$10,000 and this year we're not spending that much. It's something that's really difficult to predict. It's not something that can go on past practice. I would suggest leaving it in.

MR. BLAIS: Madam Chairman, I move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The question has been moved and Seconded. All in favor please say Aye. Opposed? We are going to move the question. We are voting on Mrs. Saxe's Motion to delete \$1,500 leaving a total of \$4,500 in that line item Account of Official Notices. If you are in favor of that deletion, please vote up for yes, down for no. The Motion is Defeated. 36 no, 3 yes. Is there anything else on this line item on this page? Mrs. Hawe can you come up with a figure?

MRS. HAWE: The total amount of cuts out of the Salary Account 1110, the cut is \$12,868. Out of Over-time the cut is \$1,000....(end of tape). The total approved is \$77,153.

#### BOARD OF FINANCE

The next is page 4, Code 103, Board of Finance. The recommended cuts of the Fiscal Committee, first of all, in line 1130, Part-time, we recommend a cut of \$900 which would bring that line down to \$8,111. In the Permanent Part-time we recommend a cut of \$1,400, which would bring that line down

to \$13,222 and these two cuts are both, what I mentioned before, reorganization. Line 2930, Stationery and Supplies, fiscal recommends a cut of \$500. This was based on the amount that's remaining in the account, or based on usage last year. That would bring that line down to \$2,000. So that's a total amount of cuts in this department of \$2,800, and the bottom line is now \$126,218.

MR. ZELINSKI: Through you, Madam President, to Representative Hawe, I just had two questions. The Permanent Part-time Account I see had no expenditures in 1980-81 and 1981-82. What specifically is that Permanent Part-time?

MRS. HAWE: Mr. Zelinski, that is a good question because this occurs in several places throughout the budget. Permanent Part-time is a new line that was established this year. I believe it's under 20 hours a week and this goes in the Part-time. Over 20 hours goes in the Permanent Part-time. As you can see from last year, under Part-time where there's \$21,000, that line was split into two. There were two positions, one in Permanent Part-time and one in Part-time. They just split that line up.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there any discussion on any of these items?

MR. ZELINSKI: There was a cut of \$1,400 in the 1135 Account?

MRS. HAWE: Correct.

MR. ZELINSKI: What I would like to propose is to reduce that further to the level of the total of last year, which was \$21,934. I'll give you that figure in just a moment.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mr. Zelinski, would you give us the number of the item, for the Members present?

MR. ZELINSKI: Yes, item 1135, which is the Permanent Part-time. That and 1130 as a total together last year, as Representative Hawe just explained, I would like to reduce further to the level of what that was last year, which was \$21,934, which I believe would be....

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mr. Zelinski, we're having trouble following you. Please give us the total number.

MR. ZELINSKI: The number I'd like to cut is 1135.

PRESIDENT SANTY: 103.1135? What is your Motion, Mr. Zelinski?

MR. ZELINSKI: My Motion would be to cut that amount by \$600, which would bring it down to the level of the total of Part-time last year.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Zelinski, I want the total to which you are going to bring it down.

MR. ZELINSKI: The Fiscal Committee recommended \$1,400. I would like to make an additional \$600 cut.

MRS. HAWE: If you'll note, that if you add the amount that the Fiscal Committee has recommended in Part-time, which is \$8,111 and the amount that we're recommending in Permanent Part-time which is \$13,222, you come with a total of those two lines of \$21,333 which is less than what was in the Part-time last year.

MR. ZELINSKI: I would like, through you, Madam President, to withdraw my Motion and then I have one other question. Under Account 2933, Subscriptions, what specifically is that used for?

MRS. HAWE: We had some discussion on this on Saturday. It's for two subscriptions to "Public Management", which is a monthly publication for \$15 a year, subscription cost, so that's \$30 for two subscriptions to that, and one subscription to a magazine called "Nation's City Weekly", and that's \$80 a year. That comes to \$110.

MR. ZELINSKI: O.K. I would like to make a Motion to cut the amount of \$110.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Any Member here can make a Motion he so desires to delete or restore this evening. Mr. Zelinski, make your Motion, but please give us the numbers to your Motion.

MR. ZELINSKI: Yes, I'd like to make a Motion to cut Code 2933, Subscriptions, by \$110 because of the fact that I don't think with the economic conditions that we can afford magazines at this point.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Zelinski. Is there a Second to that? The Motion is Seconded. We are now discussing Mr. Zelinski's Motion.

MR. BLAIS: I move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The question has been moved and Seconded. All in favor please say Aye. Opposed? We are now going to vote on Mr. Zelinski's Motion to delete \$110 from the Subscription Account for the Board of Finance. The machine is ready. The Motion is Defeated. 5 yes, 31 no, and 3 non-voters.

MR. BLUM: Through you, to the Fiscal Chairman, I would like to ask on item 103.5120. What is the unencumbered funds on that \$90,000? Has it been used? I would like to ask how that goes along?

MRS. HAWE: Might I say that they don't actually know what the cost of the audit just completed is. However, the cost of the audit for 1980-81, for....

PRESIDENT SANTY: I would ask the Representatives to get as close to the microphone as they can because we are broadcasting and the radio is having a little difficulty at this point. Mrs. Hawe will you continue?

MRS. HAWE: The cost of the audit for 1980-81 was \$90,000. Even though it's not definite whether that will be the exact cost for the coming year, it's pretty certain that it will be that, if not higher. The audit has to be done each year. It probably will be higher.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Are there any other Motions on this page, Board of Finance? If there isn't, Mrs. Hawe, will you give us the deletions and the total please?

MRS. HAWE: Do you want me to go through each line again? The total number of cuts is \$2,800, which will leave in the Board of Finance, the bottom line \$126,218.

PLANNING BOARD

Now we have Code 104, Planning Board. Out of the Salary Account, Code 1110, first line, the Fiscal Committee recommended a deletion of \$23,556. This represents the new Urban Design Administrator position that's in the Planning Board. The total cut from the Salary Account would be \$23,556, which brings that salary line down to \$213,923.

We recommended a cut in the line 2650, that's New Equipment, of \$954, which will bring that line to -0-.

We recommended a cut in the Travel Expenses of \$150, that's line 2942, which brings that line to \$850. These two cuts reflect the fact that the New Equipment and Travel Expenses were for the person that was deleted.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there any discussion on any item on this page?

MR. WIDER: I am little concerned with the Fiscal Committee cutting out the planner. As you look around the City of Stamford, you will see where there's been a great lack of planning. The Planning Board had asked simply for a person to help them plan. I am wondering why we are cutting this position out. I understand all the pressures that are put on us by the taxpayers, but the pressures on us for planning what we do with this City. If we don't have the people, we can't plan. I would like to make a Motion that we restore the \$23,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There has been a Motion made and Seconded to restore \$23,556. We are now discussing that Motion.

MRS. HAWE: I would speak against this Motion. The Board of Finance cut out all vacancies and new positions with the exception of two and this is one of them. I don't dispute the fact that it's important. I believe it is very important. However, I think at this time in these economic conditions, it's absolute, no matter how important that position is. This is the way we have to go at this time. I personally agree that this is a very important position as are some of the others that were eliminated. Given these times, and the situation we're in, we should not put on someone new this year. I am speaking against that Motion.

MRS. GERSHMAN: I, too, must speak against this Motion because when this came before the Personnel Committee, we felt that this position was duplicative services of other positions in the department.

MRS. GUROIAN: I'm also speaking against the Motion to restore. I think it should be noted that from 1980-81 to the present proposed budget, that Salary Account, if we don't delete this, would have gone up 50%. I think that's over and above what we've allowed for any other board or commission in the City. I vote to delete this Motion.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I pass.

MRS. SIGNORE: I am speaking against the Motion to restore this. When I came to Stamford 22 years ago, Urban Renewal was in more than the talking stage, they had really started on it. If this position was needed, it was needed 22 years ago. It's late. It's too late today.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The question has been moved and Seconded. All in favor please say Aye. Opposed? We are going to move the question. We are moving on Mr. Wider's Motion to restore \$23,556 to the Salary Account of the Planning Board, which is 104.1110. We will use the machine. It's ready. The Motion is Defeated. 21 no, 15 yes, 1 abstention, and 2 non-voters. Is there any further discussion on 104, this page, the Planning Board?

MR. STORK: I must say, looking at this page, I'm fairly impressed. They seem to have held the line pretty well. I see one item of concern. Item 1220, Car Allowance. It's up five times over the previous budget and I wonder if Mrs. Hawe or Mr. Esposito could explain why that has gone up five times.

MRS. HAWE: First of all, the contracts that were signed, the MAA contract, provided for \$1,200 for all MAA for Car Allowance. To read their back-up here, Car Allowance \$1,400, which they requested. This is for the use of a personal car by one MAA employee and I believe that's the Assistant Director. So that's \$1,200 a year. Also, it provides an allowance for occasional use of personal cars by the MEA personnel. They get \$4 a day for its use. The real reason it's gone up is because the contract provides for \$1,200 a year for the MAA, as we saw in our budget and that's \$1,200 additional.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I would like to ask why the Printing went up \$1,000?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Maihock, and all Representatives, when you're asking questions, please put the code number on them.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I'm sorry. 104.2921. It had been \$1,700 and now it's \$2,700. What caused such a tremendous increase?

MRS. HAWE: I'm reading from their back-up here from which they list the things that have to be printed. They say the previous appropriations have proved to be inadequate. They will be printing the new Master Plan and that's going to be sold at \$5 a copy. There will be revenue generated from that. If you look at the original book bound on the left, and you see the revenues from the Planning Department, under the sale of the Master Plan they anticipate \$3,500 in revenues as opposed to only \$500 last year. They're getting revenues from the sale of the Master Plan Book. That's part of the increase there, but they're getting that back.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Any other questions or Motions on this page, 104 Planning Board? If not, Mrs. Hawe, would you give the total deletions and the total number at the end?

MRS. HAWE: The total reduction in the Salary Account was \$23,556, which leaves the Salary line, 1110 at \$213,923. Next we come to line 2650, New Equipment, and we're deleting that whole amount \$954 and leaving that line at -0-. Travel Expenses, line 2942, we're deleting \$150, which leaves that line at \$850. So the total number of cuts on this page is \$24,660, and leaves the bottom line at \$233,754,.

MRS. McINERNEY: At this time, Madam Chairman, I would like to call for a 15-minute recess to allow the two ladies who are doing all the calculating to stretch for a little while.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second? All in favor, say Aye. We will now have a 15-minute recess. I would ask the Representatives to please take their seats. I would ask the audience to please be as quiet as possible and I would ask Mrs. Hawe to go on with her report.

MR. DIXON: Madam President?

PRESIDENT SANTY: Yes, Mr. Dixon?

MR. DIXON: Would it be in order, at this time, to set a time for adjournment? We have three nights to work on the budget and I hardly see any real sense in staying here over hours tonight.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Dixon, exactly, the leadership has met and they have determined somewhere around midnight to 1:00. Depending on where we were at that time, we will adjourn somewhere around there.

MR. DIXON: Would a Motion to that effect be in order?

PRESIDENT SANTY: I think we could hold off on that until we reach that point.

MR. BLAIS: Madam Chairman, would it be possible, except by a majority vote, to limit the discussion on any one amendment?

PRESIDENT SANTY: It's very difficult to limit discussion. We are 40 Representatives and if everyone wants to speak, they can. We can move right along, I hope, and as Mrs. Guroian stated in the beginning of the meeting, if your remarks are repetitive, I would wish that you would just say I agree with so-and-so and we can proceed.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

MRS. HAWE: We're now on page 6, Department group 10, EPB CAM, Coastal Area Management. The Board of Finance cut out a position of Environmental Analyst. For that reason we propose the following cuts in that department. In the Over-time Account which is 1201, we recommended a cut of \$930, which would bring that line down to \$2,202. Now in the Telephone Account, which is line 2740, the last one on that page, we recommend a cut of \$427, bringing that line down to \$2,000. That is a total recommended cut of \$1,357 from the EPB, which brings the bottom line on the next page, department group total at the end, to \$109,396.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there any discussion on any of the line items?

MR. ZELINSKI: Through you, to the Co-chairperson of fiscal, line item 2610, Maintenance of Equipment, I see that the appropriation was \$86 last year and now it's \$1,250. I was wondering why there was such a large jump in that.

MRS. HAWE: The significant increase is for Flood Forecasting and Warning System, the item in the capital budget. The National Weather Service estimates that the maintenance cost of this is \$2,500 a year and the budget request represents one-half year maintenance cost. After it's installed, they assume they'll have to maintain it for half a year.

MR. ZELINSKI: Item 2650, New Equipment, again there's a large increase. \$762 to \$2,000. What was the increase due to?

MRS. HAWE: The new equipment is a request for a new IBM typewriter to replace the existing old equipment. It's a '74 machine which breaks down often and they feel if they had a new one with the standard time-and-labor-saving features, it would be beneficial. That's what that's for.

MR. LIVINGSTON: I pass, Madam President.

MR. DeLUCA: I would like to make a Motion to cut Account 5150 by \$1,000, Professional Consultants. On page 207, the second page for EPB CAM. I've been looking through the whole book and I see quite a few departments have professional consultants. I think if we're talking about reorganization and productivity etc... maybe it's time we started doing our own in-house work and spending less money on consultants. Therefore, I make a Motion to reduce this by \$1,000 leaving the total at \$1,500.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There is a Second to that Motion. We are now discussing Mr. DeLuca's Motion.

MRS. HAWE: We, too, looked at the Professional Consultants Accounts very carefully and in this budget the professional consultants, as you know the EPB has many complex applications, are professional, hydrological, and engineering services to evaluate the applications that come in. They are very complex and they really need to be done, we felt, and that's why we left it in.

MR. CONTI: Item 2173, Cleaning Rivers and Streams.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Excuse me, Mr. Conti, we are discussing Mr. DeLuca's Motion to delete Professional Consultants by \$1,000.

MR. BLAIS: I would move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The question has been moved and Seconded. All in favor please say Aye. Opposed? One no vote. We will move the question. I am going to attempt at this time to take a voice vote on this and see if it speeds things up a little bit, unless you feel you would like a record of this on the computer, but I think on some of the things we could go along quicker this way. All in favor of Mr. DeLuca's Motion to delete \$1,000 from Professional Consultants 5150, Environmental Protection Board, please say Aye. Opposed? We better use the machine. You can vote. The Motion has lost with 23 No votes, 15 Yes votes, and one Abstention.

MR. TARZIA: Item 2750, the Gasoline Allowance. If I understand correctly, last year it was figured at \$1.40 a gallon. This year it's approximately going for \$1.10. I don't see that reduction made by the committee. Is there a reason why?

MRS. HAWE: The directive that went out from the Finance Department was for the departments to use an average of \$1.12 a year for gas. Some departments did use that figure and some didn't. The departments that did not use that figure, we adjusted accordingly. In this account there is an increase because the CAM Planner, which is a new person, has to share gasoline with us. We have cut gasoline, as you'll see in accounts where it is pertinent; we have cut the account.

MRS. GERSHMAN: I understood that you were cutting almost all the other Salary Accounts to institute reorganization of departments. Why was this Salary Account not cut? That's line number 1110.

MRS. HAWE: There had been discussions in committee of cutting all Salary Accounts a certain percentage and that was discarded. We felt that the most reasonable approach was to look at each department separately and to determine whether we felt that they should reorganize considering their work load etc... We felt that the EPB, with all they have to do, with more that is being put on them with the whole new responsibility of the Coastal Area Management, would be left as is.

MRS. GUROIAN: Over-time is a Salary Account. It's been cut.

MRS. HAWE: The total deletions for the EPB is \$1,357. The total amount approved for the EPB is \$109,396.

MR. BLUM: I'd like to ask a question as to what is the percentage of cut from that particular department. Are we basing a certain opinion of cutting a percentage from each department?

MRS. HAWE: No, we did not do that. We looked at each department separately to see what they had spent last year, what their increases were, whether we felt they had additional responsibilities, whether any increase was justified and we determined each department separately. This is a very small percentage of the EPB, obviously. We also took into consideration what the Board of Finance had cut in certain departments.

SEAC

We're now on page 8 and that's the Stamford Economic Assistance Corporation. Fiscal recommends no cuts in this department.

MRS. CONTI: I have a minority report of Joseph Franchina, John Hogan, and Betty Conti. We are opposed to having any taxpayers' money appropriated to SEAC whether they are registered as such or not, they are a lobby group. They have lobbied at the Fiscal Committee for the \$300,000 for Veterans Park Modification and for the \$2.7 million for the Down-town Street Scape. By their own admission they were instrumental in having the Legislation passed in Hartford on to which the Advocate receives 80% tax abatement for five years. They advised us in fiscal that 11 more firms will soon be

applying for this 80% abatement under the same Legislation that SEAC was instrumental in lobbying through in Hartford. All the firm need do is expand its plant, and hire six new employees to obtain this sweetheart deal and this throws a greater tax burden on the residential taxpayers. We subsidize no taxpayers' lobby group and we see no reason why Stamford taxpayers should subsidize a group that lobbies for commercial interests against the residential taxpayers. I, therefore, move to delete \$65,000 from line 106.4392 leaving a balance of -0-.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion has been made to delete \$65,000 from the 106.4392 Account and it has been Seconded. We are now speaking to that Motion.

MR. BLAIS: I would like to find out why there is not a line item budget of the exact expenditures of the \$65,000?

MRS. HAWES: The Stamford Economic Assistance Corporation is dealt with similarly to other items in our budget such as the museum, the library, all the cultural organizations, the community centers, etc.. they have provided us with copies of their budget, but we do not have it detailed line by line in our budget. It's just a lump sum that we appropriated, and we do it to quite a few items throughout the whole budget. The things that aren't actually part of the City government.

MRS. McINERNEY: Perhaps it might enlighten Mr. Blais to know that for the proposed 1982-83 budget for SEAC, private contributions will donate \$200,000, the State of Connecticut will donate \$50,000 and the total Grand Budget as I see it, is \$315,000 for SEAC. Certainly, our share is \$65,000 and if the City feels committed to be a contributor to SEAC, that is something we will have to make a judgement on with the next vote.

MRS. HAWES: I would strongly speak in opposition to the Motion to delete this money. Stamford Economic Assistance Corporation is a unique partnership of the private sector, the public sector, and also there are Representatives on its board from the citizenry. Its purposes are to carry out programs for the economic development of the City. The partnership that SEAC is of these three groups is a unique partnership that can address problems that is sometimes difficult for any one of those components to resolve alone. SEAC is involved in quite a few projects in ..... There are Representatives on our Board that are on the SEAC's Board of Directors. I believe there are four people. We are always talking about how blue collar jobs are fleeing from Stamford, and one thing that SEAC is involved in is industrial retention and it's involved in job training, job placement, and revitalization of the South End. It does a lot of good work that had not been done before this group came into existence.

I would like to speak of the matter that Mrs. Conti raised about the Distressed City Act that was passed in Hartford and this gives tax abatements to corporations that provide manufacturing jobs. Now, I'm going to mention one project in particular because this has been brought up, and this the Advocate's building that was built over on Tresser Boulevard. I would like to give you some figures to show that even though the City is absorbing a tax abatement, that they are in the long run coming out ahead. In 1978, the five properties that make up that piece of property over there, were assessed at \$48,850. So the taxes that were paid

that year on that property over there, in 1978, was \$3,175. That's what the City got from that property. In 1981, the Advocate's building was assessed at \$4,917,000. A portion of this qualified for the tax abatement. This is assuming the new mill rate. These figures are general but they are pretty close. The Advocate will pay \$48,338 directly to the City of Stamford next year. The City will also receive \$71,432 from the State of Connecticut. The State of Connecticut reimburses the City of Stamford for 80% of that tax abatement. So what the City is foregoing in revenue for the Advocate property will be \$23,810. In other words, the City is investing \$23,810 per year in the tax abatement. That is what the City is going to be out. However, they are receiving over \$119,000 in taxes as opposed to the \$3,000 they received in '78. Of course, we have received quite a few manufacturing jobs from the fact that the building was built. I think that is something to take into consideration, too; at the bottom line we're coming out with quite a bit more tax revenue than we had before that building was built. I just wanted to clear that up.

MR. BLUM: I speak against Mrs. Conti's Motion of deleting the \$65,000, for in the Booz-Hamilton Study that came out, one of the propositions was that this City should be a diversified City. Namely, commercial industry and corporate headquarters. As a result of the Booz-Hamilton Study, SEAC came into being the Stamford Economic Assistance Corporation. This is our part in order to gain jobs for the blue collar workers that we so badly need. There are 11 companies that have come into Stamford one way or another as a result of SEAC. One of them is Forox, another one is Omega. Each one is expanding and I think this type of job is needed by certain people in this town outside of white collar workers. We need also the blue collar worker jobs in this town.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I think it would be a great mistake to eliminate this money for SEAC. Yes, SEAC is a lobbying organization, if you consider it wrong for a coalition of the private sector of the City and community sector to lobby for and get industrial retention. This past year, 12 industrial firms, with SEAC's assistance, have expanded their facilities, and therefore added 600 jobs. Among these firms are: Thrush Press, Cognitronics, BLI Incorporated, and Trans-Science. These are not make-believe jobs. These are 600 blue collar jobs that have been added in our City, due to SEAC's help. It has also lobbied and worked for and gotten job training. In June there will be 30 graduates and that's just this year. Last year there were programs also. In June there will be 30 unemployed graduates of a job training program who will have guaranteed jobs at Cober Electronics, Taff Machine, and Production Machines. This is not an organization that is giving nothing but lobbying against the taxpayer. It is helping our tax base. It is posting our blue collar workers. It is expanding the job force and expanding the productivity capacities of our industries in Stamford. I cannot imagine why, when we pay \$65,000, corporations, the private sector, contributes \$200,000 and more all the time, why we would even consider eliminating this very, very important coalition. Furthermore, there are many people from this Board who sit on that board and participate directly in making this coalition work. I hope you won't eliminate these funds.

MR. GAIPA: How is the \$65,000 arrived at? Why isn't it \$55,000 or \$85,000 or \$105,000? Is there some formula that the City has?

MRS. HAWE: Well, I don't believe there is any percentage formula. The City last year contributed the same amount, whereas the private contributions have been going up. It's what the City, <sup>was</sup> asked for, it was determined to be a reasonable amount at that time and the Board approved it. The same amount was asked for this year. The State of Connecticut also is contributing \$50,000 which it does every year. It's really \$200,000 from the private contributions, \$65,000 from us, and \$50,000 from the State of Connecticut. This year the only increase has been from the private contributions, which has gone up \$25,000, and they anticipate to get even a smaller amount than that.

MR. GAIPA: Do we get an annual account to show how the money was spent and what the accomplishments were in written form?

MRS. HAWE: We get a copy of their budget and the expenditures from last year. What we have here is the proposed new budget and what they project their expenditures will be by the end of this fiscal year. Are you talking about a copy of an annual report or something like that, Mr. Gaipa? I don't believe we have that. We have a little pamphlet, but I'm sure if it was something we asked for, it could be sent to every Board Member.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: There is a professional audit of the company once a year and the audit is presented at the annual Board of Directors Meeting. We have, just as part of our budget presentation, their budget, broken down and also their accomplishments. Everything is public information, but most important, the expenditure of funds is accounted for through this professional audit.

MR. GAIPA: It seems to me, for us to vote on a \$65,000 item, it might help to have some kind of written accounting or budget or something in our hands.

MR. BOCCUZZI: Mrs. Conti said that the Stamford Advocate got tax abatement? Did I understand that correctly? I don't ever remember voting for tax abatement for the Stamford Advocate. We don't vote for it, in other words?

MRS. CONTI: The Advocate has an 80% tax abatement for five years on the portion of its building in which is housed industrial jobs. That was gotten at the state level, it didn't come through our Board at all.

MR. BOCCUZZI: We don't approve the abatement? It's a statement?

MR. FRANCHINA: I move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The question has been moved and Seconded. All in favor please say Aye. Opposed? All opposed please raise your hands. I'd like my two tellers, Mr. Wiederlight, and Mr. Stork to count the hands. We need two thirds vote. The Motion to move the question is Passed, 29 yes, and 10 no. We are going to move the question. The question is the Motion made by Mrs. Conti, to delete \$65,000 from the SEAC Account. That's Code 106.4392. We are going to use the machine for this vote. If you approve of Mrs. Conti's Motion to delete that amount, vote up for yes; if you disapprove, vote down for no. The Motion has Lost. 13 yes, 24 no, 2 abstentions, and 2 non-voters.

MRS. GUROIAN: I move that we cut it by \$30,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There is a Motion to cut the amount of \$65,000 by \$30,000 bringing the total to \$35,000, Mrs. Guroian? The Motion has been Seconded. We will now have a discussion on that Motion.

MRS. GUROIAN: I appreciate the fact that there are many Members of this Board that are on SEAC and naturally don't want to see it lose the appropriation. On the other hand, this appropriation...(end of tape) We will at least vote for a partial cut of that appropriation.

MRS. SIGNORE: We are talking about a sizeable item. We're talking about \$65,000 and I still don't know exactly what this sum is for. In the future, I would suggest strongly that this organization come in strongly with a standard line item budget, and until then, I strongly support the cut put forth by Mrs. Guroian.

MR. CONTI: I believe there are about six people on this Board that are also on the Board of SEAC. We have attended those meetings regularly and we do see the activity that goes on there and it has done a tremendous amount of good for the City in training blue collar workers. We have gone from the lock city to the research city to the parking city, and now I don't know what you would want to call it, but SEAC is trying hard to keep industry here and train people to work in that field. We have had large corporations attend those meetings and it would be a pleasure to see all these large corporations getting together with officers, their money, and working for the common good, rather than for their own good. This is, as the name implies, Stamford Economic Assistance Corporation. Any small corporation can go there, ask for economic assistance, and it would be very enlightening to see just how far this SEAC can go to help a beginning small corporation. If I may, I would like to answer something else to where the Advocate is concerned. It has been said that the Advocate got 80% tax abatement but this is from the state; the state reimburses the City 60% of that 80%, so we do not lose all that amount of money.

MR. DONAHUE: I think Mr. Conti has made some very good points, as others have. I don't wish to belabor the point any. The goals of SEAC for job training, job retention, retention of some of our industrial areas in the City, and to keep our economic base broad and healthy. I think they came in here and asked us for a commitment last year, in good faith, to go forward and be a partner in these goals and so far we have. They have not come in here and asked for an increase; they have come in and asked for the same commitment and a continued commitment. In spending the \$65,000, we are sharing in those commitments to retain jobs, to increase jobs, and to keep the economic base healthy.

MR. DeLUCA: I would have to support Mrs. Guroian's request for a \$30,000 cut. When I look at some of items on this budget here, primarily if there is one item which calls for a \$6,600 cost-of-living increase, here it is we are telling the unions, do not expect any wage increases for 1982-83. We asked SEAC to put in a cost-of-living adjustment for \$6,600. We have told other departments that we are going to reduce your Travel and Conference Expenses, yet there is a line item over here for \$3,000. We have told other departments, and I think probably later on we will find out, we will probably cut out their dues and subscriptions to organizations and yet it

will cost them another \$1,000 for an item such as this. For telling our Municipal Unions not to expect a salary increase, how can we vote for something like this here, which includes a cost-of-living adjustment, traveling, and conferences. I would urge this Board to support the cut made by Grace Guroian.

MRS. PERILLO: Move the question, please.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion made and Seconded to move the question. All in favor please say Aye. Opposed? The question is being moved. We will use the machine. The Motion is made by Mrs. Guroian to delete \$30,000 from Account 106.4392, SEAC, leaving the total at \$35,000. Please vote up for yes, down for no. The Motion Carried. 19 yes, 18 no, and 3 abstentions. Mrs. Hawe do you want to give the total? 21 votes are required at the final budget meeting where we adopt the appropriation resolution. Every vote this evening will be by a majority.

MR. BLAIS: Point of Order, Madam Chairman. Is that a majority of those present <sup>and</sup> voting, or a majority of the votes?

PRESIDENT SANTY: A majority of those present and voting.

MR. BLAIS: 19 is not a majority of those present and voting.

PRESIDENT SANTY: 19 is the majority, Mr. Blais. According to Roberts' rules, the vote is 19.

MRS. HAWE: The total cut on this page is \$30,000 and the total amount approved is \$35,000.

#### ZONING BOARD

We now have the Zoning Board on page 9. The only cut that was recommended by fiscal in this account is Code 5110, Professional and Legal Services. We cut that by \$1,000, which brings that line down to \$1,500. That is a total cut of this department of \$1,000 and the bottom line is now \$76,688.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there any discussion or Motions on this page? Page 9, the Zoning Board.

MRS. GERSHMAN: Mrs. Hawe, why is the Salary Account, 1110, not cut?

MRS. HAWE: We felt that the Zoning Board is involved in the comprehensive re-zoning. They have a lot of things to contend with and they will in the next year. For this reason, we felt their Salary Account should be left alone.

MRS. CONTI: Perhaps, Mrs. Gershman is not aware that there is a Zoning Analyst here who is on a contractual basis and once the comprehensive re-zoning is completed, her work will be finished and that will be a large amount out of the Salary Account.

MRS. HAWE: The total amount cut from this department is \$1,000, which leaves a bottom line figure of \$76,688.

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Page 10, we have Code 108, Zoning Board of Appeals. We recommended a cut from line 2650, New Equipment. We recommended a cut of \$1,000, which would bring that line down to \$404, and that's the only cut in that department. The bottom line is now \$24,694.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Are there any Motions or comments on this page, Zoning Board of Appeals. If not, Mrs. Hawe's Motion will stand. The total on that page is \$24,694. We will continue on to page 11.

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

MRS. HAWE: Page 11, Building Board of Appeals. We recommend no cuts in this department.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there any discussion on this department? For the listening audience, the total amount of this department is \$150. We will continue on page 12.

SEWER COMMISSION

MRS. HAWE: Page 12, Sewer Commission. We recommend no cuts in this department and the bottom line is \$46,627.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Are there any Motions on this page at all?

MRS. MAIHOCK: I don't have a Motion, but I did wonder about item 112.1220. Why would that have shot up to \$1,200?

MRS. HAWE: Because the MAA contract provides for that. You'll see that in all the Car Allowances.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We will continue on to page 13.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

MRS. HAWE: The Human Rights Commission, page 13, Code 113. In this department we recommended a cut in the Salary Account, which is Code 1110, a cut of \$10,000, which would bring that line down to \$77,811. On line 2650, New Equipment, we recommend a cut of \$880, which brings that line down to -0-. That's a total cut in that department of \$10,880 and the bottom line is now \$84,316.

MR. WIDER: Because of the importance of this commission, I would move to restore the account back to its original form.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion? The Motion has been made and Seconded to restore the \$10,000 that was deleted by the Fiscal Committee. We are now speaking to Mr. Wider's Motion.

MR. ZELINSKI: What was the Fiscal Committee's rationale to delete that by \$10,000?

MRS. HAWE: Mr. Zelinski, it was the same rationale where we cut other departments in the Salary Account. This particular department has a Field Representative, an Assistant Director, and an Executive Director, and his Secretary. I realize that all departments are important and many of them are over-worked. However, as I said before when I was explaining our rationale for these reorganization cuts, we feel it's time for the City to start cutting back and start looking at more productive ways of doing things. We did not take out an entire salary; the lowest salary in this department is \$13,000. We took out \$10,000. We felt it was up to the commission, the chairman of the commission. whoever, to

decide how they can best reorganize, how they maximize their effectiveness and live with this \$10,000 cut.

MR. ZELINSKI: I would be in favor of Representative Wider's Motion. Having served on the Human Rights Commission before for nine years, I know it does a great deal of good work in the community. I think it would be a shame to cut this because this is a department that deals directly with the public and is very helpful in resolving a lot of problems and issues that come before the Human Rights Commission. I think it would be a grave injustice, not only to the commission, but to the residents of Stamford, to have them take this cut in the salary. I would be in favor of putting the \$10,000 back.

MR. WIDER: I have a letter that I would like the Democratic Leader to read.

MR. LIVINGSTON: This will, perhaps, explain to some of our Members of the exact function of the Human Rights Commission and maybe it will remind some of our older Members its function. Stamford Human Rights Commission plays a very important role in the operations of the City of Stamford. It is responsible for monitoring and implementing the City's Affirmative Action Employment Plan, and by Ordinance number 358 it is responsible for approving and keeping track of all City construction and rehabilitation contracts for Equal Employment Opportunity. The commission monitors also for the federal and state-funded programs of CDP, CETA, the City's Grant Office, and the Board of Education's Title One Program, all of which add up to over \$5 million. It is important to note that the Commission Monitoring and Enforcement Activities are mandatory conditions if the City of Stamford is to continue to receive state and federal funds under these programs. Because of the URC property, which has been acquired by federal funds, the Human Rights Commission continues to review for Equal Employment Opportunity, the new Town Center and its parking garage as well as any future construction on the URC properties which will involve millions of dollars. By ordinance, the commission is also responsible for reviewing the Board of Education's Affirmative Action Program. The commission has recently been mandated to oversee the City's Affirmative Action Program for the handicapped, under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The commission has also been designated as the agency to monitor the City's Fair Housing Program. In addition to all these responsibilities, the Human Rights Commission is the only agency in the City of Stamford where people can go when they have been discriminated against or denied Equal Opportunity Employment, Housing, or Education. The commission has been receiving an increasing number of complaints and grievances to investigate each year. A loss of \$10,000 will mean that one of the commission's four staff people will be dismissed. This will have a devastating effect on its operation and will deprive or grieve residents of the City, the opportunities to have their complaints fully investigated. As provided by ordinance, such a loss will jeopardize the City's ability to fulfill its legal contractual obligations and connections with the state and federal funding.

MR. BLUM: I want to ask the question of the rationale of cutting if this \$10,000, as opposed to cutting other departments. Certain departments, it seems, don't have to be cut in their Salary Account. As Mrs. Gershman continues to ask the same question as to why other Salary Accounts have not been cut, if you're going to follow this pattern, then you should follow it in every department. This Human Rights Commission has a function, a social need in the community and therefore, this I contend with Mr. Lathon Wider's Motion to restore the \$10,000 back.

MR. LIVINGSTON: I move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The question has been moved and Seconded. All in favor please say Aye. Opposed? Would the no's please raise their hands so I can see how many do not want to move the question? I am sorry, the question has been moved. We are not going to vote by the use of the machine. We are going to vote on Mr. Wider's Motion which is to restore the \$10,000 to the Salary Account of the Human Rights Commission. That's line item 113.1110. The Motion is lost. 22 no, 16 yes, 1 abstention, and one non-voter. Is there any other action on this page?

MR. BLUM: I would like to make a Motion that we restore half of that, \$5,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's a Motion made and Seconded to restore \$5,000. Can you give me the total, Mr. Blum?

MRS. HAWE: All right, the total on that line would be \$82,818.

MR. BLUM: That's not right, Mrs. Hawe. The line total would be \$82,811.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Thank you, Mr. Blum. That's been moved and Seconded. We are now speaking to that Motion. It's been moved and Seconded to move the question. All in favor please say Aye. Opposed? We will use the machine for that vote. We are voting on Mr. Blum's Motion to restore \$5,000 to that account. The Motion is Lost. 19 no, 18 yes, and two non-voters. Mrs. Hawe, would you give us a total? Unless there is any further action on that page, Mrs. Hawe, I think the floor goes back to you.

MRS. HAWE: The cut was then \$10,880, which brings the bottom line to \$84,316.

COMMISSION ON AGING

Page 14, Commission on Aging. Fiscal recommends no cuts in this account, so the bottom line remains the same, \$318,785. I just wanted to say that we took into consideration the fact that the Board of Finance had cut them below what they were last year.

MRS. McINERNEY: I would like to make a Motion to cut line 2750, Gasoline, by \$5,000, bringing that total to \$10,000. According to the budget information which was received from the Commission on Aging, they estimate that there are 17,000 senior citizens within the City of Stamford. They also indicate that they provide 26,000 rides for approximately 600 seniors. I am a little bit disturbed and greatly concerned with inability of the Commission on Aging to acknowledge people who live in Stamford in an area north of the parkway, and who refuse, time and time again, to provide services, via bus, to emergency situations; i.e., the doctor, i.e., the hospital. My people have been turned down time and time again. I would like to indicate that those same people have not been turned down when it came to their tax bills, and I don't think the City of Stamford is in a position to provide luxury services for 600 seniors when we have 17,000 needing it.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I do think it's unfortunate that Dial-a-Ride doesn't come up north. It provides little service, if any up north, and that's because there is not enough money in the budget for this service. I don't like it but that doesn't mean I want to see the service cut out any place else in

the City. There are seniors in parts of the City that are covered by Dial-a-Ride that depend upon this service for their very existence. They look forward to being served by these buses, it's their only means of transportation. This gas provides the service to these people. I hope we don't make this cut in the budget; as a matter of fact, I hope that at some point we can increase this service and have them come up north.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I'm very distressed to hear the rationale that Mrs. McInerney gives for cutting the gasoline allowance. It is a very destructive, instead of constructive, criticism of the Dial-a-Ride. If, in fact, there is a short-coming in the program, then what Mrs. McInerney should do then is arrange a meeting between the people that run the Dial-a-Ride and the proper commissions, or possibly put it on the Board agenda, to see what can be done to service the people in the north country more properly. To simply penalize those people that are being adequately served by the Dial-a-Ride is an indiscriminate way of saying I'm going to cut \$5,000 or one-third of the allotment, is not voting for the best interests of the people that are being served. It would be more constructive to sit down and discuss how these people in the north country can get the service as opposed to penalizing those people that are getting the service.

MRS. CONTI: I would be reluctant to cut this Gas Account. However, the problem that Mrs. McInerney addresses, I think might be answered in another way. If the Commission on Aging does not provide services north of the parkway, perhaps the answer is to make sure that this budget is not included in the mill rate in the C District.

MR. ESPOSITO: One of the reasons why the service has not occurred above the parkway, is not because the Commission on Aging has not desired to service the people, it's because after all the years of waiting for their new vans, they have found out that the new vans don't function very well. They had a high break-down rate; they are in the shop constantly; they just don't have the vans on the street and of course with fewer vans they can't make the trips up north. They have promised that if they get all their vans in working order, and they have the drivers, they will do that.

The second point is, just to reiterate Mr. Donahue's comments, Mrs. McInerney's creating a self-fulfilling prophecy. They don't go up north, cut the gas budget, not enabling them, even if they do get the vans in the future, to go up north. I don't know if that's really the intent of Mrs. McInerney's Motion.

MR. WIDER: I am a little disturbed when I hear someone talking about cutting gas allowance instead of extending service. I think that what we should be talking about is extending service to the senior citizens in the north country if they are not being served. I asked once before, would those buses go to North Stamford, and I was told at that time, that they would go to North Stamford. Now I'm hearing that they are not going and it really disturbs me because north senior citizens should need or want service and not get it. Rather than to cut back on gas, let's extend our service because they need it.

MR. GAIPA: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There is a Motion to move the question and it has been Seconded. All in favor please say Aye. Opposed? We will move the question. We will vote by the use of the machine. The Motion is Mrs. McInerney's to delete the Gasoline Account by \$5,000. Account number 114.2750. The Motion is Lost by 32 no, and 4 yes.

MR. ZELINSKI: Line item 2620, would you have a total of what is left unencumbered in that account, please?

MRS. HAWE: Do you mean Repair Equipment? Mr. Esposito has the sheet on that.

MR. ESPOSITO: This year \$500 was appropriated and \$188 is left.

MR. ZELINSKI: In Account 2921, Printing, how much is left unencumbered, please?

MR. ESPOSITO: \$1,800 was the original appropriation and \$643 is left.

MR. ZELINSKI: One final question. Code 2930, Stationery and Supplies, what is the amount left unencumbered?

MR. ESPOSITO: 2930, original appropriation of \$1,100, they have \$481 left.

MRS. GERSHMAN: On the Salary Account 1110, you said that it was cut \$10,000 below what it was last year, I believe, by the Board of Finance. I see a total of \$245,928 last year, and this year it's \$255,074, which seems like it's \$10,000 more.

MRS. HAWE: Actually, I didn't make it clear enough. The total amount that the Commission on Aging will be spending, down at the bottom of the page, is less than the total appropriation this year. That's what I meant, not in the Salary line, but in the bottom line.

MRS. GERSHMAN: I do feel that if we are going to cut Salary Accounts to force reorganizations of departments, it should be done in all departments, not just some. I see that there is an Over-time Account and a Part-time Account in this, which has been left intact. I would move that we delete \$10,000 from Salary Account 1110.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There is a Motion made and Seconded to delete \$10,000 from the Salary Account making the total \$245,074. We are now speaking to the Motion to delete \$10,000 from the Salary Account, Commission on Aging.

MR. ESPOSITO: Not only do I want to speak to this particular Motion, but to the overall issue that Mrs. Gershman keeps raising as to why we made cuts in some departments and not in others.

Number one reason was that the Board of Finance beat us to it in some departments and not in others. In those departments that the Board of Finance had made no cuts, we looked at the department and decided that we might make a cut. In some departments, the Board of Finance had already made

cuts and we felt that it would be inappropriate to make further cuts. We would note that in the Commission on Aging there have been cuts already made by the Board of Finance.

The second factor was that we tried to judge, and I emphasize the term judge, whether or not some departments could organize or reorganize, and whether or not there was room in some departments to reorganize. For example, in the Zoning Board we are all aware of the problems of the comprehensive rezoning and a result of that, we didn't recommend any cuts there even though the Board of Finance hadn't recommended them. We felt on the Commission on Aging that here, too, we have an expanding population to be serviced. Every year the senior citizen population is going up, every year we hear there is a greater need for services, and we felt that this was one department that should not and could not sustain any further cut in the Salary Account. That was the logic that we used in all departments. That's why in some departments you'll see more cuts than in others. Some departments simply lend themselves to reorganization at an earlier date because of the conditions that exist in that department.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are now speaking to the Motion to cut.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Fiscal had a long discussion about taking an Across-the-Board Salary Account decrease or percentage decrease in every department. Had we decided to do that, Mrs. Gershman, then we would have come in with such a cut in every department. Instead, we decided that it would be more responsible to look at every account and determine whether the department could tolerate the cut or not tolerate the cut and for those departments that we felt could not tolerate the cut or had already sustained a large cut, we didn't make the cut in the Salary Account.

MR. CONTI: If I may, I would like to make a few comparisons. We have three different groups in this town. We have the young, we have the middle-aged, and we have the senior citizen group. The Board of Education is asking for a certain amount of money; we won't discuss that at the moment, but it averages out for 13,000 students to a little over \$4,000 per student. On the other end, we have 17,000 senior citizens with a total here of \$318,000. Putting pencil to paper, it comes out to \$18 per senior citizen. Now, the middle group is naturally going to be paying for both the younger group and older group. The Finance Board, in its wisdom, decided to take away a certain amount of money where they now have to have their vans repaired by the City. I just don't believe that it's fair where the younger, where we're going to spend \$4,000 per student, and on the senior citizens we're going to spend \$18 per person per year.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Motion made and Seconded to move the question. All in favor, please say Aye. Opposed? We will vote by the use of the machine on this item. The Motion is to delete \$10,000 from the Salary Account 114.1110. \$245,074. The Motion is Lost. 31 no, 3 yes, and 2 abstentions.

MRS. MAIHOCK: I noted that the Board of Finance did cut the Over-time budget. Would you be able to tell me what purpose does this serve?

MRS. HAWE: The Over-time covers evening activities for Dial-a-Ride drivers and weekends for the Dial-a-Ride drivers for special events and church services.

MRS. MAIHOCK: On item 114.2930, the Stationery Account, was there any explanation as to why it had gone to \$400 more?

MRS. HAWE: This account, Mrs. Maihock, covers the Stationery and Office Supplies for the different senior centers like Quintard for the Administrative Office etc... There are about six different centers that it covers. The increase is due to the fact that there is increased activity at all these centers and also due to the rise in the cost of the supplies.

MRS. SAXE: I would like to know on the back of the original budget that we have, we have revenues, and the revenues on this account come to \$76,438. Is that put in the General Fund or does that go back to the Commission on Aging.

MRS. HAWE: No, it goes into the General Fund. There are no deletions on this page. The total amount approved is \$318,785.

FAIR RENT COMMISSION

Page 15, Code 115, Fair Rent Commission. Fiscal recommends a cut of \$5,000 in the Salary line, that's line 1110, which would bring the line down to \$48,138. We did this for the same reason in numerous departments before. With a look towards reorganization, perhaps using someone part-time rather than full-time as a secretary, that would be up to the department head. That's the only cut that we recommend on that page.

MR. BLUM: I would like to ask for the restoration of the \$5,000, bringing it back to \$53,138. I would like to make it a Motion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Blum has made a Motion and it has been Seconded.

MR. BLUM: I would like to speak for the simple reason; this is one of the only organizations that the Fair Rent Commission, which people like myself have in the state; there are only about five cities in the State of Connecticut that has a Fair Rent Commission, where if we feel that our rents are excessive, we have somewhere to go to a commission to speak of our unfair rent increases. The total load in this City on some of the apartments, namely I understand the Hoyt-Bedford, the one of 1435 Bedford Street, are going to be faced, including probably my own apartment, with a high rent increase due maybe to the tax increases. If it's excessive, this would be the only place that we have that might represent us if we get an excessive rent increase. To take a half a salary, and I don't know if it's a half a salary, I don't think there is anyone on the permanent salary basis that gets \$5,000. It might be a part-time worker. If it was a part-time worker, I don't see anything about a part-time worker, so therefore we're asking for a cut in wages. I think that's unfair. If you want to take the Salary Account, fine; but don't take a half a salary. I think that's very unfair to cut a person's wages for the year and that's what you're doing. I don't think there is anyone there that's getting \$5,000 in the Fair Rent Commission.

MRS. McINERNEY: I agree with Mr. Blum based on that fact that this department to my knowledge presently has three employees. A secretary, an investigator, and a director. Just as Mr. Conti indicated that we had so many senior citizens to care for as we do young, we also have to realize that we have many renters that live in this City and I feel that Mr. Blum explained the plight of those people quite eloquently and I would support him in the restoration of these funds.

MRS. GERSHMAN: I would like to support Mr. Blum in restoring this. I would also like to question if it is legal to cut a part of a salary, if these people happen to belong to a union. There might be some union repercussions in cutting portions of salary and asking people to take other job levels and job titles. I just give that to you on all of these salary accounts. I also think that it's rather strange to ask to reorganize a three-person department when we have passed up other departments that have many, many more people in them.

MR. STORK: I would like to support the reinstatement of this \$5,000 by virtue of the fact that come July 1, I believe their work load is going to increase. The owners of these rental properties are obviously going to have to raise their rent if their taxes go up and I have a feeling their work load is going to increase over what it is today. I would like to see the \$5,000 reinstated.

MR. WIDER: I certainly support Mr. Blum's Motion to reinstate. Even though I'm a landlord, I don't want the tenants to have nowhere to go. I want them to have some place to complain. If we cut that out, they won't have it.

MR. ZELINSKI: I, too, would be in favor of restoring these funds. This is the only place where people who rent in the City of Stamford can go to when they need help when there's a serious problem as far as rent increases, discrimination, or things like that.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The question has been moved and Seconded. All in favor, please say Aye. Opposed? We're moving the question. We're going to use the machine. We are voting on Mr. Blum's Motion to restore \$5,000 to the Salary Account of the Fair Rent Commission. The Motion has Passed. 22 yes, 10 no, 2 abstentions and 5 non-voters.

MRS. MAIHOCK: Account number 115,2942, would you please explain to me what is the need for the increase in Travel Expenses?

MRS. HAWE: The MAA contract, I'm reading from the material that was provided by the Fair Rent Commission, provides for reimbursement for out-of-town travel at the rate of 25¢ per mile plus parking fees, hotels, and meals. Although this is more than double the previous rate of 12¢ per mile, that's the reason. It's an increase in the contract.

MRS. HAWE: The total for the Fair Rent Commission is \$58,758.

PATRIOTIC EVENTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES COMMISSION

Fiscal recommends no cut on Code 116, which is Patriotic Observances Commission.

MR. ZELINSKI: Item 3271, I noticed there was an increase of approximately \$400. I was wondering what the reason was for that?

MRS. HAWE: There are more graves to tend than there were.

MRS. SAXE: I see a very interesting thing here, but I don't understand it. We have a fee of \$18,699 in which we are going to fund, and in revenues it shows \$105,452?

MRS. HAWE: That's the section total, Mrs. Saxe. We're coming near the end of the section so that's the total revenue for this whole section from the beginning of the book up to here. You'll see section total over there on the left.

MR. BLAIS: I noticed that line 116,3270, Grave Registration Officer, appears to be a Salary Account, yet it is not indicated as a Salary Account and I'd like a clarification of this.

MR. ESPOSITO: We don't know.

MR. BLAIS: I'd like to point out that the whole budget procedure does need more consistency.

MRS. HAWE: The total for that page is \$18,699.

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW

On page 17, Code 119, Board of Tax Review, fiscal recommends no cut in this account and the total bottom line is \$7,810.

MR. GAIPA: Did you get any feeling why the decrease in the Part-time Account was less than \$2,000, when this \$7,200 funded 3,300 appeals? We don't expect 3,300 appeals next year, I hope.

MRS. HAWE: That's correct, Mr. Gaipa. We questioned the Board of Tax Review on that and they did say that every year, they usually have 200 or 300 appeals. However, after reassessment it usually takes three years for them to level off at 200-300. They expect quite a bit next year, also. Also in September, according to state statute, they have to have a hearing on the Automobile Tax and so they anticipate meetings on that, and therefore, salaries for police, custodian, secretaries, etc...

MR. BLUM: I would just like to say and make a comment that I had numerous complaints about the assessment hearings that took place on this Board of Tax Review.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Blum, we are just speaking now to the Board of Tax Review budget before us. Any other questions or Motions?

MRS. HAWE: The total for the Board of Tax Review is \$7,810.

PERSONNEL BOARD OF APPEALS

Page 18, Code 120, Personnel Board of Appeals. Fiscal recommends no cut; and total, the bottom line is \$500.

RE-APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Page 19, there is no more Reapportionment Commission so now we come to a section total and if you'll give us a few minutes to add it.

MRS. GUROIAN: There's \$95,565 in cuts and the total approved is \$1,382,634.

MRS. HAWE: I believe it's \$1,382,638. Is that correct?

MRS. GUROIAN: I'm sorry, that's right.

MR. DIXON: Madam President, at this point, in our budget, I would move for adjournment.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There's been a Motion to Adjourn. It's not debatable. Is there a Second. There is a Second. We are going to vote on the Motion to Adjourn. All in favor of Adjourning, please say Aye. Opposed. I think it's pretty obvious we are not going to adjourn. We will continue for a little while longer.

GROUP 20 CHIEF EXECUTIVE (MAYOR)

MRS. HAWE: We now come to Department Group 20, which is the Chief Executive. In the Salary Account, line 1110, fiscal recommends a cut of \$15,000, which would bring that line down to \$126,413. Our rationale here was that we felt that the relocation officer perhaps could be reduced to a part-time position or some reorganization could be possible with that as an example of what we thought might be accomplished. In the Over-time Account, 1201, we recommended a reduction of \$3,000, which would bring that line down to \$2,000. In line 2750, Gasoline, we recommended a cut of \$200, due to the fact that prices have come down from last year, which would leave that line at \$1,000. That brings total cuts recommended in this department group to \$18,200 and the bottom line would then be \$192,735.

MRS. McINERNEY: I would like to move for a deletion in item 5602, Conference of Mayors, and I would like the amount reduced from \$22,695 to \$17,075. If I get a Second, I will explain that.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. McInerney, you have a Second. Would you give me the total of the deletion then the total?

MRS. McINERNEY: \$4,920, from item 5602, Conference of Mayors. The new number would be \$17,775.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are now speaking to that Motion that has been made by Mrs. McInerney.

MRS. McINERNEY: I note that on the information sent to the Mayor of the City of Stamford, CCM's Board of Directors suggests that a figure of \$21,954 for our municipality be used as a municipal service fee for 1982-83. They based the figure on the 1980 census population of 102,453 people at a dues rate of .225 per capita for the first 75,000 population and .185 for population over 75,000 with the minimum charge of \$900. I would suggest that we pay the requested amount for the 75,000 at .225 per capita which is \$16,875 and that we include the suggested \$900 as a minimum for populations over 75,000 and that figure came out to \$17,075. I feel that in our uncertain economy and in face of huge tax increases in Stamford, that since a minimum amount was set, there is no reason that we should go to a larger amount this year and I think that the City is well served by CCM; however, I see no reason why we can't have a reduction in that amount.

PRESIDENT SANTY: I remind all the Representatives we are speaking to this Motion.

MRS. CONTI: I do agree with Mrs. McInerney if we can pay the minimum fee, there is no point in our paying more and I would support that.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We will move right to a vote on the machine. The Motion

is made by Mrs. McInerney to delete \$4,920 from Account 5602, Conference of Mayors, bringing that total to \$17,775. We will move to a vote by the use of the machine. The Motion passed, 32 yes, 1 no, and 6 non-voters. (This cut later reconsidered and rescinded.)

MR. WIDER: Because we still have a tremendous relocation problem in the City of Stamford, there hasn't been a week that has passed that we haven't had some family that needs relocating in this town and I think the Relocation Officers have been doing a tremendous job under a strenuous task. I would like to move that we reinsert the \$15,000 to the Salary Account on 1110.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion has been made and Seconded. Discussion?

MR. BOCCUZZI: Point of Information. I don't know if I heard Chairman of Fiscal correctly. She only made a suggestion. I don't think she said cut. Is she cutting out the Relocation Officer, or was that just a suggestion?

MRS. HAWE: We can't cut out anyone in particular. It was a suggestion where doing this in an effort for reorganization and one possible example of this that we could see in this department was since the fact that most of you see relocation as completed and even though the Relocation Officer does do work when there is a fire or things like that, we felt perhaps it could be looked at as a possible part-time position. As you say, Mr. Boccuzzi, it was just a suggestion.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We will move right to a vote using the machine. The Motion is made by Mr. Wider to reinsert the \$15,000 to the Salary Account 1110. The Motion is lost, 25 no, 4 yes, and 9 non-voters. I would like to ask at this time the Republican Leader and the Democratic Leader to notify the Representatives that are not on the floor that we are taking votes that are pertinent to this budget, and I think that they would like to take part in this. Any further discussion?

MR. DeLUCA: I would like to make a Motion to reduce Account 9300, Miscellaneous Contingency, by \$1,000.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Bringing that total to \$1,000. There is a Second to that Motion.

MR. DeLUCA: I feel that the Mayor's Office should also set the example for cuts as the Board of Reps and other departments have done.

MR. BLAIS: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor of moving the question please say Aye. Opposed? Obviously, we are going to move the question. We are now voting on Mr. DeLuca's Motion to delete \$1,000 from 9300, Miscellaneous Contingency. We will use the machine. The Motion has passed, 27 yes, 6 no, 0 abstentions, and 6 non-voters.

MR. FLOUNDERS: I voted on the prevailing side for the reduction for the Conference of Mayors' fee from \$22,695 to \$17,775. I would like to bring that up for reconsideration because we misread in our haste the basis of the calculations from CCM.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mrs. Goldstein has Seconded your Motion for reconsideration.

MR. FLOUNDERS: The document from which Representative McInerney read, says this: this figure, the \$21,954, is based on your town's 1980 census population of \$102,453 and a dues rate of 22½¢ per capita for the first 75,000 population and 18½¢ for population over 75,000 with a minimum of \$900. The minimum of \$900 applies to the total. If you are a town of less than 75,000 and small enough to have an assessment of \$800, your minimum fee is \$900 to belong to this association. This does not apply to us, we calculate out to the amount shown in the budget. The minimum applies to a town that would have less than 75,000 and a small enough number that would add up to less than \$900, in which case they would have to pay a minimum fee of \$900.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are now speaking to the reconsideration of the Conference of Mayor's which we already deleted. Is there any further discussion?

MRS. SAXE: Mr. Flounders, is the amount shown, the proper amount?

MR. FLOUNDERS: The amount shown in the letter is \$21,954. The amount shown in the budget request is \$22,695. I admit that I cannot explain that difference, but we're not any where near \$21,954. If we don't pay our dues as calculated on the basis of our population, we simply don't belong to the organization. I think that everyone here agrees that it is worthwhile.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are now going to vote to reconsider the item. We are voting just to reconsider. The Motion to reconsider has passed, 22 yes, 14 no, and 3 non-voters.

MR. FLOUNDERS: I would like to make a Motion to restore the \$21,954, which is what is shown in the letter.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Mr. Flounders, the amount that we are voting on from the Fiscal Committee, and I understand right, is \$22,695.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Since this letter is dated January, there may have been an increase, so I will move to reinstate \$22,695.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There is a Second to that Motion.

MRS. CONTI: I believe the Motion should be to restore \$4,920, which is what we cut.

MR. FLOUNDERS: Representative Conti is right as usual.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Is there a Second to that Motion to restore \$4,920 to that account, bringing the total to \$22,695? There is a Second. We are now going to limit our discussion to that Motion. Motion to move the question has been made and Seconded. All in favor of moving the question please say Aye. Opposed? We are now going to move the question. We will use the machine. Up for yes if you approve of the restoration, and no if you don't. The vote has carried, 23 yes, 11 no, 3 abstentions, and 3 non-voters.

MRS. McINERNEY: In reference to Mr. Blum, it is not a mistake on my part, Mr. Blum, it's a matter of an interpretation of a particular section of a letter, and if you wanted to take this letter a little bit further, you might even come up with the third figure which we could have voted for.

MRS. PERILLO: I don't know how Mr. Flounders got in on the middle of my sentence, but I was asking Mrs. Hawe on 2650, New Equipment, what this is?

MRS. HAWE: This is for a new Model 75 Electronic Typewriter. Throughout the budget we have looked at these typewriter requests and there are quite a few. In some departments we have eliminated them. However, in other departments, and this is one of them, we feel that the memory feature on these typewriters would be a help in productivity. For instance, the Chief Executive's office is involved with typing contracts, mass-mailings to boards and commissions, things like that, and these union contracts which when a new contract comes out, there is only a slight change or several changes, to retype the whole thing involves a lot of work. These typewriters, with their memory features, can move that work along and make productivity much better. That's why we left the typewriter in in this instance.

MR. DeLUCA: I believe that if we are going to do things, we might as well do it based on principle also. Therefore, I have to make a Motion, going back to Account 5602. My interpretation of this slow note over here reads, all right let me make a Motion to amend this \$22,695 to reduce it by \$741. That would bring the total down to \$21,954.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion has been made and Seconded.

MR. DeLUCA: I look at this memo over here that Mr. Flounders looked at and that Mrs. McInerney looked at and this figure is based on your town's 1980 census population of \$102,453 and a dues rate of 0.225 per capita for the first 75,000 population and 0.185 for population over 75,000 with a minimum of \$900 which caused confusion before. Now, if we take the first 75,000 times .225, we would come up with the figure \$16,875. We deduct \$75,000 from \$102,453 and come up with a balance of \$27,453 times .185 which comes up to approximately \$5,078 which we added to the \$16,875 and got a total of \$21,954 or a net reduction of \$741. As I said, as a matter of principle, if we are going to do this here, let's do it the legitimate way and save the City \$741. Therefore, I recommend this cut.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are now speaking to Mr. DeLuca's Motion to delete \$741 from the Conference of Mayors.

MR. BLUM: I accept Mrs. McInerney's apology or whatever she was trying to say. Why couldn't Mr. Flounders give us that Motion? He did make a Motion once and somehow, I don't know, I don't understand this.

MR. ZELINSKI: Move the question.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Question moved and Seconded. All in favor of moving the question please say Aye. Opposed? It has carried. We are now going to vote on Mr. DeLuca's Motion to delete \$741 from the Conference of Mayors. We will use the machine. The Motion is carried, 27 yes, 5 no, and 7 non-voters. We are still on this account number, Chief Executive.

MR. ZELINSKI: Representative Hawe had mentioned that Account 2650, New Equipment, when Representative Millie Perillo asked what that was for, am I to understand that the whole \$1,900 is for the cost of a typewriter?

MRS. HAWE: Yes, that's correct, Mr. Zelinski. This is what we've seen throughout the budget when they're asking for these memory typewriters. They do cost this much.

MR. ZELINSKI: I would like to make a Motion to delete that. I think that's kind of a high expenditure. I move that we delete the whole \$1,900.

PRESIDENT SANTY: It's been moved and Seconded to delete \$1,900 from Account 2650, New Equipment, we are now speaking to that Motion.

MRS. SAXE: I think we better get our heads on our shoulders. We take things out of this budget that are productive for the whole of all of us and they will reduce costs in the end. It is very sad to be penny-wise and pound-foolish.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The question has been moved and Seconded. All in favor of moving the question please say Aye. Opposed? We will now use the machine. The Motion is lost, 26 no, 5 yes, and 8 non-voters.

MR. ZELINSKI: I would like to move to cut on Account 2914, Annual Reports, by \$600 which would bring it to the figure of last year which was \$4,400.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There is no Second to that Motion.

MR. ZELINSKI: Item 2950, Mayor's Expense, I would again like to delete \$600 bringing that to the level of last year.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The Motion has been made and Seconded. The total would then be \$1,800, the same as last year. Is there any discussion?

MRS. HAWE: I would just like to point out that the amount in the budget comes to \$200 per month for an expense account. This includes expenses the Mayor might have in terms of entertaining visitors to the City, and I really think for a City of this size, to spend \$200 a month on that kind of thing is not really out of the question. I would urge you to leave this in.

MR. FLOUNDERS: I absolutely concur with Mrs. Hawe. This is the expense that is absolutely justified for the Chief Executive of the City. With \$200 a month, I don't know how we can do it for this amount. These are things like keys for the City, the West Hill Chamber Singers, for example, are going to perform in June, and he is sending a good will memento, from the City of Stamford to China with the West Hill Chamber Singers, and these things are part of the ceremonial functions that have to be performed by the Mayor of any city, town, or state. I believe it's absolutely justified and I think we're really nickel-and-dimeing it if we cut this.

MR. WIEDERLIGHT: I have to echo the sentiments of Mr. Flounders. We're talking about the City that has the second largest amount of fortune 500 companies in the United States of America, and we're going to nickel-and-dime the Expense Account of the Mayor of that City; that is unjustified, and I think we should not cut this Expense Account for those reasons.

MR. ZELINSKI: What is the present balance in that account now, please?

MR. ESPOSITO: His projected surplus of \$727.

PRESIDENT SANTY: The question has been moved and Seconded. All in favor of moving the question please say Aye. Opposed? We will move right to a vote. The Motion is lost, 9 yes, 23 no, 0 abstentions, and 7 non-voters.

MR. BLAIS: I have two different amendments to propose. The first account is 1123, Salary for the Acting Mayor, I recommend it to be cut to -0-. This is not an imposition and therefore, that should be an up reward.

PRESIDENT SANTY: Sorry, Mr. Blais, there is no Second to your Motion.

MR. BLAIS: Account 1201, Over-time, cut out the remaining \$2,000 in that. Certainly the Mayor's Office could stand reorganization.

PRESIDENT SANTY: You are moving to cut \$2,000. There is a Second. Discussion?

MR. LIVINGSTON: I have a question for Mrs. Hawe. Exactly who participates in the Chief Executive Salary Account? Who would benefit from this Over-time Account?

MRS. HAWE: This money goes to the Relocation Officer. It's reimbursed by the community development. When the Relocation Officer works on certain housing rehabilitation programs, connected with the community development, he is reimbursed by community development and it's reflected in this account. If you look in the original book that we got that's bound on the side, on page 100, you'll see the revenues coming in for that.

PRESIDENT SANTY: We are going to move right to a vote on Mr. Blais' Motion to delete the \$2,000 remaining in the Over-time Account in 1201. If you are in favor, vote up for yes, down for no. The Motion is defeated, 26 no, 9 yes, 1 abstention, and 1 non-voter.

MR. BLUM: I would like to ask a question. Certain things that I noted in regards to typewriters. There are times paying \$2,000 or \$2,001 for a typewriter. It seems either the Mayor's budget economizes on the different typewriter and it is \$1,900. I wish the typewriters were consistent and we get it from one place, namely for the cheapest price.

MRS. GUROIAN: I would like to answer that. Today there are so many models of typewriters and each department needs a different kind of model. IBM doesn't just have one model like years ago. Royal put out the same model under another name; every firm has different models and it depends on the use to which it's put, which model you pick.

MRS. HAWE: The total number of cuts in this department is \$19,941 and the total amount approved, the bottom line is, \$190,994.

MR. GAIPA: I make a Motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT SANTY: There has been a Motion made and Seconded. Before we adjourn, I would like a total of what we have cut tonight so far in the budget.

MRS. HAWE: The total amount cut, so far this evening is \$115,506. The bottom line that has been approved is \$1,573,632.

ADJOURNMENT:

PRESIDENT SANTY: All in favor of adjourning please say Aye. Opposed? We will use the machine.

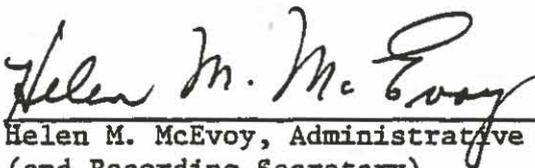
We need a majority vote to adjourn. Please vote up for yes, down for no.  
The Motion to adjourn has passed, 24 yes, 13 no.

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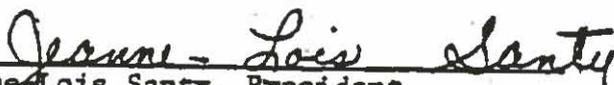
PRESIDENT SANTY MOVED for ADJOURNMENT until tomorrow night.

THE PRESIDENT said the meeting tomorrow night will begin at 8:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:40 a.m. (Some Board Members remaining until 1:00) Meeting adjourned until May 12, 1982 at 8:00 p.m.

  
Helen M. McEvoy, Administrative Ass  
(and Recording Secretary)

APPROVED:

  
Jeanne Lois Santy, President  
17th Board of Representatives

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